



City of Parksville

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City Services

Won't be long now!



Three new apparatus bays (top photo); Chief Banks with new gear lockers for members.



The **Parksville Volunteer Fire Department** is in the last stretch of the \$3 million renovation project and the upgrades are coming along nicely. Chief Doug Banks is pleased with the progress and even more pleased that the project remains just slightly under budget.

Construction is expected to take about ten months in total and during this time, no area will be left untouched. The substantial renovations include three new bays, consolidated storage of firefighting equipment, improved administration and training areas and improvements to shower facilities for member clean up and decontamination. Once the hydro connection is made, the department will move equipment into the new bays and upgrades to the existing building will be completed. Work includes the finishing of the offices and second floor interiors. Site work scheduled for later this month will include the parking lot, landscaping and the new rain garden.

Fire department members are anxious to move into the renovated facility, a welcome improvement over the outdated firehall built in 1975. Doug, Marc, Tyrone and Liz are hopeful they will be able to move from their headquarters in the little house to the new firehall at the end of July. The department will welcome the public at a grand opening to be held later in the summer. If you have questions or comments, please call 250 248-3242.



This photo was taken at the recent Public Works open house. It's our Engineering and Operations crew, including seasonal and summer employees. Happy summer!

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2011 Tax Notices

Tax notices for the current year were mailed early in anticipation of a postal strike. If you have not yet received your notice, contact the City's property tax department at 250 954-4653. New owners are responsible for the 2011 property taxes and need to contact the City prior to the tax due date. The Provincial Home Owner Grant may be claimed online at www.parksville.ca or by completing the application on the tax notice and bringing it to City Hall before July 4. Home Owner Grant applications must be completed each year that you are eligible for the grant. The City's office hours are Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

OCP Plan 2020

Staff are currently in the data collection phase for the Official Community Plan, which will continue over the summer months. The two OCP Advisory Committees continue to meet regularly to review current OCP policies and discuss revisions and additions for Plan 2020.

Watering Times

Level One watering times for residents are 7am to 10am and 7pm to 10pm. Odd numbered houses should water on odd numbered days and even numbered houses on even days. Residents will be notified when changes become necessary.

New Community Park Picnic Shelter

The picnic shelter in the Community Park was removed last fall because it was in disrepair. The City considered options to improve the space for shelter users. While the shelter was on order from a Richmond-based parks facilities company, foundation preparations were underway to ensure smooth installation. The structure has arrived and installation begun which includes electrical and landscaping work. The shelter will be ready just in time for Canada Day and may be booked for a private or community event by phoning 250 954-3070.

Around The City

Free Bus for Parksville

The Parksville Free Bus is an initiative of the Parksville Downtown Business Association, an organization that works to promote and enhance Parksville's downtown. The improved service which starts on June 27 will connect residents and visitors to shops, restaurants and services. The City provided partial funding to the PDBA for this summer's free bus service.



The bus will start at the Visitor Centre next to the Parksville Museum and will pass by, or close to, most of the hotels, motels and campgrounds on the way to downtown Parksville. To better accommodate the City's seniors, the bus will stop across from Cokely Manor and Stanford Place. The bus will operate Monday to Saturday 10.30am to 6:25pm and on Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 9:25pm to provide transportation for the Summer by the Sea Street Market. Information will be available at the end of June by phone 1-866-986-3466, from the PDBA website www.parksvilledowntown.ca and brochures placed throughout the City.

Around The City

Oceanside Mayors' Charity Golf

Looking for golfers... the third annual tournament is set for June 22 at Morningstar Golf Club. Proceeds will benefit the community through the Parksville-Qualicum Foundation. The tournament is open to teams as well as individual players; cost is \$160 per player and \$550 for a team of four which includes a round of golf, power cart, sleeve of balls, BBQ lunch, dinner and prizes. Non golfers are welcome to join the dinner fun for just \$60. www.oceansidemayorsgolf.com.

June 17 is "Red Friday" in Parksville

At the request of the Mayor of the City of Courtenay, June 17 has been proclaimed *Red Friday* in Parksville. Residents are invited to wear red to show support for Canadian Troops serving in Afghanistan and around the world. The fourth annual *Boomer's Ride* from Courtenay to Victoria takes place on June 17 and June 18 intended to raise funds for Boomer's Legacy. From Courtenay, Corporal Andrew "Boomer" Eykelenboom, a dedicated soldier and medic, was killed in Afghanistan in 2006 and his death was the catalyst for the foundation. This is an opportunity to let our troops know that their sacrifices do not go unnoticed at home. www.boomerslegacy.ca

City Dates

June 14	OCP Citizen Advisory Committee
June 16	Advisory Planning Commission
June 16	OCP Community Advisory Committee
June 16	Coffee with Council
June 20	Council and Committee of the Whole
June 23	Coffee with Council
June 30	Coffee with Council
July 1	Office Closed for Canada Day
July 4	CANCELLED - Council & Committee of the Whole
July 7	Coffee with Council
July 14	Advisory Design Panel
July 18	Council and Committee of the Whole
July 21	Advisory Planning Commission

The public is encouraged to attend Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on the third Monday at 6pm during summer months. Please refer to the City's website to confirm times and dates and for agendas. The public is welcome to observe the meetings of any advisory committee.

How to Reach Council

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