

The Yarrow Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Yarrow Days June 6/7/8

BBBBBQ July 19

Fall Supper Oct 18th

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Yarrow Days 2025

Theme: The Good Old Days

Friday June 6th at Pioneer Park 4390 Kehler St @ Yarrow Central Rd

5:00 pm to dusk Yarrow Farm Market *Early Bird sales of Yarrow Days apparel & memorabilia*

Friday June 6th Yarrow Community Centre 4670 Community St.

6:00 pm Fun Run 2k walk and 5k run routes. Run starts at 6:15pm Ends at north end of Kehler St.

Saturday June 7th Yarrow United Mennonite Church 4336 Eckert Road

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

Saturday June 7th Canadian Reformed Church 42285 Yarrow Central Road

8:00 am to 10:00 am Free pancake breakfast.

Donations gratefully accepted for Chilliwack food bank

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

Saturday June 7th at Yarrow Pioneer Park 4390 Kehler St MC: Grant Sigaty

11:00 Opening Ceremony O Canada – Ryan & Olivia Keeping

Dignitary welcome by Mayor Ken Popove & MLA Aa:lya Warbus

Yarrow Volunteer Society Bursary awarded to Kianna Hills by Cathy Giles

11:30 Sardis Drum Line

11:45 Little Kings Olive Tree – Ryan & Olivia Keeping – local musicians

12:15 Gary Savard Magician

1:00 Terry Sidhu Bhangra Dancers

1:30 Maybelles

2:00 Nelly and Dionne – local musicians

Craft Booths, Kids' games, BBQ concession, Imagination Station, picnic games, food trucks

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

Hazelnut Inn Open House 42402 Yarrow Central Road Until 4pm

Saturday June 7th Yarrow Days Dance at Yarrow Community Centre 6-11pm

Tickets at Eventbrite 19+ Late evening picnic lunch

Everyone is welcome to visit the Food Trucks on site from 4-8pm

Sunday June 8th Yarrow Community Centre

9:00-11am Yarrow Days Brunch brought to you by the churches of Yarrow

Sunday June 8th at Yarrow Pioneer Park

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

Open house at Holland Imports 41844 No. 3 Rd. 10 am to 5 pm



Repair Café – Once again thank you to everyone who joined us for our fourth Repair Café, especially the volunteer fixers who gave so generously of their time. It was a good day, with lots of successful fixes and a couple that stumped our team. This is such a good community building effort and we plan to keep going with it as long as people have broken stuff!

Crafts with Cleo and Her Friend Jess – Only a few more Mondays left to join us for this Tots and Their Grown Up free drop in fun! Please call Sally to get a spot as space is limited and you must be pre-registered

Sporty Kidz Camps – ‘Learn to Play’ July 7 – 11 th Co-Ed camp for kids 6 – 9yrs. Explore the fun of a variety of sports. ½ day camps - \$150 and full day (2 different sessions) - \$250. Registration forms available on the website and Yarrow Community School FB

Sporty Kidz Camps – ‘Learn to Train’ July 7 – 11 th . Sport specific separate camps for boys and girls age 10 – 14 yrs. Morning sessions 8:30 -11:30 – Flag Football and Volleyball. Forms available on the school website and Yarrow Community School FB
Afternoon sessions – 12:30 – 3:30 pm Basketball for girls and boys.

Try Tennis – Registering for September. – Beginner Tennis Skills Program. 8 weeks in September, Wed. Sept. 24 th – Nov. 12 th . \$175. Tennis Canada Certified Coach.

Free. Family Kite Making Day and Hotdog BBQ – Friday, June 6 th 5:00 – 7:00pm. Must be pre-registered so watch for the forms at school and on the school website so you don’t miss out, as space is limited.

