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Member of Parliament for Richmond Centre since 2008, Alice Wong won her fourth term on election night Oct. 21.

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Thursday, November 21 5pm - 9pm | Splash Toy Shop



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## Flying veteran remembers the horrors of war

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

It was 1942, three years into the Second World War, and Doug Milton felt he had no choice but to enlist.

"I was still in high school when the war broke out," remembers Milton, now 98 and living at The Maple Residences in Steveston. "I got involved in the air force in 1942. I was living in Regina at that time and pretty well everybody was signing up. As a matter of fact, as your walked down the street people were pinning white feathers on young, healthy guys. It wasn't too pleasant. You pretty well felt you had to sign up. Life was pretty miserable for guys that didn't."

Milton was sent to the Manning Depot in Brandon, Manitoba. After a spell there, he returned to Regina to attend the Royal Canadian Air Force's Elementary Flying Training School.

"I started out to be a pilot but realized I wasn't going to be a good pilot, so I remustered," he says. "I actually went back to the Manning Depot, then to Portage la Prairie (Manitoba) to start learning to be a navigator. Eventually I got commissioned out of that"

Heading overseas in 1943 and began operational training in northern Scotland before moving on to York,

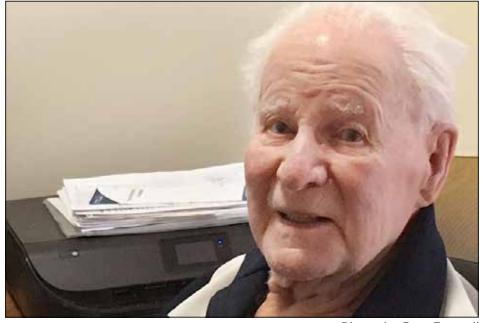


Photo by Don Fennell

Richmond resident Doug Milton flew 43 missions over Germany in the Second World War.

England with the 77 Squadron Royal Flying Corps. He wound up flying Halifax bombers, completing 43 missions over Germany.

Milton still isn't sure how, or why, he was able to survive.

"I remember getting shot at, and guns exploding all around us," he says. "What I particularly remember is one flight over Essen. We got so badly shot up that when we got back to base there were so many holes in (the plane) that they scrapped it. It wasn't worth fixing."

He says he didn't think much about the missions at the time, believing it was simply his job. But he knows now the likelihood of surviving dropped exponentially after 10 missions.

Following the war, Milton bid adieu to flying and returned home to Canada, taking advantage of an opportunity extended veterans to get a four-year university degree in three years—by working through summers. In 1948, he earned his Bachelor of Commerce degree and became a Chartered accoun-

Later that year, his wife's sister moved to the West Coast and Doug and his wife soon followed suit.

"I spent the rest of my (working) life sitting behind a desk, working mostly for the government in national revenue," Milton says. "It was a pretty good job, and as a matter of fact I became director of appeals for Western Canada."

But in moving to the West Coast, Milton left a job in Saskatoon he had begun during the summer, working for a man named Charlie Hay at Hi-Way Refinery. At first, he wasn't sure if he would regret leaving it behind.

"(Hay) took a liking to me, so he wanted me to come back there," Milton says."A couple of years later, Gulf Oil took over the refinery. I would have gotten a position in New York if I had stayed with them. Overall, though, I've never regretted the move here."

But with this Remembrance Day upon us, Milton is reminded of the horrors of war.

"It's a terrible thing and should be avoided. It doesn't do anybody any good. Instead, be friendly. Make love, not war."

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## Commonwealth Four Corners campaign remembers fallen

The underlying message is a simple one: Lest We Forget.

Ensuring the memory of the men and women who died in world wars including more than 100,000 Canadians—are never forgotten, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is launching To The Four Corners, a digital and interactive tour of war graves and memorials around the world.

The innovative, online adventure features stories, videos and pictures of some of the most remote sites for Canadians to explore and remember.

Together they highlight the unique global task of preserving the stories of the Commonwealth men and women who gave their lives for their countries.

Across every continent except Antarctica, from jungle to desert; from isolated islands to hundreds of miles inside the Arctic Circle: the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission stretches to the four corners of the world, far beyond the former battlefields of Europe. With the help of these virtual tours, the Commission invites Canadians to experience the hard to reach places it still goes to remember

the war dead.

Alongside intriguing and heart-breaking stories from around the world, To The Four Corners features stories about Canada's heroes commemorated across rural Canada. Heroes like Private Donald Pollock, who after returning home from the First World War with his twin brother, later died of the Spanish flu. Private Pollock is buried next to his twin brother on the family's isolated old farmstead, near the hamlet of Neidpath in Saskatchewan, accessible only by quadbike.

dians both here and abroad, demonstrates the huge commitment the CWGC has to the Commonwealth Forces, Fallen Canadian servicemen and women are scattered across the globe, from the Netherlands to Japan, from Turkey to Hong Kong and from Russia to Italy. In each case our global teams work to maintain their cemeteries and memorials for future generations to visit," said David Loveridge, area director for Canada and the Americas.

To learn more about To The Four "Our work to commemorate Cana- Corners, visit fourcorners.cwgc.org.

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## Remembrance Day ceremony follows traditional program

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

The Richmond Remembrance Day committee organizes the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies Nov.11 at the Richmond Cenotaph, honouring and remembering Canadian service personnel who gave their lives in the service of our country.

Ever year, a parade features several hundred marchers, including veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members and rep from public safety agencies and cadet organizations. The parade begins at 10:20 a.m. followed by the official ceremony and wreath laying at the city hall cenotaph.

A reception will be held in the city hall galleria following the ceremony. As well, many interesting Remembrance Day displays put together by city archives and friends for the Richmond Archives may be viewed, while guests are treated to music by the Richmond Peace Children's Choir.

Also known as Armistice Day, and marking the date and time (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month) when armies stopped fighting in the First World War in 1918, Remembrance Day is a statutory holiday in Canada to pay tribute to

the fallen who gave their lives for our freedom.

It is at precisely 11 a.m. local time that Canadians pause for two minutes of silence to remember.

Some 100,000 Canadian soldiers died in the First and Second World Wars. All government buildings fly the Canadian flag on this day as a further show of respect and support for Canadian troops.

Poppies, which are typically worn on coats, also symbolize remembrance.

The moment of remembrance begins with the bugle playing of the Last Post immediately before 11 a.m., at which time the gun salute fires and the bells of the Peace Tower toll the hour. Another gun salute signals the end of the two minutes of silence, and cues the playing of a lament, the bugling of The Rouse and the reading of the Act of Remembrance. After a choir sings In Flanders Fields, parties lay their wreaths at the base of the memorial. The playing of God Save the Queen ends the formal ceremony.

The Remembrance Day service will also be available through web streaming at richmond.ca/discover/ events/RemembranceDayCeremonies/htm

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Photo submitted

Coun. Bill McNulty (left) and Eric Yung kicked off the Poppy Fund Drive at Ironwood Plaza last weekend. They'll be there each weekend prior to Remembrance Day, Nov. 11.

## Veteran musician tried to lift spirit of the troops

By **DON FENNELL**@DFSentinel

As a musician during the Second World War, Bud Kellett tried his best to lift the troops' spirits.

But it didn't excuse him from experiencing—first hand—the horrors of battle.

In his early 20s, Kellett and a colleague left their navy base near Glasgow to go down to London for a couple of days of recordings. While walking casually along a sidewalk looking for a pub, disaster struck.

"We were walking along minding our own business, when suddenly we (awoke) down on the

ground and not knowing what had happened," he said.

While they suffered concussions, the entire city block that had surrounded them had vanished. A German missile, whose speed exceeded the sound barrier, had reduced it to rubble.

"I can still picture it. It was really frightening" says Kellett, noting you could see the aircraft coming over the English Channel but not hear them.

Living at The Maple Residences in Steveston, Kellett is an avid reader and still sounding sharp at the age of 98.

He was just 18 years old when the war broke out in

1939. At 21, he enlisted in the Canadian Navy and did five weeks of basic training in Comox with 50 men he'd never met before. They were all soon to leave for England for commando training.

Kellett, meanwhile, spent another two years on the West Coast before shipping out to Europe where he spent the duration of the war. During that time, the clarinet player was among 50 top musicians to represent the navy, tying to help keep up the morale of the troops.

Discharged in 1945, Kellett returned home upon

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## Long-serving Richmond MLA Reid won't seek re-election

By **DON FENNELL** 

he longest serving female in the history of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia has announced she won't be seeking re-election.

Linda Reid announced Oct. 24 MLA in B.C. after former Premier she will not be running in the next W.A.C. Bennett (1941 to 1973), said it scheduled provincial election Oct. 16, 2021. She said it was not an easy decision.

