

Burnside Gorge Community News

November 2022
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Christmas at BGCA

This time of year is extremely busy and joyful at the Community Centre as we get ready for all of our seasonal events and programs. Some of our upcoming events include:

- **Christmas Dinner for Families** – Dec 1, 5pm. Suggested donation of \$5. Registration is required, please contact the Centre at 250-388-5251
- **Santa's Pancake Breakfast** – Dec 3, 9am-11am. Registration is required, \$5/family (up to 4 members), \$2/person
- **Christmas Lunch for Seniors** – Dec 15, 12pm. \$6/person. Registration is required, please contact the Centre at 250-388-5251

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We've also launched our annual Christmas Hamper program which supports families who may not be able to provide a special Christmas experience for their children without assistance. Families receiving hampers are currently involved with one of the many programs here at the Burnside Gorge Community Centre. Christmas Hampers include food cards for fresh produce, a box of non-perishables, and personal gifts for children to open on Christmas day.

How you can Help!

We realize that this is a busy time of year and recognize that helping looks different to everyone. No gift or offer of support is too small and there are many ways to give:

- Sponsor a family Christmas Hamper with friends & family or with a work or church group;
- Raise funds through your respective group to make a cash gift to the BGCA and we will purchase gifts and food vouchers;
- Collect non-perishable food items and grocery gift certificates to include with Christmas Hampers; see a list of the most needed items here <https://burnsidegorge.ca/get-involved/support-bgca/>

However you choose to give, we greatly appreciate your support and contribution. Tax-deductible receipts are available upon request, where applicable. For more information, please contact us at 250-388-5251.

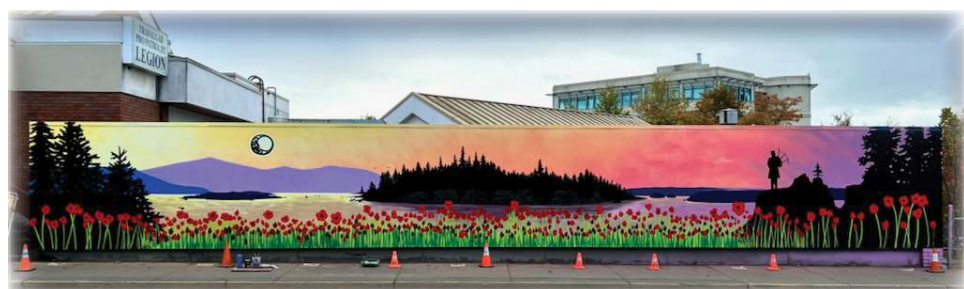
New Mural Graces Gorge Road E

Submitted by the Graffiti Fighters

Although you may not have heard from the Graffiti Fighters lately, you can rest assured knowing we have been working diligently from behind the scenes on an amazing community project. We're very excited to announce that together with the Royal Canadian Legion - Trafalgar Pro Patria Branch #292 we commissioned artist Kelly Everill to paint a beautiful mural on the Legion wall located at 411 Gorge Road East. The mural was completed on October 26th and we hope you love it as much as we do! To see more of Kelly's amazing work, check out her facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100029157295626>.

We'd like to send out a big heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the project, from those who offered their time and advice to those that financially supported this wonderful community project - Burnside Gorge Community Association, Province of British Columbia, City Of Victoria, Days Inn Uptown, Garside Signs, Good-Bye Graffiti, Rob Caunter of the DVBA.

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers and well-wishers who cheered us on. From the dedicated team of volunteers who donated their time and baked cookies and muffins for the Coffee Cart to all of the folks who stopped by to chat, shouted kind words out of their car windows, and honked their car horns to express their pleasure. This is what community means!



The Gift of Good Food Fundraiser Supports Families with Fresh Food

Submitted by Fernwood NRG

The Gift of Good Food annual fundraiser kicks off this year on Monday, November 14th and runs until midnight on December 31st, 2022. The Gift of Good Food raises funds to support local families facing food insecurity across the Capital Region with fresh produce every two weeks continually for a year. Our goal is to raise \$100,000.00 and support over 140 families in 2023.



Inflation and the housing crisis in our city are squeezing vulnerable families and forcing hard choices about what they can afford to put on the table. We want to ensure we can continue to support these families by providing consistent access to fresh, high quality food. "[The Gift of Good Food] has helped me to feed my family. I don't know how I would be able to feed my growing teenager and preteen without it," shared a 2022 Gift of Good Food recipient.

