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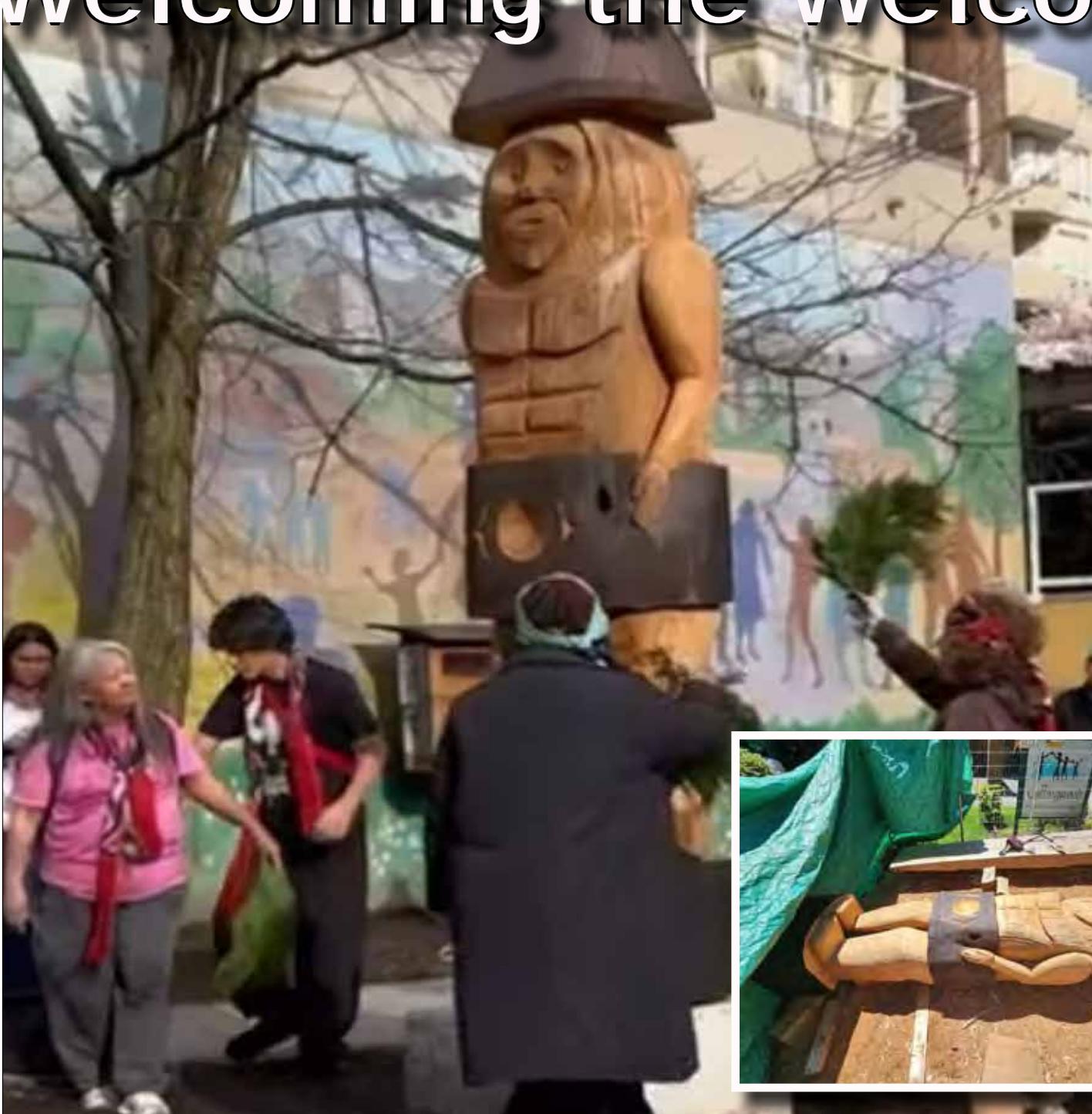
COMMUNITY NEWS

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Welcoming the Welcome Pole



by Paul Reid

Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) held a Welcome Pole raising ceremony on Friday, March 20, 2026, at 4 p.m. at 5288 Joyce St, Vancouver. Carved by Mike Billy (Squamish Nation) and Redmond Andrews (Lil'wat Nation) with Indigenous youth, the pole serves as a symbol of hospitality, unity, and respect.

