



Burnside Gorge Community News

March 2023
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Your Money is Like a Garden

The Family Self Sufficiency Program works with you to plant the seeds of success with your money. Here is how it works:

Just like when you plant a garden, it takes planning and a vision for what you want your garden to look like.

Vision

Have a Vision for your money/garden? Ask yourself what you really want/need. What will it look like?

What purpose will my money need to serve? What do you want to grow in your money garden to serve your purpose? Knowledge about how to manage your money. Understanding credit and debt, creating savings plans?

Prioritizing

The vision can be containing many elements, but to achieve them you need to prune your expectations to what is most important. A garden that is over-planted and becomes crowded is unmanageable and it isn't what you want. Like the garden pick goals and steps that are small and manageable and reflect your most important goals.

You Need Good Soil

Gardeners spend lots of time cultivating the right soil conditions so the plants will be healthy and grow. In the same way, you need the right knowledge and tools to help your money grow; savings and debt management, financial literacy basics, and a budget to implement that plan. The habits that keep the "soil" healthy. This becomes the foundational step for your vision.

Reaping What you Sow

As a gardener, I know you reap what you sow. If you want tomatoes, you plant tomatoes.

In translating that into money issues, if you want to reduce your debt you have to stop spending money you don't have. If you want savings, you must put away money that you might otherwise have spent.

Stopping and asking yourself that you are planting the money seeds that will get you to where you want to be.

Assess Your Garden's Conditions

Your garden's environment needs to be considered with factors like climate and temperature, amount of sun, amount of water etc. As with your personal goals and finances, it is important to keep in mind these conditions:

- your strengths -what supports you
- Your weaknesses – what gets you off track
- your character and temperament
- and very significant are the people around you

In setting your financial goals taking a personal and environmental inventory of what helps you and what hinders you, is crucial to achieving your goals. Be protective of your garden and build a fence around it - don't let the deer eat all your vegetables!

Pay attention to what erodes your confidence and your dreams

- Keep the negative naysayers at arm's length!
- Be mindful of your time, and say no to unwanted commitments.
- Make your life and your goals a priority.
- Put time aside without interruptions to work on your goals.

Last but not least "Trust the Process"

You can't pull on your plants to make them grow faster! But you can use the tools and learnings and support from a program like FSS to help you achieve your goals.

Our Program contains all the elements and conditions to support your goals.

Please look at our website below and fill out an application to begin planting those seeds of success.

Colleen Wolfe, M.Ed. Counselling Psychology
Family Advisor, Family Self – Sufficiency Program



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.



FSS is generously funded by:



Burnside Gorge COMMUNITY MEETING

BGCA Community Meeting: Monday March 20, 2023 6:30pm
This will be an opportunity for discussion on the direction our neighbourhood development.

The Zoom link is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4333253665?pwd=c2JJVnpgZUcvUk5EaGQzampjR2k5Zz09>

Arbutus Park

Continuing discussions and updates on the future improvement of Arbutus Park. There where many ideas put forward at the January meeting and the BGCA is looking at setting up a committee to take these concepts forward.





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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

LOCAL CHAMPIONS

Local Champions is a community-based leadership development program for Victoria residents to gain foundational skills, confidence and relationships to become more active and engaged “local champions” in their neighbourhood or community.

Through developing collaborative grassroots leadership skills, local champions can apply their learnings to initiate community-building activities or projects, become “connectors” in their neighbourhoods, and engage in community life through local initiatives or groups.

Local Champions is all about equipping you with foundational skills to make your community a better place. Through the program you will:

- Develop practical skills, confidence and relationships to put your community ideas into action
- Connect with mentors and learn from other local champions
- Gain on-the-ground experience in community organizing
- Take away skills and credentials that can serve you for future career and volunteer opportunities
- Access resources and small grants to undertake neighbourhood projects
- Be part of building a critical mass of local champions that can make Victoria's neighbourhoods more engaged, sustainable and vibrant.

As part of Local Champions, you will join a diverse group of participants from across Victoria for a series of fun and interactive learning workshops between April - September. Participants are supported by community mentors and apply their learning through a community-based practicum such as hosting a neighbourhood learning event.

