

Property Tax Sale

Property tax accounts with delinquent taxes (outstanding from 2012) on September 29 are subject to tax sale, which if required, will take place in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue East) at 10 am on September 29.

Late Payment of Property Taxes

After the first due date of July 2, a penalty of 5% is added to the outstanding taxes. Another 5% penalty will be charged to current taxes after the second penalty date of September 30. These penalties are a requirement of the Community Charter and the City has no authority to either waive or modify these penalty amounts. A payment that is one day late is subject to the full amount of the penalty.

Get Ready to ShakeOut October 16

Reminder to register and mark your calendars for the 2014 Great BC Shakeout drill. Participating is a great way for families or for businesses to become better prepared to survive and recover quickly



from major earthquakes. Participating creates a positive understanding of the importance of earthquake awareness and emergency preparedness. Info and resources at *shakeoutbc.ca*

Oceanside Emergency Program We Can't Do It Alone

Are you interested in helping your community when help is needed most? Interested in playing a critical role during emergencies and disasters? The task of planning for disasters requires energy and creativity and depends on the commitment and dedication of many volunteers. We can't do it alone. Consider applying your interests, skills and experience to one of our emergency response teams – Emergency Support Services or Emergency Communications. No specific skills required; training and experience provided.

Oceanside Emergency Program Info Session **Tuesday, September 23, 7 to 8 pm** Parksville Community and Conference Centre

An information session will include an overview of the work of the two teams; general emergency preparedness information, a raffle for an emergency preparedness kit as well as ample opportunity to ask questions

News and Information Survey

In an effort to better understand how our residents wish their municipal news and information delivered, we are conducting an informal survey. It will take just a few minutes to complete and should help us understand which newspapers are read by residents and more specifically, determine the readership of this page. The survey is available from a link on the website until September 30.

ELECTION 2014

Parksville Votes 2014

Voter Information

How residents vote in the November civic election is changing. The City of Parksville will conduct a "voting book election" and will not use the voters' list. This change will require voters to bring two pieces of identification to the voting place and register on the day of voting, at either advance voting or on general voting day. 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 residency. Documents which may be accepted:

- BC driver's licence
- BC identification card issued by Motor Vehicles Branch
- Owner's certificate of insurance and vehicle licence issued by ICBC
- BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard
- Birth certificate
- SIN card issued by Human Resources Development Canada
- Canadian passport
- Citizenship card issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Real property tax notice issued by City of Parksville
- Credit or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill for electricity, gas, water, phone or cable services



Candidate Information

To be eligible as a candidate in a local government election, at the time of nomination, you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen; AND
- Be, or will be, 18 years of age or more on general voting day (November 15); AND
- Have lived in BC for at least six months (since April 8); there is no requirement for a candidate to be a resident or own property in the municipality; AND
- Have not been disqualified by any law or statute from being nominated, elected or holding office.

Nomination packages may be obtained from the administration department. Papers must be filed with the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Chief Election Officer during regular office hours until 4 pm on October 10. Appointments are recommended; please contact the Chief Election Officer at 250 954-3068 or the Deputy Chief Election Officer at 250 954-3070 or email questions to election-official@parksville.ca.

Candidate info session will be offered on September 12 from 10:30 am to noon in the Forum. Sessions are

geared to potential candidates and campaign workers however, anyone interested is welcome to attend.



Parksville's Community Park is a "Great Places in Canada"

Because we believe the Parksville Community Park is one of the great places in Canada, we submitted a nomination in the public spaces category of the "Great Places in Canada" contest. Voting is open until



September 25 so please vote often. Here's how to vote (or you can use the QR code).

www.greatplacesincanada.ca click on Public Places and then on Parksville Community Park

www.greatplacesincanada.ca/en/place.asp?id=1034

Things To Know

- Check out the Parksville Downtown Business Association's new Discover Us Map; a walking map of Parksville Downtown. Available at parksvilledowntown.ca and at locations around the City.
- The RDN is offering rainwater harvesting incentives. Info at rdn.bc.ca.

City Dates

Advisory Design Panel September 11 September 11 Coffee with Council September 12 Candidate Info Session September 15 Council Meeting September 18 Advisory Planning Commission September 18 Coffee with Council **Emergency Program Info Session** September 23 September 25 Coffee with Council September 29 Property Tax Sale (if required) September 30 Second Property Tax Penalty Coffee with Council October 2 October 6 **Council Meeting** October 9 Coffee with Council October 9 Advisory Design Panel October 10 Nomination Papers Due October 13 Thanksgiving (offices closed)

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.

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It's Your City is published in the PQB News on the second Tuesday of the month with a copy on the City's website. We are committed to improving communications with our residents and you can help by providing your comments and suggestions to 250 954-3073 or communications@parksville.ca