

Burnside Gorge Community News

May 2022
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Community Workshop - April 30

WAYS WE NURTURE & BUILD OUR COMMUNITY!

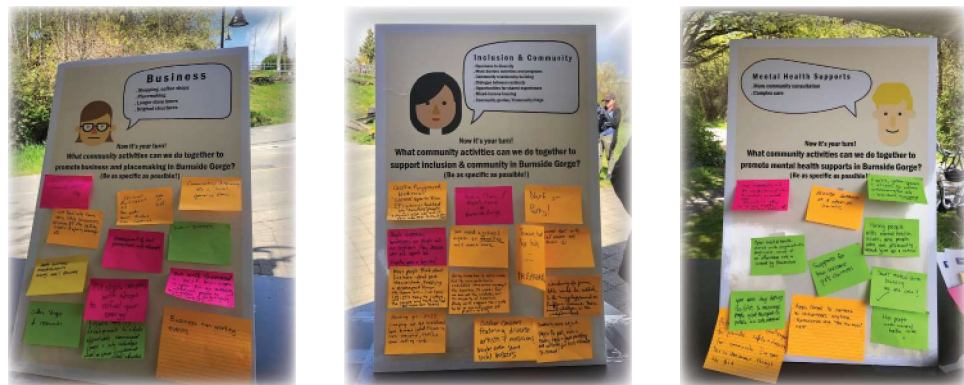
Do you live in Burnside Gorge? You are invited to join a workshop on Saturday, April 30 from 12-4pm, to develop community members' ideas into actions and activities to be delivered in Burnside Gorge! Selected projects are eligible for funding through the Provincial Strengthening Communities' Services Grant. Lunch and refreshments will be provided by Saltchuck Pie Co.

Registration is required, sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/workshop-ways-we-nurture-build-our-community-tickets-325964407317>

BACKGROUND:

In fall of 2021 the BGCA's Neighbourhood Engagement Team surveyed community asking: What does a healthy community look like? How can your positive experiences in Burnside Gorge be expanded and nurtured, and your negative experiences addressed? They were asked to close their eyes 'and imagine the best possible Burnside Gorge neighbourhood' and to share ideas about how to bring their vision to life.

On April 9th, 2022, the Team held an event to reflect back what was heard and to invite community members to build on ideas to improve the experience of inclusion, safety, health and belonging for all who live, work and play in Burnside Gorge. Residents from all walks of life joined in and enjoyed free BBQ from the amazing team at the Haus Sausage Co. Thanks to everyone for coming out!



Some of what we heard from residents on April 9th!

Email engagement@burnsidegorge.ca to find out how you can get involved!

Register for Free Seedlings!

We are excited to be a host organization for the City of Victoria's Get Growing, Victoria! program again this year. If you are facing barriers to growing your own food and you are interested in receiving free food seedlings this spring at the Burnside Gorge Community Centre, on Saturday, May 21, please register at the link below!

<https://forms.gle/cj4ep5deGaZjMC2n9>

Registration is open until May 15, 2022. Once registered, you will be notified closer to the date as to when you can collect your seedlings. Learn more about Get Growing, Victoria! at

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/parks/growing-in-the-city/get-growing-victoria.html>



BGCA Community Meeting

MONDAY MAY 16, 2022 @ 6:00PM VIA ZOOM

Join the Land Use Committee for a lively discussion on the direction of development in the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85339110319>

Meeting ID: 853 3911 0319

Burnside Gorge Graffiti Fighters

-OWN YOUR BLOCK-

The Burnside Gorge Graffiti Fighters are a small team of neighbours working to make Burnside Gorge a better place by removing graffiti from our neighbourhood. We're looking for new recruits! We believe if each person or couple of people adopt a street or block we could maintain the neighbourhood free of graffiti.

Graffiti isn't just ugly: left unaddressed it invites more graffiti till eventually the neighbourhood looks uncared for. People who live in the area feel less happy, comfortable and secure on their streets. The change from simply defaced to dangerous happens as people stop walking and moving in an area and abandon the streets to those who feel they can be destructive with impunity. The solution is for each of us to reclaim our streets.

