



## Grandview Lanes YBC

### Supporting Youth Bowlers Since YBC's Inception



by Sarah Pramberg

*Grandview Lanes* has been home to a *Youth Bowling Canada (YBC)* program since the very beginning of YBC, providing a welcoming and inclusive space for young bowlers to learn, grow, and enjoy the sport of five-pin bowling.

For generations, the league has offered youth of all skill levels the opportunity to participate in a team-oriented, recreational sport in a supportive and safe environment. The focus is on fun, personal development, and building friendships—whether a child is brand new to bowling or looking to compete at a higher level.

The league is fortunate to have dedicated and experienced coaches who go above and beyond for their bowlers. Thanks to their guidance and encouragement, several of the participants have gone on to compete at the national level, while many others regularly take part in local tournaments and events.

If your child is interested in trying five-pin bowling, a great way to start is through the *Kids Bowl Free* program offered over the summer. It's a fun, no-cost way to get a feel for the sport in a relaxed setting. And if they enjoy it, they can sign up for the YBC league, which begins in the September.



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## Noticed in Vancouver...doubling at Kitsilano Beach



by Karen Vanon

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## The other guy's opinion on artificial intelligence or AI

by Robert F Edwards

I would like to start by going back to the 1950s in Calgary, Alberta. Those days people still had ice boxes and only the affluent had fridges. The Iceman would come every second week with a block of ice and put it in the ice box. Also, at this time milk was delivered daily by a milkman and a bread man would deliver the pastry. Both had horse-drawn vehicles.

The elevators were manned by personnel that would take you to the desired floor that you wished to exit on or if you wanted to return to ground level the same elevator with the personnel would oblige you. When you went with your car to a service station, personnel would come out fill your gas tank, clean your windows, and check the oil. Television had just started with black-and-white and by the mid-50s was in colour.

At the present time, artificial intelligence has already entered our lifestyle. For example, you can practically go all over the world and make a deposit or withdrawal from an ATM machine. There is no longer a need to have a teller at a bank do the transactions. It's hard to believe that people lived without a computer and especially the Internet. Today we can communicate with each other all over the world with this medium. Retail box stores and grocery outlets have now adopted self-checkouts with the help of one retail personnel.

Some of the statistics that are coming out for the future are as follows. The global community population is contracting. Developed countries' citizens are reducing the number of children per family.

Also, this year the baby boomers will become 65. This age group will retire and put additional burdens on the working force. Instead of contributing to Social Security and other social programs this age group will draw down the need for more hospitals, intensive care units, and old folk's homes. This burden is going to be felt strictly on the working class. This class is going to be smaller than the ones they must look after. Which will mean two things; higher taxes and artificial intelligence can substitute for the loss of active employees.

It is predicted that by 2050 there could be as many as 300 million jobs lost. As well as the contraction of the population of world. An example that was given was China which at present time has a billion plus people, however by 2050 this number may be reduced to as low as 300 million. Once again this is caused by the one-child program of the past and the young people of the present not having children.

It is vital if we are going to have the standard of living that we have now to invest heavily in artificial intelligence. All of this will enable us to do manual tasks through artificial intelligence. In many ways, it will become more efficient as artificial intelligence can draw on the vast amount of data that has already been compiled and will be even greater when needed.

The future looks bright if we are about to engage in progressing with technology.

## Letter from the Editor

by Paul Reid

I am thrilled to have my article layed out here next to the amazing Robert F. Edwards who has been kind enough all these years to share his thoughts with us, as he has here with his view on artificial intelligence. Yes, Bob has been contributing almost the entire 25 years that the *RCC News* has endured, and over that time we have become good friends. Thank you Bob!

Before i go on to tell you about one of my own recent interesting AI threads on ChatGPT, I invite all you readers ou there (even you) to send in your thought and experiences with AI. (as well as everything else) to [rccnews-editorial@cnh.bc.ca](mailto:rccnews-editorial@cnh.bc.ca).

Okay, so the thread I want to share is interesting I believe because it contains history, the future; while shedding a little light on this gold rush that is currently happening, as everyone and their robot dog strives to become knowledgeable, fluent, and hopefully wealthier via some sort of AI insight or angle.

One thing I have been using *ChatGPT* for is to help me come up with inventions. So, the other day, my AI friend, who calls himself Rico, brought to my attention five inventions from history that never really got of the ground, but might be ready to revisit. The first on the list was the Dynosphere...a vehicle that was just a single wheel that you road inside of.

