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Adriana Contreras with her Mural, "Nada, no pasa nada" (Nothing happens, nothing) that now hangs in the Collingwood Neighbourhood House lobby.

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Collingwood Days Highlights Culture, Talent & Spirit

by the Collingwood Days Committee

This year's most anticipated gathering of friends and neighbours in Collingwood has come and gone. Saturday, May 26th started out a little overcast but the organizers and volunteers behind Collingwood Days were certain that the weather would cooperate.

The festivities began at the Joyce Collingwood Skytrain Station, where the Graham Bruce Elementary School choir performed for the crowd; the West Coast Metis Jiggers encouraged the attendees to jig along with them. All this took place as people were anxiously awaiting the start of the Evolution of Transportation parade. At 11:00 am the parade wound its way through the neighbourhood and reached its finale at Carleton Elementary School grounds.

Festivities at Carleton School included booths set up by many community groups and businesses. VanCity offered a chance to spin the wheel and win a prize. Community Savings Credit Union offered balloons, frisbees and little piggy banks, along with a bouncy castle that was a huge hit with the smaller attendees.

G&F Financial offered balloons and popcorn. The Collingwood Business Improvement Association brought in rides and fun carnival games for children to play and a BMX Bike Show that was a huge draw, especially with the pre-teens in the crowd.

The Renfrew Collingwood Food Security held a plant sale and seed swap, which raised funds for the Breakfast Program and the CBIA had gathered books for the past month through the various small businesses and had a book sale. Proceeds went to Junior Diabetes Foundation.

The oldest school in Vancouver, built in 1876 and still operating as a classroom for youngsters held an open house of local history. The wonderful hostesses enjoyed



Collingwood Days Coordinator, Emanuela Sheena and Volunteer Coordinator, Ari Lazer

speaking with those in attendance who wanted to share and learn about Collingwood's past.

Thanks in part to local restaurant owners from Hardwar Sweet Shop & Restaurant, Starbucks, Dominos Pizza, Latinos in Action, Francisco, the ice cream vendor and the Collingwood Youth Centre, participants had a wide variety of food and beverages through out the day.

And who can forget the entertainment? The main stage and demonstration stage were a wonderful intercultural experience. Music, dance, storytelling, fashion shows, and demonstrations highlighting local activities filled the day with great enjoyment. There was so much pride in seeing our local talent share their inspiring and creative gifts with those who attended. And who could forget the Joyces who entertained us with their vocals, great outfits, and wonderful knowledge of the history of Collingwood.

Overall, Collingwood Days was a huge success with about 2,000 people attending. The event provided friends, neighbours and the community with a wonderful stage that highlighted the rich culture, talent, and spirit we have in the Renfrew Collingwood Community.

Former Students of Norquay Elementary May Recall Mrs. Sear:

On May 12th, we lost a former principal of John Norquay Elementary School.

SEAR _ Margaret Gail (nee McLeod) March 18, 1934 - May 12, 2007 Gail loved dogs, children, friends and family. She was a dedicated teacher and principal who loved her work and the people she worked with. Gail enjoyed

walking and her happy encounters along the way. If you knew Gail, you knew that she either sang with you or for you while she played her piano. Gail was so much fun! The laughter we were glad to share will echo through the years. What a wonderful, kind, loving Mom, Granny and Friend! Thank you Mom! In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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“Nada, no pasa nada” By Waldo Brino

This sentence in Spanish can be translated as “Nothing happens, nothing”. It makes me recall my early days when I had a bad dream and my mother would approach my bed, tenderly embrace me and whisper into my ear that ‘everything was alright; that nothing happened’. Years later I heard the same expression coming from my mother when my father was taken to jail as a political prisoner. Again the same expression I heard when we came to live in a new country.

Adriana Contreras is a young artist born in Colombia that came to Canada with her family almost 10 years ago. She pursued a career in Visual Arts from Simon Fraser University where she graduated in 2006. For many years she also worked as a volunteer with Collingwood Neighbourhood House in the arts programs. Her mother Carmen is part of the regular staff with the organization. In fact, Adriana’s family has developed some strong attachment to CNH since it became their new home when they left their beloved Colombia.

Adriana’s art is a clear mixture between the use of modern techniques, materials and concepts with a strong message about her life experience as an immigrant, as a youngster and as a woman. She uses real pieces or artifacts (clothing, phone cards, pictures) with striking or contrasting colours in unusually large or unusually small spaces.

“Nada, no pasa nada” is one of her graduating works. It is a big mural where she has pasted

different pieces of clothing belonging to a number of immigrant families from Colombia. It took her a few months to collect all these pieces. The beautiful part is that they all have a known story, they belong to someone in her community and every piece has gone a long way in the life of these new Canadians. Adriana with her magical talent makes a connection between all the pieces. Despite of their form, size, style and colours she manages to tell a collective story where each individual part preserves its essential characteristics but becomes part of the big picture, a mass of people sharing the space that could be a room, a street, a community, a country, a society. Her final touch is a layer of ivory latex that unifies all the elements but just to the extent that they still look unique.

Adriana Contreras from Colombia has donated her graduating art work called “Nada, no pasa



Adriana’s impressive artwork

nada / Nothing happens, nothing” to Collingwood Neighbourhood House. It was recently installed by her and her father Juan Carlos and her friend José. So when you get to the main entrance at CNH: look up... and to your right...voilà.

Thank you Adriana for your beautiful art donation and for your constant contribution to our community.

