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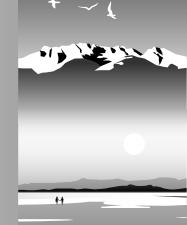
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#### **Veteran Remembrance Banners**

Research is underway on the program to honour local veterans who gave their lives in World War I and World War II. We now need help from the public to find photos and info about many of the veterans.

Banners will be placed on the lamp standards along the Island Highway in the fall. Our website will feature the photos and where possible, information and stories about the veterans. There are sixty names on the Cenotaph and we have found images for about 25 veterans. Many of the local young men who enlisted, especially in World War 1, had recently arrived from places as far away as the UK and Australia. Many were too young to have started families, adding to the challenge of finding photographs. Veterans are listed on our website [CityHall/VeteranRemembranceBanners]

With the public's help, we hope to find photographs as well as connections to these veterans that we have not been able to access through our research. Contact for this project is Deb Tardiff, 250 954-3073 or dtardiff@parksville.ca.

## **Community Park Improvements**

In July, we received confirmation of the successful funding award of \$1.263 million through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream, for improvements to public spaces in the Parksville Community Park. Total cost of the project is \$1.723 million.

The project includes construction of a new outdoor stage and a multi-use gathering space in the Parksville Community Park and is supported with grants from the federal and provincial governments, Island Coastal Economic Trust, Parksville Beach Festival Society and the City. These new spaces will complement each other; the gathering plaza will be more contemplative, a space for people to meet for conversation and the outdoor performance stage will provide a focus for community and cultural events creating an exciting hub for entertainment and activity in the park. Follow the progress of this project on LetsTalkParksville.ca.

## **Volunteer Firefighters Needed!**

Working together, the Parksville and Qualicum Beach fire departments have started their recruitment campaigns and are now looking for recruits for new classes to begin in November. Recruits are positive, energetic and community minded women and men who will join teams of volunteer paid on-call firefighters. Recruits receive professional firefighter certification training.

Parksville Fire provides fire and rescue services to residents of the Parksville fire protection area. Parksville recruits need to live within our fire protection area (ideally City boundaries), be reasonably fit, available for weekly fire practices, have a good driving record and between ages of 19 and 60 for regular members.

Check out Parksvillefirerescue.ca to find out if firefighting is in your future; details and applications are on the website. If interested, call 250 248-3242 to arrange a time to speak with a firefighter or to pick up an application in person from the fire hall at 160 Jensen Avenue West (weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm). Deadline October 9 at 4 pm.

## Things we'd like you to know

City services during COVID - in-person services are limited to payments and purchase of bus passes, garbage tags and tickets/ licence fees with all other City business by appointment and no walkin services. To book an appointment, call 250 248-6144 or refer to website contact info. Finance is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm.

**Pym and Forsyth upgrades** - work continues on the Pym Street North and Forsyth Avenue renewal project, expected to be substantially complete by the end of September. Traffic is 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 and patience of the public during this project.

Joan Lemoine recognized - July 6 was proclaimed "Joan Lemoine Day in the City of Parksville" and Joan was presented with the "Key to the City" acknowledging the many contributions she has made to the quality of life in Parksville. Surprised by the recognition on her 90th birthday, Joan was supported by members of her family, Parksville Council and staff.

**Property sale** - City is seeking offers to purchase the laneway between Bagshaw Street and McVickers Street. Total area 1,425 m<sup>2</sup> (15,354 ft<sup>2</sup>). Info on our website, deadline August 21.

**Grant-in-aid program -** non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible to apply for the City's fall grant-in-aid program. Information, policy, instructions and application are available from the website or from City Hall [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications]. Deadline 4 pm on September 1.

Parking enforcement - when the bylaw enforcement COVID-19 order came into effect, we responded to changing demands during the height of the pandemic and suspended ticketing unless it was a safety issue. During this time, only warning tickets were issued. Now that the City is busier with many services returning to normal, parking restrictions are now being enforced. Examples of parking infractions include overtime parking, parking against signage, parking in a disabled space with no permit displayed, parking too close to a driveway, crosswalk or fire hydrant and parking in a commercial loading zone.

## **#StayandPlayParksville Photo Contest**

We'd like to see your photos from around Parksville and have launched the #StayandPlayParksville photo contest. As we stay closer to home this summer, we hope residents will share some of their favourite photos for a chance to win a prize.

Summer is a time to be with family and friends, to enjoy the outdoors and make memories. Due to the pandemic, we've made significant changes to our daily lives to help keep us all safe; keeping our distance and finding new ways to connect with one another as well as staying close to home. We are fortunate to live in a place where adventure and exploration are in our backyard so we hope this will encourage you to rediscover our region with a renewed sense of adventure, all with lens in hand.

We are looking for your best photos of the **places** you go and the **things** you do while exploring our wonderful community. Here are ways to enter:

- Share on Instagram and Twitter using the hashtag #StayandPlayParksville.
- · Upload your photos to letstalkparksville. ca/stayandplayparksville
- Email photos to communications@parksville.ca

Contest closes September 30 with one winner from each category (places and things) selected. The winning photos and photographers' names will be shared on Let's Talk

Parksville and the City's social media channels, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please note, photos will not be used for commercial purposes and once posted using the hashtag become public.

## **City Dates**

Please note, there are no Council meetings in August. September 3 Coffee with the Mayor September 3 Parks and Open Spaces September 7 Labour Day (offices closed) September 9 Council Meeting September 17 Coffee with the Mayor

## **How to Reach Council**

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