

# OLIVER NEWS

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## NEW YEARS MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone health and happiness in 2025. As we look forward to the new year, Council will continue to update its strategic priorities to address emerging challenges in a proactive way.

Council is committed to governing as a team and working together to ensure we leave a legacy that serves our citizens

proudly into the future. Not all decisions will be easy ones, however I'm confident your Council is prepared to study and discuss issues in a transparent manner and govern with vision.

The strength of our community comes from engaged and passionate citizens, who care about this place we call home. We also have a great team of dedicated and committed staff who work tirelessly to deliver the quality services residents have come to expect.

Serving community is an honour, and on behalf of Council, we want to thank you for the trust you have placed in each of us. I'm excited about what the future holds for the Town of Oliver, and know that together, we're going to make great things happen.

## ONLINE SERVICES



Our online services offer a convenient and timely delivery option for your bills. Please note that a mail service interruption does not affect the payment deadline. All utility bills must be paid on time to avoid penalties. To have your bills emailed to you in the future, please sign up to our Online Services portal. Find instructions at [www.oliver.ca/utilities](http://www.oliver.ca/utilities)

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## ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

### STARTING WEEK OF APRIL 7

Changes to the solid waste collection program are coming soon! We would like to extend our thanks to everyone in the community who has participated in the engagement activities and shared valuable feedback over the past eight months to help shape this new program.

**Starting the week of Monday, April 7, 2025**, organic waste, such as food scraps, will no longer be accepted in the black lid cart. Instead, it will be collected weekly in your green lid cart.

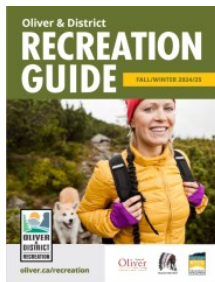
To help you prepare for this transition, the **new waste collection schedule** for April-December 2025 is now available, along with a list of items that will and will not be accepted in the green lid carts starting April 7, 2025.

An updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section is also available to provide more details about the program at [www.oliver.ca/organics](http://www.oliver.ca/organics).

Stay tuned for announcements in January 2025 regarding the distribution dates for household kits, which will include a kitchen catcher, a fridge magnet, and a helpful tips sheet.

## OLIVER AND DISTRICT RECREATION UPDATE

**Registration is now open** for all recreation programs, camps, and classes available from January to March 2025! Visit [www.oliver.ca/recreation](http://www.oliver.ca/recreation) or drop by the Recreation Office to pick up a copy of the Recreation Guide and discover the perfect activities for you and your family.



A reminder for those enjoying the parks: the washrooms at **Lion's Park and Community Park** are operating on winter hours and will be open daily from 8:00am to 3:00pm until March.



**Mark your calendars** for Monday, February 17th! Join us for Family Day fun and games at the Community Hall from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Stay tuned for more information on the grand "re-opening" of the Oliver & District Arena, featuring a public skating session, facility tours, and a special community hockey game in the evening—fun for spectators of all ages!

## Don't miss out on the latest Oliver news

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## 2025 REGULAR OPEN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Stay up to date on town business. View upcoming and past meetings, review agendas and minutes and watch Open Council Meetings in-person or virtually from the comfort of your home.

Visit [www.oliver.ca/council-meetings](http://www.oliver.ca/council-meetings) for more information.

Month	Meeting Dates	
January	January 6	January 27
February	February 18 (Tuesday)	
March	March 10	March 31
April	April 22 (Tuesday)	
May	May 12	
June	June 2	June 23
July	July 14	
August	August 5 (Tuesday)	August 25
September	September 15	
October	October 6	October 27
November	November 17	
December	December 8	

## SPIRIT OF OLIVER AWARDS

We are excited to announce the **20th Annual Spirit of Oliver Awards**.

Volunteers are the backbone of our community. Their tireless efforts and willingness to share knowledge, expertise, and experiences enriches the lives of many. The Spirit of Oliver Awards celebrate and recognize the dedication and generosity of the many volunteers that bring our town together.

Now it is your turn to shine the spotlight on a local volunteer or non-for-profit organization – **Submit your nominations for the 20th Spirit of Oliver Awards!** Nominations are received for the following award categories:

- Community Roots Award
- Group Award
- Youth Award
- Individual Adult or Couple Award
- Community Builder Award

Nominations will be open from **Friday, January 10th, 2025 to Friday, March 14th, 2025**. The 20th Annual Spirit of Oliver Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 1st, 2025.

Find more information at [www.oliver.ca/spiritawards](http://www.oliver.ca/spiritawards) or at Town Hall.



## INVASIVE SPECIES FOCUS – TREE OF HEAVEN



Photos by Lisa Scott

**Tree of Heaven** is a significant invasive species in many parts of the world. Native to Asia, it was introduced to British Columbia as an urban tree known for its fast growth and tolerating a wide range of growing conditions. Tree of heaven has multiple modes of reproduction, allowing it to spread prolifically.

Its aggressive root system can cause damage to our urban infrastructure. It's capable of breaking through asphalt and cracking through building foundations, walls or even sewers. When Tree of Heaven colonizes an environment, it will outcompete native flora and create a monoculture ecosystem.

### How can I deal with Tree of Heaven?

- Pulling or digging up young saplings can be effective as long as the entire plant, roots and fragments are removed to prevent regrowth. Cutting alone won't be effective due to its aggressive suckering ability. However, repeated cutting can potentially exhaust root reserves.
- The area should then be monitored to remove any new seedlings or roots that appear.
- Cutting isn't an effective method of removal since it will respond by growing stump sprouts and root suckers.
- Maintaining a healthy native plant community can prevent Tree of heaven from invading an area. Leaving native plants in place or revegetating a bare area with native plants reduces the opportunity for Tree of Heaven to establish.
- Resulting waste should be bagged and disposed of at the landfill to prevent any accidental spread.

Find more information at [oiso.ca/species/tree-of-heaven](http://oiso.ca/species/tree-of-heaven)

## DOG LICENCE RENEWALS DUE

It's time to get your large or small dog's licence renewed! Dog owners are required to renew their dog's licence by **January 31st** annually.

### Fees for 2025 are as follows:

- Annual Fee: \$30
- Un-Neutered/Un-Spayed: Plus \$20
- Renewal after February 1st: \$35

Payments can be made at the Finance Office opposite Town Hall or online at [www.oliver.ca/credit-card-payment](http://www.oliver.ca/credit-card-payment)

