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August

Community Services e-News



19th Annual Richmond Maritime Festival

11:00am-6:00pm, August 20-21

This free two-day event at the Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site is Richmond's largest nautical celebration. Bring the family and enjoy:

- Live music
- Historical characters
- Storytellers
- Heritage vessels
- Community group displays

The [Richmond Annual Maritime Festival](#) includes a series of themed areas across the eight-acre site. Kids will love the family-friendly Octopus Garden with Rikki the Rat and Lulu the Mermaid, and a visit to the Captain's Quarters to experience hands-on workshops.

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Congratulations Richmond!

Richmond has been named British Columbia's Most Active Community in the 2022 ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge.



This nation-wide physical activity initiative took place throughout June, encouraging all Canadians to get active.

“The City of Richmond is delighted to receive this honour which reinforces that we are one of Canada’s most active communities,” said Mayor Malcolm Brodie. “Our commitment to providing safe, fun and accessible recreational opportunities through initiatives such as free or low-cost events, fee subsidies and ongoing promotion of the benefits of physical activity inspire residents to be active, connected and healthy.”

Along with winning the prestigious title, the City was awarded \$15,000 that will be used for community programming to increase physical activity for Richmond residents while promoting confidence, competence and fun.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2022 Community Better Challenge!

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Register and get active this August

Fun and healthy activities for everyone

There is still time to try something new or tried and true this summer. We offer all types of programs for all ages and skill levels.

Programs with space available for the summer include: Arts Combo for children, Emergency First Aid, CPR Level C and AED for youth and adults and various Ballet Beginner or Intermediate classes for adults.

If you are 55+ years and looking for an exciting daytrip, we’ve got you covered. Choose from several exciting out trips to Bloedel Conservatory at Queen Elizabeth Park, Ladner Village Market or the Pink Peppercorn Restaurant.

Register for a program today and get active!

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Beat the heat this summer

Water spray parks, outdoor pools and tips on staying cool

The “dog days” of summer are here and there is no better way to cool off while staying active than by visiting Richmond waterplay parks and outdoor pools!

We have [four water play parks](#) throughout the city and [two outdoor pools](#). In addition to these fun places, there are many other places to cool off including pop-up shade locations in parks, misting stations and publicly accessible drinking fountains across the city.

For tips about how you can have fun and stay safe in the summer heat, [visit the Richmond website](#) for more information.

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Ready to learn, get active and have fun this fall?

Sign-up for Fall Programs Now

Registration is now open for programs running September 6 to December 31. There are hundreds of programs and activities available to choose from.

Fitness programs, swimming lessons, arts classes and martial arts are just a few of the programs with space still available.

Don't delay, register now using one of the easy options below.

- Select the LEARN MORE button below to browse and register
- Call 604-276-4300, Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm and staff will register you
- Drop in to any community facility. Note: Debit, cheque and cash are also accepted when registering in person

All ages and skill levels are welcome.

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Branscombe House programs

Artist in Residence, Krystal Kiran connects with the community

Richmond residents are invited to join performing artist and educator, Krystal Kiran at free community arts programs, activities and workshops held each month at [Branscombe House](#) located at 4900 Steveston Highway or virtually via Zoom. The following programs run through mid-December:

- Dance as Meditation – Every Sunday, 11:00am-noon, for ages 16+ years
- Music Makers: Open Acoustic Jam with Krystal Kiran and Matt Yang – Every other Tuesday, 7:00-9:00pm, for ages 19+ years
- Seniors Seva – First Sunday of the month, 9:30-10:30am, for ages 55+ years
- Heads Together Book Club – First Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:00pm, for ages 19+ years
- Courage to Dream Seminar Series – First Saturday of the month, 11:00am-3:00pm, for ages 16+ years

To learn more and register, visit www.krystalkiran.com/branscombe or email branscombehouse22@gmail.com.

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Grand Openings of Sprouts and Seedlings Early Childhood Development Hubs

Purpose-built facilities adds 199 licensed child care spaces

The City of Richmond has recently opened two new Early Childhood Development (ECD) Hubs. [Sprouts ECD Hub](#) was the first multi-purpose childhood development hub owned by the City of Richmond,

and the second was the [Seedlings ECD Hub](#).

These purpose-built, high quality facilities not only provide additional licensed child care spaces, but also increased access to wrap-around family support services, and are conveniently located in neighbourhoods (Brighthouse Village and Capstan Village) where many young Richmond families live and work.

Both of Richmond's ECD Hubs include licensed child care programs with space for indoor and outdoor play, commercial kitchens, toy and/or resource libraries, offices, meeting areas and multipurpose space for community-based child development and family strengthening services. A total of 199 new child care spaces were created and offered through different programs, serving a range of ages from birth to 12 years old.

Richmond City Council appointed the YMCA of Greater Vancouver to operate Sprouts ECD Hub. Aspire Richmond (formerly Richmond Society for Community Living) was appointed to operate Seedlings ECD Hub. Families looking for child care should contact the operators of each location directly.



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[Let's Talk Richmond - Tailsman](#)

[Park consultation](#)

Until August 8
Online

[Walk Richmond](#)

August 13, 18, 27
Various

[Garlic Festival](#)

August 14
Terra Nova Rural Park

[Outdoor Movie](#)

September 1
South Arm Outdoor Pool

[Culture Days](#)

September 23-October 16
Richmond Arts Centre

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