

# Seniors Keeping Agile Through Hula



by Esmie McLaren

The Renfrew Collingwood Seniors Hula Group (RCSHG) is a performing collective that emerged from the Seniors Hula Along classes from Renfrew Park Community Centre and Collingwood Neighbourhood House. The group is taught and assembled by volunteer hula instructor, Ingrid Guo, who enjoys living in Collingwood. She believes that sharing individual talents contributes not only to the audience's happiness, but also to the participants' physical and mental well-being.

RCSHG shares their enthusiasm for hula dance at Seniors facilities and at venues in the community. Recently, they entertained at the Renfrew Lunar New Year 2026 celebration and at the Swedish Canadian Assisted Living. More performances are slated this Spring in other adult centres.

The performers are hula enthusiasts: Marisa Genovese, Ingrid Guo, Dalite Har Toon, Helen Lau, Nora Maliwat, Esmie Gayo McLaren, Melba Solkoski, Annie Toa, Patricia Toombs, Hadi Winoto, Mey Witijono, and Anita Wu.

The Renfrew Collingwood Seniors Hula Along classes were recently renamed Renfrew Collingwood Seniors Hula for Fun and Fitness. They are offered at Renfrew on Thursdays and at Collingwood on Tuesdays, both at 2 pm.



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- an opportunity for local communication and expression
- coverage of local events and initiatives
- a way to document our community for future generations
- and a place to preserve and share the stories that shape who we are

Over the years, we have proudly helped celebrate and document important parts of our neighbourhood's history, including both Firehall #15 and the original historic schoolhouse that now houses the *Green Thumb Theatre*.

Today, another important piece of local history stands before us: the beloved *2400 Motel*. As redevelopment plans move forward, many residents hope that enough of this historic gem can be preserved to keep local history lovers smiling for generations to come. In a city changing as rapidly as Vancouver, perhaps it is not too much to ask that we pause for a moment and give the 2400 the care and recognition it deserves. (More on page 6.)

Thank you once again to all of the residents, businesses, organizations, and contributors who helped make this issue possible, including Esmie McLaren, Karen Vanon, Loretta Houben, Penny Lim, Ricardo Cerna, Still Moon Arts, Italian Cultural Centre, Adrian Dix, Don Davies, Collingwood BIA, Renfrew Park Community Centre, our local libraries and many others. We urge all of our 50,000 residents (yes, you) to stay in touch. Together, we continue working to make our community a better place to live.

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# Soccer Forever: A Celebration of Collectors, Community and Il Centro

Featuring the Collection of Randy Rinaldo

from the Italian Cultural Centre

**With the arrival of FIFA World Cup 2026 in Vancouver, it is a time of reflection and awe.**

During the summer months June and July, the City of Vancouver will be taken over with this athletic celebration. However, its impact will be felt most deeply in the Italian community. Like blood in our veins, the impact of soccer courses through the Italian community DNA indelibly shaping its culture.

At the Italian Cultural Centre on May 28th at 7 pm we unveil our exhibition *Soccer Forever*. This exhibition reveals that soccer isn't just a game to the Italian community, but it is a way of life. The significance of the sport reverberates throughout the community culture and its daily rituals. Whether it is collecting memorabilia which serves as tangible milestones of our lives, these objects are steeped with such significance that only saints' relics can only rival their importance. Not to mention the memories of the hours spent at Callister field after Sunday Mass.

Finally, the game evokes the presence of cousins, uncles, and friends, many who are no longer with us, but who played the game at esteemed levels in the East Vancouver Columbus soccer club. The story of soccer in the Vancouver Italian community is not only about cultural connections to Italy, but it goes deeper. Soccer, was and continues to be, a guiding and substantial anchor to the past. The game of soccer in this exhibition is celebrated as a unifying force of vital importance, one which enabled a strong immigrant community to effectively plant their Italian roots into Canadian soil, and this important chapter of our history was played out...on the soccer field.



