

## ACTION FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE JUNE 2 - JUNE 4



You won't want to miss this action packed weekend full of events and activities for everyone. Summerland will be hustling and bustling with visitors, families and friends.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Giant's Head Run and Man of Steel Triathlon being held June 3. Registration forms for the Giant's Head Run or Man of Steel Triathlon are available at the Aquatic & Fitness Centre or online at [www.runningroom.com](http://www.runningroom.com).

- Man of Steel Triathlon - bike, swim and run for all ages and levels
- Giant's Head Run - 5km or 10km walk or run - family friendly event
- Slo-pitch tournament all weekend at fields around Summerland
- Music, entertainment, and vendors in Memorial Park
- Fireworks on Friday night
- Parade on Saturday 10:00am
- Dance on Saturday night

Please watch out for runners and bikers during the races and minimize road usage Saturday, June 3rd 7am—8:30am (Bike) and 6pm—7:30pm (Run).

For full details on all of the events taking place on Action Festival weekend, please visit [www.summerlandactionfestival.ca](http://www.summerlandactionfestival.ca).

### RDOS Solid Waste Management Plan

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is looking to amend the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. The District of Summerland has been approached by the RDOS with a proposal to be a potential site for a regional composting operation at a site adjacent to the Summerland Landfill. The other possible site option is on Marron Valley Road in Penticton.

Suggested changes to the RDOS Regional Solid Waste Management Plan affect many communities. Other proposals relating to Summerland include:

- Supply and use of carts for residential collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste effective July 2018
- Development of a turned windrow operation at the Summerland Landfill for residentially collected food waste from the Summerland area

The RDOS will hold a series of public open houses in various communities to receive input from residents and discuss potential changes.

**RDOS Public Meeting in Summerland**  
**Wed. May 17, 2017 at 6:30pm**  
**Presentation at 7:00pm**  
**IOOF HALL on Main Street**

Residents are encouraged to attend the information sessions to learn the pros and cons of the suggested plans, ask questions and to provide feedback. If you are unable to attend these meetings you can contact RDOS at 250-490-4129 or email [organics@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:organics@rdos.bc.ca).

Visit the RDOS website for further details [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca).

### Property Tax Notices



Property Tax Notices will be mailed out by the end of May. Property taxes, including eligible Home Owner Grants, will be **due by 4:00pm on Friday, July 7th, 2017**.

**Please advise Municipal Hall if you have not received your notice by early June.**

Details about Home Owner Grants, payments and tax information can be found on the insert sent with your tax notice or on our website. Call the Finance Department if you have questions or email [propertytax@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytax@summerland.ca).

### Jones Flat / Garnet Valley - Update

The Jones Flat/Garnet Valley Water System Separation project continues to move forward. Watermain installation has been completed to the new pumpstation located near 19106 Garnet Valley Road and paving is complete on Jones Flat Road, Watson Avenue, and Washington Avenue. The road construction has now shifted to Garnet Valley Road. Paving up to the new pumphouse is expected to be completed by mid-May. Watermain installation will resume on Garnet Valley continuing north from 19202 Garnet Valley Road. Construction on the new pumphouse will also continue throughout May.

The District appreciates everyone's patience and understanding as they deal with the traffic delays experienced near the construction zone. We understand this is an inconvenience; however, these delays are required to allow the work to be completed efficiently and safely. Please observe traffic control as flaggers and a pilot car are on site for the safety of everyone. For the latest updates, follow this project on Facebook (@GarnetValleyWater), Twitter (@GarnetValleyH20) or on the District's website at [summerland.ca/garnetvalley](http://summerland.ca/garnetvalley).

## Are you Wish-cycling or Recycling?

When you're unsure if something is recyclable, do you put it in the recycling blue bag anyway hoping it can be recycled? If so, you're guilty of Wish-cycling, a well-intentioned but harmful practice that can cause an entire load of recycling to become garbage.



Materials that aren't meant to be recycled cause challenges for the sorting equipment at recycling facilities, and improperly sorted batches of material are considered 'contaminated' - meaning they must be thrown away rather than being remade into new products. It also slows down the process when materials get caught up in machinery that isn't designed to handle them.

