

# Burnside Gorge Community News

October 2023  
www.burnsidegorge.ca



## SPREAD THE HOLIDAY CHEER!

**BGCA is collecting non-perishable food, toiletries and gift cards for its annual Christmas hampers**

**LOCATION: BURNSIDE GORGE COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**HOURS: 8AM-6PM**

**THE DONATION BIN IS LOCATED IN THE LOBBY. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DONATIONS ARE NOT OPENED AND EXPIRED.**

For more information please contact  
Burnside Gorge Community Association  
at 250-388-5251 or email us at  
info@burnsidegorge.ca or



## Christmas Hampers

Our Christmas Hamper program focuses primarily on families who may not be able to provide a special Christmas experience for their children without assistance. The families we support are currently involved with one of the many programs here at the BGCA. In 2022 we were able to provide 132 hampers supporting families as well as youth living independently. We would like to extend a huge thanks to all of the donors and sponsors who helped make the holidays brighter.

Now it's time to make the 2023 holidays brighter. There are many ways to support our hamper programs. You can donate in-kind items or cash or can sponsor a hamper! Please get in touch with Karen at [karen@burnsidegorge.ca](mailto:karen@burnsidegorge.ca) or call 250-388-5251 if you want to learn more about the Christmas Hampers!

## Spread Holiday Cheer Through Volunteering!

Join us this Christmas season in making a difference. Whether you can spare a few hours or more, your time and goodwill can bring joy to those in need. Get involved and be part of the magic of giving this holiday.

Email [sevval@burnsidegorge.ca](mailto:sevval@burnsidegorge.ca) to learn more about volunteer opportunities!



## Burnside Gorge COMMUNITY MEETING

**BGCA COMMUNITY MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 16  
6:30PM**

This will be an opportunity for discussion on the direction our neighbourhood transit plan

The Zoom link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85687707076?pwd=amlvemlHMnBaeld5L3lFMVlUV1N2Zz09>

The guest speaker is BC Transit

### Gorge Road Corridor transit service plan

BC transit will conduct public engagement to revisit future transit service along the Gorge Road corridor. They will present their ideas and looking for some feedback. If you have any feedback or input don't miss this community meeting!

## Have you been to neighbourhood coffee shop yet?

Cool Aid is thrilled to welcome local favourite [2% Jazz Coffee](#) to its building at 210 Gorge! Sam and his team are not only great humans, they make stellar coffee! Stop on by.

Please see the link below for the interview of Kathryn Marlow with the owner of 2% Jazz Coffee Sam Jones.

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-48-on-the-island/clip/16003265-a-local-victoria-coffee-chain-location-community-centred-partnership>



## Join the BGCA Team

### CURRENT OPENINGS:

- Daycare Manager (ECE)
- Early Childhood Educator
- Family Services Worker
- Our of School Care Leader
- Supported Childcare Worker

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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**To Advertise**

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](mailto:info@burnsidegorge.ca)

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH  
621 David St.



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

For more info please call 250-384-6424  
or visit [www.cucvictoria.com](http://www.cucvictoria.com)

FACILITY RENTALS

### Burnside Gorge Community Centre Room Rentals

We have a variety of rooms available to suit your needs, all offering wire-less 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](mailto: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 Tuesday mornings and 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.



## 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

Call the FSS program today at  
250-388-5251 to find out more!



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](mailto: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

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

Programs do not run on Statutory Holidays and the schedule is subject to change without notice.  
Please call 250-388-5251 to register.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

MIGHTY MOVERS (AGES 0-5)

Join us for active play in the Activity Center. It's a time to dance, sing and play. The program provides opportunity for movement and free play. Parent participation required. Followed by snack and cool down in the Family Centre.

Mondays	October 2 - 30	9:30am - 12pm	Free
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CRAFTY CRITTERS (AGES 0-5)

Explore your crafty side! Every week there is a different themed craft to go along with stories and activities. Sessions will be held in the Family Centre.

