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August

Parks, Recreation & Culture e-Newsletter



## 21st Annual Richmond Maritime Festival

11:00am-6:00pm, August 24 & 25

Richmond's annual family-friendly festival returns this summer, celebrating our maritime heritage at the [Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site](#) in Steveston, August 24 and 25 from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Wander the festival site enjoying musical entertainment, roving performers, puppet shows, kids crafts and activities, artists and craftspeople, food trucks and most popular of all, a collection of visiting wooden boats and working vessels for visitors to see up close on the docks.

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## Exhibition Tour in Mandarin - 免費中文導覽

2:00-3:00pm, Saturday, August 17

Meet the Gallery's Curatorial Assistant Rebecca Wang 王晨鈺 for a free tour of the current Richmond Art Gallery exhibitions in Mandarin. Learn more about the themes of the exhibitions through a guided visit and informal discussion over a cup of tea. Limited spaces. [RSVP](#) to reserve a seat.

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## Big Blue Blocks Park

### Experience some innovative and outdoor fun

Kids of all ages are invited to build, stack and connect in the new Big Blue Blocks temporary park until the end of summer. Located on the lawn west of the Richmond Cultural Centre Annex (7660 Minoru Gate), this exciting, interactive and free play experience invites adventurers to unleash their creativity using large, interconnecting pieces of foam blocks to create structures. From towering castles to imaginative forts - the possibilities are endless.

The blocks are available for kids to play from 10:00am to 5:00pm Mondays to Fridays and from 11:00am to 4:00pm on weekends.



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## Summer in the Parks

### Join us for some free fun activities in East Richmond parks

Summer park programs offer kids a fantastic opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities, from arts and crafts to games, all at no cost.

#### Free Summer Fun at the Park

Cambie's *Summer Fun in the Park* series offers unique outdoor events that include activities, crafts, games and entertainment. Parent participation required.

- Pop-Up Park - Wed, Aug 7, 11:00am-12:00pm, [Odlin Neighbourhood Park](#)  
Theme: *Outer Space*
- Summer Fun in the Park - Wed, Aug 14, 10:00-11:30am, [King George Community Park](#)  
Theme: *Outer Space*

#### Cambie Community Carnival

Join this end-of-summer Carnival, including outdoor games, crafts, entertainment and inflatables. Rock'N'Beau is on-site hosting music and dance games.

- Fri, Aug 23, 5:30-7:30pm, Outdoors at the [Cambie Community Centre](#)

Come out for fun before summer is over!

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## Concerts and Summer Fun in the Plaza I Minoru Centre for Active Living

August 7, 14, 21, 28 | 7:00-8:00pm

Celebrate summer with live music, dancing or crafts at this annual entertainment series. Ice cream is available to purchase on concert days for \$2 each, cash only. In the event of rain, events will be moved inside to the Seniors Centre at [Minoru Centre for Active Living](#).

- Cheek to Cheek concert  
Wed, Aug 7, 7:00-8:00pm



- Dance Party in the Plaza  
Move and groove to popular songs led by Zumba instructors.  
Wed, Aug 14, 7:00-8:00pm
- The Beauty Shop Dolls concert  
Wed, Aug 21, 7:00-8:00pm
- Lantern Decorating in the Plaza  
Decorate a take-home paper lantern and join in a short parade around the Minoru Track at 7:50pm. While supplies last.  
Wed, Aug 28, 7:00-8:00pm

All ages are welcome.

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## Richmond's Two Outdoor Markets

### Shop your neighbourhood for fresh food

Visit both of Richmond's local farmers markets to shop for local fresh produce and crafted quality goods.

#### [Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market \(SFAM\)](#)

Enjoy fresh produce and unique products in a festive outdoor environment. This market is a non-profit operation run by a volunteer committee, with all proceeds going to support activities and projects of the Steveston Community Centre.

Located next to the [Steveston Community Centre](#) (4111 Moncton Street).

- Sun, Aug 4, 18, 10:30am-3:30pm
- Sun, Sep 1, 15, 10:30am-3:30pm

#### [Kwantlen St. Farmers Market](#)

Enjoy live music while visiting this market with fresh and delicious local gourmet foods and unique gifts designed by artists from across the province.

Located at [Minoru Plaza](#) (7700 Minoru Gate).

- Tue, now through Nov 12, 12:00-4:00pm

## Learn at the Library

### Happening this month

#### [Introducing Rhyme Time With RPL!](#)

Watch this series of short videos, with friendly library staff demonstrating songs and rhymes that families can view at home. The videos are hosted on [YouTube](#). Each video has the lyrics to the song or rhyme in the description box.

#### [Summer Reading Club!](#)

It's not too late to sign up for this year's summer reading club. The library has lots of fun programs and activities for kids happening all summer long! Enter weekly prize draws, write a book review or attend a program.





Community Services Connectors Program



## Save the Dates

### Community Services Connectors Program

Every Sun, 2:00-4:00pm  
[Ironwood Library](#)

### Community Services Pop Up

Thu, Aug 8, 3:00-5:00pm  
[Brighthouse Library](#)

### Baby and Me Dance Fit

Tue, Sep 17-Dec 10, 10:45-11:45am  
[Thompson Community Centre](#)

### Moonlight Magic: Mid-Autumn Celebration

Sat, Sep 14, 6:00pm  
[Gateway Theatre](#)

### Movie Night

Thu, Aug 29, 8:00pm  
[South Arm Outdoor Pool](#)

### Public Works Open House

Sat, Sep 7, 11:00am-3:00pm  
[Richmond Works Yard](#)

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