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A Newsletter from the District of Summerland

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# PRV10 Water Project

The PRV10 Water Project of March 3rd-6th is complete and waterlines are fully pressurized. The project was complete on Sunday afternoon - ahead of schedule! Residents and businesses are no longer asked to reduce consumption; however a BOIL WATER NOTICE remains in effect until daily samples indicate that the water meets Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines. Post project construction will continue at the Morrow Avenue site, Sinclair Road site and PRV10 site over the course of the week. The road closure at Sinclair Road will remain in effect this week.

Residents and businesses are commended for their patience and support during this complex and critical water project. Many individuals dropped by the construction sites to say a few encouraging words or to drop off coffee for the crews. The many positive comments received on Facebook are appreciated by all.

Special thanks are extended to individuals, community groups and organizations who went above and beyond to ensure that this project went smoothly. The District of Summerland's Works and Utilities crews along with the contractors worked through the night on Friday and Saturday to ensure that the project was completed with as little disruption as possible. District management staff and councillors volunteered their time over the weekend to provide coverage at the Communications Centre set up at the Aquatic Centre. Residents were especially grateful for the 300 cases of water which **Nesters Market** donated to the community and distributed at the Communications Centre.

BOIL WATER NOTICE IN EFFECT UNTIL ADVISED

Players and coaches of the **Summerland Steam** were on hand on Saturday to deliver water to elderly and other housebound individuals not able to access water on their own. **Ogopogo Valley Tours** also offered their services as Water Angels!

The Boil Water signs will be removed once the notice is lifted. Water users are encouraged to check District of Summerland Facebook (District of Summerland) or Twitter (@summerlandbc) for the most up to date information.



Summerland Steam Helping Out



Night Crews Working

Sinclair Valve Installation

Support Summerland Culture Volunteer for the Cultural Development Committee

The District of Summerland is seeking up to seven community members to provide a local perspective in guiding progress of arts and cultural development within the community. The group will also advise council on issues relating to arts and culture and support projects like the Arts & Cultural Centre. The committee will consist of artists, arts supporters, cultural entrepreneurs as well professionals from other sectors: business, communications, education, health, finance, among others. Young adults are encouraged to apply. The combination of artists from different genres and community members who have expertise in other areas will offer Summerland's arts and cultural community advice and support, enabling collaboration and building strength.

More information and applications are available at Municipal Hall or at <u>www.summerland.ca</u>. For further information please contact Kayleigh Hall at <u>khall@summerland.ca</u>.

#### Thank you Snow Angels

The District received over 50 names from thankful neighbours who received help with snow shoveling this year. The Mayor acknowledged all of the Snow Angels with a certificate for their kindness. Mike Stilwell was this years winner of the draw for a gift certificate at a local restaurant. Thanks to everyone who lends a helping hand and makes Summerland a better place to live, and thanks to those who took the time to nominate their neighbours.



**Financial Planning Open House** Monday, April 3, 2017 from 3pm - 8pm Formal presentation at 6:30pm Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Rd.

Come and see what projects are planned for this year's budget. Staff and displays will be on hand.



#### Solar Energy

**Thank You** to everyone who attended Summerland's first Solar Energy Community Conversation on February 16<sup>th</sup> and to those who weren't able to attend but showed their support. More than 100 attendees packed in to a standing room only event, eager to learn more about solar energy and how Summerland's Electrical Utility could benefit from this renewable energy source. The community's response was overwhelmingly positive, and Council is excited to continue this discussion with our residents and to move forward with studying how to best utilize solar energy for the benefit of our community.

Presentations from the event and results of a participant survey will be posted on www.summerland.ca/climate-action

# SPRING IS COMING



**COMPOST BIN SALE MARCH 1st - 21st** In conjunction with the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS), the District is able to offer wholesale pricing for Compost Bins (\$44.00 plus taxes) and Green Cone Composters (\$124.85 plus taxes). Residents can purchase these units at Municipal Hall until **Tuesday, March 21st.** Bins will be available for

pickup at Works and Utilities, 9215 Cedar Avenue starting on Earth Day, April 22nd. For more information on composters or upcoming workshops, please call the RDOS at 250-490-4129, email info@rdos.bc.ca or visit www.rdos.bc.ca.



