



Community News

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Vancouver Kingsway Community Update

Dear Neighbours:

Welcome to the first full month of summer! My thanks to the organizers and volunteers at the June 14th Philippine Independence Day celebration in Slocan Park, the July 1st Canada Day celebration at Renfrew Community Centre, and the annual Italian Week festival at the Italian Cultural Centre; great events such as these always make our whole community proud.

Congratulations to Scholarship Winners

I am honoured every year to provide a scholarship for outstanding graduates of Gladstone, Killarney, and Windermere secondary schools. In 2008, the winners were Paolo Carreras and Mandeep Sahota from Gladstone, Sam Yue from Killarney, and Sharan Pawa from Windermere. Congratulations to each of you, and best wishes as you move on to new pursuits.

Windermere Restorative Justice Team

I'd like to briefly recognize the work of Windermere Secondary School's Restorative Justice Team. The student-led Restorative Justice Team works in the school to solve conflicts through mediation and dialogue, rather than punishment. The result is a community where problems are solved inclusively and collaboratively, rather than through exclusion. In 2007-2008, the members were Holly Tang, Jasper Singian, Harpreet Parmar, Lisa Dinh, Kevin Ram, Joanne Wong, Andrew Lim, and Charlie Chin. This innovative program is an excellent model for the province, both for its positive results and the leadership shown by the team members.

Joyce-Collingwood Neighbourhood Garden

Rising costs of food worldwide and the environmental impacts of factory farming have made food security issues increasingly important. One of the best solutions is to grow more food ourselves, where we live, in community gardens just like the one here in Joyce-Collingwood under the SkyTrain tracks. The garden now has 16 plots of vegetables, herbs, and flowers, in addition to the year-old berry trail to the west of Joyce SkyTrain station. The gardeners held a successful plant sale at the recent Collingwood Days and there will be a community garden party as well, in August, which everyone is invited to. For more information and to get involved with the Collingwood garden, or get information on starting your own garden, contact Maja Grip (majagrip@shaw.ca) or Heidi Sinclair, the coordinator of the Food Security Institute at Collingwood Neighbourhood House (foodsecurity@cnh.bc.ca)

Community Events

Fiji Festival 2008

Come and enjoy the best of Fiji culture and entertainment. This event is going to be hosted at Graham Bruce Elementary School at 3633 Tanner Street. Events start at 10 am.

Walk with the Dragon 2008

SUCCESS is a non-profit organization that provides services to thousands of newcomers. They are hosting their annual fundraising event 'Walk with the Dragon' on July 20, 2008 starting at 8:30 am at Lumbermen's Arch in Stanley Park. Come and support this important fundraiser to help fund important programs and services for new immigrants and refugees in Canada.

Climate Change Dividend

My office has received many calls about the \$100 Climate Change Dividend that the government has issued. This cheque will be sent to everyone who has filed a BC Tax return in 2006 and 2007. If you have not received your cheque by the end of this month, please call my office and we will assist you at 604-660-0314 or send me an email at adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca.