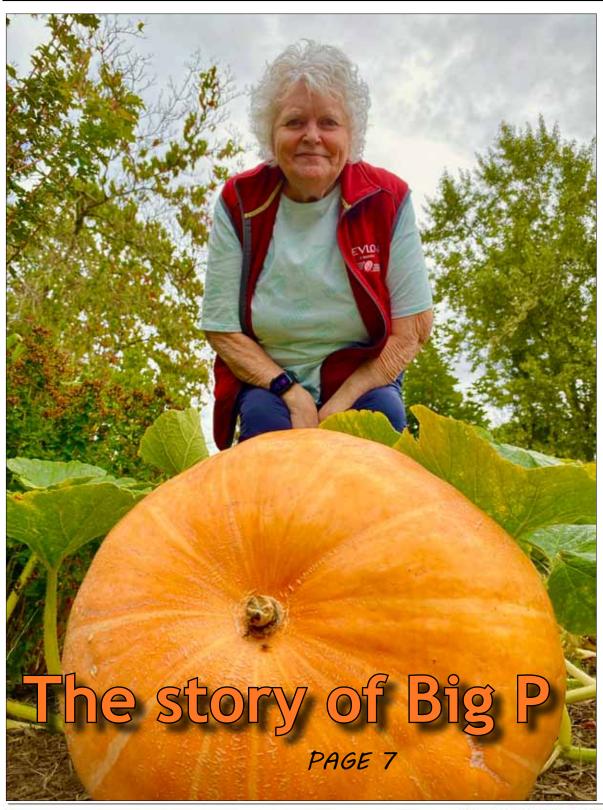
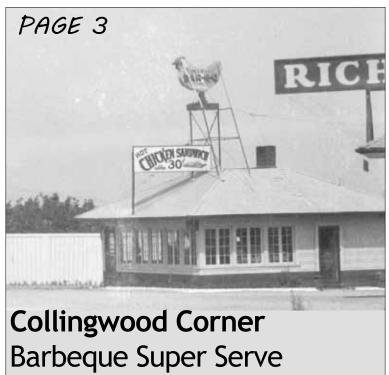


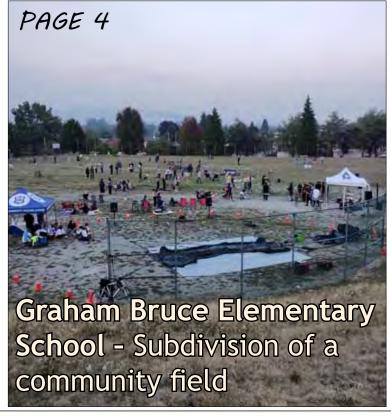
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The other guy's opinion

What used to be a minute is now a second.

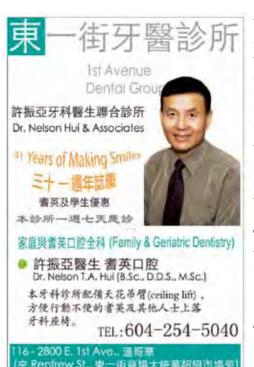
by Robert F Edwards (a.k.a. The other guy)

Do you think with all the new communications that are available and the multi-opportunities to explore communication with a friend or the world we are better today than we were a decade or two ago? Today instead of finding a telephone on a desk or on the wall, it's in our back pocket.

Today we don't use maps graphs, charts, or other means of information to get from one point to the other. Instead, we use navigational tools such as the GPS to guide us from where we are to where we want to go. It also tells us the fastest route and the most congestion not to take. We spend a great deal of time in joint conferences or meetings with new forms of communication on Skype, Instagram, and the list goes on.

Now the question is, are we listening or are we listening but not understanding? Today, like never before we've been able to achieve more ways of communicating than ever in the history of mankind. Nevertheless, we don't understand what the communication is or what the individual is trying to explain even less. It is because our attention span has completely shrunk from half an hour of minutes to a matter of so many seconds. Yes, that's right... seconds. The few people who are still watching TV are watching multi-commercials in seconds. Our attention span is now measured in seconds not minutes.

We only listen to what we think is relevant. I'll give you two separate examples, but they relate to the same situation. At fast food outlets, I asked for a hamburger and a Coke. I did not want the combination which includes French fries. What did I get on two separate locations, but the combo? Oh yes, I was charged for the French fries as well. It was the people at the outlets that started to take for granted what I was asking before I was finished.