You may have seen graffiti on the power poles and utility boxes in Burnside Gorge. Rather than looking away, some volunteers have picked up kits from the Burnside Gorge Community Centre to clean up and paint over the unsightly marks in our public areas. There has been a remarkable change on the streets in just a few weeks. One of the positives is that the people doing the graffiti removal are having fun while making the streets look better!

If you would like to become a part of the solution, contact our group at graffitifighters@burnsidegorge.ca and we'll provide you with the kit, a partner to show you what to do and the information to get your block graffiti free. Join our group of enthusiastic neighbours and feel better and better about your neighbourhood in Burnside Gorge.

Join the BGCA Team

CURRENT OPENINGS:

- Community Recreation Coordinator (full-time)
- Tillicum Out of School Care Manager (full-time)
- Youth Recreation Programmer (full-time)
- Childcare Leaders (temporary full time, & permanent part-time)
- Supported Childcare Workers (temporary full time, & permanent part-time)

Full job descriptions and application details can be found at:

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

The Community Centre will be closed on May 23. Have a safe and happy long weekend!



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

Contributions

The BGCN welcomes submissions. Submissions are subject to editing as required for clarity and brevity. Please note that submission does not guarantee publication. Contact us for submission guidelines and deadlines.

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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.



Now offering in-person and live-streaming services at 10:55 am.
Prelude begins at 10:45 am.

For more info please call 250-384-6424
or visit www.cucvictoria.com

Burnside Boutique Opening Soon!!

We are super excited to announce that the BGCA will be opening a thrift store at 350 Burnside Road East. The space was acquired on April 1st and is currently undergoing renovations.

For several years we have heard from community members that the Burnside Gorge neighborhood needs a Thrift Store and finally after two years of business planning, we are happy to announce that Burnside Boutique will become a reality for neighbourhood members and thrifters across the City.

We look forward to becoming a part of the business community in Burnside Gorge and providing quality, well-curated goods to our store visitors. Our goal is to host an array of women's, men's and children's clothing as well as small household items, books and specialty items when available. We look forward to seeing you soon! Stay tuned for an announcement of our July Grand Opening.

5 Ways to Camp More Sustainably

Submitted by CRD Environmental Services

As the weather warms and camping reservations open up, we're all eager to get out and enjoy the great outdoors! We are blessed in the capital region to have access to exceptional recreation opportunities just beyond our front doors. Recent years have seen a steady rise in visitors to our region's parks and campgrounds and increased demand can lead to increased environmental degradation if we're not careful.

Here are five tips to help you enjoy your recreational activities while minimizing environmental impacts, ensuring our parks are protected and can be enjoyed by all for years to come!

1. Follow park regulations: Research park user guidelines and rules before you head to your destination. Stick to designated campsites and trails, pick up after your pets and use designated washroom amenities. If none are provided, be sure to "go" at least 100m away from camps, water sources and trails (and then pack it out with you!).

2. Pack in and pack out: One of the easiest ways to reduce your impact when camping is to leave no trace. Reduce the amount of waste you create by using reusable containers, cutlery, water bottles and coffee cups when possible. Sort and properly dispose of waste, recycling and food scraps. If bins are not available, take your waste back out with you. Ensure that hazardous materials, such as propane and butane cylinders, are safely recycled at a depot such as Hartland.

3. Buy local, burn local: Check for fire bans. If fires are permitted at your destination, buy your firewood locally. It may seem like a good idea to bring your own firewood but this can unintentionally spread invasive species and diseases that can harm our forests. Leave any leftover wood behind for the next guests instead of potentially transporting invasive species back with you. And please don't harvest wood from living or dead trees around the campsite—this has a big environmental impact!

<https://bcinvasives.ca/play-your-part/buy-local-burn-local/>

4. Clean, drain, dry: Whether using a motor boat, sailboat, canoe, kayak or even a paddleboard, follow these three simple steps to avoid transporting aquatic invasive species: CLEAN plants, animals and mud from your watercraft, gear, boots and pets before leaving a recreation site (and before entering another). DRAIN all water from your watercraft and gear. DRY all parts of your watercraft and gear.

