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February

Community Services e-News



Black History Month

15+ events through the month of February

Celebrate Black History Month with various events and activities that pay tribute to the legacy and rich cultural heritage of the Black community in Canada. Enjoy the opportunity to engage in discussions, immersive exhibits and vibrant performances that highlight the significant achievements and resilience of Black individuals throughout history.

The City of Richmond, through the development of the Cultural Harmony Plan, is committed to strengthening intercultural connection, fostering a sense of unity and understanding and acknowledging the invaluable impact of Black Canadians in our society. This month-long celebration promotes inclusivity, diversity and appreciation for the diverse narratives that shape our collective history and the rich cultural heritage of our community.

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Wear Pink on Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 28

The Richmond community is encouraged to wear pink on Pink Shirt Day to support the anti-bullying efforts taking place in Richmond and across the nation. Originally developed as an anti-bullying initiative, Pink Shirt Day also places emphasis on being kind, supporting one another and celebrating differences so that all citizens can feel safe in their communities.

There will be activities taking place at community centres, schools and libraries across Richmond to recognize Pink Shirt Day.

Show your support and wear pink on February 28!

FIND ACTIVITIES

Get creative and active together over the Family Day Weekend

4 days of fun, February 16-19

Come out and celebrate Family Day Weekend with us. Family Day is a great opportunity for families to get active and enjoy time together, with over 45 free and low-cost events and programs. For four days starting Friday, February 16, activities throughout the city include swimming, skating, open gyms and drop-in sports and crafts.



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New Community Services Connectors Program

Get connected with one-on-one assistance to learn more about social services and supports in your community

Are you a Richmond resident with a lower income looking for services and support?

Chat with Community Service Connectors who have experience navigating social service and government systems, and who can help you find information about:

- Social service benefits
- Affordable housing supports
- Affordable family services
- Free and low-cost food
- Employment resources
- Transportation
- Other community programs and assistance available in Richmond

Drop by the Living Room at Ironwood Library (8200-11688 Steveston Hwy) and meet with a Community Services Connector every Sunday from January 28 to May 26, 2:00 to 4:00pm.

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Spring Into Action

Get ready to register for spring programs

Spring is on the horizon and it's time to start planning for this season of longer days and warmer temperatures. Thousands of spring courses are being offered from April 2 to the end of June, so plan to register with these important dates:

- Fri, Feb 9 | Courses viewable online
- Tue, Feb 20 | Online registration for spring programs begins (8:00pm for Aquatics only | 9:00pm for all other programs)
- Wed, Feb 21 | In-person and Call Centre registration for spring programs

Visit richmond.ca/register to learn more about all of our spring program offerings.

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Children's Arts Festival

Celebrate with fun, family-friendly activities

Join us in celebrating BC Family Day at the 15th annual Children's Arts Festival on Monday, February 19, 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Richmond Public Library, Cultural Centre and Cultural Centre Annex! Ignite your children's imagination through the arts with a variety of music, hands-on activities, literary adventures and captivating performing arts. Get immersed in this day-long program featuring free performances, drop-in workshops and select paid registered classes.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to create lasting memories with your family.

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Heritage Week and The Suitcase Project exhibition

Learn about local history for free

A special showing of “The Suitcase Project” traveling exhibit created by Kayla Isomura, in collaboration with the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, asks the question:

“What would you pack if you were given a moment’s notice before being forcibly uprooted from your home?”

The exhibit includes stories and artefacts from Japanese Canadian families in Steveston who were interned during the Second World War.

“The Suitcase Project” is on display at the Japanese Fishermen’s Benevolent Society Building (adjacent to the Steveston Museum and Post Office) until April 21. Admission is free.

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Save the Date

Richmond Community Celebration Grant

Apply by Sun, Feb 25, 11:59pm
Online

BC Sports Hall of Fame Trip - 55+

Feb 15
Thompson Community Centre

Walk Richmond

Sat, Feb 10, 10:00am
Wed, Feb 14, 10:00am
Sat, Feb 24, 10:00am
Wed, Feb 28, 10:00am
Various locations

Richmond Public Library's Public Consultation

Until Feb 25
Online

Lunar New Year Events/Programs

Various dates
Various locations

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