Save the Date for the 2022 Gorge Waterway Cleanup

The Gorge Waterway Cleanup returns this fall and we hope to see you there! Mark your calendars:

Saturday, September 24th, 2022 10am – 12pm at Selkirk Green Park (350 Waterfront Crescent)

Every year, volunteers pitch in to clean up the water and shoreline along the Gorge. This improves the habitat for local wildlife as well as the look of the area for local residents and community members. We invite everyone to participate in this important event and make a difference in our local environment!



Volunteers will clean the shoreline along the Gorge Waterway and a volunteer dive team will retrieve debris from the ocean floor. We have a limited supply of boots and gloves so please bring

your own if you are able. This event runs rain or shine so please dress for the weather.

If you are interested in participating in this great event as a volunteer, a participating group or a community sponsor, contact the Burnside Gorge Community Centre at 250-388-5251 or email vanessa@burnsidegorge.ca.

We would also like to send a huge shout-out to Ellice Recycle and Victoria Harbour Ferries for their support of this year's event!





Look for the Ferry Stop, on the Dock

Join the BGCA Team

CURRENT OPENINGS:

- Family Services Worker (temporary, full-time)
- Childcare Leaders (part-time)
- Supported Childcare Workers (part-time)

Full job descriptions and application details can be found at:

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.

Expanding Affordable Housing in Burnside Gorge at Chown Place

Submitted by Corinne Saad, Executive Director for Gorge View Society

Chown Place is home to 120 seniors in Burnside Gorge. The affordable housing complex is run by the Gorge View Society (GVS), a non-profit affordable housing provider.

Construction is under way on a new 4 storey building in the middle of Chown Place, which will offer another 49 seniors and 9 families new homes next spring. When the City of Victoria approved this project, GVS was asked to develop a Master Plan for the long-term re-development of the entire

Chown Place. The goal is to add more homes for seniors and families in phases over the next 20 to 30 years.

The Master Plan that's been finalized shows 313 homes in 4 apartment buildings and 3 separate rows of townhouses to be built in six phases. The mix of residents will be 80% seniors and 20% fami-



lies. A key aspect of the design is to retain the same amount of green space that currently exists and increase the number of community gardens.

Chown Place residents:

- GVS will ensure that residents affected at each stage of re-development will be taken care of and they will have first right of refusal on units in a new building.
- At each stage of development, the landscaping and outdoor gathering places will enhance the look and feel of Chown Place.
- The Master Plan also contains a new community building for both residents and neighbours.
- There will be parking developed under the apartment buildings.

Chown Place neighbours:

- The larger buildings by Harriet and Balfour are stepped down towards the neighbours to minimize impact and shadowing.
- The Balfour playlot will stay, with an improved path connecting into a broader pedestrian avenue going through Chown Place.
- GVS is committing to welcoming neighbours with improved public paths going north/south and east/west through Chown Place and to improving the Garry Oak meadow on the south side.

What comes next? City Council approved the Master Plan with its rezoning and Official Community Plan amendment at public hearing last month. That process still needs to be finalized. And it will be several years before you see any changes at Chown Place. Future development is dependent on GVS securing government funding. The Master Plan provides a road map to move forward with to address the pressing need for more affordable housing, giving clarity to the community about future plans.





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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 livestreaming 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 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.

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is currently accepting applications!

The FSS Program can support you to...

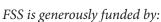
- Start saving with a matched savings program
- Gain more control of your money
- Face your financial fears and move forward
- Begin a debt reduction plan and reduce your debt
- Access supports that will assist you and your family as you move towards a brighter future

Are You:

- Receiving an eligible housing subsidy?
- Living with at least one dependent child?
- Surviving on a low income?
- Feeling overwhelmed about money?
- Struggling with debt?
- Worried about your finances?

















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 Vanessa Normore 250-388-5251 or email vanessa@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.



FALL 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)

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. The first hour is active play followed by snack and cool down in the Family Centre.

Free

9:30am - 12pm

Mondays Sept 19 & 26

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 Sept 13 - 27 9:30am - 12pm Free

TODDLER ARTS & CRAFTS (AGES 0-5)

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 Sept 14 - 28 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 Sept 15 - 29 5 - 6 pm By donation

PARENT & TOT PLAY TIME

This is an opportunity for young children and their parents to meet and play in a in informal atmosphere with other children, toys, and books.

Thursdays Sept 15 - 29 5:30 - 7pm Free

OPEN PLAY GROUP

Come and meet other parents/caregivers over a cup of coffee. We provide a safe space for conversation and peer support.

