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Parksville Fire Department 75th Celebration!

On Saturday, July 22, the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate their 75th anniversary and to mark this historic occasion, the department will host an **Open House and Show & Shine**. Festivities take place **from 10 am to 3 pm** at the Parksville Fire Department (160 Jensen Avenue West) and in the parking area between the fire station and City Hall where classic and current firefighting equipment from communities on Vancouver Island will be on display. The day promises something for everyone – displays, demonstrations, station tours, activities and light refreshments by donation.



We hope you will celebrate PVFD's 75 years with us!

Stage 3 Watering Restrictions Critical to Demand

On July 1, the City of Parksville moved to stage 3 watering restrictions in an effort to curb increasing water demand. Stage 3 restrictions which maintain the same even and odd day watering framework as stage 2 also encourage residents to further reduce consumption in order to defer a comprehensive watering ban. Stage 3 is required due to infrastructure complications with the current water intake on the Englishman River not operating at full capacity, while the new intake and filtration plant are under construction.

Unfortunately, during the first week of stage 3 restrictions, water demand increased with much higher than normal summer consumption. The outdoor water use reductions have not been realized and the City wishes to reiterate how important it is for residents to be efficient with their water use. The City will continue to monitor this trend and should we see no improvement, will have no choice but to impose stage 4, a complete outdoor watering ban. This will be necessary to ensure water supply for essential household use, community use and fire protection can be maintained. [Quicklinks/Water]

Arbutus Point Shoreline Restoration

The City has received approval to undertake beach protection work near the labyrinth at Arbutus Point in the Parksville Community Park. This work, necessary to protect the park from the effects of erosion, will result in a more sustainable shoreline. Work is expected to begin the first week in August and to comply with environmental regulations will be complete by August 31.

Grant-in-aid Program

Info about the City's fall grant-in-aid applications is now available; deadline is 4 pm on September 1. Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible to apply. Information on the program, policy, instructions and application may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications].

Ocean Terrace Apartment Fire

With the fire on July 6, all tenants in the 32 suite building were evacuated and Emergency Management Oceanside worked with the Red Cross and Salvation Army to ensure a smooth transition for those tenants in need of long-term support and accommodation.

We are most appreciative of the mutual aid response provided by fire departments from Qualicum Beach, Errington, Coombs, Dashwood and Nanoose Bay. About 57 firefighters were utilized throughout the evening and into early morning, July 7. The Skylite Motel, Quality Inn Bayside, Travel Lodge and Tigh-Na-Mara provided rooms for displaced tenants and additional services were provided by McDonalds, Smitty's and Deez Restaurant along with Thrifty's, Pharmasave, Oceanside Taxi, RDN Transit, Society of Organized Services and Five Star Wholesale.

Emergency Management Oceanside is a regional approach to providing emergency support should it be required in the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and the surrounding Regional District of Nanaimo. In this situation, the regional collaboration proved to be extremely successful in supporting residents as well as emergency service personnel.

Campfire Ban

Until further notice, all open burning, including campfires is banned in the City of Parksville and surrounding fire protection area. The fire protection area encompasses the City of Parksville, French Creek areas bordering the City to the edge of the fire protection area at Johnston and Drew Roads, San Paniel, Fourneau Road, Wildgreen Road and Martindale Road areas.

Beach fires are not permitted at any time in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area which includes the entire waterfront area in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Because Parksville beaches are provincial jurisdiction, beach fires should be reported to the RAPP line (Report All Poachers and Polluters) at 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or #7277 on the Telus Mobility Network.

Summer in the Community Park

The City is proud to be one of this year's community sponsors of the Quality Foods Canadian Open Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition. Parksville Beach Festival and the world famous sand sculpting event are now in full swing until August 20. More info at parksvillebeachfest.ca. All part of summertime fun in the Community Park, additional Beach Festival activities include:



- Art in the Park – July 29 -30
- Final weekend evening light-up – August 19 until 11 pm, before and after the Quality Foods fireworks.
- Free summer concert series in the picnic shelter on Friday and Saturday evenings until August 19

Other major summertime events in the park include Lions Kitefest (July 22-23), Vanisle Shriners Show and Shine (August 5) and KidFest (August 20).

Community Park Splash Park Project

The Parksville Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Parksville AM are making a splash to raise \$100,000 towards replacement of the outdated spray park in the Community Park. The park will be rebuilt over the winter, ready by May 2018. We are grateful the Rotary and Lions are committed to raising funds from the community and they will be selling 50/50 tickets and candied salmon at the Summer by the Sea Street market on Tuesday evenings. For more information, please speak with members of the Parksville Lions Club or Rotary Club of Parksville AM, phone 250 954-3073 or visit parksvillesplashpark.com.

City Dates

July 20	Coffee with Council
July 22	Parksville Fire Department
August 3	Coffee with Council
August 7	BC Day (offices closed)
August 9	Council Meeting
August 10	Advisory Design Panel
August 17	Coffee with Council
August 21	Council Meeting
September 4	Labour Day (offices closed)
September 6	Council Meeting

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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