"I think anyone would wrestle with it. I love the work," said Reid, who was first elected Oct. 17, 1991. "I've looked at the future and sort of decided it was time to hang up the I have made this difficult decision." skates.

fice, she said she is surprised how that she is grateful for how the much time has elapsed. But she is community has embraced her famlooking forward to continuing her ily. She said the constituency work,

work representing the people of Richmond South Centre, as well as remaining as BC Liberal critic for seniors for the next two years.

"The work is so very important and I intend to do that as long as my term lasts," she said.

Reid, who with her re-election in Richmond South Centre MLA 2017 became the longest-serving has been a priority throughout her career to encourage young people, especially females, to get involved in politics. She said she is passionate about creating opportunities for a new generation of British Columbians to run for office "which is why

Reid, 60, noted her children were Currently in her 28th year in of- born while she was in office and



Photo submitted

Richmond South Centre MLA Linda Reid announced Oct. 24 she won't be seeking an eighth term in in particular helping people find solutions or be better supported " has always spoken to me."

"I'm also passionate about Habitat For Humanity, hopefully finding better transportation options, and helping to build a better community. Anything we can do to better support families we should absolutely do," she said.

Reid initially represented the riding of Richmond East and was re-elected in 1996, 2001, 2005, 2009 and 2013. She has served as Minister of State for Childcare, Minister of State for Early Childhood Development, Minister of Advanced Education, Deputy Speaker and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. As Minister for Early Childhood Development, she oversaw the creation of 6,000 new childcare spaces in

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## Richmond votes Conservatives to House of Commons

By DON FENNELL @DFSentinel

ichmond voters have elected a pair of Con-A servatives to represent them in the House of Commons.

On election night Oct. 21, incumbent Alice Wong was re-elected to serve a fourth consecutive term as Member of Parliament for the riding of Richmond Centre. And in the Steveston Richmond East riding, Kenny Chiu defeated incumbent Liberal MP Joe Peschisolido to earn a first term in Ottawa. It was a reversal of the 2015 election results.

"On a national level the Liberals still hold the most seats, although no longer a majority (government), Wong told supporters at her victory party. "I want to assure you we will hold (the government) to the highest level of accountability."

I love my country, and to be able to run as a candidate and win is such a gift.

- Kenny Chiu

Wong said she knocked on at least 80 per cent of homes in the Richmond Centre riding, hearing residents concerns about both "the future of our country and their own future prospects."

"I wish to reaffirm

my determination to work hard for you to get ahead, to work with integrity, and to continue to listen to what you have to say. There is much to be done in the coming months and years. Tomorrow, the heavy lifting begins."

Chiu said he is "humbled, ecstatic and privileged" at the opportunity to serve the people of Steveston Richmond East.

"I love my country, and to be able to run as a candidate and win is such a gift. I'm going to serve with all my heart"

Chiu said as an MP for Richmond, he will push for help in addressing the affects of climate change, while also recognizing the need for more fiscal responsibility at a national level.

Both Wong and Chiu have ties to local education. A lifelong learner, Wong worked at Kwantlen Polytechnic University until 2006 as faculty and manager of international programs. She also taught entrepreneurship and English as a Second Language, and offered the first English and Chinese small business

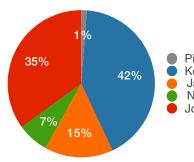


Photo by Chung Chow

Kenny Chiu (above) and Alice Wong were elected as Richmond's Members of Parliament Oct. 21.

#### 2019 Federal election results—Richmond

STEVESTON RICHMOND EAST	VOTES	PER CENT
Ping Chan, Independent	475	1.2
Kenny Chiu, Conservative	17,193	41.8
Jaeden Dela Torre, NDP	6,167	15.0
Nicole Iaci, Green	2,852	6.9
Joe Peschisolido, Liberal	14,397	35.0
TOTAL VOTES	41,084	

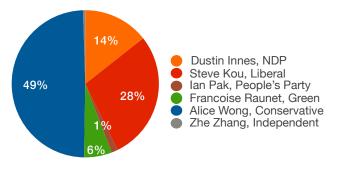




Joe Peschisolido, Liberal

Voter turnout: 41,084 of 73,840 registered voters\*, 55.64 per cent Population of riding: 99,913, number of electors on list: 73,840 184 of 184 polls reporting.

RICHMOND CENTRE	VOTES	PER CENT
Dustin Innes, NDP	5,482	14.4
Steve Kou, Liberal	10,824	28.4
Ivan Pak, People's Party	534	1.4
Francoise Raunet, Green	2,318	6.1
Alice Wong, Conservative	18,791	49.3
Zhe Zhang, Independent	193	0.5
TOTAL VOTES	38,142	



Voter turnout: 38,142 of 73,450 registered electors\*, 51.93 per cent Population of riding: 98,396. 188 of 188 polls reporting.

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(\*Does not include electors who registered on election day)

#### **CONSERVATIVES**

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management classes for immigrants. Chiu served as a trustee on the Richmond School Board from 2011 to 2014. During this time, he helped to increase the district's school building fund to ensure the district is ready to meet Richmond's ever-growing needs.

Wong received nearly 19,000 votes or about 49 per cent of the roughly 38,000 votes cast in the Richmond Centre riding. Less than 52 per cent of the 73,000 registered electors cast ballots. In the 2015 election Wong reveived 17,622 votes (44 per cent). Liberal candidate Lawrence Woo placed second with 16,486 votes (41 per cent).

There is much to be done in the coming months and years. Tomorrow, the heavy lifting begins.

Alice Wong

cent of the roughly 41.000 votes cast in the Steveston Richmond East riding. About 55 per cent of the 73,840 eligible voters cast ballots.

Chiu placed second to Peschisolido in the 2015 election receiving 16,630 votes (38 per cent). Peschisolido won the riding with 19,486 votes (45 per cent). In the 2019

election, Peschsolido placed second with 14,397 votes (35 per cent).

Overall, the Liberals under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau won the most seats, 157, (down 20 from 2015) to form a minority government. The Conservatives, under leader Andrew Scheer, will form the official opposition after winning 121 seats, an increase of 26 from the 2015 election.

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Photo by Chung Chow

Chiu received some 17,000 votes or about 42 per Incumbent Alice Wong was re-elected to a fourth term as MP for Richmond Centre.

#### 2019 Federal election results—National

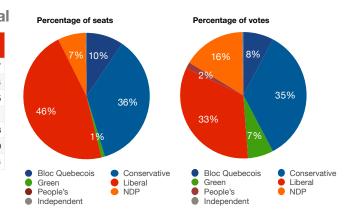
PARTY	SEATS	PERCENTAGE OF SEATS	TOTAL VOTES	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES
Bloc Quebecois	32	9.5	1,376,135	7.7
Conservative	121	35.8	6,155,662	34.4
Green	3	0.9	1,162,361	6.5
Liberal	157	46.4	5,915,950	33.1
People's Party	0	0.0	292,703	1.6
NDP	24	7.1	2,849,214	15.9
Independent	1	0.3	71,854	0.4

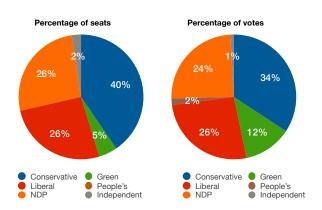
Polls reporting: 73,291 of 73,536 polls (99.67 per cent) Voter turnout: 17,890,264 of 27,126,166 registered electors (65.95 per cent)

#### 2019 Federal election results - BC

PARTY	SEATS	PERCENTAGE OF SEATS	TOTAL VOTES	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES
Conservative	17	40.5	799,239	34.1
Green	2	4.8	290,629	12.4
Liberal	11	26.2	612,098	26.1
People's Party	0	0.0	39,549	1.7
NDP	11	26.2	572,063	24.4
Independent	1	2.4	21,834	0.9

Polls reporting: 9,125 of 9,144 (99.79 per cent) Voter turnout: 2,343,760 of 3,604,605 registered electors







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The city's purchase of the Richmond Ice Centre ensures long-term access to the popular recreation facility.

# City purchases Richmond Ice Centre

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

The Richmond Ice Centre is now owned by the City of Richmond.

Ensuring long-term access to the six rinks, and providing residents another community recreation asset, the move to purchase the facility is being well-received. Reaction from the Richmond Arenas Community Association, which oversees day-to-day operations, and staff has been "extremely positive," says city spokesperson Clay Adams.

