



Village of PEMBERTON | Community Update



WATER MISERS WANTED! With Pemberton's population swelling to twenty times its usual size this weekend, the Village is urging folk to be especially conscious of their water consumption. The water-wise and miserly can cut just one minute off their shower time, shower with a friend, encourage guests to be equally conservative, collect the flow while waiting for the hot water to come through in a bucket and give it to the garden, turn off the tap while brushing teeth, and sprinkle the garden according to sprinkling restrictions and only in the cool of the morning or late evening. Odd numbered addresses may water Wednesdays and Saturdays, 4am - 9am, and 7pm - 10pm. Even numbered addresses may water Thursdays and Sundays, 4am - 9am and 7pm - 10pm. Check out www.goblue.zerofootprint.net and take their one-minute-water-calculator test to see how water-wise you are.

A Great Backdrop for a Concert is the Foreground for an Amazing Community

Pemberton is more than just ground zero for the biggest music festival to hit a farmer's field since Glastonbury...

It's also home to one of the largest concentration of working artists in BC. Their source of inspiration is obvious. After all, they follow in the footsteps of Emily Carr who took a working expedition by rail in 1933 to capture the mountains at close range, or current Canadian icon, designer Martha Sturdy, whose sculpture stands at the Pemberton roundabout, the first in an ongoing series of installations. The output of contemporary local artists can be admired at the Pemberton Arts Council's Art Barn on Aster Street, a revolving gallery space with a specially curated exhibit of local talent set to coincide with the Pemberton Music Festival. Work from local artisans can also be purchased at the Pemberton Museum and the Mount Currie Coffee Company, as well as Friday night's Farmers Market outside Solstice Organics.

It ain't called Spud Valley for nothing. Pemberton's famed crop can be sampled in a host of local restaurants, with Pemberton potato farmers supplying the Wildwood group of restaurants, Whistler Blackcomb, the Mount Currie Coffee Company, Mountain Heroes, Fat Duck Cuisine, Meadows Golf clubhouse, Big Sky Golf Club and the Pony Espresso. To get up close and personal with local produce, Festival attendees can check out the on-site Farmers Market, or visit the local Friday night Market in town. Or book a date with your bicycle on August 17 and join the pedal-to-farm fest Slow Food Cycle Sunday.

A magnet for the harder than hard-core. The first Eco-Challenge held in Canada was held in Pemberton. The course was so challenging that only 2 teams managed to complete the race - the fewest number ever. Not even the US Marines could hack the pace. Today, the region attracts mountain bikers, paragliders, sled skiers, fishers and hunters, equestrians and backcountry adventurers, like moths to a flame. It's also home to past and future Olympians, and the reigning champion dragonboat team,

the Laoyam Eagles. Check out the cowboy talent at Pemberton's Equifest, September 6 & 7.

The oldest building in town is Will Miller's hand-hewn cedar house, built in 1894 after the adventurer walked into town from Vancouver, and swam across the Lillooet River. It's now on display as a pioneer home at the Pemberton Museum, which is currently celebrating Pemberton's role in BC's 150th anniversary, with a host of heritage programming, including tales of salacious scandals at Toonie Tuesday, July 29, at 2pm, and an afternoon of Lil'wat traditional crafts on Sunday, August 10, at 2pm.

The weather is always better here than Whistler or Vancouver. If you need proof, visit the Pemberton airport's webcam at www.weatheroffice.pyr.ec.gc.ca/RVASfeed/wpn-w.jpg

Scene it all before? Pemberton has played a growing role as a setting for a spate of recent feature films, including the X Files Movie, Why Did I get Married, The Fantastic Four, and The Incredible Hulk. And in February, Pemberton hosts the Pemberton Mountain Film Festival, screening a host of home-grown works.

The Pemberton Festival is the first large-scale music fest to be held in the valley since the Stein Voices for the Wilderness event drew more than 15,000 people, the largest number of people in the valley since the gold rush.

The residents and businesses of Pemberton welcome Festival-goers to our home-town, thank you for your respect and cooperation while you're here, and invite you to enjoy the amazing diversity of activities and experiences that Pemberton has to offer, as well as its chilled out vibe.

Open Fire Ban

A hot dry summer makes for an extremely high fire hazard in the Pemberton Fire District. Until further notice, an Open Fire Ban is in effect. This ban is in place for open fires of any size, including campfires.

Local Motion Grant Gets One Mile Creek Bridge Under Way

\$49,500 funding from the Local Motion grants program will be matched with Gas Tax funds to see the construction of a pedestrian bridge over One Mile Creek.

Open Houses Coming Up on Pemberton Airport

The Pemberton Airport, which has undergone a transformation for the Pemberton Festival into high-test parking facility, faces several possible futures according to the recently completed Project Definition Report, all of which will be subject to lengthy community consultation, with Open House dates to be announced shortly.

Village of Pemberton to support outstanding local student

The Village of Pemberton has established a \$1000 bursary to recognize an outstanding graduating student from Pemberton Secondary who intends to pursue post secondary education. Application forms will be available from the Village of Pemberton and will be due April 30 of the graduating year.

Portage Road trees enjoy some tender liquid care

As part of an ongoing beautification process, the Village is installing irrigation along the right of way in front of Signal Hill elementary school, to ensure that the Memorial Treeway receives regular and regulated watering.

Upcoming meetings

The next Village of Pemberton Council meeting will take place August 12, 7pm, at 1350 Aster Street.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE OR ANY OTHER TOPICS, PLEASE:

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