

Garnet Valley Project - Completed

The Garnet Valley Project is complete and residents are now enjoying water from the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Over the last month, Pyramid Excavation attempted to complete as many items as possible before the end of the 2017 construction season. Although an early snowfall was experienced in November, the weather returned to seasonal norms which allowed the remaining items, including line painting, to be completed. A substantial completion inspection was held on November 28th which initiates the start of a one year maintenance period. Any deficiencies noted during that inspection or noted during the maintenance period will be resolved by Pyramid in 2018. The District would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during construction.



Watermains are installed, there is a new pumphouse, users are now connected to the WTP and paving is done.



Henry Sielmann Receives Senate of Canada 150 Award

Mayor Waterman presented Henry Sielmann one of 12 Senate of Canada 150 Medals presented to individuals in the Thompson-Okanagan-Kootenay region who have contributed significantly to a healthier community through the promotion of active living, development of parks and trails or involvement in sports programs. Henry has shown outstanding commitment, passion and dedication towards developing hiking and biking trails in Summerland and the Okanagan Valley. For years he has been the President of the Summerland Trans Canada Trail Society and also president of the Trails of the Okanagan Society, which have now amalgamated.

Not only is Henry a strong advocate for trails in the Okanagan, he has also helped to promote Pickleball in Summerland and is a volunteer on the District's Climate Action Committee.



Say Hello to our New Recreation Manager

The District is pleased to announce that Lori Mullin has joined the District of Summerland team as our Recreation Manager.

Lori was the Recreation and Culture Manager at the City of Penticton where she worked for 16 years. She brings a great deal of experience and knowledge to this position.

Brenda Ingram retired from the District after many years of service and we wish Brenda all the best!

Christmas Tree Pick Up

With a donation to the 2018 Dry Grad class you can have your Christmas Tree picked up from your house by the Summerland Fire Department and 2018 Grads. Carry on the Christmas Spirit and do a good deed for Dry Grad 2018 and the environment. Trees will be chipped and composted.

Pick ups will take place on Sunday, January 7th and Sunday, January 14th, 2018.

Commencing December 15th, please call the Fire Dept. 250-404-4087 or email sfd@summerland.ca to book a pick up.



District of Summerland Holiday Schedule



Municipal Offices will be closed Monday, December 25th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Pool and Fitness Room

Closed - December 25th, 26th and January 1st. Closed at 4pm December 24th and 31st.

Arena

Closed - December 24th, 25th, 26th and January 1st. Please refer to the Winter Brochure (mailed out Dec. 5th) for public skate and swim schedules.

Fire Hall Office

Closed - December 25th and 26th and January 1st.

Landfill

Closed - December 25th, 26th and January 1st (always closed Sunday).

IMPORTANT UTILITY INFORMATION

The due date for this month's utility bills will be Thursday December 21st, 2017

If you are moving, please email utilities@summerland.ca or visit our website to provide details.



Be a "Snow Angel" this Winter

For safety reasons, it is important that snow is cleared from sidewalks. 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 prize and be recognized in the March newsletter. Call Municipal Hall 250-494-6451 or email info@summerland.ca if you require more information.

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

Create Memories, Not Garbage

This holiday season, be sure to reduce waste by recycling, giving items with less or no packaging, or by giving a homemade gift or an experience (e.g., movie tickets, yoga classes, hockey game, shovelling their driveway, etc.).

By eliminating garbage at the source, you'll keep our environment clean and healthy, keep costs low, and create some fabulous memories that will last long after the tree comes down. Below is a holiday residential recycling list:

Nice - Recyclable

- Wrapping paper without any metallic or plastic pieces
- Paper greeting cards (remove electronic components of musical cards)
- Paper gift bags, tissue, and gift tags
- Cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Metal cookie/sweet containers
- Eggnog and whipping cream cartons
- Plastic party trays
- Empty aerosol containers from whipping cream, fake snow, etc.
- Rigid plastic packaging
- Trees - see the article in this newsletter

Remember there is no limit to the amount of recyclables you may place out at the curb, and all residential recyclables can also be brought to the landfill.

Naughty - Not Recyclable (garbage)

- Foam packing peanuts
- Crinkle wrap / cellophane wrap used for gift baskets
- Plastic wrap used for whole turkeys and hams
- Ribbons/bows
- Wrapping paper with metallic or plastic pieces (any shiny paper or bags)
- Ornaments of any kind
- Candy wrappers

Light bulbs, light strings, and rigid foam packing cushions used for electronics can be taken to the landfill.

Clear Sidewalks Bordering your Property

Municipal Bylaws require that you remove the snow and ice from public footpaths and sidewalks bordering your property (business and residential). **Any snow or ice that accumulates before noon must be removed by noon that day. If snow falls 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. Please use a de-icing agent that contains "CMA" for sidewalks and do not use salt as it can cause damage.

Snow Removal

District crews are on call seven days a week to provide essential services to our residents. There are four trucks equipped with sanders and ploughs as well as a salter and a sweeper truck that work diligently to clear Summerland's roads throughout the winter. Staff also clear sidewalks and walkways that are not bordering private property. Heavy snow fall (3" or more) may require additional resources such as a grader and/or a loader to widen the road. Designated routes take approximately eight hours to complete once it has stopped snowing. Each route has its priority areas (e.g. bus routes) that must be revisited if snow continues to fall, therefore it may take some time before side streets are tended to. Equipment failures also play a role in delays. Contractors assist District staff with snow removal as well. To help our staff, we ask that you do not park your vehicle(s) on the road and when you clear your driveway it is recommended that you stockpile on the right side of the driveway when facing the road. This prevents the snow from being ploughed back in front of your driveway by our equipment. Your patience is appreciated.



Dog and Business Licence

Renewals are due January 31st, 2018 and were mailed out the end of November. If you do not receive your renewal in the mail or if you no longer require a dog or business licence, please call Municipal Hall 250-494-6451 or send an email to info@summerland.ca.

Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens

This will be the 30th year the Summerland Fire Department, with help from CIBC and the Summerland Food Bank, will be collecting new unwrapped gifts, cash, or Canadian Tire Money for tots and teens in Summerland who require a little help at Christmas time. The Fire Hall and CIBC will be accepting unwrapped gifts and toonies until December 13th, 2017.



Saving Energy Saves Money

There are many ways to save energy in your home throughout the year: Avoid heating unused rooms by closing doors; have your furnace cleaned once a year; install a programmable thermostat; set back by 5C when not at home; turn off kitchen and bathroom fans immediately after use - ventilation fans can extract all of your home's heat in 2-3 hours; take advantage of daylight, use natural sunlight when possible rather than lamps; improve the insulation in your home - adding insulation to your attic and basement tend to give the biggest energy savings of any efficiency project!

