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Business has been booming, donations have been pouring in, and things are shaping up nicely for the grand opening sale of RAPS new thrift store on Francis Road and Garden City on Saturday, Aug. 18, according to manager Karen Kamachi and executive director Eyal Lichtmann.



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Thrift store to keep petcare costs low

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL
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A critical community partner has opened a key fundraising tool in cool and familiar surroundings.

Richmond's Regional Animal Protection Society's new thrift store will support the ongoing operations of its new animal hospital. It opened late last month in the former home of Danny's Market—once famous for its cool Screemers, a slushy/soft ice cream concoction—at 9040 Francis Rd., at the corner of Garden City. The new store is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Eyal Lichtmann, the society's executive director, told *The Richmond Sentinel* it was a bit of a financial gamble opening the new thrift store. But when this location became available, he pounced on the opportunity.

It's proven to be a wise decision, according to Karen Kamachi, the volunteer manager who sees her work at the thrift store as a true labour of love.

Since its soft-opening on July 28, donations have been pouring in, and business has been booming, they said.

"Within one week of opening, we're overflowing with donations," Lichtmann said outside the store, which saw a steady stream



Photo by Martin van den Hemel

Thrift Store manager Karen Kamachi invites everyone to the Aug. 18 sale.

of customers on an early Friday afternoon.

Every dollar spent at the thrift store will help subsidize pet healthcare services at the society's hospital—located at the Richmond Auto Mall—and thus keep those pet healthcare fees

much more affordable for locals, Lichtmann said.

The new thrift store is celebrating its official grand opening on Saturday, Aug. 18, with every item in the store selling for half price.

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Chill Out at YVR Aug. 18

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL
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Looking for something fun to do this weekend, but don't want to drive too far?

There will be plenty of entertainment, activities and food served up Saturday, Aug. 18, during the third annual YVR Chill Out at Larry Berg Flight Path Park on Russ Baker Way on Sea Island.

The free family-focused event will include a passport challenge, with some YVR prizes up for grabs, as well as face painters, magicians and photo booths.

Want to win one of two free flights to one of YVR's featured destinations? Simply swing by the YVR Community tent.

The fun starts at 11 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m.

The Chill Out stage will feature live artists including Marine Drive and Trilojay, among others.

Yo-yo prodigy Harrison Lee will also be showing off his exhilarating tricks

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Hugh Boyd/Rotary combine to work in Refilwe



Alicia Zhang painting the mural of her own design on the container. Photos by Kyle Gomes



The Richmond team handed out blankets, which were welcome.



The team also got the opportunity to spend time with the local children, and taught them about Canadian culture.

By **KYLE GOMES**
Youth Reporter

Nine students and alumni from Hugh Boyd secondary were working hard in a small community in South Africa named Refilwe during a three-week trip that started in late July.

Rotary Club of Richmond Sunset and Hugh Boyd secondary have supported Refilwe for the past 10 years. During this time, the efforts have funded the construction of a water filtration system, library, training centres for welding and carpentry and an industrial kitchen. Also purchased were a school bus, food tunnels—to grow crops while keeping them safe from monkeys—and the teams have refurbished numerous buildings.

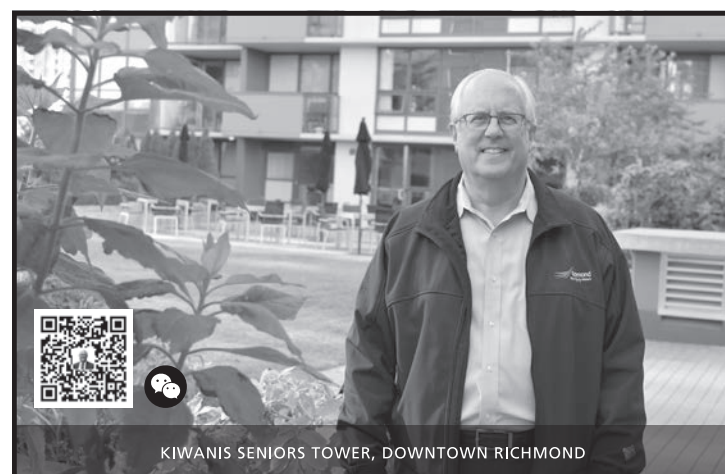
To prepare for the trip, the team gathered many essential supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, clothing and first aid supplies. Additionally, the team packed baby blankets, teddy bears and shoes for the local children.

These supplies will be distributed locally as well as to the surrounding communities.

The team includes teacher Ed Chan, counsellor Talia Babecoff-Kimhi, as well as Richmond Fire-Rescue's Kirby Graeme and Rotary Club's Magdalen Leung.

This year's work will include renovating a shipping container into a portable classroom, decorating the container with a Canadian-themed mural, repainting one of the daycare rooms, and repairing any additional infrastructure around Refilwe.

Students will also get the opportunity to spend time with the local children; they will teach them about Canadian culture and get a glimpse into their daily lives.



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As Rolston departs, Richmond Music School is still in good hands

By **ANDREW HUNG**
Contributor

When the Richmond Music School first began in 1980, it operated out of a single portable classroom on Sea Island.

Thirty-eight years later, the school resembles a full-fledged conservatory, with an annual calendar that features a concerto concert, scholarship competition, and ensemble concert.

Former principal Patricia Rolston has been the mind behind many of the school's current events and programs.

"They're all mine. Everything. Nothing has been done that hasn't been out of my head," she says.

Since arriving at the Richmond Music School in 1989, Rolston has started numerous initiatives that give young students a glimpse of what it would be like to perform as a concert musician.

One of these is the annual Concerto Concert, where students are given the opportunity to play as soloists alongside professional musicians.

"They (the concerts) are all contributing to making these kids who they are," Rolston says.

After 29 years as the principal, Rolston is now stepping down, due to health issues and a need for more rest.

While the school has changed leadership, it will continue to serve the community through music, says new

principal Grace Chami-Sather.

"Music is a universal language that brings the people of the world together and improves their cognitive capacity," says Chami-Sather, an educational consultant who has teaching experience in Lebanon, Oman, Greece, Canada, the United States, and the United Arab Emirates.

"Moreover, it is a cultural artifact that carries a deeper understanding of the collective feeling of the original society."

Chami-Sather has taught numerous subjects, including English, Arabic, piano and music theory. She also has written a children's book that promotes literacy.

Throughout her diverse career, Chami-Sather has found a way to incorporate music into her teaching even if the subject wasn't related to music.

