

The Yarrow Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Yarrow Days! June 1 & 2
Repair Café Sept 21

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Yarrow Days 2024 Theme: The Great Outdoors

Friday May 31st at Pioneer Park 4390 Kehler St @ Yarrow Central Rd

5:00 pm to dusk Yarrow Farm Market

*** New*** Early Bird sales of Yarrow Days apparel & memorabilia

Friday May 31st Yarrow Community Centre 4670 Community St.

6:00 pm Fun Run 2k walk and 5k run routes. Run starts at 6:15 am

Saturday June First Yarrow United Mennonite Church 4336 Eckert Road

8:00 am to 12:30 pm Show And Shine

10:00 am Parade leaves Yarrow Community School Road closure in effect

Saturday June First at Yarrow Pioneer Park 4390 Kehler St MC: Grant Sigaty

11:00 am Opening Ceremonies / O Canada Adrienne Reitsma

Dignitary Welcome Yarrow Volunteer Society Bursary

11:30 am - Drumline

12:00 pm - Little Kings Olive Tree

1:00 pm - Bhangra Dancers

1:45 pm - Kenzie Jade

2:30 pm - The Maybelles

Craft Booths, Kids' games, BBQ, Imagination Station, Climbing Wall, Obstacle course
Parking at Canadian Reformed Church all day Saturday. Thank you CRC!

After Parade

Fire Hall Open House 42385 Yarrow Central Rd Until 2:30 pm

Boat Show 42420 Yarrow Central Rd until 4pm

Hazelnut Inn Grand Opening 42402 Yarrow Central Road

Saturday June 1 Under Tents at Yarrow Community Centre

5:00 pm "doors" open

5:30 pm Bar opens

6:00 pm Chicken bbq catered by Simply Savory

7:00 pm Family Friendly Dance with Full Tilt tickets at Eventbrite

Sunday June 2 Under Tents at Yarrow Community Centre

9:00 am to noon Yarrow Days Brunch

Sunday June 2 at Yarrow Pioneer Park

11:30 am Community Church Service. Rain or shine. Everyone is welcome.



We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia.

YARROW COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Facility Rentals are back in full swing, if you're interested in booking a birthday or family party or want to find out more about any of our programs call 604-823-0257.

There is a real need for licensed **Child Care** programs in our community with all the new young families moving to town. We are fully enrolled but if you are looking for future care please call Sally at 823-0257 to arrange picking up a registration package and getting on our wait list.

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE – YARROW/CHILLIWACK

By the time you are reading this we will have kicked off our 6th season with a Spring Launch at Peach Road on May 12th. We are introducing everyone to this great program, if you don't already know about us...Our Cycling Without Age program is a FREE cycling service that helps isolated seniors, or others with mobility issues get out of their homes and into the great outdoors. The bikes are equipped with very cozy, weather-proof lap blankets, so we are ready to go even on some of these chilly days. To find out more about our program, maybe book a ride, or if you are interested in volunteering please check out our FB page at Cycling Without Age-Yarrow or email us at cwayarrow@gmail.com or call Sally at 604-823-0257.

FAMILY KITE MAKING FUN! Hot Dog Bbq too – FREE! But you must be pre-registered. Saturday, June 22nd 11-1pm We will make, decorate and fly our kites on the back field if the weather cooperates.

REPAIR CAFÉ- Those who joined us for our second Repair Café would have encountered some dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer fixers trying to help some of our community breakers keep their broken things out of the landfill. Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who gave so generously of their time, skills and tools from home. Mark Saturday, Sept. 21st on your calendar and start to set aside your broken things.

ZUMBA will be back in the Fall, Tuesday evenings 6:30. Anna is interested in offering another class that may be more suitable for beginners or seniors wanting to get some exercise working out to a little tamer music playlist. Watch on FB for more info as the program comes together.