Part of the Riversport Sports and Entertainment complex, the Richmond Ice Centre opened in 1994 and has six regulation-size ice rinks. It is home to Richmond Jets Minor Hockev. Richmond Ringette, Richmond Ravens Female Hockey, Connaught Skating Club and Coast (adult recreation) Hockey, and also offers yearround skating and lessons, as well as dry floor rink access and tournament capacity for up to 50 teams. Until now, the centre was privately owned, with the city paying annual lease costs funds that will now assist in supporting much-needed infrastructure upgrades to the facility and allow it to operate for several more decades.

The city will work closely with the Richmond Arenas Community Association and user groups to identify priority areas for upgrades, and opportunities to enhance the functionality of the Richmond Ice Centre. It will bring the number of city-owned ice sheets to 10, complementing the two at Minoru Arenas and two at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

When the lease came up for renewal in August, the city leveraged the opportunity to instead look at purchasing the Ice Centre. As a result, it now owns the building and the land on which it sits. There is no loss in asset or value to the city as a result of the deal.

"It's a good investment Something we should have done a long time ago—had we been able," says Coun. Bill McNulty.

"Any time you can purchase and add to your repertoire is a very positive move," he says. "There will never be enough facilities for all our needs. We can't keep up with the expanding population growth."

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# Many to thank for success of Grand Prix of Art

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

Thanks Lucy Higgs-Lockie. You too, Mary Ann Burrows and Wendy Chen.

Shout outs also to Britannia Heritage Shipyards and all its staff, Steveston Harbour Authority, Richmond Artists Guild, Penta Building Group, Alvin, Pebeo and Golden/Tenline Sales.

These individuals and organizations were just a few of the many community partners who contributed to the success of the recent ninth annual Steveston Grand Prix of Art.

"What an amazing event this year's Steveston Grand Prix of Art was," says Mark Glavina, who envisioned the annual fall painting "race" some nine years ago.

"I think it was the smoothest it's ever run, and was very well attended. We sold out registration over a week in advance, had over 100 Prix of artists painting, 60 volunteers to

making everything run smoothly, and over 1,300 visitors to see the exhibition at the Seine Net Loft on Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 21 and 22). And boy did our artists get lucky with the weather for the (outdoor) Grand Prix, considering the downpour (the next day)."

Glavina also had high praise for the staff at Phoenix Art Workshop, who he says were "amazing, not only doing their usual work at the store but also helping behind the scenes to put everything together."

Volunteers photographers Mark English and Fabian Dominguez covered a lot of ground to take pictures of the artists at work at 35 different locations from London Farm to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery. You can see some of their pictures by visiting grandprixofart.ca/blog/. Another place to see some of the images captured during the Grand Prix is at instagram.com/artgp\_official page, and also by searching the #GPOA2019 hashtag on Instagram.

Make sure to follow the Grand Prix Instagram page so you can see all about the lead-up to next year's event, which will be the 10th Steveston Grand Prix of Art Glavina is already hinting there will be some special plans, as the event will be part of the first International Plein Air Symposium here in Richmond

Check out this year's event winners on the event page at Grand Prix of Art

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Photo by Don Fennell

the store but also **Steveston Grand Prix of Art's Mark Glavina** helping behind the **says the ninth annual event was amazing.** 

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#### **VETERAN**

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which he joined the Vancouver Fire Department. While that became his main profession, he continued to play the clarinet with some of the biggest names in West Coast music—Dal Richards among them.

As Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, nears, Kellett reflects on its importance.

"I'm encouraged at least about the last number of years and the number of people attending the ceremonies," he says. "I hope the attendance continues for if it wasn't for the many men and women who served, it would be an entirely different world than it is today."

That said, Kellett says the world remains chaotic.

"I think the world, in my humble opinion, is so confused today," he says. "The Second World War was supposed to end all wars, but when we look back war has never stopped. There doesn't seem to be any unity (among the nations). I don't we take it seriously enough. I think we let the important things (like world peace) slide by."

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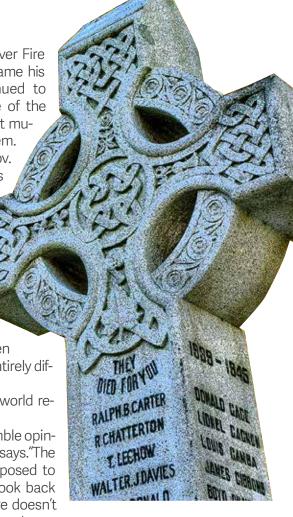


Photo by Chung Chow Richmondites will pause Nov. 11 to honour Canadian service personnel who gave their lives for our freedom.

#### **LINDA REID**

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B.C. and in 2002 the individualized funding model for children with autism spectrum disorder. That year, the early childhood development legacy fund was also established to support community initiatives to support children under the age of six. In 2007, while Minister for childcare, she oversaw the Boost BC program which distributed free booster car seats to low-income families.

Reid is also the chair of the BC

and Alberta Guide Dogs and a director of the Richmond Chinatown Lions club. She began volunteering as a First Aid Cadet with St. John Ambulance.

The 2012 winner of the Ethel Tibbits Award for Community, recognizing her leadership in Richmond, she is grateful to reside in Richmond which she describes as "an amazing community" because of its high level of volunteerism.

"I've been absolutely honoured to be an MLA for Richmond," she said. "I believe public service is the rent we pay for our time on this earth. It's been a privilege, no question."

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## Share your input: Community survey on single-use items

Richmond residents — you're invited to share comments/questions about the City of Richmond's proposed Bylaw 10000 to ban single-use items.

The proposed bylaw would ban single-use items like:

- plastic checkout bags;
- foam cups, plates and containers; and
- plastic straws

**Plus:** Please provide input on how you are avoiding single-use items at home and in the community.



Go to **letstalkrichmond.ca/single-use-item-ban** and complete the survey by November 10, 2019.

The survey is available in English, Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese. 社區問卷調查備有英文、中文繁體及簡體版本。 社区问卷调查备有英文、中文繁体及简体版本。

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## Kids riding rings around their disabilities

By LORRAINE GRAVES Our Company of the Company of the

The Richmond Therapeutic Riding Association opened a new riding ring at Twin Oaks Farm in October, offering lessons to children and youth with disabilities.

"This is a project that make such a difference in the lives of children with special needs," said Steveston MLA John Yap, who was on hand for the ribbon cutting.

Association vice-chair Bob Flynn added, "The object of the outdoor riding ring is to allow RTRA to expand their therapeutic riding program for children and youth with special needs."

Also there for the opening, newly-elected MP Kenny Chiu said, "How strong or healthy a country is does not depend on government but on the people. I encourage all to continue to support this organization."

Melanie Stefiuk, who chairs the RTRA board, said "This is what we hope is phase one. Stage two is to put a roof on our ring."

Lauren Illich, whose firm Townline Homes donated \$100,000 to the new riding ring, talked of how some see horsemanship as something reserved for the elite. She was clear it is import- make kids very happy. It's a fun form of ant that riding be open to all.

RTRA program director Alyssa Bigio-

Ili said horses are very therapeutic for the riders. She said the movement of the horse actually mimics how people walk "so when the rider is riding they get that movement through their own

A mother of one young rider said she's seen advances in her child because of therapeutic riding. She says participants' balance, core strength and self-confidence are constantly growing.

Children having fun, getting healthier, growing stronger regardless of their challenges in life is what the RTRA is all about.

"I see progress all the time," says Bigiolli."We have one rider in a wheelchair and he rides once a week. His physiotherapist has said now that he's riding, when he's on the treadmill at physio, his hips are actually moving and they weren't before. It's huge."

The riders are special people, as are those offering their support either financial or through their physical labour. Volunteer Angela Beckman says she volunteers "because I like horses and kids."

Bagiolli echoes that when asked how she feels about this organization.

"I think it's wonderful. We get to therapy for them."



Photo by Lorraine Graves

Alongside Richmond MLAs Linda Reid and John Yap, young riders check out their new facility.

put a lid on it.

roof on the riding ring, then children can ride in any weather. Their physical progress shouldn't have to take a side."

Also present for the opening of the Next step according to Flynn is to new riding ring, MLA Linda Reid, who

taught in Richmond schools for many "If we can raise the funds to put a years, said, "There is no greater confidence builder for a child than being astride a horse."

For more information or to donate break just because it's miserable out- your time, talents or money go to richmondtherapeuticriding.com phone 604-241-7837

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## Renowned pianist Edwin Gnandt coming to Richmond

nenowned pianist and teacher Edwin Gnandt is tion juror, workshop clinician, international Coming to Richmond.

Gnandt will present an extended workshop, exploring topics from his two most recent books Understanding Chopin Piano Style and The soul of Music: Gifts from the Golden Age of Piano Nov. 6 starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army-Richmond Community Church, 8280 Gilbert Rd. The special event is organized by the Richmond branch of the B.C. Registered Music Teachers Association (BCRMTA).

