

In Your Neighbourhood



Vancouver Street Cycling and Pedestrian Improvements

The City of Victoria is continuing to make investments in active transportation to improve safety and comfort for people walking and cycling. Vancouver Street is a planned 2019 project and extends from Bay Street to Park Boulevard. Throughout November and December 2018, City staff will be engaging residents, commuters, students, and business owners about the corridor and collecting feedback to help inform the designs. To provide your initial feedback, fill out our [story map survey](#) or go directly to the survey sections below. For in-person opportunities to provide feedback, check out our upcoming [engagement activities](#).

Direct survey links by neighbourhood:

Vancouver Street Segment A - [North Park](#) (Bay to Pandora)

Vancouver Street Segment B - [Downtown](#) (Pandora to Fort)

Segment C - [Fairfield](#) (Fort to Park)

PUBLIC HEARING: 457 and 459 Kipling Street (Fairfield)

At the November 8 Council meeting, Council approved a rezoning and development permit with variance application to permit the existing non-conforming duplex at 457 and 459 Kipling Street. [Click here to learn more](#).

PUBLIC HEARING: 1139 Chapman Street (Fairfield)

At the November 8 Council meeting, Council approved a rezoning and development permit with variances application for the construction of a new duplex at 1139 Chapman Street. [Click here to learn more](#).

PUBLIC HEARING: 944 Heywood Avenue (Fairfield)

At the November 8 Council meeting, Council approved a development permit with a variance application to subdivide the existing lot at 944 Heywood Avenue into two small lots and build two single family dwellings. [Click here to learn more](#).

Fun and Delicious Gingerbread Workshop for Kids

Create & renovate your very own gingerbread house and decorate it any way you want! All the building materials and goodies will be provided, and Santa's elves will be there to help create your delicious masterpiece! Saturday, December 8, 10 a.m. – noon and 12:30 – 2:30 (\$20) at Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre. Read about more community events in December on the last page of this update.





It's Leaf Pick-Up Time in your Neighbourhood

Make sure you're ready for City crews when they arrive on your street by placing your leaves on the boulevard in loose piles, secured by chicken wire mesh rings, or in tied, clear, certified* compostable bags. To prevent flooding, keep gutters, streets, sidewalks and storm drains clear of leaves. Crews will complete leaf pick-up in Fairfield and Gonzales starting December 9 for your second and last pick up of the year. It takes 3 – 4 weeks to complete a neighbourhood. Remember that you can also drop off your bagged leaves on Saturdays at Public Works (417 Garbally Road) and on Sundays at the Parks Yard (100 Cook St.) until Dec. 23. You can also call for your leaves to be picked up for service within five business days. Happy raking! Learn more [here](#).

Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project Update

At the November 22 Council meeting, City Council decided on a change in direction and will now move forward with exploring the potential to build a new, larger project on the parking lot of the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre. Staff will also complete the design development work for the current project, planned for the southeast corner of Central Park. Council reaffirmed its support for replacing the Crystal Pool facility with a modern centre that will meet the needs of all ages and abilities as well as meet climate leadership goals, and to avoid a closure of the existing facility. The new proposed location would result in increased green space in Central Park and offer opportunities to include more community amenities as part of the project. Council made an additional decision regarding the Royal Athletic Park parking lot. The City will explore opportunities that may exist for affordable housing, park space, child care, parking and other complementary uses.

The project team will immediately begin planning for this new direction. The project principles which have guided the work completed over the last two years with the community will help to inform the new project. The City will continue to explore all potential funding sources to create a project that will serve the community for generations to come.

2019-2023 Draft Financial Plan

The 2019 Draft Financial Plan was received by Council at the November 22 Council meeting. Following first reading of the Financial Plan Bylaw, anticipated in mid-December, public consultation will include a survey and a Budget Town Hall to be held in January 2019. Click [here](#) to review the Financial Plan.

Bylaw Adoption: Bylaw for Cannabis Retail Store Licensing Consultation Policy and Fee

Council adopted the Cannabis Retail Store Licensing Consultation Policy and Fee Bylaw, which establishes a process for the City to provide a recommendation to the Provincial Government for a cannabis retail store licence application referral, and to establish fees. The Cannabis-Related Business Regulation Bylaw will be amended to align with the Province of British Columbia's *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*. [Click here to learn more](#).

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets December 6th and 13th at 9am. Council meets December 13th, beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend the meetings or watch them [here](#)

Upcoming Community Events for the Christmas Season

Putting On The Glitz

Come and see what Winter and Holiday fashions are in store for us in 2017. Thinking about all those upcoming holiday functions? Our members will be modeling all the Glitz and glamour. Cheese Cake trio and chocolate along with tea and coffee will be served.

James Bay New Horizons Tickets \$5
Wed Nov 14 2-4 p.m.

Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

Our Handicraft Ladies prepare all year for this annual event. Always great holiday gift ideas to choose from. Luncheon plates prepared by our Special Events Committee will be available for \$5. Credit Cards & Debit accepted.

