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April

Community Services e-News



Richmond's Cherry Blossom Festival | Sunday April 2

Celebrate spring with your community

Experience the beauty of rebirth and renewal at the Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival and take in the beauty of the nature around you!

From 11:00am to 4:00pm, festival-goers are invited to enjoy a range of cultural performances, view exhibits and demonstrations featuring local Japanese artisans, and picnic under the amazing blossoms with food offerings from multiple vendors

The Cherry Blossom festival highlights the beauty of 255 Akebono cherry trees that were donated to the City from the BC Wakayama Kenjin Kai and planted in Garry Point Park.

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World Leisure Day | Sunday, April 16

How will you participate in this day?

On World Leisure Day, residents and visitors are invited to participate in any of the [20+ free and low-cost activities and events!](#) This day aims to highlight the importance of leisure, in all its forms: recreation, parks, sport, education and arts, culture and heritage.

The [World Leisure Organization](#) (WLO) aims to reinforce leisure as a social right and its importance in daily life, as well as to expand and promote leisure globally while recognizing that barriers still exist for many worldwide.



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Celebrate Earth Week | April 15 to 23

Activities, Workshops and Educational Sessions

Join us for our annual Earth Week celebrations with fun and educational ways for families to engage in sustainable environmental practices, learn about nature and local ecology and to beautify the community. The weeks' [events](#) include activities, workshops and educational sessions hosted by the City of Richmond and led by various community partners.

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Child Care Month Symposium

Richmond celebrates Child Care Month!

May is Child Care Month in BC and the City of Richmond is highlighting the important work of Early Childhood Educators and child care providers who care for and nurture children in our community. There are two ways to celebrate and learn locally:

Supporting Richmond's Children: A Symposium for Early Childhood Educators, Child Care Providers and Parents

This event takes place on Saturday, May 6, from 8:30am to 12:30pm at Richmond City Hall.

This symposium qualifies for 3.5 hours of professional development with certificates issued upon completion. Registration is open to anyone interested in learning more about early childhood development. [Learn More and Register](#).

Children's Art Exhibition

The Richmond Child Care Development Advisory Committee and the Richmond Public Library are collaborating to host a Children's Art Exhibition for licensed child care programs, which will be on display at the Library's Brighthouse Branch from May 8 to 31. Encouraging creativity in children is another way the City of Richmond is celebrating Child Care Month.

For more information and to apply, [visit](#) or email any questions to childcare@richmond.ca.

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City of Richmond Diversity Symposium

Call for presenters

Share your expertise in diversity, equity and inclusion topics.

The [City of Richmond Diversity Symposium](#) is a free conference for professionals, volunteers and community members interested in learning, sharing and advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in their communities. This year's symposium is happening October 23 to 27.

The theme for this year's symposium is **Resilience** - the ability to adapt and evolve through adversity and change. We are looking for proposals that focus on building resilient communities through the lens of diversity, equity and inclusion, including emerging topics and trends, best practices and innovative ideas, or thought-provoking conversations.

Submit your proposal by Monday, May 8 at 5:00pm.

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The Arts Insider

April in the Arts

[Capture Festival at Canada Line Stations](#)

On now at Aberdeen and Lansdowne Stations, visit two year-long installations, *Iceberg Stranded in My Bed* and *11h02m*, by artists Faune Ybarra and Jaspal Birdi, respectively. Tours are self-guided from April 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024 or you can join a walking tour with the artists on Sunday, April 23, from 1:30 to 3:30pm. The meeting place for the walking tour: Aberdeen Station (4100 No. 3 Road). [Register](#).

[Theatrical Show: Discounted Hotpot Centre](#)

An immersive culinary experience, this one-person comedy cooking show is brought to life by a down-on-her-luck saleswoman struggling to sell a hotpot cooking package. Featuring live cooking and tantalizing aromas circulating the theatre, this production will regale you with uncensored stories of Hong Kongers in Canada.
Fri, Apr 14-Sun, Apr 16

[Tour and Opening Reception with Amy Ching-Yan Lam, Haeahn Woo Kwon and Su-Ying Lee](#)

Join our exhibiting artists and guest curator for an informal tour of *A Small but Comfy House and Maybe a Dog*.
Sat, Apr 22, 2:00-5:00pm. Artist and Curator Talk and Tour: 2:00-3:00pm. Opening Reception: 3:00-5:00pm
Opening launch to immediately follow.

[Artist Salon: Ask Me Anything with Pennylane Shen](#)

Artist advisor Pennylane Shen of Dazed & Confucius is here to answer any burning questions you have about navigating the art industry. Join us and bring questions to this online session to learn tips on marketing, exhibiting, visibility, social media, building a cohesive portfolio or any other topics to help support your artistic journey. Session will be held online. Registration required.
Wed, Apr 26, 7:00-8:00pm.



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Learn at the Library

What's on this month at the Brighthouse Branch?

Human Library

The Human Library creates safe spaces for dialogue between human Books and their readers. The conversations between Books and readers can not only help to challenge prejudices and stereotypes but also contribute more broadly to greater cohesion across social, ethnic and religious divisions.

During this event, readers will see a variety of available Book titles and will be able to select one to “borrow” for a 20-minute reading slot. Readers and Books will then have a one-on-one conversation where Books will introduce themselves and readers will then have the opportunity to ask questions. This program is suitable for teens, adults and seniors.

Sun, Apr 23, 1:00-4:00pm

Tech Buddies

Get tech-smart with Richmond Public Library staff and volunteers for 1-on-1 learning on your tablet, computer or smart phone. Learn the basics of operating your device, using email and apps and more.

Drop-in program, no registration required. This program is suitable for seniors 55 plus.

Thu, Apr 13 and 20, 10:30am-12:00pm

Arthritis series

In this series, each program will touch on a separate topic related to managing arthritis.

[Arthritis and Exercise](#) - Thu, Apr 6, 1:00-3:30pm

[Managing Hip and Knee Arthritis](#) - Thu, Apr 13, 1:00-3:30pm

[Nutrition, Supplements and Arthritis](#) - Thu, Apr 20, 1:00-3:30pm

Presented in partnership with OASIS Educators from Vancouver Coastal Health. Suitable for adults and seniors.

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Save the Date

[Share fond memories and excitement for the new facility through art](#)

Apr 4

Steveston Community Centre and Library

[Pink Peppercorn Dinner Trip - 55+ yrs](#)

Apr 5

Minoru Centre for Active Living

[Earth Day Shred-A-Thon](#)

Apr 22

Cambie Community Centre

[Sock Hop – Dinner and Dance - 55+ yrs](#)

May 10

Minoru Centre for Active Living

[Walk Richmond](#)

Apr 8, 12, 22, 26

Various locations

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