The pole honours the relationship between people, land, and culture, and serves as a new welcome figure for the neighbourhood house.

The project was supported by the *Building Safer Communities Fund* and included the planting of native plants and trees to support the newly renovated Indigenous space for connection.



The ceremony marked the culmination of a project aimed at creating a welcoming space for Indigenous community members and enhancing the local area's cultural significance.

The Welcoming Pole in progress...Summer of 2025. Photo: Collingwood Neighbourhood House

Welcome Pole raising ceremony on March 20. Photo: Collingwood Business Improvement Association

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Esmie Gayo McLaren First visual artist in residence at the Collingwood Neighbourhood House



Now carrying out her *CNH Annex Art Residency*, McLaren has begun her first painting for her series on healthy aging.

The paintings in the series are portraits of individuals. Rather than rendering their faces, McLaren paints the objects and/or activities that define the person. The work celebrates individuals and their choices throughout their journeys so far.

McLaren appreciates the bright, spacious art room that the Annex afforded her for six weeks in January–February 2026. Having a dedicated space for creating supported her focus on the project.

Additionally, she had close contact with members of the community. In return, she gave an art talk and a watercolour workshop that were enjoyed by both her and the participants. The community’s interest in additional sessions reflects a clear need for this kind of local activity.

Both the art talk and the painting workshop are meaningful engagements in the community. They encourage dialogue, connectivity, learning, introspection, and feelings of accomplishment and self-confidence. McLaren shared how fulfilling it feels each time a participant rejoices in their progress in creating something beyond their expectations. She feels that her guidance helps create a process that boosts confidence in both the participants themselves and in their art.



McLaren wishes to thank Carol Meades (Art Programmer) and CNH Annex for choosing her as artist in



residence, as well as Yoko Tomita (*Make Your Mark* facilitator) for her valuable assistance during the workshop.

McLaren also hopes more people will learn about the CNH Annex, a hidden gem of an arts and culture facility waiting to be utilized to its full potential. McLaren will continue painting her series at the Champlain Heights Community Centre from April until the end of June 2026. This follows a meaningful art residency in the Philippines in 2025. Locally, she hopes to revitalize the arts as a means to encourage connection and community well-being, especially in older adults.

Stay tuned for more of her workshops.



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Thank you very much for all that you're doing and take care.

Sincerely,

Adrian Dix
MLA for Vancouver-Renfrew



COMMUNITY NEWS 社区新闻

Collingwood Corner Easter 60 years ago

by Loretta Houben

The mission of this non-profit publication is to provide the residents, businesses and organizations of Renfrew/Collingwood with a medium for community communication.

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In the years before Metrotown Mall in Burnaby BC, specifically 1966, residents of Collingwood shopped at Simpsons-Sears at 4700 Kingsway, Brentwood Mall on Lougheed and Willingdon, or Oakridge Mall in Vancouver on Cambie and 41st avenue.

My mom preferred Sears as it was close by. She enjoyed browsing the aisles of the Bargain Centre and picked out special dresses for the holidays we celebrated, including Christmas and Easter. The dresses for my sisters and I were made in Canada, with crinoline skirts, and the price tags were reasonable. \$1.50 to \$1.99 each, quite affordable on my dad's wage.

In 1966 my sister and I had new dresses and spring coats. To complete the ensemble was an Easter hat, resting on the top of our blonde freshly curled hair. Vancouver weather was much the same as now in early spring, freezing cold. We had goosebumps but we thought it was worth it.

Early Easter Sunday, we would hunt for our Easter baskets, filled with Jellybeans, chocolate rabbits, malt eggs, small toys, and fluffy chicks and bunnies. After breakfast my mom would take the plastic or tin curlers out of our hair which she had put in the night before (we had an uncomfortable sleep) and comb out the ringlets, vain beauty which lasted a few hours. Dressed in our new outfits, we'd have our picture taken, and head to Sunday School and church, where we sang glorious hymns about the risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The church (the one with the neon sign, see the article in January 2026 RCC edition) was filled with people also dressed in their Easter best.

