

## LET'S CELEBRATE!



Mayor Boot presents Bruce Haley with a gift certificate.

### Snow Angels

Thank you to all the Snow Angels Summerland is fortunate to have. Close to 50 nominations were made for 2018/2019. Each received a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Boot. This year's draw prize winner of a gift certificate was Bruce Haley.

### Mayor's Award of Excellence to ESS

Congratulations to all the nominees and recipients of the Chamber of Commerce Community Awards. Each year the Mayor chooses one deserving group of volunteers to receive the Mayor's Award of Excellence. Recently, Mayor Boot presented Emergency Support Services (ESS) the Mayor's Award of Excellence for 2018. Director John Topham accepted the award on behalf of his amazing team of 15 dedicated volunteers. ESS worked hard in 2018, especially during the Eneas Mountain Fire. ESS helps people affected by all kinds of emergencies including fire, floods, earthquakes etc. This team also assists other municipalities in their time of need.

On behalf of Summerland, thank you and congratulations to our Summerland ESS team!

### Celebrate Earth Week in Summerland!

#### April 23 to April 28

Join the District as we celebrate 10 years of Earth Week activities in Summerland and our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day tree planting event. Celebrations are ongoing throughout the week, and include:

**April 23, 8:30am-4pm: E-Bill Signup Blitz.** Reduce your paper use, plant a tree, and get entered for prizes all at once! Staff will be on hand at Municipal Hall to help residents sign up for electronic billing for utilities.

**April 24, 8:00am-4pm: One-Day Recycling Depot.** Our one-day downtown recycling depot is back! Bring your glass, styrofoam, plastic bags & overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, electronics, and power tools to Municipal Hall.

**April 25, 12-4pm: E-Day Event.** Curious about electric-powered chainsaws? Want to try an E-Bike? See an electric vehicle? This is the event for you! Come check out the latest in electrically-powered equipment and transportation options.

**April 26, 8:30am-3pm: Taking Action in our Community Film Series.** Join students from Summerland Secondary School as they host a series of short films about what we can do locally to protect our environment. Films will be followed by a short discussion.

**April 27, 10am-3pm: Community Event Series.** Local community groups are organizing a variety of events including the "Stash Bash", "5 Easy Steps to Composting", and "Planting Without Plastic".

**April 28, 10am-12pm: Earth Day Celebration.** Come to this FREE family celebration to create a dryland, natural habitat surrounding the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There will be planting of native trees and shrubs, and tours of the Plant facility.

Visit [www.summerland.ca/earthweek](http://www.summerland.ca/earthweek) or call 250-404-4068 for more information about these and all of the other exciting 2019 Earth Week events!



### THE SUMMERLAND SKATEPARK IS OPEN!

The Summerland Skatepark is now open and being enjoyed by many. There may be intermittent closures at the skatepark throughout the spring for some final works and landscaping. This is a community park and the District asks that certain guidelines be followed to keep it a park for all ages to enjoy:

- Smoking, vaping and the use of foul language will not be tolerated
- Pick up litter
- Be respectful of others

The use of helmets is strongly recommended.

Don't miss the June 22 grand opening...more to come!

### Arts & Cultural Centre Update

A bright start to spring at the Arts & Cultural Centre on Wharton Street includes a new look. District of Summerland and the Arts Council have partnered on a renovation project that will see the former library building re-purposed as a vibrant place to gather to view, create and experience all things art and culture. Final details are in the works. A spring and summer program for adults and children will be available soon. Many events are already taking place including workshops for artists and writers, Friday night live concerts, ProD Arts camp for kids, drumming on Wednesdays, a Stash Bash Artsy Garage Sale and much more! Visit [summerlandarts.com](http://summerlandarts.com) or call 250-494-4494 for details on all events.

## Attention Farmers and Ranchers

In order to provide better water supply information to agricultural customers, the District of Summerland has partnered with the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) and are able to send emails and /or text alerts on important water supply information. If you would like to receive snowpack updates, water supply updates, turn on/off dates and more, follow these easy steps:

1. Visit [www.obwb.ca/alerts](http://www.obwb.ca/alerts)
2. Select District of Summerland
3. Enter your email address and or cell number



## Notice to Summerland Irrigators

Irrigation services will start to be turned on Monday, April 15, 2019. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation turned on prior to this date will be required to pay \$44.00 plus GST (\$46.20 total) per property and submit a completed Advance Irrigation application at Works and Utilities, 9215 Cedar Avenue, Monday to Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.



### Open Burning Ends April 15

Open burning within the District of Summerland is only permitted during the burning season on properties greater than two acres. A valid Open Burning Permit obtained from the Summerland Fire Department is

required. The season will end April 15, 2019 and will re-open on October 15, 2019. For information call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211.

## Attention Residents Affected by Eneas Creek Public Meeting Wednesday, April 17

The District of Summerland will be holding a public meeting Wednesday, April 17th at 7pm in Council Chambers to update residents impacted by the water flows of Eneas Creek. If you would like to sign up to receive information, updates, scheduled meetings etc. regarding Eneas Creek, please email [communications@summerland.ca](mailto:communications@summerland.ca) and put Eneas Creek in the subject line and provide your name and email address.

## Landfill Loads- Please keep our roads free from debris!

The public is reminded that all loads being taken to the Summerland Sanitary Landfill must be secured and covered. Loads that do not meet these requirements will be charged double the rate for garbage or double the highest rate for any material contained in the load, whichever is greater, with a minimum charge of \$10.00. Your assistance is appreciated! The Summerland Landfill is located at 17202 Bathville Road and is open from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm Monday to Saturday, closed Sundays and Statutory holidays.



## Canyon View Cemetery Spring Maintenance

Please be advised that the District of Summerland will commence Spring Maintenance at Canyon View Cemetery on May 1, 2019. Part of the maintenance work will be the removal of offerings that do not meet the requirements of the District of Summerland Cemetery Bylaw. The public is asked to assist in this cleanup by removing any offerings that do not meet the following guidelines by April 30, 2019.

Offerings that we are asking you to remove include:

- any offering that is not entirely on the concrete base
  - offerings that are unsightly or create a safety hazard (such as breakables or sharp items)
  - small items that may become entangled in the equipment
  - anything that extends onto the landscaped area
- Complete details of Bylaw 2012-016 can be found on the District website.

Offerings that the District removes will be photographed, tagged, and stored for sixty days at the Works and Utilities Department. Flowers or floral arrangements that have wilted or have become unsightly will be removed and discarded. **Although care will be taken while removing offerings, the District is unable to accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged offerings.**



## Solar+Storage Project Update

Monday, May 6 at 6pm

Centre Stage Theatre

Community members are invited to an update presentation regarding Summerland's Solar+Storage Project on May 6 at 6pm at the Centre Stage Theatre. The next milestone of the project is to finalize the site selection. The solar project will strengthen Summerland's electric utility, provide cost savings to the community, and create a local and reliable source of energy in case of emergency. To be kept informed directly, email [climate.action@summerland.ca](mailto:climate.action@summerland.ca) and ask to be added to the solar energy email list.

## Giant's Head Trail Project Underway

Activity has begun again on Giant's Head Mountain as construction of the Trails Redevelopment Plan, sponsored by the District of Summerland in partnership with the Rotary Club, continues. Trail improvements, trail decommissioning for erosion control, a new multi-use trail, improved guard rails, and park entrance improvements will be completed. Please use caution when using the park around the construction areas. Lane closures on Milne Road will be set up during lower parking lot works.

Thank you for your patience!