

Rail Safety Week

Council proclaimed April 25– May 1st “Rail Safety Week” in Ashcroft.

Operation Lifesaver works hard to help people recognize safe practices in and around railway tracks. Rail safety is especially important in Ashcroft because we have two main tracks going through our town. You can find safety tips at OperationLifesaver.ca

Train tracks and their surrounding areas are the Right-Of-Way (ROW) of the company who runs the trains. For instance, the area known as ‘the slough’ (which is private property belonging to the Ashcroft Terminal) is Canadian National ROW. It is an offense to trespass under section 26.1 of the Railway Safety Act and fines can be issued to those that do. Therefore Council asks that you stay safe, and don't trespass on any railway property.

Special Garbage Pick-up

To aid Ashcroft residents with their Spring Cleanup, additional garbage pick ups will be provided on Wednesday and Thursday, April 6-7, 2016.

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY:

- No hazardous substances will be picked up. Includes batteries, motor oil, paint, etc.
- Maximum weight of any single item or bundle is 100lbs.
- Heavier items up to 300 lbs will be picked up if noted when calling for service.
- The total weight per address is 1,000 lbs.
- The total volume of material per address is 4 cubic yards (6' x 6' x 3').
- Garbage must be out where it can be picked up by equipment.
- Garbage cannot be on Highway Right-of-Way.
- Garbage must be a defined pile on a level surface.
- Garbage must not be against fences, signs, buildings or retaining walls. Garbage will not be picked up if this is the case. This will be strictly enforced!
- Please do not place your garbage out prior to October 7th.
- Please call the Village Office at 250-453-9161 before 4:00 pm on April 5th to arrange for this service.

Your Mayor and Council:

Mayor: Jack Jeyes

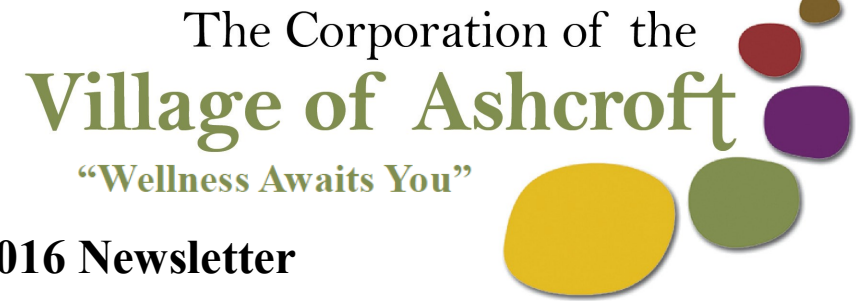
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Mayor Jeyes and Council hope everyone attends the Community Forum on April 14th at the Ashcroft Community Hall at 7:00 pm

Community Update

Mayor Jeyes and Council would like to take a few minutes of your time to tell you about a number of things they have been working on as well as some community events:

- Proclamation: The Council proclaims April 25th—May 1st as 'Rail Safety Week.'
- The Village has sent a letter in support of reinstatement of passenger rail service between North Vancouver and Prince George.
- The Curling Club request to remove \$5,000 from its Capital Asset Reserve Fund was approved.
- The Village completed its annual audit and was advised no concerns were raised regarding the Village's financial position.
- The para-transit committee spoke at a Cache Creek meeting of Council to invite them back to the local transit service shared by Clinton, Ashcroft and TNRD Area I.
- Ms. Kleo Landucci, VP of Projects and Developments, updated Council on operations and developments at the Ashcroft Terminal site.
- Council and Communities in Bloom have teamed up to have a friendly competition between Councillors. A barrel in front of the Ashcroft Village office will be assigned to each Councillor and CIB members will help them grow flowers, vegetables, or whatever they like. The CIB judges will then select a winner.
- Council will allow a CIB 10th anniversary commemorative mosaic glass art project to be displayed in Heritage Place Park.
- Just a reminder that the Ashcroft-Clinton transit service schedule can be viewed on the Ashcroft website as well is available at the Ashcroft Village Office and Better at Home.
- There will be an Ashcroft Community Forum at the Ashcroft Community Hall on April 14th at 7:00 pm. Topics are to be determined.
- There will be regular meeting of Council on April 11th at 4:30 pm. On April 25th, there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 pm and a Regular meeting of Council at 7:00 pm.



Upcoming Community Events



April 6-7 Village Spring Clean Up. Please call the Village Office at 250-453-9161 before April 5 to get your name on the list. See back for more information.

April 14 Community Forum at the Ashcroft Community Hall at 7:00 pm.

April 15-19 Ashcroft Art Club 49th Annual Fine Art Show and Sale. Opens at 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday (adults only) and Saturday to Tuesday from noon to 5:00 pm (open to all ages) at St. Alban's Anglican Church Hall.

April 30 The best of Sage Sound Singers and Desert Bells Hand Bells Choir Annual Spring Concert 2016 at the Crossroads Pentecostal Church in Cache Creek. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the concert start at 7:00 pm with admission by donation.

May 14 Walha-Schindig Celebration at the Walhachin Soldiers Memorial Hall from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information visit the Walhachin Facebook page or friends@walhachin.net

May 27-29 The 5th Annual Ashcroft Plein Air Paint Out. For more information contact ashcroftpleinair@gmail.com

Did you know.... Business Façade Improvement Program

The Business Façade Improvement program, funded by Northern Development, provides grants to property and business owners to assist with the costs to renovate, restore or redesign their facades. Eligible properties are those buildings zoned C1 within the Village of Ashcroft Development Permit Area #4.

The Program will provide a 50% reimbursement grant up to a maximum of \$5,000 per building/project to improve facades of downtown commercial/retail buildings. Projects must have a minimum total cost of \$1,500 in order to qualify.

If you are interested in this program, please contact the Village Office at 250-453-9161 or admin@ashcroftbc.ca and see if your project falls within the scope of the program.

