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Around The City

Back to School They Go!



Over the past few months, the City was fortunate to employ five enthusiastic post-secondary students. Annie Syrotuck, David Ross, James Karras, Kris Taekema and Melany Wright (left to right in photo) spent their summer working in the Community Park, keeping the grounds and facilities clean and safe for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. When asked what they liked the most about summer employment with the City, they mentioned learning new skills (such as irrigation), working with the permanent City crew and the opportunity to speak with visitors to the park, especially during summer events. Annie, David, James, Kris and Melany are now all at VIU for studies in music, business, computer, science and wildlife conservation. Thanks for the great job and all the best in your future studies.



October 20 at 10.20am
Mark your calendars and don't forget to register for the second annual Shakeout drill. The Great BC ShakeOut drill conducted in January 2011 was a huge achievement,

with more than 470,000 registered participants and a positive understanding of the importance of earthquake awareness and emergency preparedness. Now scheduled for the third Thursday in October, BC and the Yukon join California, Idaho, Nevada and Guam in conducting a mass earthquake drill at the same time on the same day. For information updates, resources and to register to participate on October 20, go to www.shakeoutbc.ca.

Coffee with Council

The coffee pot is on again - sessions resumed this month on Thursdays from 2 to 4pm. Please check the City's website to confirm dates. If you are not able to make a Coffee with Council session, please call Acting Mayor Burger directly at 250 954-4661.



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City Venues for Hire

The City has three great venues for small functions such as weddings, birthdays and picnics - two gazebos (in the Community Park and at the foot of McMillan Street by the Beach Club end of the boardwalk) and the newly constructed picnic shelter in the park. Facilities can be booked free of charge by calling 250 954-3070.

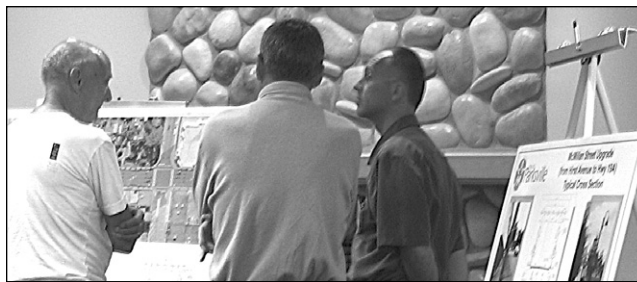
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LED Lighting - Your Comments Welcome

Light emitting diodes (LED) technology is a relatively new lighting system for municipal applications and is currently being reviewed by many municipalities as a means to reduce energy consumption as well as future maintenance requirements. LED lighting technology presents

possible savings as it uses less energy to produce the same amount of light as well as longer bulb life. There are other criteria to review when considering changing streetscape lighting, such as personal preference.

The City borrowed an LED luminaire (light) from Phillips Lumec for a trial and for a limited time, the LED luminaire is installed on Jensen Avenue East, in front of the main entrance to the Parksville Civic and Technology Center. Please have a look and compare the LED luminaire to the other existing high pressure sodium luminaires on Jensen Street. We are interested in your comments which can be provided through the general contact form on the City's website. As well, additional information will soon be provided on the lamp standard.



McMillan Street Project

Reminder to motorists/pedestrians that work on the McMillan Street upgrade is now underway. Traffic delays during construction may require some patience and traffic control persons will be onsite to assist. The businesses accessed from the McMillan corridor along Morison, Harrison and Memorial are open and will be accessible throughout the project. Information presented at an open house in August is on the City's website at <http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=388>

Water Conservation Level 1 Now In Effect

Even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered days (every other day frequency). As with all conservation levels, the watering times or window to water is 6am to 10am and 6pm to 10pm. Level 1 allows a total of six hours allocated watering per day.

Fall Wood Chipping Service

Here's the pickup schedule for the City's wood chipping program. Full information is on the City's website and if you have questions, please call 250 248-5412.

- Oct 12-14 - north of Hwy 19A; north side of highway between Dogwood and Wright
- Oct 17-19 - south of Hwy 19A; south side of highway between Moilliet and Church; both sides of Moilliet.
- Oct 20-21 - east of Moilliet to Corfield; north and south of Hwy 19A; both sides of Corfield
- Oct 24-26 - east of Corfield; north and south of Hwy 19A; resort area to City's eastern boundary

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Dedication of New Fire Hall

Renovations to the Parksville Fire Hall are coming along quite nicely. Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will host a celebration in October to dedicate the new fire hall and provide an opportunity for residents to tour their new digs. We'll let you know as soon as the date is confirmed.

2010 Annual Report

The City's 2010 annual report is now on the website under the quicklink *Financial Reports*. The report highlights the goals and accomplishments of the City and includes reports from the mayor and chief administrative officer as well as financial statements and auditor's report.

Election 2011

Local government elections will be held November 19. The City's website (*Elections Info* quicklink at parksville.ca) has complete election details that include information for candidates as well as requirements to vote in a municipal election. Nomination packages are now available from the Administration Department. Beginning October 4, nominations that have been filed will be available for public inspection. As well, beginning October 4 until the close of general voting for the election on November 19, a copy of the list of registered electors will be available for public inspection at the City's Administration Department.

City Dates

September 15	Advisory Planning Commission
September 15	Coffee with Council
September 19	Council and Committee of the Whole
September 22	Coffee with Council
October 3	Council and Committee of the Whole
October 6	Coffee with Council
October 10	Thanksgiving - office closed
October 13	Advisory Design Panel
October 13	Coffee with Council
October 17	Council and Committee of the Whole
October 20	Advisory Planning Commission
October 20	Coffee with Council

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

How to Reach Council

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