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Habitat for Humanity hands keys to new homeowners

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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The sun shone brightly as five families officially took possession of their new homes at the Habitat for Humanity project on Richmond's Ash Street on May 23.

The Sentinel has profiled the Mohamed-Taha and the Rai families during their two-year journey to homes of their own.

As is typical of all Habitat for Humanity projects, each family selected, from the hundreds who applied, had to volunteer for a minimum of 500 hours. Dad, Gumachu Taha long ago exceeded his required hours but continues to volunteer at one of the association's ReStore thrift stores. And that's in addition to his part-time job as an official translator and his full-time job as an assistant manager at a London Drugs store in Vancouver.

The whole Mohamed-Taha family looks forward to being part of the Richmond community, as they leave a one-bedroom apartment with their three children, sons Dursa aged six and Ifnan aged 2, and daughter Nana-ti aged four and a half. Mom, Dureti Mohamed says she's looking forward to having a dishwasher for her family of five and is excited about having a washer and dryer in their home instead of coin-operated one a few floors away. With her husband away working so much, she had no one to watch the children while she could trek to



The Rai family, with MLA Linda Reid, inside their new wheelchair-accessible home.

the coin-op machines so either had to take them all with her or wait for the rare times her husband was home to do the family of five's laundry.

The Rai family expressed their delight that they will no longer be renovicted. Having moved 11 times in as many years, finding a home suitable for their middle child, Caleb, who now uses a wheelchair due to Duchenne muscular dystrophy, was close to impossible. The main floor of new their home on Ash St. offers complete access for Caleb with a wheel-in show-

er and bathroom large enough for his chair to turn around in. It means an affordable, safe, clean home for the entire Rai family.

Habitat for Humanity asks the owners to pay 25 per cent of their income towards the mortgage on the home in addition to paying the property taxes and utilities, just as any homeowner does. What's different is that if a family decides to move away from their Habitat home, they will receive the sum total of their payments back from Habitat, as the land, labour and materi-

als for the home were mostly donated. The organization then looks for another deserving family to buy the house. This prevents flipping and speculation while promoting home ownership.

At the official ceremony, Dennis Coutts, CEO of Habitat Greater Vancouver said, "These families have been on a longer journey than we have." Each family has a story of hardship overcome through hard work and community support.

"We're serving families," Coutts said.

"Just look at yourselves and the people around you," he said as he gestured to the large crowd, a small sampling of all the volunteers who made these homes possible.

MLAs John Yap and Linda Reid also celebrated at the ribbon cutting.

Reid said, "Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present." It was at Reid's suggestion, when Sharon Rai went to her after being renovicted yet again, that Rai applied to Habitat for home ownership. A strong Habitat supporter, as is former US president Jimmy Carter, Reid rallied the provincial Liberal caucus, which showed up to wrap the homes in Tyvek wind-proofing before the siding went on.

Armin Amrolia, a VP of BC Housing talked of the teamwork and flexibility it took from many levels of government, non-profits and neighbours to bring about this day, a day 19 years in the making. She spoke of receiving

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Richmond: Yours to discover

By DON FENNEL
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Richmond is yours to discover during Doors Open 2019.

Celebrating many of the places that make the city unique, the doors to more than 40 hidden gems will open wide on Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 to invite the public to engage in free and unique behind-the-scenes tours. These include everything from museums to places of worship and green spaces to fire halls. This highly-anticipated 12th annual event is on each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. New this year, among an ever-growing list of participants, are the new Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1, bird observatory on Iona Island and Fuggles & Warlock Craftworks brewery.

"We have such a diverse community and history here, and with the support of community partners, this is a chance to build on relationships," says Sarah Carlson, co-ordinator of Doors Open Richmond.

Doors Open is an initiative of the Richmond Museum Society, in partnership with the City of Richmond and supported by the B.C. Arts Council, Richmond Heritage Commission and Public Art Richmond. The concept dates back to 1984 in France where it

is known as Doors Open Days. It provides free access to buildings not normally open to the public. The idea has since spread around the world with varying themes.

Carlson says Doors Open Richmond is well-attended, particularly when the weather co-operates. The average number of people taking in the sites is about 16,000, with Saturday typically the most popular of the two weekend days.

Feedback has been almost universally positive, with comments ranging from "great idea" to "great experience" and "I never knew this was here."

Going forward, Carlson says Doors Open would benefit with something like a hop-on, hop-off bus to help visitors access more of the sites.

For details on how to register for tours, go to richmondmuseum.ca

The Doors Open team would welcome your feedback on this year's experience by tagging the Richmond Museum on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with #DoorsOpenRichmond.

A sampling of sites to see:

Richmond Cultural Centre

7700 Minoru Gate

Since 1993 this has been home to the Richmond Museum, Richmond Archives, Richmond Arts Centre, Richmond Arts Gallery,

Richmond Media Lab and the Brighthouse branch of Richmond Public Library.

