

City of Richmond

CLIMATE ACTION

e-Newsletter

Climate-Friendly Homes and Gardens Tour

Come out to visit Richmond homes and see sustainable features like heat pumps, solar panels, energy-efficient building design, drought tolerant landscaping, rainwater barrels or pollinator friendly plants.

Homeowners will showcase selected areas of their homes and outdoor spaces from 2:00 to 4:00pm on:

- Saturday, August 22
- Sunday, August 30

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Free gardening workshops

Gardening season isn't over yet! Join us for free workshops on growing garlic and making the most of balcony, container and small-space gardens. Registration is required – reserve your spot today!

- **Where:** South Arm Community Centre, 8880 Williams Road
- **When:** Sat, Sep 12
- **Garlic workshop:** 11:00am-12:30pm (Course ID 00543287)
- **Container gardening workshop:** 1:30pm-3:00pm (Course ID 00543254)
- **Cost:** Free
- **Ages:** 18+

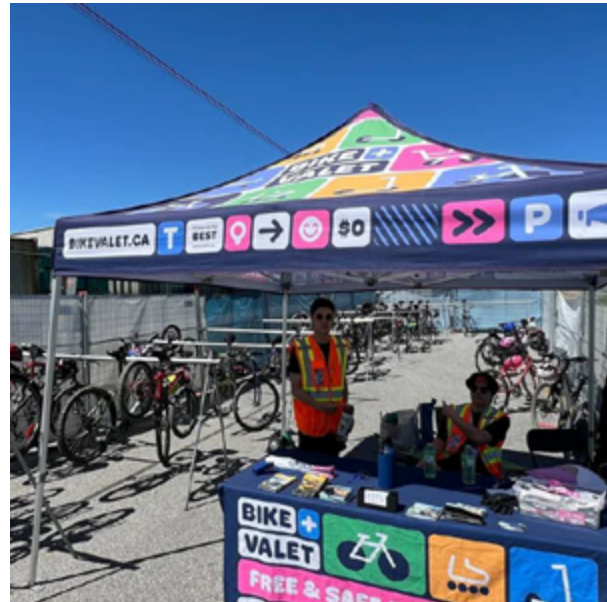
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Steveston bike valet returns for summer 2026

The free Steveston Bike Valet is back for summer 2026! Available Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory Holidays from now to Mon, Sep 7, cyclists can securely park their bikes while exploring Steveston Village.

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Forest bathing (Shinrin Yoku)

Awaken the senses with the Japanese practice of forest bathing in this serene park oasis. Guided by Tamiko Suzuki a certified Forest Therapy Guide from the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy, become immersed in the crisp forest air and let the body fully unwind.

- **Where:** Paulik Neighbourhood Park, 7620 Heather Street
- **When:** Sun, Aug 9
- **Time:** 10:00am to noon
- **Cost:** \$20
- **Ages:** 16+
- **Course ID:** 00544638

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Private property treatment for invasives

Did you know the City has a knotweed and hogweed program for private property? Through a multi-year, coordinated treatment approach, property owners can participate in a City-funded program to effectively manage these invasive species. This initiative aims to improve treatment efficiency, prevent the spread and support healthier ecosystems.

Click the button to report invasives.

REPORT



Pollinator mural in the works

A new pollinator-themed mural is blooming along the Middle Arm near the UBC Boathouse. Featuring Richmond's native pollinators and plants, the artwork celebrates local biodiversity and highlights the vital role pollinators play in keeping our ecosystems healthy.

Mark your pollinator garden on the map!

[MARK THE MAP](#)

Creature
Feature:
**Rufous
Hummingbird**



Summer is one of the best times to spot Rufous Hummingbirds in Richmond. Weighing just 3 to 4 grams, these tiny birds complete the longest migration of any bird relative to their body size, travelling thousands of kilometres between Mexico and British Columbia each year.

Throughout the summer, they zip between flowers feeding on nectar while also catching tiny insects for protein. Their wings beat more than 50 times per second, allowing them to hover with incredible precision as they pollinate many native plants.

Although still a familiar sight in BC, Rufous Hummingbird populations have declined significantly over the past several decades. Planting native flowering species can help support these remarkable little birds.

myth
BUSTER



Myth: Electric vehicles catch fire more often than gas vehicles

Fact: Statistics consistently show electric vehicles are less likely to catch fire than gasoline-powered cars. Because electric vehicle fires burn differently and can be harder to extinguish, they receive heavy media attention, creating the impression they are more common.
