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Deer on Sentinel School Grounds -Photo by Raine Haziza Sentinel Photography Student

Join Us for the Annual Neighbourhood BBQ Party and AGM!



**1395 Crestwell Rd.
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Meet your neighbours, mingle, reconnect with friends, and have fun! Enjoy our delicious BBQ and refreshments.
Be sure to come this year! And you could be the winner of a great door prize too.

President's Message – Support Your Association



Dear British Properties and Area Neighbours

Summer is here and once again, along with The Board of Directors of the BPAHA, I am pleased to be hosting our Annual Neighbourhood Event. Come and meet your neighbours, mingle, network, be social and have fun! Enjoy our delicious BBQ, refreshments and enter your name for the door prize. Last year was a great success and we hope even more neighbours – new and old – will join us. Our Homeowners Association is part of the glue that makes our British Properties such a special place to live, we look forward to seeing you at the party!

- **Neighbourhood BBQ and AGM on Saturday, June 25th from 4 pm to 7 pm •**
- **Located at 1395 Crestwell Road, West Vancouver •**

On another more serious note, a number of British Properties residents have approached me with worries and concerns about the new Interim Tree Bylaw for tree cutting and trimming. Most are upset that they will be unable to top trees that are obstructing access or blocking views. Below is a snapshot of the bylaw for your information. If you have concerns about this bylaw please let Council know by emailing:

MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca. It is important to have your voice heard!.

Sincerely, Shahin Behroyan

New Tree Rules in a Snapshot

Information from the District of West Vancouver

In May and June, the District held a community consultation regarding a long-term strategy for tree protection on private lands. Until Council considers the results and determines future policy, an Interim Tree Bylaw is in place to protect identified trees. Staff will report back to Council in July 2016 with the results of the public consultation and options for next steps.

Under the Interim Tree Bylaw now in effect:

Identified trees are any species of tree 75 cm (29.5 inches) in diameter or larger, or Arbutus and Garry oak trees 20 cm (7.87 inches) in diameter or larger, measured 1.4 metres (4.6 feet) from the ground.

You cannot cut an identified tree unless you are redeveloping your property or the tree is deemed hazardous by a professional arborist.

Where you are proposing construction on your property, identified trees outside the principal building envelope would have to be retained except to allow for necessary driveway access and garage locations. Other buildings and structures such as swimming pools must be located to avoid identified trees.

'Cut' is defined as the complete removal of a tree, or the topping of trees, including any tree that has been previously topped, or the removal of limbs of trees, other than ordinary maintenance required to maintain the health of the tree. You can apply for a permit at Municipal Hall from the Planning & Development Services Department (with your certified arborist's report). In the interim period, there is no charge for a permit.

For more information, visit westvancouver.ca/trees
Call 604-925-7055, or email info@westvancouver.ca

Important Message to Our Homeowners

The British Properties and Area Homeowners Association has been contacted by numerous residents who are concerned about the extremely restrictive nature of the Interim Tree Bylaw. They are particularly worried about not being able to top trees that are blocking their views and or limiting sunlight on their properties.

The District Survey regarding input on this interim bylaw closed June 10. If you would like to give feedback, please email mayorandcouncil@westvancouver.ca

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Great News for West Vancouver Sports Enthusiasts!



By Jim Boyd, West Vancouver Foundation

WV High School – Place for Sport Revitalization Project Artist Rendition

On May 26th., a group of citizens envisioning a new, much needed all season track and field facility, proposed the **West Vancouver Place for Sport** facility to our community.

Centrally-located in the heart of West Vancouver, this project will be a safe, inclusive, versatile community track and field sports facility that all citizens will be proud to call their own.

Providing a much-needed all season sports field and track will enhance the health and athletic engagement of citizens of all ages.

Does West Vancouver need this Sports Facility?

Demand for a safe all weather multi-sport and leisure facility has never been higher and has far outgrown field availability. Artificial turf fields are not as subject to poor weather conditions and are essentially a recreation center without walls. A single turf field replaces five grass fields.

A West Vancouver Place for Sport

The guiding principles include collaboration, inclusiveness, family, community vitality and health, excellence in sport, caring community service, volunteerism, multi-use and education. Community planning of the sports facility is aligned with the West Vancouver's Sport Field Master Plan for yearlong utilization by community stakeholders. Field demands are increasing user expectations. The current track is unusable and is the only track and field facility in West Vancouver.

The current site features a grass field in poor condition with a rapidly



deteriorating 5 lane running track. This is a unique opportunity to rehabilitate and develop a multi-sport recreational facility benefitting all West Vancouver residents, creating a lasting legacy for the community.

The project replaces the track with a level six lane track with a typical rubber athletic surface functional for recreational community use and track and field competition, including an artificial turf field with lights, and a modest washroom building.

The central location is accessible to public transportation and a broad cross-section of the community. The project enhances land in use as an athletic facility for 60 years, with no expansion of the existing footprint. This location at the largest secondary school is ideal for students balancing community sports participation with academic obligations.

