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Pride Week | July 29 to August 4

Celebrate Pride Together!

Pride Week in Richmond is a celebration of members of the Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and gender diverse (2SLGBTQI+) communities and allies in our city. This year's Pride Week, with the theme *Pride Together*, features inclusive events and interactive activities with local leaders, artists, performers and community members to foster a city where everyone feels a sense of belonging. The City of Richmond presents events in partnership with Community Associations and Societies, as well as the Richmond Public Library.

The City of Richmond is committed to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion by celebrating and recognizing the unique contributions of the 2SLGBTQI+ community to our city. To learn more about Pride Week and access 2SLGBTQI+ resources, visit richmond.ca/pride.

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Summer Camps and Fall Registration

Discover what we have for summer daycampers

Kids and youth can stay active and social while being led by our enthusiastic and experienced summer staff. Choose from the age groups below and register online, by phone at 604-276-4300 or in-person at any parks, recreation or cultural facility.

[Camps for Preschoolers](#)

[Camps for Children](#)

[Camps for Youth](#)

Before and After Camp Care is also available.

Fall Registration

It's that time again...time to start thinking about fall and planning your indoor and outdoor programs including fun, creative, active fitness and social activities. Fall programs start on September 3 with registration ongoing until the end of December. Remember to note these important registration dates on your calendar:

- Tue, July 16, 8:00pm - Aquatic programs ([online only](#))
- Tue, July 16, 9:00pm - General programs ([online only](#))
- Wed, July 17, 8:30am - All programs (in-person and by phone)

3 ways to register:

- Click to [browse and register](#)
- Call 604-276-4300, Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm
- In person at any parks, recreation or cultural facility

Programs and activities are available for all ages and skill levels.

July Aquatics Happenings

The summer brings so many aquatic opportunities

All four Richmond pools are open, including South Arm and Steveston outdoor pools. Visit [schedules](#) for all hours.

Movie Night at South Arm Outdoor Pool |

Thu, Jul 25, 8:30-11:00pm

Watch "Guardians of the Galaxy" in or out of the water. The movie begins at 8:45pm. Registration required. Event ID 00337762 – waiting for link.

Sensory Friendly Swim at Minoru Centre for Active Living |

Sun, Jul 28, 8:00-9:30am

Are you someone - or do you know someone - who experiences sensory sensitivity and enjoys a quiet swim? These new inclusive swims, the last Sunday of each month, are available for individuals who are on the autism spectrum, have anxiety or sensory sensitivity and for families wanting a supportive environment with reduced noise. Some of the unique features of these sessions are:

- no background music, noisy equipment or whistles (except for emergencies)
- a quiet room
- turning off features, noisy toys and hair dryers



National Drowning Prevention Week | July 21-27

This summer take extra measures to become Water Smart. Register for the free Swim to Survive sessions to build knowledge and skills to be safe around water and help prevent drownings. The minimum skills are learned for an unexpected fall into deep water. Basic swimming ability is a fundamental requirement in any meaningful attempt to eliminate drowning in Canada. [Registration required](#).

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Experience Steveston in July

So many things to do in the Village

Steveston Grand Prix of Art

Steveston's annual plein-air competition returns with a record number of 150 artists stationed in scenic locations throughout the village, from Garry Point Park to London Landing. Watch the artists race the clock from 10:00am to 1:00pm, then return to Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site where their art will remain on display until Sunday, July 28. Musical performances, food trucks and an artisan market are also planned at Britannia Shipyards from noon to 5:30pm.

Sat, Jul 27 10:00am-5:30pm

Steveston Alive! Walking Tour Vignettes

The Steveston Historical Society presents these vignettes. Beginning at the [Steveston Museum](#), the tour will take you on a journey through historic Steveston Village where you'll experience the sights and sounds of the past come alive. Costumed tour guides share fascinating stories about the area's unique history. Along the way, encounter student actors portraying characters from Steveston's past, bringing the history to life in front of your eyes. This is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture and history of this charming village. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience.

Sat, Jul 6, 13, 20, 27 1:00pm and 3:00pm

Sat, Aug 10, 17 1:00pm and 3:00pm

Steveston Vintage Fair

Come to [Steveston Town Square Park](#) next to the Steveston Museum and Post Office on select Sundays in July and August for the Steveston Vintage Fair. Browse through stalls filled with unique finds from different eras, and uncover hidden gems that will add a touch of nostalgia to your life. Whether you're a seasoned collector or simply curious about the charm of vintage, the Steveston Vintage Fair offers something for everyone. Admission is free, so don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Sun, July 7, 21 10:00am-4:00pm

Sun, Aug 4, 18 10:00am-4:00pm

Sun, Sep 1 10:00am-4:00pm

Recreation Fee Subsidy Program and the \$29 Summer Active Pass

Making parks, recreation and culture more accessible

Applications for the 2024 to 2025 Recreation Fee Subsidy Program (RFSP) are now being accepted.

