Community Meeting Notice Monday, April 12, 6pm

BGCA is hosting a community meeting on Monday, April 12, at 6pm. There will be attendees from BC Housing, Victoria Police, City of Victoria, and the local Community Advisory Committees to share updates with community, followed by a Q&A session. We'll also be having a discussion about how communication can be improved within the neighbourhood. We hope you can join us! The zoom link is below.

Join Zoom Meeting

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VicPD's Bike Registry Transitioning

Submitted by Victoria Police Department

VicPD's approach to bike registration is transitioning. We are adopting the use of Project 529 Garage, an app that allows bike owners to register their bikes themselves, and permit owners to keep their bike information up-to-date.

Project 529 Garage's app is already used by police departments across Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and elsewhere. With the ability for bicycle owners to upload photos of their bikes, notify other users if their bike is stolen through alerts and the ability to register using just an email, Project 529 has seen success in many jurisdictions. Many in Victoria and Esquimalt have already registered their bikes through Project 529 and VicPD officers will have access to the app on their issued devices to query found bicycles. For more information on Project 529, please visit https://project529.com/garage.

The transition to Project 529 is a "win-win" for the community and the police.

Maintaining and supporting VicPD's bike registry required resources from volunteer Reserve Constables and VicPD Records staff, while new online services have emerged that offer bike owners new ways to protect their bikes. By moving away from a VicPD-supported Bike Registry, this will allow the department to reinvest our resources into other high-demand areas.

We have halted new registrations to the VicPD Bike Registry and our volunteer Reserve Constables have been contacting those who have registered their bikes with us to let them know the registry is closing. Reserves have also reached out to local bicycle shops in Victoria and Esquimalt, who were valuable partners in the success of the VicPD Bike Registry to thank them for their partnership.

In keeping with B.C.'s *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, all information in the VicPD Bike Registry will be deleted by June 30th, 2021.

VicPD officers will continue to respond to and investigate bicycle thefts.



New Childcare Spaces Coming Soon!

www.burnsidegorge.ca

 $B^{\rm GCA}$ is looking forward to opening a new licensed full day childcare centre on the grounds of Tillicum Elementary School for 30-month to school-age children.

Although we do not have a firm opening date as of yet we are taking contact information for parents and caregivers who are interested. We will have 16 spots available. We are currently collecting expressions of interest from families.

If you would like to be placed on a contact list for this project, please take a few moments to fill out this form. https://forms.gle/28p666ihyxbbBdWw8

For more information please call 250-388-5251.

Join the BGCA Team

CURRENT OPENINGS:

We are seeking a full-time Office & Facility Assistant. This role is the first point of contact for most callers and visitors to the Burnside Gorge Community Centre. Working collaboratively with the administrative team, this position supports the Centre's daily operations including: reception, program registrations, facility rentals, and admin support.

The full job description is available on our Employment Opportunities page. The deadline to apply is April 15th.

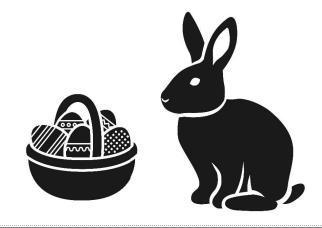
http://www.burnsidegorge.ca/opportunities/employment

ABOUT US:

We are a group of (com)passionate, enthusiastic, hardworking people who also know how to have fun. Our teams are deeply committed to serving the children, youth, families and seniors in our community as best as they can and helping and caring for each other as well.

The Community Centre will be closed on Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter weekend!





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Establish yourself as a community supporter with an ad in your community newsletter.

The deadline to purchase ad space is the 15th of each month prior to the month of publication. Please contact us for current rates.

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About us

Founded in 1991 in response to community need, the Burnside Gorge Community Association provides a continuum of programs and services that strengthen the lives of children, youth and families in Greater Victoria.

Programming includes: a range of childcare programs for ages 3.5 to 11; community and school based youth and family services; housing and asset development supports for youth and families; community recreation and special events for all ages; and a variety of community development initiatives.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on the support of individuals, businesses and partner organizations to continue providing a high level of service to our communities. If you're passionate about the work that we're doing there are a number of ways that you can get involved.

Join our team

Want to join a fun and dynamic team? BGCA is a great place to work. To see current opportunities please see our website at:

http://www.burnsidegorge.ca/opportunities/employment

Volunteer

Do you have some time to spare and a passion for community? We're always looking for volunteers to help out. Current opportunities are listed at:

http://www.burnsidegorge.ca/opportunities/volunteer

Become a member!

