



City of Parksville

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO 2019

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5 10 am to 4 pm

QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE

Hosted by Emergency Management Oceanside, Expo 2019 will be held on Saturday, October 5 at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre from 10 am to 4 pm. The Expo offers something for everyone and it's all free!

First responders, government agencies, emergency supply

vendors, utilities and emergency partners will host a variety of activities to help emphasize the importance of taking steps to improve emergency preparedness and response. There will be displays, demonstrations and workshops to learn about the challenges we face in an emergency and how to be better prepared. Chance to sign up for our new Voyent Alert! notification system.

FREE Workshops

For those wishing more in-depth info about preparedness, free one-hour workshops will be offered. Pre-registration is recommended to ecomm@qualicumbeach.com or 250 752-6232. As well, local fire departments will conduct vehicle extrication demonstrations at 11 am and 2 pm.

10.30 am - Personal Preparedness (Ross Peterson, VIU Elder College)

11.45 am - Becoming FireSmart (BC Wildfire Service)

1 pm - Emergency Preparedness for Pet Owners (Brenda Scott, EMBC)

2.15 pm - Climate Change on Vancouver Island (VIU)

Tree Rebate Program

For a limited time the City is pleased to offer a maximum of one rebate for the owner of a residence or business who wishes to plant a tree on their property. Those wishing to apply for a rebate are required to complete an application form and provide proof of purchase and planting. The application may be obtained from the City's website [Residents/Rebates]



- For businesses or owners of existing properties located within City of Parksville municipal boundaries.
• Trees must be planted in the ground on private property to be eligible; trees may not be planted on City boulevards, right-of-ways or any other location. Trees in pots or containers are not eligible.
• Any tree or fruit tree that will attain a mature height over 4.9 metres (16 feet) is eligible for a rebate. Shrubs, bushes and other plantings are not eligible.
• Rebate is for the purchase of one tree up to a maximum of \$50. Planting costs not eligible.
• Property owners may apply for one rebate per property per calendar year.
• Rebates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, accepting only valid applications for trees purchased on or after July 1, 2019, until the funding is exhausted.
• For more info: 250 248-5412; ops@parksville.ca

Notification System for Parksville-Qualicum Beach

Provided by the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach, Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses and visitors during critical events such as floods or fire as well as relevant day-to-day communications such as road closures, snow removal and water advisories.

Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice dial. You can register for one or more of these channels and smart alerting capabilities ensure you will be notified when a communication is relevant to you or one of the locations you are tracking. Registration for the services is FREE, simple and anonymous.

Staff will be available to help with Voyent Alert! sign-up

and answer any questions you may have at Expo 2019 on October 5, the Parksville Fire open house on October 6 and at an open house at the Qualicum Beach Fire Hall on October 19.

Voyent Alert! Register Now for the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Notification System. Download the Free Voyent Alert! App or register online at http://register.voyent-alert.com



Parksville Fire Open House - October 6

Each year, Parksville Fire recognizes Fire Prevention Week and again this year will open its doors to the public on Sunday, October 6 from 10 am to 2 pm at the fire hall, 160 Jensen Avenue West. The public is encouraged to drop by for a little fun and the opportunity to learn possible lifesaving strategies for fire prevention. Some of the activities planned:

- Live burn to showcase effectiveness of home sprinkler systems at 1.30 pm
• SmartMan training doll for learning CPR
• Educational displays
• Hose and target
• Firefighter guided tours of the station and rides on fire trucks so be sure to bring your camera.
• Sign up for the new Parksville-Qualicum Beach notification system with Voyent Alert!

The live burn demonstration at 1.30 pm will include two similarly furnished rooms; one protected with fire sprinklers and the other without fire sprinklers. The demo will show firsthand how quickly a fire can become deadly versus the quick response and effectiveness of a fire sprinkler system in controlling or extinguishing a fire. The department received \$500 in support from the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, a non-profit educational organization, to increase awareness of the lifesaving benefits of home fire sprinklers. parksvillefirerescue.ca



Things to Know

- Late payment of property taxes - after the first due date of July 2, 2019, a penalty of 5% was added to the outstanding taxes. Another 5% penalty will be charged to current taxes after the second penalty date of September 30, 2019. These penalties are a requirement of the Community Charter and the City has no authority to either waive or modify these penalty amounts. A payment which is one day late is subject to the full amount of the penalty.
• Watering restrictions - Stage 2, until September 30 allows sprinkling every other day based on odd and even house numbers between the hours of 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours per day. Stage 1 water restrictions will be in effect for the month of October and 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.
• Carbon neutrality - for the seventh year, the City has successfully achieved its goal of corporate carbon neutrality for 2018 and was awarded Level 4 recognition. A news release and report on the City's website explains how the City was able to accomplish this.

City Dates

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Includes dates from September 19 to October 21 and events like Advisory Design Panel, Coffee with the Mayor, Second Property Tax Penalty, etc.

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and may observe advisory committee meetings. Refer to the website for agendas, meeting highlights and minutes.

How To Reach Council

Table listing Mayor Ed Mayne and Councillors Mark Chandler, Adam Fras, Al Greir, Doug O'Brien, Teresa Patterson, Marilyn Wilson with their contact numbers.

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