**The person centered in the maroon jacket holding up his phone for a large group selfie is indeed the Brazilian football legend Cafu. This image captures the electric atmosphere inside the indoor turf facility at the Italian Cultural Centre ("Il Centro") in East Vancouver during the FIFA Legends Fan Activation.**

Cafu is an absolute titan of international football, holding records that may never be broken: **The World Cup Final Record:** He is the only player in football history to play in three consecutive FIFA World Cup Finals (1994, 1998, and 2002). **Two-Time World Cup Winner:** He won the trophy twice. First in 1994 (USA) as a substitute in the final, and later captaining the legendary 2002 squad. **Brazil's Most-Capped Player:** He represented the Brazilian national team (Seleção) 142 times between 1990 and 2006. During his peak years playing in Italy's top-tier league (Serie A), Italian fans nicknamed him *Il Pendolino* after the country's high-speed tilting trains. **The Style:** He revolutionized the right-back position. Instead of just staying back to defend, he possessed **boundless energy, sprinting up and down the right flank to act as an extra attacker.** **The Trademark Smile:** Remarkably, even when sprinting at full speed or under intense defensive pressure, Cafu almost always played with a massive, joyful smile on his face.

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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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Sincerely,

Adrian Dix  
MLA for Vancouver-Renfrew

# Renfrew Collingwood

COMMUNITY NEWS 社区新闻

## Collingwood Corner 5098 Joyce Street, before and after

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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A photo from 1974 showing 5098 Joyce Street from the Vancouver Archives CVA 1095-04417.

It's difficult to believe that this is what Joyce street at Vanness looked like 52 years ago. This area will change even more in the next 20 years. I've written in detail about this old building in a past article (Feb 2018), but I recently discovered this photo in the Vancouver archives, so I had to share it here.

Looking to the right of the building you can see Central Park in Burnaby quite clearly. There were no warehouses, no apartment condos, and no Skytrain. The photo was taken in 1974.

If you enlarge the photo, you can see old buildings reflected in the bottom window. One is a furniture store, which sells and buys used furniture. One is a small old house. I remember there used to be a convenience store to the left of the furniture store. The name was *Lucky Dollar Store*. I shopped at it as late

as 1988. I've never found a photo of it, but I did find a few ads in the Vancouver Sun dated 1964. If anyone reading this has a photo of the Lucky Dollar store, I would love to see it.

Please contact me at [CollingwoodChronicles@gmail.com](mailto:CollingwoodChronicles@gmail.com)

Thank you again Loretta for another excellent insight in our community's past.

If you have any photos of Renfrew-Collingwood that you would like to share, historical or otherwise, please send them to [editorial@rccnews.ca](mailto:editorial@rccnews.ca)

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**Lucky Dollar store**

An advertisement from Dec 21, 1964 Vancouver Sun showing the locations of Lucky Dollar Store in Vancouver, including 5065 Joyce Road.



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# UPDATE

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June 19 – **Jason Lane Band**  
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**Saturday Nights**  
June 6 – **Woody James Band**  
June 13 – **Saints and Sinners**  
June 20 – **Golden Archies**  
June 27 – **Step Out Sister**  
May 30 – **WingNutz**



**Above: Jam Night in action. Right: Jam Night Hosts: Kelly, Bob and Paul, aka: The Legionnaires.**



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Meat and 50/50 draws: Every Friday and Saturday from 5 pm to 7 pm with draws taking place every half hour. Come Join the fun!

This year marks 100 years of the Royal Canadian Legion — a century of remembrance, service, friendship, and community.

At our branch, we are proud to celebrate this milestone by offering free memberships for the centennial year and inviting a new generation to walk through our doors and discover what the Legion truly stands for.

Sometimes people misunderstand the Legion. We are not here to glorify war.

The Legion exists because war is terrible.

Every poppy worn, every name remembered, every empty chair at the table reminds us of the cost paid by ordinary people caught in extraordinary times. "Lest We Forget" is not a slogan about celebrating conflict — it is a promise to remember its human cost, and a hope that future generations may live in greater peace.

But the Legion is also about life.

It is about friendships formed over decades. It is about communities gathering together. It is about music, laughter, stories, dances, volunteerism, and neighbors helping neighbors. It is about remembering those who came before us while still building something meaningful for those who come after.

For 100 years, Legion halls across Canada have been places where people could come together regardless of background, politics, or generation. Places where veterans could find understanding. Places where communities could celebrate milestones, support one another, and keep local history alive.

