

MARCH 2022

Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



A successful Winter Fest!

Thank you to everyone who came out and participated.

Special thanks to Stewart Community Connections Society, Stewart Minor Hockey, Old Timers Hockey, Mount Raine Figure Skating, Canal Rock & Broom Club, Stewart Public Library and Stewart Historical Society, who came together to organize so many great events for our community.

Congratulations to Brock Nelson, the winner of a 2022 Polaris RMK!



Newsletter Highlights

Business grants available

Preparing for power outage

Hiring for summer positions

High Ground Hike

PUBLIC SKATE SCHEDULE

MARCH 11 & 25 - 4:30 PM- 7 PM

Children under 15 are required to wear helmets at all times while on the ice. No street shoes or boots are allowed on the ice.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SIREN TESTING

March 24 - 12 PM

Regular siren testing is important to ensure the safety of our community.

Please note this is testing only. If you hear sirens during this time, do not evacuate.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

March 14 & 28 - 7 PM

Meetings will be held in Council Chambers at 705 Brightwell Street

BUSINESS CORNER



Business Grants

We know the pandemic has significantly impacted our economy and affected our local businesses. Did you know there is financial support being offered to business owners through various organizations and government agencies? Here are a few worth looking into:

- Tourism Relief Fund (TRF) in British Columbia (Gov of Canada)
- Local Lockdown Program (Gov of Canada)
- Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program (THRP) (Gov of Canada)
- Small Business Recovery (SBR) Consulting Rebate program (Northern Development)

SMALL BUSINESS BC

British Columbians possess an entrepreneurial flair unmatched across Canada. In fact, 98 per cent of business in our province is small business. Small Business BC is the premier resource centre for these entrepreneurs. Small Business BC is a non-profit organization that exists to help BC entrepreneurs start and grow their own businesses.

For the month of March, Small Business BC is hosting a number of educational events. Here are just a few:

- Business Networking Skills for Success - March 9
- Creating Engaging Video Content Using Your Phone - March 14
- Starting a Business: Start Smart Package- March 16

GO TO SMALLBUSINESSBC.CA FOR MORE INFORMATION

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!

Community Services - Hours of Operation

Hours are subject to change depending on the business

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

Border Town Recycling (Old Pool Building)

Thursday 5 PM - 7 PM

Pat: 250-636-2767 / patriciagrue@hotmail.com

Food Bank Contact

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

Transfer Station

Tuesday & Thursday - 12 PM - 6 PM

Saturday - 12 PM - 4 PM

See www.rdks.bc.ca for holiday hours

Stewart Historical Society (703 Brightwell St)

Winter season hours:

Nov 1st - Apr 30th

Please contact for availability

Stewart Public Library (222 5th Ave)

Monday 1 PM - 5 PM

Tuesday 10 AM - 5 PM (by appt only)

Wednesday 1 PM - 5 PM

Thursday 10 AM - 5 PM (by appt only)

Friday 1 PM - 5 PM

Golden Triangle Gym (613 6th Ave)

Open 365 days 24/7



The Value of Volunteering

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be enormous. Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. The right match can help you to find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career.

Giving to others can also help protect your mental and physical health. It can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. While it's true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll experience, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. Giving in even simple ways can help those in need and improve your health and happiness.

Benefits of volunteering: 4 ways to feel healthier and happier

- Volunteering connects you to others.
- Volunteering is good for your mind and body.
- Volunteering can advance your career.
- Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

Source: HelpGuide.org



Preparing for a Power Outage

Tips from BC Hydro

We can all take steps to prepare for an outage when we know it's going to happen, but most often, power outages are caused by factors beyond our control – wind, lightning, motor vehicle accidents, and animals – and they can happen at any moment. That's why it's important to ensure you and your family are prepared for an outage year-round.

Here are a few steps you can take now to prepare:

1. Build an emergency kit so that you and your family can be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours during a power outage. Check it regularly to make sure it's well-stocked and that all equipment is in good working order.
2. Create an outage plan and share it with your family so that everyone knows what to do in the event of an outage.

If the lights go out, the last thing you want is to be scrambling for supplies. You may have some of the items already, such as a flashlight, battery-operated radio, food, and water. The key is to make sure they're organized and easy to find. Would you be able to find your flashlight in the dark?



Helpful tips for putting together an emergency kit:

- Ensure your kit is easy to carry by using a backpack, duffel bag or suitcase with wheels.
- Store it in an easy-to-reach, accessible place, such as your front hall closet.
- Ensure everyone in your home knows where your emergency kit is stored.
- Remember to pull out your emergency kit once a year and make sure it still fits the needs of your household and replace any items that you may have used or expired.

For more information:



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High Ground Hike: Tsunami Preparedness Event

Tsunami Preparedness Week 2022 is April 10 to 16.

During the week, Prepared BC is hosting a virtual High Ground Hike and contest. They will also be hosting two public webinars about tsunami preparedness.

Launched in 2016, High Ground Hike is an annual, community event that's held during Tsunami Preparedness Week the second full week of every April. The purpose is to raise awareness about B.C.'s tsunami risk and give coastal residents an opportunity to practice reaching their tsunami safe zone.

Participation will be easy. Take part by following these steps:

1. Learn Stewart's tsunami-safe location.
2. Practice getting there with members of your household following your designated or recommended tsunami evacuation route(s).
3. Show us you got there by taking a selfie and posting it to social media. You'll be entered in a draw for prizes.

More details to come.



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 March, 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.



March Events

Mark your calendar! Many exciting events happening in our community!

Skating Carnival: Rock the Rink - March 5 @ 7 PM

Public Skate - March 11 & 25 @ 4:30 - 7 PM

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Judy Kirkpatrick Memorial Fun Tournament - March 18 - 20 @ 6:30 PM

