

# The Yarrow Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

Craft Market	Nov 29th
Tree Lighting	Nov 29th
Santa Breakfast	Dec 20th
Spring Supper	Feb 7th
AGM	Feb 24th
Plant Sale	April 25th



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**We're gearing up** for the Christmas season here in Yarrow. There are lots of chances to celebrate with your neighbours outlined in these pages. Please do attend as many as possible. Yarrow is known as the most involved of the Chilliwack neighbourhoods. Our events are a major component to that involvement. They give us a chance to meet and know one another. It's the Yarrow Way.

The Friday Farm Market we know & love from Pioneer Park all summer is holding a pop-up at the community centre on \*surprise\* Friday November 28th.

**Yarrow Farm Market page 13.**

The Yarrow Volunteer Society's Yarrow Country Christmas Market will be the following day. This 30+ year tradition focuses on hand-crafted items. The Kitchen Crew will be hosting our ever-popular concession in the Snug featuring Leesa's secret chili, Jan's fabulous butter tarts, Rita's yummy muffins and Victoria's gluten-free biscuits. If you missed out on the Yarrow Days tee shirts, this is your chance to get one. We have ordered a new run of the oh-so-popular navy blue shirts which will be available at the greeting desk. Shopping local doesn't get any easier than this. **Yarrow Country Christmas Market page 7.**

Would it really be Christmas without a party in the park?. Yarrow Lights festival is only a few years old but it has become an instant tradition. As ever it will take place at Pioneer Park 6-8pm on November 29th. Drop on by for some cocoa, singing and a trolley ride before the big tree lights up to signal the beginning of the holidays. **Yarrow Lights page 16.**

Guess who's coming to town? The supreme celebrity in the entire world! Bring the kiddos and their wish lists. This family-friendly event is arguably *the* highlight of the Yarrow lineup. **Breakfast With Santa page 14.**

Need a local job? Yarrow Waterworks is needing a new member for their operations team. More details **Yarrow Waterworks page 6.**

The Christmassy theme for this newsletter is gifts. The first Merriam Webster definition is "a notable capacity, talent or endowment". How wonderful is that? Each of us is naturally gifted in one way or another so why not celebrate those gifts as well as the ones under the tree?

Gift giving is an ancient practice with roots in early human history, used for social bonding, establishing alliances, and conveying complex emotions. So says the Google machine. Our events are our gifts to the townsfolk of Yarrow. Please join your neighbours and let's all enjoy them together.

**Merry Christmas Yarrow!**

**From the Yarrow Volunteer Society  
& Yarrow Ratepayer's Association**





Remembering

Remembrance Day November 11<sup>th</sup> is just past. We have so much in general to “remember” and for which to be “thankful”. Society seems to be becoming a little less “dependable” in recent years. “Change” is an ever constant. Change can affect us in different ways. Especially as we grow older, it can have a destabilizing effect. We need to counter those effects by depending on that which is dependable.

Do you have family members upon whom you may depend? Some do. Many do not. Do you have an active faith? Is it dependable? Faith is vital to living soundly and solidly. Seek out and build up your faith. Even as Seniors we need to build our lives upon a solid rock.

Yarrow Seniors is a Community of “Friends”. We are relatively unpretentious. We love one another’s company. Our gatherings are a “constant” because we get together every Wednesday at 12 noon in the Community Hall. We bring our own lunch and enjoy a time of visiting and sharing before launching into some games. We ALWAYS enjoy when someone new pays us a visit. Please consider checking us out! And if you cannot join us for lunch then come along by 12:30 or 1 PM and you’ll no doubt find a couple of cribbage tables and a few games tables that you can join. We look forward to seeing you.

Questions: Call Bev 604-823-7232

**Lobby Program: Heat Pump Information Table**

Chilliwack Library: 45860 First Avenue

Saturday, Dec 6, 1:30 pm – 4 pm &

Sunday, December 14, 1:30 pm – 4 pm

Drop in and learn some useful information about the importance of heat pumps. An expert on heat pump technology will be available to answer questions, explain the benefits of heat pumps, and direct you to information on provincial rebates for heat pumps. In partnership with the Rotary Club of Chilliwack.



