Beaver Valley Bulletin





















Happy Holidays from Catherine Ellison Deputy Mayor

I would like to congratulate Steve Morissette on his election to MLA of Kootenay Monashee! You will be missed Steve; however, it will be wonderful to have an ear at Provincial Legislature table.

I discovered that the treadmills at the Fruitvale Gym were not working, so with the help of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Staff at the Village of Fruitvale Office we were able to have one of the treadmills repaired and purchase a 2nd! I am aware the Gym is in need of some care. If you would like to be part of a Working Group so your ideas can be included for the Gym please leave your contact information at the Village Office.

Some of us struggle through the holidays, some have hearts that are heavy with the loss of someone you loved, your best attempts to save a relationship you found was not enough, you are geographically separated from those that you love, or you are left broken this year by cruelty, bitterness or violence.

It is so hard because you can't just place cursor on the sadness and backspace until it is deleted, replacing with comfort or peace or contentment.

Just know that you are not alone, the Village of Fruitvale is a wonderful community and you can reach out to a neighbor, co-worker, care giver or a family member and they will hear your struggles.

Don't feel guilty for the sadness within you! Don't beat yourself up for not wanting to sing right now! Don't feel pressured to have your stuff together that simply isn't together and won't be for a while!

Receive this Christmas as it is and know you are loved.

Wishing each and every one of you the happiest of holidays.



"As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same." Donald E. Westlake



BEAVER VALLEY LIONS CLUB



NO BINGO





No Bingo Wednesday December 18th and 25th, 2024 & No Bingo Wednesday, January 1st, 2025



CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURES
Village of Fruitvale Office Closed
December 25, 2024 to January 1st, 2025
Regular hours resume January 2, 2025

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

The Village of Fruitvale will once again be taking Christmas trees to the landfill free of charge after the Christmas season. Please bring your tree to the designated area (look for the sign) in the Pole Yard before January 14. There will be no curb-side tree collection. Please ensure all decorations and plastic tree bags have been removed when you drop off your tree.

BV Arena Christmas Christmas Skating

Dec 21, 12:30-2pm, Glacier's Edge Motorsports
Dec 22, 12:30-2pm, Western Financial Group
Dec 23, 12:30-2pm, Fruitvale CO-OP
Dec 24, 11:30-1:30pm, Beaver Valley Lions Club
Dec 27, 12:30-2pm, Beaver Valley Dental Centre
Dec 28, 12:30-2pm, Kootenay Savings Credit Union
Dec 29, 12:30-2pm, Kootenay Savings Credit Union
Dec 30, 12:30-2pm, Atco Wood Products
Jan 2, 12:30-2pm, Fruitvale Canco
Jan 3, 12:30-2pm, Fruitvale Canco



A big thank you to the above sponsors for providing FREE skating over the Holidays!

Christmas Eve Skate



December 24

11:30am - 1:30pm

Free skating, rentals, hot dog & juice

Join us for our annual Christmas Skating Party!
Skate to your favourite Christmas carols or relax
and enjoy a complimentary hot dog & drink
while you wait for the arrival of our
Special Guest (12 pm)!



Get your picture taken with Santa!

Compliments of: Beaver Valley Lions Club



OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES AND UTILITIES



All outstanding 2024 property taxes and utilities are due by December 31, 2024. Outstanding taxes and utilities as of January 1, 2025, will be transferred to property taxes in arrears and accrue daily interest.

With the Village Office being closed the last week of December, please choose one of the options below to make your payment:

E-transfer to finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca in the memo box make sure to reference your roll number or street address and what the payment is for.

Through on-line banking for taxes and utilities (allow 3 business days for payment to reach the office)

Due to Canada Post strike please drop your payment in the drop box at the front entrance of the Village Office

To avoid interest, all payments must reach the Village Office by December 31, 2024, including those sent by mail and made through online banking.





Laser Bowling:

Saturday December 7 6-9pm Saturday December 21 6-9pm Saturday December 28 6-9pm

Regular Bowling:

Sunday December 1 1:30-4:30pm Sunday December 8 1:30-4:30pm Sunday December 15 1:30-4:30pm Sunday December 22 1:30-430pm Sunday December 29 1:30-4:30pm

Beaver Valley Bowling Club info@bvbowlingclub.ca



Village of Montrose Office Hours - Monday to Friday 8:30 -noon - 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. 367-7234

www.montrose.ca

THE GREEN BIN & GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE HAS BEEN UPDATED FOR THE

HOLIDAY SEASON!