Gnandt enjoys a collaborative career in music as pianist, accompanist, author, adjudicator, competi-

speaker and professor of piano and music at Ambrose University in Calgary. He adjudicates festivals across Canada and recently was a juror for the Canadian Music Competition.

Having studied at the Juilliard School of Music, he has recorded for CBC with a va- **EDWIN GNANDT** riety of artists of national and international stature. He is also listed in the Lexington's Who's visitors and guests to the workshop. Who of Professionals in North America.

sive research into the mind and music of Chopin. the door.



In preparation for his soon-to-be-released book (2019) entitled The Inner World of Fryderyk Chopin: Psychology, Medicine and the Majorca Period, he has made research trips to Paris, France and the Carthusian Monastery in Valldemossa on the Island of Majorca where Chopin spent the winter of

The BCRMTA welcome all its members,

Grandt will bring copies of his books for purchase. In recent years, Gnandt has conducted exten- Cost for non-branch members and guests is \$20 at

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## Caring for families together

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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Richmond Family Place's 40th annual general meeting was much more than just a dry reciting of financial and programming statistics.

The recent gathering at the Richmond Cultural Centre saw people from all walks of life coming together to celebrate their accomplishments as a community.

Richmond Family Place at 8660 Ash St. has satellite programs in 14 locations throughout the city. The wide range of programs are open to all Richmondites, not just those facing challenges.

Offering support and activities for all ages, Family Place has programs six days a week. Their drop-in programs had over 23,000 individual visits last year alone.

Serving hearty, healthy meals is also among many mandates for the organization. In addition to programs for the earliest of infants and their parents to fun things like Easter egg hunts, breakfasts with Santa, a summer barbeque and a field trip to pick blueberries, there is also a thrift store where those

without the funds to shop can request gift certificates to outfit their families and homes.

One of the newest programs is their gardening projects from beautifying the yard and play area to growing vegetables together.

A staff member told the story of one mother who relayed the effect of the garden on her son.

"Max has autism," she said to the staff member. In his case, it meant he didn't speak. At all.

Max and his mom were part of the Seeds of Hope program. They planted beans one day at Family Place. That night, mom cooked some green beans for supper. Max noticed and said, "Mommy, what planting?"

"It was my first conversation with him," she said.

Board member Tienne Schaub also recalled a father who came to the dinner program but didn't stay. Then, later, he stayed a little.

"Eventually, the garden's calm allowed him a way to open up about his garden in the refugee camp," she said.

Besides getting families outdoors in the fresh air, speakers were keen to point out the fitness the digging bending and weed-pulling offers. It also



Photo courtesy Richmond Family Place From left, Abdulhamid, Elifgul and Leona enjoy digging in a plot outside Richmond Family Place.

encourages children to eat the healthy and very flavourful vegetables and fruits of their labours.

Fighting loneliness, alienation, lack of language a host of other problems, the facility welcomes all comers regardless of family size, composition or origin.

Board member Louise Yeoh said "family isn't always blood related. We are truly, truly a community."

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## Experts go batty over furry fliers

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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Vikram Misra loves bats.

He's a virus scientist at the University of Saskatchewan, but trained right here in the Lower Mainland.

Since no one was studying Canadian bat viruses, Misra spent a year at the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg looking at these nocturnal fliers. He says that while bats are mainly beneficial to humans for insect control and pollination, they can carry diseases like rabies.

In fact, there was a rabies death this summer in Metro Vancouver from contact with a bat. That led to heightened interest in both rabies and bats.

With many old farm buildings, Richmond offers rich bat roosting territory. But according to Danielle Dagenais of the BC Bat Community Program, while Richmond definitely has bats many of their haunts are unknown.

"We don't know where the bats are in Richmond. There's a ton of bats in Delta and I assume there are a lot in Richmond," she says.

Misra, who got his PhD at the University of British Columbia in medical microbiology and immunology, says we need to respect wild animals but not fear them. He says we should leave them alone, not work to eradicate them. For Misra, that's doubly true for bats.



Photo courtesy BC Bats

"In the wild, rabies is relatively rare in bats," he says, warning that bats found lying on the ground whether alive, in distress, or dead, are more likely to be rabid.

To be safe, he says "just leave them alone."

There are human and animal rabies vaccines. In fact, you have to show your animals have been vaccinated to cross many borders. And if you are in a profession where you work with animals, you should consider getting the rabies shots.

While he's been vaccinated, Misra says the general public doesn't need to rush out and get vaccinated, the exception being if someone is exposed to rabies. Started in time, a series of injections including the vaccine, prevents the disease from killing. If you wait until symptoms show up, it is too late. That's what happened to the young man who died this year.

Misra says if bitten by a wild animal, you should safely capture it and send it for immediate testing. He says the post-exposure rabies shots are not painful.

Bats prevent far more human diseases than they cause. Of the two rabies deaths in B.C. since 1924, only the most recent was caused by a bat. Because they eat a mass of insects, like mosquitoes, bats prevent serious insect-borne diseases in humans, pets, livestock and wildlife.

Misra's fondness for the furry creatures of the night is obvious.

"Bats are addictive once you realize how amazing they are. They are very cute. I don't know why people are afraid of them. In fact, we'd have no tequila without the specialized bats that pollinate the blue agave used to make the liquor.

"We should do everything we can to help bat conservation, with such things as proper bat houses," he continues. "Bats can help to keep insect-transmitted diseases at bay such as encephalitis, West Nile virus,



Photo Tom Benson via Flickr.com

post-exposure rabies shots are not painful. Associated with Halloween, humans have a complicated relationship with bats.

and Lyme disease.

By nurturing these little bug-eaters Dagenais' group offers suggesin our neighbourhoods, we keep ourselves and our animals healthier.

Dagenais' group offers suggestions on their website bebats.ca and BC Bats wants your help finding bat

As few as 20 bats in a colony can eat hundreds of thousands of mosquitoes each night.

Bats also act as natural insect repellents. Because some bugs can hear these furry fliers, knowing they're out to eat them, insects tend to avoid yards and gardens with bats.

In B.C. it is actually illegal from May around bats 1 to Sept 1 to get rid of, or shut out information bats. "Once you

"If you exclude the females then the pups will die," Dagenais says.

Misra also recommends you don't get rid of bats yourself

"It's probably best done with guidance of someone who knows what they are doing so they don't get killed," he says.

Dagenais' group offers suggestions on their website bebats.ca and BC Bats wants your help finding bat roosts. She also asks that when outside at dusk or dawn, watch for bats leaving or returning to their roosts then report the sightings at Vancouver@bcbats.ca

Every spring, Dagenais offers a workshop at the Richmond Nature House about the benefits of living around bats and interesting tidbits of information

"Once you start working on bats, you can't stop," Misra says, an opinion shared by Dagenais.

"I am a bat biologist. I love them," she says.

For a more detailed version of this story, visit richmondsentinel.ca

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## Halloween traditions in Richmond have deep roots

By HANNAH SCOTT and LORRAINE GRAVES

Not just a sugar rush, Halloween is rooted in cultural tradition and has a long history in Canada. The name "Halloween" (or "Hallowe'en") comes from the Christian tradition of All Hallows' Eve, the night before All Saints' Day, which focuses on the dead and honours saints each Nov. 1.

Although its name comes from related Christian holidays, Halloween traditions as we know them are largely secular, deriving from the Celtic holiday Samhain (pronounced "sow-en").

Ancient Celts celebrated the turning of the season from harvest to winter and from light to dark. This was also linked to the spiritual world: the connection between the living and the dead was at its peak, and the dead were believed to be able to cross over to the world of the living.

Costumes were intended to disguise people from lurking spirits and ghosts. They later contributed to the practice of trick or treating, a combination of several Middle Ages traditions.

"Mumming," or performing in disguise, was combined with "souling," begging door-to-door for cakes called "soul cakes" which commemorated the dead. A third practice was known as "guising," effectively dressing up as we do today.

"Trick or treat" initially saw children exchanging a song or other "trick" for a treat. The first recorded use of the phrase "trick or treat" was in an Alberta newspaper in 1927.

Dressing in disguise in North America was first recorded in Vancouver in 1898.

About 100 years ago, Halloween solidified its place as a family and community holiday. At the Gulf of Georgia Cannery in Steveston, tradition lived on at their The Haunted Sea event this past weekend.

While normally warm and welcoming in the winter months, they pulled out all the spooky stops at Halloween for this event.

Behind the regular exhibits about the history of fishing and canning, Halloween tours took place throughout the weekend. These alternated between a tame tour aimed at younger children and a spookier tour for those who like surprises. Costumes were encouraged.

Andrea Park, the site's head interpreter, said the best costume she had ever seen at this event was a family of Jawas from Star Wars. When asked what she loves best about Halloween, Andrea said: "My children's candy."



Photo by Hannah Scott

Plastic bag jellyfish glowed under UV lights at this year's Gulf of Georgia Cannery Halloween event, The Haunted Sea.

Miller, said the best costume she'd seen at the cannery was a very realistic Groot from Marvel Comics.

Shannon King, who manages audience engagement, praised the Blanche Macdonald students who did make-up for the event, "from gorgeous mermaids and scary sea monsters to dead cannery workers. Super spooky and beautiful!"

Asked about costumes in years past at the cannery, King said, "I have so many favourites – a very young boy in a hot dog suit who insisted on letting me know he wasn't a real hot dog."

Mimi Horita, the cannery's marketing and visitor services manager says "The Haunted Sea transformed the cannery's herring reduction plant into an undersea cove, inhabited by sea creatures and

The cannery's visitor services co-ordinator, Tara sirens. This space was decorated entirely with salvaged materials, saving waste from entering our landfills and oceans."

> While the decorations and incredible makeup were spooky, the amount of plastic and Styrofoam retrieved from the ocean was a scarier sight.

> Julia Sargeant, the cannery's events co-ordinator, says The Haunted Sea was designed to "bring awareness to the horrors of waste on our environment, especially oceans, through a memorable interactive haunted experience."

> In addition to the decorated areas and spooky characters, children enjoyed activities such as a spooky story time presented by the Richmond Public Library and under-the-sea themed crafts and games throughout the weekend.

## Art that feeds the body as well as the soul

By LORRAINE GRAVES 

rtists of all levels meet weekly to Alearn from and support each other as part of the Richmond Artists Guild. While the Guild fosters arts in our community, on Nov. 2 its artists will also support the Richmond Food Bank with their skills.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the South Arm Pioneer Church on the corner of No. 3 Road and Steveston Highway. It will feature a selection of 25.4 by 25.4 centimetre (10 by 10 inch) paintings, all original and unsigned, for \$100 each. With a variety of skill levels, experience and subjects, these works of art offer members of the public a chance to put a genuine piece of art on their walls while feeding hungry adults and children in Richmond.

While most art sales support an art-

ist or gallery, half of all proceeds from Guess Who? goes to the food bank which distributes more than 9,000 kilograms (20,000 pounds) to about 2,200 people each week. Over half the people the food bank helps are temporary users, people who are suffering through a crisis. About one-third of the people helped are children, while 15 per cent of the food bank's clients The Guess Who? art sale runs from need the help long-term because of multiple barriers to employment, including chronic illness, mental health problems or disabilities.

In addition to the 230 weekly volunteers, many groups volunteer on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis.

Admission to the Guess Who? sale is free. The painter's name is revealed once you've paid for your choice of artwork.

This year's sale also features a silent auction and offers hot beverages, free or by donation, while you sayour your



Photo by Lorraine Graves

Richmond Artists Guild painters show their creations, but not their faces, in anticipation of their Nov. 2 sale to support the Richmond Food Bank.

artistic options.

As painter and Guild member Jennifer Taylor says, "It's a fun event and a mondartistsguild.com great way to build a collection or start

early on your holiday gift shopping."

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## Richmond a banner city

There's not a lot of time to pick the artwork that will fly high above city streets.

Voting in the 2019 Richmond Street Banner Contest closes at 5 p.m. Nov. 1 at www.facebook.com/ CityofRichmondBC. 10 winning designs will be printed on street banners and installed across the city, reflecting themes ranging from connection to arts and heritage to sustainability from March 2020 to February 2021.

New this year, all the submissions will be on display at Minoru Centre for Active Living from Nov. 5 to Dec. 3.

## Richmond Orchestra and Chorus presents Amadeus: Mozart's Final Year

doesn't get much better than this.

Richmond Orchestra and Chorus Association, under the direction of Brigid Coult and James Malmberg, opens its 34th season Nov. 2 with a concert featuring some of the most wonderful music from the last year of the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

If you remember the movie Amadeus, you will remember the richness of that year—the opera The Magic Flute, the Clarinet Concerto, and the piece the composer was still working on when he died: the Requiem Mass.

Joined by local soloists, next month's concert offers an evening of music that cert on Nov. 2 will begin at 7:30 p.m. at will move your soul.

The soprano and alto, Natasha Neufeld and Fabiana Katz, are the past and current directors of the women's ing the ROCA office at 604-276-2747.

Think of the world classical and it choir, Richmond Singers. Tenor Eric Schwarzhoff and bass Paul Nash both sing with Vancouver Chamber Choir. The soloist in the Clarinet Concerto is Stephen Robb, artistic director of Delta Community Music School and principal conductor of the Richmond Delta Youth Orchestra.

> The performance of the Requiem is also a tribute to long-term singing member Glenda Johnson, who passed away last spring. Glenda sang with the Singers as well as the Chorus, and was ROCA's librarian as well as being active in volunteering in the community.

> The Amadeus: Mozart's Final Year con-Fraserview MB Church, 11295 Mellis Dr. Tickets are available with advance booking through www.roca.ca or by contact-



Photo via Wikimedia Commons ROCA opens its 34th season Nov. 2 with music from Mozart.

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## RAPS COMMUNITY REPORT Caring for the animals who care for us



## Meaningful gift from an animal lover



Pat Johnson

When Jackie Brown was going through her late mother's apartment, she found a Post-It note in a drawer.

"It said, \$25,000 to the Richmond Archives and \$25,000 to RAPS," Jackie recalled recently. "I thought, well, she didn't have a lot. She had a small pension, but she owned her townhome free and clear—that was very important to her. She was always very happy that I volunteered at RAPS and thought it was such a wonderful organization that did such good things that she wanted to support it after she passed away. I thought, it's not in the will but that's her money and that's what she wants to do, so that's what we did."

Her mom, Geraldine (Dody) Wray, was from two Richmond pioneering families—the Kidds and the Blairs. Her older brother, Gil Blair, was mayor of Richmond from 1973 to 1990. Just as famous as her brother in certain circles, Dody worked at the Richmond Public Library and taught local kids for decades, first in kindergarten

school

Except for a few years up the coast, Dody lived all her life in Richmond, much of it on the family farm, on No. 3 Road between Finn and the dike, where Jackie grew up and still lives. Dody grew up helping on the farm, which raised thoroughbred horses, among other things. After selling the farmhouse to Jackie's family, Dody bought a townhouse on Garry Street, backing onto Steveston Park, and she lived there for the last 39 years of her life, until her passing in Oct. 2018.

"She loved it there," Jackie said. She also loved dogs and cats. From her childhood, there were always animals around.

"In 1980, a stray showed up in her yard, so of course she fed him," says Jackie. "She took him down to the shelter and nobody claimed him, so she went back and adopted him. His name was Gypsy, because she found him wandering."

When Gypsy passed away, she got another rescue, named Tuffy, and her last dog was Champ, who was with Dody for 12-and-a-half years.

"She walked them three or four times a day in Steveston Park and every day they had their routine," Jackie recalls. "Champ used to lie down on the floor with mom when she did her stretches and exercises. and later at Brighouse elementary Then they would have their break-

fasts and mom would clean Champ's teeth and brush his hair. She also had a cat in there for a number of years. two cats actually, and the cats got their teeth brushed too. That was the routine every morning."

She adds: "I have not known another person who scrubs their cat's teeth. But if mom said, 'Sit down I'm going to scrub your teeth,' you did."

"She was a pretty spunky, sassy woman," Jackie says of her mom.

"She was eight days short of her 91st birthday when she passed away."

Since Jackie volunteers at the City shelter, she saw the mess that the leaking old washing machine was making and she designated part of her mom's gift to replacing the washer and dryer with commercial grade new ones. The rest of the funds are going to the RAPS Cat Sanctuary.

keep those animals alive and well." says Jackie.

"Gifts like Dody's are such an important way to support the work RAPS does saving and improving Protection Society.



the lives of animals," says Eyal Lichtmann, CEO and executive director of RAPS. "It is also a meaningful way for people to continue making a positive contribution to the world even after they have passed."

RAPS has financial and estate planners who volunteer to help people include charitable contributions in their wills—including some ways that offer financial benefits during "She would have wanted it to go to the person's lifetime. More information is available at rapsbc.com/ planned-giving.

