

October 13, 2023



Parksville Fire Prevention Open House

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department fire prevention week open house is set for **Sunday, October 15** from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire Rescue Training Centre at 1159 Franklins Gull Road, Parksville. *Everyone welcome for a free day of safety fun!*

The open house features displays, demos and activities:

- Learn about fire safety including home fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and home escape plans.
- Learn how to use a fire extinguisher.
- Learn how to perform CPR.
- Try hose and target practice.
- Just for kids, a bunker gear challenge.
- Meet our dedicated firefighters!

Two scheduled events:

11 am

Auto extrication demonstration

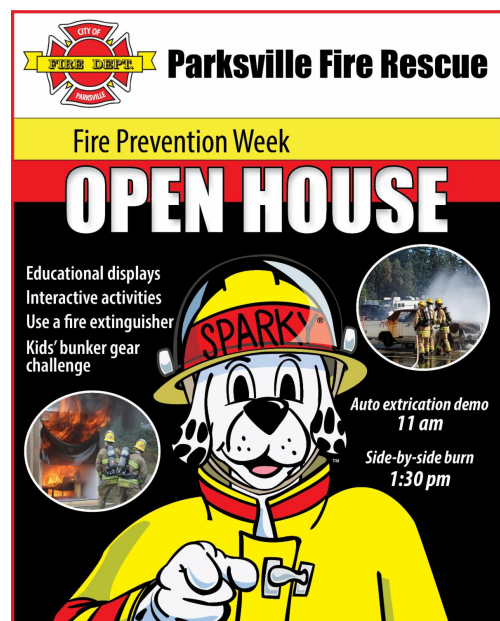
1.30 pm

Side-by-side burn demo with two similarly furnished rooms. One protected with fire sprinklers and the other without fire sprinklers. The demonstration shows how quickly a fire can become deadly compared to the quick response and effectiveness of a fire sprinkler system in controlling or extinguishing a fire.

Fire Prevention Week 2023

“Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention ,” is this year’s theme. It’s about simple but important actions one can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths, and cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

Parksville Fire Rescue offers these safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire.



- Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Have a “kid- and pet-free zone” of at least one metre around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Contact [Parksville Fire Rescue](#) at 250 248-3242 for info about Parksville activities. For more general information about fire prevention, visit [nfpa.org/fpw](#), [sparky.org](#) and [parksvillefirerescue.ca](#).



Parksville’s Transportation Master Plan

We are developing a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan (TMP) which will guide the future direction of transportation infrastructure for our City. The plan will be designed to improve mobility for residents, business and tourists based on current capacity and user experience as well as projected future growth. This initiative will update the City’s 2016 Transportation Master Plan and during the project, through a series of engagement opportunities, we will seek input on how this plan can improve experiences of mobility for all modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, transit, evolving transportation, and driving.

The TMP will address current and future needs for all modes (auto, pedestrian, transit, cycling, and evolving transportation) along with emergency services and goods movement, with a particular focus on the downtown section of the Island Highway corridor. The goal is to provide a safe and accessible transportation network which will support a high quality of life for residents, and efficient mobility for all, recognizing the unique characteristics of the City of Parksville.

Join us on November 8

The first engagement is a drop-in open house for participants to review existing conditions and mapping and to provide input. Consultant, McElhanney, will listen to input on six core topics as well as comments on issues or opportunities not included in these core topics - traffic and signals, active transportation (walking and cycling), transit, parking, safety, and funding.

WHO?

Parksville residents, business owners

WHAT?

Transportation Master Plan Open House, drop-in

WHERE?

The Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East

WHEN?

2-7 pm, Wednesday, November 8
Presentations at 3, 4, 5 and 6 pm

WHY?

Your input will inform an updated Transportation Master Plan



[More Info](#)



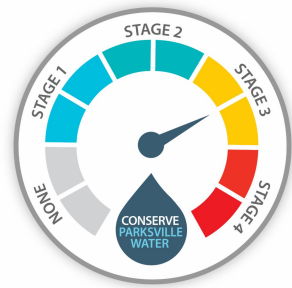
Cookies, Carols and More!

Mark your calendars for Cookies, Carols and More! Last year’s Meet Me Under the Mistletoe on Memorial was cancelled due to weather so rather than take chances, we’ve moved indoors. Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends at *Cookies, Carols and More!* on Saturday, December 9 from 2-4 pm at the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen Avenue. This holiday celebration hosted by the City will feature entertainment, visit from Santa, photo booth, hot chocolate bar, and activities for kids and their families including ornament decorating, holiday colouring and facepainting. Everyone welcome, it’s not just for the kids!

