

Action Festival Weekend

May 31—June 2

A weekend of fun for the whole family.

- Music, entertainment, and vendors in Memorial Park all weekend
- Slo-pitch tournament all weekend at fields around Summerland
- Fireworks on Friday night
- Giant's Head Run - 5km or 10km walk or run - family friendly event on Saturday
- Parade on Saturday morning
- Saturday night concert - get your tickets

Visit summerlandactionfestival.ca for a schedule of events.



Giant's Head Run

Saturday, June 1

Flashback to 1982! Since 1982 the Summerland Giant's Head Run has been a highlight of the community with both a 5km and

10km run. This year will be an 80's theme, where runners will be 'Kickin' it' in RETRO gear and prizes will be awarded to the best RETRO dressed. There will be added features along the way, running to 80's music and water spray stations. Join the fun and over \$2000 in prizes and 22 categories of awards. Visit the Summerland website for registration details or visit the Aquatic and Fitness Centre. Reduced fees for early birds registered by May 24.

Due to declining enrollment, the Man-Of-Steel triathlon will not be offered this year.

Agricultural Water Usage Data

In an effort to provide agricultural water users with timely data, the District will post monthly consumption reports on the website www.summerland.ca. Click on City Services then under Water click on Agricultural Water. The account is identified by the meter number (indicated in the recent letter sent to agricultural users).

If users prefer to monitor consumption manually, please take note of the meter read (indicated in the recent letter sent) and check the meter yourself to make sure the 800mm allotment is not exceeded.

If you require assistance, please call Municipal Hall.



Let's Celebrate the New Skatepark Grand Opening June 22

Join us Saturday, June 22, 11am - 2pm for the Summerland Skatepark Grand Opening!

There are lots of exciting events planned including demos, giveaways, music, food trucks and more. Everyone is welcome - come and check it out!

Preferred Site Identified for Solar+Storage Project

Council has selected the prime potential location for Summerland's Solar+Storage Project – a grant-funded 1 Megawatt solar array with 2 Megawatts of battery storage.

Summerland's project is unique to the Okanagan and is just one step in the District's plan to implement sustainable initiatives that make the community more resilient.

Following a review of all District-owned properties, the District's former Public Works yard & storage area located at 13500 Prairie Valley Road/12591 Morrow Ave/Denike Street was found to offer the best balance of appropriate zoning and long-term land use, environmental protection and available co-benefits.



A large portion of the site has been previously disturbed, including a large paved section with removed trees and foliage. The project provides an opportunity to remediate these impacts and to return the disturbed area of the site to productive use.

Due to its raised elevation and topography, the proposed site is generally not visible from the lower elevation residential and rural areas which surround the site, and the visual impacts are considered minor.

As the site area is highly valued for recreational uses, one of the potential co-benefits of the project is the possibility to add recreational amenities such as parking, maps, and picnic benches.

A detailed review of the site conditions and confirmation of the site-specific costs and considerations is currently underway and will provide the information needed to finalize the site planning and design.

For more information visit www.summerland.ca/solar or contact climate.action@summerland.ca or call 250-404-4068.



Property Tax Notices

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

July 5, 2019. Contact 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 the tax notice or on our website. The Finance Department will be pleased to help you with any questions, call 250-494-6451 or email propertytaxes@summerland.ca.



Make your Home “Unbearable”

Now that bears are awakening from their winter slumber, it is time to bear proof yards. Once a bear becomes used to human food sources it becomes

habituated, usually resulting in the bear being destroyed. Here are some household tips:

- **Garbage** - properly secure garbage and keep it indoors until pick-up or until you can bring it to the landfill. Place your carts at the curb no earlier than 5:00am on your scheduled collection day. Consider upgrading to a wildlife cart.
- **Compost**– properly care for your compost by turning it and layering it appropriately to reduce odours.
- **Fruit Trees and Grapes**- make sure to harvest fruit immediately.
- **Pet food, Birdfeeders and Gardens** are all attractants for bears. Keep your pet food securely stored indoors.
- **Barbeques**– limit smells by keeping your barbeques properly cleaned and covered.

Report wildlife encounters to the BC Conservation Officer at 1-877-952-7277 or visit www.wildsafebc.com for information.



Doggone It!

The temporary period that dogs can be off leash at Peach Orchard Park came to an end April 30th. Dogs are required to be leashed at all times in parks (unless they are enjoying a swim at the Doggie Beach). Dogs will again be allowed to be without a leash at Peach Orchard Park starting October 1st.

Summerland is in Stage One Watering Restrictions

Unless otherwise notified - Summerland is in Stage One. 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 planting new sod or seed, please visit Municipal Hall about a Special Watering Permit.

No Signs Please

Please be reminded that the District of Summerland does not permit permanent or temporary signs to be placed in the roundabouts, on power poles or light standards or anywhere within highway rights-of-way, unless expressly permitted in [Sign Bylaw No. 2013-026](#). The District may remove and impound any sign on District road rights-of-way that is in contravention with this Bylaw.

Snowpack Update

As of May 1 there is no snow remaining at the Headwaters or the Isintok Snow Survey Sites. Although no snow remains, the reservoirs continue to fill and many are either spilling or near spilling at this time. The District is confident that all District reservoirs will reach maximum storage.

Electrical Safety Day—May 16

Get ready for Electrical Safety Day, taking place in schools across B.C. on May 16. This annual initiative promotes electrical safety awareness so students have the tools to spot a hazard and know exactly what to do to stay safe around electricity.

With safety being a priority for the District, Summerland electrical staff will be on hand in schools on May 16 to go over the Electrical Safety Day video provided by BC Hydro.



Stay safe, give it space



Down. Danger. Dial.

Interactive activities will engage students and spark discussion on how to handle potential real-life scenarios like coming across a broken pole and a power line on the ground. There will be information designed specifically for the younger grades as well as the older students.

Summerland Beaches Concession Vending Opportunity

The District of Summerland has issued a request for Expressions of Interest for Summerland Beach Concession Vending for Peach Orchard Beach, Rotary Beach and Powell Beach for the 2019 season. Proposals for self-contained vendors/food trucks are welcomed (deadline May 22, 2019). For more information, visit the District Website www.summerland.ca/bids or call Lori Mullin, Recreation Manager 250-404-4084.

Utility Bill Equal Payment Plan

If you are currently on the utility bill equal payment plan, April is the reconciliation month. The total amount due on your April invoice will reflect the difference between the utility charges to date and the monthly payments received.

If the account has been under paid, the payment will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the May 29th due date to bring the utility account balance to zero. If the account has been overpaid, your account will have a credit “- amount” which will carry over to next month’s invoice.

The June utility invoice will reflect your new recalculated equal payment amount.

Those wanting to apply to be on the Utility Equal Payment Plan have until May 15. See the cashier for details.

New Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Looking for Volunteers

Municipal Council invites applications from persons interested in being considered for volunteer positions on the new Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. The District is looking for a diverse, knowledgeable group. Please complete a Committee Application Form found on the District website or at Municipal Hall, and email it to kjones@summerland.ca or drop it off to Municipal Hall no later than May 15, 2019.