> Pat Johnson is communications manager for the Regional Animal

Meet the stunningly beautiful Molly! Molly came to RAPS as a stray and sadly was not reclaimed. She is an approximately four-year-old, black, female domestic medium short-hair. Molly has a big, bold personality and would love to be treated like a queen in her new home. She is very sweet and loves pets and cuddles but she also has spicy moments where her cattitude shines. Molly has a thick luxurious coat that will require regular grooming/brushing to avoid knots and matts. Molly can be a bit of bully to the other cats in the adoption room so she would probably do best in a home where she is the only cat. Molly is eagerly awaiting her furever home, so if she sounds like the right fit for you please come down to RAPS to meet her in person.



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*In their own words...* 

## 55 + BC Games bringing the power of age to Richmond



Bill McNulty
Councillor

Richmond continues to enjoy a reputation of being the healthiest community in Canada with residents who, on average, are the nation's longest living. We are also lauded for having the most outstanding sports and recreation facilities in Canada. Thus, it is only fitting that we were awarded the 55+ BC Games, which will take place Sept. 15 to 19, 2020.

Launched in 1987 and known as the Seniors Games, they were conceived to stimulate seniors to pursue a healthy lifestyle. Over the years, the Games continue to be a major event in our province, held annually in various communities, most recently in Kelowna in September 2019 where Richmond received the Games flag.

With Richmond's ideal location, it is expected that the 2020 Games will be the largest ever. It is anticipated that over 4,000 athletes, aged 55 and over, will compete in 28 different sports and activities at venues across Richmond, making it the city's largest-ever sporting event. For many of the athletes, this will be their first opportunity to experience the excitement of competing in an official Olympic Winter Games venue city.

Richmond's sport plan exceeds the basic

requirements of the 55+ Games mandate. We are going beyond basics to include competition for our senior citizens and build upon the concept of the 55+ Games. Included in our plan are the 28 core sports. They vary from archery, dragon boat racing, pickleball to trap shooting and track and field.

Seniors will be able to enjoy all of the facilities in what will be a predominately "vehicle-less games". All activities are within a four-mile radius of the Games Village and the participants' accommodation. Most are within a 10 minute walk from the village.

The initiative for these games came through the Richmond Sports Council. Partnerships were formed with the seniors groups at the eight community centres; the city's seniors group at the Minoru Seniors Centre; Richmond multicultural community and the City.

Richmond is fortunate to have very capable, games-experienced volunteers that make up the Board of Directors for the 2020 games. The philosophy of the games is "For Seniors by Seniors." The board has enlisted more than a thousand people offering to help with the games with that number growing every day. The majority of the lead volunteers are over 55 years.

The budget for the games includes a projected revenue of \$440,000 and a legacy in excess of \$75,000. But, more importantly, the Games will give lasting benefits to Richmond seniors to further develop their wellness.

Initial benefits show that the Games have already raised the consciousness about activity among seniors. Furthermore, it has expanded the



Bill McNulty caught up with Richmond Kajaks athletes (from left) Avril Douglas and Gwen McFarlan at the Kelowna Games.

partnerships between senior groups, community associations and Richmond sports groups.

The second benefit is the encouragement of an active lifestyle and sports participation. Participation in the games is by age categories depending on the activity. This structure provides for residents to take part in any of the activities.

Thirdly, the purchase of new or upgraded equipment for competition will be provided to seniors' groups in each discipline after the games.

One very unique legacy from the games will be the enhancement of the "trust fund" for senior athletes that we established after Richmond hosted the successful 2009 Seniors Games. This trust fund is used to assist Richmond's senior athletes in attending future athletic competitions.

The Richmond Games motto, "the Power of Age", speaks for itself.

## City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

#### **Development Permit Panel**

3:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 30 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

#### **General Purposes Committee**

4:00 p.m. Monday, November 4 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Finance Committee**

Following General Purposes Committee meeting Monday, November 4 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Planning Committee**

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 5 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Council Meeting**

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 12 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

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## Dynamo fencer inspired by historic swordsman

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

Decounting the adventures of a young noble-Man named d'Artagnan who leaves home to travel to Paris and join the Musketeers of the Guard, The Three Musketeers (Les Trois Mousquetaires en Français) continues to inspire; centuries after the historic adventure novel was written in 1844 by French author Alexandre Dumas.

Howard Zhao is among those greatly influenced tunate but also deserving.

cused 18-year-old with the Richmond-based Dy- been very determined and committed to the acnamo Fencing Club. But unlike the young swords- tions to achieve my goals, and the results proved

I've trained

consistently to

overcome the

obstacles I've had to

face.

Howard Zhao

man D'Artagnan, he's neither impulsive or hotheaded.

"He is coachable, which may be (his) most important trait," says Igor Gantsevich, president of the club and, as a national champion and Pan American Games medallist, one of its notable graduates.

"I started fencing in Kindergarten, so this is the 11th year of my fencing career," says Zhao.

"I first learned about this sport when I watched the movie, where the combat scenes fascinated me and I began dreaming of being a bold and flamboyant swordsman."

Initially, fencing was purely a leisure activity for Zhao. But after he actually won a competition, vich for guidance. both his interest and dedication began to soar.

He continues to participate in a wide range of activities such as volleyball, playing the drums, debating and demonstrating his math skills, but it's



Photo submitted

Howard Zhao's ultimate dream is to compete in the Olympic Games.

clear fencing is a priority. Zhao has enjoyed much success, but placing first in the junior men's épée at the USA Fencing National Championships in July, 2018 remains his most satisfying result. In a remarkable comeback, he overcame an 11-7 deficit in the last 15 seconds in the final bout to pull victory from the jaws of defeat.

"The tears and excitement in winning were unforgettable," he says.

Reflecting on his achievements, Zhao feels for-

"I've trained consistently to overcome the ob-Like the hero of the Musketeers, Zhao is a fo-stacles I've had to face." he says, "I have always

> to be me that my efforts to persevere were not in vain. When I'm in a match. I feel relaxed and confident as I devote everything I have."

> Zhao enjoys building relationships within the fencing fraternity, and appreciates the sense of family and co-operation with his coaches and teammates at Dynamo"where everyone looks out and cares for each other."

In his guest to compete in the 2024 Olympic Summer Games (ironically in Paris), and be among the world's most elite, Zhao plans to up his physical training to gain speed and strength.

Each step of the way, he looks to coach Gantse-

"He's proven to me that all of my goals can be achieved through strong determination and hard work. His character and grit have also inspired me to not give up when facing difficult situations."

The coach is equally complimentary of his pro-

Asked of Zhao's greatest strengths, Gantsevich immediately points to his natural cat-like reflexes.

"He moves so smoothly, that even though I think I am a good coach, that comes from him," Gantsevich says." I can't tell you how many times he has been in a match and has come back to win. I will never forget his match for gold at the USA doesn't like him." nationals. He never gave up."

Gantsevich has little doubt Zhao can not only become an Olympian, but a world champion.

His biggest hurdle the past three years has been getting his Canadian citizenship papers in order. He has already qualified for three world champi-

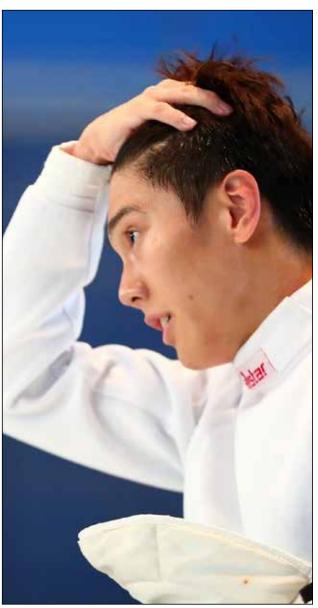


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Howard Zhao of Richmond-based Dynamo Fencing Club is rapidly becoming one to watch.

onships, but hasn't been able to represent Canada because he doesn't yet hold a Canadian pass-

"I love him like my own little brother," Gantsevich says."He is not only a world-class fencer, but a world-class student. He has been the poster boy for our club. I have never met a single person who

Zhao may not be the last member of his immediate family to excel in fencing. A younger brother has also taken up the sport, with an aim to one day beat Howard. But that's not likely to happen anytime soon.

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## Ravens relentless in pursuit of success

By **DON FENNELL** Output

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ichmond Ravens left last year's Rep Classic with \tag{a} bad taste in their mouths.

That made them even more determined not to experience the same fate this year.

Reflecting the relentless work ethic that has epitomized their play game in and game out, the Ravens managed a hard-earned 1-0 overtime win over St. Albert (Alberta) Sunday to earn the Midget Division title at the 2019 Richmond female hockey tournament. It was the third time the hosts have netted top spot in the event's seven-year history.

"This is the best start we've ever had in 14 years, and it's all to do with how hard the girls work," says head coach AJ Sander, who has been at helm since the club was founded. "Our biggest asset is our work ethic. We have the skill and everything, but their work ethic is phenomenal in every game. We consistently outwork teams, but the scores don't show that."