Are you interested in being a part of our mission? Become a member and take an active role in shaping our community. For more information contact the BGCA directly at:

info@burnsidegorge.ca

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

621 David St.

Currently offering recorded services only with Rev. Alanna Menu www.cucvictoria.com

Please call 250-384-6424 for updates as health orders change

Community Advisory Committee Update

The Burnside Gorge Community Advisory Committee met in March with representation from BGCA, BC Housing, Our Place, Cool Aid, VicPD, Island Health, Greater Coalition to End Homelessness, Burnside Gorge residents, the local MLA and City Council Liaison.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Twenty three people have successfully moved from tents, shelters, precarious housing and various forms of supportive/transitional housing to supportive housing, subsidized housing and market housing with rent supplements in the last month.
- BC Housing confirmed that no new residents would be moved into the Travelodge after March 31st and the lease will end as promised on December 31, 2021.
- Camping in parks will no longer be permitted 24 hours a day as of May 1st to match the provincial timeline to move people indoors.
- Cecelia Ravine Park has been added to the list of parks where no camping is allowed at any time and remediation of the park will soon commence.
- The tent encampment on Ellice Street has been removed.
- BGCA provided several ideas to the City in support of a new federal Strengthening Community Services Program fund, including community engagement (information sharing and communications), safety and security (lighting, security features, enhanced spaces), additional bylaw officers, and a neighbourhood Clean & Safe pilot project.
- There is a new manager at the Travelodge and the no-guest policy effective March 15 has reduced non-resident traffic. A fire system upgrade is underway and security has been improved with tamper-resistant plates on doors. New staff continue to be hired. Vic PD will discuss the need for additional security behind the hotel.

In an effort to improve communication out to community, the minutes for the Community Advisory Committee meetings will soon be available on the BGCA website. Please stay tuned.

To learn more about the Community Advisory Committees, including what agencies are represented, their purpose, and how the committees came to be formed, please see http://www.burnsidegorge.ca/programs/community-advisory-committee.

A Message from Your Council Liaison



As Burnside Gorge's recently appointed city council neighbourhood liaison, it's been my pleasure to meet with many of you and learn about your ideas and concerns. Thanks to the BGCA for allowing me a little space to report out to residents on some of the issues you've raised during our conversations.

Of late, one worry you've shared is the number of folk sheltering in Cecelia Ravine park. I can report that on March 18, Victoria city council adopted bylaw changes that will end daytime sheltering in all city parks on May 1, 2021. These changes mean that after May 1 shelters will not be allowed in parks between 7am and 7pm.

More specifically of neighbourhood interest, I recently proposed to city council that Cecelia Ravine Park be added to the list of city parks in which sheltering is banned outright. City council has voted in favour of this proposal, and is amending the Park Regulation Bylaw to add

Cecelia Ravine Park to the list of parks where sheltering is prohibited. This policy will come into effect as soon as the bylaw is adopted, scheduled for final city council consideration later in April.

It's hopeful that these decisions come in the middle of an unprecedented effort to move unhoused people inside, through ongoing partnerships with the provincial government, BC Housing, the City and local service providers. To learn more about sheltering in parks, visit: victoria.ca/sheltering, and about new supportive homes underway in Victoria, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AG0037-000530.

I look forward to our ongoing conversations, in person when allowed, and virtually til then. Feel free to reach out to me with your thoughts at malto@victoria.ca.

April Calendar Listings

If you have an upcoming event or worshop, please send us an email at <u>info@burnsidegorge.ca</u>. We would love to include it in our calendar listings.

Esquimalt Farmers Market – April 1st-September 16th (Thursdays)

Join us in celebrating small business and supporting local food! http://esquimaltmarket.com/

Container Gardening Workshop - April 10th

Learn some helpful tips for growing a garden in small spaces using any containers that you have on hand! Tickets \$0-\$20

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/container-gardening-tickets-131383289957?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Yoga in the Park—April 7th-Sept 29th (Wednesdays)

Come and participate in a free outdoor yoga session every Wednesday at Mile Zero https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/yoga-in-the-park-tickets-142456728911?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

BURNSIDE GORGE COMMUNITY CENTRE RECREATION PROGRAMS

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

We have an exciting line-up of programs for all ages, from toddlers to seniors. To register for a program call 250-388-5251 or drop by the Centre in person. Pre-registration is required for all programs. The Front Desk hours are 8:30am-5pm, Monday to Friday. We are closed on statutory holidays and weekends, unless noted otherwise.