Tuesdays	October 3 - 31	10am - 12pm	Free
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ITTSY BITTY'S PLAYTIME (AGES 0-5)

Join us for some sensory play and playtime in our BGCA playground when weather permits. Please dress your children appropriately for outdoor play time. Parent participation is required.

Wednesdays	October 4 - 25	10am - 12pm	Free
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COZY CORNER TIME (AGES 0-5)

Are you ready to get cozy? Ms. Ginny is planning some warm and cozy fall activities for Fridays! Parent participation is required.

Fridays	October 6 - 27	9:30am - 12pm	Free
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All meet ups are free with snack and coffee provided.

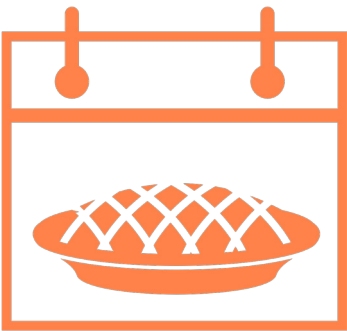


COMMUNITY DINNER @ BURNSIDE GRILL

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	October 5 - 26	5 - 7 pm	by donation
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\*\*\* Thursday, October 5 is Thanksgiving Dinner\*\*\*





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

Thursdays      Sep 21 - Nov 23      7:00 pm - 8:00 pm      8/\$96  
\*Drop in available - \$15 per class  
\*no classes on October 5 & 26

ESSENTRICS: MOBILITY, STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, RANGE OF MOTION



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 re-balancing 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      October 3 - 27      9 am - 10 am      Drop In-\$8 a class

\*\*\* Please note: there will not be any Essentrics class on Tuesday, Oct 31\*\*\*

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      November 1 - November 22      6:00 pm - 7:00 pm      4/\$36

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.

- October 5 - Thanksgiving Trivia
- October 12 - Ann Nightingale - Rocky Point Bird Observatory - Bird and Wildlife at Race Rocks
- October 19 - TBA
- October 26 - Megan Rowe - CRD -Climate 101



The centre will be closed on Monday,  
October 2 & October 9.  
Have a happy long weekend!

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR! DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR MONSTER MASH! LOTS OF THINGS PLANNED FOR THIS SPOOKY EVENING!

TO REGISTER CALL US AT 250-388-5251

SPACE IS LIMITED  
CALL 250-388-5251  
OR EMAIL  
INFO@BURNSIDECORE.CA  
TO REGISTER!

**MONSTER MASH**

DON'T FORGET YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

JOIN US FOR A FANG-TASTIC EVENING OF GHOULISH GAMES, SPOOKY FUN AND GOODY TREATS!

5 PM - 7 PM  
\$5/FAMILY OR \$2 PER PERSON  
\*price includes hot dog, chips and drink  
471 CECELIA RD,  
BURNSIDE GORGE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Burnside Gorge**

**FIBRE MAKER SPACE**

STARTING ON  
SEPTEMBER 14

THURSDAYS  
10 AM - 12 PM  
DROP-IN  
FREE

**BURNSIDE GORGE COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
(471 CECELIA ROAD)

A social and creative space to learn, share, and create!  
sewing machine, table space are provided, please bring your own project and materials

You can bring your excess yarns, fabric, thread etc. to share with the community  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Burnside Gorge**  
a unique and innovative community centre

This drop-in program offers an inclusive space to learn, create and share! You can bring your own project and work on it with lots of creative people around you. This group meets every thursday between 10 am - 12pm.