You can get involved by donating online at thegiftofgoodfood.ca/donate starting November 14th, 2022. Start a Fundraising Team with friends, family, or co-workers and reach a goal that supports families in your neighbourhood. Register your team online at fernwoodnrg.ca/ggf-fundraising-teams. Donate an auction item to support the cause or volunteer to help put up posters—email events@fernwoodnrg.ca.

Do you own a business and want to choose a local fundraiser to support? Choose the Gift of Good Food as your charity of the month where a portion of your sales will directly support families in your community to access fresh food for a year. If you would like to get involved, please email mila@fernwoodnrg.ca.

By contributing to this fundraiser, you are not only supporting dignified access to healthy food for families. Your donation also supports our regional food system. An average of 60% of the produce is sourced from within 200 miles of Victoria. Families who receive the Gift of Good Food are also supported with wraparound care at the community service centres they pick-up their bags from—they can also access other services and supports more easily and consistently.

Check out [@fernwoodnrg](https://twitter.com/fernwoodnrg) for updates on the Gift of Good Food—please share and spread the word.

Join the BGCA Team

CURRENT OPENINGS:

- Integrated Family Services Team Leader (full-time)
- Family Services Worder (full-time)
- Family Services Worker (temporary, full-time)
- Housing Outreach Worker (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.

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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.

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

Support BGCA on GivingTuesday



Tuesday, November 29th, is GivingTuesday. Did you know this is the world's largest generosity movement? Whether it's making someone smile, helping a stranger, or giving to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts, and everyone has something to give.

We're proud to be participating in GivingTuesday! Our mission is to lead, promote and support initiatives which encourage healthy, inclusive, socially just living, and GivingTuesday helps us further that mission. Please consider making a donation to our campaign. Every little bit helps, and we are so grateful for your support! This year BGCA is directing all of the donations raised on GivingTuesday to support much needed services and programs for youth and seniors! Check out BGCA's partner page for GivingTuesday!

<https://partners.givingtuesday.ca/partners/burnside-gorge-community-association>

To learn more about the history of this fantastic initiative please see <https://www.givingtuesday.ca/>

Thank You for Making 2022 Monster Mash a Success

On Thursday, Oct 27th, BGCA was filled with ghosts, goblins, Frankensteins, witches and all sorts of ghoulish Halloween creatures!

Kids enjoyed playing carnival games, making crafts, capturing memories in the photo booth, braving the haunted hallway, joining our scavenger hunt and, of course, eating yummy treats!

Thank you to all the families that came out and attended the event. A BIG shout out to all the volunteers who helped make the event a success with special thanks to the RBC Royal Bank team from the Burnside Tillicum Branch! And to our local business, who provided generous donations Save on Foods, Shoppers, Fairway Market, Flying Squirrel, and SilverCity Cinema ... THANK YOU!!



We are excited to bring back events to our community. We hope you all enjoyed your time and we look forward to seeing you at our next event! (p.s. you can read about upcoming events on Page 1)

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?



We can help! Call the FSS program today at 250-388-5251 or visit www.burnsidegorge.ca to find out more.

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 Gorge

FSS is generously funded by:



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.



Burnside Gorge Activity Guide

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.

Mondays	Nov 7 - 28	9:30am - 12pm	Free
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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	Nov 1 - 22	9:30am - 12pm	Free
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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	Nov 2 - 23	10am - 12pm	Free
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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	Nov 3 - 24	5 - 6 pm	By donation
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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	Nov 3 - 24	5:30 - 7pm	Free
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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	Nov 4 - 25	10am - 12pm	Free
*No program Nov 11			

STEM KIDS

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			

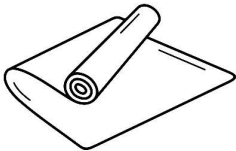


ADULT HEALTH & WELLNESS

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 22 - Nov 10	7 - 8 PM	8/\$96
Thursday	Nov 24 - Dec 22	7 - 8 PM	4/\$48
	*no class Dec 1		



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	Nov 23 & Dec 7	6 - 7 PM	2/\$16
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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
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November Presentations

- Nov 3rd - Mark Jenkins - Community Police Officer
- Nov 10th - Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Centre
- Nov 17th - TBA
- Nov 24th - Breanne Beckett, Victoria SPCA



COMMUNITY SERVICES

INCOME ASSISTANCE SUPPORT

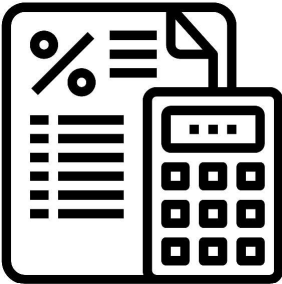
Do you have questions about Income Assistance (IA) or Persons with Disability Assistance (PWD)? BGCA has an Employment & Assistance Worker from the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction who takes appointments at the Centre on Thursday afternoons. To book an appointment please call the Community 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.