Payment is required at the time of registration and can be made by cash, cheque, credit card (VISA & MC), Debit or City of Victoria LIFE credits.

REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Programs may be cancelled or postponed if there are not enough registered participants. Decisions to run or cancel a program are usually made two days prior to the first class.

REFUND POLICY:

- For a full refund, request for withdrawal must be received at least 1 day prior to the first class.
- A full refund will be issued if BGCA cancels a program.
- If a participant withdraws after the first class, they will be refunded the pro-rated cost of the program.
- Withdrawing after the second or third class, the participant will be refunded the pro-rated cost of the program minus a \$5 administrative fee.
- No refunds for withdrawals after the lesser of the 4th class or 50% of the course has been completed.

GET IN TOUCH

Do you have an IDEA for a program that you would like to see offered at Burnside Gorge Community Centre? Are you an instructor interested in running a program with us? Contact Travis Chater, Community Recreation Coordinator, at 250-388-5251 ext 225 or email travis@burnsidegorge.ca.

FACILITIES

The Burnside Gorge Community Centre is located just outside downtown Victoria at 471 Cecelia Road, between Burnside Road East and Gorge Road East. Outdoor public facilities include the Cecelia Ravine Park, Sport Court and Bike Skills Park, adjacent to the Centre.

The Community Centre is readily accessible by public transit: buses #8, 11, 21 and 22 routes on Gorge Rd East, Jutland Rd and Burnside Rd East, run parallel or border Cecelia Road. It is also easily accessible by the Galloping Goose Trail, which is adjacent to the Centre.



APRIL PROGRAMS

Schedule is subject to change without notice – please call 250-388-5251 for the most current info.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

All Family Centre programs have limited spaces available and pre-registration is required. To sign up please call 250-388-5251 or email theresa@burnsidegorge.ca.

READY SET GROW

Learn about gardening, from germinating seeds to transferring into our community garden. Families will help maintain the garden throughout the season and also enjoy the fresh vegetables that they have grown. This will be an ongoing program, starting April 12. Spaces are limited to ensure safe distances and registration is required.

Mondays 9:30-11am

LOVE 2 LEARN (AGES 0-5)

Centred on fun, engaging, play-based learning Love 2 Learn focuses on making early learning activities transferable to the home environment. Weekly sessions will involve a story and share time as well as an activity kit to make and take home. At the end of each session families will set a goal to achieve during the week and explore it during the following group. Sessions will be held in the Family centre.

Tuesdays

April 6 - 27

9:30-11:30am

HEALTHY TOGETHER

This innovative and unique family education program brings families together to learn to make healthy choices and build healthy relationships. The sessions will involve group discussions to share ideas around choices to support physical and emotional health as well as how to make an easy, healthy meal each week. Participants will receive educational materials as well as the food items needed to make the weekly meal together. Families will also practice setting achievable healthy goals each session to be shared and reflected on the following week. Spaces are limited to ensure safe distances and registration is required.

Wednesdays April 7 - 28 9:30-11:30am

FAMILY DINNER

Families need to register for dinner by Tuesday at 4pm by calling the front desk at: 250-388-5251. Thursday between 5 and 5:45pm, pick up dinner to take away for an easy, nutritious weekday meal for your family. Maximum 25 families.

Thursdays 5-6pm

55+

SENIORS LUNCH NOW DELIVERS!

One of the many challenges of the pandemic is figuring out how to continue offering flexible programming that meets the needs of our community when we're unable to gather together.

Seniors Lunch n' Learn has been well attended for many years and we want to stay connected even when we're apart. We are thrilled to share that this program will now be delivery based! If you would like a delicious soup delivered to your door on Thursdays, please call today to book your spot! Registration is required.

Th 11:30 - 1:30pm



Due to the current public health regulations all of our indoor fitness classes are postponed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We know how important classes are for our physical and mental health and we will resume programming as soon as we're able!

Please check our website, follow us on facebook, or call the Centre for updates, 250-388-5251.

Fun 'N Sun

Ages 5-11

KID'S CAMP

June 28 - August 27

Licensed Summer Camps



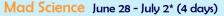


Weekly Rates & Hours

- ♦ Extended Care: Monday thru Friday, 7:30am 5:30pm, \$200/5-day week, \$160/4 day weeks*
- ♦ Regular Care: Monday thru Friday, 8:30am 4:30pm, \$185/ 5-day week, \$148/4 day weeks*
- Daily Drop-in: \$45 (subject to availability, please speak with a manager)

What We Offer

- Quality, licensed care for children aged 5-11.
- A safe environment where children are treated as individuals.
- ♦ Exciting activities, great field trips and a nutritious daily snack.



