



Summer 2018 Municipal Newsletter—Volume 9 / Issue 3

2018 General Local Election

The next Local General Election is **October 20, 2018**. Prospective candidates must be nominated by 2 eligible electors from Peachland. **Nomination packages will be available from the District Office beginning July 27th, 2018**. Nomination forms must be filed with the Chief Election Officer between **September 4th, 2018 and 4 pm September 14th, 2018**. For more information please visit www.peachland.ca/elections.

Peachland Senior's Housing

The Peachland Seniors' Support Society (PSSS) project is progressing well. Construction progress in the past few months includes:

- Installation of shallow utilities (hydro, Telus, Shaw) is 90% complete;
- Building framing is complete, with the balconies nearing completion;
- The roof trusses and sheeting on the main and lower east roof is complete;
- Electrical rough-in and splicing work is underway on all levels;

We are very grateful for the donations from community groups, towards various features in the building. To date, we have received the following donations:

- ◆ Peachland Fire & Rescue - \$500 for iGuard smart stove unit
- ◆ Peachland Legion - \$5,000 for iGuard smart stove units
- ◆ VantageOne Credit Union - \$1,000
- ◆ Fortis BC - \$2,000 towards iGuard smart stove units
- ◆ Peachland Rotary Club - Donation of common room appliances
- ◆ Central Okanagan Foundation—\$14,551.07 for lounge furniture

Lots of fun in Peachland this summer!



Rotary Peace Concert Series in the Park

– July 15 & 22 4:30-5:30 pm and Aug 12 6:30-7:30 pm and Aug 19 7:00-8:00 pm.

Enjoy entertainment in Heritage Park. Food service is available one hour prior to show time. <http://peachlandrotary.com>

Fishing is Forever – July 21 – Provides people with disabilities with opportunity to learn to fish. www.peachlandsportsmen.ca

Rattlesnake Island Swim – August 11 – 3.1K and 7K swims available. Advance registration required. www.rattlesnakeislandswim.com



3rd Annual Coldwell Banker Movie Night

in the park in support of the Boys and Girls Club of Peachland. Movie. Saturday, July 27 7:00-11:00 pm. Donations are accepted for the Boys & Girls Club.

Swim Bay is open June 22-August 26. Full lifeguard service available 12:30-5:30 daily.

Join in swim lessons for children, youth and adults. For youth – the Junior Lifeguard Club is a great way to learn the basics of lifesaving – August 7-9. Swim Bay is a great place for youth to gain certifications towards becoming a lifeguard. For more information visit:

<http://www.peachland.ca/swim-bay2> or call 250-767-2133

With the summer heat upon us, residents are reminded to please be conscious of their water use habits. Below are a few tips for conserving water in your back yard:

- ◇ Leave grass 2-3 inches tall (5-8cm). Water stays longer when grass is longer. Leaving your grass longer slows evaporation from the soil... making it work more effectively!
- ◇ Leave grass clippings as mulch. Leaving grass clippings on your lawn helps feed the lawn and retain moisture, requiring less water and reducing evaporation.
- ◇ Aerate your lawn and top dress with compost. Aerating the lawn in early spring or fall improves water penetration.
- ◇ One inch a week will do. Most lawns need just 2.5cm (one inch) of water per week — about the depth of a tuna can. Watering deeply and less often promotes deep, healthy root growth. If you're watering deeply but not seeing results the problem may be inadequate topsoil. Try top dressing with half an inch of compost, then over-seeding for a thick and vigorous lawn.
- ◇ Notice brown spots? Check sprinkler heads. Water needs supervising. Sometimes sprinkler heads break, or plants grow around the sprinkler head, preventing effective water use.
- ◇ Install water-saving irrigation products. Save money on your water bill by using high efficiency irrigation, like drip or micro-jet, for shrubs and gardens.



District of Peachland **Good Neighbour Guide** A guide to being a good neighbour in Peachland



Are you a good neighbour? The Good Neighbour Guide is coming soon!

The bears are back in town! (and so is WildSafeBC)

WildSafeBC is a program designed to reduce human-wildlife conflict through education, innovation and cooperation and is delivered by the BC Conservation Foundation in communities across BC. **Meg Bjordal**, as the WildSafeBC Coordinator for the Okanagan Westside program, will be working in Peachland, as well as Westbank and West Kelowna to reduce human - wildlife conflict for the upcoming season.

Last year, from January to November, approximately 80% of the wildlife conflicts in Peachland that were reported to the Conservation Officer Service involved black bears; 58% of the black bear reports indicated garbage was an attractant, and fruit trees in another 11% of reports. In order to reduce the human - bear conflicts in Peachland, WildSafeBC would like to remind residents to keep garbage secured until the morning of collection day, and to proactively pick ripening fruit, as well as promptly pick-up fallen fruit.

For further information on reducing human-wildlife conflict visit <https://wildsafebc.com>, follow WildSafeBC Okanagan Westside on Facebook, or contact your local Community Coordinator, Meg Bjordal, at okwestside@wildsafebc.com or 250-826-3114. Alternatively, Meg can be found at the Peachland Farmers Market on July 15th and August 19, as well as other events in the region.



Please report wildlife conflicts to the Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277. Residents can also report wildlife conflict other than bear, cougar, coyote or wolf online at WildSafeBC's Wildlife Alert Reporting Program (WARP), available at www.wildsafebc.com/warp. This program allows you to see what wildlife has been reported in your neighbourhood and be alerted of new sightings.

WildSafeBC Okanagan Westside is grateful for the generous support the program receives from its funders including the British Columbia Conservation Foundation, the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, the City of West Kelowna, Westbank First Nation, District of Peachland, and the Central Okanagan.

How to Report a Wildfire

To report a wildfire or irresponsible behaviour **call 1 800 663-5555** or ***5555** from a cell phone. Information from the public is crucial to ensuring wildfires are responded to as soon as possible.

All calls are answered by BC Wildfire Service staff at the Provincial Forest Fire Reporting Centre. Any information you can provide is helpful, however you can expect the emergency call taker to ask for details about the fire, such as;

- Location: *Where is the fire? How far up the hillside?*
- Size: *Metres? Hectares? Size of a house? Size of a football field?*
- Rate of spread: *How quickly is the fire spreading?*
- Fuel: *What is burning? Grass, bushes, trees?*
- Smoke/flames: *What colour is the smoke? Are flames visible?*
- Threat: *Are there any people or buildings at risk?*
- Action: *Is anyone fighting the fire?*



PEACHLAND FIRE AND RESCUE

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries.

Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling...

Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended, Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

Peachland Fire & Rescue Service