"Whether I was teaching languages or math or arts, music was my universal tool. Each country I lived in offered me an opportunity to grow professionally, teaching school subjects and English as foreign language through music."

Chami-Sather has also used the piano to train budding teachers, and as a tool to create a bond between these instructors and students.

The piano has been a central part of her life, both inside and outside the classroom.

For three consecutive years, Chami-Sather achieved the highest score



Richmond Music School's Patricia Rolston retires.

in the Middle East for the Trinity College of Music piano examination.

At age 17, she also had the opportunity to play for foreign ambassadors in Lebanon, where she grew up.

Now, Chami-Sather hopes to give students the knowledge and opportunities she had as a young musician.

"We (will) create opportunities for our students to travel, win scholarships and be discovered as talents in the world and at home," she says.

In addition to giving students more opportunities to perform, the new principal also hopes to create new

programs, such as classes for adults and classes devoted to music history.

"History sets the breaking grounds for the future. Reviewing the history and lives of composers would lead to a better understanding of compositions and the meaning of creating music that suits the needs of (the) times and cultures."

Looking ahead to the upcoming school year, Chami-Sather invites the public to visit the School's tent during the Richmond's Culture Days on Sept. 30, located at the Richmond Cultural Centre.

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Steveston class of '68 reuniting after 50 years

By DON FENNELL
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As the graduating class at Steveston High School prepared for the “real world,” the times were, as musical icon Bob Dylan noted, “a-changin’.”

The year 1968 was particularly tumultuous, with great social unrest and political upheaval. In the U.S., opposition to the Vietnam War was escalating amid calls to end racism, and to honour slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

At home, Richmond students forged ahead, their daily routines ranging from participating in or watching floor hockey games at lunch to supporting the Packers in basketball and football—particularly against the rival Richmond Colts.

Gathering at the local McDonald’s and A&W was also a practice that has spanned the generations. Other popular hangouts were the Bamboo Grove restaurant, Gassy Jacks Discoteque, the Delta Drive Inn, and the Stardust Roller Rink.

“We also all remembered getting our driver’s licenses,” says Janet McMaster, a member of the grad committee who is helping to plan a 50-year reunion on Sept. 22.

Music also played a big part in their lives, she says. Fans of The Beatles anxiously awaited the release of the Fab Four’s so-called “White Album,”



Photo by Martin van den Hemel

Steveston High’s grad class of 1968 reunion committee, from left: Janet McMaster, Carol Baisley and Dennis Hamade. The old gang is getting back together on Sept. 22.

while the seemingly-timeless Rolling Stones and Vancouver-based groups like the Poppy Family, Kentish Steele and The Shantelles, Jason Hoover and The Epics, and The Night Train Revue were also popular with the young adults.

“It seems fitting for the graduates to be celebrating our 50th with a dinner and dance with live music played by Flashback Solid Gold Memories,” says McMaster.

Billed as “The Last Big Hurrah!,” the reunion at the Pacific Gateway Hotel will give the former Steveston students and their families the chance to reminisce. At present, nearly one third of the 282 graduates have confirmed their attendance.

This will mark the third time the graduates of 1968 have gotten together, following reunions in 2008 and 2013. Plans for the 50th began last July, with the committee mem-

bers meeting every six weeks to plan and organize the event.

Packer Pride was prevalent in 1968. And attending Steveston High School was a big deal in the lives of the students, remembers McMaster.

“We were very excited to become high schoolers,” she says, whether coming from Hugh Boyd or McRoberts, the two junior highs that fed Steveston at the time.

In the 1960s, Steveston featured only grades 10 through 12. But the Class of 1968 had to spend an extra year at their junior high schools, as the district added Grade 10 to the junior highs in 1966.

“After we stayed that extra year at our respective junior high schools it was finally our time,” McMaster says. “Needless to say we were all very thrilled and excited and many lifelong friendships were formed.”

But, McMaster adds, “we didn’t have any idea what high school would be like. It was quite an adjustment having to deal with lockers, remembering your combination, timetables, bells ringing, breaks between classes and wondering where to go next.”

Despite the challenges they all faced in the late 1960s, one committee member suggested it was more carefree than today. The prevailing

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Currency exchanges

By **LORRAINE GRAVES**

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While tremendously convenient, the exchange kiosks at major transportation hubs tend to be less of a bargain, charging a high rate of exchange and often an additional fee. The bottom line: you end up with less money to spend.

"You want to be prepared for your trip and not get dinged at a foreign airport," says Wong.

For those who mainly use credit cards while travelling, Wong suggests travellers still get at least some cash to use at their destination for tips and fees. Smaller places will not accept credit cards and do not accept out-of-country money. Also, some destinations, like Egypt, suggest travellers also have some small denomination US dollars for tips in larger centres.

While Wong says they routinely have American dollars, Euros, Mexican Pesos and British Pounds in their branches, the exchange does offer less common currencies like the Guatemalan quetzal or Moroccan dirhams.

"Phone ahead for exotic places," Wong says. "Usually for major currencies, we have plenty of inventory but for more exotic currency, best

to double check because it's on a first-come first-serve basis. I would feel really bad if they came all the way from Delta and we didn't have enough."

"If they call me I can always try to arrange extra so we have enough in stock," Wong says.

In addition to bringing in cash, you can use a local debit card—Canadian, but not American—or a bank draft payable to Vancouver Bullion and Currency Exchange, says Wong. She also reminds people to bring government-issued photo identification.

Also, do your homework before you travel, Wong says: "Best to research ahead of time so you know what the bills look like."

She cites one example with Indian money where the 1,000 and 500 rupee bills were taken out of circulation but still used in some areas or given as change to tourists. If you bring the old ones back to Canada, you would be stuck.

"We would be unable to purchase them," says Wong.

And when you come home, you can change your left-over vacation money back to Canadian currency but Wong cautions travellers not to expect the same rate when they get home and want to change the remains of their travel money back into Canadian dollars.

She also cautions that most banks and exchange houses will not take coins, so spend the coins before coming home otherwise, they are just souvenirs.

The exchange offers in-person exchange or electronic.

"It's a pretty seamless transaction through the (the exchange) online portal through their laptop. That way, they don't have to go to a bank and arrange the transaction in person...it can be set up beforehand," Wong says.

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Most common currencies can be exchanged, if you have an account in both currencies, 24/7 she says.

For people living in two countries, like snowbirds, "people can exchange money from a foreign bank. We can take incoming electronic transfers from a foreign bank if it is a currency we deal in," says Wong.