Cycling Without Age – For those of you who haven’t heard of us yet, our Cycling Without Age program is a FREE cycling service that helps isolated seniors, or others with mobility challenges get out of their homes and into the great outdoors. We are ready to enjoy some of this nice spring weather and get out on the trails along the Vedder river or we can bring the bikes to your neighbourhood. Please call Sally at 823-0257 to find out more or email us at cwayarrow@gmail.com


Valuable time can be lost viewing worthless “stuff” on YouTube. Last evening, however, a “Short” caught my attention and it’s been difficult to turn it off! A lady senior of 92 years of age was convinced to leave her home in Florida and move to live with her son in Arizona, just to avoid having to go into a Nursing Home one day! It did not work out! What a mistake! Neither of them adjusted to their new way of living in Arizona. Sadly, this lady who didn’t have a senile bone in her body, shot and killed her son. Eventually she was ruled unfit to stand trial and she died in the early 2020s.

My own Mom lived with me for several months. She was never totally happy so we helped her return to her home in Alberta for a while. She came back to live with me once again here in Yarrow when her need for care became obvious.

Eventually she did end up in a regular Fraser Health Care Home. Care Homes are never perfect BUT she received wonderful care for 2 ½ years. It was so much better than her being miserable somewhere else! Let’s thank God for the care homes that we do have. Mostly they are staffed by personnel who love their jobs. Mostly the care is more, much more, than just adequate. We are so blessed to have such places of refuge, both for residents who live there and for their loved ones at home.

Yarrow Seniors is a place that will welcome you beyond measure if you dare to come! Come! Enjoy yourself.

BTW, attending “Seniors” on a Wednesday was not my Mom’s cup o’ tea! So if it’s not your’s either, that’s ok. It does happen to be a fine cup o’ tea for me! And I love it. Come join us at the Community Hall any Wednesday. Bring your own lunch at 12 noon or if you prefer, come at 12:30/12:45 and we’ll play some games. Questions? Call Bev 604-823-7232.



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Questions? Contact the office:
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A Christ Centred Community

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

Summer Events

LOCALS leadership training – June 29-July 3
Summer Kids Club – July 7-11 from 9-1pm
Check out the website for more information and to register.

Outside Service and Picnic at Yarrow Community Hall –
Aug 17 at 10am

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

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Yarrow Days Dance 2025

19+

Saturday June 7th

Yarrow Community Centre

6pm Doors Open

Food Trucks on site 5pm

(tickets not required to visit the food trucks)

7pm—11pm Dance with Retrobot

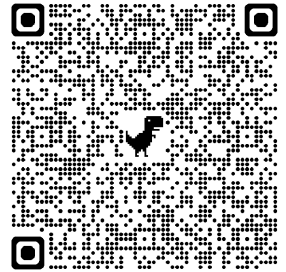
late night picnic lunch

Tickets \$33.28

at Eventbrite

Door tickets

(if available) \$35



Why stress out over meal planning
June 7th? Everyone is welcome
to visit the food trucks at the
community centre 5-8 pm





We have a full roster of local artists lined up to entertain on the stage during Yarrow Days celebrations on Saturday June 7th.
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MMMM...Pancakes!



Where: Yarrow Canadian Reformed Church
42285 Yarrow Central Rd

When: June 7th, 8:00am-10:00am

What: Free pancake breakfast at the Yarrow Canadian Reformed Church! All welcome!

Free parking all day Saturday behind the church (located directly across from the park).

There will also be a donation bin and collection of non-perishable food items for Salvation Army.

**"Memory is the diary that
we all carry about with us."**

~Oscar Wilde

Support Local yarrow farm market

2025 Market Dates

Friday nights

5pm-dusk

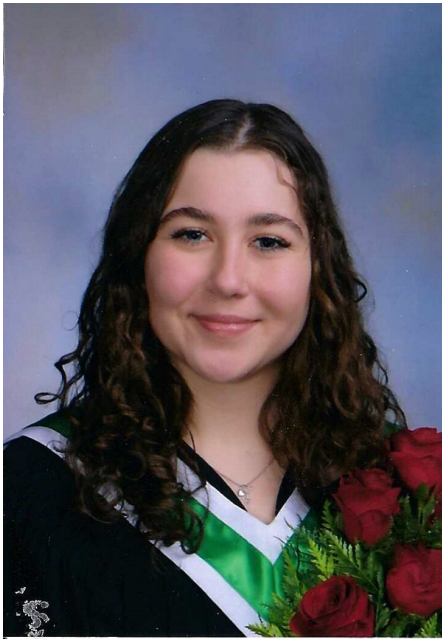
May 23- August 29

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Friday June 6th 6 pm
Meet to register at Yarrow Community Centre
4670 Community Street
Run or Walk the scenic routes in 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
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Yarrow Volunteer Society Bursary

Most years we give a bursary to a deserving graduating student who resides in Yarrow and who has made an effort to volunteer at our events. The bursary is intended for use by the student to further their education.

