



Parksville's Canada Day Celebrations

Canada Day celebrations in Parksville will bring together our region's residents and visitors to celebrate Canada. We hope you will connect with families, neighbours and friends at our Canada Day festivities in Parksville. Free family-friendly fun in the sun starts with Shriner's breakfast, Canada Day parade and activities in the Parksville Community Park.

- Bring your chairs or blankets to Parksville Outdoor Theatre for *Bobs & Lolo* and *The Apollos*.
- Live entertainment in the gathering plaza and waterfront gazebo, 1 to 9 pm.
- Food trucks featuring local cuisine, 11 am to early evening.
- Sandcastle Drive to Arbutus Point closed to vehicles for the day with accessible parking in the park and general parking in the lot behind the curling rink.
- Lions Ventureland Playground, splash park and Parksville Bay beach open for visitors.

Parksville's Canada Day Parade is the Best!

Do you have a community group or organization you would like to promote? Are you the coach or organizer of an amazing team, or sports organization? Dance troupe? Cultural organization? Local business or non-profit agency? Get together, decorate your float and join Parksville's Canada Day parade. Application deadline June 24 [letstalkparksville.ca/canaday].

Dance with Me at Memorial

The City of Parksville and Parksville Downtown Business Association are hosting *Dance with Me at Memorial* events, your chance to learn some new dance moves with free dance instruction by Sara Raymond Dance Academy and music by favourite DJ, Dave Graham. Join us rain or shine, Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm – July 4, July 18, August 1, and August 15. We will feature popular line dancing on July 4, Salsa lessons on July 18, West Coast Swing on August 1, and we finish up our summer *Dance with Me* with line dancing on August 15.

Dance with Me at Memorial is a fun, active and social community event for all ages, intended to encourage community spirit through dance! Bring your family, friends, or come meet others while you learn new dance moves, spectators welcome and no dance experience required. We hope you will join in the fun again this year.



Property Taxes – Due Tuesday, 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.

THINGS TO KNOW

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.



2023 Annual Report is available for review on our website and will be formally presented to Council on June 17. Comments are welcome and info on our website.

Water Restriction 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. Questions to bylaw@parksville.ca [Quicklinks/Water Conservation].

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 [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions].

Share Your Feedback on City Communications 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 at [letstalkparksville.ca/comms-survey2024].

City Dates

June 17	Council Meeting
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
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
September 2	Labour Day (offices closed)
September 4	Council Meeting

*No Council meetings in August

*It's Your City will be published July 31, September 18

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