



City of Parksville

it's your City!

City Services

Emergency preparedness starts with *you*

Are you prepared? If unprepared for an emergency situation, it can significantly impact your life. Emergencies and disasters can happen with little or no warning. Being prepared could save your life or the lives of others and significantly improve your quality of life following a disaster.

EP 101 - Emergency Preparedness Workshops

On May 4, the City will host Emergency Preparedness 101, personal preparedness workshops. The sessions will help you learn how to be prepared, what to include in an emergency kit, why a family emergency plan is important and what can be expected after a disaster. Workshops will be held from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East. The workshops are free however participants must pre-register. Contact communications@parksville.ca or 250 954-3073.

OCP Update

The OCP website has been reorganized and updated with new information. There is a video which introduces some of the themes that will be explored in the OCP review. We encourage you to think about what you would like Parksville to become, how you want to get around in the City, what places you like and where there are areas that need improvement. As always your feedback is welcome; please contact City Planner, Sarah Ross, 250 954-3066 or sross@parksville.ca

Utility Notices

Utility notices covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling were mailed on March 31. If you have not received your notice, call 250 954-4653 and we will reprint it for you.

New Rescue Tools for PVFD



The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department received a grant through Emergency Management BC's Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) to purchase new rescue tools. The more technically advanced and powerful rescue apparatus will improve extrication capabilities and will replace equipment used by the Department for the past 25 years. The equipment includes a cutter, spreader, hoses, pump and telescopic rams which will be kept on Rescue Truck 41. The grant will cover 50% of the \$48,789 cost.

Around The City

Watersmart Workshops

Parksville is a member of the RDN's WaterSmart program. The next free workshop in Parksville will be held on April 20 at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre, 7-8:30 pm. For a list of all workshops and to register, visit www.teamwatersmart.ca or call 1 877 607-4111.

Cut Your Losses! Stop Losing Money on Your Lawn

A well-functioning underground irrigation system delivers water where needed, when needed and helps maintain a healthy lawn and garden. Industry professionals, MacDonald Gray Consultants, will help you to learn to identify problem areas, perform simple repairs and customize your automatic irrigation system.

Mayor for a Day Essay Contest

Do you know a student between the ages of 11 and 18 (resident or attending school in Parksville)? We are looking for essays that tell us what they would do as Mayor of Parksville.



One youth will be selected to serve as honorary mayor with the opportunity to meet with City leaders, tour City facilities including the Fire Department and of course, work alongside Acting Mayor Burger for the day.

This initiative recognizes Youth Week BC when the winning essay will be announced as well as Local Government Awareness Week when the winner will attend a Council meeting to read the winning essay. Deadline is April 22; contest guidelines and instructions are on the City's website under *Newsroom/What's New* or call 250 954-3073 for more information.

"Liking" the City



To address the way residents communicate and obtain information online, the City now has a Facebook page. To "like" or "follow" the City on Facebook and/or Twitter, simply go to www.parksville.ca and click on the logos. You will need accounts for Facebook and Twitter. The City's website remains our primary Internet presence. We look forward to your comments.

We're Up For a VIREB Award

The City's spectacular waterfront walkway is a finalist for a Vancouver Island Real Estate Board 2010 Commercial Building award. The announcement will be made in Courtenay on April 14 and we're keeping our fingers crossed.

City Proclamations

Information about proclamations is available on the City website under *Newsroom*.

April 10-16	Volunteer Week
April	Daffodil Month, Canadian Cancer Society
April 27	Daffodil Day, Canadian Cancer Society
May 1-7	Emergency Preparedness Week
May 1-7	Youth Week
May 1-7	Drinking Water Week
May 15-21	Local Government Awareness and National Public Works Week

Around The City

Broom is Blooming, Cut Now!

Scotch broom is an invasive plant that spreads rapidly and densely. It should be cut to ground level, below the lowest branches, using long-handled loppers. Small plants can be pulled. Detailed instructions are available at www.broombusters.org or by email to BroomBusters Invasive Plant Society at info@broombusters.org.

Election 2011

We hope you will find this new section useful. Each month we will include relevant information about the upcoming civic election on November 19. Please call Lynn Kitchen at 250 954-3060 should you have specific questions.

- April 12 is the last day to meet 6-month BC residency requirement for candidates submitting nominations.
- May 17 is the last day to meet 6-month BC residency requirement for registering to vote on November 19.

City Dates

April 12	OCP Citizens Advisory Committee
April 14	OCP Community Advisory Committee
April 14	Advisory Design Panel
April 14	Coffee with Council
April 18	Council and Committee of the Whole
April 20	WaterSmart Workshop
April 21	Advisory Planning Commission
April 21	Coffee with Council
April 22 & 25	Office closed for Easter Holiday
April 27	COTW Budget Deliberation (if required)
April 28	Coffee with Council
May 2	Council and Committee of the Whole
May 4	Emergency Preparedness Workshops
May 5	Coffee with Council
May 9	Coffee with Council (evening)
May 12	Advisory Design Panel

The public is encouraged to attend Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month, beginning at 6 pm. If Monday is a holiday, meetings are scheduled to Wednesday. Please check the City's website to confirm times and dates and for the agenda. The public is welcome to observe the meetings of any advisory committee.

How to Reach Council

MAYOR

Acting Mayor Chris R Burger 250 954-4661

COUNCILLORS

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Marc Lefebvre	250 248-2292
Teresa C Patterson	250 954-9488
Susan E Powell.....	250 951-1082
Carrie Powell-Davidson.....	250 954-3758

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