Fridays Sept 16 & 23 10am - 12pm Free

YOUTH RECREATION

KIDS AT TENNIS

The Society for Kids at Tennis (KATS, www.kidsattennis.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. Classes are held in the Banfield Park tennis courts.

Tennis (5-8 yrs)

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

Tennis (9-13 yrs)

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



STEM KIDS

LEGO ROBOTICS - BEGINNER LEVEL (5-8 YRS)

Description: LEGO Beyblades, the Batmobile, Tanks, the X-Wing from STAR WARS, helicopters, Crocodiles, and SO MUCH MORE! In Beginner LEGO Robotics participants will take their building skills to another level while learning about gears, motors, and sensors. With a teammate they 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. Participants should at least have some experience with Lego.

Fridays Sept 9 - Nov 4 3:30 - 5:00 PM 6/\$75 *no classes Sept 23, 30 & Oct 21

MINECRAFT MODDING - BEGINNER LEVEL (7-9 YRS)

An OP Sword? Well then we need OP Armor as well! Wait, why have all the entities stopped moving? Quick Attack! Oh no! We've summoned too many Ender Dragons! And SO MUCH MORE! Participants will transform the way they experience the game by learning how to mod by creating different custom objects. Using blockly coding they will program and test each mod they create thus adding a new level of gameplay to their Minecraft experience. Participants should already have some experience with the world of Minecraft. No prior coding/programming experience is necessary.

Fridays Nov 18 - Dec 16 3:30 - 5:00 PM 4/\$60 *no class Dec 2



ADULT HEALTH & WELLNESS

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.

Thursday 1/\$8 (Trial Class) Oct 13 Thursday Oct 20 3 - 4 PM 1/\$8 (Trial Class)

Thursdays Oct 27 - Dec 15 3 - 4 PM 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 everyone using modifications and



props (bolsters, blankets, and straps). Our classes are fun and light-hearted. Instructor Jill Moran

Thursday Sept 15 7 - 8 PM Free Trial Thursday Sept 22 - Nov 10 7 - 8 PM 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 Sept 7 - Oct 25 6 - 7 PM 8/\$64

ZUMBA GOLD & 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.

4:45 - 5:45 PM Wednesdays Sept 7 - Oct 25 8/\$64

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. For more information please call the Community Centre, 250-388-5251. Thursdays 12pm - 2pm \$5 /Lunch





COMMUNITY SERVICES

n 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

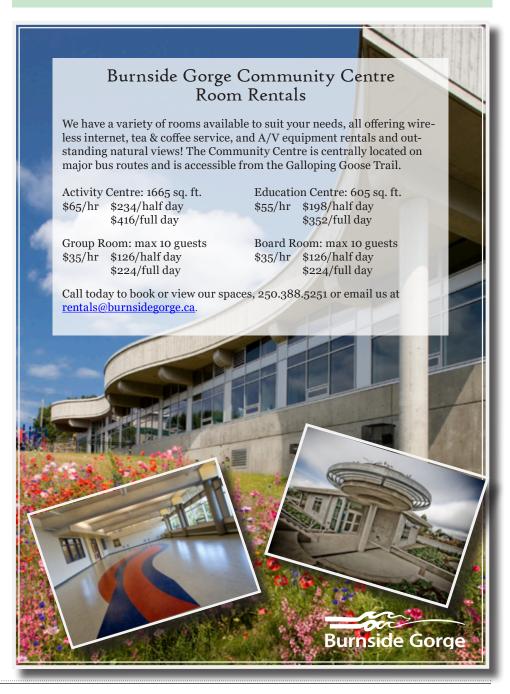
Legal advice is provided free of charge during 15-minute phone appointments on Tuesday afternoons. All legal questions welcome. Please call us to book an appointment, 250-388-5251.

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.



FACILITY RENTALS



Take Action Now to Get Ahead of the Rain

Submitted by CRD Environmental Services

The Insurance Bureau of Canada reported that last November's floods were the most costly severe weather event in BC's history. Record-breaking rainfalls caused rivers and streams to overflow, affecting roads, triggering landslides and resulting in many people losing their homes.

With the rainy season about to return, we have a few storms ahead in the capital region—and taking action now to manage rainwater at home can help prevent floods and pollution of our waterways.

What actions can we take?

- Replace impervious surfaces with grass, gravel, cobblestone or other permeable pavement options when possible. Using porous paving alternatives in spaces like your driveway will help absorb rainwater, reducing runoff volumes and preventing pollutants like dirt and oil residue from entering our waterways.
- Manage rainwater with rain gardens and green rooftops.

