

# it's your City!

## You're Invited to Celebrate!

### Parksville Fire Hall Open House

On Saturday, October 29, the official opening of the new Parksville Fire Department will be recognized with a dedication ceremony and open house.

You are invited to celebrate the successful completion of the renovated fire hall and share the accomplishments of the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department with residents served by the Parksville Fire Protection area.

We hope you will join in celebrating the official opening and dedication of the new fire hall. There will be guided tours of the fire hall, children's activities, entertainment, refreshments, equipment displays and fire safety information. Do mark your calendars, everyone welcome.

**Saturday, October 29 from 1-4 pm  
Ceremony at 1:15 pm**

160 West Jensen Avenue  
www.pvfd.ca



Please note:

- Parking at Parksville Community and Conference Centre and lot at corner of Jensen Avenue and Craig Street.
- Dress warmly as the ceremony will be held outside.

## City Services

### Another Year Looking Good Great!



Through the busy spring and summer months, residents and visitors often see crews of City workers planting annuals, weeding gardens, maintaining ballfields and working on a variety of special projects. These "seasonals" are multi-skilled labourers brought on in March to supplement the engineering and operations crew during peak workload months. At the end of October, when the planting, mowing, watering and fall clean up is completed, seasonals revert to on-call positions. While this is a fiscally responsible staffing approach, it does mean there are fewer hands to respond to community requests. Once again, the seasonals did a great job making us look good.

Left: Louise Lane, Chrystal Sawry, Leah Petersen, Chelsea Smith  
Right: Greg Canil, Philip Merrick, Carol Syverson, Jacqui South

### Fall Wood Chipping Service

The City's wood chipping program is now underway. Refer to the website for the schedule or call 250 248-5412.

### Toilet Rebate Program

The City's low flush toilet rebate program has been extended to the end of 2011. The City is offering one \$75 rebate per residence for the replacement of toilets using 13 litres or more with a new CSA-approved low flush model. Since January 2008, the City has provided almost \$42,000 in rebates. Details and applications are available at <http://parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=111> or from the Administration Department (250 954-3070).

## Election 2011

Nomination documents for Mayor and Councillor are available from the Chief Election Officer and must be filed no later than 4 pm on October 14. Election information is on the City's website under the *elections quicklink*.

### Parkland Exchange - Other Voting Opportunity

When Parksville voters go to the polls on November 19, they will be asked to participate in an *Other Voting* opportunity that would change the designation of the land where the Parksville and District Visitor Centre (currently parkland) and the Craig Heritage Park Museum and Archives (currently a fee simple lot) are now located. The proposed exchange would move the parkland designation to the land occupied by the Craig Heritage Park Museum and Archives and move the fee simple lot designation to the land occupied by the Parksville and District Visitor Centre. Voters will be asked to approve the *Other Voting* question, worded as follows:

#### Question:

Are you in favour of the City of Parksville adopting Parkland Disposal and Exchange Bylaw No. 1475, 2011 to remove park dedication from the property at 1275 Island Highway East known as the Parksville and District Visitor Centre, in exchange for dedicating new parkland at 1245 Island Highway East, known as the Craig Heritage Park Museum and Archives?

YES  NO

The City wishes to exchange City owned parkland where the Visitor Centre is located with the land where the Craig Heritage Park Museum and Archives is now located. The parcels of land are almost identical in size. There will be no cost to taxpayers and the exchange will not affect the operation of either facility, nor will it change the Rotary Peace Park. The exchange will protect the Craig Heritage Park Museum and Archives land and allow the City and the Visitor Centre to negotiate a new lease that meets current legal requirements.

To learn more, we encourage residents to visit the City's website at [www.parksville.ca](http://www.parksville.ca); phone 250 954-3070 or email questions to [communications@parksville.ca](mailto:communications@parksville.ca). Brochures are available at City Hall and from the Parksville Visitor Centre.



### Repairs to Orange Bridge

Construction on the Orange Bridge over the Englishman River is now underway with alternating one-way traffic. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure project, supervised by EMCON Services, will include resurfacing and repairs. Work should be completed by November 4; however, weather or unforeseen conditions may affect the overall schedule. Significant vehicle line-ups both east and west of the bridge are expected. Motorists are encouraged to avoid the area, use alternate routes when possible and plan extra time for travel. Questions about this project should be directed to Nasch Aguiar, Bridge Manager, EMCON Services (250 248-6212).

## Around The City

### ShakeoutBC - October 20

At 10.20 am on October 20, thousands of British Columbians will Drop, Cover and Hold On in the Great BC ShakeOut, the largest earthquake drill in BC history! BC is located in a seismically active region where a few thousand earthquakes occur each year in and adjacent to the province. The threat of a major earthquake is real and residents should know how to be prepared.

This drill is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes. Here's how you can participate:

- Register at [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca)
- At 10.20 am on October 20 drop to the ground, take cover under a table or desk and hold on to it as if a major earthquake were happening (stay down for at least 60 seconds).
- While you are under the table or wherever you are, look around and imagine what would happen in a major earthquake. What would fall on you or others? What would be damaged? What would life be like after?
- Finally, you can practice what you will do after shaking stops.

If you have questions or wish more information, visit [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca) where you can share your experiences.



## City Dates

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
October 27	Coffee with Council
October 29	Fire Hall Dedication and Open House
November 3	Coffee with Council
November 7	Council and Committee of the Whole
November 9	Advanced Voting
November 10	Advisory Design Panel
November 11	Remembrance Day (office closed)
November 17	Advisory Planning Commission
November 19	General Voting Day

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

### MAYOR

Acting Mayor Chris R Burger ..... 250 954-4661

### COUNCILLORS

Al Greir ..... 250 248-1285  
 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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