

OCTOBER 2022

Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



Newsletter Highlights

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DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
OCTOBER 10 (Thanksgiving)

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for Voting-

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

Voting will be held in Council Chambers
at 705 Brightwell Street

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

OCTOBER 11 & 24 - 7 PM

Meetings will be held in Council Chambers
at 705 Brightwell Street



Stewart Community Health Fair

Thank you to our amazing healthcare team at the Stewart Health Centre for organizing a great and informative Health Fair for students and community members.

If you didn't have a chance to stop by and take a look at what services/resources are available to you in Stewart, here is a quick recap:

- Information on reducing human-wildlife conflict from WildSafeBC
- Cognitive Care Kits available at Stewart Public Library
- Information on vaping and resources on how to quit from Northern Health
- Harm Reduction information from Northern Health, including training on the use of Naloxone to prevent opioid overdose
- Information on ambulance services from Northern Health
- Information on community services provided by the Stewart Community Connections Society
- Information on recycling and thrift store from Border Town Residents Society

BUSINESS CORNER

How to Start Selling on Amazon

Free webinar- October 5, 2022, 1-2pm

Having an online presence for business is extremely important in this day and age. As consumers are shifting more and more toward online shopping, selling your products online could be a great long term investment for your business.

If you would like to get started but lack the technical know-how and strategy, or perhaps you already have an online store but would like to expand your audience, this webinar is for you!

To register for this free webinar, visit <https://smallbusinessbc.ca/education/how-to-start-selling-on-amazon-2022-10-05/>



Neighbourhood Small Grants

Application deadline - October 21, 2022

We believe that now, more than ever, we need to stay connected within our neighbours and community members. Through the COVID pandemic the Neighbourhood Small Grants continued to encourage new ways to connect. Individuals (not organizations) could apply for grants up to \$500 to lead various projects in the community.

Few project ideas for the grant:

- Workshops
- Arts & Culture skill-sharing
- Yoga & Meditation
- Movie-night
- Care packages
- Paint a mural

To learn more or to apply, visit <https://neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca>

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

Bottle Depot

Thursday 5 PM - 7 PM (Old Pool Building)

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

Food Bank Contact

To receive a monthly or emergency food box, please contact 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 Public Library (222 5th Ave.)

Monday to Friday: 1 PM - 5 PM

STEWART MUSEUM / STEWART

HISTORICAL SOCIETY (703 Brightwell St)

Please contact for availability

Golden Triangle Gym (613 6th Ave)

Open 365 days 24/7





Be Bear Aware This Fall Season!

Bears have an incredible sense of smell and can be attracted to odours from garbage and recyclables, pet food, barbecues, bird seed in feeders, fruit trees, berry bushes, compost, fruit and vegetable gardens, beehives, chickens and small livestock. These temptations bring them into our neighbourhoods and closer to our homes, which can result in property damage and safety concerns for both people and bears.

Things you can do to help reduce conflicts with bears is to:

- Ensure garbage and recyclables are stored inside until the morning of collection.
- If you do not have an indoor space to store your garbage, use a bear-resistant container.
- Odourous items, such as food leftovers, should be frozen until the day of collection.
- Feed pets indoors.
- Keep barbecues clean by burning off bits of food, giving the grills a good scrape, and cleaning the grease trap after each use.
- Do not use bird feeders until winter. Offer a bird bath or plant flowers instead.
- Harvest fruit and berries before they ripen and pick up fallen fruit. If you must leave fruit on trees to ripen, protect them with an electric fence.

Bears have excellent memories and once they recognize your neighbourhood as a source of food, they are likely to return year after year. Help break the cycle and never let a bear associate your neighbourhood with good foraging habitat. It is important to report sightings and conflicts with bears to the Conservation Officer Service (COS) (1-877-952-7277) in a proactive manner before a bear becomes food-conditioned. These reports help inform our Wildlife Alert Reporting Program which is data used by WildSafeBC and others to prioritize education and outreach. This data is available to everyone. Do not wait until a bear becomes a threat to community safety before calling it in. Speak with your neighbours and work collectively as a community to secure all food sources.

For further information on reducing human-wildlife conflict visit wildsafebc.com, follow WildSafeBC Stewart on Facebook, or contact your local Community Coordinator, Melissa Colwell at stewart@wildsafebc.com or 778-794-9657.

Pebbles Program at the Stewart Museum

Thank you to Royanna Wild, from Ascot Resources, for helping out the Stewart Museum with the "Pebbles Program", presented to the Bear Valley School, grad K - 4. It was great fun for everyone!



Recap on Stewart Tourism Season

After a wonderful summer season, our Visitor Centre has closed last month and will reopen in May, 2023. The past two years had been incredibly difficult on individuals and businesses in the tourism sector, who depend on the travellers to visit our community and sights. Despite having to navigate few travel restrictions, it was amazing to welcome over 7,526 visitors (Visitor Centre Stats) from all around the world; many from other parts of BC & Canada, as well as US and Western Europe. We are happy to report that this year's number is comparable to pre-pandemic numbers (6,018 in 2018; 7,597 in 2019)! Tourism improves the quality of life for British Columbians and is an essential part of the BC economy, having contributed more to GDP (\$8.3B) than any other primary resource industry, including mining (\$5.2B) and oil & gas (\$4.9B).

We cannot wait to welcome back visitors next year!



Happy Friday Cookies

Incredibly delicious and easy to make cookies, perfect for the holiday season!

- 1 Pkg. Chocolate Chips (270 gram)
- 1 Pkg. Butterscotch Chips (270 gram)
- 1 Pkg. Peanut Butter Chips(270 gram)

Mix and melt the three packages together

Add to the mixture

1 cup of lightly crushed Ripple Potato chips

1 cup of chopped Pecans

Combine and drop by tablespoon on a waxed lined backing sheet

Let set and swoon!

*Recipe shared by Royanna Wild
Lands Manager/Ascot Resources*

OCTOBER EVENTS

- 1 - 31 **StoryWalk® "TBA"(Stewart Museum grounds)**
Hosted by STEWART MUSEUM / STEWART HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- 26 **Book Club "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate @ 6pm (Stewart Public Library)**
Hosted by Stewart Public Library. Email stewartpubliclibrary@gmail.com or call 250-636-2380 for more details
- 28 **Halloween Cookie Decorating for School-Aged Kids**
Registration required. Hosted by Stewart Public Library. Email stewartpubliclibrary@gmail.com or call 250-636-2380 for more details
- 31 **Forest of Fright @ 5-7pm (Rainey Creek Campground)**
Hosted by Bear Valley School