This year we have chosen Kianna Hills to receive the bursary. She faithfully volunteers every year at Yarrow Days, specifically to help with the children's games. She loves the enthusiasm and exuberance that children demonstrate and hopes to eventually work in a career that helps children continue to be successful.

Kianna says she appreciates the opportunities she had in high school that allowed her to delve into some interesting electives. She is looking forward to further studies in a variety of areas.

Congratulations, Kianna. We look forward to hearing of many more successes in your future.

Article written by Catherine Giles

**"We didn't realize we were making memories,
we just knew we were having fun." ~ Winnie the Pooh**



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Any donations of interesting bits & pieces (corks, bottle caps, fabric flowers, fabric, stuffing, socks, pipe cleaners, pom poms, googly eyes, buttons, wood scraps, etc.) welcomed as well as endless needs for skinny hot glue sticks and duct tape!

I want to turn the clock back to when people lived
in small villages and took care of each other.

~Pete Seeger

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Host an OCPizza Party. Order pizza from your favourite local

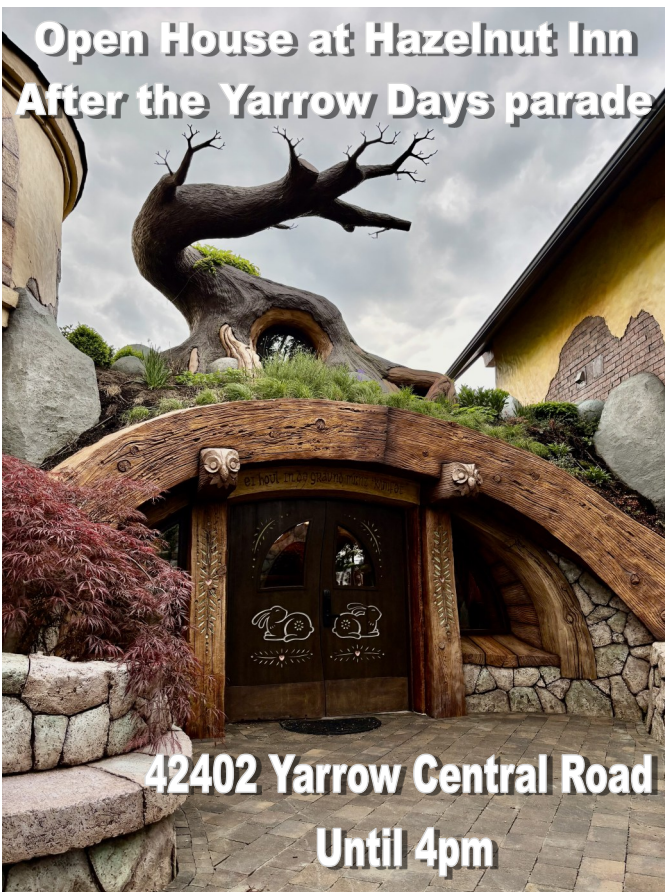
shop and dive into discussions with friends, family, or co-workers using our self-guided discussion workbook. Follow host instructions to be eligible to be reimbursed for food, up to \$30.

Take the online questionnaire. Share your feedback by June 1.

<https://www.engagechilliwack.com/chwk2050>

**“The greatest legacy we can leave
our children is happy memories.”**
~ Og Mandino

Open House at Hazelnut Inn After the Yarrow Days parade



**42402 Yarrow Central Road
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The Under Hill suite will be open for viewing after the parade and until 4pm on Saturday June 7th. Please join us to get an early glimpse inside the inn's second fantasy-themed chamber.