For more information on how to register for the upcoming intake, contact Gary Pemberton at gpemberton@victoria.ca or go to [Neighbourhoods | Victoria](https://neighbourhoods.victoria.ca).



Apply now to join this community-based leadership development program

THROUGH THE PROGRAM YOU WILL:

Gain on-the-ground experience in community organizing and facilitation

Develop practical skills, confidence and relationships to put your community ideas into action

Connect with mentors and learn from other local champions

Access resources and small grants to undertake neighbourhood projects

WHEN

This is a six-part training series that runs from April to September.

COST

\$200
(A limited number of full scholarships are available, as well as childcare and transportation subsidies)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

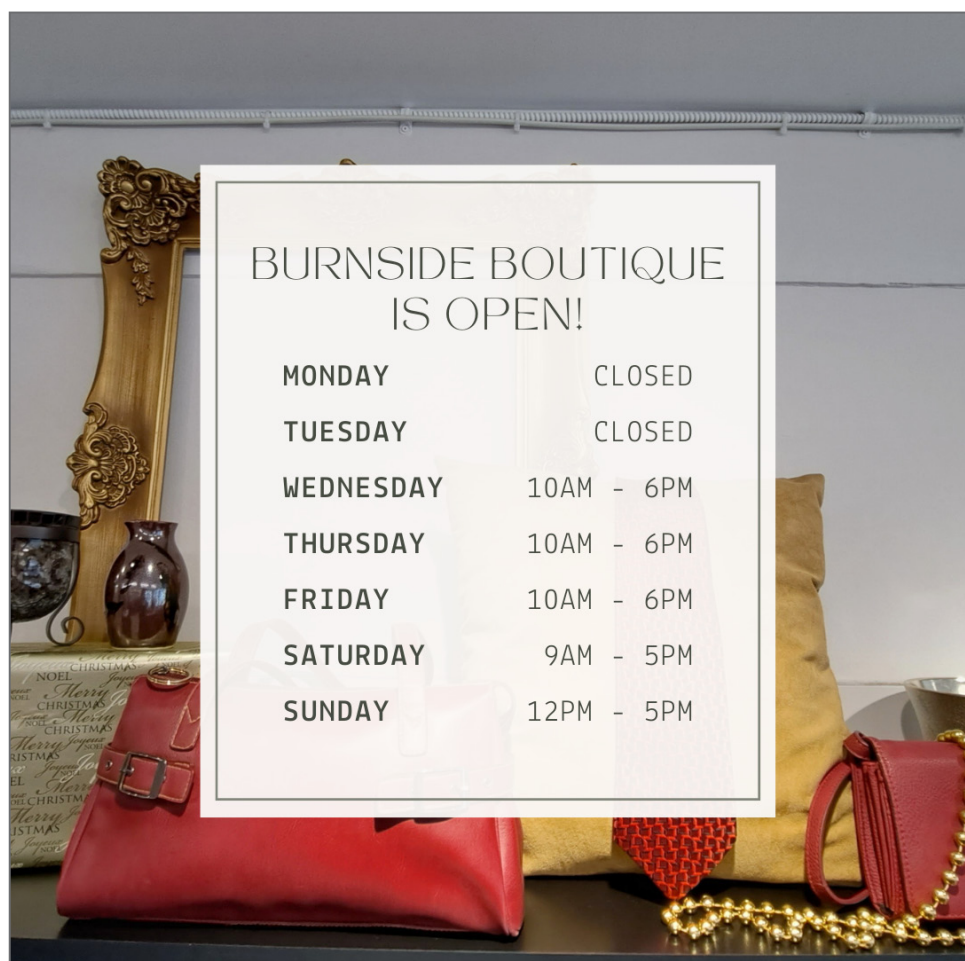
March 20, 2023

QUESTIONS?

neighbourhoods@victoria.ca



LEARN MORE: victoria.ca/neighbourhoods



HOW TO DONATE?

To book an appointment call: 250-590-0875 or email: boutique@burnsidegorge.ca and one of the staff would happily get back to you.

On the date of your appointment, head over to 350 Burnside Road east. Take your donations to the back door and ring the doorbell. A staff member will be with you shortly to take a look through the items. Please advise staff might not be able to accept all items due to overstock or the general quality of the item.