"We have a lot of foreign customers who may be moving or immigrating to Canada. They can transfer funds for example to purchase a property or other large items like a car. Obviously with large cash amounts like that, we need to understand the transaction, just like a bank would."

For the locals, there are low fees to do transfers out of the

country but none to do transfers within Canada.

"Over a certain dollar value the fees may get waived," says Wong.

As bullion is in Vancouver Bullion Currency Exchange's name, it buys and sells gold, silver or platinum bars. Wong advises buyers to check the rate in Canadian dollars because the international market quotes for precious metals are in US dollars. What might seem a good deal can be shaded by the value of the US dollar, so if it goes up, precious metals correspondingly cost more to buy in Canada.

Wong reiterates, "There is no fee for a straight cash exchange. It's just basically what our exchange rate is—a very competitive and favourable exchange rate."

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Gina Wong from Vancouver Bullion and Currency Exchange's Richmond office at 118-6061 No. 3 Rd.

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On Saturday, October 20, 2018, eligible voters in Richmond will be electing a Mayor, eight Councillors and seven School Trustees. Those elected will serve in office for four years.

Candidate Nominations

Nomination documents and candidate information packages for the offices of Mayor, Councillor, and School Trustee are now available at richmond.ca/elections, and at the Richmond Elections Office.

The Candidate Nomination period begins on Tuesday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m. and ends on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

The Chief Election Officer will be receiving candidate nominations at the Richmond Elections Office only during the nomination period. To file your nomination, you are encouraged to make an appointment.

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If you are registered in advance, you will receive a voter card in the mail.

Advance voter registration closes on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. However, please don't worry if you're not registered in advance. If you are an eligible voter, you can also register when you vote.

Inspect the Voters List

The City of Richmond uses the Province of BC's Voters List for General Local and School Elections. The Voters List will be available for public inspection at the Richmond Elections Office starting on Tuesday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m. until Saturday October 20, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. If you intend to inspect the Voters List, you must sign a statement that you will only inspect the list for the purposes of the election.

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Nancy Small continues

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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Nancy Small, the new chief executive officer of Tourism Richmond, comes to her job with a wealth of experience.

After studying for her Bachelor of Commerce degree at Memorial University, Small worked at an ad agency for four years in the '90s, "when advertising was fun," she says.

From there was a stint in Toronto before she was off to live in Australia for three years.

Since then, Small has called Vancouver home. Coming to Tourism Richmond from a similar job in Burnaby, she compares the two cities.

"I know Burnaby has 1,500 hotel rooms, while Richmond's a smaller city, by population, and has 4,500 hotel rooms," she says.

"Richmond is the fourth largest city in B.C. We do punch above our level in terms of hotels."

Small notes it is one of the benefits of having the Vancouver International Airport, within Richmond's city limits.

Our municipality is a national standout for hoteliers in yet another way, she says.

"Richmond actually leads the country in occupancy levels in the hotel industry and has done so for a couple of years," Small says.

What are her hopes for the future?

While there's a high demand during the peak season, Small says she would like to smooth out the demand for the rest of the year.

British Columbia has 55 destination marketing organizations. Tourism Richmond, funded through a small fee on each hotel stay, is considered one of the top destination marketing organizations in Canada. "We work to attract people here.

It could be for a meeting, a conference or an event—basically anybody that would come into Richmond, would be appealing to us. We would try to give them the reason to come to Richmond over anywhere else."

Small says they promote anything that drives people to stay overnight.

"Richmond actually, more than other cities this size, has a lot of events happening especially over the summer months. It's exciting to see a lot of these things that are happening in this city."

Tourism Richmond looks for more than simply attracting events, she says.

"It's about packaging us and positioning us in a really unique manner that's going to drive long term visitation, not only one-and-done events. One of the things we are really trying to push is the food tourism aspect," says Small, citing the New York Times article that named Richmond the best Asian food destination in North America.

Richmond is well-positioned, Small says, for bicycle tourism because of our extensive, high-quality bike infrastructure, including our scenic dikes.

Speaking of Richmond's lush avian wildlife, Small mentions another attractive angle to Richmond: "Birding is really trendy right now."

People who come from out of town to eat at Richmond restaurants and visit the Richmond Night Market, are "a big driver of our economy."

"I grew up in St. John's, Newfoundland on the other side of the country, way east," she says with a laugh.

Small adds: "It's about the total experience, not just a concert on a Saturday night."

When asked what her immediate plans for Tourism Richmond are, Small pays tribute to the team and

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Tourism Richmond's big plans

to former leader, Bruce Okabe.

"It's early days. I'm hoping the team will be consistent and stable. It's a very, very strong, energetic, dynamic team with a great board of directors. That consistency is one of my goals. Tourism Richmond is on a really great path that Bruce put in motion."

A big part of that is the new branding: Pacific. Authentic. Richmond BC.

"It's a dynamic and strong strategic plan that will really focus the organization in the coming years and I'm not going to change that. It's a very smart, sound plan."

"I suggest people take a look at our website visitrichmond.bc.com," says Small

"It's not about Tourism Richmond getting famous. It's about Richmond getting famous."

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Photo by Chung Chow

Nancy Small, the new chief executive officer of Tourism Richmond.

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thought is that students today face increasing pressure and competition such as enrolling in university, securing a job and being able to afford to live in their community.

But, added another committee member, there are more job opportunities for females in 2018.

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Richmond's Gwen McFarlan (centre) consistently proves that age is only a number. The world-renowned runner will be taking part on the Forever Young 8k Sept 15 at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

Inspiring the young at heart

"We may be old but we are forever young at heart."

—Richard Gere

By DON FENNELL
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Though written and recorded more than a half century ago, "Young at Heart" has become more than simply a pop standard. It has inspired a timeless message.

A million seller in 1953 for legendary crooner Frank Sinatra, the tune's lyrics deliver a positive message: "And if you should survive to be a hundred and five, Look at all you'll derive out of bein' alive, And here is the best part, you have a head start, If you are among the very young at heart."

John Young was apparently listening.

A retired school teacher, Young has long been extolling the virtues of an active lifestyle. Six years ago he came with a plan to further advance the theme.

"I have an idea," he told his wife Joan, to which she groaned and re-

plied, "Oh-oh."

Of the hundreds of local road races, Young realized that no one had ever thought to have an event specifically for seniors 55 and over. Thus, the Forever Young Club, a local group of similarly-motivated local walkers and runners, took the opportunity to organize such an event and the Forever Young 8k was born.

