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Upcoming Events Fall Supper October 21 **Christmas Market Nov 25** Tree Lighting Nov 25 Santa Breakfast Dec 9

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September manages to sneak up and surprise me each year. No doubt it has something to do with childhood memories of the return to school. There is the anticipation of what's to learn this year along with a flush of brand new nostalgia for the long, lazy days of summer.

Planning is underway for our traditional fall community supper next month. We figure you will be turkey-ed out by October 21st so are going with chicken and ham. Helping hands are appreciated the night before to peel potatoes and slice cole slaw. It has been a simply fabulous year for fruit here in the valley and we're offering a new dessert option along with the ever-popular homemade pumpkin pie. Here's hoping you like the gingered pear cupcakes made with pears grown right here in town. Lots of other fixings too. For full menu see Harvest Supper Page 11.

Plans are coming together for our annual Yarrow Country Christmas Market at the end of November. Heidi has some vendor tables left, particularly for artisans who make the high guality handcrafts this market is known to include. Do mark your calendar to attend and thrill the folks on your Christmas list with the unique gifts on offer. How to apply for a table? See Yarrow Country Christmas Market Page 8.

Organizing for Yarrow Days started in June. Sheila is expecting to call the first planning meeting in November. Choosing a theme is usually first on the agenda. Give it some thought. What deserves to be the focus of our celebration of small town living for 2024?

We were all agog to see a old-fashioned trolley bus trundling along Yarrow Central during the Yarrow Days parade this year. Turns out it wasn't one of the BCER cars that used to commute to the city in the early 1900's. Our Mark Friesen has sent along the trolley's story. See Yarrow Trolley Page 9.

John has provided us an update on water restrictions and what's what with our local utility. Please read this informative article. Yarrow Waterworks Page 4

Regular readers of this newsletter will know that we hear from the Fraser Valley Reginal Library branches in downtown Chilliwack and Sardis as well as our own branch. In all my years I've never seen such a full roster of programming from FVRL as what they sent along this time. Please note all the little articles with books along the bottom. There wasn't room to fit everything in. I've attempted to include a variety of fun, informative and life -changing events being held at the various branches. All are free of charge.

And now the end is nigh. Seems there is never enough room to say everything that needs saying on the front page. Have a look around inside and see what else is happening in our small town.

Yarrow Volunteer Society - fosters community spirit by organizing Yarrow Days, Christmas Light Festival, Breakfast With Santa, Community Suppers etc. and publishes this swell newsletter Yarrow Ratepayers Association - built, paid for and operates the Yarrow Community Centre Chair: Everett Worth 604-823-6017 eneworth@hotmail.com Vice Chair: Sally Lum 604-823-0257 sallylum@shaw.ca



The phone is ringing steadily with people booking **facility rentals**, if you are interested please call Sally Lum with inquiries. Office number is 604-823-0257 or email at <u>sallylum@shaw.ca</u> We also have a FB page promoting our programs...Yarrow Community School Programs.

LICENSED CHILDCARE PROGRAMS – <u>Puddle Jumpers Daycare</u> - Group Daycare for children 30 months – 5 years. <u>Jelly</u> <u>Beans Preschool</u> - Licensed 3 and 4 yr. old programs. Qualified, experienced and fun teachers. <u>Afterschool Care</u> – Out of school care for school age children. Full and Part time rates available. All programs have waitlists for this year but do keep this in mind for future planning.

YARROW FAMILY PLACE – Meets Tuesday mornings 8:15 – 10:15am in the multi-purpose room at the school. Parents and Caregivers with young ones at home are invited to join this free, drop in gathering.

CRAFTS WITH CLEO (and Her Friend Jess!) – Crafts For Tots age

18 months – 3 years. Tots and their adult will join Cleo and Jess for a simple craft and a little snack. Free! Must pre-register as spaces are limited. Monday mornings, 9:30-10:30am. starting October 16th. Please call Sally to find out more or sign up for one of the fun classes!

ZUMBA Is back at Yarrow Community School. Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm. First class is Tues. Sept. 19th Drop in is only \$15/ person or \$40 for four classes. Anna is an experienced instructor and makes it fun every night with a variety of international music.