<https://bcinvasives.ca/play-your-part/clean-drain-dry/>

5. Respect local wildlife: Enjoy the local flora and fauna around you but be sure to keep your family (including pets) a safe distance from local wildlife and sensitive ecosystem areas. Do not feed wildlife and ensure that food and cooking supplies are secured so as not to attract them to your site.

Thank you for doing your part so that we're all able to enjoy the outdoors sustainably for years to come. Have a great summer and stay safe! For more tips, and information on regional parks, visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks.



CRD

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? Call Travis Chater 250-388-5251 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.



Burnside Gorge Activity Guide

MAY PROGRAMS

Programs do not run on Statutory Holidays and the schedule is subject to change without notice. All programs require registration. Please call 250-388-5251 for the most current info or to register.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

WIGGLES & GIGGLES (AGES 0-5) *VACCINE VERIFICATION REQUIRED

Join us for active play in the Activity Center. Get the wiggles out with this interactive program that includes ride on toys, kids' hockey and basketball, balance beams and lots of fun! The program provides opportunity for movement and free play. Parent participation required. Followed by snack and cool down in the Family Centre.

Mondays 9:30am - 12pm Free

LOVE 2 LEARN (AGES 0-5) *VACCINE VERIFICATION REQUIRED

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 9:30am - 12pm Free

TODDLER ARTS & CRAFTS (AGES 0-5) *VACCINE VERIFICATION REQUIRED

Explore your creative side! Each week features a different craft designed with the toddler/preschooler in mind. Creative activities can be messy, so please ensure children are dressed appropriately. Parent participation is required.

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm Free

COMMUNITY DINNER @ BURNSIDE GRILL

Enjoy a nutritious meal with your family and meet other members of your community. Families need to register for dinner before Wednesday 4pm by calling the front desk at: 250-388-5251. Advise if you are Vegetarian when registering.

Thursdays 5 - 6 pm By donation

PARENT & TOT PLAY TIME

This is an opportunity for young children and their parents to meet and play in an informal atmosphere with other children, toys, and books. Please note that no food is allowed in the Family Centre.

Thursdays 5:30 - 7pm Free



BLUE BUTTERFLIES (ASD PEER SUPPORT & PLAY GROUP)

This peer-led support group for parents and caregivers of children with autism is a safe place to meet other families and share strategies, resources, and support. The Family Centre is a great space for parents and caregivers to get together and have a coffee or cup of tea. The space allows children to navigate and explore in a safe environment. Open to all families and caregivers of children with ASD. Registration required.

Fridays 10am - 12pm Free

DADS GROUP

Hey Dads! Join us Saturdays for some free play, connection, coffee and snacks. We meet in our large play room where kids have access to toys, games, art and the company of other kids. Dads enjoy connecting with other Dads to discuss parenting, to feel supported by other dads and to explore a myriad of ways to engage in spontaneous play, a powerful way to help your children to develop and flourish. We enjoy welcoming new dads and kids into our exciting space! All who identify as dads and their children up to age 8 are invited to join us! Registration is required. Call today to book your spot, 250-388-5251.

Saturdays 1-3pm Free

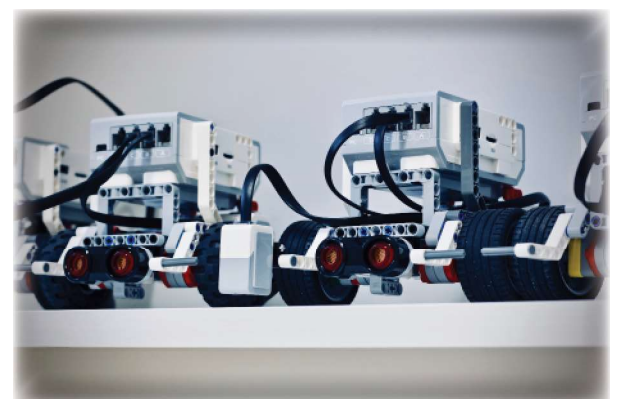
YOUTH PROGRAMS

LEGO ROBOTICS (6-9 YEARS)

LEGO, Beyblades, Smart Cars, Tanks, R2-D2 from STAR WARS, helicopters, Crocodiles, and SO MUCH MORE! In LEGO Robotics they will take their building skills to another level while learning about gears, motors, and sensors. With a teammate you will dive into the basics of engineering using LEGO's Wedo 2.0 Kits and Software. Come and program exciting interactive objects that move, react, and make sounds! No prior coding/programming experience is necessary.