Explore the amazing world of mad science! What fantastic experiments, explosions, and creations will we discover?

Mini Olympics July 5-9

Try out new sports, games, and puzzles to earn points and claim olympic gold. Take your team to victory with some friendly competition.

Splash-a-palooza! July 12-16

Dive into our water-themed week! Enjoy local beaches and water parks, water relay races and games, and ocean themed crafts.

Superhero Spectacular July 19-23

Leap into action and take part in a week filled with superhero adventures! Transform into heroes and participate in exciting games and activities.

The Great Outdoors July 26 - 30

Explore local trails and parks this week as we discover about the natural world just outside our doors.

Spaceships & Aliens August 3-6* (4 days)

Outer space! Stargazing! Build solar systems & rocket ships! The options are as limitless as the universe this week!

Wild Wildlife August 9-13

Discover the creatures and critters of our community and connect with nature in this fun-filled week!

Creative Kids August 16-20

Creativity is the word of the week! We'll explore local art and try our hands at working with clay, painting, and more.

Survivor Week August 23-27

Enjoy fun team challenges & battle for top spot on the podium as we adventure to local parks and beaches!

CALL TODAY TO BOOK YOUR SPOT, 250-388-5251!

Community Virtuals at City of Victoria

Looking for inspiration to make your neighbourhood even better? The City of Victoria's Neighbourhood Team has created Community Virtuals, a series of Lunch and Learn sessions open to the community. Topics are centered around ideas to help build strong, resilient neighbourhoods, including personal connections within communities.

Neighbours Helping Neighbours in Community Preparedness

Did you know your neighbours are often your first responders in an emergency? Preparing with your neighbours will help you respond and recover from emergencies. Join us for a session where we'll talk about why connecting with neighbours is important, learn about some great projects already happening in the City, and provide some resources to get started.

Wednesday, April 21, noon – 1:30 p.m.

Placemaking Toolkit

Ever thought about improving your neighbourhood with a physical legacy? Join us in learning about how to enhance and create new public spaces as our panel of experts discuss all things placemaking, including the City's new toolkit for residents.

Wednesday, May 19, noon – 1:30 p.m.

Already have an idea to improve your neighbourhood? The 2021 My Great Neighbourhood Grant program will open April 1. Contact your neighbourhood advisor to start discussing your ideas.

Register for your free ticket and learn more about grants: www.victoria.ca/neighbourhoods. For more info email: neighbourhoods@victoria.ca



YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

CAMP SURVIVOR - SUMMER 2021

Our action-packed adventure camp for youth (10-13 years) is back! Enjoy the outdoors with kayaking, zip-lining, motocross, swimming and more! If you are looking for a summer full of adventure and fun, this is the camp for YOU! There are nine weeks of adventure to choose from!

Weekly Rates & Hours:

Monday to Friday, 9am – 4pm June 28 - August 27, 2021 \$175/5-day weeks, \$140/4-day week*

We are still in the process of finalizing our schedule and forms. Registration packages will be available shortly. For more information call 250-388-5251!



Free Dog Care Support for Seniors

Submitted by ElderDog

Are you a senior who is having difficulty caring for your canine companion? Are are you unable to walk your dog as often, or for as long, as you would like? Do you need help getting your dog to routine care appointments? Or are you moving into a residence that won't allow you to keep your dog with you?

ElderDog can help! ElderDog is a national, registered charity dedicated to maintaining the important relationship older people have with their dogs. The Victoria Pawd (branch) was established in 2019 and serves seniors throughout greater Victoria as well as some parts of the Cowichan Valley.

ElderDog volunteers support seniors with the care of their dogs by providing a variety of options including:

- Scheduled dog walking
- Transportation to and from a vet or groomer
- Temporary foster care in an approved foster home during a senior's illness or hospital stay
- Re-homing should the senior no longer be able to keep their dog

How to get support - Seniors can call Elder-Dog's national office at 1-855-336-4226 OR contact the Victoria Pawd at <u>elderdogvictoria@gmail.com</u>

Inquiries will be forwarded to ElderDog's In-Home Support Coordinator who will call to ask about their needs. If the senior is a match for the program, a meeting will be set up with the senior and dog. All ElderDog volunteers are screened. Approved volunteers are issued ElderDog Canada photo identification by the national office.