...**Beginner Sewing for adults anyone?**



SPRING HIGHLIGHTS. When was the last time you got to sit down and have a fun and intelligent exchange with a Grade 2 student? Thankyou Yarrow Community School for inviting us to come and have lunch with your students. What a delight! And did you know that students today still carry lunch pails? My young fellow called his a "Planet Pail" and it featured all kinds of picturesque intergalactic phenomena! Plus, his planet pail had the neatest compartments for his space lunch! What a wonderful time we had. AND NOW we are looking forward to two more such gatherings in May! Wow!

MORE THANK YOUS. Life in Yarrow is enriched so much for all its residents by the various Yarrow events and happenings. How many communities still have community suppers? Thankyou Yarrow Ratepayers, Volunteer Society and Community School. Best suppers ever! Plant sales. Repair Cafés. Not to mention all the meetings that occur in the Community Hall to keep us apprised of community operations and directions. Oh yes, and a great bulletin board! So helpful.

WE STILL NEED "YOU" AT YARROW SENIORS. Bring your own bag lunch and join us at 12 noon every Wednesday in the Community Hall. We enjoy lunch together then we launch into various games around 12:30 PM. And now we have a new and dedicated table for making jigsaw puzzles! Do come and join us. We have been enriched by each and every newcomer. Questions? Call Bev at 604-823-7232.





A Christ Centred Community

We meet on Sundays at 10am for our Worship Service.
Discussion/coffee time in the basement follows.
Everyone is welcome.

Summer Kids Club for kids going into grade 2 – grade 6 is July 8-12. Come for games, skits, crafts, bible stories, outdoor adventures, and more. Check our website for registration details coming soon.

Please go to our website yarrowmb.org or call the office for more details on what's happening throughout the week and for future events.

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Yarrow Canadian Reformed Church

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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

Yarrow Days Memorabilia

Available at the Friday Market May 31st
and at the Yarrow Days Information Booth June first



Adult Ringer Tees \$30



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Sally Lum imagined the idea last year and made this April's Repair Cafe at Yarrow Community School even more successful than the first. Folks brought broken lawn mowers, garden hoses, appliances, bikes and jackets. She rallied a talented crew of fixers here in town as well as from Sardis and Greendale to give new life to the broken, new edges to dull knives and new shine to old shoes.

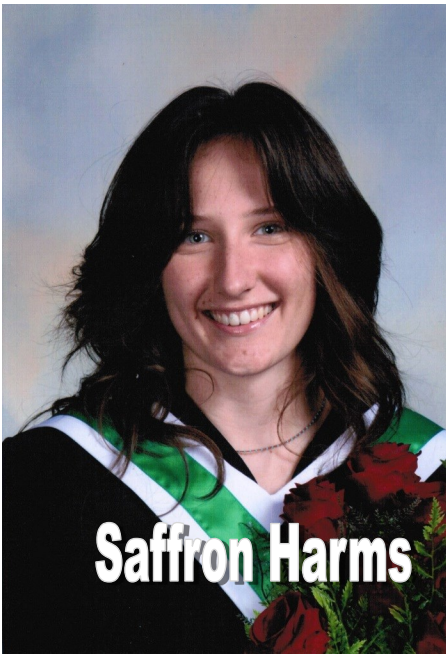
It was a simply amazing day brim full of community spirit. More than 45 items were rejuvenated and handed back to their delighted owners.

Due to popular demand, another Repair Cafe is scheduled for September 21st. Want to be a fixer? Want your treasured item on the list (so the fixers know what tools to bring)?

Contact Sally 604-823-0257



Yarrow Volunteer Society Bursary



Saffron Harms

Most years we give a bursary to a deserving high school graduate who is a Yarrow resident and who has made an outstanding effort to volunteer in the community. Particular credit is given for those who have assisted with our functions. The bursary is intended for use by the student to further their education.

This year we have chosen Saffron Harms to receive the bursary. She has been mixing pancakes, peeling carrots, setting tables and washing dishes at our various events throughout her high school years.

Saffron says the hours spent volunteering have given her a heightened sense of community and made Yarrow feel even more like home. She has gotten to know people she would not ordinarily have met and has built relationships she would not have made any other way.

We are thrilled this year to be able to honour Saffron who fulfilled the bursary requirements to a tee.