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE Update... The bikes have very cozy blankets so it may not be too late to get out and enjoy a ride on a beautiful Fall day. If you are interested in finding out more please call Sally at 823-0257 or check out <u>www.cyclingwithoutage.org</u> and see for yourself what this international movement is about



CALLING ALL SENIORS

We are Calling All Seniors because we need YOU! We continue to be a small group. Now that Covid is in the rearview mirror, and we hope it stays there, we would be so pleased to see some new faces. While it is true that most folks who attend on Wednesday enjoy playing table games, many times during the fall, winter and spring seasons we find ourselves engaging in other activities. This past year we attended a concert at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre, visited the Mennonite Heritage Museum in Abbotsford, enjoyed Cycling Without Age rides on the Rotary trail here in Yarrow. In addition we always enjoy special occasion lunches. This past year we enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner at Rivers Restaurant and a complete Chinese dinner brought to us right at the Community Hall.

Again I say, we would be pleased to have you join us – even for a one time visit. We meet Wednesdays in the Seniors room at the Community Hall at noon. The Seniors Room was established many years ago by a dynamic group of Yarrow Seniors who raised funds to do so. For the past year current members decided that they would like to bring their own lunch and 'meet to visit and eat' at 12 noon. Otherwise we start playing games soon after 12:30 PM.

The days that we're currently experiencing are challenging in so many ways. The news often seems dreary. It is just plain difficult getting out and meeting new people and making new acquaintances. We start losing family members and friends. In other words, we really do need one another. Yes, we need you. Please consider joining us. Come as you are but do come. **Questions? Call Bev at 604-823-7232**

"Fall has always been my favorite season.
The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."
~Lauren DeStefano, Wither





A Christ Centred Community

Join us at 10am on Sundays for our Worship Service. Kids Sunday School and discussion/coffee time in the basement follows.

This Fall:

LOCALS (Youth grade 6-12) Every other Wednesday beginning on Sept 20 at 6:30

Yarrow Kids Club (grade 2-6) Every other Wednesday beginning on Sept 27 until Dec 6 at 6:30-8

Check out our website, call or email the office for more information.

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Yarrow Canadian Reformed Church

We would love for you to join us! Worship services are every Sunday at 10:00am and 2:00pm

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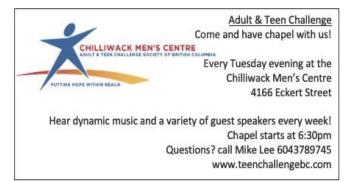
YARROW ALLIANCE

Join us in person each Sunday at 10AM or online through Facebook or Youtube!

> 42479 Yarrow Central Rd. Chilliwack, BC, V2R 5C8

For details about upcoming events, please check out our Facebook, Instagram, and website yarrowalliance.org

> Questions? Contact the office: 42228 Yarrow Central Rd. Phone: 604-796-2101 e-mail: info@yarrowalliance.org



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"Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways so that we may walk in His paths.' Micah 4:2 Pastor: Darnell Barkman Welcome Yarrow Water Users; as another hot, dry summer nears an end, we're hopeful for a moist fall to wet the dry fields & replenish our aquifers. The summer once again had the Provin-

cial Government concerned about the severe drought conditions, elevating the South Coast Region to Drought Level 5 on August 31. This had Chilliwack respond with Stage 4 water restrictions & Abbotsford with Stage 3 water re-

strictions. Stage 3 allows hand watering of lawns while Stage 4 prohibits any lawn watering. YWD follows Chilliwack's lead with water restrictions to help conserve our precious resource although locally we have had no supply issues again this year.

Our wise investment in 2017 to build the 2 new reservoirs at our Majuba Hill site with Chilliwack's generous support and funding from all 3 levels of gov't contributing over \$1.6M has been a community blessing. We can fill the reservoirs in low demand time while maintaining a downstream creek flow to help sustain aquatic life. We've only had 4-5 phone calls about water restrictions this year but do provide information to the local FB admins. With the community support, we haven't had to use any of our resources enforcing the restrictions. If we had

water supply issues, we'd notify everyone quickly to ensure water is available for fire protection and public use. Before 1944 & the creation of YWD, the 176 properties were serviced by wells. Please remember some of these properties still have wells, a few others have installed wells since then all within YWD & their green lawns do not use YWD supplied water for irrigation.

As school has resumed (please slow down, especially late parent drivers) & with the year end in sight (WOW, another year slipping by quickly) we have started preparing for our AGM. There currently is no date set but we will be sending out a Trustee Nomination Form with the next water bill. We have 1 trustee position up for election in 2023, as Heidi Harms' term has come due. She is only the 3rd woman trustee in YWD's 79-year history & is seeking re-election.

