



Community News

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Rooftop Garden Complete

Congratulations to Collingwood Neighbourhood House's Heidi Sinclair and the 200 volunteers who have been working tirelessly on the completion of the rooftop garden. On September 25, we celebrated the grand opening of the rooftop garden and the completion of the Mosaic tile project installed in the garden beds. The Mosaic tile project was lead by Yoko Tomita, who coordinated various garden workshops with neighbourhood residents and their families. The funding for this project was provided by the Neighbourhood Matching Grant and the tiles were donated by Kiwassa Neighbourhood House. The Rooftop Garden and Mosaic Tile Project is just one of CNH's initiatives to improve our neighbourhood's landscape and promote community involvement and collaboration.

Trout Lake Community Centre Update Community Centre Back on the 2009-2011 Capital Plan

I would like to send my thanks and congratulations to residents of Trout Lake who won a very important victory for their community centre. On September 16, 2008, Vancouver City Council voted unanimously in favor of a motion to put \$23 million for the Trout Lake Community Centre (TLCC) project back in the City of Vancouver's Capital Plan.

A combined 2,000 residents signed petitions, sent e-mails, called their city councilors or appeared at the public hearing urging Council to fund the much needed reconstruction to their community centre. The TLCC project and the rest of Vancouver's Capital Plan will now be put on the ballot during the municipal election on November 15, 2008, where voters will decide as to whether Trout Lake Community Centre will be rebuilt. Then the next set of newly elected Park Commissioners and City Councilors will vote on the release of the funds. Therefore, to continue our efforts it is important to ask civic candidates if they will commit to strongly support the Trout Lake Community Centre.

Italian Cultural Centre Society 31st Anniversary

Congratulations to the Italian Cultural Centre Society on celebrating their 31st Anniversary. I was very honoured to attend their Anniversary Banquet on September 26. This evening recognized the extraordinary involvement of volunteers, members and staff who make the Italian Cultural Centre what it is today. As well, this event marked the historical inauguration of the new Italian Heritage Museum at the Italian Cultural Centre. I encourage everyone to come and visit the historical museum to learn about the history of the Italian community and their contributions to our diverse and multicultural Vancouver community.

Community Events

Lac Viet Health Forum is on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Croation Cultural Centre. This event is to promote education and healthy living in the Vietnamese Community.

Come celebrate Diwali 'the festival of lights' at Renfrew Community Centre on October 18 starting at 5 pm. For more information contact Cheryl Pallida at 604-257-8390.

Community in Action

The tragedy at the mushroom farm in Langley has left a deep sadness in our communities. The five victims and their families are in desperate need of help. Mr. Han Pham, who left five children behind, Mr. Ut Tran, who left two children, Mr. Jimmy Chan, who left a son, Mr. Thang Tchen, who is still in a coma with three children, and Mr. Son Hoang Phan, who is still in a coma with two children. During this difficult time, it is important that our communities stand behind the families and provide supports.

To help support the families affected by this terrible event, the Langley Farm Workers Trust Fund has been established. Please consider helping them in this difficult time. You can come to Vancouver Community Savings at 5108 Joyce Street to donate to this trust.