We have even now created a special word for listening or reading information. We call it 'scanning', it doesn't necessarily mean we read it, just means we've got the concept, right or wrong.

Things will have to change, and it means us.

Thank you Robert. Send us your opinions to rccnews-editorial@cnh.bc.ca

Collingwood Corner: Barbeque Super Serve in 1932 at 3075 Kingsway

by Loretta Houben

These two photos from the Vancouver Archives show a glimpse of Kingsway near Spencer street in 1932. Notice that a hot chicken sandwich is advertised for 30 cents! I checked out the BC Directories online through the Vancouver Library and traced the barbeque restaurant all the way back to 1928. It was at 3075 Kingsway from that 1932 until 1955.

The rest of the directories aren't digitized, so I'd have to visit the library downtown in order to check out 1956 and onwards to see when the restaurant disappeared. The BBQ started out at 2445 Kingsway. City streets were renumbered in 1930. For a while it was 3045 Kingsway, until changing to 3075 Kingsway.

Today, in 2023, the Cassandra Hotel is at this location near Spencer street, opening in 1978. There is a Big O Tires shop here too.



A closeup up the Barbeque Super Serve restaurant with a special for the hot chicken sandwich for 30 cents!



A photo of 3075 Kingsway in 1932, showing the Barbeque Super Serve. Below, the same location in 2023.



Editor's Note: A round of applause for Loretta Houben for finding and sharing these cool snippets from our local history. Thank you Loretta!

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Graham Bruce Elementary School - Subdivision of a community field

by Graham Brace PAC

The Graham Bruce Elementary school field is definitely a playing field for the Renfrew/Collingwood community. On August 25, 2023, under cloudy skies, a community event took place supported by many members of the community at large.

The Bruce Parent Advisory Committee Team was supported by the Honorable Adrian Dix and Don Davies, CW Music, Killarney Youth Soccer Association ("KYSA"), Collingwood Community Police ("CCP"), and Renfrew's Fire Station No. 15.

Many families came out to the field which hosted soccer games under the direction of KYSA. Parents

lined up with their children as they waited on the sidelines for their turn to play the soccer games. CW Music's multi-talented youth bands performed at the field. The music played by the bands really brought the community together as people were having fun dancing and singing along to their music, while supporting the school field. A surprise visit was made by Renfrew's very own Fire Station No. 15. They came out to mingle with the many families, handed out stickers and fire hats to the children to show their support for the community and the school.

And, last but not least, our own CCP provided the movie, "Arthur and the Invisibles". Families brought their lawn chairs, picnic blankets and huddled with their loved ones to watch the movie. It was quite a sight to see so many families utilize the field.

As you can see, it definitely makes no sense for the VSB to sell or permanently lease a large portion of the school



field. It is not just a portion of the school field that they want, but the "FLAT" portion of the field. The remaining portion of the school field would be on an incline which means there would be little to no field left for students at Bruce to play on. In addition, there would leave little to no flat field for Sports Day, an annual tradition that has taken place on the field for many decades.

Many of CW Music's multi-talented musicians had the community singing and dancing. Photo courtesy of CW Music School of Music and Performing Arts



Photo by Carter Deer

The Bruce PAC Team will be in discussions with the VSB near the end of September as we ask them to meet with the community and we request for clear and transparent engagement details, as well as collaboration.

With the high densification of high rises and families in the community, do you want your children to attend a school that has no field for them to run around and play in? The field is surrounded by a high enclosed fence which makes it much safer for children, and provides parents peace of mind. Bruce Elementary has educated many generations of families with teachers at this school who actually care about the children. If you have children at this school, or are considering registering your child(ren) to this school, please speak up as your opinion and voice matters!

What are your thoughts on the actions planned by the VSB? Please, sign up on our website at www. savebrucefield.com and register your name and email address so that you can be kept informed. The engagement process will be taking place this fall and we want you to know more before you make an informed decision about this issue. If you have not already signed our petition, please go online to www. savebrucefield.com or go to our QR code:





Read On! A news section for Renfrew-Collingwood learners

PUMPKIN MANIA AND CANADIAN

THANKSGIVING

by Sophia Han

Pumpkin mania **

A mania is a feeling of excitement for one thing. In the fall, many people have a mania for drinks or food flavoured with pumpkin spice. Pumpkin spice is ginger, nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon mixed with the flavour of the cooked vegetable.