Canada Women's International Soccer Team Goalkeeper and West Vancouver Place for Sport spokesperson, Erin McCleod, knows the need for a new sports facility. "Growing up I always had access to a field or a place to go – a place to train – and it was really important to my development". "Having been with the West Vancouver Soccer Club and coaching there a few times, sometimes there are three teams on one field, so I know it's extremely important to have more access to more fields and more tracks within the community," McCleod said.

Video link at <http://www.wvpfs.org/#!about/c14xv>

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Properties Family Hub Celebrates Two Years



Community leaders, partners and volunteers gathered at The Properties Family Hub at Chartwell School this past April to celebrate its second year of operation.

West Vancouver School's Sandra-Lynn Shortall, District Principal, Early Learning, officiated at the ceremony explaining the importance of the project and the benefits it has for our community.

The Properties Family Hub Society works from a strengths-based model employing an intergenerational approach to community support, development and education. The Hub provides resources and creates a gathering space for families to connect in the British Properties.

For more information go to the West Vancouver Schools website: westvancouver.schools.ca and look under "Programs". Or simply come and visit The Hub! It's located in the portable at the back of Chartwell School.



Hilltop Dancers, our community based dance group, perform yoga dance.



West Vancouver School's Sandra-Lynn Shortall and MLA Ralph Sultan unveil Early Years Centre sign at our Properties Family Hub event.

家庭活动中心庆祝两周年

位于西温山上的家庭活动中心，迎来了营运以来的第二个年头。来自社区内各个机构的领导人，在负责人 Sandra-Lynn Shortall 的召集下，一起见证了该项目对我们社区作出的贡献。

家庭活动中心开发了针对各个年龄层的活动和教育项目，提供了多种资源和场地，以促进 BP 居民间的交流。活动中心的有关信息可以在网站 westvancouver.schools.ca 下的 "programs" 一栏获取。或者直接到中心了解更多情况。



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Westcot Science Team Headed for Washington D.C.

The Student Spaceflight Experiment Program (SSEP) is a science competition in which students propose science experiments to test on the International Space Station. Student groups from elementary schools across West Vancouver competed to see which experiment astronauts in space would carry out. More than 500 students took part in writing proposals and the top teams from each school were invited to the District Science Fair. From there, the top three proposals were sent to the Smithsonian Natural Museum of History where the eventual winner was selected.

The successful team for this mission was a group of students from Westcot Elementary. They plan to send worm cocoons into space to see if they can successfully hatch and begin to compost soil. If worms are able



Winning Team (from left to right): Vesal Farahi, Joseph Piovesan, Kris Kirkwood, Griffin Edward, and Shania Farbehi.

to compost soil on the International Space Station, this could help astronauts grow their own food. Recently, astronauts ate romaine lettuce that was grown entirely in space. The ability to grow food in space will be important for long-range flight or even the colonization of other planets, such as Mars.

The team of students from Westcot have been invited to Washington DC to present their findings at a national conference at the National Air and Space Museum in June. Later this year the experiment will be loaded onto a rocket to be sent into space. When the experiment returns from orbit, the team will perform their final analysis and document their findings.

Congratulations to our young scientists!



British Properties Homeowners Association Supports Local Schools



Carol Reynolds BPAHA presents donation cheque to Aron Campbell, principal of Chartwell Elementary for the Gr 6/7 Leadership team in their 'Me to We' campaign to support health care in Kenya.



Carol Reynolds BPAHA presents donation cheque to Cathie Ratz, principal of Westcot Elementary for a 'Buddy Bench' in the school yard.

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Thinking of Getting a Pet? Think BC SPCA!

Consider making the BC SPCA your first adoption option! Each year the BC SPCA finds homes for thousands of animals – dogs, cats, rabbits, horses, hamsters, ferrets, and more. By adopting an animal from the BC SPCA you are giving it a second chance for a happy life. Most of the shelter animals available for adoption in SPCA shelters throughout B.C. are viewable online. And of course you can visit the West Van shelter to see all the wonderful animals ready and waiting to find their forever homes. Staff and volunteers will offer advice and help match you with the right pet for your lifestyle and household.

The BC SPCA is a non-profit organization that must cover the costs of sheltering animals. This includes paying for the facilities and staff, food, and medical costs that are needed by the animals to ensure that they are healthy and ready for adoption – costs such as vaccinations, spaying and neutering prior to adoption, welfare monitoring and assessment. So there are adoption fees when you adopt an animal from our shelter. These fees vary depending on type of animal, breed, age, etc. The fees include spay/neuter, a health check and vaccinations.

To learn more about adopting a great animal please visit our website or drop by the shelter which is located in Ambleside Park beside the Youth Centre, south of the soccer fields. The shelter is open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on stat holidays. Animal viewing and adoption hours are daily from noon to 4 p.m. Website: www.sPCA.bc.ca/westvancouver
By Gail Higgins – Member of the Community Council for West Van BC SPCA Branch.



