

# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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## Next Council Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023

Monday, May 15, 2023

### 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, April 27, 2023

Thursday, May 11, 2023

### Contact the Council

Mayor McMynn:

[dmcmynn.midwaybc@shaw.ca](mailto:dmcmynn.midwaybc@shaw.ca)

### ICBC & Motor Vehicles

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

**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 reminded that the Riverwalk and areas within the Village of Midway require dogs to be On-leash **at all times**.

**Tree Recycling Facility** - The Tree Recycling Facility is not open at this time. It will not be opened in the near future, as the area is continuing to smoulder from the earlier burn. However, there is an area at the East Airport Hanger that has been designated for the drop off of **branches/tree clippings only**. These will be chipped on site. No leaves or grass clippings will be allowed.

**Sewer System Issues** - Public Works are continuing to have issues with the sewer system as a result of foreign objects being flushed into the system. Residents are reminded not to flush disposable wipes down the toilet - there are no chemicals or products that will reliably dissolve wipes and they can congeal with other items to create significant problems for our sewer system.

**West Boundary Community Forest** - WBCF has received an International Award for Excellence in Community Service/Organization Community Service/2.0 Leadership Organization. The Village would like to congratulate them on their well deserved accolades. WBCF is one of 5 winners from all of Canada.

**Community Gardens** - There is a meeting scheduled for Saturday at 11:00 am, at the Community Gardens. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## 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

## 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 (Box #) on file. Please phone 250-449-2222.**

## Council Meeting Minutes

Are available on our website at: [www.midwaybc.ca/minutes-newsletters/](http://www.midwaybc.ca/minutes-newsletters/)

If you do not have access to the online version, please contact the Village Office for a hard copy.

**Midway Fire Rescue** - Is looking for new members. If you live in the Midway/Rock Creek area and want to become part of a team, this may be for you. Junior members between the ages of 15-18 are encouraged to apply. Being a volunteer is about wanting to help. No prior experience is required. We will train you. There is more than one way to volunteer - help around the hall, department support, community education, fundraising along with emergency response to incidents. Anyone who joins the department will be able to receive training for the disciplines they choose. Training occurs on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 9pm with occasional weekend training for specialized training. To apply you must be physically fit to carry out firefighter duties or other rolls that you may participate in; you will also need to pass a criminal background check. Please contact the Fire Hall at 250-449-2206 or email us at [firechief@midwaybc.ca](mailto:firechief@midwaybc.ca) if you are interested.

**Midway Partnership Fund** - Will be accepting Letters of Intent for 2023 grant funding until April 30, 2023. Information and forms can be picked up from the Village Office.

**Voyent Alert** - is a way for the residents of Midway to stay informed of potential life threatening incidents, disruptions in services or critical events like fire or flooding. Alerts can contain essential safety information. Please register for this free service by contacting the Fire Chief at 250-449-2206. More information is available on the Village website.

**Notice of Public Meeting** - A Public meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:00pm at the Midway Village Council chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed 2023-2027, 5 year municipal budget, to the public. This is an opportunity for residents to provide comments on the proposed budget.

**Dog Tags** - 2023 dog tags are now available at the Village Office. \$15 for spayed or neutered, or \$30 for un-spayed or un-neutered.

**Utility Billing** - We have issued the Water and Sewer Utility billing for 2023. Please remember, like property taxes, these are not due until July 4, 2023. After that, a 10% penalty will be applied to any unpaid balance. Everyone is welcome to pay at their convenience to avoid having to pay both at the same time. Property Tax notices will be issued in May.

**Midway and Beyond Little Theater Production - 'Halfway There'** by Norm Foster. At the centre of this play are four lovable women, close friends, who could easily exist in a small town anywhere in Canada. Enter one heartbroken Doctor from Toronto. The audience will be transported to a small, local diner in Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, halfway from the equator to the North Pole.

The title, 'Halfway There', is of course, more than a geographic location. It's where the characters ARE in their lives. Things happen! Join MIDWAY...and Beyond LITTLE THEATRE at Midway Community Hall. The play runs from **May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**. This includes a Saturday MATINEE performance. Tickets or Reservations are available from Midway's "THE SPOT" Give them a call at 250-449-2345.

**Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities - Neighbourhood Small Grants Boundary**. There are grants of up to \$500 for individuals who want to create connections in their Community. You can apply for money to lead projects like yoga, soccer, cooking class, movie nights or other possibilities in your neighbourhood. They are accepting applications from April 15, 2023 to May 16, 2023. Apply at [www.phoenix-foundation.ca](http://www.phoenix-foundation.ca) for your project ideas.

**Green Bin Users Guide** - Find attached a new summary of the Green Bin use from the RDKB. Complete pamphlets can be picked up at the Village office, or it can be found on the RDKB website.





## We're changing and getting better...

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) has expanded and upgraded the composting facility at the Grand Forks landfill. Feel good knowing that when you use your green bin, the RDKB will be creating a usable finished product with the materials! Unfortunately, some materials are no longer allowed in the green bin, including diapers, dog waste, kitty litter and cage shavings. Plastics of any kind, including bags labelled compostable and biodegradable are also not accepted. Look inside for *What Goes IN the Bin*.

## Non-Acceptable Materials

**No diapers, pet waste or plastic bags in the green bin!**

In order to comply with provincial regulations and produce a marketable finished product, the following materials are banned from our composting facility:



- Diapers and sanitary products
- Pet waste, including dog waste, kitty litter and cage shavings
- Plastics bags, including those labelled compostable or biodegradable
- Plastics or metals of any kind - including coffee pods, disposable cups, twist ties, elastic bands, plastic packaging, face masks, even the stickers that come on fruit and vegetables! These materials do not break down in the composting process and contaminate the finished compost, making it unusable and destined for landfill.

\* Check inside for a guide on *What Goes IN the Bin*.

## Why Use Your Green Bin?

Using your green bin is smart - for both your wallet and the environment.

### Reduces your disposal costs

There is no charge for residential curbside green bin collection, so by putting kitchen waste in the green bin, you will reduce your garbage and save money on bag tags.

### Extends the life of the landfill

By diverting organic waste from the landfill, you are helping conserve valuable landfill space. Landfill expansion projects are very costly and time consuming, so it makes sense (and cents!) to keep organics out.

### Reduces greenhouse gas emissions

Organic waste buried in a landfill decomposes anaerobically - without oxygen - releasing methane greenhouse gases. According to the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, organic waste currently represents 40% of materials sent to municipal landfills in BC and generates 3.5% of the province's greenhouse gas emissions. By composting organic waste, greenhouse gas emissions are significantly reduced.

### It creates compost - a valuable resource!

By using your green bin, you recycle valuable nutrients into something that helps build healthy soil.

# What Goes IN the Bin

## Kitchen waste, such as...

### Fruit & Vegetables

Remove produce stickers, twist ties and rubber bands

### Uneaten Cooked Food

### Fish & Shellfish



### Meat & Bones

Bone or cooked bones <2" diameter

### Pasta, Rice, Grains & Cereal



### Wooden Utensils, Chopsticks & Toothpicks



### Coffee Grounds, Filters & Tea Bags



### Cut Flowers



### Food-Soiled Paper & Cardboard

Flour, bread, paper plates, waxed paper, waxed cardboard, like-salt containers (non-plastic)

### Tissue, Paper Napkins, Paper Towel & Powderly Material (such as flour)

ONLY IF contained in a paper bag  
Loose materials not accepted

### Nuts, Seeds & Shells



# What's OUT

## These materials are NOT accepted in the green bin...

- × Diapers, sanitary products
- × Coffee/tea pods, K-cups and capsules
- × Plastics bags or plastics of any kind, including those labelled compostable or biodegradable
- × Disposable coffee cups (recycle with Containers)
- × Disposable "flushable" wipes, swiffer mop pads (place in the garbage - do not flush)
- × Pet waste (dog poo, kitty litter, cage shavings)
- × Medications
- × Yard and garden waste
- × Hair, pet fur
- × Cigarette butts, wood and BBQ ashes
- × Wine corks
- × Meat/fish tray absorbent pads
- × Bones greater than 2" in diameter
- × Dryer lint, dryer sheets
- × Rocks, soil
- × Vacuum bags and contents
- × Metal materials, including aluminum foil
- × Twist ties, elastic bands, produce stickers