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We Don't Need No Stinking Expansion

Commentary by
Rob Allen

I learned about the "Gateway" Program almost 40 years ago. It was known as the "Spadina Expressway" in my old town and the "Strathcona "Free"way here. It's all the same inanity that certain people want to shove down your throat.

To conjure up a picture of who would benefit from this folly, think: oil interests, people who know how to build roads but not rail lines, farmers who don't want to farm but want to make some real money, sellers of the perpetual motion machine of lawn irrigation systems and lawn tractors and purveyors of other space-filling stuff. Oh, and don't forget the car people. (Imagine for just a moment, what



Images from 'Google Earth' reveal the stark contrast between a city designed for pedestrians (like Munich on the left), versus a city designed for the automobile (like Richmond, on the right). The dots in the streets of Munich are people; in Richmond, cars.

The Province newspaper would weigh were it not for the automobile) Gee, it looks like a lot of people might benefit from mo' "free"ways.

Who'd lose? You, me and our favourite planet, to name at least three! More

"Free"ways mean more cars in motion and at rest. That means more parking lots. I suggest you try Google Earth (<http://earth.google.com/>), and look at a few North American cities that have lots of "free"ways, like Atlanta or Houston. Zooming in on their "Downtown" cores you might notice something interesting. There is generally a sea of parking lots, both ground level and multi-story, with some high rise office towers sprinkled about. Does that look livable to you? What if your car wouldn't start? Now, how about a look at our own city and suburbs. No wonder this city is a popular place to live. You can actually walk from one place to another downtown... If our suburbs and other cities follow Vancouver's lead, they'll be just as attractive and maybe the pressure would ease on Vancouver.

The Gateway Gamble sure looks like cynical pandering for cheap suburban votes. But if you listen closely, even the voices that are in favour of this very pale pachyderm, state that a lack of walkability and transit in their communities is what has brought them to this position. I suspect that if these people were presented with a transportation plan which stressed such livability indicators, there would be precious little support for this mega-mistake.



This image of Downtown Atlanta shows the massive amounts of land taken up by highways, clover leaves and parking. Is this where we are headed?

COMMUNITY NEWS 社区新闻

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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Fathers' Day Haiku

The following three haiku poems were written by students in the Pre-teen Creative Writing Program at Collingwood Neighbourhood House.

Father's Day

I'll make him breakfast
He'll love my cards and presents
Hope he is happy.

Alex Hien, Age 10, Grade 4

Father's Day

My dad is helpful
And he is special to me.
Also very smart.

Karen Hien, Age 9, Grade 3

Father's Day

Lots of gifts and cards
Is very happy and kind.
My dad is handsome.

Mohit Sharma, Age 10, Grade 4



Haiku poems originated in Japan and are now popular ways for efficiently expressing a thought. Each haiku is three lines long and has seventeen syllables. The first line has five syllables; the second line has seven syllables; the third line has five syllables. Haiku are often descriptive and do not always follow grammar or sentence rules. The title of the haiku poem does not appear in the three lines. Words are usually not repeated.

Try writing your own haiku poem. Write about summertime. If you name your haiku "Summer" then the word summer should not appear in the three lines.

Send your best haiku to Renfrew Collingwood Community News at info@smartcommunity.net. Each person can send a maximum of three haiku.

We'll try to publish a few in the next issue. Please include your name, phone number, and email address. If you are under 18, please let us know your age and which school you attend. This is not a contest; it is a chance for you to express and share your creativity with your neighbours in Renfrew Collingwood.

Send a Kid to Camp Giant Garage Sale

When: June 16th: 8am to 3pm

Where: The Warehouse, 2650 Slocan Street, Vancouver

*Pancake Breakfast: 8-10am by donation

*Hot Dogs for lunch: 11-2pm by donation

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Dear Neighbours,

Philippine Independence Day 2007

I would like to congratulate Filipino Canadians in my community on the 109th National Declaration of Philippine Independence celebrated on June 12, 2007. I encourage you to join me for these celebrations on June 9th at Rocky Mountaineer Station at 1755 Cottrell Street starting at 1:00 pm and on June 16th at the Pista Ng Bayan Picnic Barbecue at Slocan Park near 29th Avenue beginning at 10:00 am. Enjoy some of the Philippine's finest cuisine and great entertainment right in your backyard. I look forward to seeing you there.



Mabuhay kayong lahat sa araw ng kalayaan ng bansang Pilipinas. Hangad po namin ang inyong maligayang pagdiriwang.

Skytrain Safety

In light of the recent violent attacks on women near and around Joyce-Collingwood, 29th Avenue, Nanaimo and Broadway Skytrain Stations, I have been canvassing the community and hosting community consultations to hear your concerns of transit safety. Many more individuals expressed feeling a greater sense of fear and intimidation and have already taken action to become more vigilant while traveling throughout the community.

On May 23, 2007, I hosted a community safety forum with residents who share these concerns. The discussion resulted in some great ideas such as adopting a "Safe-Walk Program," launching a large scale public education campaign against violence, promoting safety tips while using transit and increasing lighting, surveillance and more public phones in the city. The meeting minutes for this forum can be found on my website at: www.bcnepcaucus.ca/en/mla/adrian_dix. I would like to thank all those who came out to share your ideas on how we as a community can address these issues. I will continue to put pressure on Translink, the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Department to implement these ideas as well as to direct more resources to address the isolation in the stations and to improve the coordination and responsiveness to these violent attacks on women.