On one hand, this invention from 1932 seems way ahead of its time. On the other hand, visibility was definitely an issue, as would I imagine was tipping over. Because although Dr. J. A Purves tried to make the wheel see through, you can imagine how at high speeds, the spokes would have been a blur in front of the driver. And that is why, in the videos that show Purves and his friends demonstrating the Jumbo as it was nicknamed, the driver had to lean rather uncomfortably to get his head out the window. The other problem...very tippy.

While they orginally thought it was going to revolutionize transport, I guess they just couldn't figure out how to surmount



An eight seat Dynosphere in 1932

these obstacles, or we would all be driving Dynaspheres. So here we are, nearly a full century later, and perhaps now we *could* overomce these obstacles. And so, Rico and I got to work on some modern designs.

We imagined a clear ball, made of two clear layers. The occupants would be inside the inner ball, that remains stationary, while the outer ball, a rugged, thick, clear sphere with tire like grip, would rotate on the outside. How? possibly via electromagnetics, with a battery/motor located under the very comfortable seats. With a gyroscope system to keep it upright.

**Benefits?** Small, simple, environmental, fun, practical. Maybe it drives right up to your house where a docking bay has the vehicle lock in before the pod opens and you find yourself in your living room. Maybe it's got a soft, rubbery kind of outer construction so that if hits something or someone, no damage is done.

Anyhow, Ill be back with more tales and inventions from my explorations with AI.

And of course, again, we'd like to hear your stories as well. Email us at: [rccnews-editorial@cnh.bc.ca](mailto:rccnews-editorial@cnh.bc.ca)

Gracias!







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# Collingwood Corner

## Central Park Wading Pool Built 1929

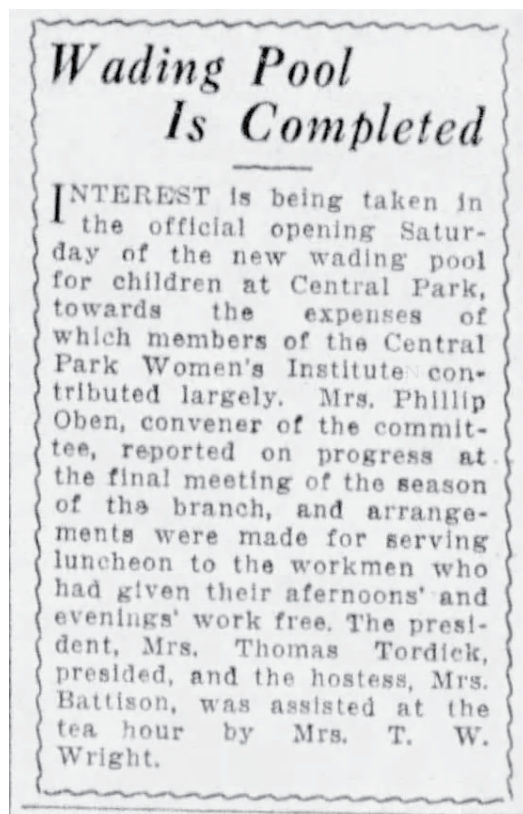
by Loretta Houben

Summer is nearly here. Most of us enjoy a nice dip in cool water on those hot days which are quite rare in Vancouver. The closest outdoor pool for such a luxury in the Collingwood area is in Central Park in Burnaby. There was a recent controversy about adding a covered roof to this popular pool but fortunately the plan has been abandoned.

Before the pool was built in 1962, there was another one, although much smaller, on the opposite side of the park, near the outdoor bowling area. I had always wondered where exactly it was. It was round, quite large, and made of cement. It was built in 1929, and opening day was July 29th, 1929. I'm not sure of the demolition date, but it was sometime between 1965 and 1973 according to a unique aerial map of Burnaby which I recently discovered. Here is the link:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9c64867c9aaa431fb281d6976e2b47dc>

It's easy to use, and while searching for what was located before the *Telus* "boot" office was built at the corner of Kingsway and Boundary, I noticed a round object in the lawn of the park across the street to the right of the stadium area. I checked out the two vintage photos of the wading pool that I have and deduced that this must be the old wading pool!



1929 announcement from the *Vancouver Sun*



Opening day, July 29, 1929, in Central Park, Burnaby. Burnaby Archives.



