



## In Your Neighbourhood

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### Crystal Pool Project

The [Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project](#) is now entering the second phase of design. Project architects will be leading engagement sessions where attendees will be:

- Provided a project update including a presentation on considerations for programming and design, as well as [key outcomes](#) of the project.
- Asked to provide input on preferred activities and priorities that will inform the future building's design.

If you would like to attend, please [RSVP here](#) to indicate which of the two engagement sessions you prefer. Identical sessions are offered from on Tuesday February 27, 2018 from 3-5 pm and from 6-8 pm to enable as many to attend as possible.

### Family Day

Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre [hours for BC Family Day](#) (Monday, February 12) will be 10am – 4pm with free admission after 1 pm.

There is also free parking at City parkades and at metered parking spaces on the street.

### Mason Street Mural Graffiti

We are planning to paint out the graffiti on the mural located on the 900 block of Mason Street. If you have time to help Councillor Loveday and a few City staff, we would like to do the work on Saturday, February 17 at 1:00pm. If it's raining or very likely to be raining, we will try again the next day (Sunday) at the same time. Please [email me](#) to let me know if you can make it.

### Glad Tidings Church Addition

On February 8, Council reviewed an [application](#) for a Development Permit with a Variance for a 60 square metre addition on the North Park Street side of the property at 1800 Quadra Street. Improvements to the design were requested and direction was provided to consult again with the North Park CALUC.

### Participatory Budgeting Winners Announced

Winners from the first [Participatory Budgeting](#) process were announced on January 31. The top three projects include an employment preparedness training program for Victoria's most vulnerable citizens, a "pop-up native bee apiary", and an educational learning garden. \$52,500 in funding will be distributed to these community-based projects that all have the common goal of improving life in Victoria.

### Great Neighbourhood Grant Spring 2018

The next application intake for the [My Great Neighbourhood Grant](#) program is opening March 1, 2018. Start thinking about ways to bring people together for a fun community-building activity or activate a location in your neighbourhood. Talk to your Neighbourhood Liaison about your thoughts and ideas, and let us help you make a plan.



### Sign Up for Vic-Alert

The recent tsunami warning was a reminder that emergencies can happen at any time. Sign up for Vic-Alert, the City of Victoria's free emergency notification service to receive helpful information and updates by phone, text or email on emergencies that may impact you. For more information, visit [www.VictoriaReady.ca](http://www.VictoriaReady.ca).

### Cleaning Up the Neighbourhood

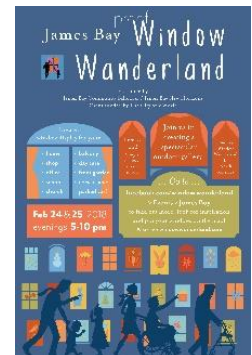
Have you ever thought your neighbourhood would benefit from a little more TLC? This year, we would like to encourage residents who are interested in helping keep their neighbourhood attractive by offering a rolling cart to support a clean team.



The carts will be outfitted with basic equipment for picking up litter, painting out graffiti and disposing of syringes. This could be a great way to engage retired residents, involve youth from schools or mobilize other residents. This could be started through a Great Neighbourhood Grant project this spring. Funds may cover additional supplies and support for a neighbourhood clean-up event. Please let us know if you would like to explore this idea!

### Window Wanderland 2018

Speaking of great ideas for a neighbourhood project, come to James Bay on the weekend of February 24-25, and view the first [Window Wanderland](#) event in North America. James Bay residents are creating illuminated displays in their windows at their homes, shops, offices, schools and even their cars. Join residents in this family-friendly evening event to wander the streets and see the amazing outdoor gallery they are creating.



### Strategic Plan Amendments

Council has approved amendments to the actions and outcomes of the City's Strategic Plan. These include:

- Accessibility Framework implemented
- Citizen-led Heritage Conservation Areas introduced
- Housing Strategy amended
- Inclusionary policy developed
- Sustainable mobility strategy developed with BC Transit
- Local government procurement plan developed and hub established
- Climate Leadership Plan implemented
- Discussion of amalgamation advanced



## February 2018 Update

# North Park

### Training Opportunities

Volunteer Victoria is offering the following [courses](#) that may be of interest to neighbourhood organizations. Costs vary depending on whether you are a member of Volunteer Victoria.

- [Social Media 101](#)  
This four part series will help you conquer social media overwhelm by breaking your social media marketing into manageable bite size pieces. You will walk away with a marketing plan and content calendar for the year. 4 weeks beginning February 22nd 2018.
- [BC Societies Act Basics](#)  
This workshop focuses on supporting you to not only meet the November 28th transition deadline but to also address aspects related to compliance with the Act. February 28th 2018 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Governance 101 - Building Better Non-Profit Boards](#)  
This 4-week online course is designed for first time board members who want to learn about board governance, existing board members who are reviewing their roles and responsibilities and building their governance toolkits, and for staff members who are engaging with board members for the first time and/or in new ways. Beginning February 1st 2018
- [Foundations in Volunteer Management](#)  
This course will ground you in recognized best practices, expose you to trends in the field and offer you effective management approaches. This is a 6 week online course that you do at your own pace, beginning with a mandatory 1 day session on March 7th, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.
  - February 24th | 9:00 am -10:00 am - Live Webinar for questions
- [Executive Directors Network](#)  
Join your fellow Executive Director's to share, discuss, and explore not-for-profit management issues. February 8th | 9:30 am - 10:30 am

### Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets February [1](#), [8](#), 15 and 22 at 9am. Council meets February [8](#) and 22, beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).