

# Sayward News

June 2026



*Many thanks to the group of local residents that weeded some of the village garden beds. Thank you!*

*Many thanks to the We Wai Kai First Nation & La -Kwa-sa muqw Forestry who cleared some invasive scotch broom from the spit. Thank you!*



## Sayward Fire Protection Area (Village & Valley) Free Yard Wood Debris Pickup Monday June 8, 2026

Residents in the Sayward Fire Protection Area please FireSmart your home and property by bringing excess wood debris to the end of your driveway by 9:00 am Monday June 8th.

Depending on how many residents participate, it may take a couple of days for the chipper to get to your property.


Debris will be disposed of for free through the Village of Sayward's 2025 FireSmart Community and Funding Support Grant.

No sign-up is required but if you feel your driveway may be hard to locate then please let us know and we'll put you on a special list.

### Rules

- No rocks, no nails, no roots & no treated lumber.
- Ideally all the "butt ends" of branches are pointed the same way so they can be fed efficiently into the chipper.
- Tree trimmings must be under 16 cms in diameter and 10 m length max.
- No invasive species such as Scotch Broom, English Holly, Giant Hogweed and Knotweed.
- The contractor reserves the right not to pickup any piles that they feel does not meet these rules.
- Do not block traffic by piling debris on the road.
- Any debris brought to the end of driveways after 9 am on June 8th, may not be picked up.
- Wood chips cannot be returned to residents as they are considered fuel under the FireSmart principles.
- As long as these rules are adhered to there is no limit as to the amount of wood debris that will be chipped.

Questions or comments, please contact:  
Shaun Koopman,  
SRD Manager of Emergency Services



**Strathcona**  
REGIONAL DISTRICT

250-830-6702  
preparedness@srd.ca  
srd.ca/emergency-management

### Village of Sayward June Council Meetings:

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 - Special 7pm  
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - Regular 7pm  
Tuesday, June 23 - Annual Meeting -6pm  
Tuesday, June 23 - Regular 7pm



Village of  
Sayward

### Village of Sayward Office: 652 H'Kusam Way

250-282-5512 [village@saywardvalley.ca](mailto:village@saywardvalley.ca)

Open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm  
closed 12pm-1pm for lunch



# Village of Sayward

May 29, 2026

## **2026 Watering Restrictions: Level 1**

The Village of Sayward is implementing watering restrictions. Authority to restrict water usage is set out in Water Regulation Bylaw No. 391, 2011.

The following water restrictions are effective from Monday, June 8, 2026, to September 30, 2026:

**Watering is only permitted between the following hours on your designated day:**

6:00 am to 10:00 am; and  
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

For residences with address numbers ending in an even number (e.g., 110 Dyer Dr.), watering is allowed only on even days of the month (July 2, 4, 6, 8, etc.).

For residences with address numbers ending in an odd number (e.g., 111 Dyer Dr.), watering is allowed only on odd days of the month (July 1, 3, 5, 7 etc.).

These restrictions are intended to ensure that ALL residents receive an adequate supply of water throughout the summer months and that sufficient water reserves are available should they be required for emergency firefighting purposes.

PLEASE NOTE: The washing of parking lots, driveways, automobiles, boats etc. is discouraged, and if pursued, is *only permitted* on the resident's designated days before 10:00 am and after 6:00 pm.

Andrew Young, MCIP, RPP  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Sayward

*\*Watering is defined as using lawn irrigation or the use of a sprinkler, soaker, or weeper hoses. Hand watering using cans or hoses with automatic shut off valves is currently permitted at any time, on any day.*



# SAYWARD FUTURES SOCIETY

## *Our Community, Our Future*

*Kick Off Kusam Klimb Weekend! 🍷*

*Ribs • Bibs • Kids Race • Live Music • Face Painting*

*Friday, June 19 | Salmon River Guesthouse*

Join us for a fun-filled community evening before the Kusam Klimb!