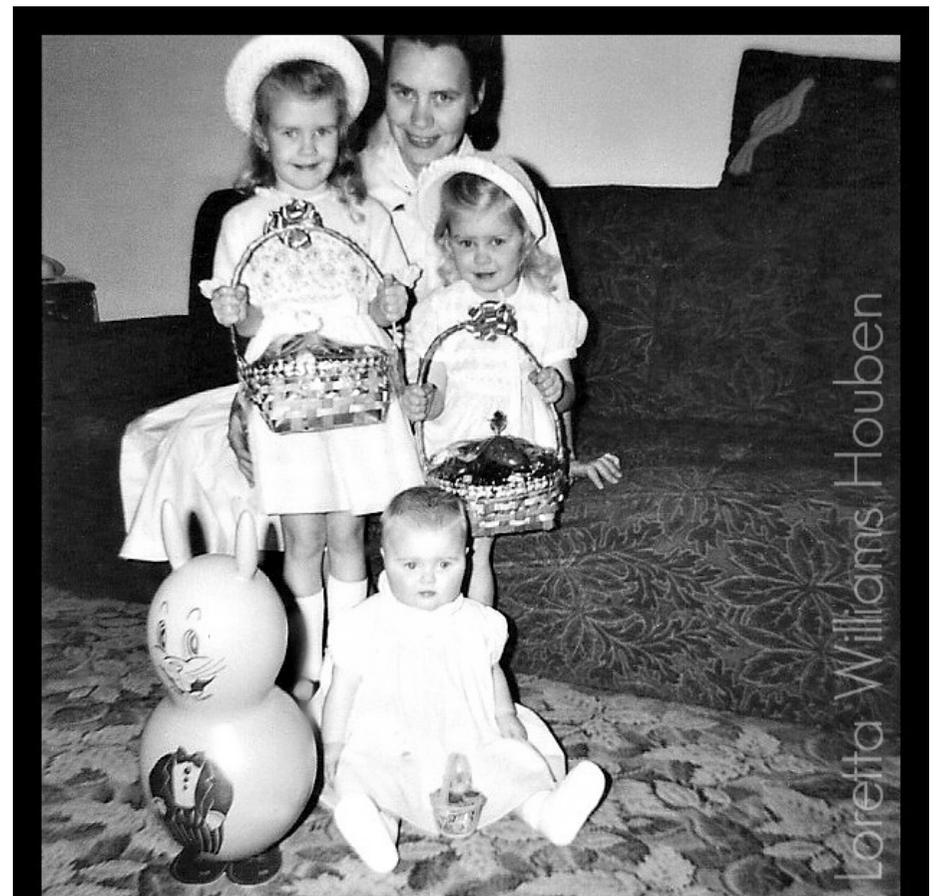
After a delicious ham dinner, we ended Easter with a hunt in the living room for chocolate eggs. I saved my candy so it lasted two weeks, but my sister Leona ate so much at once one year, she felt a bit sick whenever she saw a chocolate rabbit after that.

Thank you Loretta! Do you have a cool photo or interesting story to share? Email it to: editorial@rccnews.ca



Easter 1966

Loretta and Leona dressed in their Easter dresses, coats and hats, holding their Easter baskets, 1966.



Easter Sunday 1966

Loretta, Leona and Marlene with their mom, Susie

Loretta, Leona, and Marlene with their mom Susan on Easter Sunday, 1966.



Royal Canadian Legion UPDATE Grandview-Collingwood Branch #179

The branch was seriously hoppin' the other night as one Vancouver's favourite bands, the **Rocket Revellers** took to the 179 stage.

Yes, you do not have to look farther than our very own Grandview-Collingwood Legion (2205 Commercial Drive) to have good old fun time. The best part is, by doing so, you are supporting an organization that is constantly giving back to the community. With memberships being free this year (a deal that only comes around every 100 years), we don't see why the branch can't expect a few thousand new members. Come on in!

