



Be a "Snow Angel" this Winter

For safety reasons, it is important that snow is cleared from sidewalks, but for some this task can be very difficult. Snow Angel is a snow

removal awareness and recognition program to encourage residents to help their neighbours in need during the winter months. To be a Snow Angel, simply help out a neighbour and shovel snow or adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear whenever it snows.

Residents are encouraged to complete the nomination form found on the District's website or at Municipal Hall and let us know if a Snow Angel came to your rescue. The Mayor will acknowledge them with a certificate and their name will be entered into a draw. One lucky Snow Angel will win a gift certificate and be recognized in the March newsletter. Call Karen at Municipal Hall 250-404-4042 if you require more information.

Be a good neighbour this winter and make a difference in your community!



District of Summerland Holiday Schedule

Municipal Hall and the Works and Utilities Office

December 24th closed at 2pm

December 25th—January 3rd - closed

The Pool and Fitness Room

December 25th, 26th and January 1st- closed

Arena

December 24th, 25th, 26th and January 1st - closed Please refer to their Winter Brochure (mailed out Dec. 1st) for public skate and swim schedules.

The Fire Hall Office

December 25th and 26th, 27th and January 1st - closed

Landfill

December 25th and 26th, and January 1st - closed

Transit Bus

December 25th, 28th and January 1st - Not Operating

For water, sewer, roads, parks, or electrical utility emergencies please call 250-493-0005. Please visit the

Important Utility Information

Due to the Holiday Closure, the due date for utility bills this month will be **Wednesday, December 23rd, 2015.**

If you are moving, please come in or visit the District's website before closing on the 24th to advise moving details. December 25th - December 31st you can call 250-404-4059 and leave moving details. All other meter reading requests due to a move after Dec. 31 will be dealt with on January 4, 2016



Excitement Builds for the Skatepark

The first skatepark meeting with the design team was held last week and attended by Summerland residents of all ages. Everyone had the opportunity to indicate what features they would like to see included in a skatepark. Discussions also occurred regarding the need for an aesthetically pleasing skatepark with trees, landscaping and noise buffers. The need to address parking was also discussed.

If you didn't get the opportunity to attend the meeting, you can still provide your input by participating in a survey which can be found on the District's webpage. Once the design is complete, a successful FUNDRAISING campaign will be required to begin construction on the park. If you have experience with fundraising or are enthusiastic to help see this park developed, contact Brenda at the Rec Department 250-494-0447 or Karen at Municipal Hall 250-404-4042 for further details.

Summerland Sister City Japan Trip

Every few years, the Sister City delegation takes a trip to visit Summerland's Sister City, Toyokoro. Toyokoro is a town similar to Summerland. For over 20 years the two communities have shared economic and cultural experiences as well as friendships. Anyone interested in travelling with the Sister City delegation to Toyokoro, Japan in September are asked to contact Darlene at darleneaforsdick@yahoo.com or to call Lorrie at 250-488-3950 for further details and costs involved.

Irrigator Water Meter Rates (Blue Boxes) Open House

The next Irrigator Meter Rates open house will take place on **Tuesday, December 8th from 3:00pm - 7:00pm in Council Chambers, 13211 Henry Avenue.**

At this meeting the District will present rate, model and eligibility criteria selected from the first open house results as well as other rate examples.

Second Water Services Open House

Some residents have a domestic water meter as well as a 2nd water connection on their property. An open house will be held on **Wednesday, December 9th from 3:00pm - 7:00pm at the Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road.** Topics of interest are the retention of a second service, the cost of metering and installation, and the charge for water consumption. Please plan on attending.

A Few Council Highlights...

Check our website for full Council Minutes, Agendas and Broadcasts of meetings. Municipal Hall also has paper copies available. Shaw TV broadcasts on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00am.

- A zoning bylaw amendment to allow a two lot subdivision on 5818 Nixon Road was adopted.
- 14608 Washington Ave. received approval for a Development Variance Permit for reduced setbacks.
- A Temporary Use Permit Area will be issued to 13415 Lakeshore Drive to allow for the storage of wine barrels.
- The Director of Finance presented financial results as of September 30, 2015 at the November 9th meeting.
- An Environmental Assessment of Prairie Valley West Lands report was received for information and showed there are environmental values on this site. There will be public consultation on potential land uses in the new year.
- A representative from the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen gave a presentation on potential sites for the development of a regional composting facility. Staff was asked to prepare a report on the feasibility of a regional organic facility at the Summerland Landfill.

OOPS! In the November newsletter it was incorrectly reported that the Summerland Credit Union will generously be donating \$5000 for four large trees for Summerland's parks. It should have stated the contribution would cover eight large trees.



Christmas Tree Pickup

Want an easy, environmentally friendly way to dispose of your Christmas tree **PLUS** help out the Grads?

With a donation to the Summerland Dry Grad Class 2016, the Summerland Fire Department and the grad students will pick up your Christmas tree right from your house! Pick up dates will be Sunday, January 3rd and Sunday, January 10th, 2016. Please call the Fire Dept. at 250-404-4088 or email sfd@summerland.ca for more information or to advise which Sunday you would like your tree to be picked up. Trees will be chipped and used for compost.



Fire Training Facility

Summerland's firefighters will be able to train and become better prepared for emergencies in our community. The new Fire Training building, located at 9111 Bland Street, is now complete although the entire site will be completed in the spring. Our 3 career and 26 auxiliary members are looking forward to live, realistic training scenarios which will provide excellent training opportunities in structural fires, automobile fires and extrication, natural gas, propane and hazardous material emergencies, confined space rescue and much more. The training structure is constructed from new shipping containers. Once the entire project is complete, there will be a grand opening including a tour.

Toys and Toonies for Tots and Teens

The Summerland Fire Department and CIBC will be collecting **new, unwrapped gifts and toonies** for children and teens in Summerland. Make a difference in a child or teen's Christmas. Unwrapped gifts and toonies (to purchase items) can be dropped off at the Fire Hall or CIBC by Friday, December 11th, 2015. Thank you for supporting the children of Summerland!



Snow Removal Reminder



Municipal Bylaws require that you remove the snow and ice from public footpaths and sidewalks bordering your property (business or residential). **Any snow or ice that accumulates before noon must be removed by noon that day. If it snows in the afternoon, you have until noon of the next day to remove it.** Failure to do so could result in the District having the sidewalk cleaned at your expense. We ask that you use a de-icing agent that contains "CMA" for sidewalks, please do not use salt as it can cause damage. Please help to keep Summerland's sidewalks safe for all that use them.

Downed Power Line or Communication Lines Call 9-1-1

Residents witnessing power or communication lines that have fallen to the ground or are hanging in the roadway are asked to contact 9-1-1 directly. 9-1-1 will immediately dispatch the Fire Department who will secure the area making it safe for residents until the appropriate personnel can be dispatched to the site. **Always assume that downed lines are electrically energized and dangerous regardless of whether they are power, cable, or telephone lines. Keep a safe distance from downed lines and never approach or attempt to move them for any reason.**

Watch for the 2016 Curbside Garbage/Recycling/ Yard Waste Calendars

that will be mailed out near the end of December. If you opted out of receiving "junk mail" delivery through Canada Post, you will not receive a Calendar, but you can pick one up at Municipal Hall or visit our website. Due to the increasing volume of residential curbside recycling and yard waste, another curbside collection day (Friday) has been added to the schedule and those residents affected will be notified by our contractor, Progressive Waste Solutions. Thank you Summerland residents for being "green"!