Open to ages 6-9 years. Headed by LittlUniverse.

Fridays Apr 22 - Jun 10 3:30 - 5 PM 8/\$160



KIDS AT TENNIS

The Society for Kids at Tennis (KATS, www.kidsatennis.ca) provides free tennis lessons and equipment to families experiencing financial barriers. Using the “progressive tennis” approach recommended by Tennis Canada, the KATS program uses smaller racquets, smaller courts, lower nets and low compression balls. This approach helps kids to develop confidence in their ability to hit the ball, learn quickly, and most of all, have fun playing the sport! Kids will be introduced to the fundamental skills which form the foundation for future development. In the event of excessive registration, BGCA may prioritize enrolment to families with lower income.

Tennis (5-8 yrs)

M April 4 – June 27 4pm – 5pm 8/Free
No class April 18 & May 23

M July 4 – Sept 26 4pm – 5pm 8/Free
No class Sept 5

Tennis (9-13 yrs)

M April 4 – June 27 5pm – 6pm 8/Free
No class April 18 & May 23

M July 4 – Sept 26 5pm – 6pm 8/Free
No class Sept 5

ADULT PROGRAMS**T’AI CHI**

Focus on your health, your well being, and reduce your stress with the Yang- Style T’ai Chi. Using relaxation as the key principle, T’ai Chi involves gentle, low impact movements that develops grounding, flexibility, and balance. Headed by instructor Lee McLeod, his 25 years of teaching the Cheng Man-Ch’ing short form, will lead the class through 37 movements and follow through gentle corrections and encouragements. Beginners welcome.

Thursdays Apr 7 – May 26 3 - 4:15PM 8/\$64

XL YOGA

Yoga for those living in large bodies taught by a person living in a large body. The benefits of yoga – increased balance, flexibility, stamina, and relaxation are wonderful for everybody. We’ll make the poses work for our everyone using modifications and props (bolsters, blankets, and straps). Our classes are fun and light-hearted. Instructor Jill Moran

Thursdays Apr 7 - May 26 7-8PM 8/\$96

**ZUMBA**

Join us for one of the fastest growing Latin dance-inspired fitness crazes across the world! People of all ages are falling in love with its infectious music, easy-to-follow dance moves and body-sculpting benefits. Come dance to the rhythms of Salsa, Merengue, Mambo and other Latin beats. This is a fitness class you will not want to miss!

Wednesdays Apr 6– May 25 6 - 7pm 4/\$32

ZUMBA GOLD AND YOGA

Always wanted to Zumba but thought it might be too much for you? This class combines gentle Zumba Gold dance and fitness moves with yoga stretches, breathing exercises and deep relaxation. It is ideal for beginners, active older adults and other participants who may need program modifications.

Wednesdays Apr 6– May 25 4:30-5:30 PM 4/\$32

55+ PROGRAMS**SENIORS LUNCH AND LEARN**

Socialize with other seniors in the community while enjoying a delicious and nutritious homemade meal. This program features a mix of guest speakers, social activities and theme activities during the holiday seasons. To register or for more information please call the Community Centre, 250-388-5251.

Thursdays 12pm - 2pm \$5 /Lunch

**SUMMER CAMP - YOUTH****CAMP SURVIVOR (10-15 YEARS)**

Join us for Camp Survivor this Summer! Registration is now open for the Summer series of youth and teen Camp Survivor! These action-packed adventure camps for youth take you outdoors for paddle boarding, paintballing, motocross riding, zip lining and more! If you are looking for a full week of adventure and fun, this is the camp for YOU!

