



A Newsletter from
the Village of Keremeos

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Accessible ramp to dike walking trail is complete!



The new ramp to the dike is now complete and ready for the community to enjoy. The gentle slope and easy-to-grip handrails make the ramp perfect for people of all abilities. The ramp features a second, lower railing for those with sight challenges to use as a navigation guide. The ramp was funded by the Village and a provincial Rural Dividend Program grant.

When walking on the dike, watch for the unique species of the Lower Similkameen. The Similkameen is one of few remaining wild rivers in the Southern Interior of British Columbia.

The river and shoreline habitat houses a wide variety of large and small mammals. The bunchgrass-sage and cottonwood-riparian stands support bird species on the current Red and Blue lists, as well as a number of at-risk reptile and amphibian species, including the Red-listed Tiger Salamander.

The Similkameen River supports native Rainbow Trout and Mountain Whitefish. It is also host to at least 15 other species of fish, including four on the provincial Red and Blue lists of endangered fish. The Similkameen River near Keremeos has unique side channel habitat which is important for spawning and juvenile-rearing.

Please take care not to disturb the ecoculture and always stay away from the riverbanks during periods of high water and high flow. Riverbanks can be undercut and slippery, looking safe when they are not!

Could an emergency service find your address at night?



This evening after dark, take a walk past your property and see how visible your house numbers are. If you had to call police, fire or ambulance, could they quickly verify your address by looking at those house numbers?

Emergency services' GPS applications can get the services close to your home, but emergency personnel may have to look for your address numbers to be sure they are attending the correct location.

If you feel your house number visibility could improve, consider reflective, light-coloured numbers and placement in a lit area not obscured by foliage.

Seconds count in an emergency. Please help the first responders help you by ensuring that your house numbers are visible.

Amos is looking good!

"Amos", one of our two resident pieces of quail art, is looking handsome after a colour refresh.

Many thanks to the artists, Dave and Sue Shearer of the One Eyed Budgie, for donating the time and materials to restoring Amos.

You may visit Amos' partner "Kera" for a photo-op in the downtown park at 619-7th Avenue or Amos in the parking lot of the Information Centre at 417-7th Avenue.



2022 Business Façade Grant awarded

A \$3000 business façade grant has been awarded to the Wrong Turn Tavern. Congratulations to Adam Goldner for his proposal to upgrade the façade at 629-7th Avenue, and thanks for helping to keep Keremeos downtown looking great!

The Village accepts façade grant applications from businesses each spring. Since 2016, thirteen grants have been awarded.

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Community Garden



The community garden is really taking shape, thanks to the very hard work of Albert McCormick and a fantastic group of volunteers. Work on the site will continue throughout the summer, so that the garden is ready for the 2023 growing season.

Disc golf in Pine Park

The new “9-hole” disc golf course in Pine Park is nearing completion! The tees and baskets have been installed (thanks to Dion Eden and a great group of volunteers). The Village is now working on signage and tee markers.

The course is designed for beginners and is completely accessible, so the whole family can play. A round of disc golf in Pine Park should take about 30 minutes. Please be respectful of neighbours and other people enjoying the park.



Thinking of running for Mayor or Councillor?

The next general election will take place on October 15, 2022. To run for Mayor or Councillor, you must be:

- ✓ be 18 years of age or older on general voting day
- ✓ be a Canadian citizen
- ✓ have been a resident of British Columbia for six months immediately prior to filing nomination documents
- ✓ not be disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding office, or be otherwise disqualified by law
- ✓ nominated by at least two eligible electors

Nomination documents must be filed with the Chief Election Officer at the Village Office between August 30 at 9 am and September 9 at 4 pm. For more information about running for office, please contact the Chief Election Officer at ceo@keremeos.ca and watch for updates on the Keremeos website keremeos.ca

Sign up or update your file on 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

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)

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Contact info is for a business

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Contact wishes to make officials aware of an impairment

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