

SUMMERLAND EARTH WEEK CELEBRATION APRIL 16TH - 24TH WATER...A DROP IN THE BUCKET



Join us for a weeklong celebration of free activities and events for the whole family. Learn about simple things you can do that help our environment, take action and have fun. There will be presentations, movies, workshops, an imagination station, activities, environmental art displays, contests, neighbourhood clean-ups and more.



Earth Day will be held Sunday, April 24th, 10am - 1pm at Peach Orchard Park by the Boat Launch.

**1st Annual Neighbourhood
Garage Sale**
Saturday, April 16th 9am-2pm
Advertise on the Earth Week
Facebook page (below) or call
250-494-0728 for info.

**Drop off your
unwanted electronics**
at the bin outside of
Municipal Hall
starting April 18th.

**Tour the Water
Treatment Plant**
10:30am April 19th.
Call 250-494-0431 to
register (15 maximum)
and for details.

**Guess the right date and time
when Thirsk Dam stops
spilling and win fresh fruit,
honey, juice and other
Summerland treats!**

There are fun, free events each day of the week!
For a full schedule of events please visit our website
www.summerland.ca or
www.facebook.com/summerlandearthweek

LEARNING ABOUT THE BUDGET

An informative and interesting open house held March 21st regarding budget plans and departmental operations was well attended.

Each department set up entertaining displays and were available to answer questions and hear input.

Door prizes were won by Chris Lewis, Karin Knibb, Sandi Atkins and Neil Trainer. Thanks to True Grain for their donation.

If you missed the open house you can still attend future budget meetings. Please visit our website for agendas of meetings.

The next scheduled meeting will be April 14th at 7pm to review Grant in Aid applications.

If you have any comments or questions regarding budget, please call Lorrie Coates, Director of Finance or Renée Belyk, Manager of Finance at 250-494-6451.

CANYON VIEW CEMETERY - SPRING MAINTENANCE

The District of Summerland will commence Spring Maintenance at Canyon View Cemetery on May 2, 2016. Part of the maintenance work will be the removal of offerings that do not meet the requirements of the District of Summerland Cemetery Bylaw 2012-016. The public is asked to assist in this cleanup by removing any offerings that do not meet the guidelines by April 30, 2016.

For detailed information of acceptable offerings, please visit our website www.summerland.ca or call Works and Utilities.

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.

LAKESHORE PATHWAY

Summerland is interested in exploring the feasibility of a lakeshore pathway connecting Summerland to Penticton.

The District will participate in a study coordinated by the Ministry of Transportation (MoT) to determine costs, interest and advantages to developing a walking/biking trail between the two communities.

The cost of the study is \$120,000 with the MoT contributing 2/3 of the costs and Summerland and the other partners portion being \$13,333 each. This amount will come out of our reserve account designated for trails. Participation at this point is to gain information and has no obligation to develop the trail.

FORMER RCMP BUILDING

At a Special Meeting of Council a decision was made to sell the former RCMP lands at 8709 Jubilee Road.

The property has been vacant since 2012 and several proposals have ended without success. It is currently zoned to accommodate a cluster of single detached houses.

The District is looking forward to seeing the property developed as quickly as possible.

Call Ian McIntosh, Director of Development Services for inquiries regarding the sale 250-404-4048.

TRANS CANADA TRAIL UPGRADES

The District will submit a funding application for the Trans Canada Trail Upgrade at Fenwick Road to BikeBC.

If the application is successful, it will provide funding assistance for upgrades to the Trans Canada Trail at Fenwick Road access including:

- Re-grade the trail, place gravel and establish a consistent 3.0m trail width
- Pave 270m of trail from the trailhead
- Re-grade and pave 150m of Fenwick Rd from Fyffe Rd to the trailhead and mark a bicycle lane

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$80,000. With grant funding, the District would be responsible for 50% or \$40,000.

DOGGONE IT!



The temporary period that dogs can be off leash at Peach Orchard Park will come to an end April 30th. Dogs are required to be leashed at all times in parks (unless they are enjoying a swim at the Doggie Beach).

Dogs will again be allowed to be without a leash at Peach Orchard Park starting October 1st.

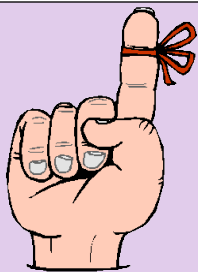


2016 SPRING IRRIGATION SERVICES

The District will begin turning on irrigation services Monday, April 11, 2016. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation turned on prior to this will be required to pay a \$44.00 fee and submit a completed Advance Irrigation application to the District. Applications are available at Works and Utilities, 9215 Cedar Avenue, Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: Irrigation rates will continue to be billed as they have been in the past as a flat rate per acre. To encourage water conservation, an inclining penalty for usage over 800mm will be implemented. Rates are yet to be determined but will be decided shortly.

Rates for properties that have second services are still under review. More information will follow.



RECEIVE A REMINDER FOR YOUR GARBAGE, RECYCLING OR YARD WASTE

Summerland residents can receive an email or a phone call reminder to put out garbage, recycling or yard waste.

Please visit our website under "Garbage & Recycling" or go to www.summerland.ca/recollect. This is an initiative from the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen and is free to our residents.

ATTENTION UTILITY BILL ONLINE CUSTOMERS

If you were an online customer and you are now receiving your bill in the mail it is because you have not provided updated information required to continue to receive your bill by email. Please login to Online Services, view the January newsletter, or call our office for instructions so you can continue to receive your bill by email.

SUMMERLAND LANDFILL

The public is reminded that all loads being taken to the landfill must be secured and covered. Loads that are not secured and covered will be charged double the regular tipping fee. Please keep our roads free from debris. Your assistance is appreciated! The Summerland Landfill is located at 17202 Bathville Road and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday to Saturday, closed Sundays and Statutory holidays. For further details on what items are accepted at the landfill, charges, or information on premium compost, please visit our website.

AN EQUAL PAYMENT PLAN MAY HELP YOU BUDGET

Having a set monthly utility payment each month helps customers manage their expenses. Utility bills are averaged out based on your last year and given a set payment amount each month. To be eligible for this payment plan you must sign up by April 22, 2016 as equal payments will begin in May. Funds will be withdrawn from your account automatically on the due date (receive the discount every month!). Accounts will be reviewed April 30th of each year and modified if needed.