### 🍔 **Community BBQ**

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Ribs & Vegetarian Option Available

**Ribs (and Vegetarian option)** - On Friday, June 19 from 5pm to 7pm. A BBQ put on by the amazing crew at the Sayward Futures Society supported by Mid-Island Co-op. Tickets are \$15 in advance with all proceeds going to the Sayward Futures Society and trail work on the Kusam Klimb trails. Please feel free to donate more!

**BBQ advanced tickets \$15.00 get them here:**

<https://raceroster.com/search?q=Kusam+Klimb>

Register online for:

- BBQ Tickets
- Kids 1km Fun Run

**No registration required for race package pick-up only.**

### 🏃 **Kids 1km Fun Run**

6:00 PM Start

Registration by Donation (minimum \$10)

### 🎨 **Face Painting for Kids**

### 🎵 **Live Music**

### 🏠 **Kusam Klimb Package Pick-Up**

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**No registration required for race package pick-up only. See you there!**

***All proceeds go towards trail upkeep and maintenance***

Join us at the Sayward Royal Canadian Legion #147  
699 Sayward Road at 1:00pm for BINGO:



*Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>*  
*Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>*



✦ **Heritage Hall – What’s on in June 2026**

1257 Sayward Rd. 250-282-0192. [Heritagehallsca@gmail.com](mailto:Heritagehallsca@gmail.com)

Hello everyone! Here’s what’s happening at Heritage Hall this June — we’d love to see you 🍷

🍷 **First outdoor Saturday Market Saturday, June 6 | 10am–1pm**

Will now be every Saturday. Kitchen will be open for grilled hotdogs, waffles and other yummy food! Table rental is \$5 and just show up and set up!

🧵 **Sayward Helping Hands** Every Tuesday | 10am

Bring your sewing, knitting, or craft projects. \$2 drop-in — everyone welcome.

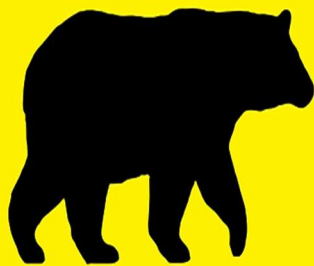
🎵 **Music Night** First Thursday of the month

Bring your instrument or your voice and join in. \$2 drop-in — everyone welcome.

📅 **Monthly Meeting.** Tuesday, June 9 at 7pm

All events are subject to change. Thanks for supporting Heritage Hall and our community — hope to see you soon! 😊

# Bear In Area



## Secure All Bear Attractants



Garbage, Ripe Fruit, Birdfeeders, BBQs, Smelly Compost, Pet Food,  
Livestock & Livestock Feed, Outdoor Fridge Freezers  
Call 1 877 952 7277 to report conflicts with bears



Thank you to **Mollie Cameron**,  
President of the **Wild Wise Society** for  
providing an engaging and informative  
presentation about living alongside  
**Black Bears, Grizzly Bears, Cougars  
and Wolves.**

To learn more visit:  
<https://www.wildwisesociety.org/>

A few ways to discourage bears from visiting your  
property:

- Secure garbage in a garage or shed until the morning of collection - **do not put it out the night before**
- Pick fruit trees and fallen fruit promptly
- Store pet and livestock feed in a bear resistant location

## Garden Club News



The twenty-fourth of May weekend is the traditional gardening weekend on the coast with nights that are warm enough for the more cold sensitive plants like peppers and cucumbers. From this time of the year onward watering becomes critical with little or no rain. If you have clay-based soil you can water more deeply as the moisture will not drain away and can come up through the soil carrying nutrients from deeper in the ground. Sandy soil requires more regular but moderate waterings. The compost also requires watering to work. A level of moisture similar to a wrung-out sponge keeps the micro-organisms in the pile working to break down the organic components.

The Garden Club met for our regular gathering in May when we prepared for our annual plant sale on the following Saturday. The sale was a grand success and by the end of the sale almost everything was gone to new garden homes. Thank you to the club members who helped out and to the friends and neighbours who came to get plants. The proceeds of the sale go to provide funds to pay speakers who come from down island.

On Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> we will have Joyce McMenamon who will speak on "Composting Made Easy". The meeting starts at seven at the Heritage Hall and everyone is welcome. There is no membership fee, and we each pay two dollars at the meeting to cover the cost of hall rental but there is no charge for your first meeting. New gardeners have a good opportunity to get tips from our experienced members. Please come and join us.