 Rain gardens and green roofs are designed to hold and soak in rainwater runoff temporarily. They effectively remove sediments and chemicals in rainwater and can be adapted to highly urbanized areas. They also support living plants by replicating natural pollutant removal mechanisms from forested ecosystems.
- Collect and store rainwater for future use. With a harvesting system, rainwater can be treated and purified for outdoor irrigation and domestic purposes such as flushing. Rainwater harvesting can help supplement municipal water demand, recharge our groundwater and reduce the volume of water that enters our stormwater system.

Want to learn more about preventing stormwater pollution? Visit www.crd.bc.ca/livegreen.



Cool Aid Models Mixed-Use at 210 Gorge

Submitted by Victoria Cool Aid Society

Cool Aid is now accepting applications for its new development at 210 Gorge Road. This development is based on a mixed-use housing model, which means there are options for a variety of individuals and families along the housing continuum. Rents are dictated by the housing agreements Cool Aid has with various funders.

Mixed-use development - that can accommodate people of different ages, incomes, and physical and social needs - is one of the best ways to create and maintain healthy and inclusive communities.



1 & 2 Bedroom kitchen

There is no one solution when it comes to housing. Some people need housing with supports while others need near-market housing. This building offers a range of options including:

- 30 studio units at deep subsidy, 21 of which include supports
- 8 subsidized studio units
- 44 near-market units (below current Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation averages for our area)

For more information or to apply for the near-market units, please complete and submit the application found on the affordable housing page of our website.



Cool Aid's new mixed-use development at 210 Gorge includes deeply subsidized and supported units, subsidized studio units, and near-market units.



Calendar Listings September 2022

Classic Boat Festival

The Maritime Museum of BC is proud to host the annual Victoria Classic Boat Festival in Victoria's beautiful inner harbour! For over 40 years, the Victoria Classic Boat Festival has showcased classic boats from all over the Pacific Northwest each Labour Day Weekend.

The Festival is run by Museum staff, Board members, and dedicated volunteers. Admission is by donations, join us on the docks this coming Labour Day Weekend! September 2nd-4th - Docks open at 8AM - Victoria's Inner Harbour

https://mmbc.bc.ca/news-and-events/classic-boat-festival/events/

Saanich Fair

The theme of this year's Fair is "Plant Your Roots at the Fair" and the Feature is Vegetables. Of course, we all know that nothing beets the Saanich Fair so we hope you'll turnip for this year's event - it will be spud-tacular! Enjoy all that event has to offer including horse shows, displays, and a Midway.

Saanich Fair Grounds, 1528 Stelly's Cross Road. Sept 2-5. https://saanichfair.ca/

nttps://saameman.ca/

Out There Art Festival

The Out There Art Festival is BACK, and better than ever! Returning to Quadra Village from Sept 2nd-5th, this interactive and community art festival will surprise and delight you again and again. Join us in and around Summit Park for our Opening Night Celebration on September 2nd, following by three days of outdoor activities and performances including workshops, a self-guided walking tour, and interactive art installations.

September 2nd-5th, suggested donation of \$5-\$25 - Quadra Village https://www.alterarts.ca/festival

An Edwardian Picnic

Learn about the history of Point Ellice House and Victoria in the early 1900s! Join us for an Edwardian-era picnic with the Victoria-Esquimalt Military Re-enactors Association. Pack your own picnic or grab lunch from the Saltchuck Pie Truck, then try your hand at a game of croquet in the historic Point Ellice gardens. Admission by donation.

September 3rd, 1PM-3PM - 2616 Pleasant Street, Victoria https://events.timely.fun/k6ganwu2/event/73011834/20220903130000

September Long Rolling Dance Party

The Rolling Dance Party is a chill, family-friendly ride with music and stops for dance parties! All ages welcome. The ride starts at Beacon Hill Park, meet at Cook & Leonard.

Sat, Sep 3 from 6pm to 7:30pm

 $\underline{https://www.eventbrite.com/e/september-long-rolling-dance-party-tickets-373028086047}$

Roller Skating @ The Q Centre

DROP IN Roller Skating at the Q Centre, 1767 Island Hwy, on Saturday, September 3, from 7-9PM. Quad and inline skates welcome! All ages, family friendly. Rental skates available sizes J10 to M13.

\$10 entry and \$5 rentals (plus tax).

All participants must fill out one time waiver to skate.

https://rollerskatevictoria.com/

Vintage, Retro & Collectible Show & Sale

This major event is a great mix of collectibles; everything from pre and post war jewelry, gold and silver coins, and paper collectibles like stamps and postcards. Toys: dinky cars, meccano, mechanical and everything from stuffed to Star Wars! Tableware, paintings, and an amazing assortment of wonderful books. We are also seeing more and more 50's vintage clothes, bags, shoes and collectibles; furniture and art, lamps and ornaments. Exotic Thai and Japanese pieces and more local First Nations collectibles.