**Licensed Child Care** – Registration has re-opened. Puddle Jumpers Daycare – for children 30 months – 5 yrs. old. Jelly Beans Preschool – licensed 3 and 4 yr. old programs. Please email [jellybeanspreschool@gmail.com](mailto:jellybeanspreschool@gmail.com) to find out more. Out of School Care –After school care for school age children. Full and Part time rates available. Please call 604-823-0257 or email Sally to find out more. [sallylum@shaw.ca](mailto:sallylum@shaw.ca)

**Facility Rentals** -Our spaces are available for rent afterschool, evenings and weekend year-round. You can call Sally for more information.

**Seniors & Students Eating Together** - If this sounds like fun to you, please join us on the first (sometimes second) Wednesday of the month -12 noon for lunch, crafts or fun board games with the students. Please call Sally 604-823-0257 to get more details.

**All Sports** – Saturday mornings, January 10<sup>th</sup> - February 14<sup>th</sup> . 9:30 -10:30 Girls and Boys grades 3 – 5 can sign up to come and play in the gym...floor hockey, 4 corner soccer, basketball. Lots of fun - only \$25 for 6 sessions. Forms available at the school or call Sally for more info.

**Family Place** – Family Place is a Free drop-in program for caregivers and their little ones. Tuesday mornings 8:30-10:00am in the multi-purpose room. Come by for a cup of coffee while the little ones play.

**Babysitter Course** - Registering soon - Kids age 11 and up (or turning 11 soon!) will want to sign up for the Red Cross Babysitter Course here at the school Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30-4:30pm. The cost is \$85/student. The course is very popular and space is limited so be sure to look online or pick up a registration form at the school. Call Sally with any questions.

**Crafts With Our Friend Jess** – Free! Parent Participation. Jess is back starting Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> . Monday mornings 9:30 – 10:30am. Tots and their Grown Up. are invited to join us in the multi-purpose room for a simple craft, snack, story and a bit of free play. Must pre-register by calling Sally 604-823-0257 or email [sallylum@shaw.ca](mailto:sallylum@shaw.ca) as space is limited.



## 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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*For details about upcoming events, or our building project, please check out our Facebook, Instagram, and website [yarrowalliance.org](http://yarrowalliance.org)*

Questions? Contact the office:  
42228 Yarrow Central Rd.  
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 *A Christ Centred Community*

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

If you would like to catch up on the sermons, you can listen on our website or on Spotify.

Christmas Events  
Dec 6 at 6pm - YMB and Yarrow Kids Club Christmas  
Dinner  
Tickets and details on our website.  
6:30 pm on Christmas Eve  
“A Down to Earth Christmas.”

Please go to our website [yarrowmbchurch.org](http://yarrowmbchurch.org) or call the office for more details on what’s happening throughout the week and for future events.

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Saturday November 29th

6pm - 8pm

During Yarrow's Christmas Tree Lighting

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# Could Yarrow Be Losing Its Post Office?



Canada Post is a publicly owned Crown corporation that has proudly served Canadians in every city and town across the country for over 150 years. On September 25th of this year, the government made an announcement that three of the core pillars of the service would be drastically cut. Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement announced the government's intention to end delivery to the door, reduce the frequency of mail delivery, and rescind the moratorium that protects thousands of post offices across Canada.

Once these services are cut, there's no getting them back. Ten years ago, the previous Liberal government had campaigned on a promise to end community mailbox conversions and restore delivery to the door for those who lost it during the Harper years. After the 2015 election, the conversion to community mailboxes was paused, but no delivery was restored. Minister Lightbound's announcement this year means that Canada Post will carry on with the removal of services to over four million addresses that currently receive mail to their door.

The announcement also states that the government intends to remove the requirement to deliver mail to every address every day. This means that mail that is ready for delivery may sit for a few more days, delaying time sensitive documents, slowing delivery times for small businesses who send products by letter mail, and disrupting the distribution of community newspapers and publications such as this one.

The most concerning part of the Minister's September 25th announcement was the removal of the moratorium protecting public post offices from closure. This moratorium was enacted in 1994, stopping the future closure of any rural post offices, including the ones in Rosedale, Yale and Yarrow. The moratorium was a result of a massive public outcry after more than 1,700 rural post offices had been

closed or franchised out by the Mulrooney government between 1987 and 1994. However, without the moratorium in effect, nearly 4,000 post offices across Canada are once again at risk of closure or franchising out. While no details have been made publicly available, the intention of the government is clear; cut home delivery, reduce delivery standards and close or franchise out postal offices across the country. A franchise is no substitute for a public post office as it comes with no guarantee that it will remain open in the years ahead. For smaller franchisees, a rent increase could be the difference between staying open and closing permanently. For larger franchisees such as national pharmacy chains, the parent company can close stores on a whim, closing the postal franchise along with it. The workers at these franchised outlets are usually employees of the store, not Canada Post. These workers often have lower wages, fewer benefits, and a workload of other store related tasks to focus on that take away from the postal outlet being a dedicated service.

