

Sign up or update the Keremeos Resident Notification system at keremeos.ca!
 (or complete the form below and submit it to the Village Office, 702-4th Street, Keremeos)



Keremeos Resident Notification System Sign-up Form

First name Last Name

House number Postal Code

Street Name Apartment Number

Keremeos, BC

Email address (one per person)

Phone number(s) for automated call

Cell phone number(s) for text message

(You are automatically signed up for urgent messages and statutory notifications from the municipality)

- Also wish to receive Keremeos news to my email
- Contact info is for a business
- Contact wishes to make officials aware of an impairment

Terms:
 Your municipal alert system is an emergency communication tool that should not be used as a sole source of information. If you feel threatened, you should not in any event, rely solely on this alert system and you must immediately take the necessary precautions to make yourself and your belongings safe from any danger. Although the system is an important tool to your municipality, in case of an emergency, it bears no warranty as to the accuracy, completeness or notification of any alert posted on or transmitted by the system. Your municipality, its officers, employees and right holders shall not be liable for damages arising directly or indirectly, should a warning not be received by a subscriber. By checking the box below, you accept the terms of this notice and waive accordingly the right to pursue your municipality, its officers, employees and right holders.

I've read and accept the terms and conditions

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A Newsletter from the Village of Keremeos

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Water main work at 7th Street and Veterans Avenue



The new affordable housing site at Veterans and 7th Street is progressing quickly! In preparation for the development, the water mains adjacent to the site will need to be upgraded.

Starting at the end of March, there will be road closures in the area, including the intersection of Veterans and 7th Street, for up to ten weeks.

Watch for more details on the road closures through the resident notification system and on the Village's website at keremeos.ca

Housing Needs Assessment now available for review

In conjunction with the Regional District and several other municipalities in the region, the Village of Keremeos has been working to complete a housing needs assessment report. The report provides a summary of current and future housing needs for the region, and for each participating jurisdiction.

The document describes the current housing situation and estimates how housing needs may evolve over the next five years, at which time needs will be reassessed. The findings are meant to support conversations about housing need and provide decision makers with reliable and consistent data for planning.

The Village of Keremeos Council received the report at their March 15, 2021 meeting. It is available for review on the Village website keremeos.ca under NEWS.

2021 Housing Needs Assessment
 March 2021

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Coffees with the Mayor Continue to be Postponed



Due to provincial Health Orders, Mayor Bauer will not be hosting Coffee with the Mayor until it is safer to meet. The Village Office will notify residents when the Coffees resume.

If you have issues you wish to discuss with the Mayor or Councillors in the interim, please contact the Village Office at 250-499-2711 or info@keremeos.ca and staff will arrange for a call-back.

Business Façade Improvement Program Changes for 2021

As Keremeos works to recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19, Council has approved additional façade grants and eased eligibility for 2021. Some of the changes for the 2021 program are:



- ✓ Increased the total grant fund from \$4,000 to \$12,000
- ✓ Increased 50% reimbursement per applicant maximum from \$2,000 to \$3,000
- ✓ Amended eligibility ...businesses who have not received a façade grant in the previous two calendar years are eligible
- ✓ Amended eligible expenses to include outdoor eating areas
- ✓ Amended eligible expenses to include work started in the current calendar year
- ✓ Reduced intake period (April 30) so that projects can proceed earlier in the year

In 2020, the Business Façade Improvement Program was amended to make accessibility modifications eligible for the grant funding. Businesses planning alterations such as lever door handles and transition ramps may wish to review the program guidelines.

For more information, and to complete an application please call the Village office or visit the website at keremeos.ca under NEWS.

Community Garden

Council has approved the planning of a community garden at the southeast corner of Veterans Avenue and 7th Street, across from the Ambrosia affordable housing complex.

The garden is still in the planning stages, but we hope to see beautiful flowers there in the near future!



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“Spare the air” by chipping instead of burning!



If you are planning a burn, please first check [provincial](#) and [local](#) burning regulations. It is also important to check the Venting Index to see whether atmospheric conditions support burning on that day. There is a link to the Venting Index on the Village’s website, under QUICK LINKS.

In order to safeguard the health of those most vulnerable in our community, the Village fire regulations include a complete burning ban within 500 metres of schools in session, hospitals, and care facilities.

The Village will be continuing its FireSmart activities this year including an organized leaf and pine needle removal day in the fall. A review of the Village’s fire regulations will also be undertaken in 2021 to ensure that they align with FireSmart principles.

Before you flush...



Flushing unwanted items down the toilet may seem like a quick and convenient method of disposal, but the items don’t go far! The Village’s Public Works staff regularly find items such as rags, plastics, and foreign liquids that have been flushed.

Flushed items can block filters and wrap around pumps causing equipment failure, which is very costly to taxpayers to repair. Inappropriate liquids and other soluble materials can be equally damaging to the treatment process at the plant.

Please help keep costs down and the sewer system running smoothly by **only** flushing pee, poop and toilet paper!