Then there's the focus, integral in any team's success.

In an intense game like that against St. Albert, where every shift and move is increasingly magnified as the game advances, goaltender Anna May stood tall. While she may not have faced nearly the number of shots as her rival at the other end did, she was no less impressive.

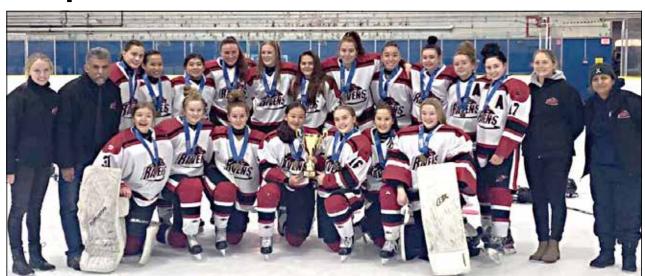


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Richmond Ravens won the 2019 Richmond Ravens Rep Classic Midget Division title Sunday, blanking St. Albert 1-0 in overtime at the Ice Centre.

did, they are usually scoring chances, and our goalies have had to come up big. Anna made saves at the right time," says Sander.

Sticking to their game plan, and demonstrating the speed that has also come to be a trademark, the Ravens were eventually rewarded when Julia Farkasch (the team's lone graduating player this season) was able to score the winning goal following a pass from Annalise Wong.

American-born, Farkasch impressed with the "When teams are getting chances, like St. Albert U.S. development program over the summer,

Sander noted.

The Ravens' dedication this weekend was matched only by that of tournament organizers.

Faced with a power outage that wiped out much of Friday's opening-day schedule, John Korenic and his team were able—with the assistance of city managers Steve Mahon and Will Kump—to make up those games Sunday. As a result, all the participating teams got the full slate of games they were promised.

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## Sockeyes drop pair of high-scoring affairs

Richmond Sockeyes got caught fell 6-4 to the Pacific Junior Hockey up in a pair of high-scoring games League-leading North Vancouver last week. It cost them.

In the midst of an early-season slump in which they've dropped three of their last five games, the Sockeyes were outscored 8-7 in overtime by rival Delta Ice Hawks last Thursday at home and then

Wolf Pack on Saturday.

The Sockeyes started well against Delta, but failed to hold the lead. And against North Vancouver, they were even early in the third but lost the lead, and the game, in the second half of the final frame.

players continue to set the pace.

Ryleigh Anderson scored twice versus North Vancouver. He now has a team-best 12 goals and 25 points through 15 games.

Captain Noah Kelly followed up a goal and an assist versus the Ice

On a positive note, the team's top Hawks with two helpers against the Wolf Pack.

Richmond faces Surrey Knights in against Delta and added two assists back-to-back away games at North Surrey Sport & Ice Complex this week-Oct. 29 and Oct. 31. Their next home game is Nov. 3 at 4:45 p.m. against the same Knights.

—by Don Fennell



#### **UPCOMING HOME GAMES**

Sunday, Nov. 3, 4:45 p.m., vs Surrey Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., vs North Vancouver

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#### **EVENTS**

#### Richmond Community Kitchen

A Seniors Kitchen is being held Nov. 4 at Steveston Community Centre, 4111 Moncton St. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program is presented by Family Services of Greater Vancouver and United Way of the Lower Mainland.



## **Indigo**spirit<sup>®</sup>

## Christmas Fund Indigo FUNDraiser

The Richmond Christmas Fund is all about convenience, always looking for new and easier ways for people to support the program.

This year, when you shop online at indigo.ca through Dec. 7, three per cent cash back on your purchases of books, home decor, paper products, fashion accessories or children's items will benefit the Christmas Fund. And when you purchased electronic gift cards, 20 per cent will go to the Christmas Fund.

#### Senior Peer Counsellor Training

Each Friday, through to Nov. 22, Richmond Cares Richmond Gives (RCRG) is hosting a senior peer counselling program, training volunteers to provide emotional support to older adults experiencing worry, frustration or loss. The program is unique since the volunteers are older adults themselves, so are able to relate to what their clients are going through.

The next sessions are Nov. 1 and Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., but space is limited so register early at 604-279-7020 or by emailing cdickson@rcrg.org.

# What's UP!

#### Happening in Richmond, Oct. 29 to Nov. 12

#### Raise the Roof

St Alban's Church, 7260 St Albans Rd., is home to a weekly community meal, serving on average 180 people. Donations are always welcome at office@stalbansrichmond.org or at 604-278-2770.



#### Walk Richmond-London Farm

Take a stroll down memory lane at the historic London Heritage Farm, 6511 Dyke Rd. from 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 2. Meet up in the parking lot across from the farm house.

#### Chronic Conditions Self-Management

The Chronic Conditions Self-Management Program is a free six-session workshop that is designed to help people with chronic health conditions and their caregivers to better manage symptoms and activities of daily life. Participants receive the Living a Healthy life with Chronic Conditions companion book.

A six-week session began Oct. 22 and will continue each Tuesday

through Nov. 26 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at West Richmond Community Centre, 9180 No. 1 Rd.

To learn more, contact Self-Management BC at 604-940-1273.

#### Richmond Library Champions Project

Richmond Public Library is offering a program to assist new immigrants. An information session will be held Oct 31 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at its Brighouse branch, 100-7700 Minoru Gate. Register at www.surveymonkey. com/r/Richmond OCT 2019

#### See Yah In The Morning! Fundraiser

Inspired by her son, Richmond author Kaye Liao Banez wrote a book to help young children develop communication skills. She's donating partial proceeds from each book sold to local charities, and this fall the beneficiary is the Richmond Christmas Fund. Through Dec. 14, each purchase through bammstellacreations.com will see \$2 donated to provide grocery vouchers, troys, books and gift cards to low-income families to help them celebrate the holidays.

#### Caregiver Workshop

Caregivers have a chance to relax, recharge and reset at a special workshop from 5 to 6:15 p.m. Nov. 8 at Minoru Centre for Active living, 7191 Granville Ave.

Hosted by Richmond Cares, Rich-

mond Gives, a special dinner (cost extra) follows. Register in person or by phone at 604-233-6225.

#### Remembrace Day Show

Enjoy favourite melodies from the war years with an entertainment duo playing music from the 1940s and 1950s. This special show for those aged 55 and over is scheduled for Nov. 1 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Thompson Community Centre, 5151 Granville Ave. Admission is free, but register is required by calling 604-238-8422.

#### **Our Voice**

With October being Community Living Month in Richmond, a celebration of strength, pride and talent is on through Nov. 4 at Richmond City Hall, 6911 No. 3 Rd. Viewing hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **Asian Dining Festival**

A 32-day long dining festival celebrating the best Asian cuisine in Richmond winds up Nov. 18. Participating restaurants throughout the city have created a specially-curated menu for the Feast.



#### General Swap Meet

Search for gently-used items in good condition, and find great bargains, at Steveston's general swap meet Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Steveston Community Centre, 4111 Moncton St.

The event for all ages is free to attend.

#### Memory and Aging Workshop

Discover tips for maintaining and improving memory as aging occurs,

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along with information about when to seek professional help. The workshop on Nov. 1, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Thompson Community Centre, 5151 Granville Ave., is free to attend but registration is required by calling 604-238-8422.

#### **ARTS**

#### Singers Pub Night

Richmond Singers is hosting its annual pub night fundraiser Nov. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Legends Pub, 9031 Blundell Rd.

For \$20, supporters will be treated to a beef or veggie burger served with French fries and a drink. Half the proceeds go back to the choir.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are limited and available at richmondsingers@gmail.com

#### Charity Art Sale

Hosted by Richmond Artists Guild, The Guess Who Anonymous Charity Art Sale on Nov. 2, from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at South Arm United Church, 11051 No. 3 Rd., supports local food banks and artists.

#### **Financial Literacy**

Budgeting is the topic of a financial literacy workshop for youth (ages 13 to 18) Nov. 5 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Thompson Community Centre, 5151 Granville Ave. Registration at richmond.ca (barcode #2743001) is required, please go to

#### **SPORTS**

#### **Snowball Classic**

Hosted by DanceSport BC, this annual event returns to Richmond at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Hwy., on Nov. 1 and 2. Among this year's features is the Adult International Standard and Latin Championships. For tickets and more details, visit snowballclassic.com.

#### Petro Canada Sport Leadership Conference

Richmond Olympic Oval, 6111 River Rd., and the Shearton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Hwy., will play host to the Petro Canada Sport Leadership sportif conference Nov. 7 to 9. The annual event brings together coaches, researchers, sport executives and administrators for three full days of learning, professional development and networking with top minds in Canadian sport, business and education.