As outlined in its annual brochure, there are many senior walkers and runners in our communities, Young says.

"This event is a chance for them to gain well-deserved recognition for their commitment to fitness. The Forever Young 8k celebrates active seniors, setting an example to encourage all seniors to adopt a healthy lifestyle."

Young, who for a decade organized the Terry Fox Run in Richmond, is confident that as the years go on, the event will become even more popular and a fixture in the Greater Vancouver running scene.

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INSPIRING

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The 2018 Forever Young 8k is set for Sunday, Sept. 9 at the Richmond Olympic Oval, starting at 9 a.m. And it will almost certainly draw many returning participants, including Cate Gage.

Gage was so pleased to be able to partake last year, she penned a heartfelt thank you.

"I am new to running and find huge events to be intimidating," she wrote. "The volunteers and participants in your run were supportive, inspirational and so much fun. We were also thrilled to learn about your sponsor, Verve, and hear about their services. Your event was not only enjoyable but it was also extremely educational. We plan to make this an annual event and hope that we are able to take advantage of your free registration (anyone

over the age of 90 may sign up for free) in a few decades."

All participants in the not-for-profit Forever Young 8k, which is sanctioned by BC Athletics, will receive a dry-fit tech t-shirt and a medal to show the grandkids, and afterwards may rejoice in food and beverages while enjoying '60s music from Radio LG 104.3. There will also be many vendors on site of interest to seniors, with up to 100 draw prizes available for lucky patrons. All age group winners will receive a bottle of quality B.C. wine, and the most senior finisher will receive champagne.

This year's charity of choice is The Dream-On Foundation for seniors, similar to Make-A-Wish for young people.

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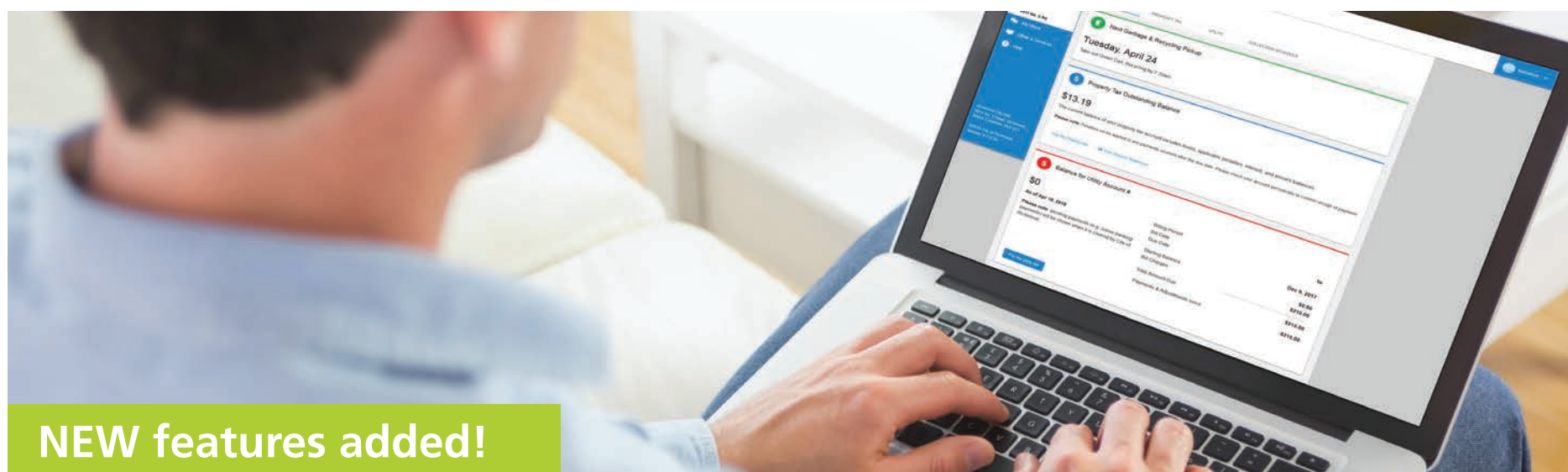
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The 2017 Steveston Dragon Boat Festival drew thousands of people to Steveston last August.

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Dragon boats descend on Steveston Aug. 25

By **DON FENNELL**
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Community, culture and competition will come together at the 2018 Steveston Dragon Boat Festival.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, some 1,500 paddlers making up 72 teams will celebrate another great season on the water, while bidding adieu to the final days of summer on the shores of the Fraser River.

Upwards of 20,000 festival goers are expected to converge at the Imperial Landing Park to take in the races, while also enjoying music, art and entertainment for the entire family. Partial proceeds from the festival will benefit the Rich-

mond Food Bank, which serves on average 2,200 people per week.

Last year's eighth annual dragon boat festival played out under clear blue skies, with wide smiles the order of the day. Event organizer and Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival general manager Ann Phelps explained the resounding endorsement as accurately reflecting the culture of dragon boating.

"It's very inclusive and diverse," attracting people of all ages and ethnic groups, she explained.

Festival registration opens at 7:30 a.m., with heats and seeding races starting at 8 a.m. Entertainment kicks off at 10 a.m., with medal ceremonies at 4 p.m.

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Upwards of 1,500 paddlers will ply the waters of the Fraser River at the 2018 Steveston Dragon Boat Festival Aug. 25.



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Raymond Cheung, founder of Richmond Night Market, greets Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on stage.

PM Justin Trudeau visits Richmond Night Market

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL
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It was an amazing weekend for the Richmond Night Market, which on Saturday, Aug. 4 got a special visit from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who opted for the market instead of watching the fireworks in Downtown Vancouver.

Trudeau visited privately with Night Market founder Raymond Cheung and his family and also took to the stage to greet the market's thousands of nightly visitors.

"He's an easygoing person, very kind, humble and down to earth," said Cheung, adding that Minister of Defence Harjit Singh Sajjan,

Minister of Justice Jody Wilson-Raybould, and Steveston-Richmond East MP Joe Peschisolidi were also in attendance.

The plan had been for Trudeau to sample some of the Night Market's internationally-recognized food after walking through the market's retail section.

But the crowd was overwhelming and so the visit was cut short.

Cheung reflected on the market's humble beginning in the parking lot at Continental Centre shopping centre on Cambie Road some 18 years ago.

"Who knew the prime minister would come to our stage and visit us," he said.

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THRIFT STORE

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The massive sale, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will encompass the entire parking lot outside, which means locals are virtually guaranteed to find a good deal on everything from clothing to household goods, electronics and furniture.