Thanks for your support for the community water system. We hope to see everyone at our 2023 AGM later this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

Thanks, on behalf of the trustees,

John McAuley Chair Yarrow Waterworks District (YWD) 604-823-6015 <u>office@yarrowwd.ca</u>

"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile." [Indian Summer]" ~ John Howard Bryant



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Paws 4 Stories

Sardis Library: 5819 Tyson Road Wednesdays, Oct 4 - Nov 29, 3 pm - 4 pm Reading to a four-legged buddy can help build confidence and increase self-esteem. St. John Ambulance -SJA Child Certified Therapy Dogs are the perfect fit for those needing a friend to read to. Please have a book picked out to read to the dog ahead of your 15-minute appointment. Please call or drop by the Library to schedule a session.



Outdoor Music Play

Sardis Library, 5819 Tyson Rd. Tuesday, Oct 10, 4pm - 5pm Come and create music in the great outdoors. The students in Early Childhood Education at the University of the Fraser Valley have teamed up with the Sardis Library and invite you to come and explore creative and innovative instruments using recycled material. Dress warm and come prepared to experiment with sound! This program will run rain or shine. Drop in, no registration required.





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Develop valuable life and employability skills through the Youth Take Initiative program. Register today for our September or October Cohort running in Surrey, Coquitlam, Abbotsford and Chilliwack.



What is in it for you?

- Participate in virtual and in-person workshops
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- on a legacy project in support of the organization Receive valuable mentorship and support from YMCA
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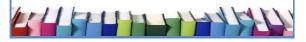


Tuesdays 8:15 to 10:15 am Multi Purpose Room Yarrow Community Schoool Bring a healthy snack to share

Henna Art

Sardis Library, 5819 Tyson Rd Friday, Oct 6, 2 pm – 4 pm Learn all about Henna/Mehndi, an ancient form of art with artist Sidrah Ahmad. Henna/Mehndi is a natural dye and can last up to two weeks. For ages 10 yrs and up. Space is limited so please phone or come into the library to register.

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YARROW COUNTRY CHRISTMAS MARKET

Yarrow Community Centre 4670 Community Street, YARROW, B.C.

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Saturday, November 25, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Want to be a vendor? Focus on handmade items Tables \$45



Information Package and vendor application available on our website yarrowcommunity.com under the "Community Events" tab

Yarrow Country Christmas Market Information Package 2023

(This link should be live in the online version of the newsletter)

Or contact Heidi at <u>yarrowcheer@gmail.com</u>



The Yarrow Trolley was built in 1981 for the Vancouver Trolley Company. Until 2021 it happily trolleyed passengers on tours around Stanley Park to Granville Island and around Vancouver. She belonged to a family of about 9 other trolleys. Her and her family of trolleys went to a charity fund raising auction where John Heetebrij from Yarrow previous owner of Ugly Trucks of Chilliwack saw her and instantly fell in love with her, he says she was by far the most stunningly beautiful of the bunch!! Purchasing her for a modest sum of money for Vancouver charity and brought her to her new home in Yarrow BC where he now

delights in sharing her for rides which brings much joy to our community!! He has been thrilled to share his found treasure with us!! You will see her all polished up and decorated with sparkling Christmas lights at the up and coming Yarrow Tree Lighting.

Would you like to help out at a brass polishing session?

Contact Mark: 1-604-835-1662 mark@reddale.ca

Article submitted by Mark Friesen

An Introduction to Brain Health

Chilliwack Library, 45860 First Ave. Thursday, Oct 12, 6 pm - 7:30pm It's never too soon or too late to make changes and to learn strategies to maintain or improve your brain health. Join a representative from the Alzheimer's Society of BC for this free, drop in workshop that will cover topics including:

- What is a healthy brain?
- Natural aging changes
- What is dementia?
- Risk reduction

Memory and brain training

Drop in, no registration required.



"Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year." ~ Chad Sugg

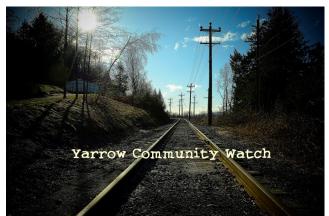
English Learner's Book Club

Chilliwack Library, 45860 First Ave

Thursdays, Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 14, 6:30-7:30pm Join us at Chilliwack Library for a casual discussion of the selected book. Books will be provided. Join anytime. Read, learn, share, have fun! For Intermediate+/CLB 5+ readers. To register, contact Caitlin Parray at esl@chilliwacklearning.com or call/text (604) 392-2404.



