



# District of Lantzville Community Update

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November 2015

## Remembrance Day

The District Office will be closed for **Remembrance Day** on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. Our regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) resume on Thursday, November 12, 2015.



## Remembrance Day Road Closure

Council approved the closure of the portion of Lantzville Road from School House Road to the Cenotaph in Huddlestone Park from **10:15 am to Noon** on Wednesday, **November 11, 2015** to permit the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #257 to conduct a parade and during the service that will be held in Huddlestone Park. Traffic control will be present during the closure to redirect traffic, where possible, through Lantzville via alternate routes. Expect traffic delays, obey all directions given by traffic control, and use caution with the increased pedestrian traffic on Remembrance Day.

## Fire Rescue 2016 Calendar On Sale Now!

Buy a calendar from the Lantzville Volunteer Firefighters Association (LVFA) selling door to door, or buy one at the District Office. Proceeds support local fire safety programs and special events. Fire Chief Whipps extends a special thank you to residents for their diligence this summer that resulted in a calm fire season here, amid a fire-storm province-wide. This month's Fire Prevention Message: *Burn only seasoned dry wood and have your chimney cleaned annually by a professional. Stack your wood away from the house.*

## Lantzville Block Watch Meeting Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

Cst. Gary O'Brien, RCMP Community Policing, is leading an initiative to implement a Lantzville Block Watch program to help neighbours watch out for neighbours. Its aim is to get citizens involved in discouraging and preventing crime at the local level, making our community safer, one block at a time! Find out more about **Block Watch** at the **public meeting at 7:00 pm** on **Wednesday, November 25, 2015** upstairs at the **District Office, 7192 Lantzville Road.**

### Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Haime is available to meet with residents on:

**Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

If you wish to make an appointment, please contact the District Office at 250.390.4006

## Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, November 2** – Committee of the Whole (Council) @ 7:00 pm

**Monday, November 9** – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm

**Monday, November 23** – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm

For more information:

- visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) and click on the calendar to access agenda, agenda package, and minutes; or
- visit the District Office to view the agenda binder which is available the Friday before the meeting.

## Council Update - In October, Council:

- supported the RCMP Community Policing implementing a Community Block Watch Program, including District promotion of Block Watch meetings
- requested a report on the option to issue one Development Permit for multiple properties
- appointed Councillor Dot Neary as Chair and Councillor Will Geselbracht as Alternate Chair of the District of Lantzville Parks and Recreation Commission
- appointed Councillor Denise Haime as the District's voting delegate at Municipal Insurance Association of BC subscriber meetings, and Mayor Colin Haime as first and Councillor Dot Neary as second alternates
- approved an extension of the contract with Koers & Associates Engineering Ltd.
- instructed staff to issue a RFP to retain a consultant to undertake a strategic planning workshop including a session on governance at the beginning
- adopted 2016 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 119

## Interested in parks and recreation?

The District of Lantzville needs volunteers to fill vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission. With exciting projects coming up for improving playgrounds, enhancing the Copley Ridge Recreation Trails, and developing a mountain bike skills circuit in Rotary Park, and the regular responsibilities of conducting the annual Minetown Day and providing advice to Council on parks and recreation functions, volunteers with an interest in parks and recreation (particularly for kids) should apply. The Commission meets at the District Office at 4:30 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month. Visit the District website for more information. Interested? Before 4:00 pm, Friday, November 20, 2015, email a brief resume with a letter highlighting your related interests and experience, to [trudy@lantzville.ca](mailto:trudy@lantzville.ca) or deliver it to the District Office.

## Who is dumping refuse on our beaches?

This is a reminder that it is unlawful to dispose of refuse, including tree and vegetation trimmings, grass trimmings, and construction materials, onto the shoreline. Yard waste is still a "waste". Illegally dumped material can have serious effects on the environment, wildlife habitat and the ability of others to use and enjoy outdoor recreational areas. Illegal dumping creates a problem that costs everyone. Take your garbage to the Regional Landfill at 1105 Cedar Road in Nanaimo. Help combat illegal dumping by observing, recording and reporting illegal dumping to: 250.390.6560. Call the BC Environmental Emergency Reporting Hotline toll-free at 1.800.663.3456 to report oil spills and other hazardous wastes dumped in environmentally sensitive areas.