Learn more at www.elderdog.ca





Help Put Waste in its Place

Submitted by CRD Environmental Services

Between spring cleaning and student move-outs, we often see an increase in illegal dumping and abandoned waste throughout the region around this time of year. While we're all familiar with what illegal dumping looks like, that isn't always the intent behind the



act of leaving items in public spaces like boulevards — sometimes items are left out in hopes that others will be able to reuse them and keep them out of the landfill. Regardless of intent, removal and disposal of abandoned waste often falls on our municipalities at the taxpayer's expense — think of that wet sofa you've seen sitting out that is unlikely to be picked up for reuse.

Abandoned waste isn't just an eyesore, it's costly to clean up and encourages further illegal dumping. It also leads to increased health and environmental risks, such as wildlife ingesting or becoming entangled in debris and toxic chemicals being released, polluting the air, soil and water. So if you're doing some spring cleaning or preparing to move, don't abandon the items you no longer want — make a plan for them!

Use the 3Rs to help put waste in its place:

- **Reduce:** If your current items are still usable, consider holding off on their disposal and replacement.
- **Reuse:** Most furniture, clothing, electronics, appliances and décor items can be sold, given away or donated. Offer the items to friends and family, post on social media or in online buy and sell groups, donate to second hand stores, etc. If donating to charity, call first to ensure that your item is needed.
- **Recycle:** If your items aren't suitable for reuse, see if they can be recycled. From non-reusable textiles to broken electronics and appliances, there are many recycling options in our region. Visit www.myrecyclopedia.ca to find a drop-off location near you.
- **Dispose:** Anything that can't be reused or recycled should be disposed of properly at Hartland Landfill (or another waste facility). No car? No problem. Ask a friend or neighbour, use a car share service or hire a junk hauler living car-free shouldn't stop you from properly disposing of your waste.

Thank you for helping to keep your neighbourhood clean and our region's plants, wildlife and watersheds safe! You can also help by reporting abandoned waste, or witnessed illegal dumping, to your local municipality. For more information, visit www.crd.bc.ca/dumping.



For only \$25 you can help provide food for a week.

Since the start of the pandemic, amazing donors have stepped up to ensure that no one is left behind. You've helped provide weekly grocery gift cards to feed those who are affected by food insecurity. Thank you!

This spring, for only \$25 you can provide a grocery gift card that will help provide fresh food for up to a week. Your gift will help a neighbour shop at a local grocery store and cook their own meals. In this time of great need, you are not only providing food security, you are giving the gift of independence.

Please visit coolaid.org/donate to support people who are struggling to afford groceries.

"So far I've had the privilege of providing grocery cards to some of our palliative patients. These are so appreciated that several clients have burst into tears when they received them."

Katie Leahy RN BScN







To Make A Donation
Please visit coolaid.org/donate
or by phone 250-383-1977

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Teach Point Ellice House: Online Resources for Educators

Submitted by Jeannine Worthing, Visitor Experience and Programming Coordinator, Point Ellice House Museum and Gardens

Restrictions on in-person interactions since March 2020 have resulted in a paradigm shift for many GLAM institutions (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums). Public programming has generally been built around the idea that interaction with the public will be in-person – chatting with a visitor, showing off pieces from your collection in an exhibition, or welcoming a teacher and their class into your space.

Pivoting existing programming to an online or virtual format was a challenge for many GLAM institutions, including Point Ellice House. In one area we did have the advantage of a blank slate was in the creation of online educational resources. To create content that resonates with the students we want to reach, it was important for us to relate the stories of Point Ellice House to what they are currently learning. After making connections between Point Ellice House and the BC Social Studies Curriculum, we needed to research and flesh out those stories with context and detail. Next, we crafted activities designed to help



students relate the past to their own lives, which allows them to understand how things may have changed over time. The creation of our Point Ellice House history guide for educators accompanied this process and is intended to help those delivering our programs become familiar with the historic site. After fine-tuning and reviewing materials, we have now made these new educational resources available on our website (located under the "TEACH" menu on our main page).

We currently have two programs suitable for students up to Grade 5. One program is focused on waste and water, and the other on food production and preparation. Both use the history of Point Ellice House to frame these concepts for students. They are designed to be delivered by an educator directly to students, but once we are able to offer on-site visits again staff at Point Ellice House can also deliver these programs as a field trip.

We want to ensure that these newly created resources are accessible - not only to teachers in classrooms, but also to the many educators teaching their students from home. Accordingly, there are no costs associated with use of these programs - in fact the associated worksheets and media components are all freely available to download. If you are an educator, we would love to hear your feedback about how our programs worked for you and your students.

For more information please see https://pointellicehouse.com/resources-for-educators/