April is shaping up to be another great month at the Legion, with a full lineup of live music and fun every Friday and Saturday night.

Kicking things off on Friday, April 3, we welcome **Double Image**, followed by **Wishbone** on Saturday, April 4.

The next weekend brings some country with **Coyote Creek** on Friday, April 10, and the **Jason Lane Band** on Saturday, April 11.

On Friday, April 17, grab the mic for a fun night of **Karaoke with Nina Joon**, and then hit the dance floor on Saturday, April 18 with **Step Out Sister**.

Closing out the month, we have the **Ira Stevens Band** on Friday, April 24, and **The Lowdown** on Saturday, April 25.

Come out, bring your friends, and enjoy a great night of music, dancing, and community at your local Legion!



The Rocket Revellers are: Dennis Brock: Lead vocals. Brock is also the founder of the Revel Room in Gastown, where the band has held a long-running weekly residency; Stephen Nikleva: Guitar. A versatile musician known for his work with Sarah McLachlan and Veda Hille; Jimmy Roy: Lap steel guitar and guitar. He is a veteran of the scene, formerly of Ray Condo & His Ricochets; Mike Van Eyes: Piano and vocals. Known for his high-energy "boogie-woogie" style.; Joseph Lubinsky-Mast: Upright bass. He also performs with Petunia & The Vipers. Photos courtesy of RCL Branch 179

Movie Night...April 15
Lund and Andrea are hosting another Canadian National Film Day in conjunction with Reel One Entertainment. They will be doing a showing of *The Furies* in the lounge on April 15 at 6:30 p.m. by donation to the Poppy Fund. The Community Policing Centre will be supplying free popcorn and Lund's friend, Najia, will be making and donating chocolate cake. *Les Furies* (2025) is a Quebecois comedy-drama film directed by Mélanie Charbonneau. The film is touted as a, "raucous tale of women... ready for revenge".

Thursday Night Jam
Every Thursday night, from 7-11 P.M., the Branch holds a jam session. Do you play an instrument or sing? Our hosts (pictured right) will sign you in and get you performing in a comfortable situation. No pressure. Or just come down and enjoy the tunes over a cold one.



A few 179 members celebrating Gerry Vowles' 92nd Birthday! Gerry is seated second to the left. We love you Gerry!





Trees of Vancouver

by Penny N. Lim

Over the past several Winters, what stopped me in my tracks? To pause and stare? The striking beauty of winter trees. Their bare dark outlines stand clearly against the sky. Open house to spy! Compare their life lines to your palm. Look up, see birds to huge nests. Tangle of branches. Winter trees tell their own stories. Surprisingly even downtown, the luxuriant rainforest greenery of mosses and ferns dwell.

Because evergreens stay green and keep covered, I closed in examining the red cedar bark striations. Also, the little sprout hanging on the trunk. Strip to weave hats, clothing, and mats. Its wood may be fashioned into bowls, utensils, bent boxes or war canoes.

Mark Forsythe, former host of BC Almanac radio program, heralded Spring's first spider or daisy magnolia [and in Fall, the golden beautiful ginkgo]. "Wall flowers seen" -- not the kind at dances, the garden variety! Yes, palm trees thrive in English Bay since it's 3 degrees warmer.

