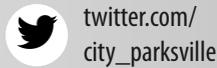




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Explore, Play and Stay in Parksville

Phase 3 of the government's restart program allows for cautious travel within the province. Because of the pandemic and the need to physical and social distance, perhaps this is the summer we stay close to home, an opportunity to rediscover our region with a renewed sense of adventure.

We live in a place where adventure and exploration are right in our own backyard. Whether you're seeking a day of adventure, a culinary experience or just relaxing on the beach, there's enough outdoor space to meet with friends and family while maintaining distance. So, here's your chance to explore the extraordinary that is Parksville Qualicum Beach. We hope this list will help you plan a staycation:

- Discover a new green space or trail
- Hit the beach and build a sandcastle, fly a kite, go for a swim
- Wander the City and visit local shops
- Stay at a local hotel or campground
- Meet at a local eatery patio or picnic in a park
- Challenge someone to golf, mini golf or a racquet sport
- Visit local farms and seasonal markets
- Go back in time at the Parksville Museum
- Go fishing, hiking or pitch a tent in the backyard
- Local road trip with snacks and a good playlist
- Discover local art, visit the MAC
- Try birdwatching [arrowsmithnats.org/birding]
- Rent a paddleboard or kayak, maybe a bike
- Visit an interpretive centre to learn about local nature
- Take in a sunset or enjoy the view from wherever you are

Here are some websites with resources to help you have the best summer adventure. You can also stop by the Parksville Chamber visitor centre for lots more info.

- **Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism** – all things Oceanside. [visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com]
- **Natural Wonders of Oceanside** - guide to some of the most stunning places in Oceanside. [vancouverislandview.com/natural-wonders-of-oceanside]



- **COVID-19 Open Directory** - one-stop for PQBTA and Chamber members open for business [visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com/covid-directory]
- **All Trails** - find the perfect trail for an outdoor adventure. Trail info, maps, reviews and photos. [alltrails.com/Canada]
- **MABR Amazing Places GeoTour** - cool outdoor adventure [mabr.ca/geocaching]

We've done extremely well on Vancouver Island to slow the spread of COVID-19 but as we hit the open roads this summer, it is important to remember we are not leaving COVID-19 behind. Summer fun means limiting our close contacts, physical distancing and washing our hands. We need to do our part to bend the curve and protect the progress we've made. Here's to a great summer!

Pym and Forsyth Upgrades Project

The City recently awarded contract for the Pym Street North and Forsyth Avenue renewal project. Work is expected to be substantially complete by the end of September.

- Pym Street portion will include replacement of about 250 metres of existing asbestos cement watermain and the rebuilding of 300 metres of roadway from Forsyth Avenue to Humphrey Road. New streetlight infrastructure will replace the existing BC Hydro streetlights leaded by the City.
- Forsyth Avenue portion of the project includes replacement of about 170 metres of asbestos cement watermain and the installation of a formalized drainage system from Pym Street to Cameron Street.

Traffic will be open to local residents and emergency vehicles; however, temporary road closures, including intermittent alternating single-lane usage and possible detours should be expected. We appreciate the cooperation of the public during construction. Project info will be posted to the City's website and you may also subscribe to the project on LetsTalkParksville.ca to receive updates.

Things we would like you to know

2019 annual report - The City's annual report may be viewed on our website [Quicklinks/Reports] and will be formally presented to Council on July 20. Residents may comment at the by email to council@parksville.ca or by phone 250 954-3060. Comments should be received by 4 pm, July 17.

Summertime Coffee with the Mayor - is set for Thursday, July 9 and July 23 but with a twist! Mayor Mayne will meet with residents from 2-4 pm at the Parksville Museum, outside in the new courtyard. We'd love to see you there.

Dunbar Way - located in the new Insight development at Alberni and Despard, was named after Marge Dunbar. Marge moved to the City in 1945, the same year Parksville became a City. As well, she turned 100 years in 2020, the same year we celebrate 75. Marge Dunbar passed away in February and we are pleased she has been recognized with a street named in her honour.

City services during COVID

This City's plan to restore amenities and services has been a gradual multi-step approach in a manner that will maintain and protect public safety. Until further notice, City Hall in-person services are limited to payments and purchase of bus passes, garbage tags, dog licences and tickets/licence fees at our finance department.

Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm

All other City business is by appointment and walk-in services are not available. To book an appointment, call 250 248-6144 or refer to contact info on our website.

As well, the City has resumed such activities as in-person public hearings and community engagement, with sanitation and distance protocols in place. To accommodate physical distancing and attendance of Council and staff at in-person meetings in the Forum, seating is extremely limited. Unless there is a reason to attend in person, please continue to view meetings online. Comments may be emailed to council@parksville.ca

The City is now issuing special event permits, including recreational sports bookings, provided the event hosts have appropriate COVID response and mitigation plans. Residents and visitors using City facilities must follow public health requirements. In accordance with provincial guidelines, signage is posted at City Hall and in our parks and open spaces to remind the public of rules in place. Information on City services and amenities, as well as updates on access, may be found on the City's website.

City Dates

July 9	Coffee with Mayor
July 15	Parks and Open Spaces
July 20	Council Meeting
July 23	Coffee with Mayor
August 3	BC Day (offices closed)
August 6	Parks and Open Spaces

Please note, there are no Council meetings in August.

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