1965 Burnaby Historical Aerial Photo Viewer Map, snip of Central Park wading pool image.



1970 Burnaby Historical Aerial Photo Viewer Map, snip of Central Park showing wading pool gone.



2025 photo of pool area location in Central Park. Photo by Loretta Houben.

In May 2025 I walked near this area and took a few photos. There's still a slight incline where the cement was that shows the shape of the pool, and a semi ring of trees growing around it. I could imagine the excitement of the children as they had a place all their own to cool off in, nearly 100 years ago, thanks to the volunteers who built it, and

the mothers who initiated the project. I think the pool was built here because of the proximity of the BCER train stop to the west, and the location of a Post Office and a row of shops and cafes and an ice cream parlour across the street. It was a bustling area, between Smith and Jersey Avenue, and the Collingwood residents were just a hop and skip away.





# Understanding TMJ Disorders and How Acupuncture Can Help

Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) disorders are a group of conditions that affect the jaw joint and surrounding muscles. Symptoms can range from jaw pain, headaches, and facial discomfort to difficulty chewing and even locking of the jaw. TMJ disorders can severely impact a person's quality of life, making simple daily activities challenging.

As a doctor of TCM and acupuncturist, I often work with patients who suffer from TMJ-related discomfort. Acupuncture offers a natural, effective, and minimally invasive option for addressing both the symptoms and underlying causes of TMJ disorders.

## What Causes TMJ Disorders?

TMJ disorders can arise from a variety of factors, including:

- Jaw injuries
- Arthritis
- Teeth grinding (bruxism)
- Chronic stress and tension
- Poor posture
- Misalignment of the teeth or jaw

In many cases, TMJ issues are exacerbated by muscle tension, inflammation, and emotional stress areas where acupuncture can make a profound difference.

## Acupuncture for TMJ Disorders: A Natural Approach to Relief

Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) disorders can cause jaw pain, headaches, facial tension, and difficulty chewing. Often linked to muscle tension, stress, or injury, TMJ symptoms can greatly affect daily life.

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In addition to acupuncture, I often guide patients on lifestyle modifications that can further support TMJ health, such as:

- Stress management techniques
  - Postural awareness exercises
  - Gentle stretching routines
  - Dietary recommendations to reduce inflammation
- Acupuncture addresses not only the physical symptoms of TMJ disorders but also the emotional and energetic imbalances that may be contributing to the condition.

Acupuncture offers a safe, natural approach to managing TMJ symptoms, improving quality of life, and promoting long-term healing. If you're

struggling with jaw pain, headaches, or muscle tension, I invite you to explore how acupuncture can support your path to recovery.

Stay healthy and feel relaxed!

Should you have any further questions regarding the above topic, you are welcome to write to me at: [dr.angiechoi@gmail.com](mailto:dr.angiechoi@gmail.com)

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## Centre for Children with Health Complexity

Construction begins on centre for children with health complexity at the former Sunny Hill Health Centre building on Slocan St and E 21 st Ave. A first of its kind in Canada, the new three-storey BC Children's Hospital centre for health complexity will offer in-person and virtual care for children and youth in B.C. and the Yukon.

The centre will connect people with appropriate services and provide specialized training and education for families, caregivers and health-care professionals. This will save families travel time and streamline care. The centre will include 16 dedicated suites where children and families can reside for short, planned stays to access the centre's services.

Recognizing the demands complex care can take on family members and caregivers, the centre will also offer wellness, counselling and peer support. Construction is expected to reach completion in December 2027, with the centre opening in early 2028.

As always, my community office, at 5022 Joyce St. Vancouver, is open to provide services for constituents in person with appointments and via phone and email. Please give us a call at 604-660-0314 or email us at [adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca), and we will get in touch with you as soon as we can. 聯絡本辦事處請電郵 [adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca) 或致電 604-660-0314. 如欲親臨敬請預約。

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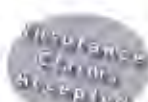
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# Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival Seeks Local Artists, Musicians, and Performers

by Clea Moray

## A Summer of Art, Nature and Performance for Renfrew-Collingwood Kids

This summer, families in Renfrew-Collingwood have a new and exciting opportunity to enroll their children in two unique, week-long day camps that blend creativity, nature, and community in one of Vancouver's most cherished natural spaces. Organized by the Still Moon Arts Society, a community arts and environment charity operating for over 20 years, these camps offer something different than your average summer program.



