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## City Services

### New Water Conservation Levels

The City has new water conservation levels which let residents water every other day but with progressively less time per conservation level. The four-level water conservation system allows for greater flexibility for homeowners, businesses and strata developments and provides consistency in the region and also lowers maximum day water demands. This change eliminates the 1am to 4am time slot for automatic sprinklers. Detailed information on the new water conservation levels is on the City's website under Quicklinks, Water Conservation.



### Water Conservation Level 2 Now In Effect

Effective July 5, even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered days (every other day frequency). It is important to note that with all conservation levels, the watering times or window to water is 6am to 10am and 6pm to 10pm. Level 2 allows a total of four hours allocated watering per day.

### Grant-in-Aid Applications

Subject to the provisions of Grant-in-Aid Applications Policy 3.26, the City may provide direct financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events that benefit our citizens and visitors. Non-profit organizations wishing to apply should obtain a copy of the policy to ensure their submission meets the criteria. Copies of the policy and application form may be obtained at City Hall or downloaded from the *What's New* page on the City's website.



The Grant-in-Aid Select Committee will review the applications and make recommendations to Council. Council is not obligated to allocate any or all of the \$2,500 budgeted funds. Incomplete applications will be returned and applications which are not re-submitted by the deadline date in correct form will not be considered. Deadline is 4pm, September 2, 2011. Submission may be made in person or by mail to the Administration Department, City Hall.

### Coffee with Council

Regularly scheduled *Coffee with Council* will not be held in July and August but will start up again on Thursday, September 8 (2 to 4pm). The first evening session is scheduled for Monday, September 12 from 6 to 8pm (second Monday of each month). *Coffee with Council* continues to be a successful way for residents to chat informally with Council; to ask questions, discuss issues and offer suggestions. Over the summer, Acting Mayor Burger is available to speak with residents, please call him directly at 250 954-4661.

## Around The City

### Moon Over Mount Arrowsmith



The Pym Street flowerbed has a new design and we'd like to let you know how it came to be. Thanks to Warren Payne with the Parks Department for the details.

This year's design depicts Mount Arrowsmith with the foothills below and a sunset sky above. Connie Watts, the artist responsible for the sculpture at Hwy 19A and McMillan Street, generously allowed the City to use the moon design from *Kinship of Play* in this annual bed. Over the winter, Warren worked with a City welder to design the stand and so that the moon glows at night, it was made from a white lexan panel.

Ordered in November for arrival in May, annuals include two types of alyssum, three types of wax begonias and two types of marigolds. The design is edged with grass to allow for maintenance and at the same time, add definition to the design. Once the bed is planted, Warren starts the design process all over again, trying to keep it simple so that the design is immediately evident at 50 kmph. The Parks Department loves receiving comments from residents and visitors who enjoy the Pym Street flowerbed.

### Parksville's Beachfest

The City is a proud sponsor of the 2011 *Quality Foods Canadian Open Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition* organized by the Parksville Beach Festival Society. The competition starts on July 16 with events running through August 14 with a special entertainment weekend, August 5 to 7. Beachfest is an exciting part of our summer and we look forward to welcoming the thousands of visitors to Parksville.

### Get on the Parksville Free Bus

The Parksville Downtown Business Association Free Bus which runs until September 3, connects residents and visitors to shops, restaurants and services around Parksville. Starting at the Visitor Centre next to the Parksville Museum, the bus passes by tourist accommodations along the way to downtown Parksville. The bus operates Monday to Saturday 10.30am to 6:25pm and on Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 9:25pm to accommodate the Summer by the Sea Street Market. The schedule is available at [www.parksvilledowntown.ca](http://www.parksvilledowntown.ca), by phone 1-866-986-3466 and on brochures around the City.



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### Back in the Fold

The City is pleased that Alan Metcalf is back in the fold as Manager of Operations. With Mike Squire's recent appointment as AWS Program Manager, Al once again assumes the responsibility for operations of the City. Al was the City's Manager of Operations from 2004 to 2009 when he was appointed Director of Engineering and Operations. Al left the City in March 2010 to work with the City of Port Moody as Manager of Operations, but kept his home in the Parksville area. Al has more than thirty years experience in engineering and operations, having worked with the cities of North Vancouver, Nanaimo, Port Moody and Courtenay. He can be reached at 250 248-5412.



### Election 2011

Local government elections will be held on November 19. The City's website has complete election details that include information for candidates as well as requirements to vote in a municipal election. There's an "Elections Info" quicklink at [www.parksville.ca](http://www.parksville.ca).

## City Dates

July 12	OCP Citizens Advisory Committee
July 14	OCP Community Advisory Committee
July 14	Advisory Design Panel
July 18	Council and Committee of the Whole
July 21	Advisory Planning Commission
August 1	BC Day - office closed
August 3	Council and COTW (cancelled)
August 11	Advisory Design Panel
August 15	Council and Committee of the Whole
August 18	Advisory Planning Commission

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

## How to Reach Council

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