



MONTHLY ELECTRONIC UPDATE

MAY 2017

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May is Invasive Species Action Month!

May has been officially proclaimed Invasive Species Action Month in BC, and each week during the month, Invasive Species Council of BC (ISCBC) is profiling a key invasive species issue and highlighting the actions we all can take to prevent their spread. Visit the Action Month website at: <http://bcinvasivesmonth.com/>

What are invasive species?

Invasive species are plants from another country or region that have the potential to negatively impact humans, animals and ecosystems. Invasive species are distinct in their ability to spread rapidly and displace native plants.

Why is this important?

The problems that invasive species create, both ecologically and economically, is reason enough for us to be proactive and remove them from our gardens and public parks. Once introduced, invasive species will take over by out-competing native vegetation, threatening our natural ecosystems, and reducing habitat for wildlife.

Problem Plants in View Royal



English Ivy



Scotch Broom



Himalayan
Blackberry



Daphne Laurel



English Holly

What can we do?

- Learn to recognize invasive plants and replace them with native plants.
- Remove or cut back invasive plants before they go to seed.
- Visit www.coastalisc.com for more information on how to remove and control invasive plants.

View Royal Is Asking For Your Help!

With the summer season soon upon us and the warm weather already making the grass grow, the Town is asking residents to help us in keeping View Royal one of the region's most beautiful municipalities!

If you are able to help out, we ask that when you are cutting your lawn, if you could please also cut the grass on the boulevard adjacent to or in front of your property. Also, should your neighbour be elderly or handicapped, kindly consider assisting them in keeping their lawn and boulevard looking neat and tidy as well. We recognize that some areas are not easily mowed and trimmed – e.g. where there may be a deep ditch – so please keep safety in mind.



We all benefit from making and keeping the Town attractive; your efforts to help us are greatly appreciated!

2017 Greater Victoria Bike to Work Week

May 29th – June 4th

Bike to Work Week started in Victoria 22 years ago! The Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society continues to organize the annual FREE community event which has grown from 50 teams and 500 participants in 1997 to over 600 teams and 6,500 participants in 2016. Big changes towards a commuter cycling lifestyle begin with small steps and small success stories facilitated by this powerful annual event!

<https://www.biketowork.ca/victoria/btw-2017>



2017 Property Taxes

The 2017 property tax notices will be mailed out to property owners in the last week of May 2017.

Property taxes are due **Tuesday, July 4, 2017**. As of 12:01am, July 5, 2017, any unpaid 2017 property taxes or unclaimed 2017 Home Owner Grants will have a 10% penalty added to the outstanding balance.

There are many payment options available: in person or the drop box at Town Hall, mail and internet or telephone banking. The Town also has a program for property owners to pre-pay their annual property taxes.

For more information, please visit: www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/municipal/property-tax-information.html