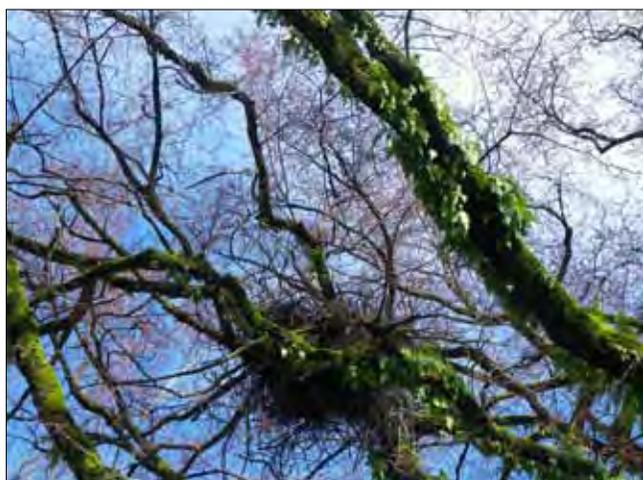
Survey of people's favourites: magnolia, arbutus, pink dogwood, maple tree, pine, cherry, birch, pine, monkey tree, dip of the Mountain hemlock, the mighty Oak, Scarlet oak, with front runner cherry blossoms. Popular annual Sakura festival held at Van Dusen Gardens. Our maple beloved for its vibrant colours and pride as our national icon. Around town, counting exotic new comers: persimmons, Asian pears, banana plants, and yucca in residential gardens.

Taking a stroll leads to discoveries. What is blooming? A cavity in that tree might house a bird family. After a rainfall, busy Robins spread out worming. Hear that tapping? Woodpeckers. First ever sighting. A red-breasted sapsucker ascending the neighbourhood maple.

Explore further afield. Wander other parks or city areas. In 1936, our Vancouver gem, Stanley Park opened the Shakespeare Garden. A tree on Siwash Rock, the Siwash Rock legend by Pauline Johnson {buried near Siwash Rock}.

Our home of Vancouver is a green city of trees.

***Our family name consists of the double tree symbol = woods.**





Easter is the Central Celebration of Christianity

Art and fragments by Ricardo Cerna

Easter is the central celebration of Christianity. In it, we commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which occurred three days after His crucifixion—an event that symbolizes eternal life and the victory of love over death.

This commemoration is celebrated after the season of Lent, a time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual preparation. Around the world, people take part in traditions such as sunrise services, Easter egg hunts, and festive family meals, remembering the joy of renewed life.

Even the name “Easter” has ancient roots, possibly derived from Eostre, an Anglo-Saxon goddess associated with spring and rebirth, which reinforces the deep symbolism of this season: a time of new life, hope, and transformation.

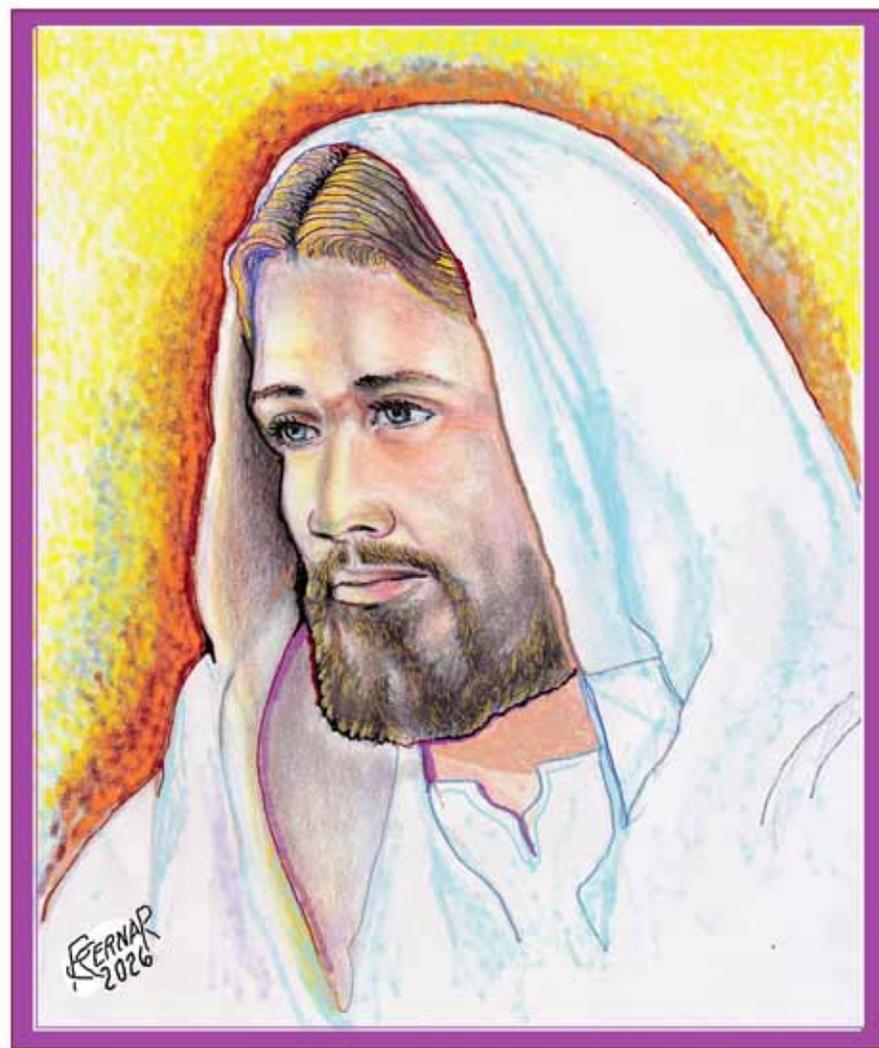
Our prayers and hopes are that this Easter may inspire us to renew

