

City of Richmond

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e-Newsletter



City Nature Challenge 2026

Become a citizen scientist!

Explore Richmond's wild side! From April 24–27, join the City Nature Challenge and help track local biodiversity. Snap photos of plants and wildlife with iNaturalist and share your discoveries! 📷

[JOIN HERE](#)



World Leisure Day Youth Activity

Re-invent, reuse and repair

Calling 13 to 18 year olds. Drop in and upcycle gently used clothing. Bring your own items and use fabric markers, fabric paint, learn basic stitches, and more. Beginner-friendly—no experience needed! Help keep clothes out of the landfill and give them new life.

Thursday, April 16
3:00-5:00pm
Cambie Community Centre
12800 Cambie Road, Richmond BC

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Spring into Gardening!

Free gardening workshops

Join us at the Terra Nova Red Barn for free workshops designed for local gardeners. Learn practical ways to grow food, replace traditional lawns, and create spaces that support pollinators and wildlife.

Terra Nova Red Barn

Saturday, April 11

- Ecological Lawn Care
- Gardening for Pollinators and Wildlife



Saturday, May 2

- The Power of Citizen Science to Help BC Native Bees
- Best Plants for Native Bees in the Lower Mainland

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Circular Demolition: More Value from Building Materials

Richmond is preparing practical tools to help more building materials stay in use. City Council endorsed updates to Richmond's demolition bylaw to support circular demolition and keep more wood, metal and concrete in use. In 2026, bulletins, workshops, pilot projects and online resources will help applicants and industry prepare for the phased rollout starting Jan. 5, 2027.

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Spring has sprung, and our feathered friends are getting ready to nest!

Before starting yard work or tree trimming, check for nests. They may be in trees, shrubs, grasses or along streambanks.

If a nest is present, let's keep our feathered friends safe and give them space. Most birds, eggs, and nests are protected under provincial and federal legislation.

Want to learn more? Please email us at envsustainability@richmond.ca



WILDLIFE INFO



The Joy of Hummingbirds

As part of Richmond's (free) Nature Series, learn to attract these special birds while discovering the challenges faced during a long migration. Join the presentation, guided walk and a visit to the hummingbird feeding station in the Richmond Nature Park. There are four time slots to choose from. Registration is recommended.

Sunday, April 19

Richmond Nature Park

11851 Westminster Hwy

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Reduce waste by acting circular

The City of Richmond will launch a pilot program to test reusable food containers at the Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, April 12. The initiative encourages food vendors and event attendees to rethink waste and support a circular economy by choosing options such as reusable cups and containers.

The goal is to evaluate whether reusable food containers can work effectively at City-sponsored events and help reduce single-use waste. When attending the Cherry Blossom Festival, please choose a reusable container and return it to a collection bin before you leave.

FESTIVAL INFO



Creature Feature



Who is making all the noise?

That loud drumming on metal light posts and chimney caps at this time of year is likely a Northern Flicker. Flickers drum and call to defend nesting territory and attract mates. Like other woodpeckers, Northern Flickers make their nests in tree cavities. Old nests are used by secondary nesters like chickadees and nuthatches in subsequent seasons. Flickers spend a lot of time on the ground hunting and eating ants and other insects. Later in the season they will forage for berries and other seeds.
