

#ParksvillePatios Challenge

Over the past year, restaurants adapted to new protocols to operate in a safe manner. The latest COVID-19 restrictions closing restaurants to indoor dining is extremely challenging. We can show support for our local restaurants and their staff by ordering takeout or visiting an outdoor patio with members of your household and participating in the Parksville Patio Challenge.

We'd love to see photos of you and your household on your favourite outdoor patios in Parksville! Visit the many patios around town and snap a few pics to share on social media. It's easy, just tag the restaurant you're visiting and use the hashtag **#ParksvillePatios** to share your pics on Instagram or Twitter. Through this challenging time, restaurants and businesses have shown incredible resilience and our community can help get them through this next phase. Info on restaurants offering takeout, visit oceansidetakeout.ca.

CITY SERVICES

Bicycle Lanes and Garbage Bins

Residents who live on streets with designated bicycle routes are concerned that on garbage and recycling pickup days, carts are placed in the designated bicycle lanes. This poses a risk for cyclists as well as motorists who must react suddenly when a cyclist swerves into traffic to avoid a garbage or recycling cart. If you reside on a street with designated bicycle lane and no on-street parking, please leave your cart at the end of your driveway closest to the street, but not in the bicycle lane.

Wood Chipping Program

Annual wood chipping program is now underway. The City is divided into two zones - west of Craig Street and east of Craig Street. Properties west of Craig Street receive collection between April 5 and April 16 and properties east of Craig Street between April 19 and April 30. Materials for properties east of Craig Street must be curbside by 8 am on April 19.

Virtual Chat with Mayor

Just like with in-person Coffee with the Mayor, we will schedule 15-minute, one-on-one chats over Zoom between 2 pm and 4 pm on April 15 and May 6. Email engage@parksville.ca to book a time to chat. These virtual chats are a chance for casual conversation from your home, office or wherever you might be. You can connect by joining with video or with audio or phone only.

Utility Notices

Utility payments are due April 30. Residents are encouraged to pay through online or telephone banking. When using online banking, search for payee "Parksville, City of - UTILITIES" and use the six digit account number from your utility bill.

In October, the RDN implemented the new automated curbside collection for garbage, food waste and recycling. Notices refelect the new semi-annual service level fee determined by the cart size chosen. Discount of \$7.50 will be applied to charges if paid by due date. If you did not receive a notice, call 250 248-6144.

Water Restrictions

Stage 1, watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day of the week, is in effect for April. Stage 2 watering restrictions are in effect from May 1 through September 30 (unless otherwise notified). Stage 2 allows for every other day lawn watering between 7 and 10 am or 7 and 10 pm for a maximum of two hours. Please note vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions. Information was mailed to residents with utility notices in March. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412 or ops@parksville.ca. [Quicklink/Water Restrictions]

THINGS TO KNOW...

- Beach Closures to Dogs Our beaches are popular spots for migrating Brant geese, vulnerable to disturbances and for this reason, Parksville beaches within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area are closed to dogs, both on-leash and off-leash. Parksville Bay and Rathtrevor beaches are closed until April 30.
- New Homeowner Grant Process Homeowner grants must now be submitted directly to the provincial government through an online application. The new system helps ensure homeowners receive their full grant entitlement, including the additional grant for seniors or persons with a disability. Current year and retroactive grants are now being accepted online; however, the application will not be processed until taxes are levied in May. Information about this change *gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant* or by phone 1 888 355-2700.
- Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Centre Two requests for proposals were issued for this proposed project: for land analysis and site condition assessments and for a public consultation strategy. Deadline to submit proposals is April 30 with details on our website.

Island Health COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Residents who wish to receive the COVID vaccine are encouraged to register online. Your confirmation number will then be used to book an appointment when you are eligible. Please refer to Island Health's website to determine age eligibility or call 1 833 838-2323 to book an appointment when you are eligible. *Gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated*.

Thank You Volunteers

April 18 to 24 is Volunteer Week in Canada and in the City of Parksville. We thank volunteers for their many contributions to our community. Volunteers contribute to the well-being of Parksville and without your dedication, it would be impossible to sustain the services we all enjoy. We recognize the vital contribution volunteers make to our community and how our quality of life is so much better because of them. Recognition is even more significant this year as we see the contribution of those volunteering to support essential services during this public health crisis and recognize those who help by staying home to protect themselves and their community.

Signup for Our Enewsletters

- City delivered monthly with City updates. Signup at Parksville.ca
- EMO Emergency Management Oceanside provides monthly emergency preparedness info for the Oceanside region; signup at emergencyoceanside.ca/emo-enews emergencyoceanside.ca/emo-enews

Services During Covid-19

The finance department is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm to accept property tax, utility, tickets/ licence fee payments and purchase bus passes, dog licences and building permits. All other business by appointment and walkin services not available. Please access services electronically. Info on payment options on our website. Phone 250 248-6144 or refer to website to book appointment.

City Dates

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April 15	Virtual Chat with Mayor
April 19	Parcel Tax Roll Review
April 19	Council Meeting
May 3	Council Meeting
May 6	Virtual Chat with Mayor
May 17	Council Meeting
May 24	Victoria Day Holiday (offices closed
June 3	Parks and Open Spaces

How to Reach Council

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COUNCILLORS		PO Box 1390
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Adam Fras	250 228-3727	
Al Greir	250 248-1285	parksville.ca.
Doug O'Brien	250 954-2327	Comments welcome.
Teresa Patterson	250 954-9488	250 954-3073
Marilyn Wilson	250 954-3060	info@parksville.ca