Community stilt performers at *Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival*. Photo: Ricky Chen

Set in the scenic Renfrew Ravine and Renfrew Community Park, *Still Moon's* summer camps promise immersive experiences for children and youth to connect with the natural world, express their creativity, and engage with their local community. Led by professional artists and educators, and limited to just 12 participants per camp (6 kids per educator), these programs are designed to ensure personalized attention and meaningful engagement.

From July 21 to 25, the *Nature & Arts Summer Camp* welcomes children aged 7 to 12 for a week of hands-on exploration and creative expression.



Renfrew-Collingwood Youth learn to perform on stilts

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Held at the *Colour-Me-Local Dye Garden*—a community-built dye garden on the edge of the ravine—this camp will combine environmental education with art-making. Children will learn about local plants and wildlife, sculpt with clay, create with felted wool, and enjoy nature games and guided ravine walks. Co-led by artist Carmen Rosen and biologist Connelly Stirling, the camp offers a balance of imaginative activity and environmental connection.

From August 25 to 29, the *Performing Arts & Stilt Walking Camp* opens its doors to kids and youth aged 8 to 14. Participants will dive into the world of performance by learning to walk on stilts, make costumes and props, and develop and perform in a collaborative, multi-performer show. The week will culminate in a performance on the final day, with campers also invited to reprise their act at the iconic *Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival* on October 4. The camp will be co-facilitated by Carmen Rosen and choreographer Isabelle Kirouac Arevalo, whose award-winning community performance work has inspired local audiences for over 20 years.

For families in Renfrew-Collingwood, these camps offer something truly special—a chance to foster creativity and a sense of belonging in a familiar and beautiful local setting. More than just a way to fill summer days, these camps create lasting memories, build friendships, and deepen children's connections to the environment and their community. Spots are limited, making early registration highly recommended.

Learn more and register at [www.stillmoonarts.ca/camps](http://www.stillmoonarts.ca/camps).





# Our Green Earth

by Penny Lim



Birds' eye view in space of Marc Garneau and Chris Hadfield shared in their rhapsody over blue earth's waters. Land-lubbers walk bathed in green forests, parks,

and landscape. Incredible how we humans breathe in more non-human cells than human. From the time of dinosaurs -- all flora and fauna breathe the same cells.

What is green to you? Vegetables, grass, trinity, green light = go, green fields of Wales, How Green was my Valley, Ireland, Zorro, USA dollar greenback, green gum/licorice, green with envy, green thumb, a newbie, Green Lantern, emerald green, Greensleeves, and the rain-bow?

In Germanic languages: Proto-Indo-European root "ghre" =



"to grow." Eng: green, Ger: gruen, Dutch: groen.

In early history, the fading of organic materials made green the slipperiest of colours. Earth green is a colour. 2,500 years ago, Athens had bright greens from copper. Who knew the planet Venus' metal is copper and its colour is green? What gods deemed this?

Many eons ago, post-ice Age, even the Sahara was green. Start of agriculture bode well for future. Next, came settlements. Green meant renewal and rebirth -- so worshipped by Egyptians who prized objects of green leading to Paradise.

"Colours are like people," believed ancient Egyptians: "full of life, energy, power, and personality." Other cultures such as Mesoamerican farmers esteemed the vivid green maize plant likening it to jade's green and and blue = vegetation and water. Green promised a fertile harvest. Green is all encompassing. I feel green is Life. The earth's green mantle. Earth Day, Green man, Green peace, Green party. I find green calming.



In the Islam world, colour revered as a gift of the gods. Foremost, green from paradise. "No Arab loves the desert; we love water and green trees. There is nothing in the desert."

Muhammad's words "three things take away sadness: water, greenery and a beautiful face." recited to this day. Muhammad wore green.

The thunderbolt arrival of Emerald Green caught ceramicists and painters. Islamic artists mastered greens and blues. "Joyous" love of colour. The garden of Taj Mahal is a replica of Garden of Paradise.

Green prevalent in Islamic culture as evident of their many flags. They wish friends: "a green year."

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A news section for Renfrew-Collingwood learners

## Summer in the City: Parks, Picnics, and People

by R. Delmar

Summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors. In many Canadian cities, people like to visit parks, have picnics, or go for walks. You don't need a lot of money to enjoy summer fun. A blanket, some food, and a good friend can turn a simple day into something special.

