

It's Your City!

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The City of Parksville acknowledges with gratitude, we are located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

City-hosted Community Events

We are working on many community events over the next few months, starting with *It's Your City* open house next week and public events planned through September.

It's Your City! Open House

Everyone welcome, and all activities are free at our open house on **Wednesday, May 17** from 10 am to 2 pm in the Parksville Community Park. Demonstrations, displays, kids' activities, cool equipment, and a chance to explore and ask questions. We are proud to highlight all we do for the community and bring awareness to the work necessary to maintain City infrastructure and provide services for our citizens. All services which impact our daily lives.



This is our opportunity to showcase the services delivered by staff who are dedicated to creating and maintaining the City's infrastructure. They provide services such as clean drinking water, wastewater, stormwater treatment, maintenance of public buildings and spaces, safe roads and sidewalks, streetlighting and traffic signals, snow removal, fire hydrant maintenance, fleet services, and beautification of the City through parks and trails, floral displays, irrigation installation and maintenance, and horticulture and arborist services. Our other services include administration, bylaw compliance, finance, engineering, and community planning and building. Parksville Fire Rescue, Oceanside Detachment RCMP and Emergency Management Oceanside will be there.

THINGS TO KNOW

Permissive Tax Exemptions - under the provisions of the *Community Charter*, Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Application deadline is 4 pm, June 30. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions].

Watering Restriction Stage 2

Stage 2 watering restrictions are now in effect through September (unless otherwise notified). Stage 2 allows for every other day lawn watering between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions. Questions to bylaw@parksville.ca. [Quicklinks/Water Conservation]



Dance with Me at Memorial



Get your groove on at *Dance with Me at Memorial* hosted by the City and the Parksville Downtown Business Association. Events will be held at Memorial Plaza, Alberni Highway and Memorial Avenue, on the fourth Thursday in May, June, July, and August, from 4 to 7 pm, rain or shine!

Sarah Raymond Dance Academy will provide free dance instruction with music by Dave Graham. Mark your calendars for **May 25** (Line dance), **June 22** (Hip Hop), **July 27** (Salsa) and **August 24** (West Coast Swing). Details are posted on City and PDBA websites.

Dance with Me at Memorial is a free, fun and social event for all ages, intended to encourage diversity and community spirit through dance! Bring your family, friends, or come meet others while you learn new dance moves. Spectators welcome and no dance experience needed. There will be a kids' corner with activities such as hopscotch, hula hoops, skipping ropes, and chalk art. Food trucks will be on site as well as a chance to visit Parksville Downtown businesses nearby.

Parksville Wetlands Open House

Love the Parksville Wetlands? Join us on **June 6** to learn about the wetlands park management plan, our approach to planning, ask questions, and learn how you can participate. Drop by the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue East) on Tuesday, June 6, between 4 pm and 7 pm. Details on our website.

Celebrate the Spirit of Phil St Luke

The City will celebrate the late Phil St Luke at a free community event on **Friday, June 9** in the Parksville Community Park at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre from 7 to 9 pm. A casual fun evening is planned with a few speeches, music and dancing. At the event, the Phil St Luke committee will sell merchandise to raise funds towards a statue.



Doug Giebelhaus

Bring a blanket or lawn chair along with your smiles and dancing shoes – *exactly what Phil would do!* There will be music by the Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band and the Apollos, an Oceanside band playing rock, blues, and country. Quality Foods will provide treats for the first 500 people. letstalkparksville.ca/celebrate-phil-stluke.

City Dates

May 12	Emergency Preparedness 101
May 15	Council Meeting
May 17	<i>It's Your City</i> Open House
May 22	Victoria Day (offices closed)
May 25	<i>Dance with Me at Memorial</i>
June 5	Council Meeting
June 6	Public Engagement, Parksville Wetlands
June 9	Phil St Luke Celebration
June 19	Council Meeting
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22	<i>Dance with Me at Memorial</i>
July 1	Canada Day
July 3	Offices Closed (statutory holiday)
July 5	Council Meeting

Council meetings start at 1 pm; open question period at 12.45 pm.

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Emergency Preparedness 101



To wrap up emergency preparedness week, emergency program coordinator, Kate Pocock, will present an overview of emergency management in our region on **Friday, May 12** from 1.30 to 2.30 pm in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue). Learn about what's involved in community evacuations, community emergency management resources, the hazard and risk assessment for our region, and how you can participate and be prepared. Includes a question-and-answer session, opportunity to pick up a fillable home emergency plan and other useful resources, plus a draw to win a home emergency kit!



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