I will be continuing my petition campaign for improved safety around the Skytrain station. If you would like to support our petition or have any more great ideas, please give me a call at my community office at 604-660-0314.

Bare Hallways

Please join me for a community healthcare forum, "Bare Hallways", a discussion addressing the labour shortages in health care and its impacts on the community. Guest speakers include Reid Johnson, President of the Health Sciences Association, Boni Barcia, Vice President of the Hospital Employees Union and Leah Diana, Coordinator of the Filipino Nurses Support Program at the Philippine Women's Centre. The discussion will take place at Collingwood Neighbourhood House, 5288 Joyce Street on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. For more information, please contact Easter Tocol at 604-660-0314.

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JUNE 2007

Renfrew Collingwood Community Calendar



Collingwood Days 2007 with the Joyces

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



Vancouver Public Library

RENFREW BRANCH:
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Toddlers 10:15
Babytime 11:15



Vancouver Public Library

COLLINGWOOD BRANCH:
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Toddler time: For children 18 months to 3 years old
Preschool Storytime: For children 3 to 5 years old
www.vpl.ca/branches/Collingwood/home.html

Fridays at Collingwood N'house:
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- Senior's Tai Chi
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Seniors Strength and Stretch
12:15 - 2 p.m.
- Ballroom Dancing
6-7 p.m. - Aerobics

Saturdays at Collingwood N'house:
10-11 a.m. - Jazzercise
10-11 a.m. - Tai Chi intermediate/beginner
11-12 noon - Tai Chi advanced
Renfrew CC
Aboriginal Culture Celebration

Sundays at Collingwood N'house:
1-5 p.m.
- Ballroom dancing
ICC:
BINGO
GAZZOLA

Mondays at Collingwood N'house:
12:05 - 1:05 p.m.
- Pilates
4:30 - 5:45 p.m.
- Badminton
6-7 p.m. - Aerobics
8:15 - 10 p.m.
- Volleyball

Renfrew CC
English Karaoke Club

Tuesdays at Collingwood N'house:
12 noon - 1:00 p.m.
- Jazzercise
6:45 - 8:15 p.m.
- Hatha Yoga
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- Tai Chi

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Wednesdays at Collingwood N'house:
11a.m. - 12 noon
- Seniors Strength and Stretch
12:05-1:05 p.m.
- Pilates
1-2 p.m. - Seniors Gentle Fit Chair Exercise
6-7 p.m. - Jazzercise

CLEAN AIR DAY

Thursdays at Collingwood N'house:
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Seniors Yoga Drop in
12 noon - 1:00 p.m.
- Jazzercise
3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
- Children's Basketball
6:45 - 8:15 p.m.
- Hatha Yoga

Renfrew CC
Seniors Week
Tea & Dance 50+yrs

WORLD OCEANS DAY

Renfrew Library
11:15 am
Family Storytime

Renfrew CC
Red Cross Babysitting
10-13 yrs

ICC:
BINGO
BETTIOL

Renfrew CC
English Karaoke Club
40+yrs
Heritage Dance in
Cantonese 45+yrs

Renfrew Library
7 pm
Cantonese Man in the
Moon for dads and
babies

Renfrew CC
Pot Luck Social 45+yrs

Renfrew CC
Law Clinic 50+yrs
Heritage Dance in
Cantonese 45+yrs

ICC:
Seniors
Over 50
BINGO

Renfrew Library
11:15 am
Babytime

Renfrew CC
Chinese Karaoke
Club 40+yrs
Golf Lessons

ICC: Movie Night:
"Ricordati di me"

Renfrew Library
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Renfrew CC
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America 19+yrs

ICC:
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UNTI

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40+yrs
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Massage 19+yrs
Walking Club 40+yrs

ICC:
Vitelli
History
Presentation

Father's Day

Renfrew Library
7 pm
Cantonese Man in the
Moon for dads and
babies

Renfrew CC
Alzheimer's Disease
40+yrs

ICC: Italian Cooking
Class with Chef Eduardo

Renfrew Library
7 pm
Cantonese Family
Storytime.
Everyone welcome

Renfrew CC
Heritage Dance in
Cantonese 45+yrs

ICC: Seniors Over 50
BINGO ICCS
Delegates Meeting

Renfrew Library
11:15 am
Babytime

**SUMMER SOLSTICE
LABYRINTH WALK**
6-8pm: @ Renfrew
Ravine & 27th

**NATIONAL
ABORIGINAL DAY
Summer Solstice**
10:06 PST

Renfrew CC
Magic of Scarves

ICC:
BINGO
BIDESE

ICC:
"Market
Day"

St. Jean Baptiste Day

Renfrew CC
English Karaoke Club
40+yrs
Heritage Dance in
Cantonese 45+yrs
Alzheimer's Disease
40+yrs

ICC: Fausto Cigliano
in Concert

Renfrew CC
Carnival Luncheon
35+yrs
UBC Botanical
Gardens Tour 35+yrs

ICC:
CHOIR
SPETACULAR!!

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Heritage Dance
in Cantonese 45+yrs

ICC: Seniors Over
50 BINGO

ICC: Vancouver
Italian Folk Chorus &
Guests

CNH AGM, 6:30 pm

Renfrew Library
11:15 am
Babytime

Renfrew CC
Chinese Karaoke Club
40+yrs
School's Out Party
10-15yrs

ICC:
VOICE OF THE NIGHT!