As we enter the next century, we invite everyone — young and old alike — to come see what the Legion really is.

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# The 2400 Motel Re-development Can we not save more than just the sign?

by Paul Reid

Now celebrating 80 years, the beloved 2400 Motel on Kingsway is far more than just another old building slated for redevelopment. Built in 1946 during the golden age of post-war automobile travel, the 2400 remains one of the last surviving “auto-court” motels in Metro Vancouver and a rare surviving example of Streamline Moderne roadside architecture.

For decades, travelers arriving along Kingsway experienced the 2400 as one of Vancouver’s first welcoming gateways into the city. Unlike modern hotel towers, the motel’s unique layout featured individual bungalow-style cottages spread across landscaped green space, allowing guests to park directly outside their rooms — a hallmark of the era’s growing car culture.

Over the years, the 2400 Motel quietly became part of Vancouver’s cultural fabric. The property has appeared in countless television shows and films, including *The X-Files*, *Supernatural*, *Bates Motel*, and *Yellowjackets*. In 1966, members of the Grateful Dead (including Owsley: ) stayed there while performing in Vancouver, adding another chapter to the motel’s rich and unusual history.

Beyond film and music history, the site has also served practical community purposes over the decades, housing travelers, displaced families, refugees, and others in need of temporary shelter.

Many local residents and heritage advocates hope that redevelopment of the property can strike a balance between adding much-needed housing while still preserving key elements of this historic landmark.

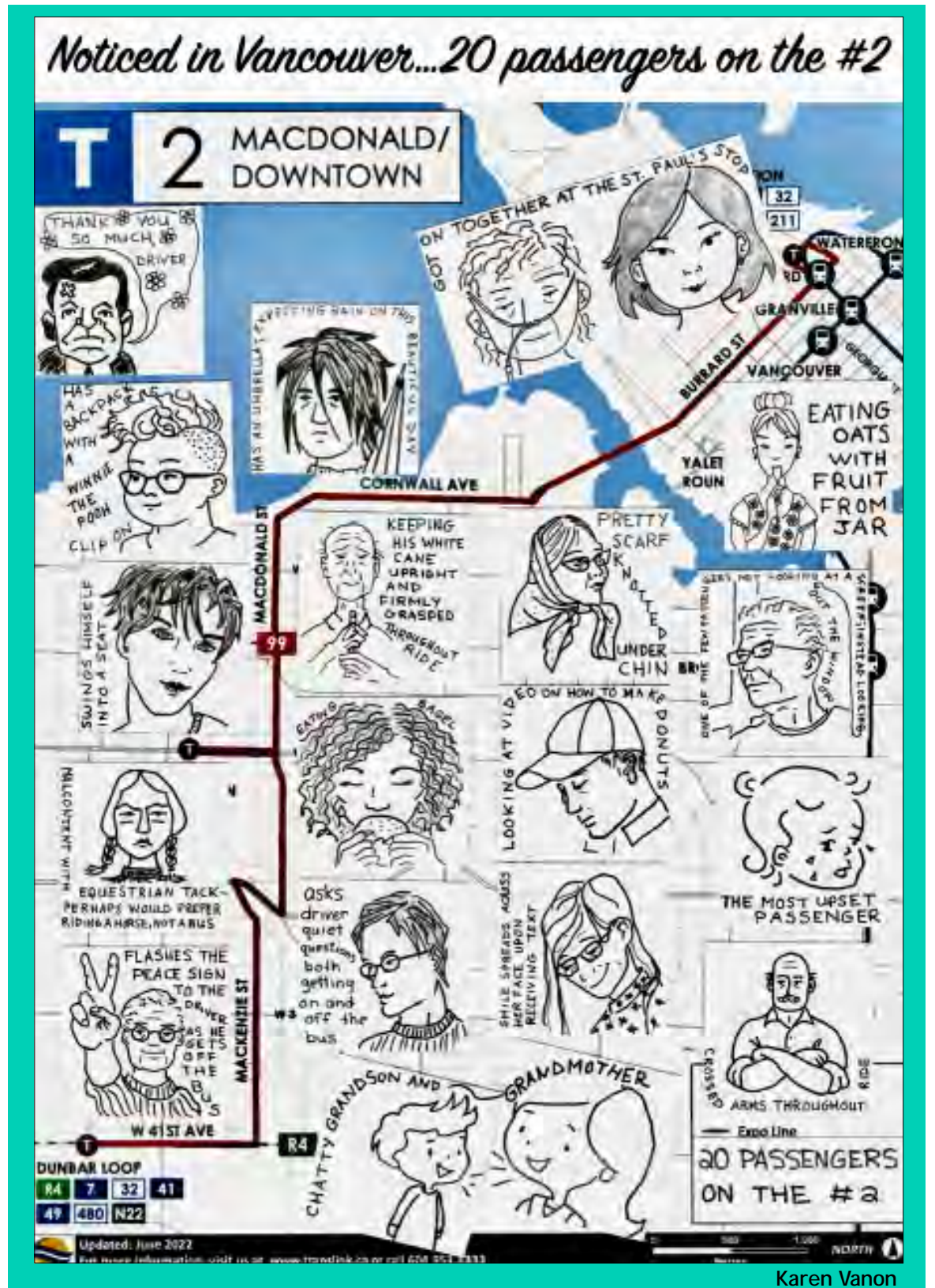
Currently, redevelopment concepts for the property largely focus on preserving the motel’s iconic neon sign while replacing the rest of the site with new housing towers and open courtyard space. However, some residents believe there may be an opportunity to go further by creatively incorporating portions of the original motel buildings into the new design itself. Existing bungalows and structures could potentially be repurposed into small community shops, cafés, galleries, or even a modest local history museum celebrating the site’s unique connection to Vancouver’s cultural and architectural past. Combined with a public remembrance garden, such ideas could help preserve not just the sign, but the spirit and physical character of the 2400 itself.

