

## Firehall Open House - June 22

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department will host an open house for the community on Tuesday, June 22. The open house will provide an opportunity for residents to view the plans for the soon to be renovated firehall at 160 Jensen Avenue West. Site and floor plans will be available and residents will get the chance to ask their questions about the planned expansion. The firehall will be open for visitors from 2 to 8 pm.

In late 2009, Parksville Council approved as part of the 2009-2013 revised budget, to move ahead with a scaled down, \$3 million firehall renovation. The building has been designed to allow for future expansion and will include three new bays, consolidation of equipment storage, new administration area and meeting space, and improvements to shower facilities and training areas.

The firehall is a 35 year old building that houses 40 career and volunteer firefighters as well as the department's equipment and administration, education, inspection and fire training facilities. Built in 1974, the firehall serves the City of Parksville and through a fire service agreement with the Regional District of Nanaimo, also provides protection to surrounding RDN areas.

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is committed to protecting life, property and the environment. The open house is also a great opportunity to meet your local firefighters, learn what they do and discuss any fire and life safety concerns that you may have. The coffee pot will be on and the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department looks forward to welcoming the community on June 22.

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**For further information:**

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