WE AR E ON FACEBOOK & DOWNLOAD THE NEW CITIZEN

admin@montrose.ca

HOLIDAY HOURS & GARBAGE/GREEN BIN COLLECTION DATES

The office will be closed to the public from December 24th to January 1st. Garbage and Green Bin collections will occur on Tuesday, December 24th and 31st, due to the observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

HOLIDAY BC SPCA DONTATION DRIVE

Help spread joy to our furry friends this holiday season! The Village will be holding a donation drive in support of the West Kootenay BC SPCA. Donate toys, treats, food and other items for dogs, cats, and small animals. Unused items only. Donations can be dropped off at the Village office until December 20th. Thank you for your generous support.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

On Thursday, January 2, 2025, the Public Works crew will be picking up Christmas trees. Your tree should be placed in your regular garbage pickup location and be free of decorations and tinsel.

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Montrose Fire Department will be holding our second annual Food Drive in support of the Beaver Valley Foodbank on Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. We invite you to join us in helping to reduce food shortages in our beautiful Beaver Valley. We will be cruising down your street, stopping to pick up your donations at your door or curbside. We will be accepting non-perishable foods, along with cash or gift cards that could be used for groceries. Our Firefighters will be available to help assist in any way we can. We appreciate your contributions and thank you for your generous support. Together we can help reduce this food shortage. We look forward to seeing you at the Food Drive! Montrose Fire Department 375

MESSAGE FROM THE BEAVER VALLEY FOOD BANK

The Beaver Valley Nitehawks showed off their community spirit on Saturday, Nov. 23, when they hosted a food drive for the Beaver Valley Foodbank at their home game against the Castlegar Rebels. Fans filled five crates with nutritious food to help stock our shelves. The Beaver Valley Food Bank would like to thank everyone who participated in the food drive and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a joyous season.

2025 ANIMAL LICENCES

Dog and cat tags for the 2025 year are now available for purchase at the office.

2024 UTILITIES & TAXES

Utilities for 2024 are due on December 31, 2024. On January 1, 2025, unpaid utilities are transferred to taxes in arrears and will be subject to interest charges. Any unpaid current taxes or unclaimed Home Owners Grants will be transferred to taxes in arrears on January 1, 2025, if not paid or claimed by December 31, 2025.

Council and Staff extend their warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season to everyone in our vibrant community.



BEAVER VALLEY SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH CELEBRATION





Beaver Valley Recreation





Working with communities in BC's North, Interior, Lower Mainland, Central & Northern Vancouver Island

The Ugliest Sweater Wins A Prize!

Most original * Best couple combo * Most festive

DECEMBER 17, 2024 TUESDAY | 12:30PM FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL

RSVP: Jayme Fowler by December 10 250.231.7260 or bvevents@rdkb.com



BOULEVARD PARKING



Residents are reminded that during the winter months snow is plowed onto the Village boulevard.

From Policy PW-2012-01 Snow Management & Ice Control:

- 1. Anyone parked on the boulevard could be towed.
- 2. Boulevards are the property of the Village of Fruitvale.
 - 3. Know where your property lines are.
- 4. No tolerance or exceptions due to safety and liability issues.

The Village of Fruitvale's Bylaw Officer will be patrolling the Village and enforcing our bylaws.



2025 DOG TAGS (licenses)



Just a reminder to dog owners - all dogs in the Village and RDKB are required to be licensed. A dog tag (license) on your dog will ensure that it is returned to you if it is found out of your yard.

It's a small price to pay for the safe return of your family pet.

