

SEPTEMBER 2022

Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



Newsletter Highlights

Workplace Accessibility Grant

WildSafeBC- BC Goes Wild!

Highlights from Soccer Camp

DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 5 (Labour Day)

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for Nominations-
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 at 4 PM
Visit District Office or call
250-636-2251 for more information

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER 26 - 7 PM

Meetings will be held in Council Chambers
at 705 Brightwell Street



A wonderful Stewart Community Days Event this year!

Thank you to the Stewart Community Connections Society and the following community organizations and individuals who made the Stewart Community Days weekend successful!:

- the Stewart Historical Society for the pancake breakfast, ducky races and sourdough demo,
- all the Artisan Market vendors,
- Trevor for the Cops for Cancer BBQ Fundraiser,
- Tori for organizing Arts & Crafts in the Park,
- Jocelynn for organizing the GooseChase,
- US Forest Service and Smokey the Bear for visiting,
- all the amazing volunteers!

And thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate our community!

BUSINESS CORNER

Workplace Accessibility Grant

Free webinar- September 6, 2022, 1-2pm

September is Disability Employment Month in BC. It's a time to celebrate and recognize inclusive employers and the important contribution people with disabilities make in the workplace. Small Business BC is hosting a webinar to learn how small business owners can receive financial assistance, up to \$2500, towards creating an inclusive work environment for persons with a disability(ies).

The session will cover information about the Workplace Accessibility Grant Program, what the grant can be used for, how the program works, program eligibility, and the grant application process.

To register, visit: <https://smallbusinessbc.ca/>.



How To Create An Age-Friendly Business

Accessibility isn't just about the inclusion for those with disabilities, but also for aging Canadians with mobility challenges. In BC, over 650,000 residents are aged 65 and while most older people are healthy and independent, there are steps businesses could take to make the experience more comfortable for this group. Here are some ideas:

- Offer ramps, sturdy railings and non-slip surfaces
- Offer ample seating in waiting areas
- Offer wheelchair accessible parking and areas inside the building, including the washroom
- Make sure areas are well lit and all signage is clear and understandable
- Ask your staff to be friendly and patient
- Ask your customers what changes are needed.

Source: *Small Business BC*



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

BC GOES WILD!

BC Goes Wild starts September 1 and is a celebration of British Columbia's great diversity of wildlife. September is historically a month where human-bear conflicts are at their highest. BC Goes Wild coincides with this month to bring awareness to these issues while also promoting ways we can live, work, play, and grow in wildlife country. To learn more, visit <https://wildsafebc.com/get-involved/bc-goes-wild/>.



Bear Smart Community

Did you know that the District of Stewart is working toward becoming a certified Bear Smart Community?

The Bear Smart Community Program is designed and run by The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in partnership with the British Columbia Conservation Foundation and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. It is a voluntary, preventative conservation measure that encourages communities, businesses, and individuals to work together. The goal is to address the root causes of human/bear conflicts, thereby reducing the risks to human safety and private property, as well as the number of bears that must be destroyed each year.

For more information on the Bear Smart Community Program, please visit: <https://wildsafebc.com/programs/bear-smart/>.

Have You Heard of "Hyperphagia"?

Also known as "extreme eating", hyperphagia is an increase in a bear's feeding activity driven by a biological need to fatten up for hibernation during the cold winter months ahead. During this time, which usually begins in late summer/early fall and lasts until November/December, a bear may consume up to 20,000 calories a day!!

This is one of the reasons we tend to see more bears in our community at this time of year and why we should be extra vigilant in safely securing attractants by keeping garbage, pet food and birdseed stored indoors, picking fruit from trees and cleaning up windfall, and keeping barbeques clean.

For more information on how to manage bear attractants, and other great information on living in wildlife country, please visit: <https://wildsafebc.com/learn/>.



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We want to hear from you!

WILD SAFE BC
British Columbia Conservation Foundation

- How do you feel about bears in your community?
- Has the number of bears in your community changed?
- How important is the Bear Smart Community Program to you?

Take Our Survey!

Email stewart@wildsafebc.com for more information.

Keeping wildlife wild and communities safe

WildSafeBC Stewart Would Like Your Input!

We've developed a survey to help us become better informed about interactions between bears and humans in Stewart. The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and is anonymous. If you do provide your name and email address, you'll be entered in a prize draw for \$25!

To fill out the survey, please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMCJ9DJ>, or contact Melissa, your WildSafeBC Community Coordinator at stewart@wildsafebc.com or (778) 794-9657 for a paper copy.

Summer Soccer Camp was fun!



A big thank you to Challenger Sports for another successful summer soccer camp for the kids!

This summer, we had Aiden S., Aidan C. and Karli from Glasgow, Scotland leading the full-day camp for a week with amazing weather. With over 10 years of experience playing soccer and 5+ years in coaching, not only did they teach kids the techniques and different aspects of the game (defending, attacking, shielding, striking, passing), but also how to have fun and be interactive on the field. Thank you to the wonderful coaches and to all the kids who participated!

Stewart Public Library will be operating out of the Visitor Centre building (222 5th Avenue) starting September 8, 2022.

Category 2 & 3 open burning, including fireworks, sky lanterns, burn barrels, still prohibited until October 15, 2022. Campfire smaller than 0.5m by height and diameter is allowed.

The Stewart Health Centre is hosting Health Fair on September 21, 2022. Stop by to learn about the services available in our community. There will also be displays/booths and live presentations from out-of-town health care and service providers. Schedule: Early Childhood from 10am - 12pm, Youth from 1-3pm, Community from 3-6pm.

The Visitor Centre will be closing for the season on September 16, 2022 and reopening on the May long weekend 2023.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- AUG 26 **StoryWalk® "Victoria and the Valiant Adventure" (Stewart Museum grounds)**
SEP 23 Hosted by STEWART MUSEUM / STEWART HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- 2 **Paint & Wine Night (Stewart Public Library)**
Registration required. Hosted by Stewart Public Library. Email stewartpubliclibrary@gmail.com or call 250-636-2380 for more details
- 21 **Health Fair (Health Centre)**
Early Childhood: 10am - 12pm, Youth: 1-3pm, Community: 3-6pm
- 24 **Artisan Fall Market (Connections Centre Gazebo)**
Hosted by Stewart Community Connections Society
- 28 **Book Club "Beyond the Trees" by Adam Shoalts @ 6pm (Stewart Public Library)**
Hosted by Stewart Public Library. Email stewartpubliclibrary@gmail.com or call 250-636-2380 for more details