



2022 Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival

Experience the beauty of rebirth and renewal

The Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival returns this spring as a virtual celebration on Sunday, April 10. This year's free programming features original video content, including how-to demonstrations with local artisans and new musical performances. Online visitors can also see how the 255 Akebono cherry blossoms in Garry Point Park are progressing through new Weekly Blossom Reports, which will be shared through Instagram Stories by [@FunRichmond](#) each Saturday. For those visiting Garry Point Park in-person, kiosks will be located at points along the cherry tree path with QR codes that direct participants to the virtual festival.

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World Leisure Day | Saturday, April 16

How will you participate in this day?

On World Leisure Day, residents and visitors are invited to participate in any of the 30+ free and low-cost activities and events for residents and visitors! This day aims to highlight the importance of leisure, in all its forms: recreation, parks, sport, education and arts, culture and heritage.



World Leisure Day activities in Richmond include: a Spring Scavenger Hunt at the Richmond Nature Park and Richmond Public Library; Self-Guided Walking Tours at Terra Nova, Sea Island and Brighthouse Park; a Cycling Art Tour; Try-It Ringette and Lacrosse at Minoru Arenas; Geocaching along the Railway Greenway; Music and Movement Story Time at Thompson Community Centre; free public skating, Zumba and Barr H.I.I.T. fitness classes at the Richmond Olympic Oval and a family drop-in open gym at various Richmond community centres.

Find a full list of activities at www.richmond.ca/leisureday.

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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Park of the month – Shell Road Trail

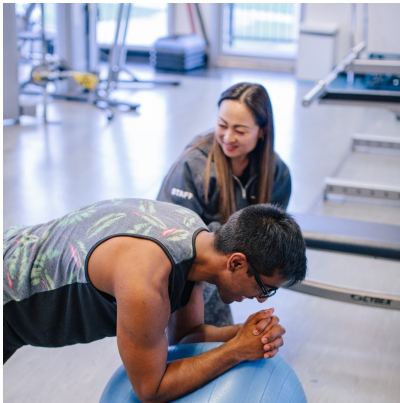
Explore one of Richmond's favourite trails

Shell Road Trail is 3.6km long recreational trail that runs north/south along the Shell Road corridor from Alderbridge Way to Athabasca Drive, north of Williams Road. It's a distinctly rural experience with tall trees and shrubs lining both sides of the trail, providing walkers and cyclists a unique trail experience in the middle of Richmond's urban city centre.

Nearby parks and amenities for this recreational trail include Minoru Park, Paulik Park, Garden City Park, Garden City Lands and the Richmond Nature Park. Don't forget! Shell Road Trail is also a [Dogs Off-Leash](#) area.



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Looking for an exciting new job?

We're hiring!

Interested in working in Recreation? Employment opportunities for flexible, varied and fulfilling positions with Richmond Community Associations and Societies are available.

- Summer program leader positions.
- Part-time, seasonal or fulltime opportunities with health and wellness benefits for eligible employees.

Richmond Community Associations are always seeking instructors to lead quality recreation programs at Richmond community centres. If you are interested in teaching at one of the community centres, complete and submit the Instructor Application.

Opportunities are for those 13 years and older.

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Seniors Strategy Engagement Process 2022-2032

Your input is needed

Did you know that by 2036, close to 40 per cent of Richmond's population will be 55 years or older? Richmond seniors represent the fastest growing demographic in the city and are living longer, healthier lives than ever before. To meet the needs of this rapidly evolving population, the City is developing a new Seniors Strategy 2022–2032 and would like your input. Engagement runs April 5-24. The Strategy's intent is to guide the City and stakeholders in

supporting seniors in Richmond to age well consisting of five strategic directions with recommended actions to be completed over a 10-year period. We would love to hear your feedback and ask that you share your thoughts on this draft Strategy in a short 10 to 15 minute survey found [here](#), beginning April 5. The survey is open to anyone who has an interest in the well-being of seniors in Richmond.

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COVID-19 Update

Mask Usage and Proof of Vaccination

mandatory mask-wearing requirement for City-operated facilities. While masks are no longer required, the wearing of masks is encouraged and appreciated in community and aquatic centres, arenas and ice centres, libraries, cultural and heritage locations. As required by the provincial health officer, safety protocols will remain in place in many facilities including enhanced hygiene practices and plexi-glass barriers. With this change, programs, activities, events and tournaments at all facilities may resume operations at normal capacity. [Proof of vaccination](#) and government issued ID continue to be required to access City facilities until Friday, April 8.

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Save the Date

Low Income Tax Clinics

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Richmond Public Library

Earth Week

April 16-24
Various

Minoru Lakes closure

Beginning in April
Minoru Park

Easter Events

April 16
Various locations

Youth Civic Engagement Program

April 21-June 9
City Hall and Virtual

Summer Registration

May 3
Online

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