**“Earth and sky, woods and fields,
lakes and rivers, the mountain and
the sea, are excellent schoolmasters,
and teach of us more than we can ever
learn from books.” ~John Lubbock**

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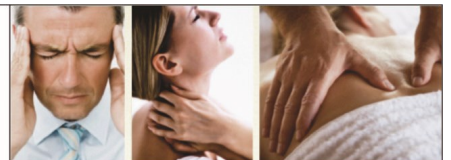
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Fire Hall Open House

The Yarrow Fire Fighters will be having their annual open house on June 1st at the Fire Hall.

Come down after the Yarrow Days parade to see your local fire hall and meet your friendly neighborhood firefighters!



Yarrow Days Brunch

Sunday June First
9:00 am—12:00 pm

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Dear Yarrow Community,

It's that time of year again – Yarrow Days is just around the corner! As we gear up for this exciting event, I wanted to send out a friendly reminder to mark your calendars and get ready to celebrate our community spirit. This year's theme is "the Great Outdoors" and we have lots of fun planned!

Yarrow Days is not just a festival; it's a celebration of who we are as a community. It's a time to come together, reconnect with neighbors, and enjoy everything that makes our little town special. Our volunteer committee has worked hard to incorporate the new ideas and suggestions that members bring, and still keep the mainstays that everyone has grown to love about the day, a great parade, mix of lively performances, delicious food and fun activities for all ages. We know it is hard to please everyone, and if your ideas shared on social media didn't make the cut, please consider coming to our meetings in person. We are always eager for more volunteers.

We work hard to ensure that Yarrow Days has something for everyone. We also know that the success of our little event is because of the many, many contributions from the volunteers and supporters who have helped over the years. Even as we try out new ideas, we

never forget to honour all of the great folks who have helped us get to where we are today.

So, let's make this year's Yarrow Days the best one yet! We still have some dinner and dance tickets available for purchase. Bring the whole family as kids are welcome! We have a great local Yarrow caterer Simply Savory with ice cream dessert provided by Mighty Moose, and we are returning back to the Community Centre, this time outdoors where Full Tilt will be rocking the dance floor under the big tents. Remember all of the money raised goes right back into the Volunteer society to support the hall, and all of the other great events put on throughout the year. You can find the tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/yarrow-days-dine-dance-2024-tickets-853351496297>

See you at Yarrow Days!
Sheila Lum, Yarrow Days Chair





Pancake Breakfast

Where: Yarrow Canadian Reformed Church 42285
Yarrow Central Rd, Chilliwack, BC V2R 5E3

When: June 1st, 8:00am-10:00am

What: All welcome to a free pancake breakfast held at the Yarrow Canadian Reformed Church! Breakfast served from 8am-10am and there is free parking all day Saturday behind the church (located directly across from the park). There will also be a donation bin and collection for non-perishable food items for Salvation Army.



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Thanks are due to the good neighbours who stepped up to donate. Scads of dahlias were donated by Rick and Susan Fast, hostas and giant allium from Hilda and Wes Bergen, seed potatoes from Debbie Garcia, Lynda Bakker brought the cactus orchids, Brenda Denholander donated a whole carload of neat stuff including the trees, Corie Robinson brought enough rhubarb for everyone in town to make a platz. These are just the names I know. So many more neighbours dropped off raspberries, strawberries, herbs, bedding plants and greenery.

We had so much more variety than we have ever had before.

And thank you to the mob that attended to clean out the tables in record time. This is our fastest event. One has to expect that everyone is itching to race home and get their new babies in the ground. First time ever we had raspberries and rhubarb left over. If you need some, drop by Sharon Olson's place at the west end of Central near #3. Sharon has been a major contributor to this sale along with Jan MacDermott and the tai chi crew since its early days in the 1990's. There are a lot of sheroes involved in this oh-so-grassroots community event. Brian set up all the tables and Andy Lum lugged plants so there were heroes too. Thank you one and all!



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There's no BBQ competition or teams - just fun for all ages with food fresh off the grill. Bellies will be full! Entry by donation.



