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A Newsletter from the District of Summerland

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Summerland Welcomes Fall

The downtown core has embraced fall and the streets are decorated with colourful pumpkins, gourds, scarecrows, straw and much more for the Harvest Days Project. Council enthusiastically endorsed an idea brought to them in July from Maryan Dennison and Linda Beaven. They had seen autumn displays in Colfax, Washington and wanted to try it here. The Rotary Club sponsored the event and the response has been great. Our Main Street and area looks fantastic!



Fire Prevention Week October 4th - 10th

Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11pm and 7am when most people are asleep. **Smoke alarms save lives.** If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a fire in half!

The Fire Prevention Week campaign is to create awareness around the importance of installing smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, on every level of your home, and the basement. Please install the necessary smoke alarms and ensure your current alarms are working.

HALLOWEEN HAUNT

Saturday, October 24th 6:30pm –8:30pm



Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre dares you to join them for an evening of Graveyard Bowling, Haunted Tunnel, Pumpkin Toss, Feed the Spider, and NEW games to surprise you! Tickets are \$5.00 per person and must be purchased in advance from the Recreation Department. For more information or to volunteer at the event, please call (250) 494-0447.

Open House Irrigation Meter Rates Wednesday, October 28th 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road E.



This open house will be held to gather information to help with the process of establishing an irrigation meter billing model and rates. Everyone is welcome to share their input. We would like to hear from you!

A separate open house will be held in the future to deal with unmetered second connections on properties under two acres.



Above : Mayor and Council with the Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture and Dan Ashton, MLA.

Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Conference

The annual UBCM conference was successful for Summerland council and staff. In addition to valuable educational sessions, Summerland was fortunate to secure meetings with the Premier and many provincial ministers to bring awareness to issues of importance to our community. A meeting took place with Premier Clark to discuss general aspects of advancing the high tech agri-business sector and to request help in the monitoring of the perpetual slide adjacent to Trout Creek Canyon. The slide was also a topic with the Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness. Council met with the Minister of Aboriginal Relations to request assistance in building relationships with our First Nations neighbours and they also had a meeting with the Minister of Transportation regarding speed zone and safety issues on Highway 97. Options of advancement of the food biotech industry were talked about with the Minister of Agriculture and a meeting to discuss an issue regarding the HST energy rebate program was held with the Minister of Finance.

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.



- Council thanks you for your input regarding the proposed **Backyard Chicken Bylaw**. A follow up report will be presented to Council at the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 7pm.
- Council received a presentation from Golder Associates Ltd. along with a report on the **perpetual slide adjacent to the Trout Creek Canyon**. Many residents have noticed that the bump on Canyon View Road appears to be larger and there has been a shift. Staff was directed to prepare a scope of work and cost estimates for the 2016 budget consideration for monitoring, planning, and flood mitigation options. Council is actively gathering information and monitoring the slide. Mayor and Council met with the Premier at UBCM to discuss this matter further and asked for assistance in the monitoring of the slide for public safety.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There will be three Public Hearings on October 13th at 7pm. Anyone who deems their interest in property affected by the following can have their say at Council by appearing in person or by writing to Municipal Hall by Oct. 13th, 2015:

1. An OCP and zoning amendment to redesignate 35888 Garnet Valley Road as Agricultural
2. A text amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to allow breweries, distilleries and meaderies as permitted uses in the A1 and A2 Zones
3. An amendment of the Zoning Bylaw (Hunters Hill Cluster Development) 18654 Garnet Valley Road and 19014 Bentley Road to allow cluster development on two properties in the CR-1-Country Residential Zone

Please Don't Feed the Bears

Garbage is the #1 bear attractant to properties. Bears that become used to finding food in garbage or eating fruit from properties are often destroyed because of human safety issues. Please protect yourselves and the bears by putting garbage out the day of pickup and keeping it in the house or garage until pickup day. Bears have an amazing sense of smell and even pet food and bird feeders can attract them. Visit www.wildsafebc.com for more tips.



\$ AVE ENERGY AND SAVE MONEY

With the cold weather around the corner, here are a few things that can be done to lower your bill and to conserve energy:

- Clean your furnace annually and replace the filter every 1-2 months.
- Lower your thermostat by a few degrees while you sleep or are away. A programmable thermostat can save you money.
- Weather-stripping and sealants stop drafts.
- Purchase Energy Star appliances, windows or furnaces.
- Visit fortisbc.com for rebate offers.

Find the Cultural Display and Have Your Say!

The District of Summerland Cultural Plan Task Force is asking people to share their ideas about local culture as part of a consultation process that will lead to a municipal plan for cultural development.

Display boards are being used to gather opinions and suggestions from the community. They will be popping up throughout the fall at major public destinations such as the rec centre, library, art gallery and local coffee shops.

You can leave your comments on the boards with sticky notes and read how others have answered the following questions:

1. What makes Summerland's culture unique compared to other Okanagan communities?
2. What cultural strengths should Summerland build on?
3. What cultural activities would add to the quality of life in Summerland?

A survey can also be found online at: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/survey2015/>. Over 300 surveys have already been completed.



Dogs are allowed to be off leash in Peach Orchard Park on the grassed area only until April 30th. Dogs must still remain on a leash on the walkway or playground.

Irrigation shut off will begin after Thanksgiving, October 13th, 2015. If you require an extension, please visit the Works and Utilities office by October 9th to fill out an application form and pay a \$44.00 fee.

SUMMERLAND PHONE BOOK

The deadline to update the Summerland Telephone and Business Directory for the 2016 edition is November 30th, 2015. New residents to Summerland and those wishing a change in their current listing must contact the **Chamber of Commerce** at [250-494-2686](tel:250-494-2686). The Directory is a joint project between the Summerland Rotary Club and the Summerland Chamber of Commerce.

ATTENTION BOOK WORMS



The difference between a good community and a great one is a **LIBRARY!**

Summerland's fabulous new library opens on Saturday, October 3rd. Check it out.



District offices will be closed Monday, October 12th, 2015