



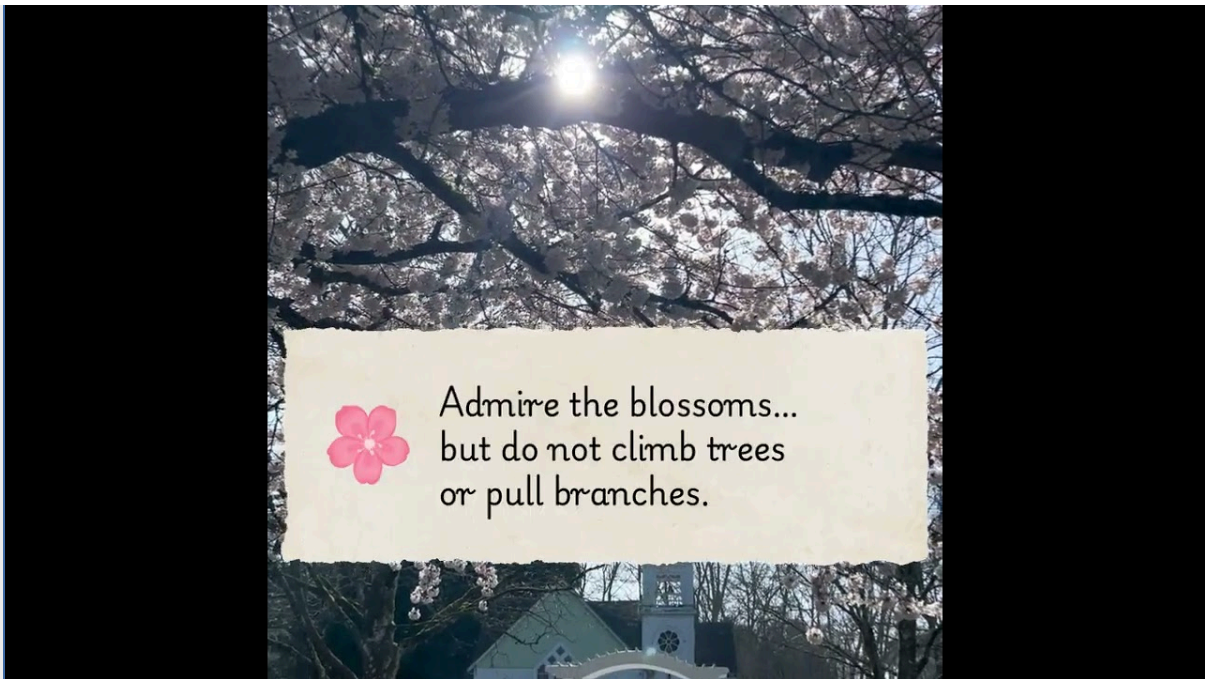
Mar 26, 2026

Spring in full swing with cherry blossoms

Celebrate spring, explore culture and make memories together at the **Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival** on Sun, Apr 12 at Garry Point Park. This year's theme is **ありがとう** (Arigatō), “thank you.” It reflects gratitude for community, cultural connection and the beauty of coming together in spring.

With this in mind, we remind you to prioritize safety and plan ahead as the cherry blossoms bloom. Each year, the popular seasonal display attracts tens of thousands of visitors, resulting in significant traffic congestion, pedestrian safety concerns and parking challenges in key areas. Everyone plays an important role in helping keep these areas safe. Watch the video below. Lady Richmondton provides a few helpful tips to make cherry blossom season a lovely experience for all.

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Shaping our path forward to address homelessness

We currently have a Homelessness Strategy (2019-2029) in place. However, conditions have changed in recent years, including rising housing costs and broader social and economic challenges that have increased the risk of homelessness. In response, we are developing a Homelessness Strategy Guiding Framework for 2026 to 2029 and are seeking input until Sun, Apr 19.

Have your say





Bridging divides with Richmond's Writer-in-Residence

In partnership with the Richmond Public Library, we welcome Aaron Chan as the 2026 Writer-in-Residence. Aaron will support emerging writers through free workshops, events and conversations from Apr 4 to Jun 20.

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Upcoming opportunity on Airport Authority Board

We are seeking a qualified nominee to serve on the Vancouver Airport Authority Board of Directors for a three year term (May 2026 to May 2029). Directors receive compensation and should expect to spend an average of 20 days per year on Board business, not counting meeting preparation time. The application deadline is 4:00pm on Thu, Apr 2.

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Meeting schedule

City Council and Committee meetings are streamed live on the [City's YouTube channel](#), where you can also view past meetings.

- General Purposes Committee: Tue, Apr 7 | 4:00pm | Anderson Room
- Finance and Audit Committee: Tue, Apr 7 | Immediately following General Purposes Committee | Anderson Room
- Planning Committee: Wed, Apr 8 | 4:00pm | Anderson Room
- City Council: Mon, Apr 13 | 7:00pm | Council Chambers

- Community Safety Committee: Tue, Apr 14 | 4:00pm | Anderson Room
- Development Permit Panel: Wed, Apr 15 | 3:30pm | Council Chambers

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