# Calendar Listings

## Truth and Reconciliation Day Ride

Date: Saturday, September 30  
Time: 9:15 am  
Location: Songhees Park  
The ride starts at Songhees Park at 9:15 a.m. Diane Sam, of Songhees First Nation, will talk about the impact of residential schools and the land we live and play on. This will be a parade-style ride, using the full road, with VicPD closing the road off to automobile traffic. At 11:30 AM, we will arrive at the South Island Powwow. The Locker Bike Valet will be at the Powwow, free as always.  
For more info click on the link  
[https://capitalbike.ca/reconciliationride/?mc\\_cid=8e7c551f42&mc\\_eid=f4d2a3bd30](https://capitalbike.ca/reconciliationride/?mc_cid=8e7c551f42&mc_eid=f4d2a3bd30)

## CIBC Run for the Cure

Date: Sunday, October 1  
Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Venue: University of Victoria  
Admission: \$45  
Join us on Sunday, October 1 at UVIC for Run for the Cure. Everyone is welcome to come together for Canada's largest single-day, volunteer-led event in support of the breast cancer cause. Participants of all ages can run, walk or roll either 5k or 1k. Children and four-legged friends are welcome! Virtual participation is also welcome!  
[https://support.cancer.ca/site/SPageServer/?pagename=RFTC\\_NW\\_home](https://support.cancer.ca/site/SPageServer/?pagename=RFTC_NW_home)

## Puppet Making Art Jam: Beyond Binary

Date: Sunday, October 8  
Time: 3:30-6:30 p.m.  
Venue: Quadra Village Community Centre  
Join Ann K Chou, BC Culture Days Ambassador, for an art jam event focused on accessibility, inclusion, and resilience. Celebrate diversity through engaging activities and creative expression. This enchanting event is scheduled for Oct 8, 2023. Please follow the Eventbrite link for registration. All individuals over the age of 10 are welcome to attend, and children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.  
<https://allevents.in/victoria/puppet-making-art-jam-beyond-binary/10000689655256437/>

## Golden Walk at Golden Hour: Victoria's Largest Golden Retriever Meet-up at Macaulay Park

Date: Friday, October 13  
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Venue: Macaulay Point Park  
Admission: Free  
Take a short, structured walk with us to get to know other community members facing similar joys or issues that another dog owner would be knowledgeable about! It's a chance to celebrate our Golden Retrievers and bond over a shared love for these dogs. Our Golden Walk at Golden Hour is supposed to encourage connections within the community!  
[https://timescolonist.com/local-events?\\_evDiscoveryPath=/event/1939662-golden-walk-at-golden-hour-victoria-s-largest-golden-retriever-meet-up-at-macaulay-park](https://timescolonist.com/local-events?_evDiscoveryPath=/event/1939662-golden-walk-at-golden-hour-victoria-s-largest-golden-retriever-meet-up-at-macaulay-park)

## Victoria's Got Talent

Date: Saturday, October 14  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Venue: Phillip T. Young Recital Hall  
Do you sing in the shower? Dance your way to class? Juggle, play drums, speed paint, tell jokes or have a special talent? The STAGE is waiting for you! Victoria's Got Talent is here for the first time on the Island! Calling everyone who has talent, NO age limit as long as there is a unique talent! What are you waiting for? Form a group, solo or dual and join this talent show!  
<https://allevents.in/victoria/victoria%E2%80%99s-got-talent/200025068071628/>

## The Climate Friendly Homes Tour

Date: Saturday, October 14  
Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
The Climate Friendly Homes Tour is a chance for homeowners to open their doors to those curious about the energy efficient features of their homes. Visitors to the homes will be able to learn about what steps to take to make a home more climate-friendly. They can ask questions about the costs, and work involved and hear about the experience of living in an energy-efficient home. See the tour locations online at [www.climatefriendlyhomestour.ca](http://www.climatefriendlyhomestour.ca)



## Local Economy Speaker Series: Reducing Food Waste

Date: Tuesday, October 17  
Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Venue: City Hall Antechamber, 1 Centennial Square  
Admission: Free  
Residents, business owners, and non-profit organizations are invited to attend this in-person session to learn how a circular economy is growing in Victoria to reduce food waste. Following the presentations and panel discussion, attendees are encouraged to visit booths set up around the room to see and taste examples of rescued food from our community. Yes, we said TASTE! Enjoy complimentary food and beverages made by local businesses finding creative ways to reduce food waste.  
<https://allevents.in/victoria/circular-economy-speaker-series-reducing-food-waste/10000704889672987/>