THE FARM STORE

10 Year Anniversary Celebration!

Saturday June 22, 10am - 4pm at The Farm Store

Celebrating
10 Years of
Customer
Service

Thank you for 10 amazing years of supporting local farmers and foodies at The Farm Store in Yarrow. We are honoured to serve our community and visitors alike. Join us for samples, sales, and treats at our open house.

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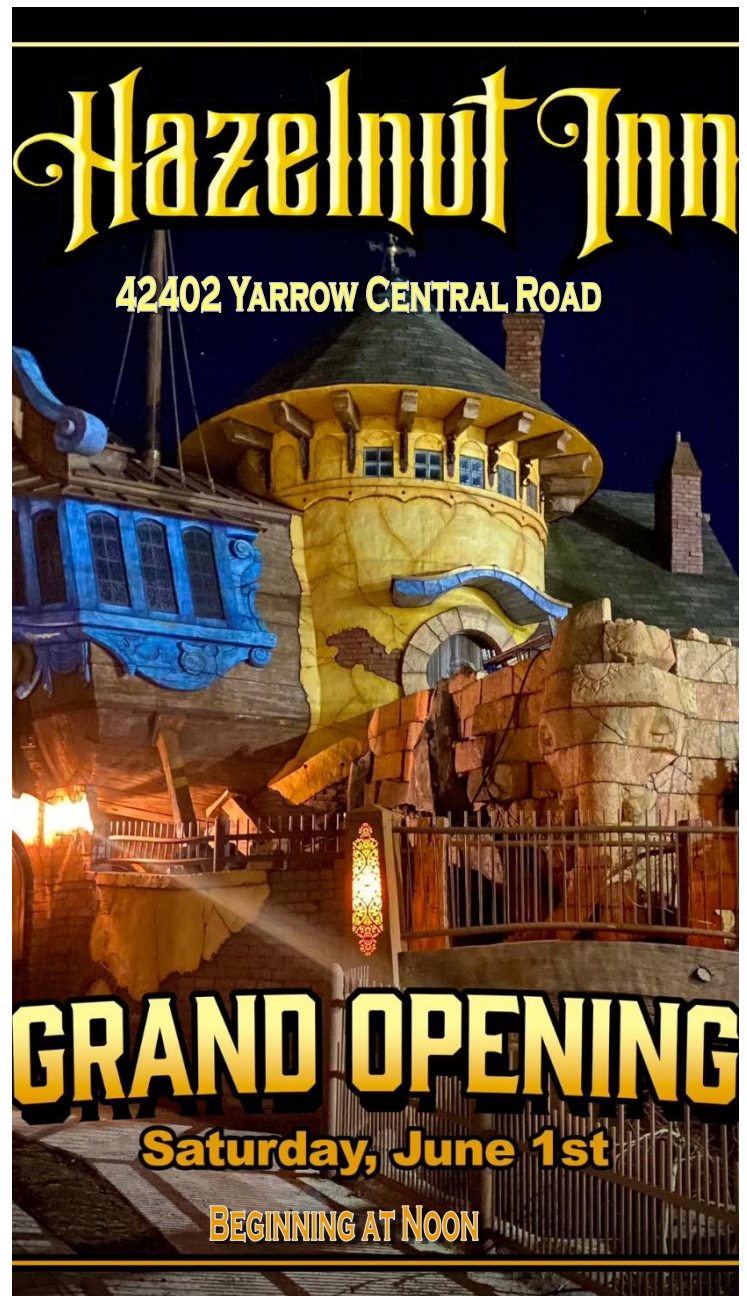
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Yarrow Waterworks Report



Welcome Yarrow Water Users as we are celebrating our 80th anniversary this year. We were incorporated by Letters Patent by the Provincial Government on March 23, 1944. 80 years of own community water system, quite impressive in today's world.

