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Parks, Recreation & Culture e-Newsletter



2025 Fitness and Active Living Programs

Commit to a healthy year!

Start the year strong! Whether you're looking for a personal trainer, or a drop-in Aquafit or a registered group fitness class, our experienced and committed fitness and wellness team is here for you. Check out richmond.ca/fitness for information, schedules and registration details about all the programs and services available.

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 Community Services Connectors Program



 Richmond Public Library

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Are you a Richmond Resident Looking for Services or Support?

Check out these two programs that include free information about community services—no registration required.

Community Services Connectors Program

Richmond residents are invited to visit the Living Room at Ironwood Library to chat with a Community Services Connector about community services and supports. These connectors have experience navigating social service and government systems, and can help you find information on benefits, employment resources and other community programs and assistance.

Every Sun, 2:00-4:00pm

[Ironwood Library](#) - 11688 Steveston Hwy

Community Services Pop Ups

Community members are welcome at the Brighthouse Library for these monthly drop-in sessions that offer connections to local services in a safe and welcoming space. Hosted by City of Richmond and Richmond Public Library staff, in collaboration with community organizations, some of the services available include navigational support for health and benefit systems, information on accessing affordable recreation, and connections to newcomer services.

2nd Thu of each month, 3:00-5:00pm

[Brighthouse Library](#) - 7700 Minoru Gate

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Richmond Arts Awards - Call for Nominations

Celebrate a local artist

Do you know an emerging or established artist, arts leader, cultural practitioner, educator, group or arts business that has significantly contributed to the arts in Richmond and is deserving of recognition? Nominate them online for a Richmond Arts Award until 5:00pm on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Nominations are being accepted in six categories:

- Arts Education
- Artistic Innovation and Excellence
- Business and the Arts
- Cultural Leadership
- Volunteerism
- Youth Arts

All artistic disciplines are eligible: culinary, literary, performing and visual arts, as well as craft, environmental arts, new media and social practice.

The award winners will be honoured at a gala awards ceremony hosted by Mayor Malcolm Brodie at Richmond City Hall Council Chambers.

The Richmond Arts Coalition will award a \$300 cash prize to the winner of the Youth Arts category, which recognizes an artist 24 years of age or younger, whose artistic practice demonstrates outstanding promise and commitment to the Richmond arts community.

The 17th annual Richmond Arts Awards are presented through a partnership between the City of Richmond and Richmond Arts Coalition and are sponsored by the Richmond News. The program has recognized 96 honourees since 2009.

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New Exhibitions at the Art Gallery

Jan 8-Mar 23

[Richmond Art Gallery Curator Tour and Opening Reception of Winter Exhibitions](#)

Join Richmond Art Gallery curator Zoë Chan and some of the exhibiting artists for an informal tour of the new exhibitions Persimmon Blackbridge: *Speak No (emergency)* and *Dear Plastic*.

Sat, Jan 18
2:00-4:00pm

[Persimmon Blackbridge: *Speak No \(emergency\)*](#)

In this stunning installation, artist Persimmon Blackbridge urgently responds to the devastation of and despair around climate change. Covering the gallery walls with dozens of hand fashioned figures, she creates a desolate, desperate army who have come together in the face of rampant forest fires, polluted oceans and climate denial. Blackbridge's raw, frenetic aesthetic integrates found wood, Barbie doll parts, bits of animal bone, scrap metal and other recycled materials typically considered trash.

This exhibition is organized in partnership with Tangled Art + Disability.

Jan 18-Mar 23

[Dear Plastic](#)

Ari Bayuaji, Emily Hermant, Caroline Monnet, Alex Tedlie-Stursberg and Cheryl Wong

The five featured artists of this exhibition straddle the divide between what is considered artificial versus natural in their engagement with this plastic. They clearly delight in the potential of plastics as artistic material, which they reuse, repurpose or reimagine to fashion visually arresting works. The thought-provoking pieces in this exhibition avoid a simple environmentalist stance or nostalgia for untouched landscapes. Displaying an acknowledgement of an existence shaped by plastic and an awareness of its positive and negative legacies alike, they capture the many paradoxes of plastic while provoking us to critically reflect on our irreversible enmeshment with plastic.

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Save the Date

Building Financial Security

Tue, Jan 28, 2:00-4:00pm
[Ironwood Library](#)

Branscomb House Artist Residency Exhibition Closing Reception

Sat, Jan 25, 4:00-6:00pm
[Branscombe House](#)

Spring Program Registration

Tue, Feb 11
Various locations

Walk Richmond

Sat, Jan 4, 10:00am
Wed, Jan 8, 10:00am
Various locations

**Watch for the next Parks, Recreation and Culture e-Newsletter
on Saturday, January 18.**

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