## Halloween Craft Day

Date: Saturday, October 21  
Time: 1:30-4:00 p.m.  
Venue: Victoria West Community Centre  
Admission: Free  
Join us at the Victoria West Community Centre for an afternoon of arts & crafts and complimentary pumpkin carving! This family fun event runs from 1:30 - 4:00 and there will be tons of activities for kids including face painting a bouncy castle and more! This event is open to all but pumpkins are limited and will be given out on a first come first served basis and we ask that parents share pumpkins with their kids so that more kids get an opportunity to carve a pumpkin! This is a FREE event and we ask that if you are able to bring a non-perishable food item for our local free pantry that you consider bringing something for local families in need.  
<https://allevents.in/victoria/halloween-craft-day/80001535413956>

## Kaleidoscope Theatre's Family FUNdays

Date: Sunday, October 22  
Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 nn  
Venue: Kaleidoscope Arts Centre  
Admission: Free  
JUMP IN, DRESS UP, AND HAVE FUN WITH KALEIDOSCOPE! Kaleidoscope's Family FUNdays are our latest offering for the whole family that encourages creativity and play! Kaleidoscope's Family FUNdays happen every third Sunday of select months and is a morning of storytelling, hands-on crafts, dress up and lots of imagination. This recurring program features special guests like storytellers, artists, performers or musicians.  
[https://timescolonist.com/local-events?\\_evDiscoveryPath=/event/1878112-kaleidoscope-theatre-s-family-fundays](https://timescolonist.com/local-events?_evDiscoveryPath=/event/1878112-kaleidoscope-theatre-s-family-fundays)

## Crafted Farmhouse Market

Date: Sat & Sun, October 27-28  
Time: Oct. 27 - 5:00-9:00 p.m.; Oct. 28 - 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Venue: Mary Winspear Centre  
Admission: \$5 cash admission, kids 12 and under free  
Enjoy a unique shopping experience! Proudly featuring 60+ local hand-crafters and artisans, Local Live Music, Food Trucks, Drinks from Hoyne Brewing & Deep Cove Winery to sip as you shop, and Mini Makers.  
<https://www.tourismvictoria.com/see-do/festivals-events/crafted-farmhouse-market-6/>

## Bear Grease

Date: Sunday, October 28  
Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Venue: The Farquhar at Uvic  
Admission: Pay What You Can, starting at \$5  
A Treaty 6 Indigenous twist to the classic musical. Bear Grease combines hip-hop, parody, improv and freestyle to offer a new perspective. Hip Hop duo LightningCloud - Crystle Lightning and MC RedCloud are the creators, writers and directors of this re-mastered Indigenous twist on the classic musical.  
<https://www.tourismvictoria.com/see-do/festivals-events/bear-grease>

