

Heritage Gems of Rupert-Renfrew Heights



A large crowd came out to the Italian Cultural Centre on February 26 to listen to heritage activist and community historian Laura Saimoto's presentation on the Rupert-Renfrew neighbourhood of East Vancouver.

She discussed the heritage gems of the neighbourhood including the lost streams that feed into the Still Creek and Burnaby Lake watershed; the return of servicement to Renfrew Heights in the 1940s to a housing development referred to by its residents as "The Projects." Several of those who grew up in these 'projects' attended the talk and contributed their memories.



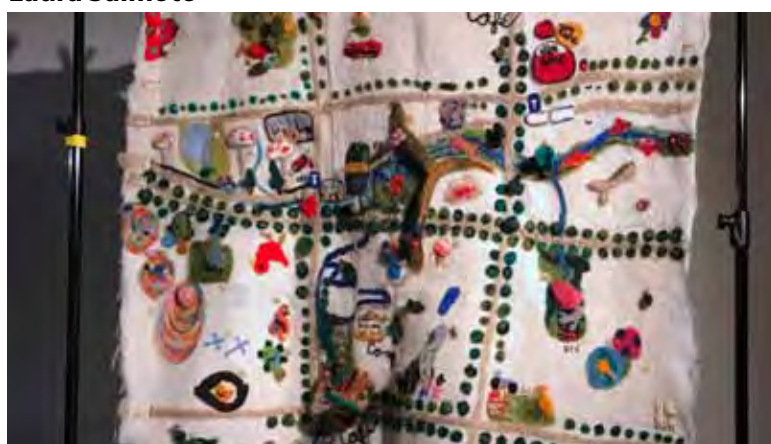
Laura Saimoto



Boys playing near Still Creek in the 1950s. Source: VPL 45420



Carmen Rosen was present to share her local knowledge as found in her book, *What Comes to Light, Stories of Still Creek Lost and Found*.



A blanket that is a map of Renfrew-Collingwood.
By Carmen Rosen and Still Moon Arts

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A handful of HAIKU poems

by the CNH Creative Writing students.

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Friends
Some leave and say bye
But some won't ever leave your side
Til fake flowers die

by Valeria Garaiz, 11
Grenfell, grade 6

Andrew
The person flying
With dead people around him
They are happy guys

by Ranger Feng, 11
Bruce, grade 6

Lioness
Queen of the Jungle
Skillfull, smart, and majestic
The mighty big cat!

by Alexandra Bai, 11
Weir, grade 6



Spring
Flowers blooming and
The colours of nature begin
Little animals waking

by Valentina Kalanja-Maric, 11
Deer Lake, grade 6

Grass
It's all over the ground
It's a colour that represents happiness
There is a lot of it at spring

by Helena Kalanja-Maric, 9
Deer Lake, grade 4

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CNH's RISE Community Health Centre has won a BC Quality Award from Health Quality BC!

by Health Quality BC

RISE Community Health Centre (CHC) in Vancouver is a primary care clinic offering services akin to family doctors and nurse practitioners. But what they offer is much more – and is grounded in a commitment to improve the health and well-being of people with chronic illness and disability. RISE (Resilient, Integrative, Socially Just and Equitable) offers team-based care to local residents with supports available for medical and social needs.

RISE Community Health Centre is a part of Collingwood Neighbourhood house. What sets RISE CHC apart is its focus on holistic health care, covering physical, social, and emotional well-being. In addition to general health concerns, they address the social determinants of health, mild to moderate mental health conditions, addictions, and the coordination of specialized care. Beyond the clinic, RISE extends services to the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood, providing health promotion, harm reduction, and pharmacy services.

Their commitment extends further through outreach initiatives. RISE CHC provides outreach twice a month in low-income housing buildings: Kingsway Continental, Naomi Place, and Sarah Ross. They also provide weekly outreach to the Morning Star breakfast and shower program for people experiencing homelessness. The team includes nurse practitioners, family physicians, community health workers, and licensed practical nurses, and is supported by medical office assistants, social workers, counsellors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, pharmacists, registered nurses and dietitians.

