

## Join the Canada 150 Mural Train!



The City is excited to be chosen to be part of the Canada 150 Mosaic project to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday in 2017. To recognize this significant birthday, 150 community murals will be created in all provinces and territories and when united, will form one gigantic mural mosaic with a railway theme to connect all of Canada. We invite you to join us on this creative journey and legacy for Parksville!

All skill levels and ages are welcome to be part of this 150th legacy. Our mural will be made up of about 400 individual tiles painted by members of the community. The 4 x 4 inch tiles will create a unified mural eight feet square which will be installed in the atrium, 100 Jensen Avenue East.

**Check out some of the murals already completed at [Canada150Mosaic.com](http://Canada150Mosaic.com)**

Canada 150 artists are almost finished the design of our overall mural which will tell the "Parksville story" in a way that links our community to the 150 others across Canada. We will partner with Parksville's Beach Festival Society to host the painting days scheduled for August 5 and August 6 in the Community Park.

Please consider joining the mural team. Tiles will be sold for \$20 each on a first-come, first-serve basis starting May 1. Information and a signup form will be available on our website near the end of April. Payment may be made in person at City Hall or by mail. Questions should be directed to Deb Tardiff, 250 954-3073.

### Emergency Preparedness Events

Are you prepared for an emergency? Do you know the risks? Do you have a plan? The City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and the Regional District of Nanaimo as partners in Emergency Management Oceanside, will host events in May to bring awareness to the importance of being prepared.

#### • Emergency Preparedness Expo 2016 - May 14



For the second year, Emergency Management Oceanside will host an Emergency Preparedness Expo on Saturday, May 14 from 8 am to 3 pm at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. This event will feature displays, workshops, hands-on demonstrations, opportunities to learn about the challenges we will face in an emergency and how to be better prepared. Local emergency services and agencies will be there to answer questions and help you learn how to be prepared. Onsite food services will be provided by the Shrine Clubs.

#### • Quake Cottage at Family Day - May 29

Sponsored by the Insurance Bureau of Canada and Emergency Management Oceanside, the Quake Cottage simulator will be at Family Day in Qualicum Beach on Sunday, May 29. A 'ride' in Quake Cottage simulates the feeling of a major earthquake; a chance to experience the virtual reality of an 8.0 magnitude earthquake.

### Broombusters Parksville Saturday

Council is working with Broombusters Invasive Plant Society to host the biggest broombusting event of the year in Parksville on Saturday, May 14 from 10 am to 12.30 pm. We hope you will join Mayor and Council for a few hours to help eradicate this noxious plant.

Scotch broom will invade any open space; evident at the Parksville interchanges. For the past eight years, Broombuster volunteers have worked with the City to get rid of broom and stop its spread. Each year, efforts begin mid-April.

Volunteers on May 14 should gather at the old Parksville Train Station on Alberni Highway at 10 am where we will help to clear the broom at the entrance to Parksville, near the train station and on Alberni Highway. Wear good shoes, bring gloves and loppers will be provided. It's easy, fun and we get to Cut the Bloomin' Broom! Info at [broombusters.org](http://broombusters.org).



### Notice of Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

For those who received written notification from the City, notice is given that the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will meet on April 18 at 5.45 pm (in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East) to hear complaints and review and correct the assessment rolls. The panel will hear complaints to:

- Ensure names and addresses of owners are correct
- Parcels of land not abutting the water and/or sewer mains
- Errors or omissions respecting inclusion of property on the roll

The revised Water, Sewer and RDN Parks Parcel Tax Rolls will be open for inspection in the finance department during business hours until April 18. The panel will not hear a complaint unless written notice has been submitted to the City at least 48 hours prior to the panel's meeting time.

### Dogs on Beaches Bylaw

The City's Dog Licensing and Pound Bylaw No. 1284 prohibits dogs off leash within City limits, except in the designated off-leash park. However, once dogs are on the beach (i.e. below the high water line), they are outside the City's bylaw authority. The beach is patrolled by provincial conservation officers responsible for the enforcement of dogs being kept off the beach. Please call the Ministry of Environment at 1 877 952-7277 to report infractions.

## Things to Know

**Wood chipping** - the City's wood chipping program runs to April 21. Neighbourhood collection dates are on our website [[Newsroom/Public Notices](#)]. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412.

**Utility notices** - reminder to residents that utility notices covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling mailed at the end of March, are due April 29. If you do not receive your notice, please call 250 248-6144.

**No dogs on beaches** - Rathrevor Beach is closed to dogs, both on-leash and off-leash, until April 15 and Parksville Bay beach until April 30.

**Oceanside Mother's Day Race** - check out the Oceanside Running Club event on May 8 with proceeds to Parksville Haven Society. There's a 10K through Rathrevor Beach Provincial Park and a 5K course for runners, walkers and baby strollers. The 10K is a BC Athletics certified course making it attractive for competitors seeking a personal best time or 10K certification. Info and registration at [raceonline.ca](http://raceonline.ca) and [orcarunning.ca](http://orcarunning.ca). Registration closes May 5.

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

*Volunteers are the roots of strong communities.*

April 10 to April 16 is Volunteer Week in Parksville, an opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of volunteers and community organizations. Volunteers contribute to the well-being of our community and without their dedication, it would be impossible to sustain the services we enjoy. We recognize the time they give and the richness they bring to our community.

### New Watering Restrictions

Recent changes to the City's watering restrictions provide a coordinated approach with the other water service providers in the RDN. The new restrictions are outlined from a link on the home page of the City's website [[Quicklinks/Water Conservation](#)].

- Stage 1, in effect for April, allows for lawn watering times between 7 pm and 7 am.
- Stage 2 will be effective from May to September (unless otherwise notified) and allows for every other day lawn watering between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours.

Please note vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions.

Information about the new restrictions was mailed to residents with utility notices in March and is also available from City offices. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412 or [publicworks@parksville.ca](mailto:publicworks@parksville.ca).

## City Dates

April 14	Coffee with Council
April 14	Advisory Design Panel
April 18	Council Meeting
April 21	Coffee with Council
April 28	Coffee with Council
April 30	Utility payments due
May 2	Council Meeting
May 5	Coffee with Council
May 12	Advisory Design Panel
May 12	Coffee with Council
May 14	Broombusters Parksville Saturday

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and may observe advisory committee meetings. Refer to the website for agendas and meeting highlights and minutes.

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