

# it's your City!



Spring is a challenging time of year for the City's parks department now diligently planting annuals and trees, weeding, mowing, fixing irrigation, top dressing and over-seeding Highway 19A, emptying garbage cans, collecting litter, repairing vandalism and responding to requests for service, as well as installing park furniture, new dugouts at Springwood Park and a new scoreboard at the little league diamond, expanding the volleyball courts and bringing the sports fields back to peak condition in time for the start of summer sports.

During the normal spring activity of planting and repairing winter damage, weed growth may outpace staff efforts. However, once the spring rush is over, staff will be able to catch up with those areas needing more attention. Hanging baskets and planters will be completed in the next two weeks and the flower bed at Pym Street has been planted to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I.

## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW

### Water Conservation Level 2

Now in effect, Water Conservation Level 2 allows for odd numbered addresses to water on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses on even numbered days. Watering times are 6 to 10 morning and evening for no more than two hours per period with four hours maximum watering per day. *[Water Conservation]*

### Property Taxes Due July 2

Tax notices for the current year were mailed in May. Contact the City's property tax department (250 954-4653) if you did not receive your notice. Prior to July 2, residents must claim the Northern and Rural Home Owner Grant by bringing the completed application to City Hall or by claiming the grant online *[online services]*. Home owner grant applications must be completed each year you are eligible. If the July 2 deadline is not met, your property tax account will have an outstanding balance and receive an immediate 5% penalty.

### Public Works Open House

The open house scheduled for May was postponed to September. We hope to see you in the Community Park between 10 am and 2 pm on September 18.

### Coffee with Council on Summer Break

Due to summer agendas, regularly scheduled Coffee with Council sessions will resume in September. Sessions continue to be a successful way for residents to chat informally with Council. Over the summer, residents may call Mayor Burger and those wishing to make an appointment should call 250 954-3060.

### Permissive Tax Exemptions

Under the provisions of the Community Charter, Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Deadline for application is noon, June 30. Details, application form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website.

### Summer by the Sea Street Market

The first summer market on Craig Street will be held this evening – an indication summer is almost here. Tuesday evenings through August 26 from 6-9 pm.

## Parksville Canada Day Celebrations – Tuesday, July 1

You won't want to miss the best Canada Day celebrations on Vancouver Island. The parade starts at 10 am travelling along Island Highway East. The opening ceremony is at noon in the Community Park followed by festivities and entertainment and the fireworks extravaganza at 10 pm.



## City Dates

June 16	Council Meeting
June 17	Council Advisory Committee
June 26	Advisory Planning Commission
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 2	Taxes, Home Owner Grant Due
July 7	Council Meeting
July 10	Advisory Design Panel
July 15	Council Advisory Committee
July 17	Advisory Planning Commission
July 21	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 City's website for agendas, dates and times as well as Council meeting highlights and minutes.

## How to Reach Council

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## ELECTION 2014 Parksville Votes 2014



### Attention voters!

Voters will see changes to how voting is conducted in the City of Parksville. We will no longer use a voters' list; all voters will be required to bring two pieces of acceptable identification to the voting place. The two pieces must contain your name and address and at least one with a signature. If you do not have documentation showing residency, then two pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) are still required and you will be required to make a "solemn declaration" as to your residency. A list of documents which may be accepted are on the City's website *[Council/Election]*.

### Attention candidates!

For the first time in BC, voters will be electing candidates for a four-year term. Those elected in 2014 will serve on Council until November 2018. Elections BC will manage the financial requirements and reporting for all local government election candidates with recently introduced new legislation (Local Elections Campaign Financing Act). For information call 1 855 952-0280.

Candidate information sessions will be offered on July 9 (1.30 to 3 pm) and September 12 (10.30 am to noon) in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. Sessions are geared to potential candidates and campaign workers, however anyone interested is welcome to join the group. Potential candidates need only attend one session.

### Mark your calendars!

General voting day is set for Saturday, November 15 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre and the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. Advanced polls will be held on November 5 and November 12 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre only.

*Up-to-date election information is available on the City's website, accessible from a quicklink on the home page and on this page each month until the election.*