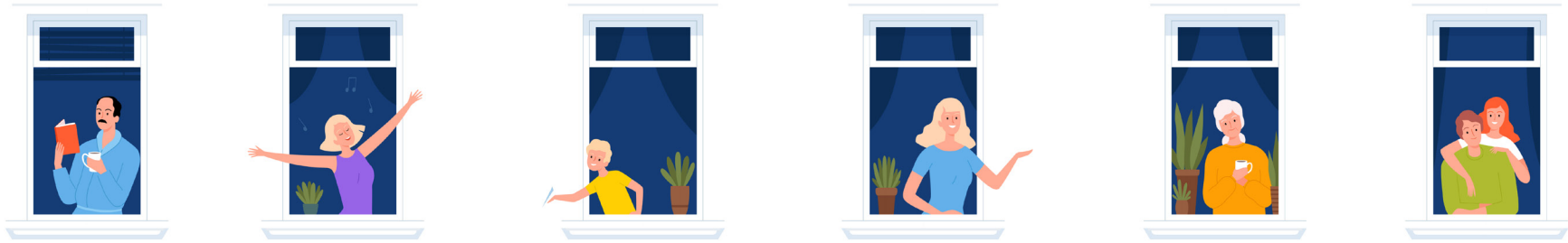
## Trick-or-Treat on Cook Street

Date: Tuesday, October 31  
Time: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Venue: Cook Street Village Activity and Wellness Centre  
Admission: Free  
Stop by anytime we are open (8am to 4pm) and Trick-or-Treat. We want to see kids of all ages (especially the adults who are big kids) dressed up and looking for fun. Come and see what our staff and volunteers have dressed up as today. We'll have the treats waiting for you.  
<https://www.tourismvictoria.com/see-do/festivals-events/trick-or-treat-cook-street/>





Neighbourhood Event Hub: What's on in Burnside Gorge



A new placemaking project at the Arbutus Park! Local Champions group worked so hard for this platform to be placed in the park and now it's time to celebrate it! Join this community gathering, meet with your community and enjoy the live performance by local singer Sara Rose.

Multi-use Platform

September 30th

2-4pm

Arbutus Park

on Washington Ave.

Community gathering,  
and performance by  
local singer/songwriter  
Sara Rose

Join us in inaugurating this community placemaking project adding vitality in Arbutus Park. A space of beauty to gather, rest, play, perform and daydream while soaking up the views.

CECELIA RAVINE MOUNTAIN

BIKE FUN DAY!

THE ACTIVITIES

- Meet and Greet Henry Sherry
- Coached mountain bike sessions
- Free bike check-ups
- Kids treats

Oct 1, 2023

11am-3pm

3150 Napier Lane

FREE EVENT

AGES 6-12

REGISTER NOW

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/local-champions-52258666793>

Mark your calendars and gather your family for a day of outdoor activity, learning, and enjoyment. We can't wait to see you there!

Before each class complimentary equipment checks will be conducted to ensure the safety and readiness of every participant. Please bring your own bike and arrive 10 minutes early to complete the sign-in process. Registration required through eventbrite. For those without bicycles we will have a limited amount of loaner bikes available on site provided by the Free Wheelin' Youth Lending Program.

In addition, there will be drop in activities for kids under 6, door prizes and a meet and greet with professional mountain biker Henry Sherry. The expertise of Fort Street Bikes will be readily available, providing skilled bicycle mechanics to assist participants throughout the event. To keep energy levels high and spirits soaring, refreshing beverages and delicious snacks will be provided to participants.

Sponsored by the Burnside Gorge Community Association, Fort Street Bikes and the City of Victoria My Great Neighbourhood Grant program, this event promises an unforgettable experience for all involved. Notably, prior experience in mountain biking is not a requirement; everyone is welcome to join in the fun and excitement. Free parking available on Burnside Road East, Cecelia Rd , Napier Lane and the Burnside Gorge Community Association.

Washington Avenue Halloween Theme Welcome Block Party!

Saturday, October 28th 2023

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Formwell Parklet – Cecelia Playground

Meet Your New Neighbours! \* Dress Up! \* Door Prizes! \* Family Friendly! \* Music!

\*\* Burnside Gorge-ous & The Garbage Grabbers Will also be in Attendance \*\*

To Volunteer, Donate, or RSVP Please Email Sue or Stacey  
sdawnb74@gmail.com or fitzsystar@hotmail.com

Join your neighbours at this Halloween themed Welcome Block Party. This family-friendly event is a great opportunity to get dressed up and go for "trick or treating". You can meet your new neighbours and have a fun night in your neighbourhood!

Do you have an upcoming event or activity?

Send submissions to

[info@burnsidegorge.ca](mailto:info@burnsidegorge.ca)

or call us at 250-388-5251!