Bahai Community of Richmond

7700 Minoru Gate (Plaza)

Celebrating their 200th anniversary, visitors are invited to participate in various activities.

City Hall

6911 No. 3 Rd.

On Saturday, drop by the sustainability display booth and learn how the city is tackling invasive species. Then, on Sunday participate in a guided tour of city hall.

Minoru Chapel

6540 Gilbert Rd.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, join artist-in-residence Julie Hammond for Minoru Manifesto, a community-based arts project.

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Steveston Museum

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Steveston Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre

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Steveston Hub

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build a narrative of the community.

Branscombe House

4900 Steveston Hwy.

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London Heritage Farm

6511 Dyke Rd.

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One of the popular features at London Heritage Farm is afternoon tea service, with weekend seatings from noon to 4 p.m.

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Meaningful laughter is a piece of cake at Pacific Theatre

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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The laughter starts about two seconds into *The Cake*.

The play opens with Della, walking into her cake shop and, while piping pink icing onto a white two-layer cake, forthrightly explaining what's wrong with bakers today.

Della, played by Erla Faye Forsyth, says vehemently, all the while remembering her southern manners, that cooks try to rush through a recipe and don't follow the instructions to the letter.

The writing in this play is tight, funny and insightful. The writer, Bekah Brunstetter also writes for the TV series, *This is Us*, which also brims with heart-felt reality and pathos.

So too, *The Cake*.

Not all productions have a cake sponsor like Short & Sweet Patisseries and Bakery but the latest offering from Pacific Theatre is all about cakes. But there is a deeper meaning. When is a cake not just a cake?

Della's adopted niece, Jen, played by Stephanie Elgersma, shows up in town, five years after Jen's mother's death. A mom who spent the last two



Photo by Javier Sotres

From left: Cecilly Day, Stephanie Elgersma, Erla Faye Forsyth, and Tim Dixon star in Pacific Theatre's heartfelt comedy, *The Cake*.

months of her life helping her daughter plan the wedding she would never get to see as a mom.

Now, Jen is back in town to have that wedding and wants it to be perfect, exactly as planned, complete with a cake from Della's shop.

But there is a twist. This is the Deep South. Jen's fiancée is Macy, played by Cecilly Day. Things go hysterically and poignantly off track. Love tugs at everyone's hearts while both sides pay a price for

enforcing their values.

Della's traditional, plumber husband, Tim played by Tim Dixon, is also acting perfection. When Della wants to spice up their sex life with a little butter cream icing, Tim protests, "But we haven't even had supper yet!"

Everyone wrestles with how and who they love.

All the actors in this play offer vivid, true performances with a great script and an innovative set. The set changes come quickly and seamlessly as the cake shop transforms into two different bedrooms.

Under Angela Konrad's direction, the play rings brilliantly true.

The sound is stellar. At one point, Della whispers and we can hear every word. The background music unobtrusively flows with the story and the lighting including cake tin lights hanging from the ceiling is always spot-on.

There is more humour than pathos in this production. Go for the laughter. Go for the deeper, humanising meaning but, in any case, go see *The Cake* at Pacific Theatre, which runs to June 8.

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Greczmiel family donates \$5 million to Richmond Hospital

By DON FENNELL
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Giving back is nothing new for the Greczmiel family.

With deep Richmond roots spanning generations, the family has always had an affinity with their community and has once again stepped up to support by making a transformative donation of \$5 million to the Richmond Hospital Foundation. The funds will go towards the new acute care tower.

In honour of the gift, Richmond Hospital's operating rooms will be named the Greczmiel Family Surgical Centre. When the new acute care tower is built, the naming will move to the surgical centre in the new pavilion.

Dr. Dan Kopac, head of surgery at Richmond Hospital, says the family's philanthropic leadership will help enable the hospital's vision for a "future-ready" innovative multi-purpose surgical centre to serve the city's growing and aging population for decades to come.

"Their generous contribution will help us attract and retain future generations of talented surgeons whose expertise will build on the high-calibre, exemplary care we already deliver."

Vancouver Coastal Health board chair Dr. Penny Ballem says the new acute care tower is a top priority for



Photo courtesy Richmond Hospital Foundation

From left: Natalie Meixner, Richmond Hospital Foundation president and CEO; Michele Cupit and Lisa Greczmiel, donor family.

Vancouver Coastal Health.

"We are committed to working with the Province, community and our partners at the Richmond Hospital Foundation to advance this exciting project," she said. "We are truly fortunate to have such generous leaders in Richmond as the Greczmiel family, whose donations are helping to transform health care in this vibrant, growing and diverse community."