They serve people with disabilities, mental health and substance use disorders, who are low-income earning, and people previously experiencing homelessness or at risk. For many, says nurse practitioner Sonja Rietkerk, outreach is the only opportunity that many RISE clients have for accessing primary care.

“Providing outreach services is an integral way for our RISE CHC team to pursue and honour our CHC’s values of being: Resilient, Integrative, Socially Just, Equitable,” says Sonja. “Getting out of the clinic and connecting with people living in the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood has been a meaningful way to meet people where they are at and to include them into our circle of care.”

The challenges of the population RISE serves are multi-faceted. Many struggle to visit due to chronic illness, disability, transportation issues, complex health care relationships, fear, difficulty seeking care, and limited access to resources.

Chronic illnesses and disabilities vary among RISE CHC’s community members. Mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and schizophrenia are common. Other chronic conditions include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, obesity, heart and kidney diseases, Alzheimer’s, dementia, substance, and alcohol use disorders. They also encounter people with neurodevelopmental disorders such as attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and autism spectrum disorder, and physical disabilities like arthritis and brain injuries.

RISE CHC’s outreach services address these issues. Community members seek care and support during their outreach, some becoming ongoing clients. Their approach prioritizes safety and comfort, benefiting those with complex health care relationships and negative past experiences. Visiting residents’ suites enhances accessibility for those homebound or with mobility challenges.



The outreach program includes medication reviews and adjustments, involving coordinated efforts between RISE CHC, pharmacies, and external agencies. These efforts underscore their commitment to improving the health and well-being of those with chronic illness and disability.

“Participating in our outreach initiatives has given so much meaning that permeates through my work experience,” says Mark Rito, a community health worker. “Being able to provide support to clients on outreach and enhance their access to connections to community and care has been a wonderful opportunity – and we hope to continue and strengthen our ability to do so.”

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Collingwood Corner: Demolishing of Vancouver Distribution Centres LTD, formerly McGregor Warehouses at 3450 Wellington Avenue

by Loretta Houben

Do you remember a train whistle blowing late at night in the 1960s and 1970s when the freight train would arrive at the back of the large warehouse complex located on Wellington Avenue and Joyce Street? The train used the former interurban tracks from the east. I lived on Monmouth Avenue and the sound would comfort me in the middle of the night.

The warehouse was opened in March 1957 at 3450 Wellington Avenue and owned by Robert K Arkley. For many years it was McGregor Warehouses LTD, until it came under new management in 1973 and was changed to Vancouver Distribution Centres LTD. The owner at the time was George A Carey, and the general manager was Harvey Allen. The warehouses were a huge facility consisting of 120,000 square feet. Some of the businesses located here were Castrol Oils, Nestle Canada LTD, DuBois Chemicals of Canada LTD, and Johnsons Wax.

It was difficult gleaning this information from online newspapers at Newspapers.com. Not much has been written about this complex which was in the Collingwood neighbourhood from 1957 until 1992, a period of 35 years, when it was demolished to make way for townhomes and condos. The area was rezoned in 1988.

The warehouses were torn down in 1992. The apartments and townhomes were sold from 1992 to 1994, advertised in the Vancouver Sun newspaper for as low as \$4,000 down payment. Apartments started at \$74,500 and townhomes started at \$210,000, from VLC



Loretta Houben and her young son watching the demolishing of the warehouses on Wellington Ave, 1992. Photo courtesy of John Williams.



Looking N from behind the warehouses from the Skytrain tracks, 1992. Photo courtesy of John Williams.

Right: Wellington Mews advertisement from Dec 12, 1992, Vancouver Sun.

Properties. Eventually, the area included Wellington townhomes on Wellington Avenue, with the Avalon and Connaught townhomes behind them. Also included were two high rise towers, the tallest in the neighborhood at the time: the Regent Court and Queen's Court.

My dad, John Williams, took the two photos included with this article. I inherited my love of old buildings and documenting neighbourhood changes from him. These are the only two photos I have seen of the warehouses on Wellington. The one thing I remember about this area is the beautiful green lawn in the front, with picnic tables for the staff. McGreer Street was once an unnamed gravel lane, running along the West side of the property. Do you have memories or photos of this warehouse complex? Please get in touch with the editor, Paul Reid, if you do.