Block Watch Update – Help Us Help You in Your Neighbourhood

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The West Vancouver Police are inviting residents to join a new registry of home security cameras. Project VIGIL allows residents with security cameras to confidentially register information about their systems with West Vancouver Police. By registering your information you are not providing us with direct access to your camera. You will only be contacted if we believe a camera could contain evidence relevant to a criminal

investigation. If you wish to register with Project VIGIL, you may do so through our website: wvpc.ca

As the school year ends we want to wish all 2016 high school graduates our congratulations and hope they will stay safe and use common sense when celebrating this achievement. We want all Grads to safely move on to the next exciting step in their lives.

We encourage every member of the community to sign up for ePolicing Direct Email Alerts, including Block Watch, Business Watch and ePolicing for Parents.

Visit www.wvpc.ca and click on ePolicing. Follow us on [Twitter@WestVanPolice](#) and check out WVPD on YouTube and FaceBook. Our aim is to keep our community safe and well informed.

West Vancouver citizens can help police by being the eyes and ears of their neighbourhoods, whether at home or out and about please report suspicious persons or vehicles immediately to the police.

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Local Students Help Sustain Wild Pacific Salmon

By John Barker, President West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society

In the fall, hundreds of adult chum, pink and coho salmon find their way home to Brothers and Hadden Creeks to spawn. Many return above the Upper Levels Highway to the British Properties, where they find some of the best spawning and rearing habitat in the Lower Mainland. People are often amazed to learn that salmon spawn in our small urban streams. What may also be surprising is the important role West Vancouver secondary school students, including Sentinel and Collingwood, play in sustaining these salmon stocks.

The West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society, among other activities, undertakes salmon surveys each fall, looking for returning adult salmon in local creeks throughout the community. In 2007, we were approached by a science teacher at West Vancouver Secondary about the possibility of offering a salmon-focused program for students. The Spawner Salmon Survey Program was soon created.

Working in teams alongside adult members of our Society, students count spawning salmon and record creek and air temperature and water conditions. Surveys are conducted once a week from early October to late November. By the end of 2015, the program had expanded to 17 teams and included students from all five West

Vancouver secondary schools. Since inception, 535 students have participated.

Our survey findings are distributed to federal, provincial and municipal governments and to organizations, such as the Pacific Salmon Foundation. The survey data provides valuable insight into local salmon runs, information that would be difficult and expensive to gather if not for the efforts of volunteer Streamkeepers and students. Fisheries and Oceans Canada has endorsed the program, describing it as a unique partnership, bringing together good stewardship practices and education. Thanks to the efforts of student volunteers and Streamkeepers, we can confirm that Brothers and Hadden Creeks remain the most productive salmon streams in West Vancouver. In Brothers Creek, for example, each year we observe up to 1,000 chum, around 100 coho and as many as 2,000 pinks, which return every other year (www.westvancouverstreamkeepers.ca).



Examining dead chum salmon to see if the fish has spawned



Chum Salmon found in Creek in BP's



Student team with Streamkeeper member

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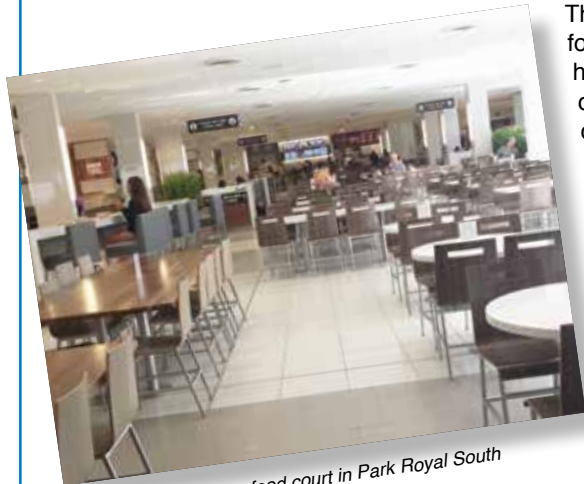
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Park Royal Mall's Facelift and Expansion



Nice new food court in Park Royal South

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Along with the addition of the two-level Simons, Canada's iconic fashion department store, opening soon in Park Royal South and The Village will be Oak + Fort, a fashion retailer based out of Vancouver, and the Keg Restaurant will be returning, adding a popular option to the dining experience. Over at Park Royal North, we are looking forward to the convenience of having a grocery store on site once again. The new Loblaw's City Market and Steve Nash Fitness are both expected to open in early Fall 2016.



Construction at Park Royal North at the new Loblaw's site.

To bring all these changes together, the new exterior façade will harmonize the North and South sides, while contemporary landscaping, store fronts and glass canopies will re-energize the district. Two hundred new stalls and two new elevators will make access to new and existing parking more convenient. With the nearing completion of the renovations, shopping, dining and simply enjoying Park Royal this fall should prove to be an exciting and pleasurable experience for West Vancouver residents.

For up to date information on Park Royal construction, property improvements etc.

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www.shopparkroyal.com

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