Gene Greczmiel was born in Richmond in 1929 and raised by his par-

ents, Eugene and Maria Greczmiel, who had immigrated to Canada from Europe. After a career as a farmer, Gene moved into real estate development, establishing a reputation for building high-quality residential neighbourhoods in Richmond, and later managing commercial real estate with Conway Richmond. After a long adventurous life, Gene passed away in August, 2018. Today, Gene's daughters, Michele Cupit and Lisa Greczmiel, continue the family business, and are philanthropic leaders

contributing to a strong and dynamic community in Richmond.

"Our father was a pioneer in the development of Richmond, building homes, neighbourhoods and businesses here. We are proud to be able to give back to help build a new acute care tower for Richmond to improve the future of the hospital care we all rely on throughout our lives," said Lisa Greczmiel. "We invite others in our community, whose families and businesses have prospered like our own, to join us in creating a legacy of local health care for a community we all love and benefit from."

Lisa said her mother has always been a great volunteer in the community, and particularly supportive of the hospital.

"I think the hospital is central for everybody, something that touches most people's lives," Lisa explained.

Natalie Meixner, president and chief executive officer of the Richmond Hospital Foundation, said "We are truly grateful to the Greczmiel family, who truly give with joy to help this rapidly growing community receive the type of care we all want for ourselves and our loved ones. Their generosity is exemplary and provides a meaningful path to follow for others who also care deeply about ensuring the very best care here."

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Singers beat odds to make Gateway stage

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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With an average senior secondary in Richmond running at over 1,000 students, each of the ten finalists, one per school, beat great odds to win the right to compete in this year's RichCity Idol at Gateway Theatre on May 29 at 7 p.m.

This all-student production features the best in not only entertainers but also behind the scenes as the teens do all the promotions, photography, web design, and technical production as well as the hosting duties.

This year's ten finalists:

Richmond High Grade 9 student, Armine Ghojyan has been singing since she was a toddler. At age 12 she started singing lessons and performed in voice festivals.

In Grade 10 at A.R MacNeill, Aldrin Albos has sung since he was little. Long a fan of karaoke, he uses it to hone his singing abilities.

Palmer's 13-year-old Ava Tan in Grade 8, says music plays a fundamental part in her life helping her to gradually gain confidence over time, from her first solo in Grade 5 to performing an entire song in front of her high school.

Also 13 and in Grade 8, Charlie Barstow is a singer songwriter from McMath.



Photo courtesy RichCity Idol

Ten Richmond secondary students will compete for the 2019 RichCity Idol title Wednesday, May 29 at Gateway Theatre. The show begins at 7 p.m.

Singing since he was 5, Barstow was overall winner in the 2018 BC Youth Talent Search for his performance an original song.

Cambie's Jada Jubida aged 13, singing since age 5, developed a strong passion for music, offering her first solo performance in Grade 1. She is excited to share her voice.

Grade 10 McRoberts student, Kevin Chen, took a break from singing while his voice was changing. His school's Idol competition was his first time singing in his new, deeper voice.

17-year-old Liam Fetigan goes to Burnett. He really enjoys singing and one of his greatest dreams is to find success in

being a singer/songwriter.

In Grade 9 at Hugh Boyd, Mariam El Lahham's first song was Barney's "I Love You." El Hahham continues to perform having studied singing and musical theatre at the Gateway Theatre Academy.

McNair Grade 8 student, Parker Linzmeier's interest in music combines a love of listening performing and competitive hip hop. He also plays in the school band.

Steveston-London's Sophie Li is 18 While drawn to music all her life, Li cites her high school choir as where she learned music basics and teamwork, as well as the source of her the courage to sing a solo.

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RichCity Idol celebrating Sweet 16

By DON FENNELL
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It takes more than just talented singers to make RichCity Idol hum. Behind the scenes, a team of dedicated of volunteers helps to ensure every note is reached.

Jesse Hsieh is lead producer for the 2019 show May 29 at Richmond's landmark, Gateway Theatre.

An avid supporter, and advocate for student leadership in the community, the Grade 12 Steveston-London Secondary student is excited to be working with equally passionate and dedicated individuals to provide a successful and entertaining iteration of a beloved annual event.

"I took on the lead role so I could further build on my leadership skills," says Hsieh,

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Police to issue 'positive' tickets

By DON FENNELL

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An idea rooted in Richmond is being revived.

Local RCMP are joining forces with the City of Richmond's Youth Services and community partners in an updated Positive Ticket for Youth campaign. The goal is to provide youth with more recreational activities, while "getting caught doing something right."

Richmond RCMP launched the initiative in 2001, unaware at the time the concept would be adopted by many agencies throughout North America.

Then, the idea of positive ticketing seemed a bit of an oxymoron, and the general response of recipients was one of surprise. Even now, police issuing tickets for positive or good behaviour is sometimes met with bewilderment.

The new program features some enhancements. RCMP officers and other

community service providers, such as youth development staff, support workers, school councillors and social workers, will also be handing out newly-designed positive tickets to young people up to the age of 18.