Camp runs Monday thru Friday from 9am-3pm. Extended care is available from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm, for an additional \$15/week. Call today to register, 250-388-5251. Calendars and registration forms are available online at <https://burnsidegorge.ca/youth-recreation/camp-survivor/>.

June 27 – June 30: School’s Out, Summer’s In! \$140/4-day week
Come on in and join four days of exploring including rock climbing & laser tag!

July 4-8: Outdoor Explorers \$175/5 days
Explore local trails, forests, and parks this week as we take on the great outdoors involving Axe Throwing and Wildplay!

July 11-15: Challenge Week \$175/5 days
Get your game face on for this week full of friendly competitions. Try out new sports, games, and activities such as Flying Squirrel & rock climbing!

July 18-22: Sportszilla \$175/5 days
Do you like to play sports? Well, Game on. This is your week to shine on the podium! Activities include mini-golf, tennis, & bowling.

July 25 – 29: Water Works \$175/5 days
Dive into our water-themed week! Enjoy some of the best local beaches and lakes in Victoria. Activities include swimming & paddle boarding!

August 2-5: Runnin’ Wild \$140/4-day week
Join us as we take on a series of thrilling outdoor activities around town. Activities include paintball & swimming!

August 8-12: Adrenaline Rush \$190/5 days
Are you adventurous? Do you like the challenge? Take the plunge this week as we take on some exhilarating activities such as Paintball & ziplining!

August 15-19: Swim & Sail \$175/5 days
Join us for a fantastic week by the water as we partake in a wide-range of water-based activities such as swimming & paddle boarding!

August 22-26: Final Countdown \$175/5 days
Time to end summer with a bang! This week, our trips will take us to a mix of local parks and beaches. Activities include kayaking & mini golf!

SUMMER CAMP - LICENSED**FUN N’ SUN LICENCED CAMP (5-11 YEARS)**

Enjoy activities and great field trips in a safe, licensed facility where children are treated as individuals. Every week will include a combination of arts and crafts, sports and outdoor activities, and trips to a variety of places across Victoria!

Camp is held at two different locations this year. K’s and grade 1’s will be at Burnside Gorge Community Centre (471 Cecelia Road), and grade 2-5’s will be at Tillicum Elementary School in our new childcare facility (3155 Albina Street).

What to bring:

- Picnic style lunch
- Hat and sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Running shoes (no flip flops, clogs or high heeled shoes)
- Appropriate clothing for the day’s weather
- Smile

Weekly Rates & Hours:

Extended: Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 5:30pm, \$220/5-day week
Regular: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm, \$200/ 5-day week

We are taking a waitlist for K’s and grade 1’s. There is still some space left for grades 2-5 at our facility at Tillicum Elementary. Forms and waivers can be found online at <https://burnsidegorge.ca/day-camps/>. Space is limited and first come first serve. Call today to apply, 250-388-5251!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Selkirk Waterfront Festival - May 28

Please join us on Saturday, May 28th, for our annual Selkirk Waterfront Festival from 10am – 5pm in Selkirk Green Park.

This fun-filled multi-cultural family event offers something for everyone. Enjoy exciting activities in the Family FUN Zone, world cuisine in the international food court, and unique arts and crafts in our colourful street market. We have some excellent performances lined up, including:

- Daniel Cook and the Radiators
- Soul shakers
- Kennedy
- Impulse Response
- Lekwungen Traditional Dancers
- Mufaro Marimba



VENDORS!

Vendor applications are now being accepted for food service and the artisan craft market. Vendor applications can be found on our website at <https://burnsidegorge.ca/special-events/selkirk-waterfront-festival/> or reach out to Travis at 250-388-5251, or email travis@burnsidegorge.ca for more information.



VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are needed for many areas of the festival including vendor assistants, café crew, parking crew, stage assistants, children's fun zone leaders, and set-up and take-down crew. If you are interested in being a volunteer, call Travis 250-388-5251.

We are so excited to be offering this much-loved event and we hope that you will join us.