**Sayward Community Food Table Society and Our Partners are Happy we are able to Continue Offering Donated and Rescued Food Items to Our Community To Be PICKED UP Once a Month at the Kelsey Centre**

**2026 FOOD SORT DATES:**    May 22                      June 19                      July 24                      August 21  
   September 18    October 16                      November 13                      December 11

**If Someone You Know is Experiencing Food Insecurity and Would Like to Participate in this Valuable Local Food Pick Up Program.**

### **PLEASE COORDINATE YOUR OWN PICKUP**

**REGISTER for this PROGRAM by Contacting:**

**BC Ambulance Station: (250) 282-3600**

**Sayward Health Clinic: (250) 282-3815**

**EMAIL: [Executive@saywardfoodtable.ca](mailto:Executive@saywardfoodtable.ca)**

SCFTS would like to Acknowledge and Thank, Sayward Community Health Society, Strathcona Regional District Area "A", Village of Sayward, United Way, SCFH, GWLT, Mid Island Co-Op, as well as our Local Volunteers for their Hard Work and Dedication in keeping this Program available to the Sayward Residents over the last 4 Years. Without Whom we would not be able to Sustain this Initiative. **Thank you for your Patience while we grow, evolve, and adapt the SCFTS Program.**

**We are Grateful to have these Dedicated Individuals and Partners Helping Provide Nutritional Support in these challenging times.**

**Thank You All from SCFTS Board and Members.**



SAYWARD SCHOOL PAC  
ONGOING BOTTLE COLLECTION

# DROP OFF REFUNDABLE PRODUCTS AT THE SCHOOL



PROCEEDS HELP FUND STUDENTS  
HOT LUNCH AND SPECIAL EVENTS.  
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!  
DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT  
CAMPBELL RIVER ISLAND RETURN IT  
DEPOT TO THE SAYWARD SCHOOL PAC  
ACCOUNT



Comox Strathcona  
Waste Management

Sayward  
Recycling Depot  
~hours~

Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday, Sunday  
9:00am - 5:00pm



## Got Extra Garbage? GARBAGE STICKERS FOR SALE



Each household is allowed  
two garbage receptacles  
(cans/bags) per week.

Additional receptacles  
(up to 77 liters/25 kgs)  
must have a garbage  
sticker on it for  
pick-up.



Village of Sayward  
250-282-5512 • village@saywardvalley.ca

Strathcona Regional District  
250-830-6700 • engineering@srdd.ca

## Sayward Interchange Recycling

### WE ACCEPT



Used Oil



Used  
Antifreeze



Oil & Antifreeze  
Containers



Used  
Oil Filters

### WE DO NOT ACCEPT



Cooking Oil



Fuel Cans



Hazardous Waste



Oil Barrels



Grease



Paint



Sawdust



Transformer Oil



Cat Litter



Brake Fluid



Rags

If you have questions, or would  
like to drop off used oil products  
please call 250-830-4116



## COMMUNITY SHARE SHED

Tuesday, Thursday &  
Saturday

10:00am-1:00pm

located beside the  
Recycling Depot

Donations of functional,  
clean items accepted during  
open hours.

Please do not leave items  
outside.

For information, please call  
Debbie @ 250-895-4500

## Sayward Literacy Now 2026

Books! Check out our book  
houses. If you are in need, I  
have books for children 0 to  
teens.

Watch for our book giveaways  
at local events.

Computer questions, we will try  
to help!

Email, call or text Ann!  
[annvansnick3@gmail.com](mailto:annvansnick3@gmail.com)  
250-203-8332



## Sayward Library Hours:

Sunday - Monday: closed

Tuesday: 10am - 2:30pm

Wednesday - Thursday: 2:30pm - 7pm

Friday - Saturday: 10am - 2:30pm

June 2026

Clinic Phone 250 282-3815  
 Fax 250 282-0040  
 Clinic Hour 9-5 Monday to Wednesday, 9-4 Thursday



Public Health Phone 250 850-2110

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labs 9 – 11:30	2	3	4	5 CLINIC CLOSED	6
7	8 Labs 9 – 11:30	9	10 Public Health	11	12 CLINIC CLOSED	13
14	15 Labs 9 – 11:30	16	17	18	19 CLINIC CLOSED	20
21	22 Labs 9 – 11:30	23	24 Foot care nurse Tanya. Call to make an appointment 250- 202-3802	25	26 CLINIC CLOSED	27
28	29 Labs 9 – 11:30	30 Ears to you- Mobile Hearing Clinic 10 – 3 call <a href="#">clinic</a> to book!	1	2	3 CLINIC CLOSED	4

Patients are required to present their ID when receiving services.

This Schedule is subject to change...



**SAYWARD**  
CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP

"Clothe yourselves  
with compassion,  
kindness, humility,  
gentleness and  
patience."

Collosians 3:12b

**Morning Service**  
11:00am

740 Gentry Rd.

Darren Duncalfe

1-604-701-2727

[saywardshepherd@  
gmail.com](mailto:saywardshepherd@gmail.com)



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

**St. Bernadette's**  
**Catholic Church**

Sunday Service 11:00am  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3pm)

963 Despins Rd.  
250-287-3498



## Age Friendly Van

**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Age Friendly Van is for anyone over the age of 19 years living in the Village of Sayward or the Sayward Valley. The Van will pick you up and drop you off at your home. The driver will take you to appointments, shopping or any other destinations required. Return time to Sayward may vary from trip to trip, depending on the rider's needs. The Age Friendly Van will arrive back in Sayward no later than 5pm unless arrangements are discussed in advance and approved.

*Cost is by donation.*

Please call the Village Office no later than the day before by **Noon** to reserve your seat

Questions?

Contact the Village Office: **250-282-5512** or  
[village@saywardvalley.ca](mailto:village@saywardvalley.ca)

CANADA POSTES  
POST CANADA



**Sayward Post Office Hours:**  
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm  
Saturday 8:30am-12:30pm  
Sunday: Closed



**Seniors Carpet Bowling at the Kelsey Centre**  
**9am-12pm**

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>



## HOME OWNER GRANTS

If you qualify for the home owner grant, you must apply each year to receive the grant on your principal residence.

If you apply for the grant after your property taxes are due, late payment penalties will apply to the unpaid portion of your property taxes. The homeowner grant is a form of payment towards your property taxes and it's considered a late payment if you apply after the property taxes due date. You can apply for the homeowner grant up to December 31 of the current tax year, even if you have not paid your property taxes.

If you qualified for the grant for the year prior to the current tax year, and you did not apply, you may be able to apply and claim the grant retroactively.

**Apply 24/7 online:** Visit [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) Ensure you have your Jurisdiction Number & Roll Number and SIN number available as you will need this information for the online application form. (Jurisdiction & Roll Numbers are listed on your property tax notice and your BC Assessment Notice, and can also be searched on the BC Assessment website: <https://www.bccassessment.ca/>)

**Apply with an agent:** Toll-free at 1 888 355-2700, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

**For more information about the homeowner grant program, or to apply, visit [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or call toll free 1-888-355-2700**



## PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT

The British Columbia Property Tax Deferment Program is a loan program that allows you to defer your annual property taxes on your home if you meet certain criteria. The Property Tax Deferment program is administered by the Province of British Columbia. There are two tax deferment programs available:

- 1.) Regular program - for homeowners 55+, surviving spouses of any age, or persons with disabilities.
- 2.) Families with children program.

Please note: interest rate terms have changed for the 2026 tax year. To apply online visit: [www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment](http://www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment) .You can also call **1-888-355-2700** for more information.

If you qualify for the program, you can submit an application to defer your unpaid current year property taxes between **May 1 and December 31**. We recommend you apply immediately after you receive your property tax notice before your property tax due date. Any outstanding balance on your property tax account must be paid before your deferment application will be approved.

***\*Please note that if you successfully defer your taxes,  
you are still obligated to pay utility user fees for the current year.  
Utility user fee payments made after the property tax due date will result in late  
payment penalties.***