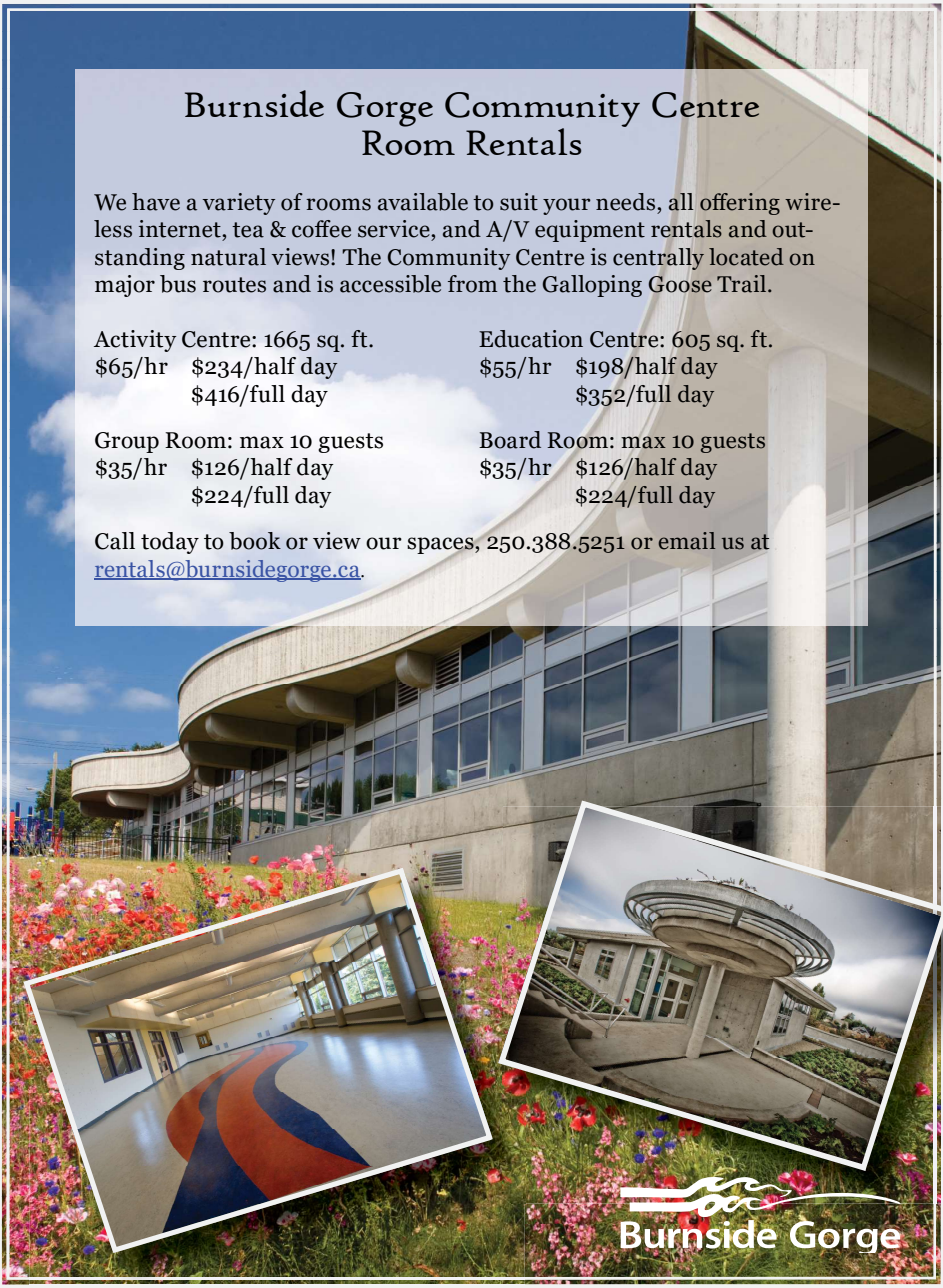
FACILITY RENTALS

Burnside Gorge Community Centre
Room Rentals

We have a variety of rooms available to suit your needs, all offering wireless internet, tea & coffee service, and A/V equipment rentals and outstanding natural views! The Community Centre is centrally located on major bus routes and is accessible from the Galloping Goose Trail.

