

ACTION FESTIVAL WEEKEND JUNE 3RD - 5TH

Whether you are participating in the weekend's events or being a spectator - the Summerland Action Festival is sure to be fun and exciting. There is something for everyone!

- Man of Steel Triathlon - bike, swim and run for all ages and levels
- Giant's Head Run - walk or run this 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
- Dance on Saturday night

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.

For full details on all of the events taking place on Action Festival weekend, please visit their website www.summerlandactionfestival.com.



ARTS AND CULTURE IN SUMMERLAND

The Cultural Plan Task Force has worked for a year gathering information and public input for Summerland's first Cultural Plan. This consultation process received over 2,300 individual comments on culture in Summerland. The Task Force invites the public to come and view the draft plan before it is finalized. Please plan to attend and provide your input:

Cultural Plan Open House
Monday, June 6th
7pm - 9pm
Arena Banquet Room
8820 Jubilee Road E.

If you are looking for the Arts Council, they have moved to the former library building on Wharton Street. This is the District's first step in converting the library to an arts and cultural centre. The District is in the process of working on a governance model for the arts and cultural centre.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS...

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

New water user categories and rate structures will be added to the **Water Utility Bylaw**.

Current water categories include domestic, commercial and irrigation. An amendment to the Water Utility Bylaw is being developed and will go before Council May 9th.

Categories being considered to be added include:

- Agriculture
- Parks, playfields, cemeteries, public sector
- Greenhouses
- Golf Courses
- Other

The District will be constructing an alternate route on a portion of the "Old Flume Trail" on Cartwright Mountain so the path will not cross some private properties on Taylor Place.

Sgt. Lacroix of the **Summerland RCMP** presented a quarterly report (Jan. - April) at the April 25th Council meeting. Since the last quarterly report, statistics show crime has gone down, specifically on property crime.

SUMMERLAND SKATEPARK

Input received on three concept designs presented at a public open house and from presentations made to the Summerland Middle School and Summerland Secondary School are now being compiled by Newline Skatepark. More than 250 completed forms were received.

A fundraising campaign is being developed. Donations are welcome for this awesome project – the sooner the funds are raised, the sooner the skatepark will be built. Contributions can be made at Municipal Hall. Thank you to our generous contributors to date:

- Penny Lane Society - \$135,000
- Roy Bain - \$1,000
- Richard Barkwill - \$500

The Kinsmen Club has made an application to the BCAA “Nominate a Park” for a \$100,000 grant. The desired goal is \$500,000! If you would like to be part of the fundraising team, contact Brenda at 250-404-4084.



FORTISBC REBATES AND OFFERS

Summerland electric customers (and FortisBC gas customers) are eligible for FortisBC rebates and offers. There are many money saving offers and programs available to help residents save on appliances, home upgrades, gas fireplaces, water heaters and more. One of their newer programs is the Energy Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) and is designed to help income-qualified households make changes to help lower energy use and utility bills. ECAP participants will receive, at no cost, a visit by an energy evaluator who will provide a home energy assessment and personalized energy saving advice. The evaluator will also install simple energy savings products like energy-efficient lighting, draft proofing and low-flow water fixtures. For more information on FortisBC rebate offers and energy saving programs visit fortisbc.com or call 1-800-363-3330.

2016 CENSUS - YOU COUNT!

It is important (and mandatory) for residents to complete the 2016 Census you will be receiving in May from Statistics Canada. It provides information to help plan for hospitals, schools, roads, transit, parks, senior housing, police and fire services for our community. The federal government uses the population information obtained to transfer payments to the provinces which in turn transfer payments to municipalities. For more information visit www.census.ca. For inquiries call 1-877-325-2016.



OPEN BURNING SEASON IS NOW CLOSED

Open burning will re-open on October 15th, 2016 for those with a valid Open Burning Permit.

WATERING SCHEDULE

Summerland is in Stage One Watering Restrictions unless otherwise notified.

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

If your street 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 see us about a Special Watering Permit.

Full details are found on our website. Please water wisely.



2016 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 8th, 2016**.

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.

A WALK IN THE PARKS

There are over 700 shade and ornamental trees that the District maintains.

The trees planted along Rosedale Avenue and Prairie Valley Road are London plane trees, grown for their durability and impressive structure when mature. The trees planted in the centre medians are Chanticleer ornamental pears, grown for spring flowers, their small size, and fall colour.



The District prunes the youngest trees, along Prairie Valley Road, to establish structure so they can withstand wind and weather now and in the future. With older trees, as in Peach Orchard Campground, suckers and dead/decaying branches are removed.

Eight trees were recently planted at Peach Orchard Park and at Living Memorial Park (on Snow Avenue) with funds donated by the Summerland Credit Union from their campaign to encourage members to switch from paper statements to e-statements.