Renfrew CC
Blood Pressure
Clinic
35+yrs

ICC:
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Summer Camps 2007

Collingwood Neighbourhood House



Music Camp

Instructor: Miriam Davidson

Our music camp will give children an introduction to basic concepts of music such as rhythm, singing and reading music. This camp encourages children to be creative, express themselves, build self-confidence and have fun with each other through music based activities

Ages: 6-9
Date: August 7-10
Time: 9:30 am-12 noon
Cost: \$45



Arts and Craft Camp

Instructor: Sonia Cerpa



Join us in developing different fun projects each day using a variety of arts and supplies, improving their creative skills and personal development. Most of our time together will involve craft and will spend some time outdoors

All materials included. Please bring your snack and lunch, old clothing to wear, swimwear and sunscreen.

Ages: 6-8
Date: July 2-6 (week 1)
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Cost: \$95

Date: July 9-13 (week 2)
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Cost: \$95

Piano Camp

Instructor: Margaret Lu
UBC, Major in Piano



Summer Piano Camp is the place for you! Music is a very vital part of child's education and helps in many aspects such as child's memory and focus. The classes feature a direct and hands on approach to learning the basics of piano and theory. Each student will be taught both in group with individual attention.

Ages: 4 - 6
Date: August 13 - 17
Time: 10:00 to 10:45 am or
11:00 to 11:45 am
Cost: \$50.00

Ages: 7 - 10
Date: August 20-24
Time: 10:00 - 10:45 am or
11:00 - 11:45 am
Cost: \$50.00



Gymnastics Camp

Instructor: Lucinda Donaldson

This camp run by Gym Sense Gymnastics Education will create an atmosphere of fun and excitement that encourages participants to safely learn new gymnastics skills and techniques. Moving at their own pace, children will advance to other levels once they have mastered basic skills. This program will educate, challenge and entertain young children.

Ages 9 - 12
Dates: July 2 - 6
Time: 9:00 am-12:00 half day
9:00 am - 3:30 full day
Cost: \$50 half day
\$95 full day



Ages: 6 - 8
Dates: July 9 - 13
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 half day
9:00 am - 3:30 full day
Cost: \$50 half day
\$95 full day

Ages: 9-12
Dates: July 16-20
Time: 9:00 am - 12 half day
9:00 am - 3:30 full day
Cost: \$50 half day
\$95 full day



Visual Arts



Instructor: Yoko Tomita

Kids will join the fun of developing a variety of 2 and 3 dimensional art works, improving their creative skills and personal development. Most of our time involve visual arts and we will spend some time outdoors.

All materials included. Please bring your snack and lunch, old clothing to wear, swimwear and sunscreen.

Ages 9-12
Dates: July 16-20 (1 week)
Time: 9:30 - 3:30
Cost: \$95



Soccer Camp

Instructor: Michael McLenaghan

Soccer fun for children ages 6-12. This program introduces soccer to kids in a positive way and focuses the development of physical and social skills through the sport. The development of respect for self, their opponents and the game of soccer will be the focus through individual and group skill building and games.

Ages: 5-8
Dates: August 20-24
Time: 9:45 - 11:15
Cost: \$45

Ages: 9-12
Dates: August 27-31
Time: 9:45 - 11:15
Cost: \$45



Drama Camp

Instructors: Linda Vespalec
Laura Contreras

Children will learn basic drama skills, including improvisation, movement, voice production, mime and more. Using drama as a positive tool for improving self-confidence, team work, public speaking, creativity and many other skills which will help them succeed not only on the stage but also in their daily life.

Age: 7-9
Date: August 20-24
Time: 9:30 am-12:00
Cost: \$55



Basketball Camp

Instructor: Carmen Correal

Basketball Camp will focus on improving already learned skills, while introducing more advanced ones. Through the practice of this dynamic sport, children will learn the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty and respect.

Ages: 9-12
Dates: August 7-10
Time: 9:45 - 11:15 am
Cost: \$45



Ballet

Instructor: Labkhand Sheikholeslami

This summer children have the opportunity to discover the magic world of Ballet, Spanish classic and creative dancing! Also children will have fun learning basic techniques, correct posture and will become familiar with varieties of music that accompany various dances.

Ages: 3-5
Dates: July 30-August 3
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am
Cost: \$45 (1 week)

Ages: 6-9
Dates: August 7-10
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am
Cost: \$40 (1 week)

You can register at Collingwood Neighbourhood House
5288 Joyce Street in Vancouver, or by calling 604- 435-0323.

Join the Summer Fun!
Sign up now! Spaces are limited.



PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

A Chat with Waldo Brino by Allison Meade

Waldo Brino has been a Director on the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Board for five years. We spoke to him to find out how the organization has changed as well as his vision for the future.

“Cecilia [Tagle, a Board member], invited me to join the Board. Since then, I’ve gotten to know what’s happening more in detail at the community level and the impact of the organization. It’s really amazing.

The first and most important mandate comes from the community. The programs in the neighbourhood house exist because there is someone within the community who has a need. At the family place it’s interesting to see the grandpas with their grandchildren. There is a “home” feeling right there, with all the cultures. If you want to share a meal, we provide it there. So when you need a place to connect with the world, I think the neighbourhood house can provide that.

The staff at CNH is excellent. The diversity among the staff is amazing. The neighbourhood house is a very welcoming place. There are employment opportunities and services. It is a really good representation of the community.