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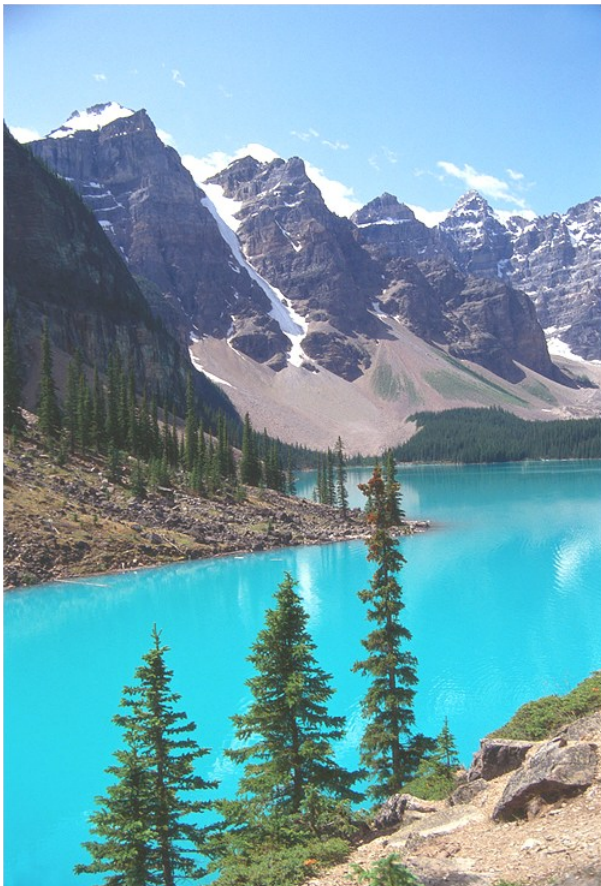
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Special Thank You! To Jenna Gardner who designed our 2025 tee shirt logo and to Natalie Jones who organized the swag order

**"The only thing you can never have too much of is
memories; so make a lot of them along the way." ~ Unknown**



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So what's this Yarrow Days everybody's talking about?

In the 1950's and 60's a local group of young mothers gathered at each other's homes to play cards and socialize. By the 1970's they were calling themselves the Tennesettes as there were 10 in the group. They felt that a non-denominational gathering place was needed here in Yarrow and began fundraising efforts toward the goal of building a community centre. Minutes from a mid 60's meeting shows their bank balance at \$1.92. They were truly starting from scratch!

Rummage sales were held as well as auctions, strawberry suppers and a talent show at the school.

In 1970 they received blessing at a Yarrow Waterworks board meeting to incorporate a BC society named the Yarrow Ratepayer's Association (by then including men on the board of directors) to continue efforts toward building the gathering place. At that time the Waterworks board was the de facto town council.

Yarrow Days was conceived that year as a celebration of small town living to be enjoyed by the

entire village. The early name was "Yarrow Days Festival" according to a Chilliwack Progress issue in 1972.

Yarrow Days this year will mirror the very first ones with a parade, bbq lunch in Pioneer Park, vendor walk, kids' games + live entertainment on the stage Saturday and a shared church service on Sunday. It's a great template that has stood the test of time.

The Saturday night dance would have been added to the roster once the original community centre was built in 1980.

A new BC non-profit called the Yarrow Volunteer Society was spun off to stage Yarrow Days and its other cultural events when we sought charitable status for the Ratepayers in order to receipt donations to build the current community centre. Small town festivals like ours have become increasingly rare. A lot of red tape, planning and love goes into keeping ours alive. Please join your neighbours that weekend in celebrating how lucky we are to live in such a magical place.

Our booths were built with the help of the Fire Brigade until 1992. It took a week each time



A balloon release was a feature for several years as was the wet tee shirt contest (for men)



**1990. Premdoor's (Now Masonite) China Top Truck
Our Stage for many years**



2010. The stage located where the skate park is now



"Memories are made in moments that cannot be bought, only experienced." ~ Phoebe Hoss

