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A Newsletter from the District of Summerland

April 2017

Summerland's 8th Annual Earth Week Celebration - April 18th - 23rd

Are you looking for a made-in-Summerland way to celebrate this year's Earth Day? Well, look no further! Summerland's 8th Annual Earth Week line up of activities and events are full of educational, fun, hands-on and thought-provoking things to do.

This year's theme is 'Earth Play for Earth Day', and we are ready to play and learn! From speakers to films, and crafts to tree plantings, we have it covered. Need to recycle some e-waste? We can help with that too. Ever wondered what happens at the wastewater treatment plant? Come and learn about this and more. All events are FREE! Everyone is welcome!

To register for the Neighbourhood Clean Up Challenge (April 22nd) or Neighbourhood Garage Sale (April 23rd) please email climate.action@summerland.ca or call Tami at 250-404-4068.

Visit <u>www.summerland.ca/earthweek</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/summerlandearthweek</u> for details on all of this year's events.



Summerland's Integrated Solar Project Receives \$100,000

Summerland has received \$100,000 in grant funding from the BC Government's Rural Dividend Fund in support of the municipality's Integrated Solar project.

The purpose of the District of Summerland's Integrated Solar Project is to strengthen the electrical utility, enhance the local economy and create jobs, increase energy security and independence, support innovation, and attract new residents and visitors. This project will form the basis for an integrated, long-term approach to sustainable energy management within the District, which will provide ongoing opportunities for job creation, community involvement, and partnerships with local businesses, schools, and not-for-profit groups.



For information on the Integrated Solar Project, please visit Summerland's website under the Climate Action page (www.summerland.ca/solarenergy) or contact Tami Rothery at trothery@summerland.ca.



During the PRV10 Water Shutoff Project, Facebook proved to be an effective way to communicate and provide residents with timely and up to date information. Like us on Facebook! Check for District updates at Facebook.com/SummerlandBC.

Public Information Session - Cartwright Phase 2 OCP Amendment and Rezoning Application

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Ave. 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The public is invited to a Public Information Session on an OCP Amendment and Rezoning application for the Cartwright Phase 2 residential development. The project is proposed to include an area of single family development and an area of multi-family townhouse development. If you are unable to attend the session and/or have questions, concerns or require additional information please contact the Development Services Department at 250-494-1373 or info@summerland.ca.

Jones Flat/Garnet Valley Water System Separation Update

Construction on the Jones Flat/Garnet Valley Water System Separation project for the District is back underway. Construction resumed in mid-February and has completed the remainder of the watermain installation in the Jones Flat area which includes Jones Flat Road, Watson Avenue, Graham Street and Washington Avenue. In early March, work progressed to Garnet Valley Road, continuing with the watermain installation on the south end and moving northward. Construction also started on the new pump house which is located on the east side of the road near 19106 Garnet Valley Road.

The District is working with the contractor, Pyramid, to reduce traffic delays caused by the construction; however, these delays are required to allow the work to be completed efficiently and safely. Hours of work will be 7:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday to Friday, which may be extended to 7:00 pm as the project progresses. Delays will be kept to a maximum 15 minutes from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm but delays of up to 30 minutes may occur between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

The District understands that this is an inconvenience and we do appreciate your patience as construction moves ahead. Please observe traffic control as flaggers and a pilot car are on site for the safety of everyone.

For the latest updates, follow this project on Facebook (@GarnetValleyWater), Twitter (@GarnetValleyH20) or on the District's website at summerland.ca/garnetvalley.

Spring Cleaning? Recycle your Electronic Waste

Almost every home or business has an old small appliance, TV, phone, or computer that is not used anymore. Instead of letting them clutter your house, recycle those items for free! In 2014, Canada produced about 725,000 tonnes of electronic waste (e-waste). These products often contain toxic chemicals that pollute the air and water when not disposed of properly. They also contain precious metals that are difficult and environmentally harmful to mine, meaning any recovered materials will offset the need to mine for new metals - a big win for the environment!

In Summerland, you can take a wide range of electronics and small appliances to the Summerland Sanitary Landfill (17202 Bathville Rd) for free, or drop them off during Earth Week (April 18-23) at the bins outside of Municipal Hall. Check these websites for details on what can be recycled:

https://www.return-it.ca/electronics/products/ http://www.electrorecycle.ca/recycle/#products

TVs, Computers, and a host of other electronics can also be brought to the Summerland Bottle Depot (9615A Victoria Road S.); however, they do not accept the full range of small appliances that the landfill does, so be sure to check www.return-it.ca before you drop off your items.

Summerland Skatepark Fundraisers

Youth Video Contest

The date for video submissions featuring skateboard, scooter or BMX highlights has been extended to April 10. Contact the Recreation Department for details 250-494-0447.



National Canadian Film Day

Come out and support the Summerland Skatepark and view some of the top videos submitted from the Youth Video Contest as well as some other exciting films.

Tickets are FREE at the Summerland Fitness & Aquatic Centre When: Wednesday, April 19 at 6pm **Location: Centre Stage Theatre**



Short Canadian Documentary's to be screened: "Devil's Toy", "Billy Bory's Documentary" Full Feature Film to be screened: "How She

Move"

https://canadianfilmday.ca/film/how-she-move/

Summerland is fortunate to have residents and businesses participating in fundraising for the Skatepark.

Come As You Are - Dinner and Dance Party Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Summerland Legion

This event is hosted by Heather Pescada with proceeds being donated towards construction of the Summerland Skatepark. Tickets are \$25 and available at Suburban Princess, The Beanery, and Pescada Hair Studio. Enjoy a burger and dance the night away. For more information visit the 'Come as you are' Facebook page.

Landfill Loads Need to be Covered

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 am to 4:15 pm Monday to Saturday, closed Sundays and Statutory holidays.

Open Burning Season Ends April 15

Open burning within the District of Summerland is only permitted during the burning season on properties greater than two acres. A valid Open Burning Permit obtained from the Summerland Fire Department is required. The season will end April 15, 2017 and will re-open on October 15, 2017. For more information please call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

The District will be proceeding with the Grit Removal and Filtration project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with 83% of the project funded from a grant through the Clean Water/Clean Wastewater Fund.

Construction is expected to occur from approximately May 2017 to February 2018. The project consists of a dedicated grit removal system required to prevent the premature wear of the equipment, reducing maintenance, repairs, and replacement costs. It also includes replacement of the current effluent filter system which is essential to meet the effluent criteria required in the District's Operational Certificate. This system will allow redundancy in the system in cases where the filter is out of service for scheduled maintenance and repairs, or emergencies.

Notice to Summerland Irrigators

The District will begin turning irrigation services on Monday, April 10, 2017. 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. Applications are available at Works and Utilities, 9215 Cedar Avenue, Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Advanced Irrigation applications will be accepted until April 7, 2017.



Canyon View Cemetery Spring Maintenance

The District of Summerland will commence Spring Maintenance at Canyon View Cemetery on May 1, 2017. Part of the maintenance work will be the removal of items (offerings) such as flowers, ornaments etc. 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 guidelines by April 30, 2017.

Offerings that the District removes will be photographed, tagged, and stored for sixty days at the Works and Utilities Department. Flowers or floral arrangements that have wilted or have become unsightly will be removed and discarded. Although care will be taken while removing offerings, the District is unable to accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

Please call Works and Utilities with inquiries 250-494-0431, email works@summerland.ca, or visit www.summerland.ca for complete guidelines and to view the Bylaw.