our faith, to embrace love, and to live with the certainty that there is always a new beginning.

Today is the time to look within, to rebuild our souls with faith, humility, and purpose. Every act of kindness, every gesture of service, every step toward goodness brings us closer to the life God desires for us.

We were not created to live in indifference, but to serve with love. For whoever is not willing to serve loses the true meaning of living. To serve is to love in action, to forgive others, and to reflect the light of Christ in the world.

Dear friends and respected readers of our Collingwood community: since Easter is the central celebration of Christianity, we hope it becomes a new beginning in which Christ transforms our hearts and inspires us to be better each day.



Artwork by Ricardo Cerna (2026)

Noticed in Renfrew-Collingwood...April showers at Vanness/Joyce



Thank you Karen, thank you Ricardo, thank you Penny. Thank you for sharing your creative talents with the rest of us!

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Swinging into Spring with a Spring Fling



by Andrea Berneckas

On a beautiful spring afternoon last week, a warm and engaging community event *Spring Fling* brought neighbours together to reconnect and celebrate the new season. Hosted by community member Melanie Cheng, this free, family-friendly event at Trout Lake Community Centre was an opportunity to bring neighbours and families together in an inclusive, welcoming environment, to focus on connection, inclusion and local engagement. With a strong turnout from our Renfrew-Collingwood residents, it was a reminder as to how strong a sense of community we have in Renfrew-Collingwood.

Melanie Cheng is seeking a nomination for Vancouver School Board Trustee. Many families and community members will know Melanie as a tireless advocate for Vancouver public education - from *Save our Schools* in 2016, leading the campaign to *Save Bruce Field* in 2023 and *Save Carleton* in 2025. She has made strong, meaningful connections with numerous school communities across Vancouver as DPAC Chair.



Local band Denny and the Jets, known locally as the Tanner Street Dance Band. Photos: Mark Evans

Welcoming attendees and speaking in support of Melanie, were Suzie Mah (not in her capacity as trustee) who spoke on making better learning conditions for all as well as the importance of community connection. In addition, local resident Nancy Johnson, who represents the *Save Carleton* parent community spoke, as did Morgane Oger, past Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council Chair.

Adding to the effervescent spring energy, local band *Denny and the Jets*, known locally as the *Tanner Street Dance Band*, played an incredible set that had the place buzzing. They created a fun atmosphere with their high-energy performance. Band members are Daniel Luo (on bass/guitar/vocals), Kimberly Singham on drums, Ryan Rickaby on keyboards/rhythm guitar/vocals, Julian Roemer lead guitar/vocals. Available for booking: roemer.julianf@gmail.com

If you are concerned about the future of public education and want a strong voice to represent, please consider donating to Melanie's campaign. She's a fighter, with a proven track record who will work for the interests of children and families; donation link for campaign: <https://www.copevancouver.ca/donatetomelanie>





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Free Series for Seniors Explores our Relationship with Water Through Movement, Art and Poetry

by Clea Moray

This spring, Still Moon Arts Society is offering a free, multi-week creative workshop series for seniors aged 55 and up. *Reflecting on Water: Movement, Art & Poetry* runs every Wednesday from April 8 to June 24, from 12:30–2:00 PM, and will culminate in a filmed performance inspired by our relationship with water. All ability levels are welcome — no experience is needed. The workshops are hosted at Collingwood Neighbourhood House at 5288 Joyce Street.