As well as our many parks here in *Renfrew-Collingwood*, popular parks like *Stanley Park*, *Queen Elizabeth Park*, and *Trout Lake Park* are full of life in June. Some parks have open fields for soccer or kite flying. Others have quiet paths, gardens, or places to sit in the shade. In the evening, some parks have free music, dancing, or even outdoor movies.

Picnics are popular in June because the weather is warm, but not too hot. Some families bring homemade food. Others stop by a bakery or café on the way. Children often bring games or water balloons. It's a fun way to spend time together outside.

People also use parks to celebrate. You might see birthday parties, weddings, or even yoga classes happening on the grass. Some parks have food trucks or small festivals. In the summer, parks become like outdoor living rooms where people from many cultures share space.

If you are new to Canada, visiting a park can help you feel part of the community. You can walk, rest, eat, or just enjoy the sunshine. It's free, it's relaxing, and it's a great way to see how people in BC enjoy the season.

### Questions

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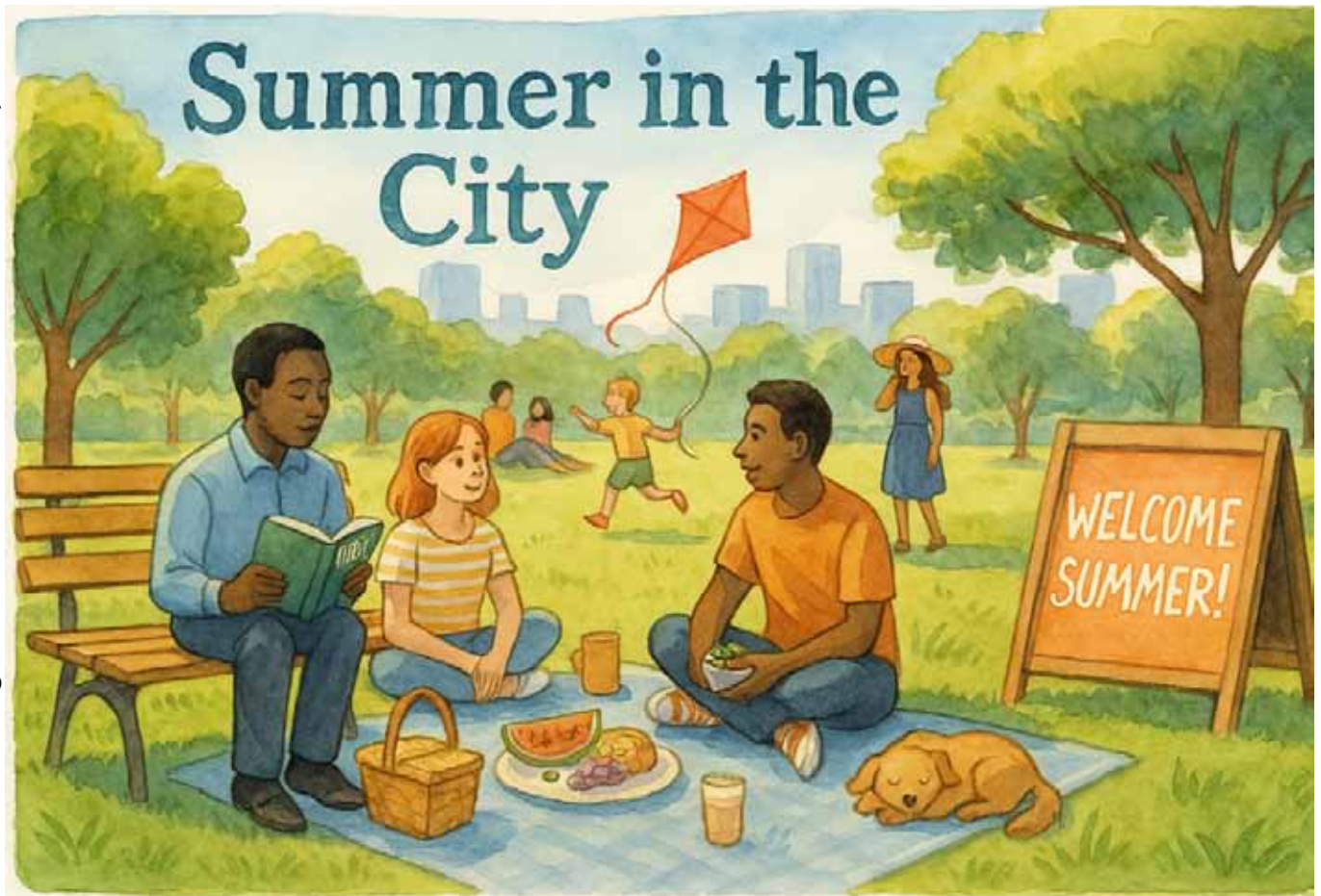
- What are some things people do in the summer?
- What do you need to have a picnic?
- What are the names of three parks in Vancouver?

