

Communications & Organizational Capacity

Meetings:

- Host [monthly meetings](#)
- Host [CALUC](#) meetings, draft and submit letters on behalf of CALUC.
- [Tiny Homes Community Advisory Committee](#): Attending, sharing news with community members, hosting meeting agendas and minutes on NPNA website. Represent views of residents at CAC, communicate issues and seek resolution of issues.
- 900 Block Good Neighbour Agreement Meetings: attend monthly, represent views of residents at meeting.
- Downtown Service Provider (DSP) Meetings: attend monthly
- [Victoria Community Association Network](#) (VCAN) monthly meetings: Become vice chair in September 2022, support website development.

Communications:

- Send [newsletters](#) every other Friday: using Mailchimp, design and deliver newsletters 2-3x/month, publish to website
- Update [website](#) regularly
- Post regularly to social media ([Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#))
- Hand deliver posters to apartment buildings and popular neighbourhood bulletin boards
- Send direct invitations about upcoming events and opportunities for feedback to community groups and organizations (ie. George Jay, VIRCS, Silver Threads, etc)

Land Use Committee

Land Use Committee: Led by the Land Use Planning Advisor whose responsibilities include:

- Maintaining an up to date [publicly available spreadsheet](#) of all active and archived developments, including
 - letters from City of Victoria about each development,
 - Development Tracker links,
 - CALUC meeting dates and meeting minutes, and
 - CALUC letters
- Hosting [CALUC](#) meetings
- Summarizing feedback in meeting notes
- Tracking feedback on each development
- Drafting and submitting letters on behalf of CALUC

In addition to the CALUC, the Land Use Planning Advisor assisted with attending meetings and informing the community about North Park Local Area Plan and Downtown Core Area Plan (which covers much of North Park), proposed changes to the North Park neighbourhood boundary, and updated the [Land Use Translation Guide](#)

Service Delivery & Support

Grocery Hamper Program:

The [North Park Grocery Hamper Program](#) began in April 2020 as a pandemic response initiative. We quickly realized that the food insecurity of participants had been pre-existing long before the pandemic began. This program has become a foundational program for our organization.

- Distributed over 4,500 hampers in 2021

Central Park & 940 Caledonia encampment support:

- Supported the relocation of unhoused individuals from Central Park to 940 Caledonia - as documented in [this report](#).
- Supported the establishment of a self-managed encampment at 940 Caledonia - platform building and maintenance, honorarium based job program (Clean team, maintenance, food delivery), weekly meetings, provided food, establishment of warming tent - as documented in [this report](#).

Prohibition of Sheltering in Central Park:

- Following over a year of sheltering in Central Park culminating with a flooding event that caused the relocation of all those sheltering in Central to 940 Caledonia, the NPNA advocated that sheltering in Central Park be prohibited. See [letter here](#), and [presentation here](#).

Free Events & Activities

The events and activities in 2021 fall into three categories: recurring events, single day events, and collaborative events.

Recurring Events & Activities:

- Activities at RAP, throughout July-August 2021:
 - Art workshops, Picnic in the park, programs for women and girls with the Mosque, Programs with Silver Threads, drop in soccer
- Food & Farmers Markets at Royal Athletic Park (monthly)
- Multicultural Festivals at Royal Athletic Park (October, December)
- [Monthly garden parties](#) at the Franklin Green Native Plant Garden in collaboration with VIRCS Welcome Garden
- [Quarterly Multicultural Festival](#) at Royal Athletic Park: May 8, July 24, October 23 in collaboration with Masjid-Al Iman Mosque. Each festival included 30-45 vendors, free kids activities, free performances, and art projects (ie. Humans of North Park)
- Monthly Food & Farmers Markets
- Art Workshops at Vancouver Street Plaza (Nov-Dec)

Single Day Events:

- July 24: Eid Bazaar at Royal Athletic Park with Masjid Al-Iman Mosque
- October 2: Building Block Festival at Vancouver Street Plaza
- October 23-24: Storywalk at Vancouver Street Plaza
- October 31: Halloween at the Vancouver Street Plaza with Trick or Treating and Theatre SKAM performance
- November 20: Emergency Preparedness Info session at Vancouver Street Plaza

Collaborative community events

- April 12: Get Growing Victoria, Spring Garden Materials Distribution in collaboration with VIRCS Welcome Garden
- May 31: Get Growing Victoria, Spring Seedling Distribution in collaboration with VIRCS Welcome Garden
- August 23: Get Growing Victoria, Fall Seedling Distribution in collaboration with VIRCS Welcome Garden
- October 25: Get Growing Victoria, Fall Garden Materials Distribution in collaboration with VIRCS Welcome Garden
- November 27: Local Area Plan Open House at Vancouver Street Plaza hosted by City Planners

Art & Placemaking

Vancouver Street Plaza:

The [Vancouver Street Plaza](#) project is a placemaking activation that began in July 2021 with funding from the Healthy Communities Grant distributed by Community Foundations of Canada and the Canadian Urban Institute. The goal of this project is to increase access to free recreation and activities, promote social inclusion, and develop neighbourhood identity and sense of place.

- August - December, the plaza featured the Lending Hub which lent out puzzles, board games, sports equipment, and lawn games to community members.
- Single day events as listed above

Community Art Projects:

Throughout the year, we worked with local artists on community art projects with the goal of promoting neighbourhood identity and supporting art production.

- [North Park Village Banner Design Competition](#)
- Mural at Royal Athletic Park in collaboration with the City of Victoria with artists Lydia Beauregard, Kay Gallivan, and Caitlin McDonagh
- My Great Neighbourhood Grant projects and additional community interest projects not related to MGNG stream (clothing drives, community BBQs, neighbourhood fundraisers, etc)