Still Moon Arts Society — a Renfrew-Collingwood-based arts, community & environmental organization — has brought together a team of professional artists guiding participants through three creative disciplines. With choreographer Isabelle Kirouac, who has extensive experience teaching movement to seniors, participants will develop gentle, accessible choreography inspired by water. With visual artist Carmen Rosen, they will create needle-felted fish that will be used as props in the performance. And with poet Sheila Rosen, participants will draw on their own memories and stories to create original poetry. The series also includes a special guided conversation with Sesemiya (Tracy Cameron), a 5th-generation cedar weaver, water protector, and member of the Skwxwú7mesh Nation.

The workshops are part of *Water Woman*, Still Moon’s larger community arts project exploring our relationship with water through storytelling, movement and art-making. The project is rooted in Renfrew-Collingwood, the neighbourhood through which Still Creek — one of Vancouver’s last salmon-bearing urban streams — flows.

At the end of the series, participants will share their choreography, poetry and hand-made creations as a filmed performance that will be shown at the *Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival* in September — Still Moon’s annual community festival that draws over 5,000 people to Slocan Park and Renfrew Community Park.

The felted fish will also feature in a live performance at the festival, which will also feature a giant puppet, Water Woman, who will carry a traditional fishing basket that Sesemiya will weave this summer. Participants in the workshops at CNH can, optionally, also join in this live performance. The live performance will also welcome participation from the general public.

Reflecting on Water is made possible with support from the Government of Canada’s *New Horizons for Seniors* Program, the City of Vancouver Cultural Services, Hopehill and Collingwood Neighbourhood House.

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Local poet Sheila Rosen working on a community needle-felting project.



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 10:30 am (30 min)
 Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays, and stories for babies and their caregivers.
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Baby Stay & Play

Thursdays, April 9 - May 7
 11:00 am (30 min)
 Drop in for independent playtime with your baby and connect with other families.
 For ages 0-18 months | Drop-in

Family Storytime

Fridays, April 10 - May 8
 10:30 am (30 min)
 Songs, rhymes, and stories for children of all ages and abilities with their caregivers.
 For ages 0-5 | Drop-in

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Fridays, April 10 - May 8
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LEGO® Block Party

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LEGO Block Party

Wednesday, Apr 1, 15, 29, 3:30pm-4:30pm
 Drop in for some LEGO building fun! Grades K-7.

Make It: Abstract Paper Sculptures

Wednesday, Apr 8, 3:30pm-4:30pm
 Join us as we make a paper sculpture with strips of coloured paper, folded, twisted and stuck to cardstock. Grades K-7.
 Adults accompanying children under 9 must stay in the library for the duration of the program. Drop-in.

Make It: Seeds & Senses

Wednesday, Apr 22, 3:30pm-4:30pm
 Create your own recipes, start a mini herb garden and make a seed necklace. Grades K-7. Adults accompanying children under 9 must stay in the program area for the duration of the program. Drop-in.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Babytime

Mondays, Apr 13, 20 & 27. 11:00-11:30am and 1:30-2:00pm.
 Drop-in.
 Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays and stories for parents and caregivers with their babies. Recommended for newborns to approximately 18 months.

Family Storytime

Mondays, Apr 13, 20, & 27. 10:00-10:30am. 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.

Family Movies

Fridays, 3:30-5:15pm. Drop-in.
 Visit the library and enjoy free, kid-friendly movies. For children and their accompanying caregivers.

April 10: *Peter Rabbit*

April 17: *Elio*

April 24: *The Lorax*

ADULTS

Coffee Connection

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am. Drop-in.
 Drop in for coffee and other light refreshments. Play board games, do a crossword, or chat with your neighbours.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am. Drop-in.
 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.