The tickets will allow them free drop-in at a participating community facility for an activity such as:

- skating
- swimming
- pitch and putt golf
- fitness workout
- sports open gym

The positive ticket program aims to foster healthy, active and involved lifestyles for Richmond youth while also being socially connected within the community.

"It's a great feeling when we (officers) are in the high schools and youth will high five us or come up and chat," said Cst. Tammy-Lyn Walker of the Richmond RCMP youth section.

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RICHCITY IDOL

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who, encouraged by friends, started volunteering at RichCity Idol a few years ago.

"They originally asked me to come and see the show when I was in Grade 8. Then, I applied to be a volunteer."

Hsieh has always been a keen volunteer, and is a member of his school's student council and the Rotary International youth group Interact which through service encourages them to become responsible global citizens.

Hsieh strongly encourages other students to volunteer. But, he says, sadly fewer are willing.

"They're (increasingly) more focused on academics and spending less time

getting involved in the community. I think Richmond provides a lot of unique opportunities for community involvement and many students are missing out on unique experiences. RichCity Idol is an opportunity that provides leadership skills and development that not a lot of other organizations provide."

Natasha Jung is the executive producer and co-founder of the popular talent show.

"My best friend and co-founder Martin Hui and I were fans of the (tv show) back when it was a hit in 2004," says Jung. "My own vocal coach told me about how the schools back in her village in the Philippines would have annual competitions, so we decided to try the same for our own community."

Jung says, more important than the popularity of the event, RichCity Idol provides an opportunity for students to develop the skills, discipline and confidence that come from participating, either on-stage or behind-the-scenes.

"The fact we're celebrating our 'Sweet 16' means that opportunities to celebrate music, community and

student leadership are still relevant, of value and of interest to students and the community."

Jung is most proud of how RichCity Idol has served as a launchpad for the alumni's education and career paths' from performing artists to community leaders to doctors and entrepreneurs.

Going forward, she hopes to see student leaders and competitors continue to set goals that align with their hearts.

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Photo courtesy RichCity Idol

Grade 12 Steveston secondary student Jesse Hsieh is lead producer of RichCity Idol.



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Asphalt Paving Advisory

June 1 to October 31, 2019

The City of Richmond has contracted Lafarge Canada Inc. to grind and pave the following locations in Richmond from June 1 to October 31, 2019:

Proposed 2019 paving location details

- Westminster Hwy, Willett Avenue – Boundary Road
- Westminster Hwy, CN Tracks – Oliver Drive
- Russ Baker Way, No 2 Bridge – Inglis Drive
- 7000 Block No 5 Road, Granville Ave – Blundell Road
- 11000 Block No 5 Road, Steveston Hwy – Rice Mill Road
- 12000 Block No 5 Road, Rice Mill Road – Dyke Road
- Sharpe Avenue, Muir Drive – Cul-de-Sac
- No 6 Road – 91 Hwy, Maycrest Way – Commerce PKYW
- Saunders Road, No 3 Road – Garden City Road / Francis Road
- Shell Road (East), Williams Road – House # 10620
- 7th Avenue, Regent Street – Georgia Street
- Firbridge Way / Lane, No 3 Road – Minoru Blvd. – Ackroyd Road
- No 3 Road, McDonald Frontage
- Desmond Rd, Diamond Rd, Barmond Ave, Lamond Ave, Sub-Division
- 8000 Block Alderbridge Way, No 3 Road – Garden City Road
- 9000 Block Alderbridge Way, Garden City Road – No 4 Road
- Bridgeport Road, Viking Way – No 6 Road
- McLean Avenue, Westminster Hwy – Oliver Drive

Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Night time work hours will be from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (typically).

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The scope of the advertised work may be adjusted or cancelled in line with available funding.

Questions may be directed to Wasim Memon, Supervisor, Engineering Inspections, at 604-276-4189, or visit the City's paving program webpage at www.richmond.ca (City Services > Roads, Dykes, Water & Sewers > Construction Projects > 2019 Paving Program).

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Former Safeways re-opened as FreshCo stores

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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Bright and early, with a bold lion dance, the FreshCo store at Blundell Centre opened at 7 a.m. May 16, with a line-up of customers that stretched around the corner.

It might have been the novelty of a new kind of grocery store where the Safeway stood for many decades or the lure of the offer of 12 free rolls of toilet paper, but line up they did. In true Canadian fashion, the queue was orderly and patient as the customers anticipated their first shopping experience in a store where fluorescent green predominates in the signage and the staff t-shirts.

The scene was the same at Scott Marshall's FreshCo at Broadmoor Shopping Centre, with people patiently waiting or enjoying a spin of the roulette wheel for a chance to win a gift certificate.

Blundell FreshCo franchisee, Anthony Vongsana, talked of the new era in shopping awaiting the people of Richmond.

Vongsana said, "FreshCo is expanding our name into Western Canada."