"We're going to have a barbecue, we're going to have an art sale in the parking lot, so come one, come all," Kamachi said.

The society has received "thousands of items" which have been held back until the Aug. 18 sale, Lichtmann said.

While many of the items in the thrift store are used, he noted some are brand new.

But having a large inventory of goods is only a part of the equation. It's the volunteers who are crucial to the society's ongoing work.

To maintain an animal advocacy organization requires a lot of fundraising throughout the year and that means help from many people, he said.

"Our biggest cost, of course, is staffing to run all of the different programs that we run," he said.

The society saves about 2,000 animals per year, he said, and through its animal food bank helps people living in low-income housing to feed their pets.

There are homeless people, he said, who turn to the society for

help when their pet becomes ill.

"The only love in their life is the animal, and those animals need healthcare, so we're subsidizing all of that for the community."

Then there's the society's cat sanctuary—the only one of its kind in Canada—which is home to some 500 cats.

"We're able to keep our 100 per cent no-kill commitment to the community for unadoptable cats by letting them live out their life at the cat sanctuary," he said. "We're the only animal organization in Canada that does that."

Kamachi urged anyone searching for volunteer experience to sign up at the thrift store.

The society hasn't had trouble recruiting volunteers, Lichtmann said.

"The cause itself is attracting people. But on top of that, it's the atmosphere (Kamachi) has created here... (It) is one of pure fun," he said.

At the cat sanctuary alone, he said, there are some 300 volunteers signed up. Overall, there are some 600 volunteers who work for the society.

The society continues to operate a thrift store at 8260 Granville Ave., but the new spot is much larger and can accommodate home furnishings, which are a big seller.

For more information about the animal hospital, visit rapsanimalhospital.com. For information about the society, visit rapsbc.com.

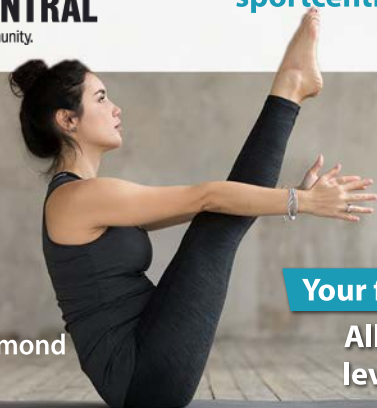
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A Steveston fixture bids farewell

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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Chris Carr, who has helmed the Steveston General Store for 35 years, has run her race and is ready for new challenges.

"It's bitter sweet. It was not an easy decision to come to. I am going to have a sale soon and then I'll be out the end of September."

It's been a family tradition, starting with Carr's mother, June Lamond, who ran Thrifty Baby, a long term fixture, near Rod's Building Supply.

"My mom opened the store in 1983, then The General Store, and I was here by about 1986. It was so important for her to provide such a good service for the community."

Later, when Lamond wanted to retire, Carr continued on with the enterprises, including the general store her mother had begun.

Lamond is still alive but very much retired.

"It was a really nice time when we were here together," she said.

"Most of the stock is because so many of our buying customers became selling customers. We've always been booked six weeks in advance with 15 boxes of merchandise a day."

Carr makes exceptions for shut-ins, going to their home to appraise, gather and then give a cheque for the items she knows she can sell. She helps people empty their homes when downsizing and helps people furnish their new homes affordably.

"I feel I live at the store and have

spent so much time here and so many hours here running the business. The village has changed so much that my heart will not quite be in it the same."

She wishes she could spend more time at her favourite part of the business, interacting with customers: "It is an enormous weight on my shoulders that I can only be out there a few minutes. I work most nights. The work is incredible."

Carr speaks of the march of time in Steveston: "When the store is gone and who knows what it will become, it will be sad. I have a little brick over at the interurban tram that's the Thrifty Baby and the General Store. That will be all that's left. Not many people will know what the village once was."

"It is certainly bitter sweet for me to be going. It's very very hard for me when I hear all the customers speak of it. That is the greatest gift for me to hear."

Carr relishes the times she can connect with people.

"So many customers over the years, sharing different stories of their family and their childhood, when they see an item and it takes them back. I have my customers to thank."

After 35 years, working most days and most nights, lifting heavy boxes and furniture, Carr is ready for a break: "I never thought I'd be here for long. And I've been so blessed to meet and to deal with all the people who've come into the store."

The store's closing is bittersweet

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Chris Carr says closing the Steveston General Store is bittersweet.

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Book provides glimpse into lives of fishing pioneers

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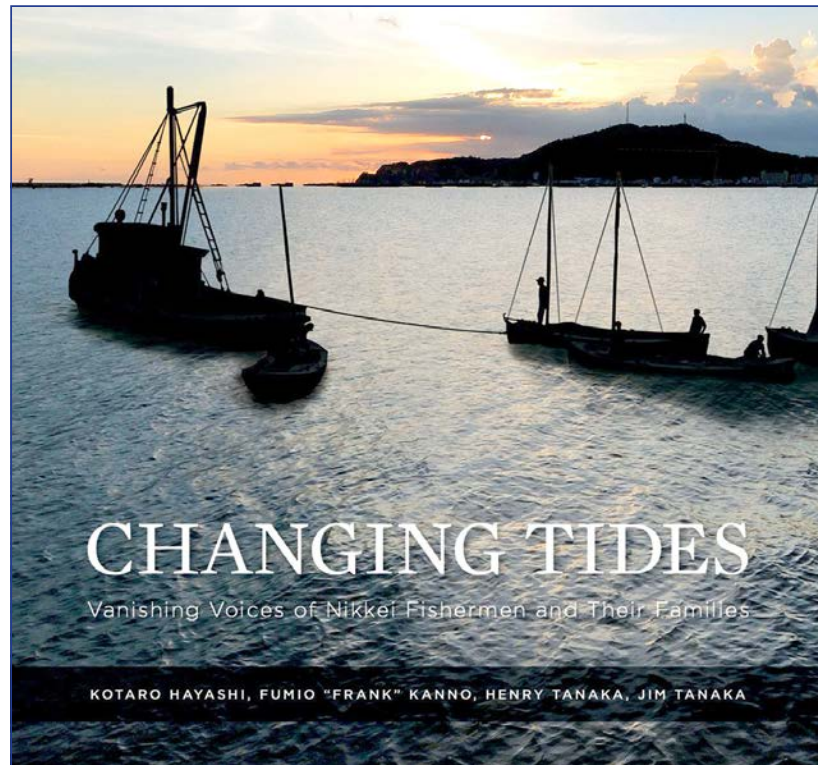
With the passage of time, their numbers continue to decline, but in the early 20th century, Japanese Canadian settlers were significant contributors to the local fishing industry.

