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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.

Parksville Firefighters Annual Food and Toy Drive



It's that time of the year when Parksville Fire Rescue members ask the community to support this year's "Fill the Boots for Food" drive. Firefighters will collect cash donations for the Salvation Army and new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services on **Saturday, November 16 (9 am to 6 pm)** and **Sunday, November 17 (10 am to 2 pm)**. Firefighters will be at locations in the City, such as grocery stores, asking residents to generously support the Salvation Army food bank with cash donations.

Donations are extremely important to the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized Services to provide for less fortunate in our community. Each year, residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area generously support the annual drive and are the reason for its success. This drive and the generosity of our residents make a true difference to many during the holiday season.

Celebrate with the City at Cookies, Carols and More!

Get ready for a magical afternoon filled with holiday cheer at the City of Parksville's annual Cookies, Carols and More! event. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 7 from 2 to 4:30 pm** and gather your kids, families, friends, and neighbours to join in the festivities and fun at the Jensen Centre (132 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville). Activities include crafts and games for kids and parents, live music and entertainment, facepainting, cookies and hot chocolate bar, and of course, a visit from Santa.

Parksville Council is pleased to host this free event for a second year and look forward to seeing you there, spreading joy and holiday cheer! This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with your community, forge new friendships, and create lasting memories. Everyone welcome! More info on our website.

Next week, the **North Pole mailbox** will be at 100 Jensen Avenue East ready to collect letters for Santa. Kids can bring letters or write one here, envelopes ready and no postage necessary!



Help Shape Parksville's 2025-2029 Financial Plan

Each year, the City prepares a five-year financial plan, a complex process which includes input from City departments, Council briefings and public consultation. Guided by Council priorities, the annual budget is part of the five-year financial plan which sets the priority services, programs and initiatives for the next five years and how the City will pay for them. Public participation ensures the plan reflects the community's priorities and assists Council to balance individual needs and the needs of a growing community.

Refer to the City's website and *Let's Talk Parksville* for details about how you can participate in the process. Presentations from Council financial plan meetings may be viewed on *Let's Talk Parksville* as well as info about participating in the process.



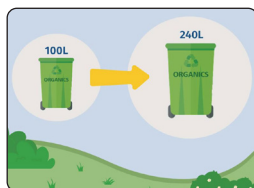
REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

2025 Special Events 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 November 30. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by November 30, after which time applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After November 30, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event. Policy and forms on the website [Quicklink/Special Event Info]. Questions to events@parksville.ca.

F3 Networks Canada continues to go door to door in Parksville requesting permission from homeowners to install a fibre optic line to homes. F3 Networks has a commercial agreement with TELUS to bring the Purefibre services to homes. The representative will explain the steps to have this work completed including an approximate timeline and no work will be done on private property without permission. More info on our website.

Deadline to claim a retroactive home owner grant for 2023 is December 31 (subject to qualifications), also the deadline to defer 2024 property taxes. For more info or to apply, contact Province of BC at 1 888 355-2700 or online gov.bc.ca - *homeowner grant or property tax deferral*.

RDN's expanded curbside organics collection program is open until November 30. Recognizing residents regularly transport yard waste to facilities for composting, residents have the option to order larger organics cart. Visit getinvolved.rdn.bca.com/expanded-organics or call 250 390-5680, Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 4 pm (October 28 to November 8 and November 18 to 29).



No watering restrictions through March 31, unless otherwise advised. We appreciate the efforts of our residents to conserve water during stages 3 and 4 water conservation. Info about water conservation levels and Arrowsmith Water Service and Englishman River Water Service links for information about the City's water sources, supply, management, and usage, as well as frequently asked questions.

Licence renewals - business licences and dog licence renewals will be mailed in early December and are due January 31, 2025. Details will be posted to our website.

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

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).

City Dates

November 16-17	Parksville Fire <i>Fill the Boots for Food Drive</i>
November 18	Council Meeting
December 2	Council Meeting
December 7	<i>Cookies, Carols and More!</i>
December 16	Council Meeting
December 25-27	City offices closed
January 1	City offices closed
January 20	Council Meeting
February 3	Council Meeting

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