We have child care programs, senior programs, community programs. I know of two programs that are directed towards the Latin community that run from the neighbourhood house. It’s also good to find young people involved.

This organization has been focused on quality. There is always something being improved. We’re not passive in terms of doing the same things as usual. There is always a fresh look. People normally do things for special reasons, and normally those reasons have to do with money. In spite of the political and financial disadvantages, the staff is always concerned about the quality of service and providing quality programs.

As we look to the future, we need to examine trends within the community that are directly related to the Neighbourhood House. We are at the point where we are looking at increasing our capacity for the things we do well, to make things more efficient for different areas of the community.




In recent years we have discovered that we have a tremendous capacity to teach others about our own experience. We have always felt that we need to offer strong leadership in community development. We want to be proactive and visionary, to provide know-how to other communities in the region, nationally and internationally.

When Strangers Become Neighbours: The Story of Collingwood Neighbourhood House, pushes us to

create that need. It is the story of how real people from many different walks of life can work together and feel part of this organization. You don’t find that everywhere.

No matter who you are, you feel welcomed. You feel that you can help to do something for other people. When you enter Collingwood Neighbourhood House, you feel a special atmosphere where many people feel inspired.”



You are invited....
To the First Like A Bike
Festival



“Cycling improves air quality in urban areas; particularly a reduction in the production of ozone, carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, and volatile organic compounds.”

We would like to inform you that Windermere Secondary School will be holding a festival called “Like a Bike”. Within this festivity we are trying to promote biking in our community and also show that there are alternate solutions for transportation to make our environment more eco-friendly. In this event there will be BMX demonstrations, pedal-powered smoothies, chopper bikes, races, relays, music, food, a pedaling-zoo, lots of prizes and free souvenirs!

Please join us for a celebration of cycling and sustainable transportation:


Friday June 1, 2007

Windermere Secondary, Gravel Field

2:00-6:00pm

BRING YOUR BIKE and HELMET!

Thank You,
Windermere A.C.T.I.O.N Team




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For info call 604-438-6432 or visit our website at www.greeksummerfest.com

Who's Who in

Historical
Collingwood
Gateway into Vancouver



JUNE

Ruby Marshall

**Starbucks
Coffee Canada**

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(at Boundary)

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Ruby Marshall is store manager and Coffee Master at Starbucks's new Boundary Plaza location.

You may very well have heard of Starbucks Coffee, "the leading retailer, roaster and brand of specialty coffee in the world". Starbucks was founded in 1971 in Seattle's Pike Place Market. The original name of company was Starbucks Coffee, Tea and Spices, later changed to Starbucks Coffee Company. Starbucks is named after the first mate in Herman Melville's Moby Dick.

Starbucks has over 13,000 stores in 39 countries around the world with more than 30 blends and single-origin coffees. They also offer Handcrafted Beverages: fresh-brewed coffee, hot and iced espresso beverages, coffee and non-coffee blended beverages, and Tazo® teas; merchandise, fresh baked pastries, sandwiches and salads.

Starbucks Coffee Canada at Boundary and Kingsway, in the Boundary Plaza, has been in operation since March 29, 2007. Since opening, this location has been very busy, serving many customers from the Boundary Plaza, Telus, and Swangard Stadium. There is a large outdoor patio with umbrellas and outdoor heaters.

Starbucks is very involved with their community. Since opening, the Boundary Plaza branch has donated \$700 to Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH); they took part in Collingwood Days and donated \$220 to the event; they also donate coffee and pastries to the 'Breakfast Program'. You will also find a community bulletin board at Starbucks where you can post your events.

Ruby Marshall is the store manager and 'Coffee Master' of this location. She has been with Starbucks for fourteen years, starting as a barista in one of the downtown locations; she has also managed stores at Marpole and Champlain Mall.

Ruby's main activity outside of work now is taking care of her son of 17 months.

Ruby was born and raised in Vancouver in the Champlain Heights area and she graduated from Killarney High School.

What's Coming Up in The Collingwood BIA ...

- Collingwood BIA wins provincial award at recent Business Improvement Areas of BC Conference for the "Historical Collingwood - Gateway Into Vancouver" program. There were nine entries in the Community Program, Participation and Special Events category. The category was sponsored by Spirit of BC.
- Lock Out Crime: The Collingwood BIA and Collingwood Community Policing Centre will work together on a pilot project this summer in an attempt to help Collingwood consumers from falling victim to auto theft and theft from auto. More information to follow.
- New BIABC website. We encourage you to visit the Collingwood BIA website at www.shopcollingwood.ca where a complete list of Collingwood commercial businesses are located. Links are also available to BIA member websites. Visit often and learn more about the business community.
- New Banner program - the new seasonal banners are up - what do you think?
- Corner Kingsway & Joyce. In the next couple of weeks

the signs and landscaping at this corner will be replaced. We have created new signage and are currently waiting for the landscaping crew to clean up the overgrown ivy and other hardy plants. They will be replaced with a variety of perennials and seasonal flowers.

• Welcome to Collingwood Signs - We are currently working with a graphic artist to create two welcome signs that we hope to place at the entrance to Collingwood at each end of the BIAs boundaries at Kingsway & Boundary and at Kingsway & Rupert. We hope to have the signs created and installed within the next couple of months. More to follow.

