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Invasive Species

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 their 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.

Esquimalt Harbour Projects Public Information Session

The Department of National Defence (DND) is continuing with harbour remediation and infrastructure projects at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Esquimalt to support our 21st century Royal Canadian Navy. Please join us at our next **Public Information Session** to view and discuss updates.

DATE**Thursday, May 24, 2018**Drop-in any time between:
6:00 pm and 8:00 pm**PLACE****Songhees Wellness Centre**1100 Admirals Road
Victoria, BC**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

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EsquimaltHarbour.ca



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View Royal Merchandise

Did you know the Town has a variety of View Royal merchandise for sale?

- T-shirts!
- Jackets!
- Ball caps!
- Water bottles!
- Pins and more!

All with the attractive Town of View Royal logo!

Show your View Royal community pride; come in to Town Hall and check them out!



Beekeeping in View Royal

Bees in a neighbourhood aid greatly in pollination of fruit trees and gardens and as an added side benefit produce honey and beeswax! With proper management practices, beekeeping is safe in residential areas.

During late April to early June, honey bees may 'swarm' when about half of the bees in a hive leave with the queen to start a new colony. A swarm of honey bees is not dangerous, but many people are uncomfortable with a swarm near their home.

To report a swarm of bees in Greater Victoria, contact the [Capital Region Beekeepers Association](#) at 250-900-5787 or email to Swarms@capitalregionbeekeepers.ca

For more information about beekeeping in View Royal, visit <http://goo.gl/zvPscP>.



2018 Property Taxes

The 2018 property tax notices will be mailed out to property owners in the last week of May 2018.

Property taxes are due **Tuesday, July 3, 2018**. As of 12:01am, July 4, 2018, any unpaid 2018 property taxes or unclaimed 2018 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 online 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.

View Royal Garden Club – General Meeting

The View Royal Garden Club will hold its general meeting on Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:30pm at Wheeley Hall, 500 Admirals Rd in Esquimalt. The presentation will feature Diane Pierce, an expert gardener, designer and writer who will discuss and display how to rejuvenate your garden shrubs. Diane achieved her B.Sc in Agriculture from UBC, and has been a researcher with Agriculture Canada, and worked for the City of Victoria Parks Dept as a gardener, landscape design and garden consultant. She is a past board member of the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific (HCP) and the Victoria Horticultural Society, as well as a Community Education instructor at HCP.

A judged mini show will feature exhibits from members' gardens and there will be a sales table with plants and garden items. Visitors and new members are welcome. Drop in fee is \$5.00, which includes refreshments.

For further information please call 250-727-6159.

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!