Recyclable items differ depending where in the world you live. Visit [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) to find out what materials are accepted in Summerland's curbside collection and at the landfill, and do your part to recycle properly. Remember, although it seems like a great idea, tossing potentially unrecyclable items into your blue bag ends up costing time, money, and ultimately creates far more waste.



## Leashes Required Dog-Gone-It

The period that dogs are allowed to be off leash at Peach Orchard Park has now ended. Until October 1st, dogs must be leashed at all times - unless they are enjoying a dip at the Doggie Beach at Peach Orchard.

Please obey all signs regarding dogs and please pick up after your dogs. If you forgot your doggie bag, doggie bags are available in many areas.

## LANDFILL TIPPING FEE CHANGE FOR REFUSE OVER 100 KILOGRAMS

Council has given the first three readings to a tipping fee increase at the Summerland Landfill and adoption is scheduled for the next Council Meeting, May 8.

Tipping fees for solid waste refuse taken to the landfill will increase from \$65/tonne to \$110/tonne. This applies to refuse over 100 kilograms.

Residential users disposing of waste less than 100 kilograms will not be affected as the \$6.50 minimum charge will remain unchanged.

The increase was necessary to keep Summerland's fees in line with other municipalities to discourage users outside of our municipality traveling to our landfill to take advantage of low rates which could have a significant negative effect on the future of our landfill.

**Once adopted, the fees will be effective May 15, 2017.**

**The Summer Recreation Brochure will be mailed out May 9. Registration is available online as well as at the Aquatic and Fitness office.**

## Thank you Summerland Skatepark Supporters!

Summerlanders showed their support at two recent fundraising events. Over \$1700 was raised at a local dinner and dance and over \$1500 was raised at the National Canadian Film Day/Silent Auction. Shirts and hats are available for purchase at Municipal Hall and the Fitness and Aquatic Centre. Cash donations are gladly accepted and tax receipts will be issued. Let's get that Skatepark built!



**The District is seeking volunteers for Council committees such as the Water Advisory Committee, Cultural Development Committee and the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Visit our website for details and information on how to apply.**



**2017 Bike to Work & School Week is May 29 - June 4**  
Register today at <https://www.biketowork.ca/summerland>

**WIN great prizes, including a Trip for 2 Cycling the Dalmatian Coast in Croatia and a Trip for 1 Cycling the amazing Okanagan Trestles Tour.**

## Pick Up Your Passport to Good Health

The District of Summerland will be celebrating Move for Health Day and ParticipACTION 150 Playlist with a Passport Challenge that will encourage residents to be active and get moving in recreation programs.



The Passport Challenge will run from Sunday, May 7 - Saturday, May 13. Pick up a "Passport" at the Aquatic and Fitness Centre and receive a stamp each time you participate in the recreation activities listed (applicable fees will apply to all Aquatic Programming). At the end of the week, passports can be entered into a draw to win a great prize.



To celebrate this brand new initiative, a kickoff event will be held on Sunday, May 7 from 9am - 1pm at Peach Orchard Park. Bring a lunch and join us for free Family Zumba, Family Yoga and other fun games and activities.

## Utility Bill Equal Payment Plan

If you are currently on the utility bill equal payment plan, the April billing period (due May 29) is the reconciliation month. The total amount due on your April invoice will reflect the difference between the actual utility charges for the year, less monthly instalments paid. Please check the amount due as we have had an unusually cold winter and the difference may be larger than expected.

On the other hand, if your payments were higher than your usage, a credit will show on your account (- negative amount) and will carry over onto next month's bill.

Next month's statement will reflect your new recalculated equal payment amount.

To apply for the Equal Payment Plan, complete an application at Municipal Hall by May 15. You must have lived in the residence for a minimum of 12 months and payments must be set up to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account.

## Watering Schedule

**(it is going to get hot one of these days)**

Summerland is in Stage One Watering Restrictions unless otherwise notified.

If your address is **odd** (the last digit ends in 1,3,5,7,9) you may water on Saturday, Monday and Thursday.

If your address is **even** (ends in 0,2,4,6,8) you may water on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

If you have an **underground sprinkler system**, you may water from midnight to 6am on your permitted days (either odd or even).

**Micro-irrigation, drip irrigation or a hose with a shutoff nozzle** can be used anytime to water trees, shrubs or veggies.

If you are planting new sod or seed and need to water more, please visit Municipal Hall about a Special Watering Permit.