

FRASER LAKE
VILLAGE OFFICE

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EASTER
The Village Office and Public Works will be closed Friday, April 14 and Monday, April 17.

Village News



APRIL 2017

FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Spring Water Runoff:

To coin a phrase "It was a perfect storm". The relatively quick snow melt, heavy frost in the ground and shallow plugged culverts. We received a lot of calls and did our best to respond as quickly as possible. The Public Works Crew worked endlessly to get the water flowing again. We appreciated your patience. With the water flowing, we assessed whether this could have been prevented. We learned we were not alone this year; this problem has plagued many northern communities. One of the lessons learned is that our silted in ditches and culverts were a significant contributor to the problem. Many of the culverts under driveways and roads are filled with years of accumulated silt. The space remaining available for water to flow is a fraction of what should be available if the culvert was clean. In 2016, the Village Works Crew completed ditching down Park Drive and along Simon Fraser Avenue. We recognize we need to continue ditching other areas in town where ditches have filled in.

Community Transportation:

This past week, we learned our application for funding to purchase and operate a Community Bus has been approved. This program is a joint initiative between the Province, the Regional District and the Village of Fraser Lake. Without our funding partners, this initiative would not be possible. The bus will provide low cost transportation to area residents who want or need transportation to Fraser Lake for appointments, shopping or to attend community events. This bus is expected to operate two days a week with a morning pick up and afternoon drop off. A schedule has not been set, however, on a Monday or Tuesday we expect the bus will service Francois Lake, Endako and Stelat'en; picking up in the morning and dropping off in the afternoon. On a different day of the week, the bus will provide transportation to residents of Stelat'en, the north shore of Fraser Lake, Nadleh, Sunset Beach and Fort Fraser. We hope to implement this initiative this fall.

Sidewalk, Walkways and Trails Study:

The Village of Fraser Lake is working to connect our community's sidewalks, walkways, and municipal trail systems. We have received funding through the Rural Dividend Fund to undertake a study to determine how our existing sidewalks, walkways and trails meet community needs. Do they assist your access to common locations such as schools, the bank, post office, bus stop or white swan park? Would there be a benefit to the community if we improve some or all our sidewalks, walkways or trails. Which sidewalks, walkways or trails should be our priority? Public consultation is a vital component of this process. Village staff will be conducting surveys in some of the popular gathering spots during the month of April. If you would like to have a survey emailed, please contact Dave Christie at 250-699-6257 or email dchristie@fraserlake.ca. We would like to know your thoughts or ideas.

Performances by
Fraser Young
Graham Chittenden
Steve Dylan
&
FEATURING
Jonny Harris

Join us for a night
of comedy celebrating
FRASER LAKE, BC!

*Disclaimer: This event will be filmed for a CBC television series. Attendees may be photographed and/or recorded.

STILL STANDING

Join us at
Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School
110 Chowsunket Street

Friday April 7th, 2017
Doors Open: 6:00 pm
Show Starts: 6:30 pm

No tickets. No reserved seating. Ages 14+

FACEBOOK: Still Standing WEBSITE: cbc.ca/stillstanding TWITTER: @stillstandingtv



FRASER LAKE FIRE RESCUE

Love Fraser Lake
 We would like to welcome Everybody Fitness and Senor Duggies Tacos & Pizzeria to the group. Love Fraser Lake currently has 25 local businesses who participate in this program. Visit www.lovefraserlake.com to view these businesses and organizations.

Spring Clean Up Safety Considerations

Spring is here and as you are tackling your yard clean up, here are some safety tip considerations to keep in mind:

*Fraser Lake has a compost area past the arena at the end of Mouse Mountain Dr. just behind the skateboard park. Grass clippings, old sod, leaves and tree trimmings no larger than 2" in diameter can all be brought there. Please dump in designated areas. Construction waste is not permitted.

*Dress appropriately for the work environment; long pants and long sleeved shirts, gloves, sturdy shoes with slip-resistant rubber soles and eye protection.

*Walk around the area before you mulch any grass, remove any objects that could damage equipment or cause injury such as sticks, stones, metal, glass, and wire.

*Be sure all maintenance on your power equipment is done in accordance to the operator's manual and safety devices on the equipment are in place and functioning properly before starting work.

*Handle gas carefully. Remember to never fill gasoline tanks while equipment is operating or when equipment is still hot. Wipe up spills, and store gas in an approved container, away from your house.

*Never work electric power

er tools in wet or damp conditions.

*Be sure that extension cords are in good condition.

*If possible avoid burning brush and yard debris. If you need to burn, you **MUST** obtain a **burning permit** first. This is available at the Village Office. Permits are only valid within the municipal boundaries and burning guidelines must be followed. Details are included on the burning permit. Prior to burning you must check in with the British Columbia Ministry of Environment Ventilation Index @ 1-800-281-2992. Thanks and Have A Safe Spring!

Fire Chief Joe Pacheco

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Free Gale Courses!
 With the support of the Community Adult Literacy Program (CALP) we are offering convenient online access to hundreds of courses for professional career development, computer skills and personal enrichment.

For more information contact the Library at 250-699-8888 or CALP at 250-699-6249.

Spring Break is near; come to the Library to borrow books, DVDs, or spend time using our computers. For little ones we have books, puzzles, puppets and more.

RECREATION & SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

This year's expo will be held on Saturday, April 22, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Fraser Lake Arena. There are more than forty exhibitors for this year's event. Come see what Fraser Lake and area has to offer!

PHOTO CONTEST

Congratulations to Fred and Leta Gorley for winning the photo contest. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos.

DAFFODIL TEA

The Fraser Lake & District Historical Society will be hosting the 82nd Annual Daffodil Tea on Saturday, April 22 from 1 pm - 3 pm at the Fraser Lake Legion. The ever-popular Penny Sale will once again be stocked with great prizes, as well as a bake sale table. Tea & goodies will be served by the Legion.

VISITOR CENTRE

The Visitor Centre and Museum will be opening May 19. The Historical Society will be operating the centre and is looking for volunteers to help out this summer. Contact Richard Cannon at 250-699-8697 or email: fraserlakevc@gmail.com

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Village of Fraser Lake will be hiring a limited number of University and High School Students for summer labour. Interested students must be able to demonstrate they are returning to school in the fall 2017. If interested, please submit your resume to the Village of Fraser Lake Office:
 Village of Fraser Lake
 Box 430, Fraser Lake, BC
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 Email: rjholland@fraserlake.ca

Fraser Lake & District Chamber of Commerce

EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor Fraser Lake's Amazing Easter Scavenger Hunt Saturday April 15, 10am - 1pm. Registration is at 9:30am at the Fraser Lake Fire Hall. Open to all children 13 years of age and younger. Visit the Fraser Lake & District Facebook page for details about this fun event.

WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

The National Day of Mourning is observed in Canada on April 28th. It commemorates workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness due to workplace related hazards and incidents. The ceremony will be held on **Friday, April 28th 2017, at 10:30 am at White Swan Park.** There will



be delegates from the Fraser Lake Fire Rescue and the Village of Fraser Lake. The purpose of the Day of Mourning is two-fold—to remember and honor those lives lost or injured and to renew commitment to improving health and safety in the workplace—to prevent further deaths, injuries and diseases from work.