Mike Venton, the general manager for discounts with parent company Sobeys, said, "We have a number of stores that we are working on. We are going to go to other communities in British Columbia. Right now, we are going to focus on the two stores we've just opened. We're going to get involved in the community."

That community involvement started with the store openings. Each FreshCo location donated \$5,000 to the Richmond Food Bank.

Married to a Richmond woman, Vongsana describes himself as a local.

"I'm excited to provide the neighbourhood with cheap prices, making every dollar count, so they have money to spend on other things," Vongsana said.

Venton said, "We are hoping the community accepts us and gets to know we are here, realizes how well we are priced and how we guarantee what we do here."

When asked what FreshCo has to offer, Venton listed the price guarantee, rain checks and a host of other things. He added, "A lot of things to give customers real confidence that this is a good place to come and shop

with us."

If the first day line-ups at both locations were any indication, things are looking rosy for FreshCo in Richmond. It was a festive day.

Venton said, "It's fantastic. When you're in the retail business, opening

stores is what you want to do. It's the best part of what we do."

Richmond's two new FreshCo stores (at Broadmoor and at Blundell) are open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. seven days a week.

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DEAR RICHMOND CONSTITUENTS,

Hats off to Rick Hansen's new mission: Improving accessibility across Canada

It's part of the national "Everyone Everywhere" campaign from the Rick Hansen Foundation to raise awareness to improve physical accessibility for all Canadians.

The new campaign is being rolled out shortly before Accessibility Awareness Week, which runs from May 26 to June 1.

Hansen lamented that, despite it being 2019, there are still far too many obstacles to true accessibility, from heavy doors and steep access ramps to a lack of tactile markers in public spaces and far too many homes needing costly retrofitting.

More accessibility means a stronger economy – A report from the conference Board of Canada estimated there are potentially one million workers being barred from employment. Hansen also cited figures that estimates a \$17-billion loss to Canada's GDP and another outlining the potential additional \$314 billion of consumer spending.

A more concerted effort will create a world where people with disabilities can fully contribute to society. "And build the country shoulder to shoulder with everyone else."

I was there in 1985 when Rick Hansen rolled into Vancouver having travelled 40,000 kilometres during his 26-month trek as he wheeled across through 34 countries on four continents.

Making our Legislature the most accessible in the world is my dream!

Linda Reid, MLA

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Photo by Lorraine Graves

From left: Mike Venton, Anthony Vongsana, Po-wah Ng and Richmond City Coun. Chak Au at the opening of the Blundell Centre FreshCo store.

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The Steveston Salmon Festival will be bigger than ever this July 1.

Salmon Festival expanding

By DON FENNELL
[@DFSentinel](https://twitter.com/DFSentinel)

After 74 years, the Steveston Salmon Festival is still growing.

The annual July 1 Canada Day celebration will extend from Britannia Shipyards to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, and encompassing its traditional home in Steveston Park.

Presented by Vancouver International Airport (YVR), the festival is a beloved Richmond tradition, says Mayor Malcolm Brodie.

Canadian rock legends 54-40 of Tsawwassen, post-punk icons from the early 1980s, whose radio hits include Ocean Pearl and I Go Blind, will headline the main stage presented by TD Bank. Vancouver's Bend Sinister and Steveston staples Urban Myth and Line 49 will also perform.

The music continues on the Steveston Village's nine stages with over 50 performances highlighting some of the best local talent.

Crowd favourites will also be back, including the region's largest Canada

Day parade which will be preceded by a children's bicycle parade, as well as the traditional salmon barbecue and chow mein feast, the Japanese Cultural show, trade show and horticultural show.

Honouring the festival's official mascot "Sammy the Salmon," Sammy's Fun Zone will feature carnival fun for the entire family, with a stage full of kid-friendly performances all day. And a car show will feature several of the Lower Mainland's classic vintage autos, as well as a performance by Elvis.

Capping the day will be another long-standing tradition, as festival-goers gather at the waterfront to enjoy a fantastic fireworks show presented by Dueck GM.

The Steveston Salmon Festival is produced by the Richmond Agricultural and Industrial Society and the City of Richmond.

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this land from another agency in 2000. (In 2006, their efforts to put a recovery house on the site were blocked by neighbours' fears).

Determined to use the land for a socially valuable purpose, "We took plans to the city for a small lot subdivision, something unheard of in Richmond at that time. Habitat was first on our list," she said.

The Habitat volunteers at the ribbon-cutting ranged in age from youth to 90-year-old Glenn Irwin who helps the organization raise money to fund this project and others by working regularly at the Langley ReStore. Irwin may not be able to swing a hammer, as Jimmy Carter often has on these projects in his 90s, but his work is just as valuable. Irwin was as thrilled as everyone to see these families get the keys to their new homes.

