



Register for free environmental sustainability workshops

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A new online community shaping the future Social Planning Strategy and Official Community Plan.

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Richmond Calendar

There are no other scheduled meetings for the month of August.

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Check out Richmond's new online community



Have a seat, relax, there's lots happening in your community. Visit

www.letsTALKrichmond.ca and join conversations about important topics shaping Richmond's future.

The City has launched this robust and easy-to-use online portal last week. It gives visitors access to topic-specific discussion forums where you can respond to City questions and converse with like-minded community members. There are links to related photos, videos, frequently asked questions, project team members and more.

letsTALKrichmond.ca will initially run as a three month pilot program.

Visit www.letsTALKrichmond.ca today and help shape Richmond's future.

2011 City Grant Program Open

Applications accepted until October 15, 2010



The City of Richmond supports the enhancement of a positive quality of life for all its residents, and City Council recognizes that one means of helping to achieve this goal is through an annual Grant Program to support the work of community service groups.

The City Grant Program and Application Form are available online through the City's website at www.richmond.ca, or from the Information Counter at City Hall, 6911 No. 3 Road, 604-276-4000.

Applications will be considered from non-profit organizations meeting the program criteria.

Completed applications must be received at the Richmond City Hall Information Counter by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding the program or your application, please contact Lesley Sherlock, Social Planner, at 604-276-4220.

Environmental Sustainability Workshops

Register for free classes



This series of workshops will show you ways to reduce pesticide use and create a more sustainable community. The workshops are part of the City's Pesticide Risk Reduction Policy and sustainability, waste reduction and water conservation initiatives. The workshops are free, however, registration is required.

There are two ways to register:

- Online at www.richmond.ca/register
- Through the registration call centre from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at 604-276-4300 (press "2" at the prompt)

If you register but cannot attend, please contact the registration call centre to make your space available for someone else.

Pesticide free gardening

Saturday, August 29:
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Reg #38401, Free, 16+years
Thompson Community Centre,
5151 Granville Ave

Beautiful gardens without pesticides

Saturday, September 25:
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Reg #62802, Free, 16+ years
Richmond Nature Park,
11851 Westminster Hwy

Grow the most food in the smallest space

Saturday, September 25:
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reg #62801, Free, 16+ years
Richmond Nature Park,
11851 Westminster Hwy

Organic fall vegetable gardening

Wednesday, September 15:
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Reg #46151, Free, 16+ years
West Richmond Community Centre,
9180 No. 1 Rd

Organic winter vegetable gardening

Wednesday, September 29:
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Reg #61951, Free, 16+ years
Hamilton Community Centre,
5140 Smith Drive

Safe & sensible lawn care (Fall)

Saturday, September 25:
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Reg #55924, Free, 16+ years
Richmond Nature Park,
11851 Westminster Hwy

For more information on the workshops, email ESOutreach@richmond.ca or call 604-233-3318.

Grow Up!

Activities for the whole family – Saturday, August 28



In conjunction with the exhibition *Strange Nature*, Richmond Art Gallery, in partnership with Richmond Food Security Society, presents *Grow Up!*, with activities for the whole family.

Visit Minoru Plaza (7700 Minoru Gate) at the Richmond Cultural Centre on Saturday, August 28 between 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Plant Exchange: bring a plant to get a plant; Food Bank: bring a non-perishable food item to get an extra ticket for the door prize draw.

There will be an artist talk with Robin Ripley, a seed bomb workshop for teens, a bee hive demo, children's art activities, and a Bannock making demo. There will also be a City of Richmond Natural Yard Care and GREENCAN program info session, music, door prizes,

sale items (500 winter vegetable seedlings) and more.

For more information, please call the Richmond Art Gallery at 604-247-8300.

Please Don't Cycle on Sidewalks

Riding on sidewalks is illegal unless specifically directed by a sign



Bicycles belong on the roads. Sidewalks are reserved for pedestrians only and are intended to provide a safe walking environment that is separate from moving vehicles, both cars and bicycles.

As a cyclist, you might feel safer on sidewalks than on busy roads but research has proven that cyclists are far more likely to be involved in a collision with a vehicle when using a sidewalk, especially in the wrong direction of travel, than on the roadway. Riding on the sidewalk makes a cyclist less noticeable and less predictable to drivers, thereby increasing the risk of crashes at driveways and intersections.

Riding on sidewalks is also a hazard to pedestrians. Cyclists travel faster than walking speeds and can startle pedestrians when approaching without warning from behind, which can lead to a collision. Pedestrians can change their direction and speed instantaneously, which leaves a cyclist with insufficient time to react to avoid a collision.

Cyclists are much safer in the street, following the rules of the road for drivers of vehicles. When riding on off-street trails, always use a bell to let pedestrians know you are approaching.