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Hello Yarrow!

Fall nights are coming upon us with darkness, wet streets and poor visibility. Pedestrians need to take extra precautions, making eye contact when crossing the road and drivers need to drive safely, even slow down.

There has been an early Fall run of thefts, from trucks to tools, to quads, to name a few. Thanks to members of Yarrow Community Watch on alert, having cameras and reporting to the RCMP, some stolen goods have been recovered.

Desperate thieves are more brazen than ever. So it is imperative that you remember to lock up, report all suspicious activity and post on the Facebook group, YAR-ROW COMMUNITY WATCH.

I'll repeat this, **If you want more police presence**, report any suspicious activity to RCMP non-emergency, 604-792-4611. If you see a crime in progress, call 911.

"Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits." ~ Samuel Butler

Genealogy Group

Chilliwack Library: Wednesday, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20, 10:30 am – 12 pm

Share ideas, learn new tips and tricks, solve research roadblocks, and learn the history of the area and era you are researching. Monthly meetings often include guest speakers on various topics. All are welcome. Facilitated by Marlene Dance who has led this group since 2015 and has over 50 years experience researching. Drop in, no registration required.



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Conversation Circles

Sardis Library: 5819 Tyson Rd Wednesdays, 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm Improve your English through speaking and listening about different topics each week in a safe and friendly space. Suitable for all age groups. This program is in partnership with the Chilliwack Learning Society. Drop in, no registration required.





Biggest Little Plant Sale In The Valley

Please pot up your perennials for our sale when you split them this fall. We are perennially short of peonies, rhubarb and hostas.

We'd love to partner with professional growers for sources of greenery that we can offer at decent prices to the folks who have supported this fundraiser for over 30 years. Happy to support your business too. Seems we always run out of plants before we run out of gardeners wanting them.

Sharing a peek below at what 15 scarlet runner seeds produce. The freezer is already groaning with this summer's bounty while the hummingbirds and bumblebees they attract are busily pollinating more of the gorgeous flowers. Do consider grabbing a pack of seeds at the



sale in April. They will feed your family all year. Fun fact: we call them Velcro beans because they will stick to your clothes. How kid-friendly is that? They're also tasty and nutritious. Win/ win/win

Do you have seeds from a neat plant to donate? Please save us some to share.



Harvest Supper Yarrow Community Centre 4670 Community Street Saturday October 21st 5:00-7:00 PM

Honey Garlic Chicken Drumsticks Smokey Baked Ham with Sweet & Sour Mustard Sauce Scalloped Potatoes Cole slaw Roasted Seasonal Vegetables Homemade Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream Ginger/Pear Cupcakes with caramel drizzle

Adults \$17.00 Children Under 12 \$5.00 Tots Under Five Free Come hungry! Bring a new neighbour! Hosted by The Yarrow Volunteer Society

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." ~ Jim Bishop





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There are a lot of Seniors with hearing loss, who no longer drive and may have mobility issues. These people are feeling isolated and alone.

It's hard to organize rides with families that work full time and have young families. I left clinical practice to address this need.

I am the only Hearing Practitioner, locally that specializes in in-Home hearing services. My In-home Services include :

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Hearing Health Coordinator <u>linda@nextstephearing.ca</u> 778-684-3638

Trauma Informed Book Club Chilliwack Library, 45960 First Ave.

Wednesdays, Sept 20 - Nov 22, 1 pm - 2:30 pm

A 10 week book study club based on the book "What Happened to You?" by Dr. Bruce Perry and Oprah Winfrey. This

reflective book encourages thinking beyond what is "wrong" with you to "what happened to you". This is a partnership program with Fraser Health and will be led by Chilliwack

Community Health Specialists Cristal Biela and Larissa Kow-

alski along with library staff. Registration required, for ages

19 +. Call or drop by the Chilliwack Library to sign up.

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"Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple." ~ J.K. Rowling,

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows



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Common Threads Knitting Group

Sardis Library: 5819 Tyson Rd. Sundays, Sept 10 - Dec 17, (excluding Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 12), 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Join knitters and crocheters of all ages and abilities to share ideas, techniques and good conversation.

Drop in, no registration required.