Canada Post operates on a mandate from the Canada Post Act and the Canadian Postal Service Charter. Canada Post is required to ensure that its services are universal, offered at a uniform price, reliable, prompt, affordable and most importantly, accessible to all Canadians regardless of geographic location. All the changes that were announced this past September go against the current mandate of Canada Post, and the charter has not had a full public mandate review since 2016 despite the charter requiring a review every five years. Earlier this year, the government had announced that they intended to hold a mandate review for Canada Post, but the government's publications have since softened their language to say that they "may seek public input". Without a full and proper public mandate review, these cuts and changes could proceed without any real input from those who use the

postal service.

That's why the only way to stop the cuts, and pressure the government into conducting a proper mandate review, is to contact decision makers in government directly. Tell your Member of Parliament that you don't agree with these cuts. Tell them you want a fully transparent public review. Tell them you want a public service that serves all Canadians every day without exception. It's not just your federal Member of Parliament that can echo this message in Ottawa, tell your MLA to talk with their counterparts in Ottawa too. Tell your mayor and city council that you don't want to see critical public services in Chilliwack shuttered. The most important step the public can take right now is making their voices heard, because without any public opposition, these cuts will proceed unchecked, and services may be lost forever. Please, take a moment to write a letter, type an email, make a phone call, or visit your MP in person before it's too late.

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# Yarrow Waterworks Is Hiring



We are looking to add a new team player to join our water operations team in a full time position leading into a water operator role. Requirements are; Grade 12 or equivalent, valid BC Class 5 Driver's License, physically able to carry out labour type duties in any weather situation and ability to obtain Environmental Operators Certification Program OIT certification within 6 months, EOCP Water Distribution Level 1 within 15 months & EOCP WD2 within 40 months, including the required training. Training registrations & certification exam costs will be covered by YWD.

Please forward any questions and/or resume to the undersigned. Thanks for your interest in applying.

On behalf of the Trustees,  
John McAuley  
Yarrow Waterworks District (YWD)  
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Christmas is not as much about  
opening our presents as opening  
our hearts. ~ Janice Maeditere

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Saturday, Dec 6, 2:30 pm – 4 pm

Join local artist John Le Flock for a relaxing, beginner-friendly painting workshop. John will guide you step by step through creating an eagle in acrylic paint—no drawing skills or prior experience required! Just bring your curiosity and creativity, and you'll leave with a finished piece of art to take home. All supplies provided.

**For ages 13+, online registration required.**





Would you like to support families with young children?  
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### Holiday Cheer with the Mayday Club Youth Choir

Chilliwack Library: 45860 First Avenue

Saturday, Dec 13, 2 pm – 3:30 pm

Join us for a cozy afternoon of music, crafts, and community!  
We're excited to welcome the Mayday Club Youth Choir, a grass-roots, youth-run charity from Abbotsford, BC, dedicated to erasing the stigmas surrounding neurodiversity. Enjoy a warm beverage while the choir performs familiar favorites, then stick around to create festive holiday crafts. **All ages welcome, drop in.**



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**Foraging with You**  
 Sardis Library: 5819 Tyson Rd    Saturday, Nov 29, 2 pm – 3 pm  
 Discover the art of foraging with local wild food enthusiast and Red Seal Chef Raeanna Layfield, founder of *Foraging with You* and author of *Forage and Eat with the Seasons*. Raeanna will share how to identify, harvest, and prepare seasonal wild foods, along with tips on their nutritional benefits and simple ways to bring them to your table. Learn how foraging can reconnect us with local food traditions and inspire healthier, more sustainable cooking. Copies of Raeanna's book will be available for purchase following the presentation. **Drop in.**




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A bit about our history!

With love and dedication to our community, the Yarrows Secret Santa hit the ground running in 2015. Our main objective was to help a family that was in need, even if they were working but just couldn't make ends meet.

