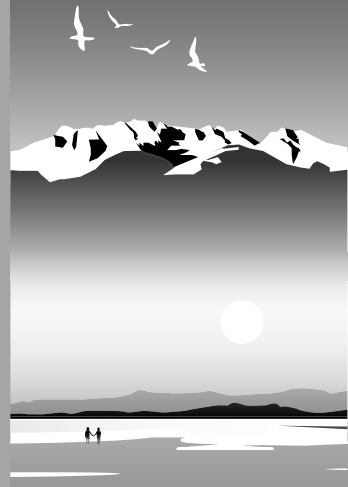
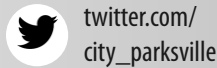




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Volunteer Firefighters Needed!

The Parksville Fire Department is recruiting for volunteer paid on-call firefighters for new classes to begin in November. We are looking for positive, energetic and community-minded women and men to join the team. Recruits will be challenged and with hard work and dedication will receive professional firefighter certification.

Parksville Fire provides fire and rescue services to the residents of the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Volunteers 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 the ages of 19 and 60 for regular members.

Check out Parksvillefirerescue.ca for details and application. 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 station at 160 Jensen Avenue West (weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm). Deadline October 9 at 4 pm.

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New Bridge for Shelly Creek Park

Shelly Creek Park South is getting a new pedestrian foot bridge later this month. The fifty-foot bridge will allow for safe public access across Shelly Creek, a key natural asset of the park. The bridge will provide better protection of Shelly Creek and the sensitive environment. During construction, signage is posted to show temporary trail closures.

Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society are stewards of Shelly Creek, working to protect and repair the sensitive stream and riparian area. The creek is home to a small population of resident Coastal Cutthroat Trout and is the only fish-bearing stream in the City. We are fortunate to benefit from the work by MVIHES volunteers to restore habitat and to educate the public about creek protection. Once installed, the City will upgrade the trails accessing the creek and work with MVIHES on habitat restoration.

Kitchen Fire Safety – Parksville Fire Rescue

Due to the pandemic, the Parksville fire station remains closed to the public but despite limited fire prevention week in-person activities, the important message of fire safety is always the same. “*Serve up fire safety in the kitchen*” is this year’s theme for fire prevention week being held October 4-10. Here are the ways Parksville Fire is helping to spread the fire safety message:

Photo contest – We’re challenging parents and children who live in the Parksville Fire Prevention Area to send us a photo showing how you are fire safe in the kitchen. One photo will be chosen at the end of the week to receive a prize pack which includes a smoke alarm, Parksville Fire water bottle and more. The winning photo will be shared on social media and will not be used for commercial purposes.

Submit your photo to fireprevention@parksville.ca along with your name and a few words about the photo. Deadline is 4 pm on Friday, October 9.

Fire safety info - stop by the Parksville fire station Monday to Friday (8 am to 4 pm) to pick up a fire safety package with activities, games, stickers (one per child please). Residents are also welcomed to stop by for general fire safety info.

Social media - watch our social media feeds and share our posts; we will be posting fire safety tips each day of fire prevention week.

Things 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 walk-in 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.

Property tax sale - property tax accounts with delinquent taxes (outstanding from 2018) on September 28, 2020, are subject to tax sale which if required, will be held in the forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue East) at 10 am on September 28.

Late payment of property taxes - because of COVID-19, penalties were not immediately applied after the July 2, 2020, due date. Instead, a 5% penalty will be applied on **October 1, 2020**, to current year property taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants outstanding at close of business on September 30, 2020. A second 5% penalty will be applied on **December 1, 2020**. Penalties are applied in accordance with Sections 233 and 234 of the Community Charter and City of Parksville Bylaw 1563.

Stage 1 water restrictions – in effect for October allow for watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day of the week. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from water restrictions.

City Rebates

We continue to offer rebate programs; applications and details are available on our website [[Residents/Rebates](#)]

- Security camera - eligible applicants may receive up to \$100 toward the purchase and installation of a security camera purchased after July 2, 2019.
- Tree program - \$50 rebate for owner of residence or business who wishes to plant a tree on their property.
- Low flush toilet – maximum of one \$75 rebate per residence or business for replacement of toilets using 13 litres or more with new CSA approved low flush model.

#StayandPlayParksville Photo Contest

Because we'd like to see your photos from around Parksville, we launched the #StayandPlayParksville photo contest. Looking for your best photos of the **places you go** and the **things you do** while exploring our wonderful community. How to enter:

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



Two winning photographers will each receive a personal emergency kit as well as a vehicle emergency kit. Winning photos and photographers' names will be shared on Let's Talk Parksville and the City's social media channels. letstalkparksville.ca. We've already received some stunning photos of our region. Keep snapping and submit your best shots by 4 pm, September 30.

City Dates

September 9	Council Meeting
September 21	Council Meeting CANCELLED
September 28	Property Tax Sale
October 1	Property Tax Penalty 5%
October 1	Parks and Open Spaces
October 5	Council Meeting
October 12	Thanksgiving (offices closed)
October 19	Council Meeting

How to Reach Council

MAYOR		council@parksville.ca
Ed Mayne	250 954-4661	100 Jensen Avenue East
COUNCILLORS		PO Box 1390
Mark Chandler	250 951-6651	Parksville V9P 2H3
Adam Fras	250 228-3727	
Al Greir	250 248-1285	
Doug O'Brien	250 954-2327	parksville.ca
Teresa Patterson	250 954-9488	Comments welcome.
Marilyn Wilson	250 954-3060	250 954-3073
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