When all 10 homes are completed,



90-year-old Glenn Irwin.

there will be a play park in the middle for all the children. There is a school and park close by as well. Each new homeowner expressed their desire to volunteer in their neighbourhood, to give back and to become part of the community that has welcomed them.

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Gift of giving extends to RAPS



**Eyal
Lichtmann**

Candy's beloved person developed dementia and, among other challenges, overfed Candy until she was too obese to groom herself. She became matted and bald in patches. When Candy's person could no longer care for her, a friend took the cat in, but was unable to keep her.

We see stories like this very frequently. A dog or cat enjoys an idyllic life surrounded by security, comfort and love – until a life-changing event upends everything. Tragically, this often leads to euthanasia. About 1.5 million shelter animals are euthanized in the United States annually (so we can extrapolate maybe 150,000 in Canada). Because RAPS has been no-kill animal-serving organization, for almost a quarter-century, families have known they can depend on RAPS to save the lives of animals in such sad scenarios.

In Candy's case, we welcomed her to the City of Richmond Animal Shelter, got her the medical attention she needed at the RAPS Animal Hospital, and put her on a healthy diet and

weight-loss regime. She responded beautifully. As she lost weight, she was able to groom herself again and her health and appearance improved noticeably. Almost as soon as we put her in our adoption room, Candy found what we hope is her ultimate forever home.

Stories like these, with happy endings, are why we do what we do. In so many jurisdictions, Candy's life would have been over. But because RAPS is here, she is happy again, living the life every senior cat should be able to enjoy.

But we don't take credit for this happy ending. RAPS can only do what we do because of you. You are the reason Candy is alive and happy.

There will be more stories like Candy's as the huge number of Baby Boomers face the challenges of older age.

Nobody likes to talk about infirmity or death. For the sake of our pets, family and friends, though, we need to discuss it. We need to make plans for our pets in case we are no longer able to care for them. We also need to outline our wishes in the inevitable event of our passing.

Writing a will forces us to think about a lot of things ... like our mortality, for one. This is probably why more than half of Canadians do not have a will.

There are other considerations, too:



dividing family assets, anticipating and avoiding conflict among our survivors, or realizing that nobody is going to want that lifetime's collection of matchbooks. In other words, there are plenty of negative reasons to procrastinate on this critical bit of preparation.

On the positive side, we too often forget the power that a will has to reflect the values with which we have lived our lives – and how we can have a positive impact on the world even after we are gone.

A will is an opportunity to make a statement – a last testament – about what is important to us. After we have ensured that our funeral expenses are covered and our loved ones are cared for, we have the opportunity to make important decisions that can truly alter the course of our community or our world after we are no longer here.

One friend who has decided to leave a legacy to RAPS in her will told me that this is a way to perpetuate what is important to her – making the world better by caring for animals – even when she is no longer around to see the impacts of her caring.

She chose to leave a legacy to RAPS for the same reason she allocates a monthly donation to the organization: Our no-kill promise reflects her belief that every animal has a right to a safe, healthy and happy life. She also knows that RAPS wrings every penny out of a donated dollar. A small army of volunteers and a staff working on shoestring budgets stretch every donation to save and improve the lives of as many animals as possible.

You might be surprised that there are even financial benefits you can realize while you're living as well as strategies to maximize the impacts of a legacy gift. We have lawyers and financial planners who volunteer with RAPS to help people with will preparation and end-of-life planning.

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Eyal Lichtmann is Executive Director and CEO of the Regional Animal Protection Society.

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**Alexa
Loo**
Councillor

The City of Richmond was a finalist in Infrastructure Canada's Smart Cities Challenge – a nation-wide opportunity to win \$10 million to support our emergency response and resiliency through the use of technology. While we did not win the competition our Smart Cities journey will continue.

What I know from my experience training for and competing in two Olympic Winter Games is that healthy competition brings out the best in us. Through the Smart Cities Challenge, our best was brought forward. We came together with major stakeholders and thought leaders in Richmond including MDA Systems Ltd, the Port of Vancouver, Vancouver International Airport and First Nations as well as consulted extensively with the community.

A plan was put in place to create an "Intelligent Operations Hub" to make Richmond more resilient to deal with emergencies, improve traffic and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

For many years we have been hearing about climate change and its effects. This challenge enabled us a space to create practical, high-tech solutions to make real changes to our city that will benefit all of us who live here and reduce our impact

on the planet.

The Intelligent Operations Hub plan is to:

- Collect data from various sites throughout Richmond;
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The City's Smart Cities vision would use data collected from a variety of sensors and other devices to better manage emergencies and day-to-day service delivery and enhance communications to residents.

