

Selkirk Waterfront Festival

SATURDAY, MAY 30

11 AM - 4 PM

The Selkirk Waterfront Festival is a full day of entertainment and community celebration appropriate for all ages. The Kids Fun Zone features balloon twisting artist, engaging games, and a crafting station. Food trucks offer visitors a selection of tasty foods. Our Selkirk Market features vendors and artisans. The main stage features local performers, from seasoned local favourites to up-and-comers showcasing their talents. With an eclectic lineup of artists, there is something for everyone!

Food Trucks

The Hot Dog Guys

Greek on the Street

Noel's Mini Donuts and Fries



On Stage

Kennedy

Freeze Frame

Impulse Response

Soul Shakers

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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:

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:

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

FAMILY CENTRE

EARLY YEARS

drop-ins

Programs for parents and their children ages 0-5. Please note that Family Centre programs don't run on statutory holidays. All drop-ins are free and between 9:30 am - 12 pm.

MONDAYS

Mighty Movers

Join us for active play in the Activity Center. It's 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.



TUESDAYS

Crafty Critters

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.



WEDNESDAYS

Ittsy Bitty's Playtime

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.



FRIDAYS

Cozy Corner Time

Are you ready to get cozy? Fridays are for some warm and cozy activities! Parent participation is required.



THURSDAYS

Community Dinners

Join us for a weekly meals that are offered by donation. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, share a meal, and build community together.

Everyone is welcome!



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 8:30 am-5 pm, 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 at 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.

Recreation Programs

Zumba

Date: Wednesday, June 3

Time: 6 - 7 pm

Drop-in/\$11 - call before 5 pm on the day of class to register and make payment

XL Yoga

Date: Thursdays | June 9 - July 30

Time: 7 - 8 pm

9 classes/\$108, Drop-in/\$15 - call before 5 pm on the day of class to register and make payment

Essentrics

Date: Wednesdays & Fridays

Time: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Drop-in/\$11

DID YOU KNOW?

We Have Essentrics Drop-In Passes?
Skip the line and slide straight into class like a VIP!

Grab a sheet of drop-in passes -10
Essentrics passes for \$110!

There's no discount on the sheet, but it definitely saves everyone time and makes dropping in way more fun (for you and us)!

Additional Summer Essentrics Classes at BGCA!

**Dates: Mondays, during July & August
(no class August 3)**

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Cost: drop-in only - \$11 per class

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.



June 4 | TBD

June 11 | BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner, From Hate to Hope: Report of the Inquiry into hate in the COVID-19 pandemic

June 18 | Becky Hof, VHP Business Development Officer, Victoria Hand Project

June 25 | TBD

United Way BC

Work Experience Opportunities grant

After a successful round of offering work experience opportunities to our community, we again have positions available for individuals who receive income assistance.

*United Way BC Work Experience Grant is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

Eligible Work Experience participants include:


- BCEA clients including:
 - Income Assistance (IA)
 - Disability Assistance (DA)
 - Hardship Assistance (HA) recipients
 - Income assistance through the Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers to Employment (PPMB) benefit
- Indigenous individuals on reserve or within treaty lands receiving or eligible to receive federal assistance.


Available positions

- Thrift Store Assistant
- Custodian Assistant
- Food Security and Program Support
- Out of School Care Leader Assistant

[Click here for job descriptions and more information](#)



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 TheBurnsideBoutique

Stop in and see what's new! We have an amazing spring/summer selection! We will also have a pop-up at the Selkirk Waterfront Festival on Saturday, May 30, between 11 am and 4 pm. Enjoy live music while you shop for a nice selection of spring and summer clothes!

Just a friendly reminder that we're currently accepting only spring and summer donations. Thanks so much — we can't wait to welcome you in!

Store Hours
Wed - Sun
11 am - 4 pm

Programs We Facilitate !

Lunch Programs : Skipping Club, Board Games, Art Club, Parachute games & Improv

Afterschool Programs : Mighty Movers, Wild Ones, Krafty Kidz, Dance, Art Club & Mad Science

Youth Recreation

BgCA

Tillicum

Highlights !

Mad Science had a blast making snow globes, slime and as well fake snow

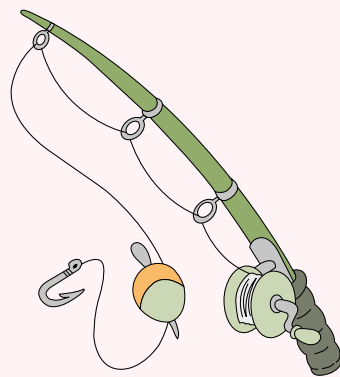
Our talented Gr. 4/5 dancers did a performance of the Dance we had worked on throughout the term

We've made Programs Free and Accessible to over 300 Families

Our Programs at Tillicum Elementary School are all free programs that support students in being able to access and participate in fun lunch and afterschool activities.

We work directly with the students, families and school liasion to create and facilitate programs that align with the communities needs. Our goal is to make fun recreational activities accesible to everyone !

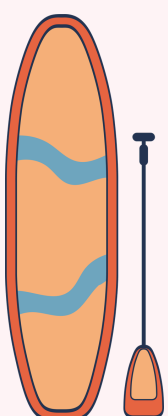
CAMP SURVIVOR



Get Ready for an Unforgettable Summer – Camp Survivor is Back!

Registration is now open for our Summer Camp Survivor series - an action-packed outdoor adventure camp for ages 10–14 that keeps you moving!

Each week is loaded with epic activities like paddleboarding, swimming, fishing, beach adventures, a day trip to Salt Spring, and tons more. If you're looking for a full week of non-stop fun, exploration, and new friendships, Camp Survivor is where you want to be!



For registration and more information, [click here](#).



KATS TENNIS

The Society for Kids at Tennis (KATS, www.kidsattennis.ca) is once again providing their free tennis lessons and equipment to families experiencing financial barriers.

This program uses the “progressive tennis” approach recommended by Tennis Canada, it uses smaller racquets, smaller courts, lower nets, and low compression balls. This approach helps kids to develop confidence in their ability to hit the ball, learn quickly, and most of all, have fun playing the sport! Kids will be introduced to the fundamental skills which form the foundation for future development.

Please note, this tennis program takes place at Banfield Court on Craigflower Rd, next to Vic West Community Centre.

Summer Registration Now Available

**Tennis 5 - 8 year olds
Mondays: 11-week program.**

**July: 6, 13, 20, 27
August: 10, 17, 24, 31
September: 14, 21, 28
Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Tennis 9 - 13 year olds
Mondays: 11-week program.**

**July: 6, 13, 20, 27
August: 10, 17, 24, 31
September: 14, 21, 28
Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

Beyond the Curb

Beyond the Curb offers free pop-up recycling depots at hub and community market locations across the capital region. Residents can drop off accepted materials at whichever location works best for them, regardless of municipality.

Staff are on-site to answer questions, guide residents on accepted materials, and help make recycling easier.

Dropping off flexible plastics and foam packaging is now as easy as visiting your community market! Connect with your neighbours, support local businesses, and don't forget to drop-off your recyclables.



[Click here for more information.](#)

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Haven't filled out your census?

IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

Follow-up activities have begun across the country to make sure every household can be counted!

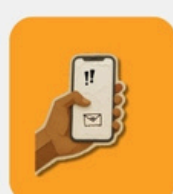
You may hear from Statistics Canada in one of the following ways:



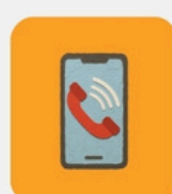
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in-person



text message



phone call

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