

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Community Update

Home Emergency Kits

This month, consider adding shelter supplies to your kit. This could be as simple as a tarp or a couple of blankets. If you can, add a small tent. Anything that you could use to create a waterproof shelter provides the option of sheltering from the weather in the event your home is not accessible.



Shakeout BC

The Great BC Shakeout drill is scheduled for October 19 at 10.19 am. In 2022, 700,000 in BC participated in the drill and practiced *Drop, Cover, Hold On* in their homes, workplaces or schools.

This year we're encouraging you to register and take part. Take the time to think about how you could protect yourself in the event of an earthquake. If you aren't physically able to *Drop, Cover and Hold On*, perhaps you can *Lock or Brace, Cover and Hold On*. Think about ways you can make your space safer; perhaps you need to secure larger furniture to the wall, or remove picture frames from above your couch or bed?



Protect Yourself During Earthquakes!

IF POSSIBLE



USING CANE



USING WALKER



USING WHEELCHAIR



ShakeOutBC.ca



Welcome, Shinjini!

We are extending a warm welcome to Shinjini Mehta, the new Climate Action and Emergency Program Coordinator for the Town of Qualicum Beach. Shinjini brings a wealth of experience working in emergency operations centres in response to emergencies around the world and we look forward to having her expertise in our community. Shinjini can be contacted at smehta@qualicumbeach.com

Thank you, Chris!

After seven years, Chris James has made the decision to step away from his role at Emergency Management Oceanside. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Chris for his fantastic work as the volunteer coordinator for both the Emergency Support Services and Emergency Communications Team. Chris has been a steadfast leader to the groups and has helped guide the progress of these teams with tremendous dedication and knowledge. We'll be sad to see Chris go but wish him all the best for his future endeavours. Thanks Chris!



Community Emergency Preparedness Presentations

Are you part of a group or society interested in learning more about emergency preparedness? We regularly meet with community groups to provide emergency preparedness presentations, tips and resources. We can tailor presentations to meet the areas of interest and the needs of your group. Contact either Kate at kpcock@parksville.ca or Shinjini at smehta@qualicumbeach.com to discuss options or to book a meeting.

Volunteering through the summer!

If you're interested in joining either the Oceanside Emergency Support Services (OESS) or Oceanside Emergency Communications Team (OECT), please contact emergencyprogram@parksville.ca Previous emergency support services or emergency communications experience isn't necessary as we can provide you with all of the training you'll need.



Emergency Notifications

In the event of an emergency, one of the ways Emergency Management Oceanside may notify you is by using alerts sent through Voyent Alert! This system allows community members to register online to receive messages relevant to their community through email, app, text message, or voice call. Don't forget that you can sign up for notification from more than one community. If, for example, you work in a community other than the one in which you live, it is wise to sign up for notifications in both locations.

Registration for Voyent Alert! is free. Go to [Voyent Alert! \(voyent-alert.com\)](http://voyent-alert.com) to sign up today. Contact Kate at kpcock@parksville.ca or 250 954-4672 with any questions about the system or registration process.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town of Qualicum Beach

Town Hall is open to the public with full services. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm (except statutory holidays). Although the office is open, residents are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the other payment options including payment through your financial institution; mail a cheque; or drop off a cheque at Town Hall drop box (location below). If you do wish to visit Town Hall to conduct business, masks are recommended while in the building.

- Email qbtown@qualicumbeach.com
- Phone 250 752-6921
- Post PO Box 130, Qualicum Beach V9K 1S7
- Mail Slot Out front of Town Hall, near the fountain
- Websites qualicumbeach.com
qbfirerescue.com

City of Parksville

City offices are open to the public from 8 am to 4 pm and the operations department from 8 am to 4 pm, closed noon to 1 pm. Contact information:

General inquiries and finance department	250 248-6144; info@parksville.ca
Administration and Office of the Mayor	250 954-3060; administration@parksville.ca
Engineering	250 951-2484; engineering@parksville.ca
Operations	250 248-5412; ops@parksville.ca
Parksville Fire Rescue	250 248-3242; fire@parksville.ca

For more information:

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