As Vancouver continues to evolve at a rapid pace, the fate of the 2400 Motel raises an important question: how do we continue building for the future while still preserving the stories, places, and character that helped shape our communities in the first place?

Please send your ideas, support, thoughts on this subject to [editorial@rccnews](mailto:editorial@rccnews). We will continue to keep our eye on this subject.



An alternate vision of how the 2400 might be redeveloped to retain it’s historical significance. Concept art developed with AI by Paul Reid



Karen Vanon



# What a Father represents

## Art and fragments by Ricardo Cerna

A father represents much more than a figure of authority; he is a guide, a role model, and a fundamental pillar in the lives of his children. His values are reflected in every daily action, from the responsibility with which he provides care, protection, and well-being for his family, to the love and affection he demonstrates through kindness, emotional support, and closeness.

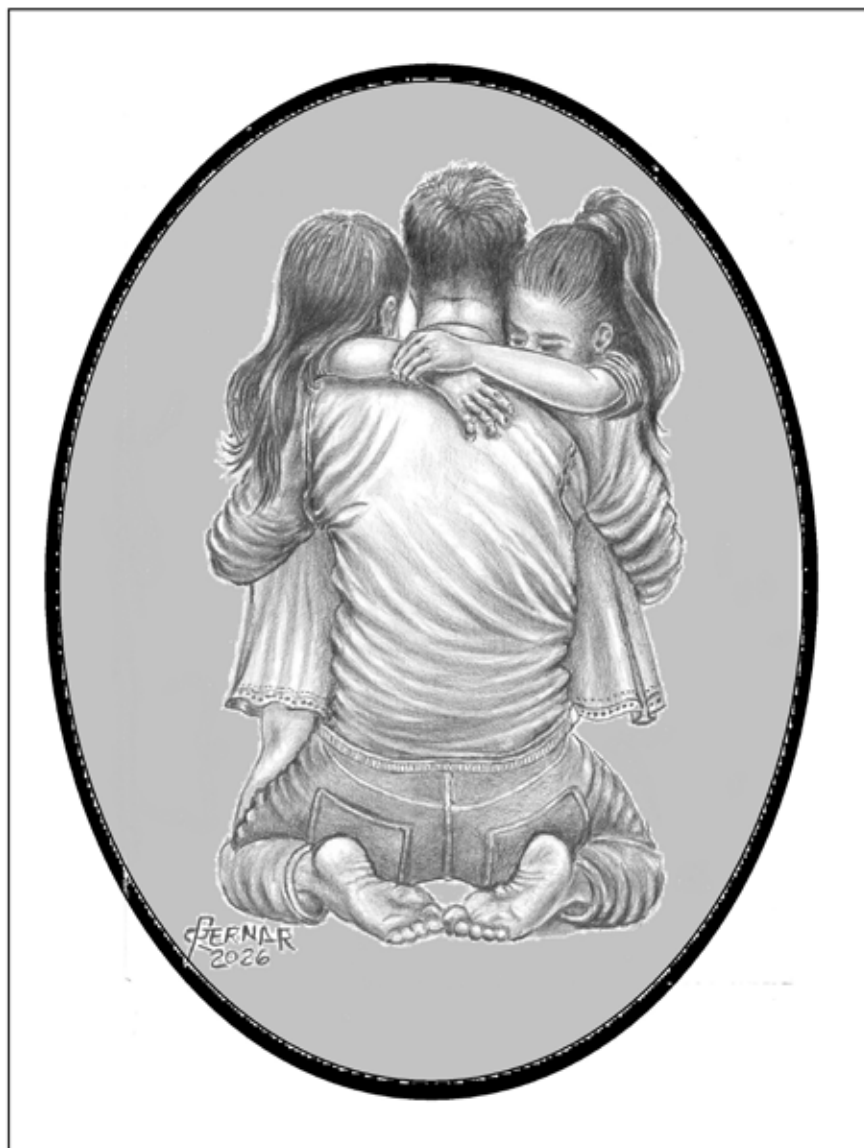
Respect and honesty are essential values that he conveys through his behavior, by treating every member of the family with dignity and always acting with integrity. His commitment is shown by being present and actively participating in his children's lives, while patience allows him to listen, understand, and guide without reacting impulsively.

A father also teaches by example, acting consistently, since children learn more from what they see than from what they are told. Through discipline, he establishes clear rules and boundaries with fairness and consistency, providing security and stability in the home. In addition, empathy helps him understand his children's feelings and needs, strengthening family bonds.

Finally, through perseverance, he teaches them to face difficulties and not give up easily, shaping capable, responsible individuals with strong values.

In conclusion, the values of a father are the foundation upon which a home filled with love, respect, and growth is built.