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 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

MARCH PROGRAMS

Programs do not run on Statutory Holidays and the schedule is subject to change without notice. All programs are drop-in except Community Dinner. Please call 250-388-5251 for the Community Dinner registration by Wednesday 4pm.

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. Followed by snack and cool down in the Family Centre.

Mondays March 6 - 27 9:30am - 12pm Free

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 March 7 - 28 9:30am - 12pm Free

TODDLER ARTS & CRAFTS (AGES 0-5)

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

Wednesdays March 1 - 29 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 March 2 - 30 5 - 6 pm by donation
*There is no dinner on March 23

SPECIAL EVENT - MARCH 16 COMMUNITY DINNER

Camosun College Community Child & Family studies students will host a family activity after the Community Dinner starting at 5:30. You will learn to dot paint at this fun, family friendly activity! All supplies will be provided and you can take your work home. Don't forget to register for the Community Dinner by Wednesday, March 15 4pm.

LEARN TO DOT PAINT

Brought to you by Camosun College Community Child & Family Studies students

Thursday

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Great family activity!

Fun for all ages!

Rotating stations!

All supplies provided!

Step by step instructions!

Take your rock home!

After Dinner until 730pm



Pattern by Blissful Dots

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 March 2 - 30 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 March 3 - 31 10am - 12pm Free

ADULT HEALTH & WELLNESS

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!

*** Starting back up in April ***

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



Thursdays March 2 - April 27 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm 8/\$96
*Drop in available - \$15 per class

ESSENTRICS: MOBILITY, STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, RANGE OF MOTION - NEW PROGRAM!

Essentrics is a full body workout that unlocks and decompresses joints by stretching and strengthening all 650 muscles without impact to the body.

The workout incorporates flowing movements designed to increase circulation with the benefits of elongating and lubricating connective tissues around muscles and joints. This unique, re-aligning, and rebalancing approach to body maintenance encompasses trademark sequences that lead to improved wellness, increased energy, and pain reduction.

Every time you come to an Essentrics class, you will enjoy fresh music playlists and new exercise sequences. There's no equipment needed for Essentrics, all that is required is a mat.

Instructor: Junko Hammond

Tuesdays & Fridays March 3-31 9 am - 10 am Drop In-\$8 a class

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.

- March 2 - Prof. Rosa Stewart / Mexico Day of the Dead
- March 9 - ElderDog Victoria
- March 16 - Habitat for Humanity
- March 23 - Lifecycles
- March 30 - Victoria Genealogical Society

Join the BGCA Team

CURRENT OPENINGS:

- Housing Outreach Worker (full-time)
- Tillicum Chil Care Manager (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.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

YOUTH DROP-IN (AGES 7 AND UP)

Looking for a fun place to chill with friends? Come join us for a fun evening with board games, bowling, movies, Legos and Wii. This drop-in program provides a fun, safe and welcoming environment for youth. You can just come to the youth space for drop-in or enjoy the yummy Community Dinner before drop-in starts. Don't forget to register for the Community Dinner though! Please check page three for more information about the Community Dinners.



Thursdays March 2- 23 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Free

CAMP SURVIVOR

Camp Survivor March is open for registration! Our Camp Survivor series is an action-packed adventure camp for grades 4-6. During the first week, campers will get to enjoy activities such as swimming, Dino Lab, arts n crafts, and curling! The second week, campers will participate in Laser Tag, swimming and jump around at Flying Squirrel!

To register please check the link

<https://burnsidegorge.ca/youth-recreation/camp-survivor/>

Subsidies are also available. Please complete and submit the subsidy application on the link with registration. If you have any questions please contact Vanessa at 250-388-5251 or email vanessa@burnsidegorge.ca.



Monday thru Friday March 20 -31 9:00 am - 4:00 pm \$180/week

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.



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.



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.

BURNSIDE GORGE LAND USE

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. Upcoming meetings are listed below. Please email lucchair@burnsidegorge.ca if you are interested in attending these meetings and/or joining the CALUC.

496 Cecelia Road Update

Construction is underway for this project. 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.

DEVELOPMENTS TO WATCH

All development applications within the City can be tracked here:

<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, but keep an eye on the link about these following proposals or new proposals:

1824-2010 Store Street & 530 Chatham Street

Additional information about this development has now been posted on the Development Tracker. 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.