That is just one small example of how technology will make our everyday life better, make us safer and reduce our impact on the environment. That's why we will continue to work with our partners and other government agencies to implement the vision we created for the Smart Cities Challenge. Using technology, we can more efficiently and effectively use our existing infrastructure. The better we manage what we have, the better our lives will be and the better our world will be. More info at smartcity.richmond.ca.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

Development Permit Panel

3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29
Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

General Purposes Committee

4:00 p.m.
Monday, June 3
Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Planning Committee

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

Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 10
Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Community Safety Committee

4:00 p.m.
Tuesday June 11
Anderson Room
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Kigoos build on culture of family, fun and inclusion

Richmond club of summer swimmers mark 60th year

By **DON FENNELL**
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In an Indigenous language, *kigoo* is a fast-swimming fish. A pretty apt name for a Richmond swim club that throughout its 60-year history has routinely led the pack.

A perennial summer-swimming power, the Kigoos have consistently placed at or near the top of the regionals and provincials.

But as successful as they have been in competition, the club's atmosphere has been paramount to its success and longevity.

"The culture created at Kigoos is almost impossible not to buy into," says Emmy Obedkoff, entering her fifth year as the club's head coach.

"When I first moved to the Lower Mainland (for post-secondary school), I applied at a lot of local summer swim clubs. Kigoos was not initially even on my radar because it was so far away from where I was living, but as soon as I was interviewed I knew this was a club I *needed* to be a part of."

Just from speaking with two executive members, Obedkoff immediately sensed the values instilled in the Kigoos were in line with her own belief system about what summer swimming should be about—values that had always been important to her.

During her nearly five years with the Kigoos, she says she has come to feel part of a community centered around family, fun and inclusion "that is unlike any other organization that I have ever been a part of."

For Obedkoff, 24, summer swimming has always been an extension of family. Her best friends today remain those she met swimming for her hometown club in Kelowna starting at age four.

"There is an environment created in summer swimming that is just not replicated in other sports," she says.

That sense of belonging is felt throughout the Kigoos, including the coaching staff which other than Obedkoff have all followed a long-standing model of going from swimmer to volunteer to coach.

"Whether competitive or purely recreational, the Kigoos has a place for everyone," Obedkoff emphasizes. "From provincial record-breakers to swimmers just hoping to learn how to confidently get



Photo by Chung Chow

Kigoos head coach, Emmy Obedkoff, says Kigoos welcomes athletes of all skill levels.

from one side of the pool to the other. There's also a wide spectrum of age groups—from three-year-olds (in the Tater Tots program) to parents and grandparents in the masters program (which is a year-round program)."

One of Richmond's oldest sporting organizations, the Kigoos have been instilling family values since the beginning in 1959. They continue to be the foundation for building lifelong friendships and love for the sport.

President Chris Kennedy likes to describe the Kigoos as "a club that swims in the summer, rather than a summer swim club."

"While many sports clubs have changed a lot in recent times, and many have moved to sports specialization and high-paid elite coaches, what I like best about the Kigoos is that it is very similar to what it was like a generation ago," Kennedy says. "And while some clubs are in decline, we continue to be fully subscribed with about 230 swimmers (making it one of the largest summer swim clubs in the province). It is a model that works."

From the president to registrar to official, no one

gets paid. The Kigoos is a fine example of volunteering at its best.

Well-known in local and provincial basketball circles as a coach and administrator, Kennedy has been with the Kigoos for the last 10 years. Though never a competitive swimmer growing up, he was attracted to the club while teaching at Hugh McRoberts Secondary where, he says, "I saw so many great kids and families involved with the Kigoos I knew I would want my family to be part of it."

Kennedy says his four kids love being Kigoos, and appreciate that it's only a four-month season. He adds many of the Kigoos are multi-sport athletes, a list that includes Dakota Chan who has just competed her first year on a soccer scholarship at the University of Nebraska.

The Kigoos' diamond celebration season starts June 1, with the appropriately-named annual Ice Breaker at venerable Steveston Pool. Then on June 15, the club will celebrate its 60th anniversary with an alumni swim meet and a banquet for current and former members.

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Taila standing tall on the softball mound

By DON FENNELL
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Taila Cranston loves hanging out with friends, lounging around during the summer, and listening to the current wave of pop music. Oh, and she's still stoked about having just attended her first-ever concert—starring one of the world's top contemporary recording artists, Ariana Grande—with her dad.

In most respects then, a typical pre-teen. Except on the ball diamond.

Pitching for two teams this season, Cranston is like a hired gun from the days of the Old West or Jonah Hex from the DC Universe. And she relishes the opportunity to make her way to the pitching mound with the game on the line.

"I go where I am needed the most," explains the 11-year-old, who is throwing this season for both the Tigers and Lions in the Richmond Girls Softball Association.

Already a five-year veteran in Richmond Girls Softball, Cranston is pitching perfect innings and winning games for both under-12 teams. At Richmond's annual season-opening invitational tournament played at Steveston-London field, she was unanimously awarded MVP honours as a Tiger, after throwing a multi-strikeout shutout inning during a victory over the Vancouver Griffins. Then in the first post-tournament league game, she closed out a win over the Delta Dragons with three strikeouts on nine pitches for the Lions.

