

APRIL 2022

Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



***They may look cute...but please
DON'T ATTRACT BEARS TO OUR COMMUNITY!***

It's spring again and bears are waking up. Bears have a keen sense of smell, and garbage or other food sources could easily attract a bear and other wildlife to your backyard. Here are few tips to keep our community safe from human-wildlife conflict.

Garbage and compost:

- Keep garbage in a secured shed or garage until pick-up day. Don't stockpile or bury garbage.
- Never leave fish or meat remains outside or in your compost. Instead, put them in your freezer or in a cool place until garbage day.
- Cooking oil, grease, dairy products or fruit should never be left outside or put in your compost.

Barbecues:

- Burn grills clean to remove any food residues, and store barbecues inside. Any barbecues left outside should at least be covered and stored out of the wind.

Pets:

- A dog may help warn you that a bear is nearby, but be sure your dog is restrained or in a fenced yard.
- Store pet food indoors. Any food outdoors should be in bear-proof or air-tight containers.

Report all wildlife conflicts to the BC Conservation Officer Service RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277



Newsletter Highlights

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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

APRIL 23 - 10am-3pm

to book a table, contact Shannon

by email at

comdev@districtofstewart.com

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

Closed Friday April 8 after 10:30am

Closed for Good Friday (April 15) and

Easter Monday (April 18)

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

APRIL 11 & 25 - 7 PM

Meetings will be held in Council Chambers at
705 Brightwell Street

BUSINESS CORNER



Grow Your Business Online

In the digital age, it's crucial for consumer-facing businesses to develop and implement e-commerce capabilities to remain competitive. **The Canadian Digital Adoption Program** can help get your business online, give your e-commerce presence a boost or help digitalize your business's operations.

For funding opportunities and to find out which grant is your business eligible for.



BC Marketplace

Small Business BC created this initiative to support and increase sales to local businesses across BC. The platform is free to use for the customer and business owner, It offers an opportunity for BC consumers to find product and service providers closer to home and to put money back into the local BC economy.



Browse the website and create a profile today!

TOURISM DIGITAL ACADEMY
FREE ONLINE COURSE

Destination BC is offering this **free**, 8-week digital marketing program for BC tourism businesses who are interested in building their knowledge and skills in digital marketing to an intermediate level.

For more details and find out if the course is right for you and your business.

Community Services - Hours of Operation

**** Hours are subject to change ****

Border Town Residents Society (Thrift Store)
720 King St (Old Pool Building)
Thursday 5 PM - 7 PM
Saturday 1 PM - 3 PM
Pat: 250-636-2767 / patriciagrue@hotmail.com

Transfer Station
Tuesday & Thursday - 12 PM - 6 PM
Saturday - 12 PM - 4 PM
See www.rdks.bc.ca for holiday hours

STEWART MUSEUM / STEWART HISTORICAL SOCIETY (703 Brightwell St)
Winter season hours: Nov 1st - Apr 30th
Please contact for availability

Bottle Depot
Thursday 5 PM - 7 PM (Old Pool Building)
Pat: 250-636-2767 / patriciagrue@hotmail.com

Stewart Public Library (222 5th Ave)
Monday to Friday: 1 PM - 5 PM

Golden Triangle Gym (613 6th Ave)
Open 365 days 24/7

Food Bank Contact

To receive a monthly or emergency food box, please contact: Kimberly at Kimberly.Jewkes@gov.bc.ca or Pat at 250-636-2767



APRIL 2022

High Ground Hike: Tsunami Preparedness Event

Stewart is Co-hosting the Virtual High Ground Hike

Join BC coastal and Island communities in the Virtual High Ground Hike selfie contest during Tsunami Preparedness Week, April 10 - 16.

We live in a seismically active zone, which makes tsunamis a very real risk. We all need to be prepared by knowing our tsunami-safe location and how to get there with our grab-and-go bags. Taking part in the 2022 virtual High Ground Hike is a fun way to prepare and practice.



This event, coordinated by PreparedBC and co-hosted by the District of Stewart, encourages residents to take a first step in preparing for a tsunami and have some fun in the process. Participate in the VIRTUAL High Ground Hike and enter to win great prizes! It's easy. Take a hike to our tsunami-safe location, snap a selfie, and post it to Twitter or Facebook to be entered to win prizes.

When you tag @PreparedBC and use the hashtag #HighGroundSelfie22, you'll be entered to win:

- 2 Preparedness kits for 4
- 4 Preparedness kits for 2
- 5 Phone charger kits
- 6 Grab-&-go-bag starter kits
- 10 Waterproof headlamps
- 20 Phone banks

How to enter:

1. Go to our tsunami-safe location. It's at the water tower at the top of ski hill (see map above).
2. Take a selfie at safe ground to prove you were there.
3. Post your selfie to Twitter or Facebook. Tag @PreparedBC and use the hashtag #HighGroundSelfie22, and you'll be entered to win one of 47 prizes from PreparedBC.
4. Also use the hashtag #StewartHGH to win additional prizes.