Pumpkins are popular in the fall but they are not often eaten except in pies. Traditionally, these pies are served at the end of the Thanksgiving meal.

Another reason to enjoy pumpkins is because they are used for Halloween jack-o'-lanterns. Choosing the best pumpkin for a jack-o'-lantern gives us the saying, "the pick of the patch." When something is "the pick of the patch," it is the best of a group of similar things.

Canadian Thanksgiving ***

American Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November whereas Canadians celebrate the holiday on the second Monday of October. One possible reason for the difference is because the holiday is traditionally associated with the fall harvest season, which ends earlier in Canada.

Another difference has to do with the origins of the holiday. Many history books explain that the first official Thanksgiving dinner in Canada took place 17 years before the first American Thanksgiving. In 1578, Martin Frobisher and his crew gave thanks for their safe arrival in Nunavut and ate beef, biscuits and peas.

Both holidays are celebrated in similar ways. Friends and family get together and share a meal that not only includes turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie, but also local favourites such as blueberry pie and Nanaimo bars.

In October, Collingwood Neighbourhood House will host a pumpkin festival for children. Please email Yoko Tomita at ytomita@cnh.bc.ca for more information.

VOCABULARY

except — use except when describing something that is different from what is generally true

serve — to offer food or drink

jack-o'-lanterns — a lantern made from a pumpkin that is made to look like a face

whereas — use whereas to compare and contrast two things: "Winter in Canada is cold whereas winter in Australia is hot."

has to do with — to be related to something

origins — the beginnings of something

to give thanks — to show appreciation

biscuit — a small, hard dry cake. In the U.K. and Australia, a biscuit can also mean a cookie.

not only/but also — you can use not only/but also to join two statements: "Not only does the dinner include turkey but also pumpkin pie."

local favourite — an item that is enjoyed by the people in an area



Jack-o'-lanterns are fall favourites. Photo by Sophia Han

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Pumpkin Mania OCTOBER MASHED POTATOES CLOVES NANAIMO BAR 1 C CINNAMON JACK-D'-LANTERN S E 1 PUMPKIN SPICE GINGER TURKEY I S NUTMEG MANIA T I 0 E HARVEST R E S E E E G 0 т I G I T C Т s 1 1 T S R E B 0 C



Staff changes at RCC News

by Julie Cheng

My involvement with what is now called the Renfrew-Collingwood Community News started more than 25 years ago. It has been an amazing journey as the editor of this local newspaper for more than 15 years to encourage people to speak up in the community. But now, I've decided it's the right time for me to step down. Paul Reid, the original founder of this newspaper, takes over the editorial duties and I'll stay on as the online editor.

It has been a privilege and a joy to have shared your stories, artwork and events with the wider community all these years. The RCC News has always been a way for me to bring neighbours together and build community.

I first learned about community-building when I sat on the board of Collingwood Neighbourhood House in the early 1990s with such local luminaries as Terry Tayler, Don Van Dyke, Rob Burkhart and David Hanuse. Paula Carr, CNH's visionary executive director back then, taught me one important value that I still live by today: Everyone has a gift to share.

This has translated, through the RCC News, as "everyone has a story to tell." I came from an immigrant family whose parents kept their head down, worked hard and didn't have a voice. That's why my motto with the RCC News has long been "every voice matters."

Over the years the newspaper mobilized community in many different ways. RCC News was there when Green Thumb Theatre saved the historic Carleton School House (Carleton School House: Green Thumb to the rescue, October 2011). More than 20 years later, we're still getting the word out about saving a local school with our recent story to stop the subdivision of school grounds at Bruce Elementary.

Our regular series evolved and have been popular over the years. Paul Reid and Emily Tam give us the scoop on local restaurants in the Eating Out col-

umn. Loretta Houben gives us history galore, starting from her memories of Chatty Cathy and moving on to her Family Tree Tips and Collingwood Corner series. And the Read On! series by Sophia Han and Tony Wanless has been a staple for English learners across the community.