YARROW LIBRARY 4670 Community Street 604-823-4664

Family Storytime:

Wed Sept 13- Nov 29 10am – 10:30am Wed Dec 6 – Christmas Storytime and craft 10am-11am

Take N Make Crafts for Kids

On-going at the library, pick up your free Take N Make kit to take home.

Parent Child Mother Goose

Parent Child Mother Goose Thursday mornings is full but there is a waitlist. Coralee Tucker 604-824-8760 ext 3231 ctucker@fvcd.org

Crafternoons:

Come to the library to craft, a drop in craft program suitable for ages 5+ or parental assistance Thurs Sept 14 3:30-5 – Suncatcher craft Thurs Oct 12 3:30-5 – Fall craft Thurs Nov 9 3:30-5 – Remembrance craft

PAWS for Stories:

Reading to a four-legged buddy can help build confidence and increase self-esteem. St. John Ambulance - SJA Child Certified Therapy Dogs are the perfect fit for those needing a friend to read to. Tues Sept 26 15 min sessions 3-4pm Tues Nov 28 15 min sessions 3-4pm Call the library to register for your 15 min session

Yarrow StoryWalk™



Month	Book Title
Oct	I Love Fall
Nov	Every Autumn Comes The Bear
Dec	Mouse's Night Before Christmas

Take a pic and tag us on social media with @FVRLYarrowLib & @ReadLearnPlay



Find your next great read or entertainment experience! The Reading Room at FVRL is a virtual place to discover new books and other library materials to enjoy. www.fvrl.ca

Yarrow Library Book Club

Come enjoy tea or coffee and snacks and some book club discussions facilitated by library staff. 3rd Thursday of every month from 6:30-7:30 Sept 21st - Discussing *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, copies available at the library. Sept 21st take home title TBD Oct 19 - title TBD Nov 16 - title TBD

Customer Appreciation Day

We appreciate our customers! Come enjoy tea or coffee and a treat on us. October 26th – 1pm-8pm

RADON AND THERMAL LEAK Detectors



- Through lending Radon Detectors, we hope to assist customers with discovering the health effects of radon. We encourage customers to test their personal radon exposure levels and gain confidence in making informed personal health choices.
- Through Thermal Leak Detector lending, we hope to assist our customers with the ability to test their homes for thermal loss.

Library Hours

Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Wednesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Thursday: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm Friday: Closed Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Sunday-closed



A Taste of Ukraine

Chilliwack Library, 45860 First Ave Saturday, Oct 14, 2 pm – 3:30 pm Celebrate Culture Days at the Chilliwack library with a Taste of the Ukraine. Sherry Kassian, owner of, Sherry's Carpathian Kitchen will share samples of a few of her favourite dishes while explaining their cultural significance. **Please note: dietary restrictions cannot be accommodated. Registration required, for ages 19+, please call or drop by the library to sign up.**





Calls will be returned within 48 hours. Celebrate life's milestones, big or small

Accepting bookings for 2024 and 2025 Limited dates still available in 2023

Calendars for each room under the Rentals tab to check availability www.yarrowcommunity.com

A Good News Story

I got a call last month here at the palatial office of the newsletter from Wendy Newmann, a senior from Vancouver Island, who summers at Cultus Lake. Her friend Barb (Langeman) Shepherd had been visiting from Bellingham and Wendy took her to the Friday Market here in Yarrow. Both had rave reviews of the market, by the way. The next day Barb received a phone call from our own Lynn Pope of Yarrow Pizza to tell her that her wallet had been found at Pioneer Park. Both ladies were in awe when they attended to pick up the wallet. Every penny was still intact. Wendy wanted the townsfolk to know how appreciated we all are. So now you all know. Yarrow has two new fans.

Drumming with Rhonda Bruce Sardis Library, 5819 Tyson Rd. Saturday, September 23, 11 am – 12 pm

Join certified drum facilitator Rhonda Bruce for this fun and interactive program. African, Cuban and frame drums provided. Suitable for all abilities. For ages 6+, registration required. Stop by or call the library to sign up.



The Yarrow Ratepayers and more lately, the Volunteer Society has published this newsletter for over 50 years. News on Facebook scrolls and disappears. We think it's important to continue producing the newsletter in hard copy as well as digitally. Please contact the newsletter if you have news, events, thoughts to share with our townsfolk. If you would like to assist with its content, a roving reporter or two would be neat.

Copies are available at Yarrow General Store as well as at the library for those who don't have it delivered by mail.

Newsletter Contact: Carol 604-823-6324 carolb02@telus.net

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