• Four lucky Collingwood Consumers won a basket as part of the BIAs "Book Fair & Draw". The Book Fair & Draw was a month long promotion leading up to Collingwood Days on May 26th. All proceeds from the sale of books during Collingwood Days went to help fight juvenile diabetes.



COLLINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE'S HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Position: Meet, Greet and Visit

Name of Program: Shower and Breakfast Program

Program Description: The program allows those in Renfrew Collingwood community who are unhomed to have access to showering facilities, dry clothes, warm blankets, breakfast and advocacy support.

Day and Time: Saturday, 6:30 – 10:30 am
(minimum 3 month commitment)

Location: Collingwood Neighbourhood House

- Duties:
- Responsible for meeting people as they come in
 - Providing information regarding the program and what it offers.
 - Distribution of handouts
 - Direct participants to the shower and breakfast area
 - Support with general oversight of event (e.g. checking of washrooms and dressing rooms)
 - Visiting with participants



- Requirements:
- Enjoy working with all age groups and homeless individuals
 - Enjoy working early morning hours
 - Be willing to comply with volunteer requirements of CNH
 - Criminal record search is required
 - Second language an asset
 - Willing to learn other duties related to the program

Shower Program Helper

Shower and Breakfast Program

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Saturday, 6:30 – 10:30 am
(minimum 3 month commitment)

Collingwood Neighbourhood House

- Explain how the shower area works
- Hand out towels, collects them when they are done
- Hand out shower kits to each guest
- Oversight for safety in dressing rooms and washrooms
- Help with set up of clothing
- Help participants find clothing
- Visit with participants when possible

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SENIORS LUNCH



The Collingwood Neighbourhood House seniors invite you to join them for a nutritious and delicious lunch every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 noon. Full Meal prices are \$4.50 for seniors, \$5.50 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Items can be purchased ala carte and "to go" as well. Please come and join us and meet some new friends. The menu for June is listed below.

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- June 5**
sloppy joe and salad
dessert
- June 7**
chicken thai style rice with vegetables
dessert
- June 12**
wild rice mushroom soup
egg salad on croissant, dessert
- June 14**
bake ham and potato
vegetables, dessert
- June 19**
minestrone soup
deli sandwich, dessert
- June 21**
sweet and sour meatballs
rice and vegetables, dessert
- June 26**
pizza bagel
chicken vegetable soup, dessert
- June 28**
honey curry sole filets
rice and baby carrots, dessert

Volunteer Opportunities



- Gymnastics Camp July 2 – 20
- Basketball Camp August 7 – 10
- Soccer Camp August 20 – 24
August 27 – 31
- Arts and Craft Camp July 2 – 13
- Visual Arts Camp July 16 – 20
- Music Camp August 2 – 12
- Drama Camp August 20 – 24

Responsibilities

- Help set up and clean up
- Help supervise children
- Assist instructor in the class
- Can commit at least one week

For more information, please drop by
Collingwood Neighbourhood House
or call 604 435-0323



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 27th, 2007
at 6:30 p.m.

- 6:30 Agenda
- 7:00 BBQ
- Showcase of Programs

If you are a member at Collingwood Neighbourhood House and received an invite in the mail, please RSVP your attendance by Wednesday, June 20th, 2007 to Bless at 604-435-0323 ext. 228 or by email at bmanalo@cnh.bc.ca.



RENFREW PARK COMMUNITY COMPLEX

2929 East 22nd Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5M 2Y3

Centre: 604 257-8388 Pool: 604 257-8393 Fax: 604 257-8392

Web site: www.renfrewcc.com/

Jointly operated by Renfrew Park Community Association and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.



CENTRE REGISTRATION START DATES

On-Line Registration

www.vancouver.ca/parks/
Monday, June 4th

IN PERSON at 9:30am

Summer Day Camp— Pit Stop— Breakfast Club
Tuesday, June 5th

All Other Centre Programs
Wednesday, June 6th



PHONE IN with Visa or MasterCard

at 9:30am

All Centre Programs
Thursday, June 7th



COMPLEX HOURS effective Friday, June 29, 2007

Centre	Office Hours	Centre Hours
Mon-Thr	9:00am-8:45pm	9:00am-10:00pm
Fri	9:00am-5:00pm	9:00am-6:00pm
Sat & Sun	Closed	Closed
Holidays	Closed	Closed

Centre will be closed July 2 & August 6 & September 3rd.

SENIORS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, June 4-Friday, June 8th



Chance to Dance

This is a city wide event that will show case sr. dance groups. You invited to come and be entertained for the afternoon. This is a FREE Event.

Tue June 5 1:00-3:00pm FREE



Active Vancouver Art Walk (40+yrs)

Come walk the seawall and discover community arts in our city. Please meet at the Roundhouse Community Centre.

Wed Jun 6 10:00-12:00pm FREE

Tea by the Sea (40+yrs)

Join other enthusiastic seniors at our 5th annual event to celebrate Seniors Week 2007 at the Roundhouse Community Centre. This is a city wide Vancouver Park Board and Association sponsored event that will feature the swinging sound of a big band, light refreshments and treats, prizes, fun, friendship and lots of dancing. Transportation from Renfrew included.

Fri Jun 8 1:00-4:00pm \$5/person

Renfrew Honours Volunteers!

Seventy-five of Renfrew's program volunteers and Board members were honoured at a dinner at the Italian Cultural Centre on April 26th. Some volunteers are involved as Board and committee members who decide on programs, services and facility improvements. Other volunteers help with our special events and programs. Youth Council volunteers help with youth events, community special events and fundraise for other people who need assistance.