A multi-sport athlete, the Manoh Steves Elementary student also plays spring basketball and competes in track and field. It all makes for a busy, but enjoyable athletic schedule.

"I love pitching, and base running," Cranston says. "I also like the team atmosphere and having a great time with the other girls."



Photo by Chung Chow

Taila Cranston is displaying her pitching prowess for two Richmond softball teams this season.

She doesn't remember exactly why she began playing six years ago, except that her dad signed her up "thinking I would be good at a skilled sport like softball."

"I like being really busy in the spring, and then taking the summer off," Cranton says. "My main team is the Tigers, but sometimes both teams need a player or a pitcher. When you pitch, all you think about is getting the batter out no matter which team it is for."

Her becoming a pitcher was a

result of wanting to keep playing softball over the winter. She began attending the association's winter pitching clinics taught by Rob Scott.

Reflective of her philosophy to "Play for your team, play for yourself, play for parents, but most of all for the little girl in the stands that wants to be just like you," Cranston's goals over the next couple of seasons are to become more consistent, and to play U14 softball.

"Also, to coach younger players just starting out with my dad."

Explains her dad, Jody Cranston: "Both the Tigers and Lions are very enthusiastic and both practice quite a bit together. The girls are all really good friends and each have about four or five girls who want to pitch, which is quite unusual."

While the teams play at the house level, Jody says he has seen teams at this level capable of playing rep ball. But many times the girls are playing multiple sports and can't commit to the rep schedule.

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MID-MAY ANSWERS

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Eugene Sheffer's crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Keep it down!"
- 4 Tax pro
- 7 Whizzes (by)
- 12 Horse chow
- 13 Owned
- 14 Emanations
- 15 Shred
- 16 Pennsylvania city
- 18 Guitar's kin
- 19 Symbol of freshness
- 20 Lancaster or Reynolds
- 22 "Blue Bloods" ainer
- 23 Fly high
- 27 Flamenco cheer
- 29 Oliver Twist, for one

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11
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48	49	50	51							52		
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- 31 French composer Gabriel
- 34 Hilo hello
- 35 Snowman's nose
- 37 Links org.
- 38 Prop for Dr. House
- 39 Devilish laugh
- 41 Body powder
- 45 "I'm with you!"
- 47 Meadow
- 48 Pennsylvania city
- 52 Conditions
- 53 Boredom
- 54 Kimono sash
- 55 Packed away
- 56 "The Dapper Don"

- 57 Fixed
- 58 Snake's sound
- 17 Old U.S. gas brand
- 21 Baseball manager Joe
- 23 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 24 Discoverer's call
- 25 Satisfied sigh
- 26 Genetic letters
- 28 Summer sign
- 30 Cleaning cloth
- 31 TV watchdog org.
- 32 Small battery
- 33 Coffee vessel
- 36 Biblical pronoun
- 37 "Friends" role
- 40 Community spirit
- 42 Fake name
- 43 Some jobs
- 44 Attorney's load
- 45 Roman 1052
- 46 Skip
- 48 Plead
- 49 Rock's Brian
- 50 Potent stick
- 51 Shack

DOWN

- 1 Bush
- 2 Japanese verse
- 3 High-strung
- 4 Sudan neighbor
- 5 Royal home
- 6 Extemporize
- 7 Madcap
- 8 "Shoo!"
- 9 Acapulco gold
- 10 Gullet
- 11 Capitol Hill VIP

Answers will be posted in the next issue in Mid-June

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.

			4			5		
	4		6	5			2	1
5		2		8			9	
2						7		6
	9						5	
3		5						2
	3			6		2		4
1	2			9	3		8	
		8			4			

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.

Difficulty Level ★ ★			○					○			
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14400 Burrows Road

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10451 Palmberg Road

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DESIRABLE EAST CAMBIE 8,711 Sq. Ft. Lot. 1,820 sq ft older family home offers 4 bedrooms 3 bathroom. Super neighborhood to call home. Very close to Schools, Shopping Community Center and Parks.



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LAND & FARM LISTINGS

Richmond		
22451 Gilley Road	8 acres	REDUCED
22280 River Road	8.1 acres	REDUCED
14300 Burrows Road	3.7 acres	\$2,499,000
14400 Burrows Road	5.7 acres	\$2,999,000
11500 Westminister Hwy	0.5 acres	\$1,388,000
14260 Westminister Hwy	5 acres	\$3,288,000
*8720 No. 5 Road	9.8 acres	\$6,200,000
*Rarely available zoned AG-1 / possible Public Assembly		

Surrey		
16055 60th Ave	25 acres	\$3,299,900 NEW PRICE
16611 20th Ave	3.21 acres	\$8,500,000 NEW PRICE

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