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## PVFD Food and Toy Drive



On Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17, Parksville firefighters will be going door to door in the Parksville Fire Protection Area to collect food and toys.

Grocery bags for the food drive will be provided by Quality Foods in this week's local newspapers. If you are not home this weekend between 9 am and 4 pm, please leave the bag in a carport or by the door to be collected by firefighters. Volunteers may not get to every household and if missed, bring non-perishable food items and/or new, unwrapped toys to the Parksville Fire Hall. Donations of cash are also welcome.

The community generously supports the Parksville Fire Department annual food and toy drive and this generosity is the reason for its success. Any support residents are able to give is appreciated by the PVFD and will make a difference to families this holiday season.

## Keeping Egg Laying Hens Workshop

On November 14, the City will host a workshop about the keeping of egg laying hens in Parksville. The workshop will be held at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre with 4H Club members available to share information and hands on instruction on the proper care of chickens. If interested in keeping laying hens, we encourage you to attend this informative care and husbandry workshop, free of charge. Drop by anytime between 3 pm and 5 pm.

Information pertaining to accessory household hen keeping may be found in the City's Zoning and Development Bylaw, 2013, No. 2000.85 or by contacting the Community Planning Department at 250 954-3061. Homes wishing to keep chickens are required to complete a household hen keeping registration form.

## Application Procedure for Special Events

The City invites applications from community organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at a variety of City-owned venues as well as City streets. Applications for 2014 will be accepted starting January 1 and will be reviewed starting January 31. As per policy, where conflicting dates occur, annual events will be given priority provided the request is received no later than January 31. Applications received after January 31 will be addressed on the same basis as first-time events.

## Sports Field Reopens

Following major rehabilitation, the Community Park sports field is now open for general use by the public. League games and tournaments will continue to be played at Springwood Park until the spring.

2013 is a significant year for the Community Park. It is 90 years since the Parksville Women's Institute purchased the park from Joe Hirst and it is the 50th anniversary of the City's ownership of the park.



## Highway 19A Snow Closures

In the event of a significant snowfall, Highway 19A between Corfield and McCarter will be closed when residents will use the slope from the highway down into the Community Park for tobogganing. The City will use traffic control measures to indicate the lane closure.

## Sunray Stairs Work Near Completion

Work continues on final bracing and platform treads for the Sunray staircase. When this work is finished, the City will complete final landscaping and the path to the beach. The public will be notified when the stairs are open for use.

## THINGS TO KNOW...

- Temporary lane closures on Corfield Street and Despard Avenue, between 7 am and 9 pm through December 20 to facilitate utility servicing work for a new subdivision.
- Stay up to date with *Parksville eNews*, our new electronic newsletter, municipal news by email. To sign up, please subscribe from the home page link on the City's website or by texting PARKSVILLE to 22828.
- Council provides opportunities for residents to comment at Council meetings. At the start of the meeting, the Mayor will ask for questions or comments from the public related to subjects on the agenda. Ten minutes will be allocated with about two minutes per speaker.
- There's a welcome guide for new residents on the City's website. [*Residents/New Residents*]



First time events will be handled on a first come, first served basis depending on venue availability. Applications received after January 31 must be received at least thirty days prior to the event.

The special events policy and application is on the website [*City Hall/Special Events Procedures*] and from Engineering and Operations, 1116 Herring Gull Way and City Hall. Call 250 951-2484 for information.

## Muzzling of Vicious Dogs

We wish to remind the public according to the City's animal control bylaw, the fine for an unmuzzled vicious dog is \$500 for the first offence. Informational signage has been installed at the dog park and the public has been notified about the importance of muzzling vicious dogs. Because of the number of recent serious incidents and to protect the public, enforcement of this bylaw is now a priority.



City Bylaw 1284 requires that Pit Bull owners must muzzle their dogs while on the streets or in any public place. The bylaw states a Pit Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, Pit Bull, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier or any dog of mixed breeding which includes any of these breeds must be muzzled while in public. As well as these breeds, the bylaw also defines a "vicious dog" as any dog with a known tendency or disposition to attack without provocation or has bitten another domestic animal or human without provocation. A "vicious dog" must be muzzled on the street, in a public place or any other place that is not owned or controlled by the dog owner.

## City Dates

November 14	Coffee with Council
November 16-17	PVFD Food and Toy Drive
November 18	Council Meeting
November 21	Advisory Planning Commission
November 21	Coffee with Council
November 26	Council Advisory Committee
November 28	Coffee with Council
December 2	Council Meeting
December 5	Coffee with Council
December 12	Advisory Design Panel
December 12	Coffee with Council
December 16	Council Meeting

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and is welcome to observe advisory committee meetings. Please refer to the website for agendas, dates and times as well as Council meeting highlights and minutes.

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