Special mention goes to Eddie Tang, who was chosen as Renfrew's Volunteer of the Year for the Vancouver Park Board. Also to be recognized is Mr. Yip, for his nomination for this honour because of his volunteer contributions in the Renfrew community and Vancouver as a whole.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers at Renfrew Park Community Centre!

Our Youth do Major Community Clean-up

Every year, the students of Windermere, Nootka, Renfrew, Norquay, Grenfell, Carlton, Graham Bruce and Collingwood Neighbourhood Schools, St. Mary's School, the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts participate in cleaning up the community. Between May 3 - 7, over 2,000 young people picked up garbage around the community, from Renfrew-Boundary and from Grandview Highway - East 45th Avenue. Thank you for making our community cleaner and more beautiful!



Check out our website at www.renfrewcc.com/ or pickup a summer brochure after May 26th at the centre.

Fitness Centre Schedule June 2007

June 1-26, 2007

Fitness Centre Closed June 27-30 July 1 & 2 2007

General Information: When visiting the Fitness Centre, please bring a towel, plastic water bottle (water only) and no cell phone.

Individual Orientations: We will show you through the facility and explain our user friendly Apex weight training machines, free weights and cardio equipment. Regular admission applies.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am-5pm	10am - 1pm	CLOSED

Pool will be closed June 1st-July 2nd, 2007

Summer lesson registration is ongoing.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Aboriginal Culture Celebration

Join the Renfrew-Collingwood Aboriginal Youth Canoe Club and Renfrew Park Community Centre for an afternoon of bannock making, basket weaving, storytelling and singing to celebrate Aboriginal culture.

Sat Jun 2 12:30-4:00pm FREE



School's Out Party

Thursday, June 28th
6:00-10:00pm
10-15years

Advance Tickets \$4, At the door \$5

Come to the party and celebrate the beginning of summer. We will be cooking up burgers, singing karaoke, playing games and as it gets dark we will dance up a storm!
Price includes burger, refreshment and dance.



Youth Celebrate Canada Day!

Join our neighbourhood youth, volunteers and staff in a fun-filled day for the whole community on July 1st.

BUS TOUR



UBC Botanical Garden

Located in Vancouver, Canada, our mission is excellence in plant research, education and conservation. Please visit and enjoy this garden of science and beauty.

Price will include transportation.
Tue Jun 26 9:30am-5:30pm \$10/person

Carnival Luncheon

Tuesday, June 26
12:00-2:00pm
\$6/person

Music and festivals are the most dominant means of cultural expression, but arts are also important to the



culture. Carnival is the most well-known cultural festival, and calypso and steel band music are both internationally popular. Come and discover Trinidad Music and taste the Trinidad food. Please register early for this event.



Renfrew / Collingwood Committees and Initiatives

For more information about these groups, please call 604.435.0323 or visit: <http://www.cnh.bc.ca/rcinitiatives/>

CULTURAL

Aboriginal Initiatives – Synala, Canoe Club & Amlat’si Family Place

- To develop programs that assist in the development of children and youth as well as community relationship building.
- The Canoe Club is culturally-based in order to promote the building of Aboriginal knowledge in the Collingwood community. Our objective is to join with Canoe Journeys such as the 5-day Paddling Together Canoe Journey. We have collaborated on activities with the Urban Native Youth Association and Warriors Against Violence.
- The Amlat’si Family Place focuses on Aboriginal cultural awareness through traditional songs, dances, arts, crafts and storytelling.

Arts Pow Wow

Community development through arts and art projects. Connecting people and allowing them to express themselves.

CNH Collingwood Settlement Services Committee

Coordinates the development and delivery of settlement services in Collingwood. This includes sharing information on services, identifying settlement needs in the area, and planning and implementing these in a collaborative manner drawing on existing resources.

Multicultural Artist Gathering (MAGA)

Multicultural visual artists and artisans who support the development and blossoming of creative expression within our community through public events, exhibition opportunities, workshops and networking.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Emergency Social Services Committee

Planning and preparedness for emergency situations in the Renfrew-Collingwood Area. CNH is the emergency center for the community.

RC CityPlan Committee

Implements Council-approved Community Vision directions through community initiatives. The group also supports and guides the activities of the sub-committees, expand outreach efforts, and works cooperatively with other community organizations and CityPlan committees to implement Vision Directions.

EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Collingwood Days

To plan and create Collingwood Days: an annual outdoor Spring event. The themes of the special event are: The History of Transportation – parade from Joyce Skytrain to Carleton School; Food Growing and Sharing – seed swap and garden opening; Community Celebration – food, live entertainment.

Moon Festival Steering Committee

To provide direction and community feedback for the Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival. The themes of the

Moon Festival are: Environmental awareness of issues surrounding Renfrew Ravine and Still Creek; Multicultural Community Celebration; Art and Cultural Sharing; Linking Harvest Fair and the Asian Mid-Autumn Festival.

Multiculturalism Week

This project is intended to celebrate Multiculturalism Week. This celebration includes a variety of events that enable the public to share their experiences, discuss and learn about common issues of interest or concern, and enjoy cultural performances representing different parts of the world.

CAPACITY BUILDING / NETWORKING / ISSUE RESOLUTIONS

CNH Computer Services Committee

Promotes a “less paper” work environment, computer learning opportunities and access to the internet.