Thank you Loretta. That's rccnews-editorial@cnh.bc.ca

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by Masa Kateb & Ada Dragomir

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Gardeners' Gatherings

A series of Work Parties at Renfrew-Collingwood's local Dye Garden! Participants will work together to tend the garden, ask questions, and experiment with natural dyeing. Bring an instrument if you play.

April 13, May 7 & 11, June 11, July 27, August 6 & 24, September 7, October 12 & 19
Various times
Colour Me Local Dye Garden (3958 Renfrew St, Vancouver)

Dine and Twine: Community Art Gathering & AGM

An evening of food, art-making, and community. Elect new board members while enjoying delicious vegetarian chilli and work together to twine daylily leaves to create the hair for Water Woman, a magnificent giant puppet Still Moon is co-creating with community.

April 17
6:30 - 8:30 PM (AGM at 7 PM)
Slocan Hall (2750 E 29th Ave, Vancouver) or Zoom (by request)

Beaver Pondering Lodging Completion Celebration

Celebrate the completion of our living-willow sculpture, converse with project artists, listen to guest speaker Bob Baker, and enjoy fried beaver tails and hot chocolate.

April 19
12:30 - 5:00 PM
Beaver Pondering Lodging (3185 Grandview Hwy, Vancouver)

Cob Shed Plastering Work Party

A week-long work party to plaster the Cob Shed with minerals and pigments from our local dye garden! Enjoy vegan chilli and unleash your creativity on our community-built structure.

April 23 to 27
Various times
Colour Me Local Dye Garden (3958 Renfrew St, Vancouver)

Youth Connect: 2024 Spring Cohort

Learn about the Still Creek watershed, remove invasive plants, weave with willow, create art with natural materials, and make new friendships in the neighbourhood.

April 23, April 27, May 7, May 11, May 15
Various times
Various locations within Renfrew-Collingwood

Our Water Conversation: Stories & Natural Dyes Still Moon at Connect Fest

Listen to water stories from guest speakers Lori Snyder and the Quantum Care Team, Masa Kateb & Eda Ertan, then share your own water memories and stories during an intercultural dialogue. Use this as inspiration to co-create scales for Water Woman's dress with natural dyes. Join in the creation of this giant puppet celebrating our water hopes and dreams.



Neighborhood Small Grants 2024

Neighbourhood Small Grants is now accepting applications through April 18.

Neighborhood Small Grants is now accepting applications through April 18. If you have an idea for building community in your neighborhood, we encourage you to go to the site (<https://neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca/our-communities/south-van/>) and start your application. If you have any questions or need assistance feel free to reach out to us through nsg@southvan.org.



Emily Tsang and Mark Buhler currently lead NSG in S. Vancouver.

South Vancouver is a wonderful place to reside. Let's continue to build healthy connections within our community.

The ideas are endless.

For several years, Mark and his neighbours have put on a special event near July 1. Last year it included had a celebration of

music with singers and dancers from Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Canada etc. There were tasty foods for snacks and lunch and lots of door prizes.

Other project ideas:

- Someone has faithfully hosted a bike repair project open to all who need their bikes tuned up

- Neighborhoods have had gardens planted and produce has been shared with neighbors.
- Block parties have brought people from many different cultures and shared music, dance and food.
- People have learned how to cook new foods, make pickles, decorate cakes etc.

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The Welcome Pole Project

Taking place on the front lawn of Collingwood Neighbourhood House

Carver Mike Billy and his son, Mike Junior (not pictured) have been working on the cedar log that was gifted to the community back in the spring of 2023.

Mike & Mike are lifelong canoe carvers from Squamish Nation with a wealth of knowledge on the history and practices of this art form. There are additionally smaller carving projects running alongside the main Welcome Pole that will contribute in the carving of it's details.





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Join us at the CNH Annex to work on old and new art projects! Every Thursday, we offer space for sketching, watercolour painting, acrylic painting, origami, embroidery, knitting, crocheting and more. This is also a great opportunity to drop by our art studio to learn and share skills.

