

The Village of
Midway
MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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Next Council Meeting

Monday, June 17, 2019

Monday, July 15, 2019

Agendas close at noon

If you would like to appear as a delegation, or have an item added to the agenda, please contact the Village office prior to noon on the following dates for the upcoming meetings:

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Contact the Council

Mayor Fromme:

mfvillage@shaw.ca or

250-449-1978

ICBC & Motor Vehicles

The Village of Midway Office offers all of your ICBC Autoplan and Drivers Services needs.

Property Taxes and Sewer and Water Fees -

Property Tax Notices and Utility Invoices have been distributed. If you have not received yours please contact the Village Office. The deadline for paying taxes, user fees, and signing Homeowner Grants is **Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 4:30 pm.** The Village can accept cash, cheque, or debit (no credit cards) as payment. Post-dated cheques to July 2, 2019 are accepted but post-marks will not be accepted.

Residents who have arranged for their bank to pay their taxes are reminded that a Homeowner Grant still needs to be signed at the office, and that water and sewer user fees are not included with your property taxes and are billed separately.

Canada Day Celebration - On Monday July 1, 2019 join us in James G McMynn park for a free BBQ dinner followed by a fireworks display. More details to follow.

Dog Tags - 2019 dog tags are due and available at the Village Office. \$15 for spayed or neutered, or \$30 for unspayed or un-neutered. Cash, cheque or debit.

Responsible Pet Owners - Pet owners are reminded they are responsible for their pet's excrement as per Bylaw 438 Part 7. Pet owners are also asked to consider other users of public spaces. While out in public and on hiking and walking trails, please ensure you are in control of your pet at all times.

Parking at Airport - Residents that use the airport are reminded that parking on the airstrip is prohibited.



Landfill Hours of Operation

- **Rock Creek** - Monday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am - 3 pm Sunday: 10 am - 5 pm
- **Greenwood** - Tuesday, Friday, Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm

Midway Tree Recycling

The Tree Recycling facility is now open. If you haven't already, come into the Village Office to pay the fee and pick up a key.

Battery Recycling

Drop off your dead household batteries in the red box at the Village Office parking lot.

New Midway Residents

Welcome to Midway! New residents are asked to contact the Village Office to ensure we have your correct mailing address on file. Please phone 250-449-2222.

Fire Permits - Residents are reminded that burning permits are required for all burning within the Village and can be purchased for \$1 at the Village Office. This includes campfire, and open burn piles not exceeding one metre in height and one metre in width. No person shall ignite or cause to be ignited any household waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, plastic, or styrofoam, industrial or commercial waste.

******Please note that there are Open Burn restrictions: there will be no open burning allowed during the peak hours of 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. This restriction applies to all new and previously issued burn permits.******

Category 3 Fires are now prohibited within the Southeast Fire Centre's jurisdiction.

Any person who contravenes or violates any provision of this Bylaw could be liable to a minimum fine of \$500.00 and should the Midway Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Responder be required, the Permittee shall be liable for the total cost of the fire call per Bylaw #451, Part 10, Sec. 51 (2) (3).

Invasive Weeds - Hoary Alyssum, in particular, is starting to spread rapidly in Midway and the surrounding area. If you see this plant growing on your property it is important to know how to dispose of it properly. An informational fact sheet with this information and full description, can be found here:

<https://bcinvasives.ca/documents/>

Hoary Alyssum TIPS Final 08 06 2014.pdf

A clickable link will be placed on our website and Facebook page.

Emergency Preparedness - Another hot and dry summer is approaching. With that comes the high risk of wildfire activity. Attached is a list of all the things that should be included in your Grab N' Go bag as recommended by the Midway Volunteer Fire Department.



We STRONGLY URGE all residents to fill a "Grab N' Go" bag so if there is an emergency you can simply pick up your bag and leave immediately. In addition, we STRONGLY URGE residents with pets and farm animals to have "ready to go" arrangements made so we can safely and quickly get them out as well.