Activity Centre: 1665 sq. ft.	Education Centre: 605 sq. ft.
\$65/hr \$234/half day	\$55/hr \$198/half day
\$416/full day	\$352/full day
Group Room: max 10 guests	Board Room: max 10 guests
\$35/hr \$126/half day	\$35/hr \$126/half day
\$224/full day	\$224/full day

Call today to book or view our spaces, 250.388.5251 or email us at rentals@burnsidegorge.ca.



Bill's Bag Lunches Needs Additional Funding to Continue

Submitted by Rock Bay Business Community

Bill's Bag Lunches, the weekly lunch program now providing 50 bagged lunches to both the Tiny Home Village and to our Rock Bay Locals in need, is looking for funding support. The program began in 2021 thanks to the support of our RBBC community, and donations were matched with the My Great Neighbourhood Grant from the City of Victoria.

Since the funding has run out, Bill pays for the weekly supplies out of pocket. We are currently applying for a selection of grants offered through the City of Victoria and will need additional funds to keep this program alive.

Whether your business runs a monthly donation program, would like to host a fundraiser, or wants to send a cash donation directly to Bill, please reach out to us. We'd love to chat about ideas or help you get a plan in motion.

Some ideas to get you started:

- Monthly Donation Program - a percentage of sales from certain products(s) or day(s) donated to the cause.
- Fundraiser
- Raffle
- Cash Donations or Cash Donation Tip Jar

For more information on the program or how you can help please reach out to Bill! Phone: 250-686-4819 Email: hello@billsbaglunches.com Insta: <https://www.instagram.com/billsbaglunches/>

For more information on the Rock Bay Business Community please see <https://rock-bay.ca/>.



Burnside Gorge - Land Use Updates

The BGCA's Land Use Committee (LUC) plays a critical role in all applications for rezoning in the Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood.



Nov 21
6:30pm,
via Zoom

On the Agenda: 133 -135 Gorge Road East

The proponent for a rezoning and development at 133 -135 Gorge Road East will be joining us on November 21 at 6:30pm on Zoom to provide us with plans for their multi phased development. The proponent will give a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

This meeting will be held on Zoom, link below:
<https://uso6web.zoom.us/join/83847679782>

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Everyone welcome! The BG Land Use Committee meets once a month to discuss land use and related topics, or as needed when there are development proposals in the neighbourhood. Please email lucchair@burnsidegorge.ca if you are interested in attending these meetings and/or joining the CALUC.

DEVELOPMENTS TO WATCH

All development applications within the City can be tracked on the City of Victoria's Development Tracker.

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/planning-development/development-tracker.html> You can filter by neighbourhood to see what is happening in Burnside Gorge. The following new developments are posted on the City's Development Tracker:

2816 Irma Street

A 7 unit ground oriented townhouse Development is proposed. It has gone to a community meeting and is now with City Planning for review.

2615 Douglas Street

Merchant House Capital is proposing adding a brewpub, & distillery at 2615 Douglas Street, the site of the old Victoria Press Building. The project includes retaining the facade of the existing building and constructing offices, restaurants, a liquor store, and a commissary kitchen.

710 Caledonia Avenue & 1961 Discovery Street

A proposed development consisting of 3 towers of 17, 20, and 23 stories. It would include a large food store and a public landscaped space in the south west corner. The 17-storey tower will be for below market rental, the 21 storey tower will be condominiums and the other tower will be market rental.

1824-2010 Store Street & 530 Chatham Street

Additional information about this development has been posted on the Development Tracker soon. A community meeting was held on October 12th to hear a preliminary proposal by Reliance Properties for a rezoning of the Capital Iron property. This is a large development including the relocation of the Greater Victoria Art Gallery to this site.

496 Cecelia Road

Construction has started on this project with the site servicing and U/G parking being developed. ATL Housing Solutions and Pacifica Housing have proposed a complex at 496 Cecelia Road consisting of one five-storey and one five-storey building with underground parking and an extensively landscaped community gathering area. This unique partnership with the City of Victoria and School District No. 61 proposes 88 units of affordable rental housing. The ground floor will also house a child care centre with 60 new child care spaces.