#### Level 2 ★★

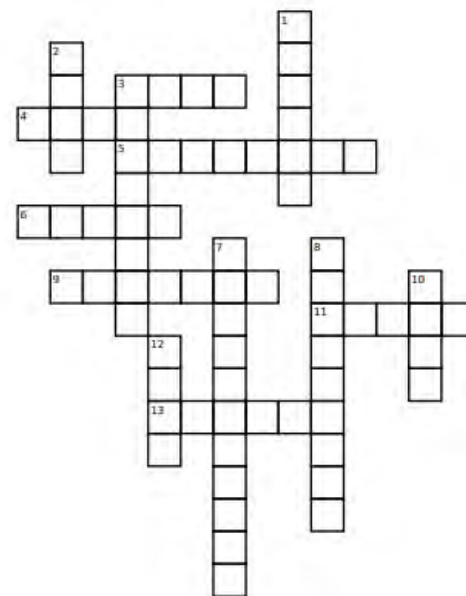
- Why do people enjoy going to the park in June?
- What kinds of celebrations can happen in parks?
- Why is going to a park helpful for someone new to Canada?

#### Level 3 ★★★

- What is your favorite thing to do outside in the summer?
- Describe a park you have been to. What did you see or do there?
- Why do you think people enjoy sharing parks with others?



Summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors. Original artwork by R. Delmar



#### Down:

1. a meal eaten outside in a park or garden
2. a place with trees and grass where people relax
3. a fun event with food, music, or games
7. a party or special event
8. a group of people living in the same place
10. a toy that flies in the air on a string
12. a kind of exercise sometimes done in the park

#### Across:

3. something you bring or buy to eat in the park
4. something that costs no money
5. warm light from the sun
6. something people listen to at outdoor events
9. a soft cloth you sit on during a picnic
11. something you watch, sometimes shown outside in summer
13. a place with flowers and plants





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Jun 5  
**ESL Conversation Practice**  
Thursday, June 05, 10:00am–11:00am  
Renfrew Branch  
Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. This is a supportive and casual meet-up. For intermediate speakers. Drop-in.

Jun 6  
**Adult Colouring Club**  
Friday, June 06, 10:00am–11:00am  
Renfrew Branch  
Relax and enjoy the many benefits of colouring with like-minded creatives. We'll provide the colouring pages and pencil crayons! Drop-in.

Jun 6  
**Family Movie: *Ne Zha***  
Friday, June 06, 3:30pm–5:30pm  
Renfrew Branch  
Visit the library and enjoy free, kid-friendly movies. For children and their accompanying caregivers. This week: *Ne Zha* (2019)  
A young boy, with the power to destroy the world, must choose between good and evil in order to break the...

Jun 7  
**Homemade Kombucha Brewing**  
Saturday, June 07, 10:00am–11:30am  
Collingwood Branch  
Want to make your own Kombucha but don't know how? In this Village Vancouver workshop with Eric Schwartz, we'll walk you through the key steps, answer your questions, and leave you prepared with basic knowledge and recipes you need.

Jun 7  
**LEGO® Block Party**  
Saturday, June 07, 2:30pm–3:30pm  
Collingwood Branch  
Come to the library for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library. For Grades K-7.

Jun 7  
**Chinese Classic Book Club** 經典讀書會  
Saturday, June 07, 2:30pm–4:00pm  
Renfrew Branch  
Conducted in Mandarin with Cantonese support. Love reading classic in Chinese and want to share your thoughts and experiences with folks? Come see us at Renfrew Branch!  
Join our in-person Chinese Classic Book Club.

