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The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

Fill the Boots for Food Drive – November 18 and 19

For the 25th year, firefighters will be collecting cash donations for the Salvation Army and new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services on Saturday, November 18 (9 am to 6 pm) and Sunday, November 19 (10 am to 2 pm).

Parksville firefighters will be at Wembley Mall (Save-on-Foods, Canadian Tire and BC Liquor Store), Corfield Plaza (Thrifty Foods and Mid Island Liquor), Quality Foods and Cascadia Liquor, and the BC Liquor Store at the old Quality Foods location. Donations are extremely important to provide for less fortunate in our community. Details on how you can donate directly to these organizations at Parksvillefirerescue.ca.



THINGS TO KNOW

Deadline to claim a retroactive **Home Owner Grant for 2022** (subject to qualifications) as well as the deadline to defer 2023 property taxes is December 31, 2023. More info or to apply, contact the Province of BC at 1 888 355-2700, online at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferral

Licence Renewals - business licences and dog licence renewals will be mailed in early December and are due January 31, 2024. Details will be posted to our website.

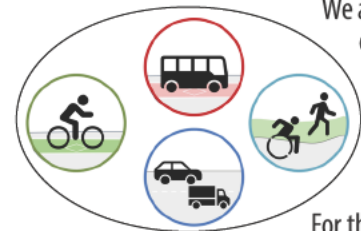
Winter conditions - info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City is on our website [[Quicklink/Winter Conditions](#)] with tips on how residents can prepare and how to help.

Remembrance Day Ceremony in Parksville will be held on Saturday, November 11 at the Cenotaph on Craig Street. The ceremony begins at 10.40 am with a flyover at 11 am. Following the service, the Mount Arrowsmith Legion will welcome guests.

Veteran Remembrance banners honouring local veterans who lost their lives in World War I and World War II are displayed along the Island Highway. There are stories about the veterans on our website; we encourage you to take a few minutes to read these stories, you won't be disappointed. [[City Hall/Veterans](#)]

Reminder about leaves on streets - leaf control is the responsibility of property owners. Leaves must not be raked or blown from lawns onto the street in anticipation of the sweeper truck intended to remove leaves which fall onto the streets resulting in blocked catch basins and safety hazards for cyclists and pedestrians. Blowing or raking leaves into the gutter is illegal and subject to a fine of \$75 (Traffic Bylaw 1436).

Help Shape the Future of Transportation in Parksville



We are developing a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan which will guide the future direction of transportation infrastructure in Parksville. The plan will be designed to improve mobility, both for year-round residents and tourists in the summer season based on current capacity and user experiences as well as projected future growth. We are seeking your input on how this plan can improve your experiences of mobility in the City for all modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, transit, and driving.

For those not able to make the open house today (2 to 7 pm, 100 Jensen Avenue East), an online survey is open until December 3. Your responses help us understand the key issues impacting your mobility in the City, and how they could be improved. Information presented at the open house as well as the survey at Letstalkparksville.ca/transportation-plan.

Parksville's 2024-2028 Financial Plan

We're working on the 2024-2028 financial plan which guides how the City will provide services and infrastructure to residents. As part of the process, we are looking for your input. The five-year financial plan outlines how resources will be allocated to achieve Council's identified strategic goals and enable City departments to deliver services in a fiscally responsible manner. The City strives to maintain quality programs and services for our residents and keep property taxes and utility fees affordable for businesses and homeowners.



Mark your calendars, the public is welcome to attend meetings when Council will discuss the provisional financial plan. Details and how you can participate at Letstalkparksville.ca/financial-plan-2024. Meetings will be held from 10 am to noon and 2 to 4 pm on Monday, November 27 and Monday, December 11.



City Dates

November 8	Transportation Master Plan Open House
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	Statutory Holiday (offices closed)
November 18-19	Fill the Boots for Food Drive
November 20	Council Meeting
November 22	Public Hearing
November 27	2024-2028 Financial Plan Meeting
December 4	Council Meeting
December 9	Cookies, Carols and More!
December 11	2024-2028 Financial Plan Meeting
December 18	Council Meeting
December 25/26	Holidays (offices closed)
January 1	New Year's Day (offices closed)

Cookies, Carols and More!

Mark your calendars for **Cookies, Carols and More!** and celebrate the holiday season with family, friends and neighbours on Saturday, December 9 from 2-4 pm at the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen Avenue. This holiday festivity hosted by the City, will feature entertainment, visit from Santa, holiday photo backdrop (bring your camera), cookies, hot chocolate bar, and activities for kids and their families including ornament decorating, holiday colouring and facepainting. *Everyone welcome, it's not just for the kids!*



2024 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 31. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by January 31, after which time applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After January 31, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event. Policy and forms on the website [[City Hall/Special Events Procedures](#)]. More info, 250 248-5412 or ops@parksville.ca.

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