James Bay New Horizons Free Admission
Sat Nov 24 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christmas Craft Fair and Silent Auction

Don't miss this great opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts. Come browse at over 25 craft vendor tables. Early bird vendor table cost until October 27 is \$30 plus one donated gift toward the silent auction. Silent Auction starts Thursday, November 22. Winners will be called Monday, November 26.

Cook Street Village Activity Centre No entry fee
Sat Nov 24 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oaklands West Coast Winter Market

Join us at the Oaklands Community Centre and Oaklands Elementary Gym for a showcase of over 50 vendors from all over Greater Victoria including farmers, artisans, gourmet food producers, baked goods, potters, knitters, crafters, handmade body products, jewelry, live music, a beer garden, and more!

Oaklands Community Centre \$2 minimum donation
Sat Dec 1 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Gingerbread House Workshop

Create & renovate your very own gingerbread house and decorate it any way you want! All of the building materials and goodies will be provided and Santa's elves will be there to help create your delicious masterpiece!

Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre 1/\$20
Sat Dec 8 10 a.m.-Noon & 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Santa's Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast, craft activities, musical entertainment for the entire family and an opportunity to have your photo with Santa. The event fees are \$5 per person, \$10 per family of 4 or more immediate family members, and \$5 for each additional extended family member. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event at the door.

Burnside Gorge Community Centre \$10/family \$5/person
Sat Dec 8 9-11:30 a.m.

Christmas Cracker

The Saints & Singers and the Saints & Swingers annual Christmas concert. This is always a popular event and sells out quickly.

James Bay New Horizons Tickets \$5
Wed Dec 12 2-4 p.m.

Christmas Concert

Ring in the season with a performance of Christmas Carols old and new. Coffee, tea and seasonal goodies will be served. Space is limited, please reserve in advance at 250.388.4268.

Victoria Silver Threads M/\$5.25 NM/\$7.35
Dec 13 1:30-3 p.m.

Christmas Dinner

Share the spirit of Christmas with us at our traditional festive meal. Menu: Salad, Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Dessert. Christmas caroling and entertainment to follow. Bring your family and friends. All ages welcome. Please purchase tickets in advance.

Cook Street Village Activity Centre M/\$15 G/\$18
Fri Dec 14 Noon-2 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa

This fun-filled event features a pancake breakfast with sides, face painting, crafts, a sing-along and a visit from Santa with photos! Event is by registration only, so register early to get in on this holiday family tradition.

Oaklands Community Centre \$6 per person
55405 Sat Dec 15 9-11 a.m.

Christmas Senior Reassurance & Appreciation Tea

Our opportunity to celebrate our Reassurance Clients as well as our many Volunteers. By Invite Only.

James Bay New Horizons
Wed Dec 19 2-4 p.m.



December 2018 Update

Fairfield Gonzales

Get Crafty this Christmas in Centennial Square!

Get into the holiday spirit with free crafts for all ages at Crafty Christmas in the Square! Join us for festive wreath-making, gingerbread cookie decorating, and a range of craft activities for children on Saturdays and Sundays in December from noon – 4 p.m. under the archway in Centennial Square! Activities will be accompanied by a mix of folk, bluegrass, Celtic and traditional holiday music performed by local bands: Coastline, Oliver Swain Trio, Eryn Sharpe Trio, and Adam Bay.

The following activities are all happening in Centennial Square

Holiday Wreath Crafternoons

Saturdays and Sundays (December 1 – 23); Workshops at 12:30 p.m. and again at 1:45 p.m.

Enjoy a free, hands-on Holiday Wreath Crafternoon workshop to learn how to create a beautiful, fresh holiday wreath. Space is limited so plan to arrive early (25 people per workshop on a first-come basis.) The one-hour workshops will be led by Emma McCormick Creative and Platinum Floral Designs. All supplies will be provided. (Youth and Adults)

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

Saturdays and Sundays (December 1 – 23); Drop-in, noon – 4 p.m.

Schur to Please Boutique Cakery will guide you through free gingerbread cookie decorating. Let your creative side shine before eating your artwork or taking it home to share as a gift. All supplies will be provided. (All ages)

Kids' Craft Corner

Saturdays and Sundays (December 1 – 23); Drop-in, noon – 4 p.m.

Drop by Kids' Craft Corner to participate in crafts designed for little hands and short attention spans. Shannon Emery and Hearten Art Therapy will lead three different crafts over four weekends. All supplies will be provided. (Ages 2 - 10)

Snow Day in the Square!

Sunday, December 9; noon – 4 p.m. (or as long as snow supply lasts)

No matter what the weather forecast predicts, it's going to be a "Snow Day" in Centennial Square on Sunday, December 9 from noon – 4 p.m.! Bring your mittens to this free, family event and get ready to play in the snow. "Snow" will be provided by Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre. (All ages)

Ice Sculpture Demonstrations

Sundays, December 16 and 23; 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Drop by Centennial Square to watch Cool as Ice transform blocks of ice into creative, holiday sculptures.

Holiday Donations

Saturdays and Sundays (December 1 – 23); noon – 4 p.m.

Help support vulnerable members of our community this holiday season by bringing gently-used clothing, non-perishable food items and spare change for donation to the Cool Aid Society and Our Place.

All activities will take place rain, shine or snow and are subject to change.

Learn more at www.victoria.ca.