Jun 10  
**Vancouver Life Salon in Chinese** 溫哥華生活沙龍  
Tuesday, June 10, 2:30pm–4:00pm  
Renfrew Branch  
Welcome to Vancouver! In this salon we explore various aspects of life in Vancouver: socio-cultural, political, economic, environmental, leisure and wellness. Each month we select a theme for open discussion.

Jun 11  
**LEGO® Block Party**  
Wednesday, June 11, 3:30pm–4:30pmRenfrew Branch  
Drop in for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library. For Grades K-7.

Jun 12  
**ESL Conversation Practice**  
Thursday, June 12, 10:00am–11:00am  
Renfrew Branch  
Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. This is a supportive and casual meet-up. For intermediate speakers. Drop-in.

Jun 13  
**Adult Colouring Club**  
Friday, June 13, 10:00am–11:00am  
Renfrew Branch  
Relax and enjoy the many benefits of colouring with like-minded creatives. We'll provide the colouring pages and pencil crayons! Drop-in.

Jun 13  
**Family Movie: *Beauty and the Beast* (1991)**  
Friday, June 13, 3:30pm–5:00pm  
Renfrew Branch  
Visit the library and enjoy free, kid-friendly movies. For children and their accompanying caregivers. This week: *Beauty and the Beast* (1991)

Jun 14  
**LEGO® Block Party**  
Saturday, June 14, 2:30pm–3:30pm  
Collingwood Branch  
Come to the library for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library. For Grades K-7.

Jun 18  
**Character Party: Disgusting Critters**  
Wednesday, June 18, 3:30pm–4:30pm  
Renfrew Branch  
Celebrate your favourite characters with fun crafts and games inspired by Elise Gravel's Disgusting Critters series and easy non-fiction books! Drop in. For Gr. K-7.

Jun 19  
**ESL Conversation Practice**  
Thursday, June 19, 10:00am–11:00am  
Renfrew Branch  
Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. This is a supportive and casual meet-up. For intermediate speakers. Drop-in.

Jun 20  
**Adult Colouring Club**  
Friday, June 20, 10:00am–11:00am  
Renfrew Branch  
Relax and enjoy the many benefits of colouring with like-minded creatives. We'll provide the colouring pages and pencil crayons! Drop-in.

Jun 20  
**Family Movie: *Shaun the Sheep* Movie**  
Friday, June 20, 3:30pm–5:00pm  
Renfrew Branch  
Visit the library and enjoy free, kid-friendly movies. For children and their accompanying caregivers. This week: *Shaun the Sheep* Movie:

Jun 21  
**LEGO® Block Party**  
Saturday, June 21, 2:30pm–3:30pm  
Collingwood Branch  
Come to the library for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library. For Grades K-7.

Jun 25  
**LEGO® Block Party**  
Wednesday, June 25, 3:30pm–4:30pm  
Renfrew Branch  
Drop in for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library. For Grades K-7.

Jun 26  
**ESL Conversation Practice**  
Thursday, June 26, 10:00am–11:00am  
Renfrew Branch  
Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. This is a supportive and casual meet-up. For intermediate speakers. Drop-in.

Jun 27  
**Adult Colouring Club**  
Friday, June 27, 10:00am–11:00am  
Renfrew Branch  
Relax and enjoy the many benefits of colouring with like-minded creatives. We'll provide the colouring pages and pencil crayons!

Jun 27  
**Family Movie: *Rio***  
Friday, June 27, 3:30pm–5:15pm  
Renfrew Branch  
Visit the library and enjoy free, kid-friendly movies. For children and their accompanying caregivers. Captured by smugglers when he was just a hatchling, a macaw named Blu never learned to fly.

Jun 28  
**LEGO® Block Party**  
Saturday, June 28, 2:30pm–3:30pm  
Collingwood Branch  
Come to the library for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library. For Grades K-7.

Jun 30  
**Family Storytime**  
Monday, June 30, 10:00am–10:30am  
Renfrew Branch  
A program for parents and caregivers with young children. Songs, rhymes and stories are shared. Suitable for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy and learn together.

Jun 30  
**Babytime**  
Monday, June 30, 11:00am–11:30am and 1:30pm - 2:00 pm  
Renfrew Branch  
Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays and stories for parents and caregivers with their babies. Recommended for newborns to approximately 18 months.