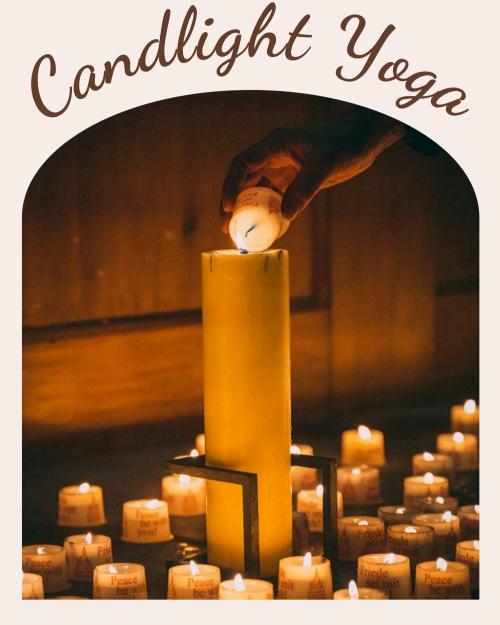
Village residents who purchased dog tags in 2024, please note: you will be receiving an invoice for the 2025 dog tag/license fee, but you will not be receiving a new tag, unless your dog has lost its tag. If there are any changes to the information on your invoice, please contact the office so we can update our files.

Remember that it is a contravention of the Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 922 to allow your dogs to run free and bark continually.

Dogs at large run the risk of being hit by a vehicle or taken by a wild animal.

For the safety, peace, and comfort of your neighbours, ensure your dog(s) are secure in your house or yard and do not let them bark continually at all hours of the day and night.

2ND ANNUAL



Join Abby Verigin & Wendy Robertsen as we celebrate our community this holiday season

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
THE BEAVER VALLEY FOOD BANK, \$20
SECURE YOUR SPACE CALL 604-315-2773

6-7:30PM DECEMBER 18, FRUITVALE HALL

CURBSIDE PICKUP



As per the Wildlife Attractant Control Bylaw No. 965 Garbage Cans are required in the Village of Fruitvale for curbside pickup.





Trail Resident Program (TRP) - Beaver Valley Residents

Residents of Rossland, Warfield and the Beaver Valley (Fruitvale, Montrose and Area 'A') can receive a TRP membership at no cost. This membership entitles you to the same user rates that Trail residents pay through the Trail Parks & Recreation Department.

Application for membership is simple!

For new applicants who have never received a TRP membership/card, simply bring two pieces of ID to verify residency (a property tax notice, utility bill or driver's license) with you to the Trail Aquatic & Leisure Centre and your membership can be processed. If you would like to fill out the application ahead of time, you can download it online by visiting the City of Trail's website

If you have a current TRP membership/card, there is no further application process required in order to enjoy recreation services in Trail at the reduced rate. If you are unsure whether you have a valid TRP membership, please call the Trail Aquatic & Leisure Centre at 250-364-0888 and the office staff would be happy to assist you.

FIND OUT MORE AT WWW.TRAIL.CA



BEAVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS BRANCH #44
Become a member for \$15/year
allows you to take part in any of
Branch #44

Seniors activities and events.
Bingo-Mondays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Wellness Wednesdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(activities and lunch \$2)
Cards - Thursdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Carpet Bowling every Tuesday



No monthly general meeting in December.

The Annual General Meeting is January 29. 2025.

(There will be an election of Directors at this meeting)

For membership information contact Brenda 250-367-3839 or Kris 250-367-9685



Want to volunteer?

Have Questions? Contact us at:

beavervalleyyan@gmail.com



Beaver Valley Christmas Hamper November 1st, 2024

Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the following locations:

Village of Fruitvale office, Village of Montrose office, Liberty Foods, and BVThrift Store/Food Bank or scanned and emailed to naomim@uwbc.ca

> Hamper Application due dates is: BV Holiday/Christmas Hamper Program:

Monday, December 2nd, 2024

Hamper Pickup:

BV Christmas Hamper Program:

Saturday, December 21, 2024 Fruitvale Community Hall
Doors will open for pick up at 11 am



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Beaver Valley Recreation

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SENIOR'S LUNCHES

Tuesdays at 12:30 pm January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20 Fruitvale Hall \$10 admission at the door Please rsvp to Jayme at 231-7260 bvevents@rdkb.com

STAY SAFE Ages 9+

Instructor: Nicole Morrison
This Canadian Red Cross Course
teaches applicable and age
appropriate skills to improve your
child's own safety. Bring a lunch.
March 29, 2025
9 am – 1:30 pm
\$40
Montrose Hall
Call BV Recreation at 231-5172

BABYSITTING COURSE

Instructor: Nicole Morrison Ages 11+ This Canadian Red Cross Course

provides knowledge for feeding, bedtime, first aid, creating a safe environment and how to handle emergencies. Bring a lunch.