#### SPRING CLEANING

The Works Division Crews will be heading out soon to sweep Summerland's 160 kilometres of roads. Crews start in the Lower Town area and work their way up to the higher elevations. This is a two-step process, with the crews first removing the

heavier sand with the front broom articulating sweeper, loader and dump truck. The second step is to pick up the remaining finer particles with the vacuum sweeper which takes several passes until each road is clean. Please be patient as this is a slower process with the vacuum sweeper requiring more time to cover the same area. If you see or hear the sweeper in your area, please give us a helping hand by moving your vehicle if it is parked on the street.

### LIGHTS OUT FOR EARTH HOUR

Millions of people will turn their lights off for Earth Hour on Saturday, March 25th from 8:30pm—9:30pm to draw attention to the effects of climate change. Turn out your lights and show your commitment to a better future.



# SKATEPARK FUNDRAISER

Comedy Show with Tim Nutt at the Barking Parrot (Penticton) Monday, March 27th, 2017 Tickets \$20 in advance and are available at Homeside Video and Prima Pizza or \$25 at the door Enjoy a fun night out plus help raise funds for the Summerland Skatepark.

Cash donations are gladly accepted at Municipal Hall or the Recreation Centre. Hats and t-shirts are also for sale with proceeds going towards the Skatepark.



The Canada 150 Mosaic project is coming to Summerland!

To celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, Summerland joins other communities across Canada in creating its own unique mosaic. Citizens of Summerland are invited to participate in this national project by painting a tile, which will be included in the large mosaic, permanently displayed as public art.

Paint your tile at a workshop with artist facilitators at the Arts & Cultural Centre on May 5<sup>th</sup> or May 6<sup>th</sup>. It only takes an hour to contribute to this lasting legacy!

Tiles are limited – reserve yours by contacting the Community Development Coordinator, Kayleigh Hall at <u>khall@summerland.ca</u> or calling (250) 404-4066.

This is a free event and open to all ages and artistic abilities!

Vote on your top 3 choices of images to be included in the Canada 150 Mosaic by the online survey found at <u>www.summerland.ca</u>.

## CURBSIDE COLLECTION – YARD WASTE PICKUP

The first Yard Waste pickup of the year is on your regular garbage day the week of March 21st —24th. Place yard waste in containers marked with *Yard Waste* decals (decals are free at Municipal Hall) or in Kraft paper bags that can be purchased at many stores. There is no limit to the number of bags or containers



left at the curb (not exceed to 25kg or 55lb) each). Have your bags of prunings, leaves, grass clippings and non-invasive weeds out with your garbage by 7am on your applicable garbage day. Bundles of prunings cannot exceed three feet (1 metre) in length and must be tied with string or twine.

Green wood waste (up to 500kg) can be taken to the landfill for free (check the District website for details).

Once you are done cleaning your yard, return some nutrients to the soil by adding compost. Compost is available at the Summerland Landfill for 2¢/kg or you may purchase a composter from Municipal Hall until March 21st.

#### SPRING RECREATION BROCHURE ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

Watch for the Spring Recreation Brochure which will be mailed out March 7th. Don't be disappointed and miss out on the activity you want to join - register right away. Registering is easier than ever now that the Recreation Department has implemented an online registration system. Visit www.summerland.ca for details.



## GET INVOLVED WITH EARTH WEEK 2017!

Summerland's Earth Week celebration is happening April 18th - 23rd, 2017, and there are plenty of ways to be involved! There will be a number of events throughout the week, and a full calendar will soon be available on Summerland Earth Week's Facebook site and at summerland.ca.

Two events seeking participants for at this time are: **Neighbourhood Clean-up Challenge** (Saturday April 22nd, 10am –noon). Get together with your neighbours and spend a couple of hours picking up trash to make your neighbourhood litter free! The District will provide safety vests and garbage bags.

Neighbourhood Garage Sale (Sunday April 23rd, 9am-2pm). Join with your neighbours and organize a garage sale, or have your own! We will publish a list of sales throughout Summerland so everyone can find a treasure to take home. Remember, REUSING is the best RECYCLING! To register for either of these events, please email <u>climate.action@summerland.ca</u> or call Tami Rothery, Sustainability / Alternative Energy Coordinator at 250-404-4068.