

Action Festival Weekend June 1 - 3



There is plenty to do Action Festival Weekend June 1– 3. The Giant’s Head Run and Man of Steel Triathlon is being held June 2. 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.

- Man of Steel Triathlon - bike, swim and run for all ages and levels
- Giant’s Head Run - 5.4km or 10km walk or run - 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 morning
- Dance on Saturday night

Please watch out for runners and bikers during the races and minimize road usage Saturday, June 2, 7:00am—8:30am (Bike) and 6:00pm—7:30pm (Run).

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

Legalization of Cannabis Information Open House

Join District of Summerland staff for an information session regarding the retail sales, use (consumption) and production of Cannabis. This will be an opportunity to gain insight surrounding legislative options being considered on the topic and to have your input heard by the District.

Thursday, May 24th 2018 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road E
Formal Presentation at 6:00pm



Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The District of Summerland is looking for community feedback on the recently released key findings and recommendations for the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan. An Open House will take place May 9th from 5:00pm—8:00pm at the Arena Banquet Room.

The Master Plan is a shared vision for Summerland’s parks and recreation. A Plan should address demands, reflect community values and priorities and ensure high quality parks and recreation facilities.

A dedicated group of volunteers have worked with a consultant since the summer of 2017 when the first open house and survey were presented to the community before the Draft was created. Once feedback is reviewed, it is expected that the final Parks & Recreation Master Plan will be presented to Council at the end of June.

The community is encouraged to view the draft information, the Open House material and provide their input via the online survey by May 21. This information is available on the District website: <http://summerland.ca/masterplan>. Call the Recreation Dept. at 250-494-0447 for further information.

Questions on Carts? Recycling? Ask an Ambassador!

The District is excited to have two Recycling Ambassadors working in our community for the summer! Thanks to funding from BC Recreation and Parks Association, these Summerland youth will be educating residents about waste reduction and how to Recycle Right, as well as helping track our progress on reducing GHG emissions from our landfill. To reach an Ambassador for more information on using your new carts, what goes where, or ideas on how to make less waste, email carts@summerland.ca or call 250-404-4069 You can also find a list of Frequently Asked Questions and more details about the carts at www.summerland.ca/carts Come in to Municipal Hall or the Aquatic Centre to view the carts that will be delivered to residents in June with service starting July 1, 2018.



Summer Student Recycling Ambassadors Dan Nixon and Hayley Anderson

High Creek Water Levels

Aeneas Creek continues to experience high water flows. The District took all possible action to release as much water from Garnet Dam earlier this year resulting in the lowest level of water in over 20 years coming into this spring freshet. Despite these steps, Aeneas Creek continues to experience very high water flows and has breached the banks in numerous places.

- Check District of Summerland website (www.summerland.ca) or Facebook page (@SummerlandBC) for up to date information on flood threats;
- Empty sandbags are available for pickup at the Fire Hall and sand piles have been deposited in numerous places along the creek;
- Residents should refrain from contacting individual District staff members directly with questions regarding the high water. All questions should be directed to the flood inquiry line at **250-486-3765**; if it is an emergency situation, please **call 9-1-1** and appropriate crews will respond.
- The District has identified several areas most vulnerable to failure due to rising waters. These areas are being fortified with large sand berms and other barriers. Although it may be interesting to see the effects of the flood, **everyone is asked to stay OFF these berms**. Movement on the berms could cause a shift and put the public in danger should the water become uncontained.
- A large snowpack remains; water could continue to rise.
- Lake levels remain significantly lower than last year.



*Sand berms and other barriers are constructed to keep moving water contained and to keep the public safe. Please **DO NOT** stand, walk or climb on these structures as this may cause them to be altered and allow the water to breach.*



Recycling Survey Closes May 15

Prizes have been generously donated by Ogoopogo Tours, the Beanery Café, True Grain Bread, Summerland Timber Mart, and the Summerland Arts Centre. Give your feedback on recycling in Summerland by visiting www.summerland.ca/climate-action by May 15 and be entered to win.

Earth Day 2018 a Great Success!

Thanks to the hard work of over 50 volunteers, the Adams Bird Sanctuary saw over 200 new trees and shrubs planted during Summerland's 12th annual Earth Day celebration. Generous sponsors for the event include Summerland Environmental Science Group, Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society, FortisBC, Summerland Rental Centre, Summerland Home Hardware, Summerland & District Credit Union, and Prima Pizza.

The ORCA Swin Club also hosted a beach clean-up, which saw over 40 volunteers working hard to keep Powell Beach beautiful for swimmers and sunbathers alike.

The District of Summerland thanks everyone for their participation!

Council Committees/Commissions

Terms for volunteers on Council Committees such as Heritage Advisory, Advisory Planning Commission and the Board of Variance are coming due in June and there may be openings. Anyone interested in applying to be a member on one of these committees should visit www.summerland.ca for details and complete an application form. Council will review all applications and make appointments in June.

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 6th, 2018**. **Contact 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 250-494-6451 or email propertytaxes@summerland.ca.



Bike to Work Week May 28—June 3

Take the challenge, save the emission of greenhouse gases and improve your health and mood by choosing to ride your bike to work, to school or for errands.

May 19 Pre-event Workshops at the new Memorial Park Cycling Hub including E-bike demonstrations, Cycling Skills Workshop and Bike Tune Up Workshop

May 28 - June 2 Bike to Work & School Week

7:00am-9:00am- Celebration Stations with snacks and a chance to enter to win a trip for two to Portugal!

June 3 - Culmination Event - Ride from the Summerland Bike Hub along the recently improved Garnet Valley Road with the option to continue for another 7 km along gravel roads to the Antlers Saddle Lookout. To register and view full details visit <https://www.biketowork.ca/summerland> or <https://www.facebook.com/btwwsummerland/>

Recycling Roundup = Big Results

During Earth Week, Summerland residents were invited to drop off of non-curbside recycling and household hazardous waste at no cost to a special one-day collection event.

Thanks to our conscientious community members, over 12,600L of hazardous chemicals, 1720L of paint, 392kg of small appliances, 214 florescent tubes, 45kg of household batteries, over 2m³ of plastic wrap/bags, and MORE were kept out of our landfill! Thank you to the volunteers from Summerland Steam and SADI for your assistance.

Water schedule

While some areas near creeks in Summerland are experiencing flooding, other areas are dry and will begin watering their lawns.

Summerland is in Stage One Watering Restrictions unless otherwise notified.

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

If your 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 6:00am 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 visit Municipal Hall about a Special Watering Permit.