March 15, 2025

9 am – 4:30 pm

\$65

Montrose Hall
Call BV Recreation at 231-5172

SHOOT WITH THE NITEHAWKS

Sunday, February 23, 2025 3 – 4:30 pm \$3 Youth, \$4 Adult, \$10 Family Bring your stick and helmet.

PM GENTLE YOGA

Instructor: Jodi Ihas

Thursdays
Starting January 9, 2025
7 - 8:15 pm
\$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x, \$14 drop in
(Pass can be used at all regular
Yoga classes and BWB&B)
Fruitvale Hall
To pay over the phone, call BV
Recreation at 231-5172 or bring
cash or cheque to Jodi at class

A.C.T. FITNESS CLASS

Instructor: Violet Richtsfeld

Aerobic + Chair + Tone. Bring a set of 1 or 2 lbs hand held weights and water bottle.

Tuesdays & Thursdays
January 7 – March 27, 2025
(omit January 16)
Make up class on January 17)
9:30 - 10:30 am
Montrose Hall
\$110 - 10 punch pass, \$13 drop in

Call Violet at 367-6448 for more info.

BODY WEIGHT, BANDS & BALLS

Instructor: Wendy Robertsen Fitness bands and 2-5 lb weights are required. For all fitness levels. Mondays & Thursdays Starting January 6, 2025 Noon – 1 pm at Fruitvale Hall \$75 - 6x, \$120 – 12x, \$14 drop in (Pass can be used at all regular Yoga classes) To pay over the phone, call BV

Recreation at 231-5172 or bring

cash or cheque to Wendy at class

AM GENTLE YOGA

Instructor: Wendy Robertsen Wednesdays
Starting January 8, 2025
9 – 10:15 am
\$75 - 6x, \$120 – 12x, \$14 drop in (Pass can be used at all regular Yoga classes and BWB&B)
Montrose Hall
To pay over the phone, call BV
Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to Wendy at class

ZUMBA ages 12+ Instructor: April Arnot

Mondays at Fruitvale Hall
Thursdays at Montrose Hall
(Thursday's cancelled for
May & June)
Starting January 6, 2025
(omit Feb 17, Apr 21, May 19)
6:30 - 7:30 pm
\$50 - 5x, \$92 - 10x, \$172 - 20x,
\$12 drop in
To pay over the phone, call BV
Recreation at 231-5172 or bring
cash or cheque to April at class

ZUMBA GOLD

Instructor: April Arnot

A low-impact modified Zumba® dance fitness class perfect for beginners of all fitness levels.

Wednesdays
January 8 – June 25, 2025
(omit April 30)
9:30 - 10:30 am \$12 drop in

\$50 - 5x, \$92 - 10x, \$172 - 20x, Tae Kwon Do Gym To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to April at class

CHAIR YOGA

Instructor: Abby Verigin
Starting January 7, 2025
Tuesdays from 10 - 11 am
Fridays from noon - 1 pm
(omit Jan 17 & 21, Feb 18, Mar 18,
Apr 15, May 16 & 20)
A gentle, seated style of yoga made
for all bodies & abilities
\$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x, \$14 drop in
(Pass can be used at all regular
Yoga classes and BWB&B)
Fruitvale Hall
To pay over the phone, call BV
Recreation at 231-5172 or bring

NEW YOGA SERIES!

cash or cheque to Abby at class

With Abby Verigin
Payment only through Abby
Not part of punch pass option

Series #1 Stretch + Release Yoga Wednesdays, Jan 8 - Feb 12 6 - 7:15 pm at Montrose Hall \$110 for the series, \$20 drop in A rejuvenating practice designed to release tension, reduce stress & enhance mobility. Combining gentle stretching with the soothing benefits of self-massage using yoga props like rollers and balls, this series helps target tight muscles, ease discomfort, and promote deep relaxation. Each session encourages mindful movement. self-care, and the restoration of balance in both body and mind.

Series #2 Yoga for Stress Relief Wednesdays, Feb 19 - March 26 6 - 7:15 pm at Montrose Hall \$110 for the series, \$20 drop in This practice is designed to help individuals manage and reduce stress through mindful yoga practices. Abby combines gentle movements, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques to create a calming experience for your nervous system. Each session focuses on easing physical and mental tension, fostering a sense of peace and balance within.