The Soul Shakers will help you shake it out on the dance floor!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

In addition to our own programs and services we also have the privilege of being able to offer external services and supports here at the Centre.

INCOME ASSISTANCE SUPPORT

Do you have questions about Income Assistance (IA) or Persons with Disability Assistance (PWD) or how to go about opening a file? The Burnside Gorge Community Centre has an Employment & Assistance Worker from the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction who works on site at the Centre on Thursday afternoons. To book an appointment please call the Community Centre at 250-388-5251.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC

Legal advice is provided free of charge during 15-minute phone appointments on Tuesday afternoons. All legal questions welcome. Please call us to book an appointment, 250-388-5251.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

As part of the Canadian Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program we have volunteers that can assist those with simple tax filing for current and back dated tax years. We can help students, newcomers, persons with low income or older adults. For more info call 250-388-5251.

Cool Aid Update on 210 Gorge Rd E

Submitted by Victoria Cool Aid Society

If you have driven by our development at 210 Gorge Road recently, you have probably noticed that we are in the final stages of construction, with the goal of welcoming our first residents in July.

The 72-unit building will be a mix of supportive housing and affordable housing, as well as a coffee shop and a garden with raised beds and fruit trees. The specifics:

- 72 total units
- 30 deep subsidy units; of which, 21 will be supportive housing
- 42 affordable units consisting of:
 - 10 @ 2-bedroom units
 - 10 @ 1-bedroom units
 - 22 @ studio units

210 Gorge is a 'Regional Housing First Program' development, supported by the Province, BC Housing, the CRD, the Federal Government, the City of Victoria, and the Sisters of St. Ann.

We hope to welcome you to our coffee shop in the fall. For more information on the development: neighbourfeedback@coolaid.org

For more information on how to apply for the affordable units: affordablehousing@coolaid.org



Exterior with sky



Rendering of building from Carroll Street

Mother's Day Plant Sale & Garden Tours at Point Ellice House

Submitted by Jeannine Worthing, Point Ellice House Museum & Gardens

Sunday May 8th 2022 | 12pm-4pm

Looking for a Mother's Day activity in your local neighbourhood? Celebrate with an afternoon at historic Point Ellice House Museum and Gardens. On Sunday May 8th, we will be having a Spring Plant Sale and giving tours of our historic gardens and grounds from 12pm-4pm.

We will be selling heirloom variety tomato and veggie starts, herbs, flowers, and more. The Plant Sale lasts until 4pm, or until we sell out, whichever comes first! If you'd like to learn more about the historic site, consider joining in on a guided tour of our gardens and grounds. Scheduled for 12:30pm, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm, each tour will last approximately 45 minutes. If you would like to take part, please be sure to arrive on time.

Admission is by donation and also includes entrance to the historic house and our feature exhibit: Spring & Scavengers. The suggested donation amount for the event is \$10 per person



Calendar Listings - May 2022

Got Books? Support the TC Book Sale

April 30 and May 1, Victoria Curling Club

A drive-through book donation drop-off will take place April 30 and May 1 at the Victoria Curling Club at 1952 Quadra St. Books will be sorted by volunteers and then sold to the public at a two-day sale later in May. All money raised goes to support literacy-related programs on Vancouver Island!

Neighbour Day

Sunday, May 1st

Strong neighbourhoods are important to the health and well-being of our whole city. When neighbourhoods thrive, the people who live there thrive too. Neighbour Day in Victoria started in May 2017 to celebrate our strong and caring communities. The pandemic created a situation where knowing and helping your neighbours was a necessary part of keeping our community strong and working together. On Neighbour Day, we invite you to meet and greet the people with whom you share your fences and walls. Do whatever feels right for you. We invite you to knock on a door for the first time, to wave, to lend a helping hand, to share, to visit, to throw a party—anything goes, as long as it involves you and the people in your building or on your street.