The RFSP is available to people of all ages living in Richmond who require financial support to be able to participate in many registered and drop-in parks, recreation and cultural programs.

For those who qualify, the RFSP will provide:

- free admission to many drop-in programs and services. It will also provide a 90% discount on most registered programs;
- Up to a maximum of \$300 per year in subsidy for children and youth (18 years and under); and
- Up to a maximum of \$100 per year in subsidy for adults and seniors (19+ years).

Visit richmond.ca/subsidy to learn more and to download an application form. Paper application forms are also available at any City of Richmond recreation facility, the Richmond Cultural Centre and Richmond City Hall.

For questions about the RFSP, email subsidy@richmond.ca or call 604-247-4909.

The \$29 Summer Active Pass is back!

Swim, skate, golf and work out now through September 2.

This low cost pass gives 5 to 18 year olds unlimited access to drop in to any public session including:

- Swimming, fitness centre access and select drop-in group fitness classes at Minoru Centre for Active Living and Watermania;
- Swimming at South Arm and Steveston Outdoor Pools;
- Skating* at Richmond Ice Centre (public skating only);
- Golf** at West Richmond Pitch & Putt (Mon-Thu, 12:00 to 4:00pm, excluding holidays);
- Fitness centre access and select drop-in group fitness classes at Cambie, City Centre, Hamilton, South Arm, Steveston, Thompson and West Richmond Community Centres; and
- Select drop-in activities at community centres.

*Skate rentals extra.

**Golf rentals extra; children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Fitness centre access and select group fitness classes are available for 13 to 18 year olds. An orientation and completed consent form are required to use community fitness centres. Pre-booking an orientation is strongly recommended.

Find all locations and details at richmond.ca/SummerPass.





At the Cultural Centre

Experience the arts this month

Richmond Art Gallery - [It begins with knowing and not knowing](#)
Jul 20-Sep 29

In a world rife with injustice, pain and uncertainty, this compelling group of artists engage with dimensions of spirituality, ceremony, dreams and ritual to find greater meaning, rebuild ties with community, bolster a sense of self or regain a sense of optimism. The Gallery is transformed by new and recent works including photographs, cyanotypes, textiles, sculptures, videos, ceramics, paintings and performance.

July 20, 2:00-4:00pm

The artists are Rebecca Bair, Xinwei Che, Patrick Cruz, Zoë Kreye, Ogheneofegor Obuwoma, Michelle Sound, Ximena Velázquez.

Join Richmond Art Gallery curator Zoë Chan and the artists of "[It begins with knowing and not knowing](#)" for an informal free drop-in tour. Opening launch to immediately follow. Welcome speeches and Tour: 2:00 to 3:00pm.

Rooftop Garden Series: Summer Workshops for Adults

Visit the Cultural Centre Rooftop Garden this summer for a variety of low cost, outdoor workshops and free events for adults. Featuring hands-on learning with visual artists, gardening experts, Indigenous knowledge keepers and food specialists. Sessions include all materials and are limited to small class sizes, so make sure to register early.

Hosted by Richmond Art Gallery and Richmond Arts Centre, in partnership with Richmond Garden Club.

Collage Party: Textile Works with Zoë Kreye

Sat, July 27, 1:00 to 4:00pm

Once per exhibition, RAG presents a Collage Party for adults. It's the perfect opportunity to get together with friends and make some art.

This session features exhibiting artist Zoë Kreye who will demonstrate the creation of collaged and layered works with textiles that refer to embodied experiences. All materials provided, registration required.

Supported by the City of Richmond Community Celebration Grant.

Child Care Engagement Strategy

Share your opinion

Have your say on Richmond's Draft Child Care Strategy. The City of Richmond has developed this new Strategy that outlines the priority actions for the City in relation to child care over the next 10 years. The City is seeking input from parents, guardians, residents and child care providers to ensure the Strategy is reflective of the community's needs. By August 4, 2024, share your feedback through the online survey.





Save the Dates

Library - Summer Reading Club

Until Sat, Aug 31
Richmond Public Libraries

Library - Learn to Fish

Sun, Jul 14, 11:00am-1:00pm
[No. 2 Road Fishing Pier](#)

Summer Fun in the Park

Wed, Jul 17, 10:00-11:30am
Wed, Jul 31, 10:00-11:30am
Various locations

Walking Soccer

Mon, Jul 8-Aug 26, 8:00-6:00pm
[South Arm Community Centre](#)

Popup Parks - Cambie

Wed, Jul 10, 11:00am-2:00pm,
[Mitchell School Park](#)
Wed, Jul 24, 11:00am-2:00pm,
[Tait Riverfront Community Park](#)

Walk Richmond

Sat, Jul 13, 10:00am
Thu, Jul 18, 7:00pm
Sat, Jul, 27, 10:00am
Various locations

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