CITY SERVICES

Stage 3 Watering Restrictions

Aligned with most Regional District of Nanaimo water service areas, watering restrictions in the City of Parksville have been downgraded to Stage 3 until further notice. October is a critical time for aquatic life as stream flows are at seasonal lows prior to the return of significant precipitation and salmon require water levels conducive to migrating to freshwater spawning grounds.



Detailed info about Stage 3 restrictions may be viewed on our [website](#) and [Let’s Talk Parksville](#). The City is a partner in the RDN’s [Team WaterSmart](#) programs. Please direct questions to bylaw compliance department bylaw@parksville.ca

Seasonal Hours for Parksville Community Park

Beginning this Sunday, the hours for the Parksville Community Park will be adjusted to an annual seasonal schedule. This change is being implemented to help reduce vandalism, mischief, and criminal activities in the park. The Parksville Community Park may still be accessed by foot and the waterfront walkway is open. Signage in the park will be updated to reflect the new park opening hours:

October 15 to April 15 - the park will be open from 7.30 am to 7.30 pm.
April 16 to October 14 - the park will be open from 7.30 am to 11 pm.

Parksville’s Veterans Remembrance Program

Commemorative banners to honour the local veterans who lost their lives in World War I and World War II are now displayed along the Island Highway East and the Alberni Highway until November 27. Approved by Parksville Council in 2020, this annual program honours the veterans whose names are listed on the Parksville Cenotaph. We encourage you to read the many heartwarming, yet tragic stories of the World War I and World War II veterans on our [website](#). Our search for information continues and our website identifies where we need some help.

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

BC ShakeOut - October 19 at 10.19 am

Taking part in an earthquake drill is an easy way to prepare for earthquake safety. Residents are encouraged to ShakeOut on October 19 at 10.19 am. Register at Shakeoutbc.ca to be counted in the drill and to access a range of resources.

Intended to create public awareness of earthquake hazards and encourage personal preparedness, participants *Drop, Cover and Hold On* for two minutes in response to a simulated earthquake event. You can take part at home, at work, or anywhere else you spend time! There’s an emergency preparedness guidebook on the [EMO website](#) to help you organize or refresh your emergency supply kits as well as preparedness info.



Parksville Fill the Boots for Food Drive 2023

Parksville firefighters will collect cash donations for the Salvation Army food bank at locations throughout Parksville on November 18 (9 am to 6 pm) and November 19 (10 am to 2 pm). Locations will be Wembley Mall (Save-on-Foods, Canadian Tire and BC Liquor Store), Corfield Plaza (Thrifty Foods), and Quality Foods. Donations of new unwrapped toys will also be accepted for the Society of Organized Services. Our members are proud to support this drive for the past 25 years. More info on our [website](#) and social media coming soon.

Utility notices are due Tuesday, October 31. If you have not yet received your notice in the mail, contact the finance department at 250 248-6144 or cashier@parksville.ca. Accepted payments are Interac, cash, cheque or online banking. For online banking, add the City as a payee by searching Parksville, choose the utility option and enter your six-digit account number (not the folio or access code).

The second **Parksville Wetlands survey** closes on October 16. We encourage you to review the information provided on [Let’s Talk Parksville](#). We are excited to share the park concept plan which highlights proposed future habitat improvements, path connections and supportive infrastructure including direction and guidance on the types, locations, uses, and activities within different parts of the park. We do appreciate your input.



Tree Rebate Program - we offer a \$50 rebate for the owner of a residence or business who wishes to plant a tree on their property. See our [website](#) for details.



**POP-UP
RECYCLING
DEPOT**

**NEW
DATES
ADDED!**

Residents can return flexible plastics, foam packaging, glass bottles and jars, and now paper and cardboard to the Pop-Up Depot.



DATES	TIME	LOCATION
October 7 and 21 November 4 and 18 December 9	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	1080 Industrial Way Parksville

Learn more at RecycleBC.ca/PopUp

WORKING FOR US!

Employment opportunities at the City of Parksville are posted regularly.

CLICK HERE and check us out!



October 15	Parksville Fire Prevention Open House
October 16	Council Meeting
October 31	Due date for utility bill payments
November 6	Council Meeting
November 8	Transportation Master Plan Open House
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	Statutory Holiday (offices closed)
November 20	Council Meeting
November 27	2024-2028 Financial Plan Meetings
December 4	Council Meeting
December 9	Cookies, Carols and More
December 11	2024-2028 Financial Plan Meetings
December 18	Council Meeting
December 25/26	Holidays (offices closed)
January 1	New Year's Day (offices closed)



COMING UP AT COUNCIL



Regular Council Meeting

Monday, October 16 at 1 pm

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For more information:
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