COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS ARE AWESOME!



April 23 to April 29 is Volunteer Week in Parksville, an opportunity for us 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 all enjoy. We recognize the time volunteers give and the richness they bring to our community. Volunteer.ca/nvw2017

Future of Parksville Parks

Vancouver Island University students are continuing their work to update the City's Community Park master plan and parks and trails information. They have been busy conducting interviews with community groups and organizations, a world café and parks mapping and asset inventories. In early March, students took to the streets and spoke to 272 residents about their ideas for City parks and this feedback helped to inform the questions at the first world café in March.

Next steps include a survey and a second world café to be held in the Community Park in June. In early May, residents will receive a mailed postcard providing a website link to an online parks survey and copies of the survey will also be available from City Hall. This survey will be used to gather comments from residents on current and future park spaces, activities and use in City parks. For more information please contact Deb Tardiff, dtardiff@parksville.ca; 250 954-3073.

City Services

Arbutus Point – Shoreline Restoration

The City is planning to undertake beach protection work near the labyrinth at Arbutus Point to protect the park from the effects of erosion. This work will result in a more sustainable shoreline and Community Park. At this time, the City is waiting for a permit from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations with the objective to begin construction early this summer.

Corfield Street Upgrade

The Corfield Street capital works construction from Highway 19A to Stanford Avenue will take place this summer. Included in the project is a new multi-use trail along the Jensen Avenue alignment from Corfield Street to McVickers Street for which the City received a \$179,890 BikeBC grant. Pending approval of minor details, the City expects to tender the project soon. We anticipate there will be typical unavoidable construction disruptions and we ask for patience as we make significant improvements to Corfield Street and local trail connections.

Moss Avenue Upgrade

Local consulting company, Koers & Associates Engineering, has been hired by the City to undertake preliminary and detailed design for the upgrade of Moss Avenue, from Alberni Highway to Craig Street. Work will include a full street upgrade, including underground infrastructure, a continuous sidewalk, street lighting and a new road. Design work will be done in 2017 and capital construction is planned for early 2018. Residents will receive project notification, along with a survey so we are able to capture additional local information.

Annual Wood Chipping Program

The City's wood chipping program starts today and runs until May 9. Details are available on our website [Newsroom/Public Notices] and collection dates for neighbourhoods will be advertised in the PQB News. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412.

Stage 2 Water Restrictions

Stage 2 watering restrictions are in effect from May to September (unless otherwise notified) and allow 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 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 [Quicklink/Water Conservation]

Parksville Broomfest – May 6

Council is working with Broombusters Invasive Plant Society to host another broombusting event in Parksville on Saturday, May 6 from 9.30 am to noon. We hope you will join Mayor and Council to help eradicate this noxious, invasive plant. The cut will be along Chattel Road, from Kaye Road to our

popular Top Bridge Park. Volunteers should park at the weigh station.

Scotch broom invades any open space; evident at the Parksville interchanges. For the past nine years, Broombusters have worked with the City to get rid of broom, from late April through May. Wear good shoes and bring gloves; loppers will be provided. As well, volunteers are more than welcome to join other Parksville cuts. *Info at broombusters.org*.





More Things to Know

- Parksville Beach remains closed to dogs, both on-leash and off-leash, until April 30.
- Reminder to residents that utility notices covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling are due April 28. If you did not receive your notice, please call 250 248-6144.
- Check out the Oceanside Running Club event on May 14 with proceeds to Parksville Haven Society. There's a 10K run through Rathtrevor Beach Provincial Park and a 5K course for runners, walkers and baby strollers. Info and registration at *raceonline.ca* and *orcarunning.ca*. Registration deadline is May 11, cost \$30.
- Mark your calendars for the 2017
 Emergency Preparedness Expo set for Saturday, May 27 at the Parksville Curling Rink; more info here and on our website this month.

City Dates

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April 19	Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel
April 19	Council Meeting
April 20	Coffee with Council
April 27	Coffee with Council
May 1	Council Meeting
May 4	Coffee with Council
May 6	Parksville Broomfest
May 11	Coffee with Council
May 15	Council Meeting
May 18	Coffee with Council
May 22	Victoria Day (offices closed)

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, meeting highlights and minutes.

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