Come and experience the show at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. 9:30 am - 4 pm, Sunday, Sept 4th

Cash Entrance \$5, Earlybirds: 8:30 am \$20.

https://vintageretrocollectible.ca/

Gather: A Film Screening & Panel Discussion

Join a free screening of the documentary film GATHER and PANEL DIS-CUSSION with Indigenous food sovereignty specialists: Chef Nephi Craig [Apache, Diné], Cheryl Bryce [Songhees], and Dawn Morrison [Secwepemc]. This beautiful film tells the stories of Apache, Yurok, Sioux and other nations' efforts to regenerate healthy Indigenous food systems.

Donations to Lekwungen food-system regeneration are welcome

Thurs. Sept. 8th at 6:30pm, at the David Lam Auditorium, MAC A144, UVic.

https://www.fourstoriesaboutfood.org/

One Day – FREE Community Event

One Day is a FREE outdoor community event for all ages, which provides live music; fully accessible games and activities; a children's fun zone featuring bouncy castles, mini golf, and games; and special guests! One Day also features a low-cost BBQ. Please join us in celebrating the diversity in our community through this fun, free, and family oriented event!

Sat, Sep 10 from 11am to 3pm in Topaz Park. https://www.facebook.com/OneDayVictoria

Parkinson SuperWalk

Join us for Parkinson Society British Columbia's largest fundraising event of the year, Parkinson SuperWalk! Beginning the weekend of September 10 & 11 incredible British Columbians in more than 20 communities throughout the province will walk together to help give hope to approximately 15,000 people in BC living with Parkinson's disease.

Funds raised in BC through this event help Parkinson Society British Columbia continue to grow its programs and services, expand advocacy efforts, and increase its investment in innovative research.

http://events.parkinson.bc.ca/site/TR?fr_id=1420&pg=entry

55+ BC Games Opening Ceremony

Join us in celebration of the Greater Victoria 2022 55+ BC Games. We guarantee that this opening ceremony will be one that you don't want to miss. Reconnect in person and expect an evening high on colour, music and entertainment and less speeches. We promise that this is an event where you will want to take selfies!

Wednesday, September 14th - 7PM-8:30PM - Save-On Foods Memorial Centre, 1925 Blanchard St.

https://55plusbcgames.org/greatervictoria2022/participant-information/

Yard Sale!!!

Hey All! My grandma and I are selling various items from household goods, furniture, books, knick knacks, and CLOTHING. There will be a FREE pile of clothing sizes ranging from L-3X. We will be taking Cash, Paypal or E-Transfer.

September 10th, 10AM-3PM - 2554 Scott St, Victoria https://allevents.in/victoria/yard-sale/200023056650137

Tillicum Summer Send-Off

Come join us in the Tillicum Centre parking lot on September 17th for an end of summer celebration! There will be live music, market vendors, food trucks, and entertainment for the whole family. PLUS, some special guests from Sesame Street will be making an appearance!

September 17th - 11AM-3PM - Tillicum Centre Parking Lot, 3170 Tillicum https://tillicumcentre.ca/

Junior Stewards Pro-D Camp (Ages 7-10)

Stewardship is about creating a sense of connection, care, and responsibility for each other and the natural world that supports us. In these outdoor, hands-on sessions, young stewards will be introduced to the Garry Oak ecosystem, and then learn and practice restoration skills. This program will have an indoor and outdoor component with health & safety guidelines in place. Please dress ready to spend the day outside. Bring lunch, snacks provided.

September 23rd - 9AM-3PM - 3873 Swan Lake Road, Victoria - \$80/non-members

https://swanlake.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/swanlake/event.jsp?event=11155

Outdoor Family Storytime

Greater Victoria Public Library is offering fun-filled stories, songs, rhymes, and puppets for young children and their families. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Drop-in. Feel free to bring a blanket or something comfortable to sit on.

There are two locations to choose from:

- James Bay: Meet at Irving Park, James Bay, 250 Menzies Street
- Saanich: Meet at Brodick Park, 1040 McKenzie Avenue. Storytimes at Brodick Park are followed by a self-guided, 60-minute StoryWalk from 11:00 am-12:00 pm.

Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am, September 15, 22, 29, and October 6

Do you have an upcoming event or activity? Send submissions to

info@burnsidegorge.ca

or call us at 250-388-5251!