CNH Families Branching Out

The Program focuses on all aspects of the health and well-being of children 0 to 6 and their extended families. This includes all family members and caregivers. The program takes a community development approach focusing on capacity building with parents as leaders and mentors for others in the group. We all want to see our children grow up well and strong, healthy and happy.

CNH Seniors Wellness Pathfinder Group

To promote seniors’ health through educational and social activities.

I Can Choose, We Can Choose

Mission Statement: “To develop peer leadership in response to the social, health and cultural needs of Renfrew-Collingwood youth, and to further the well-being of the community as a whole.”

Neighbourhood Integrated Services Team

This group is composed of City of Vancouver staff to work across organizational boundaries to help communities solve problems by dealing with issues that involve more than one department of the City.

Neighbourhood Small Grants Project

To bring together ad hoc groups of local neighbours to organize and run projects that improve their neighbourhoods socially, culturally or physically.

RC Area Services Team

Information sharing, service coordination, advocacy and action on emerging social issues and concerns.

RC Community Leadership Institute

The Renfrew-Collingwood Community Leadership Institute has, so far, offered two six-month learning sessions for community leaders in Renfrew/ Collingwood through a non-formal learning approach that continually builds on the body of knowledge in the community that propels and develops our leadership capacity. The Institute develops and nurtures diverse and competent community leadership.

RC Drug and Alcohol Committee

To promote a safer, healthier community by providing a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues related to substance abuse in Renfrew-Collingwood.

RC Food Security Institute

We value the importance of food in overall community capacity building, and the importance of not “stigmatizing” people in need.

- The Food Security Institute is premised on the idea that access to healthy, fresh food is a basic human right and the overall objective of the project is to build a solid food base for our community.

RC Homelessness Committee

Identifying and finding ways to improve the housing situation in Renfrew-Collingwood, and working to resolve issues for the homeless.

RC Open Doors to Learning

To provide early literacy programs for families with children aged newborn to four years, especially those who may be isolated or have not accessed other services. This year we are offering Parent-Child Mother Goose, Man in the Moon (for dads, granddads, and male caregivers and their babies aged newborn to 18 months), and Family Resource Centre Drop-In programs. All of these programs emphasize oral pre-literate communication between parent and child. Songs, stories, rhymes and games comprise the content. The Drop-In program also provides opportunities for parents to observe and join their children in play and craft activities. Emphasis is on building confidence, knowledge and skill in parents who are the prime educators of their children. A side-benefit is that parents form friendships and find support that extends beyond the group meeting.

RC Community News

Provides a medium for residents, businesses & organizations to communicate and promote community-based programs, services and activities, etc.

Windermere Community and Family of Schools

To identify resources and reallocation strategies to support Youth Leadership and Windermere Family of Schools.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Collingwood Business Improvement Association

- Develops, encourages and promotes business in the CBIA, aids and researches projects/plans to benefit CBIA
- Encourages and supports entertainment, sports and cultural activities
- Promotes matters of common concern to the business tenants and property owners in the CBIA and to bring them together for the betterment of society.

Collingwood Community Policing Centre/Joyce Street

Acts as a bridge of communications between the community and the police department. The office also provides a referral service and crime prevention education.

CNH Board of Directors

Directs the work and activities of Collingwood Neighbourhood House. Includes planning, policymaking, financial management and employment of staff for community development and services in Collingwood

Italian Cultural Centre

The Italian Cultural Centre was built for the purpose of maintaining, promoting and increasing the Italian Culture in the fields of language, literature, art and music as well as providing a gathering place for social activities and friendships, and not just for the Italians, but for all people that admire and treasure the Italian culture.

Norquay Business Group

To improve business environment along Kingsway between Nanaimo and Rupert.

RC Parents Advisory Council

Agendas are concerned primarily with school issues like fundraising, but also community issues like grow ops and safety.

Renfrew Park Community Association

Provides and supports recreation services in the community in conjunction with Vancouver Parks Board.

PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS / ENVIRONMENT

Green Up Clean Up

- Beautification of the area on Joyce Street between Wellington and Euclid.
- The long-term goal is creating the Cultural Harmony Walk and Garden – a walk from Kingsway along Joyce to Wellington with historical plaques, artwork, banners, flowers as well as a garden with more flowers, benches and a mural.

Keep Vancouver Spectacular

Keeps the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood clean by means of allocating one day in the Spring where community members pick up waste from streets. On this day, the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood is divided up into designated areas where leaders and their teams would go about with garbage bags, gloves, and tongs in their hands. This initiative is supported with garbage bags and gloves from the Engineering Department of the City of Vancouver.

Renfrew Ravine Committee

Finds ways to improve community involvement and develop community spirit. Out of this objective has come the Renfrew Ravine project which aims at restoring and enhancing the natural environment of the ravine.

Skytrain Initiatives

Improves ways of connecting the skytrain stations into the local community

Slocan Park Group

Revitalizes Slocan Park through making improvements to the playground and its surrounding areas.

Save Firehall 15 (Build a New One Next Door) Committee

Aims to preserve Fire Hall 15 as a Stickly Heritage Building in a neighbourhood low in heritage architecture

Scenes from Collingwood Days 2007



For more information,
visit:
www.youthmedia.ca



Youth Media Members (left to right): Amber Lee, Scott Wu, Sanjeev Karwal, Derrick Chiang, Suzanna Sam, and Simon Tai

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