SENIOR LINE DANCE

Instructor: April Biscaro
Learn the basic steps of Country &
Western Line Dancing. You do not
need a partner. Everyone welcome!
Fridays
January 10 – April 11
10 - 11 am
Fruitvale Hall
For more information,
call April at 921-9733

ZUMBA KIDS

Instructor: April Arnot
Kids Jr. (ages 4-6) and Zumba Kids
(7-11) are great classes to get the
kids moving!
Mondays
January 20 – March 10, 2025
(omit February 17)
3:30 - 4 pm Kids Jr. \$40
4:15 - 5 pm Kids \$50
Fruitvale Hall
Call BV Recreation at 231-5172

GLOW SKATES

Fridays & Sundays
During public skating sessions

TOONIE SKATES

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 - 11 am

BV YAN GLOW SKATE

February 28 & March 21 8 - 10 pm All BV youth ages 12-16 are welcome to attend FREE!

X-MAS EVE SKATE

Tuesday
December 24
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Free admission, skate rentals, hot
dogs and juice boxes. Compliments
of the BV Lions Club. Get your
picture taken with Santa!

There is limited public skating and Drop in Hockey in Jan & Feb due to six hockey tournaments.

CHRISTMAS SKATING

December 21 - 23 12:30 - 2 pm
December 24 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
December 27 - 30 12:30 - 2 pm
January 2 - 3 12:30 - 2 pm
A big thank you to the following
sponsors for providing FREE skating
over the Holidays: BV Lions Club,
Western Financial Group, BV Dental
Centre, KSCU, Glacier Edge
Motorsports, Fruitvale Canco, Atco
Wood Products & Fruitvale CO-OP.

JAN PUBLIC SKATING

January **12** 3 – 4:30 pm January **19** 3 – 4:30 pm January **26** 3 – 4:30 pm

FEB PUBLIC SKATING

February 2 3 – 4:30 pm February 14 12:30 – 2 pm February 16 3 – 4:30 pm February 28 6 – 7:30 pm

March public skating will be advertised later.

DROP IN HOCKEY

Full hockey gear required for ages 7+. Ages 2-6 requires helmet. \$5 admission at the skate shop. Dec 8, 5 - 6pm, Ladies Dec 21, 10 - 11am, ages 2-6 Dec 21, 11 - noon, ages 12-16 Dec 21, 5 - 6pm, Ladies Dec 22, 2:30 - 3:30pm, ages 2-6 Dec 22, 3:30 - 4:30pm, ages 7-11 Dec 23, 10 - 11am, ages 7-11 Dec 23, 11 - noon, ages 12-16 Dec 27, 10 - 11am, ages 2-6 Dec 27, 11 - noon, ages 7-11 Dec 28, 10 - 11am, ages 2-6 Dec 28, 11 - noon, ages 7-11 Dec 28, 2:30 - 3:30pm, ages 12-16 Dec 29, 2:30 - 3:30pm, ages 7-11 Dec 29, 3:30 - 4:30pm, ages 12-16 Dec 30, 2:30 - 3:30pm, ages 2-6 Dec 30, 3:30 - 4:30pm, ages 12-16 Dec 30, 5 - 6pm, Ladies Jan 2, 2:30 - 3:30pm, ages 2-6

Jan 2, 3:30 - 4:30pm, ages 7-11

Jan 2, 4:45 - 5:45pm, ages 12-16











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JINGLE EXPRESS CHRISTMAS TRAIN



The Jingle Express Train will be riding the rails on Saturday, December 7, leaving the Pole Yard Lane 'Station' on the hour from 9:00am until 3:00pm.

All train times have been SOLD OUT, however sometimes people don't show up for their train ride so there may be seats available after ticket holders board their respective train. There are no guarantees that seats will be available, but if you are at the train just before the scheduled time, you can ask the train conductor if there are any.

Thanks to your generosity for the train tickets, we were able to donate \$1642.00 to the Beaver Valley Food Bank.





SPECIAL REMINDER

If you are travelling on the highways and you see a section of road in the Kootenay-Boundary region that needs attention call 1-888-630-1420.

The phones are monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week.







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