Add the hashtag #StewartHGH to your post, and you'll be entered to win additional prizes:

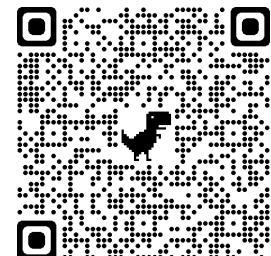
- Hand crank/battery/solar-powered radio
- WorkSafeBC Basic First Aid Kit
- 1 of 2 PreparedBC backpacks

Proof of residence will be required to claim these prizes. For full contest rules go to: www.preparedbc.ca/highgroundhike

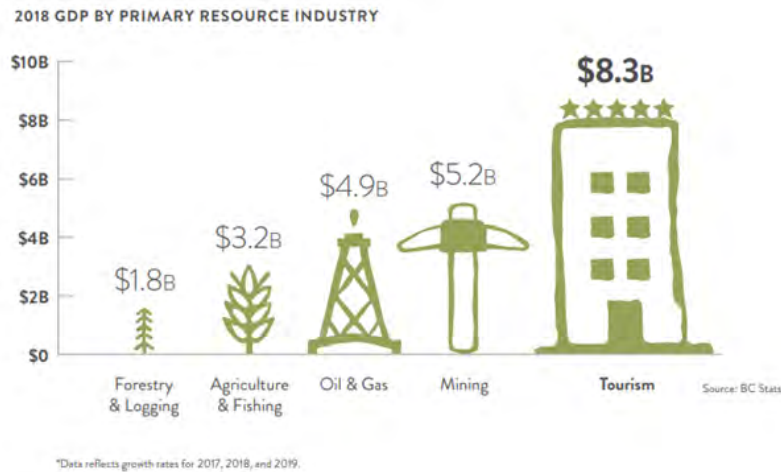
Visit the District of Stewart website to learn more about:

- the #HighGroundSelfie22 contest
- Stewart high ground location
- Stewart evacuation route
- Stewart tsunami notification process
- Stewart tsunami notification zone

Learn more about tsunami preparedness: www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC



The Power of Tourism



Tourism offers a wealth of career opportunities for BC residents—in fact, the industry is the largest employer of youth, who represent more than 30% of its workforce. More than 100,000 new job openings will be available in BC’s tourism industry by 2028, allowing entrepreneurs to transform their passions into businesses. Tourism also plays a positive role in preserving, sharing and celebrating the rich culture and history of BC’s diverse communities and people.

The tourism economy makes life better for British Columbians.

Our economy, especially small businesses, has been struggling a lot throughout COVID-19. During these difficult times, more than ever, British Columbians need to know about the importance of BC’s visitor economy, how it enriches all our lives by contributing to our collective social, cultural, environmental and economic well-being, and why they should travel within their own province.

82%

of BC residents strongly believe that tourism supports a greater diversity of amenities in their community

Source: Destination BC

94%

of BC residents believe that the tourism industry plays an important role in the economic well-being of British Columbia

Call for photos

Submit your photos and enter a draw!

Are you an avid photographer? Do you love taking photos of our local landscape or wildlife? Here is your chance to showcase your talent!

For the month of April, the District of Stewart / Stewart Tourism is actively seeking photos from locals to feature on our website/social media and newsletter. For each photo you submit, your name will be entered into a draw for a \$50 gift certificate.

Submit your photos to recreation@districtofstewart.com.



April Events

Mark your calendar!

- 5-30 StoryWalk® "Sincerely, Emerson" (Start at Stewart Library)
Hosted by STEWART MUSEUM / STEWART HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- 9 Saturday Night Social @ 6 PM - Midnight (Al Lawrence Memorial Arena)
Join Stewart Library for a night of fun. Food, bar, BINGO, raffle draws, 50/50 and more. This is a 19+ event.
- 10-16 High Ground Hike: Tsunami Preparedness Week
- 14 Bear Valley School's PAC - Easter Basket Fundraiser - Draw Date
- 16 Easter Egg Hunt - April 16 (Memorial Park)
Bring your boots and a bucket for collecting eggs!
- 23 Community Garage Sale (Al Lawrence Memorial Arena)





Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Tuesday, April 26th

5pm-7pm

Stewart Public Library (Visitors Center)

If you have a modest income and simple tax situation, volunteers can do your taxes for you!

Book an appointment by phone or email
250-636-2042

kimberly.jewkes@gov.bc.ca



Canada Revenue Agency

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Join us for our new

Story Walk!

StoryWalk® Route
 Starts: Stewart Library (Info Centre)
 2nd: Harbour Lights Store
 3rd: Cut Rate Foods Store
 4th: Temptation Bakery
 5th: Silverado Cafe

This story walk will be posted in windows from April 5 - 30, 2022

Stop by the Stewart Museum after you have completed it. We would love to hear from you and know how you enjoyed it! Give us a call at 250-636-2229, email us at museumstewartbc@gmail.com or instagram @stewartmuseum

STORY WALK® STEWART BC is brought to you by STEWART MUSEUM / STEWART HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WE'RE HIRING

The District of Stewart is looking to fill a number of summer positions within our Parks and Recreation department.

- VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE COUNSELLORS
- LABOURERS

For more information, please email: comdev@districtofstewart.com

JOIN OUR TEAM!

** Stay tuned for more information about the District of Stewart's Spring Clean Up dates **

Spring Cleaning and find yourself with extra stuff? Why not sell it at our Community Garage Sale!

Contact Shannon at comdev@districtofstewart.com to book your table. \$10 per table; no charge for community groups

The District of Stewart invites you to our

Community Garage Sale

Saturday, April 23
10 am - 3 pm
Al Lawrence Memorial Arena

Get great deals on household goods, collectibles, toys & much more.

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