Cool Aid Launches Annual Fundraiser for 10,000 Pairs of Socks

Submitted by Victoria Cool Aid Society

It's finally here. Fall. And for many of us the change comes with mixed feelings – we may have enjoyed the prolonged summer but also knew the rain was much-needed. For people experiencing homelessness, however, opinions about the weather are less murky. Colder, rainy weather threatens temporary shelters and belongings, the ability to get around easily, and overall health – which often starts from the ground up.



For the 16th consecutive year, Cool Aid, along with Kia Victoria, La-Z-Boy Furniture and PVH Legwear Canada (makers of McGregor Socks), are joining forces to raise \$10,000 to buy 10,000 pairs of warm socks for people experiencing poverty and homelessness in our region. The initiative was started by Michael Bloomfield and Congregation Emanu-El in 2006. The socks will be distributed through 25 organizations from Nanaimo to Victoria, including on Salt Spring Island, and they could not come at a better time.

The campaign will run until November 30. Donations can be made online at www.coolaid.org/socks, by calling 250-383-1977 or at Kia Victoria.

Packing your Basic Survival Kit

Submitted by CRD Planning and Protective Services

Having essential supplies handy during an emergency is a vital part of preparedness. Whether at home, at work, or in your car, it is important to have your emergency kit ready to go when you need it the most.

Be sure to have a Grab-and-Go-Bag. You may need to leave immediately in the event of an emergency. This should be an easily accessible and portable kit, like a backpack or a carry on that will hold enough supplies for one person for at least 12 hours.

Shelter-In-Place Kits are meant to be used at home during an emergency when it is safe to do so. Here in the Capital Region, we encourage you to prepare to be self-sufficient for 7 days after an unexpected emergency as there may be challenges getting supplies to the island after an emergency. Here are some recommended items for your emergency kits:

1. Water: Pack at least two bottles of water in your Grab-and-Go-Bag, and four litres per person per day in your Shelter-In-Place Kit.
2. Food: Energy bars and chewing gum will come in handy in your Grab-and-Go-Bag, but be sure to store non-perishable items that don't require water for your Shelter-In-Place Kit. If packing canned items, remember to include a can opener.
3. Radio and Flashlight: Communication may be limited after a disaster, so be sure to have a wind-up or battery-operated radio. A flashlight will also be beneficial.
4. First aid kit: A basic first aid kit with items such as pain tablets, eye drops, ointment and nitrile gloves should always be the first thing to go in your kit.
5. Special items include often forgotten items such as prescription medication, infant formula and pet food.
6. Other essentials could include hand sanitizer, notebook and pen, cash, chargers and spare keys
7. Remember all these kits should be customized based on your unique requirements as an individual or a family.

For more information, please visit www.crd.bc.ca/prepare-yourself



Holiday Craft Fairs

Strawberry Vale Christmas Craft Fair

Enjoy a wide variety of juried handmade items including: Christmas Decorations, Body Care Products, Original Artwork, Handmade Cards, Jewellery, Knitting, Fibre work, Metal and glass, Adult and Children’s Clothing, honey, jams and jellies, sweet treats and Gourmet Food.
Nov 4, 5pm-9pm, Nov 5th & 6th, 10am-4pm @ Strawberry Vale Community Club, 11 High St (High St & Burnside Rd W) <https://svcraftfair.com/>

Christmas at the Lake Craft Fair

The best little show on the Peninsula! The Craft Fair also hosts the fabulous bake sale fundraiser for the PLDCA. The community bake table is a huge contributor to the success of the fair. Please consider baking (or purchasing) something to add to the table; squares, loaves, cookies, rolls, pies, muffins, jams, pickles, eggs, giant onions... you name it, we sell it! \$2 Admission, free for kids under 12. No ATM on site.
Nov 5, 10am-4pm @ Prospect Lake Hall, 5358 Sparton Road

Winter Craft Market

The Winter Craft Market is a curated market featuring over 50 local vendors and held in the gym at North Douglas Church. Makers will have items that include: Christmas crafts, art, baked goods, jewelry, candles, bath and skincare, up-cycled items, wood art, kids + baby apparel, clothing design, homewares, ceramics, knit and crocheted goods. Food truck, free parking and wheelchair accessible.
Nov 5, 10am–5pm @ North Douglas Church, 675 Jolly Pl

Swan Lake Craft Fair

Go shopping and support the Nature Sanctuary! Come purchase beautiful handmade quilts and sewn goods made by the Silver Swans volunteers. All proceeds support the Sanctuary. Free admission & parking. For info call 250-479-0211 or email info@swanlake.bc.ca.
Nov 5 & 6, 12-4pm. Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary, 3873 Swan Lake Road.