Dear reader:: I invite you to observe and pay close attention to the illustration that accompanies this text. Within its simple details lie great lessons about love, guidance, and example within the family. Take a moment to reflect and discover how we can strengthen values in our children and leave them a legacy of love, values, and positive footprints in their lives..



Artwork by Ricardo Cerna (2026)



## Still Moon Arts Society Featured Events in June

### Blackberry Removal & Bioblitz at Nootka & 14th



< Blackberry Removal  
Wednesday June 3  
When: 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
Where: Nootka & 14th

Natural Dye Workshop >  
Saturday June 20  
When: 10 AM - 2 PM  
Where: Colour Me local  
Dye Garden

Help continue to make space for future plantings by removing invasive blackberry!

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### LEGO® Block Party

Saturdays, June 6 - June 27  
 10:30 am (60 min)

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.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Coffee Connect

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 9:30 - 11:00 am  
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## Renfrew Branch

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## SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

### LEGO Block Party

Wednesday, June 10 & 24, 3:30pm-4:30pm  
 Drop in for some LEGO building fun! Grades K-7.

### Get Your Book in the Library

Wednesday, June 3, 3:30pm-4:30pm  
 Drop in to write and illustrate your own book or comic, and we'll put it in the library for other kids to check out! Adults accompanying children under 9 must stay in the library for the duration of the program. Grades K-7.

### Make It: Father's Day Crafts

Wednesday, June 17, 3:30pm-4:30pm  
 In this session, we will make a Comic Zine for Father's Day. For Grades K - 7. Adults accompanying children under 9 must stay in the program area for the duration of the program. Drop in.