Drop-ins are welcome, no registration is required. Basic art materials are provided by donation.

Registration
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Read On!

A news section for Renfrew-Collingwood learners

Leap Year and Springing Forward

by Kristy Kassie

February had an extra day this year. 2024 is a leap year. A leap year occurs when one day is added to the calendar every four years. Then, in March, time moved forward by one hour. People call this springing forward. Both leap and spring can mean to jump. The number of days this year will jump from 365 to 366. The number of daylight hours will jump, too, because days are getting longer and we will see more daylight.

Spring is used in many expressions to mean movement or growth. Flowers like crocuses and daffodils are springing up in gardens. Clocks sprung forward last month. Warmer weather makes people spring for new clothes and shoes, even if clothes and shoes are expensive. Maybe a new job will spring up for you. Spring is a time for possibilities.

Just like animals waking up after winter hibernation, humans see spring as a fresh start. Canadians have a tradition called spring cleaning. For some people, this means getting their yards ready for planting flowers and vegetables. For others, it means cleaning out closets and donating clothes, toys and household items that are no longer needed. In Canada, the official start of spring is March 21. It has been a long, cold winter and people look forward to more sunshine and warmer weather to give them motivation.



Questions

Level 1

- What is a leap year?
- What happened to time in March?
- Are days getting longer or shorter?

Level 2

- What can spring mean in an expression?
- What flowers are popping up suddenly in gardens?
- What expression with "spring" means buy?

Level 3

- Why do you think people see spring as a fresh start?
- What is spring cleaning?
- What season do you look forward to most? Why?

Crossword Words and Definitions

Down:

- happens
- sayings
- more
- opposite of dark
- real
- leap or spring
- reason to try something
- winter sleep for animals like bears
- grow

Across:

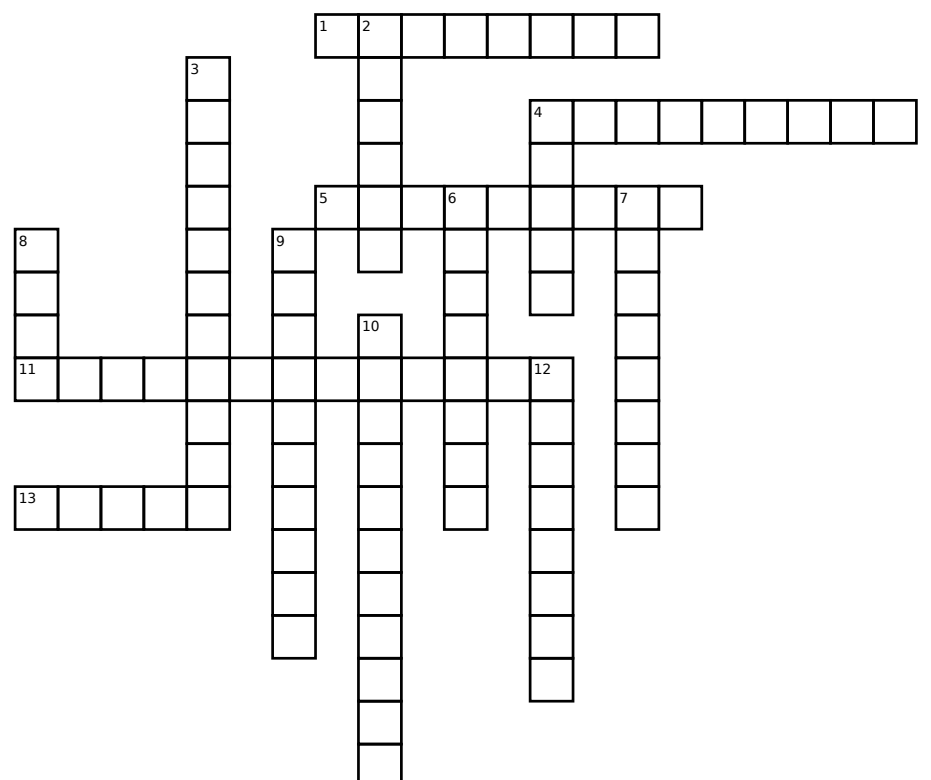
- giving away for free
- costs a lot of money
- custom
- good things that could happen
- grass and gardens around a house

Reading levels on this page

Level 1 ★ Level 2 ★★ Level 3 ★★★



Crossword Puzzle





Applications are open for the Ann and Jo-Ann Sobkow Award

The deadline for applications is April 30th, 2024.



