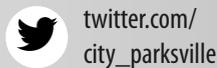




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## Boots for Food 2020



Due to the pandemic, the fire department food and toy drive will look very different with no door-to-door neighbourhood collection this year. Physically distanced and masked, firefighters will be at grocery stores in Parksville from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15 asking residents to fill the boots for food with cash donations for the Salvation Army food bank.

Donations are extremely important to the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized Services to provide for less fortunate in our community.

Both organizations are also accepting donations; check their websites for details. [sos69.com; parksvillesalvationarmy.ca]



## 2021 Special Events Applications

Applications are now being accepted from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets; review process starts January 29. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by January 29, after which time applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After January 29, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event.

Due to the current provincial health order, the City is prohibited from permitting a gathering in excess of fifty people. Events with gatherings of less than 50 are required to include the COVID addendum to the event application form. The policy and forms are on the website [City Hall/Special Events Procedures]. Contact 250 248-5412 or ops@parksville.ca for info.

## THINGS TO KNOW...

- **City in-person services** during COVID are limited to payments and purchase of bus passes, 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.
- **Council appointments** to committees, boards, commissions and associations from November 3, 2020, to November 1, 2021, may be viewed on the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council]
- **Winter conditions** - info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City is on our website [Quicklink/Winter Conditions]. We also have tips on how residents can be prepared and how to help.

## Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Vancouver Island

A recent news release from the City announced we will be working with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island to provide new licensed childcare and associated programming for children, youth and parents using the Parksville Community Centre building. The City provided notice to the Parksville Community Centre Society that the current operating agreement which expires December 31, 2020, will not be renewed. On behalf of the Boys and Girls Club, the City submitted a grant application to the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund for renovations and upgrades to the building. We should hear early spring if funding is successful.

As part of this decision, Council is investigating opportunities to provide options for community meeting space in other facilities. As part of any future lease of the Parksville Community Centre, the City will retain the right to access the facility for community events such as elections, all candidates' forums and an emergency reception centre.

## 2021 Business Licences

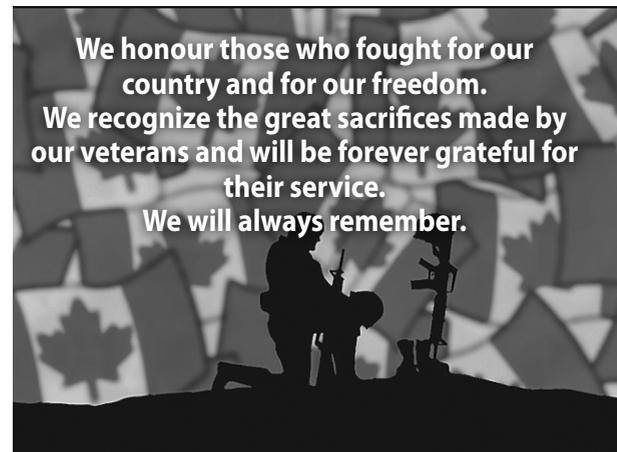
Existing business licence holders may now renew for the 2021 calendar year. Renewal invoices will be mailed the first week in December. Due by January 29, 2021, fees may be mailed or paid at City Hall. Bylaw 1550 requires all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City. More info and details about the Inter-Community Business Licence on our website [Business/Licences].

## 2021 Dog Licences

Dog licence fees are due by January 29. Current dog licences will receive a renewal invoice by mail in early December; if you do not receive a notice and currently own a dog, licences may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA. The SPCA is open Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 4 pm and the City's finance department is open 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm.

The main benefit of licensing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. As well, fees collected help to offset the cost to maintain our off-leash dog park, provide bags and dispensers throughout the City and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs.

By January 29 Spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30  
After January 29 Spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35



## Property Taxes

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

The deadline to claim a retroactive homeowner grant for 2019 (subject to qualifications) as well as the deadline to defer 2020 property taxes is December 31, 2020. For more information, contact the finance department at 250 248-6144. Finance is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm.

## City Dates

November 11	Remembrance Day (offices closed)
November 14-15	Parksville FD - Boots for Food
November 16	Council Meeting
December 7	Council Meeting
December 21	Council Meeting
December 25 & 28	Christmas offices closed

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