Everything we did/do is anonymous.. Only the admins know who the family is. In the selection process we made sure the family doesn't qualify for any other baskets or programs. Throughout the years the spirit of giving has been full of generosity. With local businesses donating, local youth providing stockings, and members of the community pitching in to shop, donate, and wrap gifts.

Approaching the holiday season we are looking for non- perishable items to stock our pantry, gift cards, cash donations, and items towards providing the families with a traditional Christmas Dinner. Get your business mentioned across various platforms and join in on the holiday spirit.

Contact Victoria at [vicki\\_kuit@hotmail.com](mailto:vicki_kuit@hotmail.com) or 604-798-0366 to help or donate.

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**Support Local**  
**yarrow farm market**

YARROW FARM MARKET

*Christmas*  
**MARKET**

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Friday, November 28, 2025  
Yarrow Community Hall  
5:00-8:30 pm

Join us to shop from local vendors! Free entry for everyone!

**Time, as far as my father was concerned, was a gift you gave to other people ~ Michelle Obama**

**We must have perseverance & above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something & that this thing must be attained ~ Marie Currie**



**Saturday December 20th  
9 am to 11 am  
Yarrow Community Centre  
4670 Community Street**

**Pancakes with whipped cream & strawberries  
Coffee and juice**

**Adults \$5.00 Children Under 12 \$2.00 Tots Under 5 free  
Cookie Decorating and Craft Table**



# November & December Programs at the Yarrow Library

## YARROW LIBRARY

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**Yarrow Library Hours**  
Tuesdays, 9 – 6:00 pm  
Wednesdays, 9 – 4 pm  
Thursdays, 1 – 8 pm  
Saturdays, 10 – 2 pm

#### Storytime

Wednesdays, Nov 5 to Dec 10, 10 am - 10:30 am  
Children and caregivers will enjoy interactive stories, songs, rhymes and more. Storytime prepares children to learn to read. **Drop in.**

#### Parent Child Mother Goose

Thursdays, Nov 6 to Dec 11, either  
9:30 am – 10:30 am **OR** 11 am – 12 pm  
Discover fun with rhymes, songs and stories! This is an interactive program for children 0-3 AND caregivers. Mother Goose helps you learn ways to encourage your child's language and social/emotional development. **Registration Full.**

#### Kids Crafternoon: Musical Instruments

Thursday, November 20, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Make some noise with creativity! Join us for a lively hour of crafting as we build our own musical instruments, including rain sticks, tambourines, and shakers. Kids will explore sound, rhythm, and movement while having fun designing and decorating their instruments to take home. All materials are provided—just bring your imagination and get ready to jam! **For ages 5 - 10, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult helper. Drop in.**

#### Crafternoon: Holiday Card Crafting

Thursday, Dec 4, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Get into the holiday spirit with a cozy hour of creativity! Drop by the library to make your own Christmas and seasonal cards—perfect for gifting to family, friends, or community members. Whether your style is classic, whimsical, or totally unique, you'll leave with something special and handmade to share this season. We'll provide all the supplies, you bring the imagination! **For ages 10+, all skill levels are welcome. Drop in.**

### Upcoming Closures

- Wednesday, December 24 **9 AM - 2 PM**
- Thursday, December 25 **CLOSED**
- Wednesday, December 31 **9 AM - 2 PM**
- Thursday, January 1 **CLOSED**



Come visit the Yarrow Storywalk located at Browne Creek Wetlands. Access is a 1 minute walk from the Bergman Rd parking lot where the Beaver Loop trail begins. Enjoy a 1 km walk in the woods, reading the story boards and enjoying fresh air and exercise. Take a photo and tag the library on social media.

### Ongoing

#### Drop in Scavenger Hunts

New themes each month. Every week we move around the hidden pictures. Stop in and see if you can find them all!

#### Monthly Take and Make Craft kits

Come grab a bag of supplies for the latest DIY project. Tiny hands will need some help.



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# Yarrow LIGHTS

SAT, NOV 29<sup>TH</sup>  
6-8PM  
YARROW  
PIONEER PARK

- TREE LIGHTING • HAY WAGON RIDES
- LOCAL TALENT • COOKIES • PHOTO BOOTH
- HOT CHOCOLATE • TROLLEY • POPCORN
- SAMOSAS • HOT DOGS • FOOD DRIVE
- CIDER • COFFEE • DUCK SLIDERS



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