Following the loss of their fathers, three descendants of these fishermen started the Nikkei Fisherman's Reunion Project in 2001 to pay tribute to their forefathers, and to the generations that followed. A book, which Richmond's Jim Tanaka co-wrote, is the third component of the project that also included a reunion dinner for the retired fishermen along with their spouses and widows, as well as a life-sized bronze statue located at the former Phoenix cannery waterfront.

Recently recognized at the 34th BC Book Prizes gala, *Changing Tides: Vanishing Voices of Nikkei Fishermen and Their Families*, provides a unique and often personal glimpse into the lives of these pioneers.

"These are their own stories as they remember them," says Tanaka of the book that complements an earlier publication *Nikkei Fishermen on the BC Coast: Their Biographies and Photographs*.

"It is hoped that this collection of personal stories and experiences revealed the racism that was so prevalent prior to and during the war years, as well as a decade of post-war years," explains Tanaka. "However, our generation and the genera-



Changing Tides is available for sale at [amazon.ca](#)

tions that followed are forever grateful for the opportunities, educational choices and careers that became available."

While compiling the book over a four-year period, Tanaka was surprised how vivid and detailed their recollections of events—which took place 60 to 75 years ago—were.

"Yet the dates and years of the experiences correspond with the chronology of Canadian history," he says. "Also, none of these in-depth stories are recorded in any previously published book."

Tanaka also learned that many of the children of the Japanese Canadian fishermen weren't aware of what their parents went through during the internment and post-war years—either being too young to remember, never told or born much later.

Neither Tanaka nor any of his co-authors—Fumio Kanno, Henry Tanaka or the late Kotaro Hayashi—had written a book before, but were involved in the publication of *Nikkei Fishermen on the BC Coast: Their Biographies and Photographs*. Tanaka also edited the newsletters of the BC Wakayama Kenjin Kai (Association) for over 20 years.

The current book brings to a close a project that Tanaka describes as "the fruition of our labour of volunteerism." But he left with one regret; that his senior colleague Hayashi passed away before the completion of the book. As well, some of those interviewed in the book have also since passed away.

Tanaka says each of the individuals who shared their story deserves special acknowledgment.

"We are honoured and humbled to make the shortlist of finalists, let alone win the Roderick Haig-Brown Regional BC Book Prize," he says. "We are equally thrilled to make the shortlist of finalists for the most prestigious Lieutenant Governor's Historical Writing Competition in 2017, receiving an honourable mention."

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"Another customer told me today that the store has such a lovely feeling. Those are the greatest things. It's never been about money. Listening to these people, it's a wonder I would ever leave. I'd still be here at 90," says Carr.

What of the future? "It's a wonderful exciting new time for me. It will be, no matter what I do, just because I will be going in another direction down the road." Ruefully discussing the customers she rarely gets to interact with, "I'm a hugger. In my next career, I'm going to be a professional hugger," she says with a smile.

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Therapist Denise Cheung, Angela, therapist Nicole Sails, founder Gina Fernandez, Matthew, and therapist Jessica Krushelarisky, along with RJ and therapist Adrian Cheng in the pool at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel.

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL

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When the specialized team at Enable Occupational Therapy had no place left to bring their kids, the team at Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel swooped in for the rescue.

It's an act of generosity that Enable's founder, Gina Fernandez, will never forget, even two years later.

It was on Aug. 1 when the occupational therapy team returned to the Sheraton for the third straight year to offer a three-day swim camp.

"This wonderful staff and hotel have provided us with a space where we could swim with our kids who have been told that they are not a 'good fit' or have struggled in generic 'adapted' swim classes at the community centres," Fernandez told *The Richmond Sentinel*.

Due to anxiety and overwhelming sensory needs, it's not uncommon for the children in the program to yell, scream or cry, she said.

"It is so rare to be out and about in the community and come across

individuals who support our children with their challenges, without blinking an eye when a 20-minute meltdown occurs."

Fernandez said the patience, kindness and generosity demonstrated by the Sheraton Hotel and its staff have been nothing short of amazing.

"They have declined to allow us to pay for using the pool space and have donated it every summer," she said.

"Our families are so grateful for their support during the hotel's busiest time of year, and we would like to publicly recognize the efforts of this hotel for supporting the local children, in so many ways," she said.

Fernandez also said the swim camp wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of Steveston's Marine Adventure Centre/Kaymaran Adventure Tours who loaned the Enable team wetsuits for the camp.

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George Best: When soccer royalty visited Richmond



George Best 1976 from Wikipedia.

A huge fan of George Best, George Roberts had the pleasure of meeting his soccer hero during the launch of Richmond's Club Ireland in the late 1980s.

By **DON FENNELL**

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Manchester United scout Bob Bishop was rightly stoked the day he sent a telegram to club manager Matt Busby, exclaiming, "I think I've found you a genius." It's doubtful, however, he realized just how prophetic he was.

The 17-year-old Irish lad Bishop spoke so highly of would go on to be recognized as one of the top footballers of all-time. Indeed, the brilliant Brazilian star Pele deemed George Best to be "the greatest."

In the late 1980s, on the heels of his decorated career, Best came to

Richmond to participate in a coaching clinic that coincided with the launch of a new local union called Club Ireland. For George Roberts, it was a chance to meet his football hero.

"I had always been his No. 1 fan, and got to coach with him for a couple weeks at a clinic arranged by (then Club Ireland coach) Danny Burns," remembers Roberts, a longtime Richmond resident and member of the annual Nations Cup soccer tournament committee.

Both Roberts and Burns were part of the group that founded Club Ireland. Eric Ross was also at the forefront of the clinic, hosted by Club

Ireland. The former Newcastle United player was an international for Northern Ireland prior to Best playing for the side, and was instrumental in getting Best to come to Richmond.

"What we were trying to do at the time was get a name for Club Ireland," Roberts said. "We were growing fast and it was a great way of (promoting the club)."

Best agreed to play several games with a number of juniors, which was a "great thrill for the young lads." "He'd switch sides each half, and before he left (Richmond) also played against an all-star team at Hugh Boyd Park."

Always an engaging and outgoing personality, though he was reportedly a very shy youngster, Best was full of energy during his Richmond visit and "spent a lot of time talking with people," said Roberts. "He was a fine young man."