First Chance Christmas Craft Show

First & Last Chance are two distinctive Christmas Craft Shows featuring an array of works of over 80 artists, artisans, makers, and designers from our beautiful West Coast and it’s surrounding islands. Since 1989, these shows are two of Vancouver Island’s premier Christmas shopping events which have become favourite craft sales to many. \$5 admission.
Nov 5, 10am-5pm & Nov 6, 10am-4pm. Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Ave
<https://www.sidneybia.ca/event/first-chance-christmas-craft-show/>

Fall Fling at The Bay Centre hosted by Market Collective

You know that quiet space in between after you’ve settled back into a Fall routine/back to school and the chaos of the approaching holidays?!? Let’s do something FUN! Market Collective is hosting a “Fall Fling” at The Bay Centre on the lower level with 30 of the most amazing local + handmade Vendors! This is the event you’ve been waiting for to connect with some of your favourite Vendors indoors!
Free admission. Parking recommended in the underground parkade, entrance on View Street. Don't forget about daylight savings! Fall Back!
Sun, Nov 6, 10am-5pm, The Bay Centre, 1150 Douglas St #225

Creative Craft Fair

One of Vancouver Islands largest and most popular fairs showcasing over 125 professional exhibitors from all over British Columbia! Three day fair, Nov 10-12, 11:30am–8pm. Located at Pearkes Recreation Centre.

Nomad Holiday Market

Welcome to a nomadic curated event that finds unique locations on Vancouver Island to showcase some of BC’s finest artists and makers. An event and market combined to create an amazing customer experience. Makers of anything from food, alcohol, fine art, clothing, crafts and so much more. The creative mind is not limited to what is, but what could be. Nomads know that a home is where the family is.
Nov 11, 4-8pm, Nov 12, 10am-6pm, & Nov 13, 11am-4pm. \$5 Admission, Free for Children. Songhees Wellness Centre, 1100 Admirals Rd

Calico Christmas Market

Artisans feature an incredible selection of items including jewelry, skin care, candles, gourmet food and baked items, ceramics, Christmas decor, artwork, home décor, clothing, knit/crochet goods, toys, animal accessories, and much more. Food trucks, wheelchair accessible, with ATM’s onsite, and free parking.
Nov 12 & 13, 10am-5pm @ Spectrum School, 957 Burnside Rd W.
<https://islandparent.ca/family-events/35th-calico-christmas-fair/>

Indigenous Pop up Shop YYJ Winter Artist Market

Come check out 30+ Indigenous Artists selling their creations. Everything from beadwork, art, seal skin and cedar bark earrings, carved silver and copper jewelry, hand knit toques, moccasins, gemstone candles, bath and beauty, herbal remedies, stain glass feathers, and so many other gift ideas. Please bring non perishable food or toiletries, socks or gloves for the Community Fridge.
Nov 13, 11am-4pm @ Norway House, 1110 Hillside Ave

Crew Holiday Craft Fair

This fun holiday craft fair is a youth initiative and all proceeds go towards the CREW pre-Employment and Lifeskills Program! \$2 admission.
Nov 19 & 20, 10am-2pm @ Quadra Village Neighbourhood Gym, 950 Kings Rd.

Owl Designer Fair

The fair brings the best creative makers together in one place. Imagine if all the vendors you have in your Etsy favourites list were under one roof! All items are handmade or upcycled by local artists and designers. You will find handmade soaps, art, local fashion designers, wood toys, fine woodworking, upcycled vintage creations, leather goods, handmade jewelry, home decor and much much more!
The Owl is proud to feature a whole lineup of live music by local musicians all weekend. If you are interested in performing please get in touch. There will also be a food truck on site. Stroller and wheelchair accessible.
Yes there are free workshops!! There are different workshops for all ages. In the past, workshops have included hanging art, freestyle embroidery, painting, sewing, ceramics and more. Sign up in person at the show so don't be late if there is one you really want to participate in!
Nov 19, 10am-5pm & Nov 20, 11am-4pm @ Fernwood Community Centre, 1240 Gladstone Avenue

Victoria Christmas Craft Fair

The Victorian Christmas Craft Fair is excited to be back as one of Victoria’s most beloved holiday markets! Get an early start on holiday shopping at this annual favorite, entering its 28th season, and find handcrafted décor and gifts for everyone on your list. Enjoy an amazing community of over 70+ makers, artists, and small businesses committed to bringing you the very best in handmade.
Nov 19, 10am – 5pm & Nov 20, 10am – 4pm @ Saanich Commonwealth Place, 4636 Elk Lake Dr
<https://do250.com/events/2022/11/19/victorian-christmas-craft-fair-2022-tickets>

