



NORTH PARK

Tree Appreciation Day

Don't forget the tree appreciation event in Beacon Hill Park this weekend. There will be plenty of activities and workshops to learn about all things gardening. Sunday (Nov 6) at noon near the Cook Street playground. Check on the full listing of garden and plant-related events offered by the City and its community partners.

<https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Parks~Rec~Culture/Recreation/Documents/Rec%20Fall%202022%20Growing%20in%20the%20City.pdf>



Neighbourhood Grants

The My Great Neighbourhood Grant program has closed for 2022. There will be a report summarizing this year's program going to City Council in December. The North Park neighbourhood will host 3 of the 36 projects supported by this year's funding. Two of these applications were sponsored by the NPNA – thank you! The next intake will start in April.

Advisory Committees

The City is recruiting volunteers for several advisory committees. The deadline to apply is **Friday, November 18, 2022**. Those appointed by City Council will be contacted in December. Find more information [here](#).



Festival Investment Grants

Here is an opportunity for funding your neighbourhood celebrations. \$400,000 is available for up to 25% of your operating costs with \$25k dedicated to Canada Day neighbourhood events. You can attend an information session on Tuesday November 15 at 5:30 to learn more or view the recording online after that time. The application deadline is Friday, December 30 at 4 p.m. [More information](#).

New Council Sworn-in

Your new City Mayor and Councillors have now assumed their positions. You can watch the swearing-in ceremony (38 min) [here](#). There will be five Council Committee of the Whole meetings (Nov. 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8) and two Council meetings (Nov. 24, Dec 8) over the remainder of 2022.



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From Around the City...

Recycle Saturdays

Did you know that the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association (SJNA) has operated a monthly recycling depot for over 15 years? They take materials that the CRD Blue Bin program doesn't accept (plastics) e.g. styrofoam, mixed paper). The depot is at the Bank Street Art School and is open on the second Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. An average of 50-60 bags of recyclables diverted from the landfill each month. Donations for dropping off help pay for the cost of this program and generate approximately \$300 a month.



The monthly service has also become a community gathering event, with regulars taking time to visit with their neighbours while they drop off their recycling. SJNA has compiled a **How to Get Started Guide** for other neighbourhood organizations who might want to start their own monthly recycling depot. Last year they helped the James Bay Neighborhood Association with start-up costs covered by a **My Great Neighbourhood Grant**. If you are interested in starting a Recycle Saturday in your neighbourhood, reach out to [SJNA](#) for their guide and talk to your City staff neighbourhood liaison about a grant.

Local Champions Spring Intake

Are you interested in making a difference on your block, neighbourhood or beyond and have no idea how to get started? Building community is incredibly fulfilling work and it can start here!

Local Champions is a community-based leadership development program for Victoria residents to gain foundational skills, gain confidence and build relationships to become more active and engaged in their community. Local champions can apply their learning to initiate community-building activities or projects. Are you a budding local champion? Do you know someone who might want to become one? Check the City [website](#) soon for updates on the starting date for the 2023 program or email neighbourhoods@victoria.ca for more information.

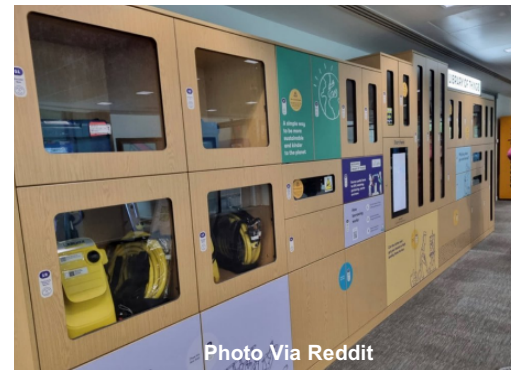




From Further Abroad...

Little Libraries – More than Books

Does your community centre have room for a little lending library? There may be an opportunity to out items that people might need only occasionally and not have the money or space to store. In Victoria, little libraries have been created for artwork, seeds and food. Contact your neighbourhood liaison to see how we might support you with a **My Great Neighbourhood Grant** to get started with your idea for a little library.



Assessing Your Social Health

Have you ever wondered how your social health measures up? Researchers at Simon Fraser University have created the **GenWell Social Health Assessment** tool in collaboration with data from the Canadian Social Connection Survey. Responses to twelve questions provides a numeric score to help you understand your social health and wellbeing compared to other Canadians. The score is accompanied by information on steps towards improving your health, happiness, and wellbeing. Take the quiz [here](#). For more information about community social health, reach out to the [GenWell Project team](#).



Food – The Ultimate Community Builder

We've all experienced long boring meetings when our minds wander



to thinking about our next meal or maybe our long to-do list waiting for us. Long-time community builder Jim Diers believes that community building happens faster and more effectively when you host a party instead of a meeting. Sometimes a party isn't always possible but a meeting with a bit of food always goes down a bit easier. Coffee cake is an old favourite that pleases a crowd and this [recipe](#) is one that anyone can make quickly and easily in your kitchen. Add a cup of tea or coffee and you've got the perfect accompaniment to your agenda.

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Looking to stay engaged? Register with our [Have Your Say Engagement Portal](#). You'll get a monthly update about current engagement opportunities to participate in surveys and other online engagement opportunities.



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