Yarrow Days Personnel

MAY 2025



Yarrow Days Show & Shine



**Viocoria Kuit
Concession Co-ordinator**



**Thank you
Heidi Harms
Vendor Walk Organizer**



**Thank you!
Amanda & Brandon Kran**



**Cathy Giles
Bursary Committee**

**Mandy Penner
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Parade Marshal**



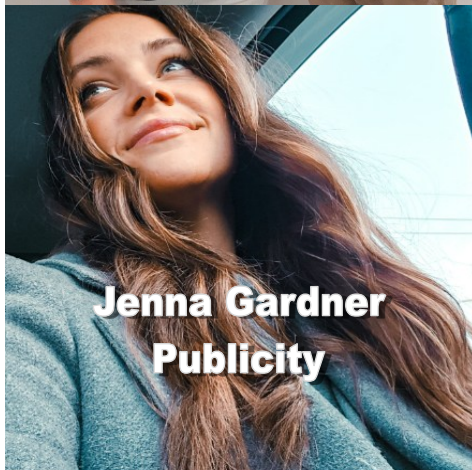
**Leeanne Letham &
Lyndsay Edward
Fun Run**



**Sheila Lum
got the whole
ball rolling**



**Nick Penner
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**Jenna Gardner
Publicity**



**Sally Lum
Kid's Games
Co Ordinator**

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Yarrow Days Show N Shine

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Now open on Saturdays of
 Long Weekends!

****All FVRL Libraries will be closed Wednesday May 28th for Staff Development Day.**

*****Yarrow Library is open on Yarrow Days June 7th.**

Storytimes:

Ages 2-6. Wednesdays
 10-10:30am May 7, 14, 21 & June 4th.

*All Libraries will be closed May 28th.

June 4th is a special 1 hour Storytime to end the Spring session. Storytime resumes on September 10th. It will be a 30 minute Storytime followed by a craft & treats!

Kids Scavenger Hunts:

May 13-31 is a Dinosaur Hunt and June 3-19 is Ocean Creatures!

Stuffie Guessing Jar: Ages 2-6

Guess who's hiding in the jar and you could win a book! **May 6-17th**

LEGO Guessing Jar: Ages 7-12

Can you guess how many pieces of LEGO and you could win a mini pizza! **May 6-17th**

BC Cancer Presentation: Adults

Thursday June 26th 6-7:30pm

This community engagement program provides resources about prevention and the 4 adult cancer screening programs (breast, cervix, lung, and colon).

You can book screening appointments after the presentation.



Adults and Teens Spring Bingo:

Pick up a Bingo Card and complete it in the months of April & May for a chance to win a prize!

Ends May 31st.



Yarrow Days at the Park & Parade:

June 7th 10am-4pm

Come see Miss Jacqueline in the Yarrow Days Parade and she may have a special treat for you!

After the parade, Yarrow Library will also have a booth in the park with prizes & contests!

Summer Reading Club [SRC] & Performers:

All Ages

SRC officially launches on Tuesday June 24th. This year's theme is: "Colour Your Summer". More details to follow at the library.

Thurs, August 7 2-3pm Juno-nominated Robin Layne -
 Music with marimbas & percussion. Kids can join the band!

Wed, August 27 1-2pm Greyhaven Exotic Birds – Parrots at the Library - come see rescued Quaker Parrots & Macaws!

**"I wish there was a way to know
 you're in the good old days before
 you've actually left them."**

~ Andy Bernard

YARROW DAYS 2025

THEME: THE GOOD OLD DAYS

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Have you been to The Farm Store lately?

Stop by for dinner inspiration and enjoy a *10% local discount* for Yarrow residents—just sign up with us!

Also, mark your calendars for the **Barn Burner BBQ & Car Show** on **Saturday, July 19, 2025**, from **10 AM to 4 PM** at Fraser Valley Specialty Poultry (4540 Simmons Road, Chilliwack).

Enjoy BBQ chicken, duck, pork, and smokies, a classic car show, and family fun with a Kids' Zone!

Entry is \$10 (kids under 12 free); car registration is \$20. This fundraiser supports Ruth and Naomi's Mission. To register your vehicle, email **Karen** at events@fvsp.ca. Don't miss it!



“Memories are like stars; you may not be able to touch them but you can always look at them and they will brighten your day!”
~ Unknown

Want to help with Yarrow Days?
Volunteers needed to set up the tents
Friday June 6th 9am
At Pioneer Park

If you'd like to help for next year,
please leave your contact details at the
Information Booth on June 7th



Yarrow Community Centre
604-823-4550



Have you got your dance tickets yet?
Visit page 4 for details

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

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