Born in Belfast on May 22, 1946, Best was the eldest of five children. Growing up in nearby Cregagh, he was academically gifted but also showed his athletic prowess though initially in rugby. Football-wise, his family supported Wolverhampton.

Best was 15 when he was "discovered" in Belfast by Manchester United scout Bishop. Ironically, his local club Glentoran had previously rejected him for being "too small and light."

Initially given a "trial" by United, Best became homesick after only two days and was soon back home. He later returned to Manchester and spent two years as an amateur before making his First Division debut, at age 17, in September 1963 against West Bromwich.

Best's natural talent and emerging

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GEORGE BEST

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popularity would soon catapult him to superstardom. The Portuguese press bestowed him with the nickname "O Quinto Beagle" (the fifth Beagle) after the then 19-year-old scored twice in a European Cup quarter-final against Benfica at the Estadio da Luz in 1966.

He was just 22 in 1968 when he reached the height of his athletic career, winning three major honours as a member of league and European Cup champion Manchester United. Besides the team awards, Best was also named European Player of the Year.

All told, Best made 470 appearances for Manchester United between 1963 and 1974, scoring 179 goals. Then, over the next decade, he played for several teams around the globe including three teams in the old North American Soccer

League.

A highly-skilled winger, who was a renowned dribbler, his pace and skill that made him a deft goal scorer also made him a fan favourite.

Present at London's Wembley Stadium for Manchester's overtime victory against Benfica in the 1968 European Cup final, Roberts remembers a very controlled Best "winning the match for United."

"He was kept under close control by Benfica, but Besty basically took over the game," Roberts said, who also has fond memories of watching Best score what he considers "one of the greatest goals ever" as a member of the Los Angeles Aztecs.

Best, who suffered from alcoholism much of his adult life, died in 2005. He was just 59.

Tributes poured in from around the world, with many of the game's other legends paying him the ultimate compliments.

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Murray displays Drive at hoops camp

By DON FENNELL
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Throughout the basketball universe, Jamal Murray is seen as a rising star. His play, and stats, during his first two NBA seasons certainly endorse that sentiment.

But his Twitter handle @BeMore27 further speaks to why the future is so bright for the Denver Nuggets' point/shooting guard.

Despite his obvious athleticism and success, the 21-year-old Canadian remains humble and focused on taking his game to even greater heights. That can only be realized through hard work, which he demonstrates on a continuous basis.

The headliner at the inaugural Drive Basketball Jamal Murray NBA Players Camp, the Kitchener, Ont. native showed up early for Thursday's session at the Richmond Olympic Oval. The thoughtful action is just one of many that impress Drive co-founder Chad Clifford and fellow Drive architect Pasha Bains. Both Clifford and Bains are predicting superstardom for Murray.

"I've always wanted to do this (hold a basketball camp for kids) and overall it's been a lot of fun," says Murray. "There are a lot of kids who love to play the game. It's nice to see."



Rising NBA star Jamal Murray of the Denver Nuggets headlined the inaugural Drive Basketball Jamal Murray NBA Players Camp Aug. 7 to 10 at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

A big fan of Toronto Raptors' legend Vince Carter growing up, basketball was always Murray's go-to sport. He isn't surprised by the game's surging popularity throughout the Canada.

"I don't see how you wouldn't like the game," he says, adding he's hoping to return annually for the camp.

"The kids love it and I'd definitely like

to do it again."

Murray wasn't the only Canadian NBA player to step up. Dillon Brooks, who enjoyed a standout rookie season with the Memphis Grizzlies in

2017/18, was a special guest coach at the Aug. 7 to 10 camp. Brooks, 22, is a small forward/shooting guard who starred at the University of Oregon from 2014 to 2017.

The idea for a camp potentially featuring NBA players dates back several years. Bains envisioned it when Drive Basketball signed its first contract with the Richmond Olympic Oval six years ago.

"I took a look at all six courts and said wouldn't it be great if someday we could use all six at once?" he says. "It finally came together."

While confident the camp would be a success, Bains admits the final number of participants surprised him.

"Basketball is super popular right now, so I knew it would be big," he says. "But I was a little surprised we had 200 campers."

The youth participants ranged in age from six to 17 and included both boys and girls. Players represented all ethnicities and basketball abilities. Under the tutelage of Murray, Brooks and others, the youngsters learned various fundamentals ranging from shooting to ball handling to passing.

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News and Information from the City of Richmond

Great music, global culture showcased at Richmond World Festival

Canadian and international music icons Lights and Magic! will headline the 4th annual Richmond World Festival in Minoru Park on Friday, August 31 and Saturday, September 1.

A smorgasbord of music, food and culture from around the globe, the Richmond World Festival has become a popular fixture on the Labour Day weekend. Admission is free and the festival site is easily accessible, just a short walk from the Canada Line Brighthouse station.

The festival will feature over 90 artists performing on nine stages, serving up rich slices of African, Asian, North and South American, European, South Pacific and Caribbean cultures. Other highlights include the FEASTival of Flavours with more than 50 food trucks presenting cuisines from all over the world and the Culinary Stage featuring top local chefs. There's also the Global Village with interactive cultural activities and performances; the Bamboo Theatre and Digital Carnival, both offering diverse and innovative performances; African Zone cultural pavilion, Artisan Marketplace and Imagination World at the Richmond Public Library.

Headlining the main stage on Friday, August 31 is Lights, a riveting performer and innovative songwriter. Always pushing boundaries, the alt-pop phenomenon has never shied away from a challenge. Lights has built an incredibly passionate fan base, selling out tours around the world, earning 100 million U.S. streams and two



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JUNO Awards, not to mention the more than two million fans who follow her every move online.

Magic! is the Toronto-bred, Los Angeles-based quartet who scored the song of the summer, *Rude* – a buoyant reggae-pop tune that held the No. 1 spot on the Billboard Hot 100 for six weeks, charted in 41 countries, sold more than 10 million singles and boasts over one billion views on VEVO. Now, Magic! is back with the smash hit *Kiss Me* and gearing up for the release of their

next single *Core* and third album *Love & Ego* this fall. Magic! will headline the Richmond World Festival main stage on Saturday, September 1.

The Richmond World Festival takes place from 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday, August 31 and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 1. Find additional event details at www.richmondworldfestival.com and for updates, follow @FunRichmond on Twitter, #RichmondWorldFest.

