



June 13, 2024

CELEBRATE

Canada Day 2024
IN PARKSVILLE

Monday, July 1
FREE community event!

PARADE | FOOD TRUCKS | LIVE MUSIC | AND MORE!

City of Parksville [LetsTalkParksville.ca/CanadaDay](https://www.letsstalkparksville.ca/CanadaDay)

Free Family Fun at ...

Parksville's Canada Day Celebrations!

We have an amazing family-friendly day planned to bring together our region's residents and visitors to celebrate Canada's 157th on July 1 in Parksville. We hope you enjoy the day celebrating all things red and white in Parksville.

Canada Day fun kicks off with the Shriner's pancake breakfast, then the popular Parksville Canada Day parade followed by activities in the Parksville Community Park. The Parksville Outdoor Theatre will feature *Bobs and Lolo* for the young and young at heart, and the band, *The Apollos*, with afternoon dance music. There's live music all day in the waterfront gazebo and gathering plaza and so many great food trucks near the sport fields.

Last call for entries to Parksville's Canada Day parade; deadline is June 24. With a good variety of parade entries, we are truly looking forward to a great parade. Parade applications and info on [Let's Talk Parksville](https://www.letsstalkparksville.ca). Info about Parksville's Canada Day activities on [Let's Talk Parksville](https://www.letsstalkparksville.ca) and on our [Canada Day Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/canadadayparksville) page. Email canadaday@parksville.ca with any questions.

Here's how the day is looking:

7.30 am	CCCU lot on Craig Street	Shriner's pancake breakfast
10 am	Island Highway East	Canada Day Parade

Join the fun in the Parksville Community Park

Noon	Opening ceremony	Parksville Outdoor Theatre
1 pm	<i>Bobs & LoLo</i>	Parksville Outdoor Theatre
2 pm	Canada Day cake and cupcakes	Picnic Shelter
2.30 pm	Music with <i>The Apollos</i>	Parksville Outdoor Theatre
11 am to 7 pm	Food trucks	Near sports fields
1 to 9 pm	Live music	Gathering Plaza and Gazebo

And a few things...

- Bring your chairs or blankets to enjoy the entertainment at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre.
- Bring a cooler, a picnic or plan to enjoy the many food trucks on site, open through early evening. Picnic tables and spaces are available throughout the park.
- Sandcastle Drive to Arbutus Point will be closed to vehicles for the day with accessible parking in the park and general parking in the lot behind the curling rink. **Other public parking lots in Parksville.**
- Lions Ventureland Playground, splash park and Parksville Bay beach open for visitors.
- Sun protection such as sunscreen, hat, sunglasses.
- Add fun to your day, bring a frisbee, lawn games, kite, bubbles.

Celebrate Canada
Celebrate Parksville
Celebrate Community!

Dance With Me at Memorial

Free! Fun! Everyone welcome!

July 4	Line Dance
July 18	Salsa
August 1	West Coast Swing
August 18	Line Dance

JUST DANCE
6 to 8 pm

Instruction by Sara Raymond Dance Academy
and music by DJ Dave Graham

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The graphic features a central banner with the title 'Dance With Me at Memorial' in a cursive font. Below the title, it says 'Free! Fun! Everyone welcome!' and lists four dance events with their dates: July 4 (Line Dance), July 18 (Salsa), August 1 (West Coast Swing), and August 18 (Line Dance). To the left is a circular logo for 'JUST DANCE' with the time '6 to 8 pm'. To the right is an illustration of four stylized dancers in various colors (blue, pink, purple, green) performing different dance moves. At the bottom, there are logos for the City of Parksville, the website 'parksville.ca | parksvilledowntown.ca', and the Parksville Downtown Business Association.

Following successful events in 2023, the City of Parksville, in partnership with the Parksville Downtown Business Association, will once again host *Dance with Me at Memorial* events at the Memorial Plaza, Alberni Highway and Memorial Avenue. It's your chance to learn some new dance moves with free dance instruction by Sara Raymond Dance Academy and music by our favourite DJ, Dave Graham. Dust off

your dancing (runners) shoes and join in the fun again this year.

We're excited to host these community events at Memorial Plaza and closer to the dates, details will be posted on City and PDBA websites. *Dance with Me at Memorial* is a fun, active and social community event for all ages. Bring your family, friends, or come meet others while you learn new dance moves, spectators welcome and no dance experience required.

CITY SERVICES

Property Taxes Due July 2

If you have not received your 2024 tax notice, phone 250 248-6144. Payments must be received, and homeowner grants claimed by due date of July 2 to avoid a penalty. All eligible homeowners are required to apply for their homeowner grant with the Province of BC at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or by phone at **1 888 355-2700**. When making a payment at a bank or through online banking, allow minimum of two business days for bank processing. Regardless of method, payment must be received at the City by July 2 or be subjected to an immediate 5% penalty. An additional 5% penalty will be applied to current year property taxes outstanding at the end of business on September 16. Penalties are also applied to any unclaimed homeowner grants.

The 2024-2028 financial plan, tax rates and utility rates bylaws were given final adoption by Council in May. The bylaws reflect a 6.6% increase in general municipal property taxes, a 5% increase in metered water and water parcel tax rates, and a 3% increase in sanitary sewer usage and parcel tax rates. More info at letstalkparksville.ca/financial-plan-2024.

