



Village of Warfield

SCHOFIELD SCOOP

SEPTEMBER 2021



Gratitude is Appreciated during these Unprecedented Times

A huge amount of appreciation is extended to the short-staffed Public Works crew this spring for overcoming unforeseen operational issues and obstacles in order for patrons to once again enjoy the Warfield Centennial Pool. Upon successful completion, the pool was operational by July 1. That being said we have to acknowledge the Pool staff (also short-staffed) who provided the best services possible under the great strain of mandated COVID Provincial Health Orders, protocols and restrictions. Despite these tribulations, the facility successfully operated and was enjoyed by patrons.

A big thank you and congratulations also goes out to the Invasive Plant Species students and Supervisor for their accomplished work throughout the community. The beautiful maintenance of the parks; green spaces and flower gardens/beds is also due to the student employees and our Garden Committee for their diligence and hard work in beautifying our community.



**MUNICIPAL
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED:**

- THUR., SEPT 30
- MON., OCT 11

REMINDERS:



Yard Waste Collection - Final Pick-Up

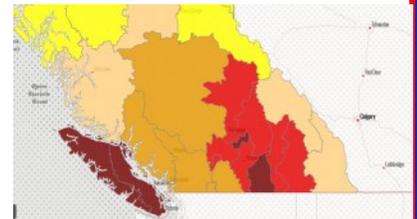
- Friday, October 22 - Last day for twigs and tree branch collection
- Friday, November 5 - Last day regular yard waste pick-up

Water Restrictions Still Remain in Place: Drought Level 4 for Kootenay Boundary Region noted in Red.

Refer to: BC Drought Information Portal @

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com>

- 50% Water Reduction
- Automatic Sprinklers 15 mins. maximum per zone
- Washing or hosing vehicles or sidewalks **prohibited**



Bears are Hungry

Village Office has had many reports of bear sightings within the Village.

- Do not place your garbage on the curb until the morning of garbage pick-up.
- Pick your fruit trees. If you need assistance, email sustainablewarfield@gmail.com or contact Deb @ 204-441-2994.

FYI:

Zoning Bylaw Amended

- Zoning Bylaw 896 passed by Council and now in effect.

Warfield Community Hall

- Warfield Hall is available for rentals as per PHO. Renters must adhere to mandated Provincial Health Orders and have a safety plan in place.



The Warfield Food Advisory volunteers have been lovingly tending to the community vegetable beds, and many of them are now beginning to produce peppers, tomatoes and basil. If you see one of these planters feel free to pick some of the goodies! (You'll know it's a community planter when you see the WFAC signage).

WFAC is also planning a Harvest Rescue Picking Day for September 25.

If you have fruit you'd like picked, or if you would like to pick fruit and take some home, contact sustainablewarfield@gmail.com.



- Warfield Youth Action Network Coordinator has been busy planning fun activities for this upcoming Fall.
- As of September 8, WYAN meets every Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm at the Community Hall basement– aka “WYAN Headquarters”.
- WYAN is strictly for children aged 12 to 18. Due to the Provincial Health Orders and Safety restrictions, only 8 youths can attend at a time. It is recommended to pre-register to avoid any disappointment. WYAN is always looking for local volunteers (18 Yrs. Older)
- Come and join the fun:
 - October 1: WYAN Teen Clothing Swap at the Warfield Community Hall

• **"Sneak Peak"** for fall 2021: Holiday Baking activity, Royal Trail Theatre Event, More Teen Yoga, Teen Trivia Night and a mural painting event.

- Watch for upcoming events on both WYAN and Village of Warfield F/B pages.
- Registration for these fun activities can be made by sending a DM to either of the above accounts, or email: warfielddyan@gmail.com

This past summer, the **Invasive Plant Species Management Project** was taken on by two local summer students and the Environmental Technician Supervisor. The goals have been to control priority invasive plants within the Village, to prevent their further spread and to increase awareness within the community. Earlier detection and prompt action is often the best management strategy for these species.



Throughout the summer the students worked hard to remove and control species such as Hoary Alyssum, Hoary Cress, Himalayan Balsam, Himalayan Blackberry, Burdock and Knapweed. Monitoring was performed on the North side of Schofield Hwy to contain Wild Chervil to the South Side of the highway, where it is widespread.

Knotweed is a concern in Warfield and the students posted "No-mowing" signs to help prevent further spread through plant fragments. A new case of knotweed was discovered in Beaver Bend Park and was very carefully removed which was possible due to early detection.

For more information on invasive species in Warfield and in the Kootenays, visit ckiss.ca

For information on **Ecogardens**, native and non-invasive plants for your garden visit:

<https://ckiss.ca/ecogarden-project/>



RAIL SAFETY WEEK: SEPTEMBER 20 - 26, 2021

CP and the Canadian Pacific Police Service (CPPS) will once again educate the public during Rail Safety Week about how to be safe on and around railway property. CP and CPPS will conduct rail safety campaigns in communities across our network, with participation from other police agencies and schools, to talk about the role motorists, pedestrians and the general public play in reminding everyone that safety is a shared responsibility.

Residents may participate in the following:

- [CP RailSense](#) video game aimed at teaching young children about rail safety.
- Operation Lifesaver's [Thomas & Friends](#) contest launching on Sept. 20 giving children an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents and learn about rail safety.

“Rail Safety Week is an important opportunity for CP to highlight how to be safe around tracks and trains. CP Police Service will be working with the public to educate them about the dangers of unsafe behaviour around the railway. Train incidents are preventable and rail safety must be an on-going priority each and every day. Together, we can build safer communities,” said Al Sauve, Chief of CP Police Service.