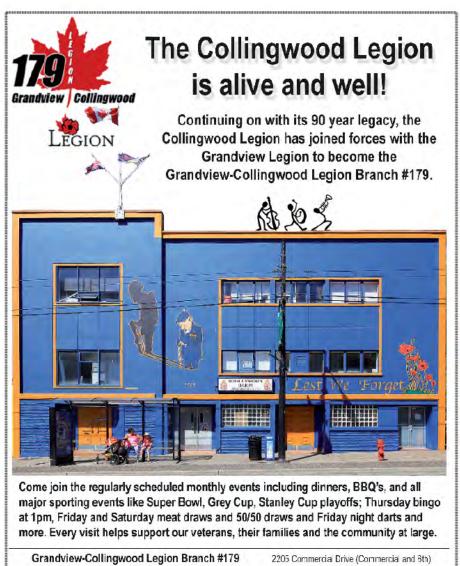
I've so enjoyed sharing your charming voices and remarkable gifts in stories such as the ones celebrated during the newspaper's 20-

After stepping down as editor of the Renfrew-Collingwood Community News, Julie Cheng will have more time to take care of her garden and mason bees.

year anniversary (just search Renfrew Collingwood RCC News 20 years). Our wonderful contributors include Akberet Beyene, Geek-Boy, Susan Wong, Deanna Cheng, Esther Yuen, John Mendoza, Crecien Bencio, Yoko Tomita, Ann Wong, Rania Hatzioannou and her student writers, and more recently, Karen Vanon, Penny Lim, David Penny, Robert Edwards (aka The Other Guy), Vince Prasad, Carmen Rosen and Still Moon Arts Society as well as students from the Windermere Leadership program, who have long fought for climate justice. There are so many more contributors – thank you to you all.

Please keep telling your stories and supporting the newspaper. You can send your stories to Paul Reid at rccnews-editorial@cnh.bc.ca.





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The story of BIG P

by Marilyn Fletcher

In a delightful turn of events, the senior residents at Three Links Manor have sprouted their own giant pumpkin, affectionately named "Big P," and it's safe to say that this orange wonder has brought more joy than a cornucopia full of smiles.

It all began when the green-thumbed residents decided to embark on a gardening adventure by planting a few humble pumpkin seeds. Little did they know that their efforts would result in a rather plump pumpkin! "Big P" has become the talk of the Manor, and every day, seniors gather around to admire their gargantuan creation.

Amber Webber, the Manor's Recreation Coordinator, and Jake Goodman the Building Manager couldn't be happier with the unexpected horticultural marvel. When asked about the surprise pumpkin, Amber quipped, "Well, we may have accidentally summoned the Great Pumpkin, "Big P" it's already grown much bigger than we could have imagined."

As a resident-maintained gardening program, they've found creative ways to incorporate other veggies they've grown into their daily activities. Amber has integrated the fruits of their labor into cooking programs, including fresh juice making and marinara sauce making. It's like having a harvest festival right in their own backyard! The pumpkins are bound to be a delicious and festive addition!

Residents are thrilled to be part of such a lively and vibrant community. There's no denying that Big P has added a giant dose of laughter and camaraderie to their lives, and the pumpkin's growth continues to be a source of endless fascination. The residents have high hopes that Big P will become the Manor's official jack-o'-lantern mascot . It seems that Big P has not only grown in size but also in the hearts of everyone at Three Links Manor.









The Chairman returns

by Paul Reid

So did you read Julie's farewell story on page 6? Yes, our beloved Julie Cheng is stepping down and Paul Reid, a.k.a., me, is back holding the reigns of the editorial department once again.

The last time I held that position was back about 15 years ago. The paper had just become a monthly paper and I was still technically the chairman of the CNH Communications Committee, and so as you may recall, my occasional 'Message from the Chairman'. And then Julie Cheng took over and well, every thing just kind of went down-hill from there.

I'm joking of course. Julie Cheng is probably why we are still here 25 years later. I just want to say "Thank you Julie for all of your very excellent work over the past 15 years. It was a pleasure and I learned so much from you about editing, grammar and punctuation and such." That being said, I will likely not catch even half of the little glitches that Julie did while making a whole lot more.

So yes...25 years with the *RCC News* and still at it. I am quite proud actually of all that this little paper has accomplished in all that time - some of it pretty major. The *RCC News* was instrumental in saving two historical buildings (Firehall 15 and Carleton School house); we also helped the Collingwood

Branch 48 of the Royal Canadian Legion to stay alive (by amalgamating with Branch 179 to become the Grandview-Collingwood Legion).

That in addition to just being an awesome monthly paper that has been providing a monthly voice for residents, businesses and organizations. After 25 years, it has also provided the community with an ongoing archive. You can see all the past issues at www.renfrewcolling-woodcommunitynews.com.