This award is available to any refugee over 25 from across Canada who is confirmed to enrol in a post-secondary Canadian education program in “helping” professions. These careers may include education, health care, social work, counselling, or community development. They can apply individually however will require organizations to endorse and recommend them.

The following web address contains more detail and the application form. This year’s award is \$3,000.

<https://mosaicbc.org/our-award/ann-jo-ann-sobkow-award/>

“Both Ann and Jo-Ann were concerned for those that were less fortunate and wanted to be able to assist them in realizing their goals in life. They were also both lifelong learners who placed a huge value on education,” says scholarship fund advisor and family friend Paula Carr. Carr notes that when researching information for the award, the advisors found that there was a gap in career development support for older refugees.

“Often, the first priority of refugee settlement is getting established, finding housing, and finding work. Once the basics have been attained, they begin to think of broader career development, and often this is after they are 25.”

Noticed in Renfrew Collingwood

Noticed in Renfrew-Collingwood...pigtails at Aberdeen Park



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Karen Vanon



THE CHOCOLATE FARMER

All the knowledge that they teach us, we cannot get it

Grandview-Collingwood Branch #179 of the Royal Canadian Legion will be participating in National Canadian Film Day with screening The Chocolate Farmer.

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Renfrew-Collingwood Community calendar
Collingwood Recreation Society has launched their new community calendar for Renfrew-Collingwood residents. It is a great resource to find free and low-cost activities in the neighborhood and around the city. The calendar can be translated into different languages. Please visit: <https://www.collingwoodrecsociety.com/>

Legal aid expansion for people experiencing family violence

When a person is experiencing family violence, they may need several types of support, which can include temporary housing, counselling or mental health care, financial aid, and sometimes, legal assistance. This is why a new multidisciplinary trauma-informed family law clinic will be opening later this year, as well as the expansion to financial eligibility requirements for legal aid, starting April 1. Learn more: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/30317>

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- Open to all ages

Awards applications are open until April 30, 2024. Learn more at <https://mosaicbc.org/>

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Sincerely,

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CNH staff celebrate 20-year milestones in youth services, childcare and recreation

by Collingwood Neighbourhood House

Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) proudly recognizes its long-serving staff members. At this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September 2023, CNH staff and contractors who have reached the milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service to the neighbourhood house were thanked by the Board of Directors.

This year, we recognize and celebrate Sanjeev Karwal, Rania Hatzioannou, and Amie Fan for 20 years of service. Read more about their contributions to CNH below.

Sanjeev Karwal



When Sanjeev Karwal was a child, on weekends he would push his bike across Euclid Street to join his friends as they played on the warehouse ramps in the light industrial space. A few years later, the space had been cleared and he attended the ground-breaking ceremony for Collingwood Neighbourhood House's (CNH) main site.

In 1995, when CNH opened its new site, Sanjeev, his brother and friends started playing basketball at CNH. For Sanjeev, the visits evolved throughout high school into opportunities to attend other programs

and then volunteer, notably with the Youth Centre and the after-school Buddy Program. Twenty years ago he was hired as a youth worker at the Youth Centre and now serves a dual role in Youth Services as a manager and as a director.

"I really appreciate the journey I have had at CNH," Sanjeev said. "I've been able to learn, develop and grow with the organization. I've also had the opportunity to lead and be part of so many meaningful and rewarding projects, where I've been able to be creative and use a variety of skills and assets."

Rania Hatzioannou



Rania Hatzioannou is a guiding light in our children's writing class for her unwavering commitment and remarkable contributions. Over the last 20 years, she has inspired our children's community, sparking creativity in countless children's young hearts and minds. Rania's dedication to fostering a love for writing and storytelling has enriched the lives of these children and left an

enduring legacy within our community.