#### **Prosperous Badminton Tournament**

Watch the birdie at this three-day local classic Nov. 1 to 3 at the Richmond Olympic Oval, 6111 River Rd. For more info please contact Al Liao at 604-303-

#### Field Romp

Catch the fast-paced action of a Richmond tradition, the 10th annual Richmond Romp Field Lacrosse Tournament goes Nov. 8 to 11 on the fields at Minoru Park and Richmond Secondary School.

#### Ice Breaker C Tournament

Richmond Jets Minor Hockey Association is hosting its annual Ice Breaker C tournament Nov. 9 and 10. The event has grown from a 32-team, four-division event to a 48-team, four-division classic featuring teams from around B.C. and the Pacific Northwest.

#### Ravens Pub Night

Richmond Ravens female ice hockey will hosting its annual pub night Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Stanley's Grill, upstairs at the Richmond Ice Centre, 14140 Triangle Rd.

Each ticket includes a been or veggie burger and a drink. There will also be a silent auction and two 50/50 draws. Each family will receive two free tickets per child who is registered with the Ravens. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$20 each.

## **KUDOS**

#### Mylora golfers step up for charity



Don Grant (left) of Mylora Golf Course presents a cheque for \$1,680 to Rick Duff and Ed Gavsie of Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives (RCRG). The money was raised at the Mylora Gives Back Charity Golf Tournament and will support RCRG's broad range of community programming, including the Richmond Christmas Fund.



Photo submitted The 3rd Richmond Sea Dragon Sea Scout troop was forced to replace tents destroyed by a black bear.

## Scouts looked to GoFundMe after bear attacks campsite

Agroup of Richmond scouts recently, leading to the successful launch a GoFundMe page to pur-needed to be raised before then. chase five new tents.

camping at Mount Seymour Provincial Park Group Campsite on the Thanksgiving long weekend, when the bear came upon their tents and completely destroyed them. Luckily, the time and everyone was safe.

times each year, and the tents are es-

black bear caused havoc for a sential for every trip. The next camp is scheduled for January 2020, so funds to replace the tattered tents

"Please support us so we can con-The scouts and leaders were tinue to take our scouts to experience the nature, learn new skills, and make lasting memories," was the initial message posted.

Heidi Suen of the 3rd Richmond Sea Dragon Sea Scout troop was all of the scouts were in the cabin at happy to pass along that they received "tremendous" support from The group camps three or four the community, surpassing their fundraising goal within a week.

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## ACT NOW advances hospital campaign

nspiration and joy abounded as donors, sponsors, and community leaders, helped to raise funds towards innovation and health care in Richmond at the 21st annual Richmond Hospital Foundation Starlight Gala Oct. 19.

As the main focus of the Starlight Gala, a new acute care tower for Richmond was generously supported through the "leadership challenge" segment of the evening. The night was a celebration of the many generous acute care tower donors who had already stepped forward while inspiring others to join, helping Richmond Hospital Foundation reach \$43,680,000 towards the ACT NOW campaign, representing 87 per cent of the campaign's \$50 million goal.

"Thanks to the incredible generosity of all of our donors and including those at the Starlight Gala, we are that much closer to our goal of \$50



Photo submitted

Jason and Emily Ko inspired giving at the 21st annual Richmond Hospital Foundation Starlight Gala Oct. 19.

million for the ACT NOW fundraising campaign. We are deeply grateful for the leadership of donors, sponsors and community champions who have rallied together to ensure Richmond gets a new Acute Tower," said Nelson Kwan, board chair of the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

The joyful tone for giving that evening was set by Jason and Emily Ko of Viva Pharmaceuticals who inspired others to give with their personal leadership and generous \$1 million donation towards the acute care tower.

"Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this event and to all of the donors who have truly made an impact To give joyfully is to know that you are part of the solution. There is true joy in coming together to build a better and healthier future in Richmond," said Natalie Meixner, president and CEO of the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

## A sweet treat awaits you at SweetHoney Dessert

In this installment of **Sentinel's Pick**, our newly-introduced food column, we will be sharing a dessert place to satisfy your sweet tooth.

SweetHoney Dessert is a world-wide franchise well known for its authentic Hong Kong-style dessert. They claim to use the highest quality of natural ingredients and fresh fruit to make all their desserts, and they never disappoint us when we want something sweet.

Hot or cold, their wide selection can make it difficult to decide what to order. It's all very tempting.

However, if you want to be safe, we highly sug-

gest picking for their fresh mango or durian offerings. For a hot dessert, we recommend trying the walnut or almond soup.

You will also notice they have a limited quantity of their puppy cake, which is IG-photogenic, but our suggestion is to stick with the menu.

SweetHoney Dessert is located at 160-4200 No. 3 Rd. It is open seven days a week from 3 p.m. to midnight.

Quality is foremost at SweetHoney Dessert





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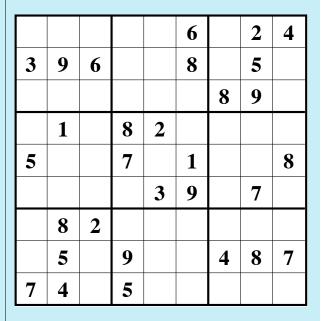
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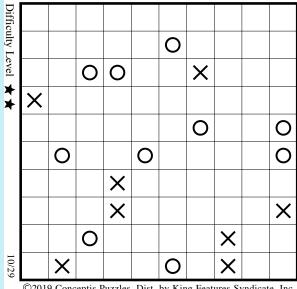
#### **SUDOKU**

The goal of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.



#### **TIC-TAC-LOGIC**

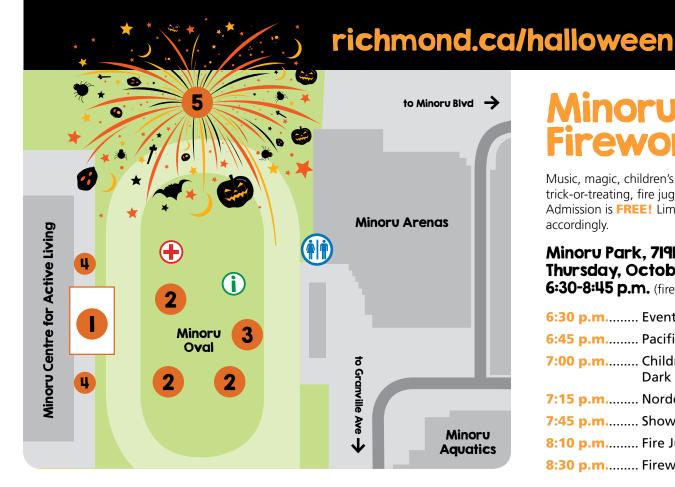
A one player game, the object is to place Xs or Os in the squares grid. There cannot be more than two consecutive Xs or Os in a row or column. Each column/row is unique and has five Xs and Os.



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## On Thursday, October 31, celebrate at one of Richmond's FREE fireworks shows!



## **Minoru Hallowe** Fireworks Festiv

Music, magic, children's activities, roving entertainers, inflatable corn maze, trick-or-treating, fire juggling and a spectacular fireworks finale! Admission is FREE! Limited parking available at Minoru Park. Please plan accordingly.

Minoru Park, 7191 Granville Ave Thursday, October 31 **6:30-8:45 p.m.** (fireworks at 8:30 p.m.)

6:30 p.m..... Event begins

6:45 p.m...... Pacific Fairytales – Disney Sing-a-long

7:00 p.m...... Children's Costume Parade with

**Dark Princess Ariadne** 

7:15 p.m...... Norden the Magician

7:45 p.m..... Showstoppers

8:10 p.m..... Fire Jugglers

8:30 p.m..... Fireworks



















More information: 604-244-1208 | parks@richmond.ca

#### other FREE fireworks shows in Richmond

McLean Neighbourhood Park (Hamilton) 22500 McLean Avenue

**Thursday, October 31** Fireworks at 8:15 p.m. 604-238-8055 hamilton@richmond.ca

**Hugh Boyd Community Park (West Richmond)** 9180 No. 1 Road

**Thursday, October 31** Fireworks at 8:15 p.m. 604-238-8400 westrich@richmond.ca

**South Arm Community Park** 8880 Williams Road

**Thursday, October 31** Fireworks at 8:15 p.m. 604-238-8060 southarm@richmond.ca

Fireworks and firecrackers can be very dangerous and it is illegal to possess, buy or sell them in Richmond. Under Richmond's Fire Protection and Life Safety Bylaw 8306, offences and fines include purchasing fireworks (\$1,000 fine), displaying fireworks for sale (\$1,000 fine), selling or distributing fireworks (\$1,000 fine) or possession of fireworks without a permit (\$200 fine). A zero tolerance approach will be taken.

