Help keep your family safe by preparing in advance for a potential evacuation alert or order. Develop a household plan, put together your emergency kit and connect with your neighbours. The Midway Volunteer Fire Department created this list following the 2015 Rock Creek Fire to help you prepare for the worse as we continue to hope for the best.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INDIVIDUAL "GRAB 'N' GO" KIT

Food and Water:

Water- 4 L/person/day plus pets
Food- 3 days that does not need refrigeration
Infant items: Diapers, bottles, canned milk and food
Pet Items: Food Water, leash, kennel
Manual Can Opener
Paper/Plastic plates and utensils
Alternate cooking source with fuel

Health:

First Aid Kit
First Aid Manual
Medications- 3 day supply
Eye Glasses/Contacts/Solution
Dentures
Personal Hygiene items- toothbrush etc
Toilet Tissue and Antibacterial wipes
Clothing- 3 day supply- suitable to season but always take hoodie or jacket

Safety:

Whistle
Cell Phone and Charger
Portable walkie/talkie radios (if you have them) and batteries
Emergency blanket/sleeping bag
Good shoes/boots
Gloves
Garbage bags (rain protection and waste disposal)
Water Pure tablets

Tools:

Flashlight/lamp and batteries
Portable radio and batteries
Wrench (adjustable)
Multi-tool
Rope (5 M), Duct tape, Shovel
Candles/waterproof matches/lighter

Important Documents:

Insurance Papers (Scan or digital photos)
Copies of ID and Passport
Phone numbers for emergency contact
Contact info for your family
Memory Stick with important documents
Documents/photos of your home for the before and after size up

Miscellaneous:

Map/Visitor Guide
Extra Home and Vehicle Keys
Cash
Wallet/Purse
Paper/Pencil
Tent
Children toys/games

CRITICAL: ALWAYS KEEP VEHICLE FUELLED NO LESS THAN $\frac{3}{4}$ FULL

Emergency Preparedness Websites:

PreparedBC www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC
BC Wildfire Info www.bcwildfire.ca

RDKB Emergency Preparedness Information:

<https://www.rdkb.com/Services/RDKBProtectiveServices/EmergencyPreparedness.aspx>

BC Wildfire Info Line: **1-888-336-7378 Press 3 for Kootenay info**

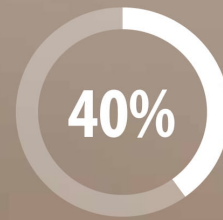
To Report Wild fire- 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on cell phone

Tune in to local radio station for updates

Evacuation Alerts and Orders: go to www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

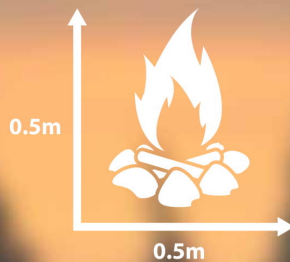
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OPEN FIRE REGULATIONS



40% of B.C. wildfires are human-caused and therefore preventable

CAMPFIRES, CATEGORY 2 FIRES AND CATEGORY 3 FIRES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



CAMPFIRE:

- Any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide

REGULATIONS:



You must have ready access to 8 litres of water or a shovel for the entire time your campfire is lit.



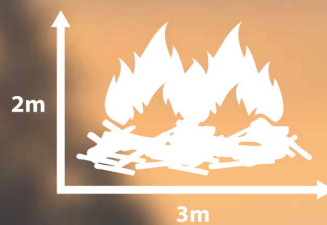
Your campfire must be completely extinguished and the ashes must be cool to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time. (Hot coals can reignite the fire.)



During campfire prohibitions, only a CSA- or ULC-approved portable campfire apparatus may be used, and the flame height must not exceed 15 centimetres.



You must build a fire guard around your campfire.



CATEGORY 2 FIRE:

- 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares

REGULATIONS:



A fuel break must be established around any Category 2 burn area.



Fireworks are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.



Burning barrels are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.



At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.

**Prohibited
as of 12pm
June 12, 2019**

CATEGORY 3 FIRE:

- Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 1 or more burning windrows
- Stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares

REGULATIONS:



A fuel break must be established around any Category 3 burn area.



Monitor your open burn to ensure that the fire doesn't spread beyond its intended size.



You must have a burn registration number to light a Category 3 open fire. Call the burn registration line **1 888 797-1717** to obtain one.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:



Never burn in strong wind conditions.



Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area.



Always keep your fire a safe distance away from nearby branches, wood and other combustible materials.



Do not conduct Category 2 or Category 3 burns when venting conditions are "Poor" or "Fair". Always check here first: www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html

*Further bans and restrictions can be implemented at the BC Wildfire Service's discretion.



Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$1,150. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million and be sentenced to one year in prison. Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any open fire.

Please report wildfires by calling
***5555 or 1 800 663-5555.**



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