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A Newsletter from the District of Summerland

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#### Wear Pink on Bully Free Day February 25th

District of Summerland Staff are checking out the pink t-shirts now available for purchase for Bully Free Day February 25th. T-shirts can be purchased by emailing Tina at tinamartin16@shaw.ca or visiting their website www.bullyfreesummerland.com. Let's work together to make Summerland bully free!



### YOUR FIRST WATER METER BILL

Residential/Condo/Business
Water Meter billing came into
effect on January 1, 2015.
Readings have been taken and
the calculations and charges are

shown on this month's utility bill. A Base Rate of \$26.67 (\$24 with the discount if paid on time) will be charged as well as a fee for the amount of water used. With this being the winter months, you should notice a decrease in the water portion of your bill. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 250-494-6451.

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# CELEBRATE HERITAGE WEEK FEBRUARY 16th - 22nd

Heritage Day, Monday, Feb. 16th, kicks off Heritage Week with a FREE guided one-hour tour of Main Street. Tours will take place at 10:30am and 1:00pm. Take a walk back in time to discover Main Street's colourful but not forgotten original character. Registration is limited to 15 people per tour and pre-registration is required. Don't be disappointed, call the Museum at 250-494-9395 Tuesday - Saturday between 1:00pm and 4:00pm to reserve your spot today. Sponsored by Summerland Museum & Archives and the Summerland Heritage Advisory Commission.

#### **HOW TO STAY INFORMED**

We are doing our best to keep you informed on what is happening at Council Meetings and with the District of Summerland.

- Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (moves to Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday). Meetings are open to the public and we would love to see you there!
- Agendas for the meetings are posted by the Wednesday before the meeting. You can pick up a paper copy at Municipal Hall or view it on our website.
- If you can't make the meeting, you can watch it on our website the next day. Click the icon on the front page of our website.
- Meetings are also broadcast on Shaw TV every Wednesday and Friday at 11:00am.
- The local newspapers and radio stations often publish information about the meetings, news stories and press releases.
- Adopted minutes are posted on our website.
- This newsletter is a great tool to receive Council Meeting highlights or other municipal information.
- Follow us on Facebook or Twitter.
- Our website has lots of information available and our new, easy-to-use website will be launched by March 1st.

## FREE FAMILY DAY EVENT LET'S CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY TOGETHER

Monday, February 9th
1:00pm—3:00pm
Aquatic Centre
FREE ADMISSION, FREE BALLOONS, FREE
REFRESHMENTS.
GAMES, INFLATABLES, FUN!





#### A Few Council Hi-Lites...

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.

- A zoning amendment was approved for 10120 Rand Street. This will allow the property to be subdivided to create one infill lot.
- A Development Variance Permit was issued for 16110 Prairie Valley Road to allow for one additional dwelling to be constructed outside of the farm home perimeter and to allow a dwelling for farm help to have a basement. The owners will be constructing a new house and will be able to convert their existing house into a dwelling for farm help.
- The District will be seeking provincial and federal funding for capital projects such as the Jones Flat and Garnet Valley Water System Separation, Flume and Water Intake Structure Upgrade and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Filtration and Grit Removal Upgrade. We will also be applying for funds for a comprehensive asset management strategy including a current state of assets assessment, development of an asset management policy and plan, and implementation of asset management software.
- A report was brought to Council regarding ten options to reduce the extent of damage from a **power surge** such as the one that occurred Nov. 26th. Council deferred their decision to implement any of the options until more information is available.



There has been a great response to the Snow Angel Program. Summerland has so many wonderful neighbours. Near the end of February, the Mayor will send out certificates thanking those nominated. All the names will go in for a draw and at the beginning of March one lucky helper will receive a gift certificate to a local restaurant.



TROPICAL PARADISE SWIM

Sat. March 7th 6:30pm—8:30pm

Family fun swim, games and activities

of a tropical nature. Advance \$5.00 tickets are available at the Recreation Centre. Volunteers are always needed!

#### (A POEM) Its not necessary to signal when you are entering, you know Drivers are aware, there is only one way to go

**HOW TO DRIVE IN A ROUNDABOUT** 

As you are about to enter, slow down and take a boo If traffic is coming, STOP so they don't hit you If there are no pedestrians or cars coming your way Keep on going, DON'T STOP, continue on we say To keep traffic moving is the key to success Stopping needlessly is not what makes this work best Once in the circle, if you want to exit the roundabout Put on your signal to advise others you are heading out

# Thank you Summerland for all your support!

The Summerland Fire Department along with the 2015 Dry Grad Class would like to thank all of the residents that took advantage of the Christmas Tree pickup this year. Your generosity raised \$1,306 for the Grads.

A big thank you also goes out to everyone who donated to the Toys for Tots and Teens Campaign. Many gifts were donated to deserving children and an amazing \$6,600 was raised from the community and through the schools.



**HELP WANTED!!!** If you have a mobile unit and are interested in running a concession

vending operation at one of our beaches, please visit our website for details and information. The tender closing

date is Monday, February 16th. For further information contact Brenda at the Recreation Department 250-494-0447.

#### SUMMERLAND CLIMATE ACTION PILOT PROJECT

Do you have an idea that will have a positive environmental impact in our community and help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? Whether you are a community, neighbourhood, school group, individual or non-profit organization, we want to hear from you. Deadline is March 31, 2015. Visit www.summerlandclimateaction.ca for more details.



# **BUDGET 2015**

The next Budget Meeting will be held at 8:30am in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 17th. The public is welcome to attend. Details are provided on our website.

District of Summerland offices will be closed for Family Day on Monday, February 9th, the Landfill will also be closed . If you have an after hours emergency relating to water, sewer, road, parks or electrical utility, please call 250-493-0005. HAPPY FAMILY DAY!