Rock Bay District

The City of Victoria has selected a working group for workshops to develop visions for the Burnside Gorge area between Chatham Street and Bay Street. This area is being planned as an Arts and Innovation District as outlined in the Victoria 3.0 Plan.

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/business/economic-development.html>

129-135 Gorge Road East

A community meeting was held for a presentation on this proposal for a rental and condominium development. A majority of the community feedback was in opposition to this proposal. The applicant has stated they will be reconnecting with the neighbourhood. After review and presentation to Council it will go to a public hearing.



How can we live green indoors?

Submitted by CRD Environmental Services

Our day-to-day actions directly impact the environment we live in. Our behaviors and routines at home have a direct effect on our water supply, wastewater quality and sanitary sewer system. With simple actions we can build a vibrant, functional, and sustainable region.

We can save water in the bathroom to protect our clean water supply source. Implementing high efficiency toilets, showerheads, and faucets we can reduce the amount of water we utilize while continuing to have the comforting experiences we are used to. Checking for leaks is also a great way to prevent clean water from being wasted. To ensure there are no leaks, we can test our toilet tank with food coloring or a dye tablet, keep track of our water bill, and fix intermittent drips in faucets right away.

Our regional wastewater treatment facilities provide effective secondary and tertiary treatment, which removes harmful bacteria and organic matter. If the wastewater treatment process is impacted by unflushable items or blockages, wastewater contaminants such as chemicals or insoluble materials may not be treated - making their way into the environment. Therefore, it is important to do our part by returning unused or expired medication to the pharmacy or disposal location, preventing fat, oil, and grease from entering the sewer system, and knowing what products are considered unflushable.

Knowing what NOT to flush helps protect our local waterbodies and aquatic life. Unflushable materials can cause sanitary sewer blockages, as well as costly repairs to homeowners. Personal wipes, diapers, dental floss, and feminine hygiene products are common products wrongfully discarded. An easy way to decide what can go in the toilet is remembering the 3p's- Pee, Poo and (toilet) Paper. Everything else should be recycled or put in the garbage.

As residents of the capital region, we all have a role in protecting our water supply and wastewater system. By implementing small changes in our daily habits, we can make a big difference!

To learn more ways to protect our water supply, wastewater, and sewer system, visit www.crd.bc.ca/livegreen



2023 Annual General Meeting

Our AGM held on Monday, February 27 with the attendance of 18 members, three guests and two staff members. Financial and Annual report presentations followed by the board member elections. Thanks to all members for their attendance, and special thanks to Mayor Alto and Councillor Loughton for their attendance and answering questions of the community.

If you want to learn what Burnside Gorge Community Association has been up to, please see the link below for the Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report.

<https://burnsidegorge.ca/financials-and-annual-reports/>

Spring Break Camp



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!

Our Spring Break Camp is running on March 20-24 and March 27-31. There are limited spots left! Please see the link below for details and registration.

<https://burnsidegorge.ca/day-camps/>



Gorge View SOCIETY

Gorge View Society is hiring!

BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROFESSIONAL: PART-TIME

The Gorge View Society is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic individual to join our small maintenance team. GVS operates affordable housing for seniors and families in the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood. The maintenance person will be working on our existing bungalow suites, as well as our new 4 storey building.

Responsibilities

- Repair maintenance items as requested.
- Complete basic painting, plumbing and carpentry projects and interior/exterior tasks in a timely manner.
- Operate various hand and power tools to complete tasks.
- Review and execute weekly, monthly, and annual maintenance plans and task lists.
- Follow up regarding the status of repairs and deficiencies.
- Communicate regularly with the Office regarding the status of maintenance tasks.
- Communicate with Sub-contractors to ensure that special tasks are completed as required.
- Routine maintenance of building systems and emergency systems.
- Follow all safety procedures.
- Responds to emergencies as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Maintenance Professional candidates should be physically fit, able to climb ladders and handle heavy items as required. Working knowledge and a basic understanding of simple machinery, plumbing, landscaping, electrical, and painting are required. Some computer literacy is required for the completion of maintenance logs, task sheets, reports, and billing. All tasks must be completed in an efficient and effective manner.