Through the years, Rania has consistently demonstrated qualities that make her stand out as an outstanding educator. Beyond her instructor role, Rania actively contributed as a member of the Board of Directors at CNH for nine years. From 2010 to 2012, she was vice president.

Rania shared: "I have far too many fond memories of teaching creative writing at Collingwood [but] one time, a young student was reading in front of the class with his eyes going left to right across the notebook page. The story was very long but he was not turning the pages. I asked him to show me the story afterwards; the pages were blank! He was making up the story as he was going along. He was an excellent storyteller, but after two years in my class, he was also a good writer."

Amie Fan



Dedicated and hardworking with a great sense of humour, Amie Fan started working at CNH in August 2003. Today, she works as an Early Childhood Educator (ECE) at the Collingwood Early Learning & Care Centre.

Amie supports children's learning through her love for playdough. Each week, she makes playdough that children can roll, mould and construct with. Amie also shares her love for music and dance with the children by engaging them in "dance time" by playing songs. Childcare staff think Amie stayed with CNH for the majority of her ECE career because she enjoys the everyday

interaction with children and families and loves the welcoming environment of the daycare. They describe Amie as reliable and having a memory like no other. She remembers children's names and families from many years ago.

When asked Amie about her highlights of working at CNH, she mentioned watching children grow and develop and the support she receives from CNH in particular during the pandemic, which was a difficult time for everyone.

When Amie was asked why she stayed with CNH, she said: "I love the people that I work with and interact with each and every day. CNH is a home away from home for me!"

Thank you to these individuals for their ongoing contributions to CNH. To read more about their connections to CNH, visit cnh.bc.ca/blog.



April 2024

Spring is Arrived!

Spring is in the air. Blooming flowers, cherry blossoms lining our neighbourhood and more people taking advantage to our many parks and green spaces in Collingwood. Please share your photos of your favourite Spring place in the neighbourhood and you could win a \$25 Starbucks gift card. Post your photo(s) on Instagram and tag @shopcollingwood

Who's Who in Collingwood

Featured businesses in Who's Who in Collingwood for April, are HM Tax & Associates and Dr. Yu.

The CBIA has a new social media feature called, "Who's Who in Collingwood. Some may remember the print form of Who's Who in this newspaper years ago. We have many small and medium businesses who we would like everyone to get to know. Our staff will come and interview, take photos and videos to share on our social media platforms. There is no cost to the businesses. Our goal is to bring the local businesses closer to the community. You can also contact our office at 604.639.4403 or email info@shopcollingwood.ca

3rd Annual Joyce Street Clean Up Party – April 27th 10:30 am – 12:30pm

Join us on April, 27nd, to help clean up Joyce Street and surrounding area. There will be a hot dog BBQ after the event and prizes to be won. To sign up email: info@shopcollingwood.ca The is the third annual Spring Clean Up on Joyce Street. Meet at St. Mary's School 5239 Joyce Street.

This community event is brought to by the Collingwood BIA, St. Mary's School, Collingwood Community Policing Centre, Collingwood Neighbourhood House and Adrian Dix's Constituency Office.

See ad in this issue.

Collingwood BIA will be going through Renewal

The Collingwood BIA is in the final year of a seven-year mandate. Renewal Surveys have been distributed to all CBIA members. Please fill it out and email it back to info@shopcollingwood.ca. If you need a copy of the survey, contact our office.

We would like to hear from you on how we are doing and to plan for the next seven years. Let's work on some strategic planning for some small and large projects.

Board of Directors News

We want you! We are looking for new board members and committee members to sit on the Safety, Marketing and Street Beautification and Expansion committees. We meet once a month.

If you interesting in helping create the future of Collingwood please contact, Angela at angela@shopcollingwood.ca

Calendar of Events

April 1

Easter Monday

April 22

Earth Day






April 27

Joyce St. Clean Up Party
10:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.



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Thank you to Penny Lim as always for her wonderfully colourful and cheery photos from around the community. Thank you also to Gail Hirst for this beautiful Primula on the left here...well done.

Please keep those awesome photos coming in and we will do our best to share the joy. That email again is rccnews-editorial@cnh.bc.ca

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