Khalsa Day

Sunday, May 1, 470 Cecelia Road

Join the Gurdwara Singh Sabha at 470 Cecelia Road for a Khalsa Day Celebration on Sunday, May 1, 9AM - 3PM. Enjoy games, free food, & community celebration! <https://www.facebook.com/SinghSabhaYYJ/>



Colwood Beach Food Days

May 6 – Aug 28, 2022

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, head to the Lagoon Beach along Ocean Boulevard in Colwood for eats from your favourite local food trucks in the fresh air by the ocean. Starting in May there will be live local music on Saturday evenings from 5 to 7pm on the rustic beach stage near the bird sculptures and portable washroom building.

Compost Education Centre Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7th, from 10am-2pm at 1216 North Park Street

Veggie Starts, Herbs, Perennials, Native Plants and Unique Treasures to Get Gardening! The Compost Education Centre (CEC) is hosting our annual, all-organic spring plant sale! Entrance is by donation (no one turned away for lack of funds) and the Spring Organic Plant Sale features local farmers offering a wide variety of organically grown vegetable, flower, and herb seedlings to get you off to a successful start this growing season.

What you can look forward to:

- The largest selection of organically grown heirloom tomato varieties all in one place for easy shopping
- Organically grown vegetable starts from arugula to zucchini
- Perennial edibles like berry bushes and other fruiting shrubs
- Medicinal herbs

- Culinary herbs like Genovese basil, dill and chives
- Companion plants like marigolds, bee balm, and comfrey
- Native plants
- Live music!

The Compost Education Centre hosts this event to highlight the importance of locally produced food and ecological gardening practices; support local organic growers; and supply difficult-to-find organic plant varieties to the community.

Great Big Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7, 10am - 2pm

The Villa's great big plant sale returns. You will find a wide range of bedding plants including vegetables, annuals and perennials as well as herbs. Your garden fantasies will be fulfilled when you see some of the unusual offerings available. The May plant sale occurs only once this year so avoid disappointment by attending on May 7. All funds from this event are used for the ongoing conservation and preservation of the Ross Bay Villa Historic House Museum.

<http://rossbayvilla.org/>

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Sunday, May 8, Point Ellice House

Admission is by donation and also includes entrance to the historic house and our feature exhibit: Spring & Scavengers. The suggested donation amount for the event is \$10 per person

<https://pointellicehouse.com/>

Mother's Day Concert

May 8th - 1PM - 3PM - Playfair Park - Free Admission

This Mother's Day concert features the Reynolds High School Orchestra playing favourites against a backdrop of beautiful rhododendrons. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the free open-air concert.

Buccaneer Days

May 13 – 15, 2022

This fun-filled weekend is loaded with events for all ages, including a midway, dance, Free local entertainment on the Stage in Bullen Park, skydivers, kids play zone, races, dog agility demonstrations and a great parade.

<https://esquimaltbuccaneerdays.ca/>

TC Book Sale

May 14 & 15, 9am-3:30pm at the Victoria Curling Club at 1952 Quadra St.

The Times Colonist book sale is back on! All money raised will support literacy-related programs on Vancouver Island.

Luxton Spring Fair

May 19-22, 12-6pm

Head out to the Luxton Fair Grounds on the May long weekend. Check out vendor booths, heritage museum, blacksmith, antique farm equipment, and more. Hop on some rides at the Carnival Midway! Fun for the whole family!

159th Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Festival

May 21 and 22, at Topaz Park

After two years of much smaller Games being held at Craigflower due to the public health orders, the Victoria Highland Games Association looks forward to welcoming you back to the large grass fields at Topaz Park!

<https://victoriahighlandgames.com/>

Victoria Day Parade

Monday, May 23

Celebrate Victoria Day in British Columbia's Beautiful Capital City! Honoring our Superheroes, including all Frontline Workers this Victoria Day Weekend. The Greater Victoria Festival Society will host a world class event showcasing our diverse cultures and celebrating our Frontline workers from various business and non-profit organizations. We are thrilled to be back and we dedicate 2022 to all of YOU!

The parade begins at Mayfair Mall and continues along Douglas Street finishing at the intersection of Douglas and Humboldt Street. Hundreds of floats and cultural performances!

Do you have an upcoming event or activity? Send submissions to
info@burnsidegorge.ca
or call us at 250-388-5251!