# Collingwood Neighbourhood House HIGHLIGHTS



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## Join the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Board of Directors

by Collingwood Neighbourhood House



Some of the CNH Board of Directors, past and present, at the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) is accepting nominations for its Board of Directors! This is an exciting opportunity to join the Board of such a vibrant organization.

The Board of Directors represents the members of CNH. It provides direction by establishing policies, priorities, long-term plans and renewal for the organization. The valued contributions of the Board of Directors allow many people in our community to thrive.

Applicants should live and/or work in Renfrew-Collingwood, have a broad understanding of the neighbourhood, feel committed to becoming engaged in improving all aspects of our neighbourhood, and be able to bring expertise and perspectives that increase our organization's capacity to be equitable and inclusive.

We are interested in hearing from people from all backgrounds and ages but are especially interested in applicants who have experience in law, are a youth passionate about improving their community, or have experience in fundraising. We are also particularly interested in candidates with relevant lived experience or who are representative of a historically marginalized group.

The CNH Board of Directors is committed to an anti-oppressive, anti-racist approach to its work and welcomes those who thrive in a vibrant, welcoming environment.

Applicants should be able to spend 8-10 hours per month on Board-related work and be able to commit to a one-year term, starting September 2025.

### ***The deadline for applications is June 15***

Members of the Board's Nominations Committee will be contacting applicants June 15-30. If you are interested, please contact Board President Davy Chiu at [president@cnh.bc.ca](mailto:president@cnh.bc.ca) and include:

- Your name
- Contact information
- Years in the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood
- A few lines on why you are interested in joining the CNH Board of Directors and your relevant experience

*To learn more about the current Board of Directors at CNH, visit: <https://www.cnh.bc.ca/team>.*





## JUNE 2025

### Collingwood Days Festival 2025

Next month marks the 22nd Annual Collingwood Days Festival. This year's theme is The 7 Grandfather Teachings. From July 11th, a new teaching will be posted daily on Instagram, Facebook, and the Collingwood Days website, featuring animals associated with each teaching: love, respect, wisdom, bravery, truth, honesty, and humility.

Join activities, workshops, and events happening throughout Renfrew Collingwood from July 11 – 19. Check the July newspaper issue for the full schedule or visit the website often for updates. Festival Day is on Saturday, July 19th, from 11 am to 3 pm, featuring Main Stage performances, a Kid Zone, Food Trucks, Marketplace, roving entertainment, and more.

To participate, visit the website or scan the QR Code. Volunteers, marketplace vendors, and sponsors are welcome.



### Spring/Summer Banners

We are continuing the Journey of Crow, with our newest street banners.

As spring unfolds in Joyce- Collingwood, the cherry blossoms bloom in breathtaking shades of pink, signaling a time of renewal and connection.

Under a golden spring sunrise, neighbors of all ages come together to revitalize the green spaces of Joyce Collingwood. This banner is a tribute to the spirit of collaboration, reinforcing that growth—both in nature and within communities—happens when we work together.

Crows glide across the sky, mirroring the energy of the young athletes as they move toward their goals. The lush landscape, golden sunlight, and dynamic composition celebrate movement, teamwork, and the spirit of youth sports in Joyce-Collingwood.

The last banner celebrates the joy of coming together, experiencing rich flavors, music, and traditions in an unforgettable summer gathering.

Enjoy these meaningful, colourful street banners and join in the Crow's journey.



## CALENDAR

June 15



June 15



June 20

Summer Solstice



June 21

National Indigenous Peoples Day



July 11-19

Collingwood Days 2025

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Sign up to receive the monthly e- Newsletter for all the latest news in the BIA, social media campaigns to join in and other programs offered to small businesses.

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**Collingwood Days 2025**

7 Grandfather teachings

July 11-19

Gaston Park

## Join Us For Collingwood Days

*Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> - Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>*

- 7 Grandfather Teachings each day
- 7/11 & 7/18 Movie in the park at Gaston Park
- 7/14 Various Activities at Mosaic from 1-8pm
- 7/17 Arts Fiesta - Collingwood Annex 3:30-8:30
- VPL Storytelling TBA

*Music, Rides, Art, Marketplace, and much more!*

Follow us for updated information:

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**How to get involved:**

Sign up on our website

collingwooddays.com by scanning QR code

or email us at

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- *Volunteers*
- *Food trucks*
- *Community groups*
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- *Sponsors*
- *Artists & Performers*

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