West Coast Winter Market

Join us for another holiday season at our West Coast Winter Market! Get hand-crafted and unique gifts for your loved ones, while supporting local vendors of all kinds! Come with your family and friends and check out farm vendors, artisan crafts, delicious prepared treats, fresh food trucks, festive live music, and even a visit from a very special someone stopping by from the North Pole! Entry is by-donation (suggested \$5 donation) going to help support Victoria families in need this holiday season!
Sat, Nov 19, 10am–4pm @ Oaklands Community Centre & Association 2827 Belmont Ave #1
<https://oaklands.life/winter-market>

Magic of Christmas Artisan Market

The biggest Holiday Artisan Market in the Westshore! Held at Eagle Ridge arena, you will find over 100 local Artisans with thousands of unique gifts for everyone on your list!
Nov 19, 10-4pm & Nov 20, 10-4pm @ Eagle Ridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Pkwy

Early Bird Holiday Market

Cedar Hill Arts Centre artists invite you to the Arts Centre for their popular annual sale of pottery, paintings, art and crafts! Timed perfectly for the holidays, find an array of unique, locally made gifts. This market is a must do on your holiday calendar! Visit us @earlybird_holidaymarket on instagram and Facebook for sneak peeks. FREE admission, FREE parking. A chance to win handmade door prizes contributed by the artists!
Nov 20, 10am-3pm @ Cedar Hill Rec Centre, 3220 Cedar Hill Rd

Out of Hand Modern Market

This much anticipated holiday market offers a highly curated selection of handmade goods by over 100 of Western Canada’s most accomplished and talented artists and makers. Buy directly from the creators of stunning jewellery, pottery, bodycare, fashions, food, wine and spirits, décor and more. Live music, onsite coffee bar and a Sip and Sit Lounge make for a wonderful holiday shopping experience. Nov 25 - 27 @ Crystal Garden, 713 Douglas
<https://www.showpass.com/out-of-hand-modern-market/>

Doncaster School Craft Fair

Handmade crafts by local artists, including: cards, jewelry, knitting, woodwork, baked goods, chocolates, ornaments, toys, sewing and more.
 FREE admission! Kids room! Concession! Raffle!
 Nov 26, 10am-3pm @ Doncaster School, 1525 Rowan Street (off Cedar Hill Road), Victoria, BC

Craigflower School Holiday Craft Fair

With over 25 vendor tables, a concession and a raffle, it is going to be a day filled with holiday cheer, and great opportunity to support local entrepreneurs and the students at Craigflower School. Proceeds made from the concession, table registration and raffle go toward school trips, teacher supplies, and literacy programs for the students!
 Entry: \$2 suggested donation (each \$2 donation receives a raffle ticket)
 Sat Nov 26, 11am-2pm @ Craigflower Elementary, 2766 Admirals Road

Holiday Market & Silver Bells Silent Auction

With over 30 holiday market vendors, we will have something for everyone in our auction and at the market. A wide variety of baking and a 50/50 draw. Join us and help make your holiday shopping easy. There will be seasonal baking with many items for sale at the café. We encourage you to bring an item for the Mustard Seed Food Bank.
 Nov 26, 10am-2pm @ Cook St Village Activity Centre, 380 Cook St

Christmas Night Market

There is a night market being held by the wonderful people who host the Goldstream Market. This is the evening of the truck light parade. Instead of being held at the park, we will be across the street in the parking lot of Masonic Hall. There will be 15 other vendors there.
 Sat, Dec 3, 3-8pm @ Goldstream Masonic Hall Assn, 679 Goldstream Ave

The 41st Annual Dickens Fair

The James Bay Market Society presents the 41st Annual Dickens Fair. The fair will feature two large rooms with over 60 of the best local artisans. Customers can also enter a free draw. There will be an ATM on site for customer's convenience.
 Dec 3, 10am-4:30pm @ James Bay Community Center, 140 Oswego Street

Nerdy Days Of Christmas Craft Fair

Nerdy Days of Christmas is a quaint and nerdy craft fair in Market Square, downtown Victoria! Beautiful makers and artists all with a nerdy flair. Nerdy crafts, art, cards, gifts, totes, and so much more. Fun for the whole family and for a great cause!
 Dec 3 & 4, 11am-4pm @ Market Square, 560 Johnson St, lower level

Mercy Me, A Craft Fair!