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Minoru Plaza

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Minor baseball: Progress comes in many forms

By DON FENNELL
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John Braaten wears a wide smile as he reflects on the 2018 Richmond City Baseball season.

It's not quite over yet of course, with the BC Baseball 13U A West Provincial Championship this weekend (Aug. 9 to 13) at Palmer/Garden City fields and Fall Ball on the horizon.

But Braaten's words "pleasantly rewarding" in describing the success of the traditional summer campaign speaks volumes.

"In respect to our grassroots programming (5U to 13U) we saw gains in registration and continued player retention," he says. "Changing our programming model a few years ago to place more emphasis on training and six-on-six game play in the 5U to 9U divisions keeps more players active and provides much more opportunities to be part of a game versus the historical nine-on-nine game."

Braaten is quick to recognize the efforts of director of player development David Van Ostrand, whose focused efforts are already paying obvious dividends from the 7U to 13U divisions.

Pitching is introduced for the first time at the 11U level, after four years of hand-eye and player mechanical instruction. And for the second year in a row, Richmond fielded four teams at this level with all being competitive in summer all-star play. Nearly 45 per cent of the spring registrants participated in summer play within this division alone.

Richmond also continues to place increased focus on coaching instruction through multiple coaches training nights with the assistance of Baseball BC. The provincial body provides international speakers in addition to its annual coaching conference.

"Heavy emphasis is put on this as well, given that they are on the front line instructing and mentoring



Photo by Chung Chow

Richmond City Chuckers played Nanaimo at the BC Baseball 13U A West Provincial Championships Saturday at Palmer/Garden City Park.

our youth athletes," says Braaten.

Most important, Braaten continues, is Richmond City Baseball's ongoing mission to provide an affordable, active and fun environment for its members. The brand is clearly growing, with the association's free community baseball training reaching more than 2,100 students in the 2017/18 school year at various elementary schools.

"The community supported free winter programs through community centres, are now part of the weekly Minoru summer camps, partnering with lacrosse to expose even more youth to sports they may never have been exposed to previously," he explains.

While Richmond's 18U College Prep team had its challenges throughout the year, with non-baseball related injuries prior to the season putting the team in a tough spot, the remaining roster players competed well, pushing Tri-Cities to the limit at the league finals. The team is looking forward to the upcoming Fall Ball season and the 2019 campaign, which will include a pre-season spring training trip to Mazatlan, Mexico led by longtime coach Raul Verde Rios.

"(Richmond City Baseball) is truly proud of our programming and forward vision of growing the sport in Richmond," Braaten says.

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Karate king Uchiage continues to reign supreme

By DON FENNELL
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With a little help from his friends, Toshi Uchiage continues to reign as Canada's kata champion.

Shortly after winning gold for the 14th consecutive year at karate nationals, Uchiage received a \$5,000 Team Investor Group Amateur Ath-

letes Fund Bursary. On top of helping the perennial gold medallist stay atop his game, it will also benefit future generations.

"I'm grateful for this support from Investors Group, which will help me continue to compete on the international stage," says Uchiage. "The funds will



TOSHI UCHIAGE

be used towards covering travel costs to the many international competitions I compete in over the course of the year, and it will also be used to upgrade some of my training equipment. The upgrade in equipment will not only help me, but also the next generation of athletes as the athletes that

train in my community will also have access to the new equipment I can now purchase."

The bursary is one of 20 awarded annually to assist Canada's elite amateur athletes with the costs of training and competition. Selection criteria includes athletic achievement, financial need and community involvement.

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Focus keeps Ng at the top of her game

By DON FENNELL
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An inherent love for sports keeps Teagan Ng busy. An uncompromising desire to succeed keeps her at the top of her game.

Whatever the challenge, on the field of play or in the classroom, the young Richmondite continually displays the characteristics of a born leader and achiever.

Going into Grade 9 at McMath Secondary where she has played for the school's volleyball, basketball and soccer teams while maintaining straight As, Ng is a self-motivator who leads by example.

"Teagan is self-motivated on and off the field," says her dad Greg, a physical education teacher. "She has a quiet confidence any time she plays sports, but she is not necessarily the loud, motivational voice of her teams. Her willingness to take the ball and have that hunger to score is what sets her apart."

Ng's sporting prowess recently took her to Halifax for the Canadian Bantam Girls Lacrosse Championships, where she earned all-star honours after leading Team BC to gold (with back-to-back victories over previously-undefeated Alberta) and leading the club in scoring. It was the second year in a row she was named to the five-player national tournament all-star team. She also spent last weekend in Los Angeles, helping Denver Elite win a title at the U.S. box lacrosse nationals.

Ng's affinity for lacrosse began early. Her grandfather, a former New Westminster Salmonbellie, gave her a little pink lacrosse stick when she was three years old. She started playing for the Richmond boys' team when she was five.

"I like playing with my lacrosse family, the boys and girls that I've grown up playing with," she says. "It's the

lacrosse community that I really like. I want to compete at the highest levels and be seen by colleges. Hopefully, I can get a scholarship."

Ng also shows a particular talent for soccer, a sport both her parents played. She and her under-14 Richmond Strikers teammates recently netted bronze medals at the Provincial



Photo by Chung Chow

An elite all-around athlete and straight A student, Teagan Ng showed her prowess on the soccer pitch with the Richmond Strikers last season.



Teagan helped Team BC and Denver win national lacrosse championships.

A Cup played in Richmond. The bulk of the team, under the guidance of head coach Mandhir Punia, has played together since under-10 and is expected to remain mostly intact next season.

Ng has been fortunate to play with "great teammates" and been coached by some "amazing local coaches," dating back to her elementary school years at Dixon, says Greg. She is happy to share her accomplishments with them, but prefers not to be the centre of

attention.

But Greg is most proud that she is able to play multiple sports at a high level without compromising her academics and social life.

Listing Vancouver Whitecaps' teen star Alphonso Davies, who will play for Bayern Munich beginning next season, as her favourite pro athlete "because he accomplished so much at a such a young age and because he works so hard," Ng relaxes by playing guitar and walking her dog.

Ng is enrolled in the McMath Explorations program, a three-year program in which students from Grades 8 to 10 move through three

core subject areas in science, English and social studies as a group. It provides the opportunity for student-centered learning and assists students in developing leadership skills and the tools to learn both co-operatively and independently. It is designed to meet the needs of potentially high-ability and well-motivated learners.

Ng was also the Grade 8 female athlete of the year at the school, and received a principal's distinction award for achieving those impressive academic marks—further indicators of a young person going places.

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By Dave Green

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