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

Parksville Fire Prevention Week Open House - October 15

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will welcome residents to their annual open house on Sunday, October 15, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire Rescue Training Centre, 1159 Franklins Gull Road.



Learn about fire safety; home fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and home escape plans along with educational displays and activities, how to use a fire extinguisher, perform CPR, try hose and target practice, and there's a kids' bunker gear challenge. The open house features an auto extrication demonstration at 11 am and at 1.30 pm, a side-by-side burn demonstration with two similarly furnished rooms; one protected with fire sprinklers and the other without. The demo shows how quickly a fire can become deadly versus the quick response and effectiveness of a fire sprinkler system in controlling or extinguishing a fire.

This year's fire prevention week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," works to educate about simple but important actions one can take to keep themselves

and those around them safe when cooking. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths, and cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Parksvillefirerescue.ca

BC ShakeOut - October 19

Taking part in an earthquake drill in an easy way to prepare for earthquake safety. Residents are encouraged to ShakeOut on October 19 at 10.19 am. Register at Shakeoutbc.ca to be counted in the drill and to access a range of resources. Intended to create public awareness of earthquake hazards and encourage personal preparedness, participants Drop, Cover and Hold On for two minutes in response to a simulated earthquake event. You can take part at home, at work, or anywhere else you spend time! There's an emergency preparedness guidebook on the EMO website to help you organize or refresh your emergency supply kits as well as preparedness info. [emergencycoastside.ca/get-prepared].



Transportation Master Plan

Here we go! The City has begun the process to update the 2016 transportation master plan and the first public engagement open house is set for **Wednesday, November 8 from 2-7 pm** in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East. The plan will address current and future needs for all modes of transportation along with emergency services and goods movement. The goal is to provide a safe and accessible transportation network which will support a high quality of life for our residents and efficient mobility for all. Watch for details on our website.



Veteran Remembrance Banners

Through November, commemorative banners to honour local veterans who gave their lives in World War I and World War II, are on display along Island Highway East between McMillan and McVickers Streets. Approved by Council in 2020, this program honours the sixty veterans listed on the cenotaph. There is a section on our website which tells the heartwarming stories of these veterans. Please take a few minutes to read these individual stories, we know you won't be disappointed. [[City Hall/Veterans](#)]

Parksville Wetlands Survey

The first phase of public engagement saw an open house and survey and phase two, the Popup in the Park open house in September. We're asking residents to participate in a second survey open until October 16. Prior to taking the survey, please review the info on letstalkparksville.ca/parksville-wetlands. We are excited to share the park concept plan which highlights proposed future habitat improvements, path connections and supportive infrastructure including direction and guidance on the types, locations, uses, and activities within different parts of the park.



City Dates

October 15	Parksville Fire Open House
October 16	Council Meeting
October 31	Utility Bills Due
November 6	Council Meeting
November 8	Transportation Master Plan Open House
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	Statutory Holiday (offices closed)
November 20	Council Meeting
December 4	Council Meeting
December 9	Cookies, Carols and More!
December 18	Council Meeting
December 25/26	Holidays (offices closed)
January 1	New Year's Day (offices closed)

THINGS TO KNOW

Mark your calendars for Cookies, Carols and More!

Last year's Meet Me Under the Mistletoe on Memorial was cancelled due to weather so rather than take chances, we've moved indoors. Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends at Cookies, Carols and More! on Saturday, December 9 from 2-4 pm at the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen Avenue. This holiday celebration hosted by the City will feature entertainment, visit from Santa, photo booth, hot chocolate bar, and activities for kids and their families including ornament decorating, holiday colouring and facepainting. Everyone welcome, it's not just for the kids!

Stage 3 Watering Restrictions - Aligned with most Regional District of Nanaimo water service areas, watering restrictions in the City have been downgraded to Stage 3. October is a critical time for aquatic life as stream flows are at seasonal lows prior to the return of significant precipitation and salmon require water levels conducive to migrating to freshwater spawning grounds. Stage 3 lifts the lawn watering ban and allows for outdoor and/or vehicle washing; however, we are asking residents to continue to voluntarily conserve. Info on our website.

Utility notices are due Tuesday, October 31. If you have not received your notice in the mail by October 10, contact the finance department at 250 248-6144 or cashier@parksville.ca. Accepted payments are Interac, cash, cheque or online banking. For online banking, add the City as a payee by searching Parksville, choose the utility option and enter your six-digit account number (not the folio or access code).

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