Currently we are being a voice for local residents who are trying to retain the field at Graham Bruce Elementary (more details on page 4). Thank you to Priscilla and the GB PAC for alerting us about this important community issue.

Thank you again to all of the residents throughout the past 25 years who have contributed to help make our *RCC News* a paper worth reading 25 years in.

So keep it up folks! That's rccnews-editorial@cnh.bc.ca; more options on how to reach us on page four.

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- Referrals to RISE Community Health Centre Staff if you are currently a RISE Community Health Centre patient
- Free medication delivery for 3 or more prescriptions if located within the Renfrew-Collingwood Neighbourhood

Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival and Harvest Fair

This year's Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival was again a wonderful success. I always enjoy seeing the Community booths and the peculiar vegetables in the vegetable competition. It is one of my favorite fall events, and I would like to sincerely thank all of the organizers and volunteers.

New Demographic survey will help people fill gaps in government services

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The survey was created through engagement with Indigenous, Black and other racialized communities, and includes questions related to race, ethnicity, ancestry and other areas of identity.

The survey is online and available in 15 languages at: https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey.

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Lastly, if you have a community event that you wish to promote, my community office would be delighted to help spread the word. Please ask us for details on the types of events we can promote at 604-660-0314 or email adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca.

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Family Storytime (all ages)

Weekly on Fridays until December 15 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Drop-in. 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.

Baby Welcoming

Saturday, October 14
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Registration required.
Is there a new baby in your family? Bring them to the library for an official welcome and to celebrate VPL's popular picture book, The Reading Tree. Have refreshments, get your baby a library card and learn about our collections and programs for babies. Please contact the Collingwood Branch at 604.665.3953 to register.

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

LEGO® Block Party

Weekly on Saturdays 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Drop-in. 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.

Get Your Book in the Library

Friday, October 20 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Drop-in. Drop in to write and illustrate your own book, and we'll put it in the library for other kids to check out! For Grades 3-7.

Registration is open for: Reading Buddies

Thursday, November 2 – December 14 3:45-4:45 p.m. Registration required. Children from grades 2 to 4 will practise reading with a 'big buddy' teen volunteer. Please contact the Collingwood Branch at 604.665.3953 to register.

VPL's Children's Services is working to make our programs accessible to all Vancouver kids. Please email us at childrens.teens@vpl.ca to let us know how our program facilitators can support you to participate fully and comfortably.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Reading Buddies: Teen Training Session

Thursday, October 26 3:45-4:45 p.m. Registration required.

Be a big reading buddy and help young kids practise their reading skills at the library! Community service hours available. For ages 13-18. *Please note regular sessions begin on November 2 until December 14. Visit www.vpl.ca/teens for registration details.

Teen Services is working to make our programs accessible to all Vancouver teens. Please email us at teens@vpl.ca to let us know how our program facilitators can support you to participate fully and comfortably.



ADULT PROGRAMS

ESL Conversation Practice Tuesday, Oct 10, 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. Drop-in. Tuesday, Oct 24, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Drop-in.

Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. This is a supportive and casual meetup. For intermediate speakers.

For complete listings visit www.vpl.ca/events





OCTOBER 2023

Annual General Meeting

Thank you all for coming out to The Collingwood BIA's 2023 AGM on Wednesday, September 20th. A big thank to Max's Restaurant, for the delicious food and drinks.

The budget for 2024-2025 has been approved at a 2% increase. For three years the Collingwood BIA has not risen the levy. We will be going through renewal process beginning in early 2024. This is the prime time to make your vision of the Collingwood Kingsway corridor. Think big and small, details you'd like to introduce into the area.

The Board of Directors have all remained to stay on for another year.

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There is always room for more.

We want you! We are looking for new board members and committee members to sit on the Safety, Marketing and Street Beautification and Expansion committees. We meet once a month.

If you interesting in helping create the future of Collingwood please contact, Angela at angela@shopcollingwood.ca

New Mural at Tyne and Kingsway

We are so grateful for Mara Cortez and her merry group of volunteers and family members. Check out our Social Media platforms to see the progression from start to finish. Mara would like to thank the Collingwood community for being so kind to her and even dropping off some water for her on the very hot days she was working. The final product is amazing and the goal was to brighten up our neighbourhood and start some conversations. The smiling faces are infectious. Try to not smile when you walk or drive by. Make sure you post a photo of the mural and tag @shopcollingwood #collingwoodmurals







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Day 2

Day 5

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October 9

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