



City of Parksville

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## Splash Park Project

It's all about the kids as the Parksville Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Parksville AM continue to work to raise \$100,000 to replace the outdated spray park in the Parksville Community Park. The clubs have raised more than half the funds with the most recent donations received from Surfside RV Resort and the Parksville Downtown Business Association.

The spray park which will close in this month will be dismantled and rebuilt over the winter, ready for May 2018. Donations may now be made online through Canada Helps – available at [parksvillesplashpark.com](http://parksvillesplashpark.com).

Members of the Parksville Lions Club or Rotary Club of Parksville AM would be pleased to speak with you about the project or contact Deb Tardiff at 250 954-3073 or [splashpark@parksville.ca](mailto:splashpark@parksville.ca).



## THINGS TO KNOW

### Foster Park TD Tree Day – September 23



Foster Park has been chosen to host the TD Tree Days event on Saturday, September 23 at 11 am. We appreciate the opportunity to host this event to help the City re-establish our urban forest canopy. In anticipation of the TD Tree Day event, our operations department has been clearing some of the fallen debris on the forest floor to allow for replanting.

Since 2010, more than 285,000 native trees and shrubs have been planted in communities across Canada through the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and this program. In recognition of Canada's 150th birthday, the 300,000th tree will be planted bringing together thousands of volunteers to enhance over 150 green spaces across Canada.

Should residents wish to volunteer on September 23, please register at [TDTreeDays.com](http://TDTreeDays.com). About 100 trees, shrubs and other native plants will be planted in Foster Park.

### Draft Community Park Master Plan Presentation to Council - October 2

The student team from Vancouver Island University will present the draft Community Park Master Plan to Council on Monday, October 2 at 6 pm. This presentation will include their findings and draft recommendations with a focus on the methodology, guiding principles, priority recommendations and the short to long-term concept visions for the Community Park.

An open house for public input on the draft will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre. Following the Council meeting on October 2, the draft plan will be available on the City's website.

**Stage 2 watering restrictions** - in effect until September 30 allow for every other day lawn watering between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours per day. Stage 1 which will be in effect from October 1 until April 30 (unless otherwise notified) allows for lawn watering between 7 pm and 7 am. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees and businesses which require water for operations are exempt from restrictions.

**Property tax sale** - property tax accounts with delinquent taxes (outstanding from 2015) on September 25, 2017, are subject to tax sale which, if required, will be held in room 250, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue East) at 10 am on September 25.

**Late payment of property taxes** - after the first due date of July 4, 2017, a penalty of 5% was added to the outstanding taxes. Another 5% penalty will be charged to current taxes after the second penalty date of September 29, 2017. 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 which is one day late is subject to the full amount of the penalty.

**2018 budget meetings** - will be held on Monday, October 30 and Tuesday, November 14 at 6 pm. Residents are welcome to attend the public budget deliberation meetings where Council will discuss the 2018-2022 municipal budget and financial plan. More information to come.

**Arbutus Point shoreline restoration** - the beach protection work completed near the labyrinth at Arbutus Point in the Parksville Community Park which has resulted in a more sustainable shoreline, involved an 850 square metre area of Parksville Bay and included placement of riprap, granular beach fill, ballasted large logs as well as the removal of an existing lock-block seawall and installation of ten metres of storm pipe. Our thanks to residents and visitors for their patience during summer construction which was necessary to comply with environmental regulations.

### Corfield Street Upgrades

The Corfield Street capital works construction from Highway 19A to Stanford Avenue will be tendered this month and construction will start shortly after contract award, most likely towards the end of October. The project includes a new multi-use trail along the Jensen Avenue alignment from Corfield to McVickers Street. We anticipate there will be the typical unavoidable construction disruptions and we ask for patience as significant improvements are made to Corfield Street and local trail connections.



## Fire Prevention Week Open House - October 15



The Parksville Fire Department will host an open house on Sunday, October 15 from 10 am to 2 pm to recognize Fire Prevention Week (October 8-14). Residents are welcome to drop by for a little fun and most importantly, to learn about lifesaving strategies for fire prevention. Tours of the fire hall will be conducted by firefighters and the RCMP will be on hand to check car seats. The fire hall is located at 160 Jensen Avenue West.

The theme for this year's week is *Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!* In a fire, seconds count and can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. This theme reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. [nfa.org](http://nfa.org)

## PVFD 2018 Recruitment

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is starting to focus on 2018 recruitment. The department is looking for enthusiastic men and women to become volunteer firefighters, an opportunity to be part of tradition. For information stop by the Parksville Fire Department at 160 Jensen Avenue West, call 250 248-3242 or [pvfd.ca](http://pvfd.ca)

## City Dates

September 21	Coffee with Council
September 23	Foster Park TD Tree Day
September 25	Property Tax Sale
September 29	Second Property Tax Penalty
October 2	Council Meeting
October 5	Coffee with Council
October 9	Thanksgiving (offices closed)
October 12	Coffee with Council
October 15	PVFD Open House
October 16	Council Meeting
October 19	Coffee with Council
October 19	Great BC ShakeOut
October 26	Coffee with Council
October 28	Community Park Master Plan Open House
October 30	Budget 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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