The seasons are changing and it's getting colder. Come on down for an assortment of goodies- some handmade some not, all chosen with the utmost of care! Email mercymeacraftfair@gmail.com
 Sun, Dec 4, 10am-5:00pm @ Fernwood Community Association, 1923 Fernwood Rd

Last Chance Christmas Craft Fair

First & Last Chance are two distinctive Christmas Craft Shows featuring an array of works of over 80 artists, artisans, makers, and designers from our beautiful West Coast and it's surrounding islands. Since 1989, these shows are two of Vancouver Island's premier Christmas shopping events which have become favourite craft sales to many in Sidney, Saanich, greater Victoria and further afar. It is an annual tradition where visitors can meet the many creators in person, hear their stories, feel their passion and experience their works first-hand. Join us at Sidney's lovey Mary Winspear Centre for an unforgettable Christmas shopping experience. Shop small. Shop local. Support our many talented artists & artisans and find those special handmade gifts for your family and friends.
 Dec 9, 2pm-8pm & Dec 10, 10am-5pm & Dec 11, 10am-4pm @ Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Ave

Punk Rock Holiday Market

The annual Punk Rock Holiday Market is back and bigger than before! Join us for a handmade market with 20+ vendors who will have a variety of items great for gifting and will help you check off the hard to buy for person on your list. Find gifts for your mom and your wierd uncle all in one stop! The market with DJ's will run from 11 to 7. Admission \$5 at the door.
 The venue will then turn over to host a punk show with some of your favourite local bands from 8 to midnight. (Band list & tickets coming soon!) Come on down and raise a glass of cheer with your friends while supporting local makers and bands.
 Sat, Dec 10, 10am-10:45pm @ Victoria Event Centre, 1415 Broad St

Calendar Listings November 2022

The Salmon Run

We hope to bring awareness, through art, of the importance of restoring and protecting salmon spawning areas. We have invited a group of local artists to participate by exhibiting their work, that was inspired by the salmon run to remind us of the beauty and importance of our fragile natural world.
 Nov 3, 10am-6pm, 106 Superior St
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-salmon-run-tickets-445546420337>

Tree Appreciation Day

Celebrate Tree Appreciation Day on Nov. 6 in Beacon Hill Park. Join City staff and local experts for a fall celebration of all things trees. Participate in tree tours, tree planting and moth banding demonstrations, kids' nature activities, apple pressing, a tree health clinic and more.
 Sunday, Nov 6, 12-2pm @ Beacon Hill Park, near the central playground
<https://www.facebook.com/events/773268723749043>



Placemakers, You're Invited

The Greater Victoria Placemaking Network (GVPN) is hosting its 2022 Annual General Meeting. This year, we'll be gathering at the Paul Phillips Hall at 1923 Fernwood Rd (Fernwood at Gladstone) on Wednesday, November 9. Doors open at 5:45. Meeting from 6pm to 7pm. Followed by a conversation on "Murals and Our Sense of Place" with special guests: Kay Gallivan, Jesse Campbell and Lydia Beauregard, from 7pm to 8pm.
<https://victoriaplacemaking.ca/2022/gvpn/agm/>

Centennial United Church Bottle Drive

Centennial United Church is holding a bottle drive on Saturday, November 12. Returnable cans and bottles can be dropped at the church at 612 David St. from 9:00am-2:00pm. Proceeds will help support repairs for the building and the bell tower. For more info please contact office@cucvictoria.com.
 If you require assistance getting your bottles to the church you may be able to book a pick up on Saturday, November 5 or Monday November 7, between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, call Francis at 778-430-4170 to book.

Rock Bay Square Arts & Industry Annual Open House

On Saturday, November 19, 2022 11am to 6pm, the tenants of Rock Bay Square who are artists and makers open their studios to the public for drop in visiting and shopping. Admission is FREE and there are fabulous door prizes! Parachute Ice Cream and Mile Zero Coffee will be open for treats and beverages! Check out <http://rockbaysquare.com/> for a list of exhibitors.

Family FUNdays

Jump in, dress up, and have fun with kaleidoscope! Featuring storytelling, dress-up, crafts, and lots of imagination, Kaleidoscope's Family FUNdays encourage creativity and play for the whole family! Running on select Sundays from November 2022 through February 2023. The next date is Nov 20, 9am-12pm. For more information or to register, please see <https://kaleidoscope.bc.ca/shows/family-fundays/>

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