Adult Colouring Club

Fridays, 10:00-11:00am. Drop-in.
 Relax and enjoy the many benefits of colouring with like-minded creatives.
 We'll provide the colouring pages and pencil crayons!

Board Games Social for Adults

Tuesdays, Apr 14 & 28. 5:45-7:45pm. Drop-in.
 Connect with friends or make new ones over board games at the library! Bring your own, or select something from our game collection. Players of all levels are welcome.

Story Circle

Wednesday, Apr 1, 10:00-11:00am
 This monthly program is for adults with developmental disabilities and their families, friends and caregivers. Join us in an accessible, relaxed and fun community setting for stories, music and more!
 Registration is required. Register at www.vpl.ca/events

Vancouver Life Salon in Chinese 溫哥華生活沙龍

Tuesday, Apr 17, 2:30-4:00pm.
 Register at www.vpl.ca/events 請線上登記: www.vpl.ca/events

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, creating an exclusive, diverse and respectful space for conversation and sharing. The topic for each session will be sent via email one week prior to the event.

The language of the event will depend on the guest speaker of the session, and could be in Mandarin or Cantonese.

歡迎安居溫哥華! 在這裡我們探討溫哥華生活的方方面面, 社會文化、政經環境、休閒養生等等, 每月一次一個主題暢所欲言, 共創一個平等、多元、尊重的聊天分享空間。每期話題在活動前一週電郵發送。國語或粵語活動, 將取決於當期話題嘉賓。





APRIL 2026

Spring is Here

Spring is in the air. Look up to see the spring/summer street banners. Thank you to artist Mara Cortez for designing these latest street banner series, called The Journey of the Crow.

The City of Vancouver has been working in Collingwood. The Uplifting Neighbourhood Funds were used to make many improvements in Collingwood. New tree wells, trash bins, sidewalk improvements and pole painting will be occurring throughout the year.

There is a new crosswalk at Aberdeen Street for safer crossing along Kingsway.

Celebrating Year in Business

The CBIA will be recognizing the many businesses who have been operating for over 30+ years, 20 years and 10 years. Certificates will be presented to each business and an event in April. We are so grateful to have many of our businesses operating in Collingwood for many decades. The businesses will be mentioned on Instagram and Facebook throughout the next few months. Make sure you are following our social media platforms to learn more about our amazing businesses.

COLLINGWOOD MEMBERS SURVEY

Please fill out the members survey [Link](#). The survey will help guide us to building a vision for Joyce Collingwood for the next five years. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey.

Joyce Street Clean Up Party – April 25 10:00am – 12:00pm

Earth Week

This will be the 5th annual Joyce Street Clean Up Party. The Collingwood BIA, Collingwood Community Policing Centre, Collingwood Neighbourhood House, St. Mary’s School and Adrian Dix’s Constituency office and Don Davies, MP, partner together to coordinate this community event.

To volunteer for the clean up email info@shopcollingwood.ca

Arrive at 10:00am St. Mary’s School

Pick up a map and equipment for clean up

Return to St. Mary’s School at 12:00pm for a hot dog BBQ and prizes.

All are welcome.

BIA Week – April 20-26

The first BIA opened in 1970 in the Bloor West Village (Toronto). Established to help local businesses compete with suburban malls. Fifty-six years later there are more than 500 BIA across Canada. There are 22 in Vancouver alone. The Collingwood BIA was established in 2001, marking this our 25th anniversary.

Shop Collingwood! It’s good for business.

CALENDAR

APRIL 3

Good Friday

APRIL 5

Easter



April 25

Joyce St. Clean Up Party

10am-12:00pm (see ad in this issue for more information)



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JOYCE STREET CLEAN-UP PARTY

APRIL 25 | 10 AM - 12 PM

Start at the **St. Mary's School parking lot (5239 Joyce Street)** as we walk along Joyce Street and nearby areas. Then, join us back at St. Mary's for hot dogs (veggie options available) and prizes.



Sign up with our partners or use the QR code



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