As weather predictions are forecasting another hot, dry summer, we need to remind ourselves about water conservation. With reports of a 63% normal South Coast snowpack & 66 % province wide, the Provincial Government is raising awareness about possible severe drought conditions again for 2024. Both Chilliwack, Abbotsford & most of the communities province wide have started water restrictions on May 1, one month ahead of their regular

June 1 date. Current Stage 1 water restrictions limit lawn & garden watering to 2 days / week depending on house address, from either 5-8 am or 7-10 pm. Even addresses Wednesday & Saturday and odd addresses Thursday & Sunday. All other water use must have a spring-loaded shutoff nozzle on your hose. YWD follows Chilliwack's lead with water restrictions to help conserve our precious resource although locally we have had no current supply issues. With the community support, we don't have to use much 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 may not use YWD supplied water for irrigation.

We hope to see everyone at our 80th AGM on Thursday, May 16, 7:pm at the Community Centre.

Thanks for your support for the community water system. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

On behalf of the trustees,

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



Yarrow Days Show N Shine

Yarrow United Mennonite Church
4336 Eckert St

We will be right around the corner from the festivities in the park!



Want to participate?
 All rides welcome Participation by donation (\$5 min.)
 Money raised goes right back into our community
 for future Yarrow Days!
Setup 8 AM. No early-birds please!
 We need time to appropriately set up beforehand. Thanks!
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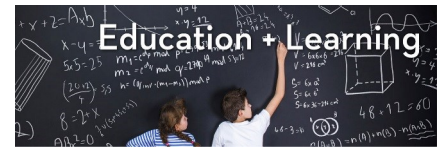


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Street
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Heat and Wildlife Smoke Safety Presentation:

Thurs May 23 6:30-7:30pm

Join us for an informative presentation with Fraser Health on Heat and Wildfire Smoke and how these can affect your health and how to stay safe during these conditions. Fraser Health will also share helpful resources available to you and your family. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect and take proactive steps toward a healthier tomorrow.



Storytime at the Library

Ages 2-5 Every Wed morning
from 10am-10:30am

Storytime prepares children to read through fun interactive stories, songs and rhymes. Last Storytime is June 26th and we will then take a break for summer. See you again in the Fall!



Crafternoons

Come to the library to craft, a drop in craft program suitable for ages 5+ or parental assistance.

Thurs May 9 4-5pm Mother's Day Gift
 Thurs June 13 4-5pm Father Day's Gift



LEGO Club at the Library

Love LEGO? We provide the LEGO, you bring your imagination! Come play, experiment and create. LEGO Club is a fun afternoon program for all.

Thurs May 16 4-5pm
 Thurs June 20 4-5pm



StoryWalk Schedule

(title switch weather dependant)

May "5 Busy Beavers"

July "The Little Green Hen"

Sept "I Like Myself!"

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



Yarrow Days:

Stop in at the FVRL Yarrow Library table on June 1st. There will be a spinning wheel of prizes for kids, prize baskets, candy count and more!



BC Summer Reading Club:

"World of Curiosities" is the theme for 2024! Watch for more information coming soon on our website @ www.fvrl.bc.ca

Also, may I add two things for the Summer Club Events I forgot?



Owls Orphaned Wildlife Rehab Society Tuesday, July 16th
 11am-12pm

Norden the Magician Tuesday, August 13th 10-11am
 *more details to follow

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 Thursdays, 1 – 8 pm
 Saturdays, 10 – 2 pm

The Great Outdoors:

"Nature doesn't need people...people need nature"



FRIDAY NIGHT 5 PM- DUSK YARROW PIONEER PARK

- live music
- food trucks
- local vendors

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Yarrow Fun Run!

Friday May 31st 6 pm
Meet to register at Yarrow Community Centre
4670 Community Street

Run or Walk the scenic routes in the
Great Outdoors of beautiful Yarrow

Run Begins at 6:15 pm
2 km or 5 km routes
Ends at Elizabeth and Kehler St
All Welcome Entry by donation

* Drinks * Snacks * Prizes *

Hosted by Yarrow Fitness



Tee shirt design by Tom Froese.
First 100 registrants receive a shirt.
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Thank You!
Fun Run & Friday Market
Co-ordinators & Dance helpers
Leeanne Letham & Lyndsay Edward