- Previous maintenance, contractor or handyman experience for a minimum of two years.
- Good problem-solving skills and an ability to be pro-active in recommending solutions.
- Be supportive of creativity and innovation.
- Punctual and professional at all times.
- Ability to be on-call and deal with emergencies after hours.
- Ability to be respectful of tenants' demands while establishing appropriate professional boundaries.

Salary: \$25/hr + health benefits and company pension.

Schedule: 4 hours a day.

Calendar Listings

Government House Public Tours

Have you ever been into the Government House? Government House is open to the public on a limited basis. You can have guided tours covering history, art and architecture. As space is limited, don't forget to register in advance! Please see the link below for registration.

Dates: Saturday, March 4 & 18

Time: 10:00-11:30 am

<https://ltgov.bc.ca/tours/>

Worm Composting by Compost Education Centre

Online free workshop from Compost Education Centre! In this workshop, you'll learn how to make high-quality compost. At the end of the workshop, you will learn how to set up and maintain a vermicompost (warm compost bin).

Date: Saturday, March 4

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: Online, see the link below for registration

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/free-workshop-worm-composting-tickets-46125366117>

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

Sunday Classical Music

Cellist Pan Highbaugh Aloni will perform classical selections at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Admission is by donation and there is free parking at Downtown Library Parkade.

Date: March 5, 2023

Time: Doors open at 1:30pm and the concert is at 2pm

Location: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (corner of Broughton and Douglas)

<https://www.tourismvictoria.com/see-do/festivals-events/sunday-classical-music>

Welcome Day Celebration and Newcomer Expo 2023

9th Welcome Day Celebration and New Comer Expo is will offer you and your family a fun day! This free all-ages event showcases newcomer initiatives and brings the community together. There are lots of activities, workshops and performances scheduled. There is parking on-site and it is a fully accessible venue. Please see the link below to reserve your spot for free.

Date: Sunday, March 12

Time: 11 am-4 pm

Location: Victor Brodeur School (637 Head St.)

<http://www.eventbrite.ca/welcome-day-celebration-and-newcomer-expo-2023-registration-2509917720776d6d-ba87e6m8b6c488-36k1n8k8f4c11812uq43no118n9e6k2902e>

Tree Tours

The City of Victoria Parks staff will take you on an informative tree tour during lunch time. From specimen trees and seasonal interest to the ecological significance and historical references, you'll learn a lot. This is a free event.

Date: Wednesday, March 15

Time: 12-1 pm

Location: Beacon Hill Park

To register please see the link below (Please click on Community Recreation)

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/recreation.html>



Transform Your Boulevard

In this workshop, you will learn about sheet mulch from instructor Kayla Siefried from Compost Education Centre. This easy, low cost and ecological method will help you to convert lawn to garden space.

Date: Wednesday, March 15

Time: 6-8 pm

Location: Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre, Brereton Room

To register please see the link below (Please click on the Growing in the City)

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/recreation.html>

Planning A Community Orchard

Do you want to learn how to make your neighbourhood greener? This workshop is the right fit for you! At this free workshop by Tim Fryatt from LifeCycles you'll learn about how to plan a community orchard by drawing on the Fernwood Community Orchard and other local examples. The workshop will include design considerations, tree selection, community mobilizing, grants and other resources to help you get your dream project off (or into!) the ground.

Date: Saturday, March 18

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Fernwood NRG, 1240 Gladstone Ave.

To register please see the link below (Please click on the Growing in the City)

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/recreation.html>

St. Patrick's Day Free Family Festival

Enjoy the St. Patrick's Day festival full of fun! This free family festival offers live music, vendors, a bouncy castle, magicians and much more.

Date: March 19, 2023

Time: 11am-3pm

Location: Government Street

<https://www.tourismvictoria.com/see-do/festivals-events/st-patricks-day-free-family-festival>

Seed Swap Social

At this event, you'll get a chance to learn and swap your seeds! In the first part of this event, there will be a short workshop on how to save seeds for beginners. Lisa Willott from FarmFolk CityFolk will show the basics of this useful gardening skill. In the second part, you will get a chance to swap your own saved seeds! You can attend whichever part of the event you think you'll benefit from. See the link below for more details.

Date: March 23

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre, Brereton Room

To register please see the link below (Please click on the Growing in the City)

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/recreation.html>