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# Community Services e-News



## Sign-up for Summer Programs and Camps

**There's something for everyone!**

Hundreds of programs, camps and activities are available for all ages, abilities and interests in Richmond this summer. Don't miss out on this opportunity for fun, fitness, culture and connection.

A variety of [camps](#) offer a range of opportunities for staying active, making friends and learning new skills.

3 Ways to Register:

- Select the blue button below to browse and register
- Call 604-276-4300, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm
- In-person at any parks, recreation or cultural facility

All camp participants are supported to connect with peers in a safe and respectful way as they enjoy fun activities and adventures.

[REGISTER](#)



## Richmond Neighbourhood Celebration Grant

**Receive up to \$2,500 in funding**

Neighbourhoods are the cornerstone of Richmond communities. The Richmond Neighbourhood Celebration Grant Program is designed to connect residents and to facilitate grassroots events such as a community picnic, block party or a cultural celebration that create a sense of neighbourhood pride and identity.

Deadline for submissions is Monday, May 23, 2022.

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## Park of the Month

### No. 7 Road Pier Park – 15811 River Road

The City of Richmond is home to 145 parks covering almost 2,000 acres. We feature a different park here each month so residents know of the range of experiences available to them right here in their own community.

No. 7 Road Pier Park was a former CN Rail loading pier. These days it's a great place for a picnic lunch or dinner, with a small playground, picnic tables and benches. Enjoy the outstanding views of South Vancouver, try your luck fishing or explore the small beach next to the pier. This 5.68 acre park, located in East Richmond has a little something for everyone to enjoy.



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## Community Better Challenge

### Make Richmond Canada's Most Active Community!

Calling all families, friends, neighbours and fellow community members! It's time to get up and get moving with the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge. The goal of this nationwide initiative is to help communities get active and have fun.

The rules of the challenge are simple: download the free ParticipACTION app through the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). Sign up with your Richmond postal code to track your activity from June 1 to 30. Go for a walk on a trail or in a park, participate in a fitness class, splash around with friends at the pool, bike, golf, take a fitness class, workout in the gym, play tennis or pickleball.

Count whatever gets you moving. Be sure to track every active minute, every day.

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## New Exhibition at the Richmond Art Gallery, until July 31

### A Minaret for the General's Wife by Artist Erdem TaşDelen

This unique installation, co-curated by Julia Paoli and Toleen Touq, comprises archival photos, documents, replicas of artifacts and vignettes, bringing together historical and fictional elements. Artist Erdem TaşDelen is a Turkish Canadian artist who lives and works in Toronto.

Learn more about [A Minaret for the General's Wife](#) and other events at the [Richmond Art Gallery](#). This public gallery is located in the Richmond Cultural Centre, at 7700 Minoru Gate.



Photo Credit: Erdem TaşDelen, *A Minaret for the General's Wife*. Installation view at Mercer Union, Toronto, 2020. Courtesy the Artist. Photo by Toni Hafkenscheid

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## Minoru Lakes Renewal Underway

### Protecting and enhancing the Lakes District

Work is underway as the City of Richmond improves Minoru Park as a place to connect with nature, be close to the water's edge and find respite from the surrounding City Centre. When this renewal project is completed in early 2023, new features will include a cascading waterfall, paved pathways and boardwalks with lighting, new plaza areas, plantings and more.

Some areas of the park are closed to the public during construction, including:

- Existing lakes and plaza areas
- Pathways and trails north of the canal, including pedestrian bridges
- Portions of the Bowling Green Road parking lot

Other amenities within the 65 acre park remain open, including the Minoru Park oval track, sport fields, playground and chapel gardens.

Learn [more](#) about the Minoru Lakes Renew Project and the work underway to create a safe, accessible and sustainable Lakes District for Richmond residents to enjoy.

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## 2021-2031 Collaborative Action Plan to Reduce and Prevent Poverty

### Protecting and enhancing the Lakes District

Poverty impacts the entire community, not just those directly affected by it. The City of Richmond has created a [Collaborative Action Plan](#) which aims to gain a shared understanding of the experiences and circumstances of individuals and families at risk of or living in poverty and identify actions to better meet their needs.

A multi-phased engagement process included outreach with stakeholder organizations and residents, including residents with lived experience. This input supported the development of four strategic directions:

- Reduce and prevent poverty
- Support residents at risk of living in poverty
- Increase awareness and educate; and
- Research, monitor and evaluate

Read the plan here to [learn](#) more.

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## Save the Date

[Music Makers: open Acoustic Jam with Krystal Kiran and Matt Yang](#)  
May 10, 24  
Branscombe House

[Walk Richmond](#)  
May 12, 21, 26  
Various

[Doors Open](#)  
June 2-5  
Various locations

[Seniors Week](#)  
June 6-12  
Various locations



[Dance as Meditation](#)  
May 15, 22, 29  
Branscombe House

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