### Summer Reading Club!

Drop in any time after June 15th to pick up a Reading Record, while supplies last. After 49 days of reading or other activities, participants earn a medal! For Grades K-7.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Family Movies

Fridays, 3:30-5:15pm. Drop-in.  
 Visit the library and enjoy free, kid-friendly movies. For children and their accompanying caregivers. Adults accompanying children under 9 must stay in the library for the duration of the program.  
 June 5: *Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie*  
 June 12: *Encanto*  
 June 19: *The Bad Guys 2*  
 June 26: *Inside Out 2*

## 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, June 2, 16, & 30. 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, June 3, 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](http://www.vpl.ca/events)

### Financial Planning for Post-Secondary Education

Wednesday, June 3, 6:00-7:30pm  
 Are you or your child getting ready for the world of post-secondary school? This workshop covers ways to maximize your savings, apply for scholarships, utilize RESPs, and find the best summer & part-time jobs to help fund education! This program will help you to identify multiple funding sources for education, learn how to stretch your dollars, and create a financial plan for college or university. Presented in partnership with Family Services of Greater Vancouver. Registration is required. Register at [www.vpl.ca/events](http://www.vpl.ca/events)



**Vancouver Life Salon in Chinese: Plan Ahead, Live with Ease**  
 溫哥華生活沙龍-身後無憂, 當下從容  
 Tuesday, June 9, 2:30-4:00pm.

Register at [www.vpl.ca/events](http://www.vpl.ca/events) 請線上登記: [www.vpl.ca/events](http://www.vpl.ca/events)  
 In this salon we explore various aspects of life in Vancouver. This month, 16-year Pre-planning Director Yaosen Yang (popular YouTuber Sanmu) shares end-of-life planning, from wills to identity protection, to reduce uncertainty and help people live with greater ease and peace of mind. Will be conducted in Mandarin.

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。  
 本月主題: 80後殯葬師楊耀森在加拿大從業16年, 主持過千余場葬禮, 整理出《身後事安心手冊》, 涵蓋遺囑、財務與身份安全等關鍵事項。他在油管上開設了頗受歡迎的節目“三木有話說”, 戲稱自己更是“心理安慰師”。本次分享從“墓誌銘思維”出發, 手把手指引如何安排身後事, 減少不確定與焦慮, 讓自己和家人更從容面對未來, 安心活在當下。普通話活動

### Social Prescribing Program Drop-In

Friday, June 19, 11:00am-12:00pm  
 Looking for support to stay connected and age well at home? Come and talk to us! Learn about local resources that support healthy aging like transportation, food security, personal care, and social connection. In partnership with Collingwood Neighbourhood House. Service in Cantonese and Mandarin available. Drop-in.



**JUNE 2026**

**Collingwood Days Festival 2026**

Next month marks the 23rd Annual Collingwood Days Festival. This year's theme is Roots & Rhythm.

Join activities, workshops, and events happening throughout Renfrew Collingwood from July 10 – 18. Check the July newspaper issue for the full schedule or visit the website often for updates. Festival Day is on Saturday, July 18th, from 10:30 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.



**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 this month. 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.

We thank all of the businesses, community organizations and board members for attending the first Years In Business event. Held May 21st at Vancity. Thank to to Vancity staff and Yo-Bones Catering for making the space look and taste good.

**Small Business Vancouver - Need help starting a new business in Vancouver?**

It's official! We are happy to announce the launch of Small Business Vancouver! A new nonprofit focused on making it easier to start, run, and grow a small enterprise in Vancouver. They want to hear from you. They are conducting a short survey to better understand the challenges and opportunities enterprises are facing, and to help shape where we focus their efforts.

👉 Take the survey: <https://lnkd.in/gGmECgv2>

👉 Learn more at our website: [smallbusinessvan.ca](http://smallbusinessvan.ca).

**CALENDAR**

**June 15**



**June 21**



**June 21**

**Summer Solstice**



**June 21**

**National Indigenous Peoples Day**



**July 10-18**

**Collingwood Days**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Festival Day - July 18**  
10:30 am to 3 pm at Gaston Park.

Enjoy the Opening Ceremony, Movie Night (both Fridays), Music in the park, Yoga at the Annex, Sacred Fire and much more.

Events and activities throughout the community from July 10-17.

Check the full schedule on our website.

**COLLINGWOOD DAYS 2026**

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