## Spring 2016 Management Intern is Seeking Accommodation for 3 Months

The District of Lantzville will be welcoming a student from the University of Applied Administration studies in Ludwigsburg, Germany, as a volunteer management intern during the period March 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016. The dates for which accommodation is required may change, subject to approval of vacation. The student is female and fluent in English. Preference will be given to accommodation providing internet access and located close to the District Office at 7192 Lantzville Road, or where the landlord or host family can provide some transportation assistance.

By 4:00 pm, Friday, November 20, 2015, submit to the District Office the following information about your accommodation, and we will forward it to the student to contact you directly:

- Your name, and contact information (incl. email)
- Type of accommodation: independent living rental (house, suite, apartment or more!) shared or room and board
- Description of family or others living in house, if shared accommodation
- Street address of accommodation
- Distance to District Office, or description of transportation assistance available, if any
- Per week or per month rent charged and terms – when payable, what does the rent include (room only, room and food, or room and cooking facilities, cleaning, laundry, etc.), and what does it not include, e.g. are there any utility charges?
- Description of accommodation with photos (describe size, type (suite, apartment, house, duplex, motel, etc.), features, access appliances, e.g. laundry and cooking facilities)
- Any information you would like to receive before finalizing a rental arrangement.

Enjoy this unique opportunity to share Lantzville with an international guest in our community! Questions? Contact [trudy@lantzville.ca](mailto:trudy@lantzville.ca) or call 250.390.4006.

## Bylaw Reminders

**Open Burning** – From October 16, 2015 to May 14, 2016, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit. However, conditions apply, for example, limiting what can be burned (no prohibited materials or recyclables) and that burning is only after all other means – reduce, reuse, recycle - have been exhausted. The two most frequently overlooked conditions are those of wind speed and venting (how well the smoke you produce will rise and not seriously affect your home and others). Burning is not permitted when wind speed exceeds 15 kph (anything much more than a gentle breeze). The Provincial Ministry of Environment Venting Index severely limits the days that burning is permitted. Remember, when you burn, if you find the smoke or the ash fallout offensive at your place, chances are your neighbour does as well. Questions? Contact the District Office or view the Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 86, 2010 and venting index information online at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca).

**Unightly Premises** – Don't wait until Spring to clean up your property! It is a bylaw offence to allow rubbish, noxious or offensive matter to collect on your property. The best way to prevent a rodent infestation is to remove the food sources, water and items where rodents can hide or nest. Seal up! Trap up! Clean up!

**STAGE 1 Watering Restrictions Effective Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Are you Odd or Even?** You may water for a maximum of **3 hours** per designated days, between the hours of 6:00 am-10:00 am OR 6:00 pm-10:00 pm at:

- Odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days
- Even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days

Watering restrictions apply to sprinkling, irrigating, and all outdoor washing. *Watering restrictions only apply to those properties on the District's community water system but all property owners are encouraged to exercise water usage conservation measures.*

## Traffic Notes

Asphalt patching along Lorenzen Lane and Sebastian Road is scheduled to begin following completion of paving in the Lancrest Terrace/Lavender Rd. area in early November, weather permitting. Motorists and pedestrians, please allow extra time, exercise caution, and observe directions given by traffic control personnel when in these areas. Questions? Contact Fred Spears, Director of Public Works at 250.390.4006 or [spears@lantzville.ca](mailto:spears@lantzville.ca).

### FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGE REMINDER

Your regular collection day changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, after the garbage and food waste collection on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, collection resumes on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> with recycling and food waste pick-up, and continues on Tuesdays until Christmas Day after which pick-up is on Wednesdays.