[2024 Property Tax Brochure](#)

Share Your Feedback on Comms Initiatives

We're looking for your feedback, ideas, thoughts on City communications initiatives. It's been a while since we checked in to see how you wish to receive information about programs, activities and projects, and we are in the beginning stages of a website redesign project and looking to gather feedback from residents, businesses and visitors. The online survey, open to July 29, will take a few minutes of your time... so thank you!

The website is one of our key communications tools for the community to connect with the City and stay informed. We're redesigning and replacing our City website to be more user friendly, accessible and customer focused and wish to improve the experience for residents, businesses and visitors when viewing our website. Your feedback is valuable to this process. As well, it will be beneficial for us to know how you prefer to receive information from the City and how you prefer to provide your feedback. Don't be shy, share your thoughts in our survey!



[TAKE THE SURVEY!](#)

You Know It's Summer When...*the Pym Street garden is planted!*

The much-loved annual Pym Street garden display, different every year, is designed and created by our talented parks team and is meant to bring awareness about bees and their habitat.

Bees play a crucial role in our ecosystem as pollinators, aiding in the reproduction of many plants and crops that we rely on for food. However, these essential creatures are facing a concerning decline in population. To raise awareness about this issue and to provide a haven for our beloved bees, the Pym Street display garden is dedicated to showcasing their importance and the beauty of their habitat. The garden will serve as a sanctuary for bees and other pollinators, offering them a safe space to thrive.

In other areas of the City, we are cultivating more native plants which will support bees as well. Native plant flowers provide bees with a diverse and abundant source of nectar and pollen, essential for their survival and well-being. These untamed beauties not only offer sustenance but also create a rich and biodiverse ecosystem that benefits both bees and other wildlife.

Native plants are nature's resilience champions against drought! Unlike their non-native counterparts, they've evolved over centuries to thrive in our local climates, making them more resilient to dry spells. The parks team will mix native plants along with drought tolerant non-native plants in many City flower beds to better adapt to our dry summers.



REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW

Lights on Alberni Highway

During the week of June 24, a City contractor will reconfigure the lights on the trees along Alberni Highway. Work, which is scheduled to begin Monday, June 24, between the hours of 7.30 am to 3.30 pm, will most likely take the better part of the week. The existing lights will be replaced as needed and additional lights added to enhance lighting on Alberni Highway.

The contractor will begin the work near the Royal Bank on the east side of Alberni Highway, moving towards the Chevron Station at Highway 19A. The second phase

of the work will start at the CIBC at Highway 19A working up Alberni Highway to the Rod and Gun liquor store. During the week of June 24, parking on Alberni Highway will be interrupted. As the lights are installed and it is safe to do so, parking spaces will be made available.

2023 Annual Report

The City's annual report available for review on our [website](#), will be formally presented to Council on June 17. Comments are welcome and details on our [website](#).

Permissive Tax Exemptions

Under the provisions of the *Community Charter*, Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Deadline is 4 pm, June 28. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the [website](#).

Stage 2 water restriction

Residents are encouraged to conserve where possible; taking conservation measures early, before our water supplies come under stress, is essential to ensure we can maintain an adequate water supply throughout the hot dry summers we have come to expect. **Stage 2** is in effect through September 30 (unless otherwise notified). Stage 2 allows for every other day lawn watering between 7-10 am OR 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions. Details on our [website](#). Questions to bylaw@parksville.ca.

No Open Burning or Fireworks

Parksville Fire Rescue reminds residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area that all open burning and outdoor fires, excluding cooking fires, are prohibited. At this time, campfires are allowed. Please be aware, beach fires in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management are always prohibited by provincial legislation.

Fireworks are prohibited in the City as is the sale of any type of fireworks. Report beach fires to RAPP line at 1 877 952-7277 and fireworks should be reported to the RCMP.



Recycle BC Pop-up Depot

The depot in Parksville is accepting free of charge, flexible plastic packaging, white and coloured foam packaging, glass packaging and paper packaging and cardboard. Materials may be dropped off from 10 am to 3 pm at 1080 Industrial Way, Parksville on June 22, July 6, July 13, July 27, and August 10. For more dates and info, visit Recycle BC [website](#).

WE'RE HIRING!

We are seeking qualified candidates for these positions:

Administrative Assistant II Float
Engineering Technologists II and III

More info here

PARKSVILLE COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 17

Our next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 17 at 1 pm. Here's some general information for you:

- Meeting agendas are posted to the website on the Thursday before a Monday meeting.
- Meetings may be viewed from webstreaming on our website, both live and archived.
- We post meeting highlights to the website the day after the Council meeting, a great way to catch up on decisions made by Council.
- The public is welcome to attend meetings in person. Meetings are held in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East.
- Comments may be emailed to council@parksville.ca. Residents wishing comments to be considered by Council prior to the meetings, should be received by 4 pm on the working day before the meeting.

[Agendas](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Reports](#)

CITY DATES

June 17	Council Meeting
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 2	Property taxes due
July 3	Council Meeting
July 4	Dance with Me at Memorial
July 15	Council Meeting
July 18	Dance with Me at Memorial
August 1	Dance with Me at Memorial
August 5	BC Day (offices closed)
August 15	Dance with Me at Memorial

Please note, Council does not meet in August.

For more information:

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