

The Yarrow Newsletter

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Yarrow Community Happenings

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Upcoming Events

Fall Supper	Oct 18th
Train Show	Nov 15th
Craft Market	Nov 29th
Tree Lighting	Nov 29th
Santa Breakfast	Dec 20th

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Our annual Harvest Supper is scheduled for Saturday October 18th at the community centre. The YVS committee has been tossing around the idea of hosting an Oktoberfest party for a few years. Harvest Supper 2025 will be our traditional family-friendly dry event with dang good food and a chance to visit with neighbours. For the first time ever we will offer non-alcoholic beer for purchase at the door for those wanting a near experience to what Oktoberfest celebration has traditionally meant. We're unsure if the support is in place to host an actual Oktoberfest dine/dance event in future so we'll be asking on Facebook for your input. Or let us know here at the newsletter. As ever, please do join us in the kitchen for the prep party at 6pm on Friday Oct 17th. Bring your favourite peeler and some gossip to share. **Harvest Supper Page 9.**

James and his crew had a very successful Train Show this spring and have another planned for November 15th. **Details Page 12.**

It seems premature to be talking about Christmas in the September issue but lead time is needed to organize so if you're a vendor, applications are being accepted now. If you're a shopper, please mark your calendar. **Yarrow Country Christmas Market Page 5.**

Yarrow's popular Friday Farm Market is holding a pop-up Christmas market at the Community Centre on Friday November 28th from 5-8:30 PM. Here is a link to be a vendor for that event: <https://www.theyarrowfarmmarket.com/apply-here>

Yarrow Lights planning has already been ongoing for a while. This popular event takes place at Yarrow Pioneer Park following the Christmas Market on November 29th. QR code provided to see highlights of last year's festival. **Yarrow Lights Page 14.**

Yarrow Waterworks is hiring. John has written a newsy report of what's been happening at our local utility too. To get up to date see **Yarrow Waterworks Page 6.**

So many folks enjoy Hilda Bergen's interactive story boards along the trail west of the train bridge. This issue she has shared the results of the summer's story walk question. We have sooo many people in Yarrow to celebrate. **Story In The Woods Page 7.**

The city has been holding on-line and real life meetings seeking input on how development should go for the coming decades. There is still time to have your say. Follow the links at **Official City Plan Page 14.**

Lots to do in Yarrow this fall.

Please support the events that help keep our community so strong.

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: Sally Lum 604-823-0257 sallylum@shaw.ca
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Facility Rentals - Our facilities are available for rent afterschool, evenings and weekends most of the year for community use. Call Community School Coordinator Sally Lum at 604-823-0257 or email sallylum@shaw.ca if you're interested in finding out more. We are always interested to hear from people with new ideas or proposals for programs or events.

Licensed Child Care Programs

Registration has re-opened (Priority for Yarrow residents).

Puddle Jumpers Daycare - for children 30 months to 5 yrs old.

JellyBeans Preschool - Licensed 3 and 4 yr old programs. Please email jellybeanspreschool@gmail.com for more information . Still a few spots left for Tues/Thurs classes.

Out of School Care – After school care for school age children. Full and part time rates available. Please call Sally to arrange picking up a registration package and getting on our waitlist.

Crafty Tots – FREE! Coming soon! Parent participation on Monday mornings for Tots and their grown up. Join us in the multi-purpose room for a simple craft, snack, story and a bit of free play. You must be pre-registered as space is limited. Call Sally to register 604-823-0257

Friday Night Youth Floor Hockey – Free! Check the Community School website for details of the upcoming Friday dates so you can stop by to run around and make some new friends.

Seniors Lunch – Inviting any seniors (we rarely check id) from Yarrow who would like to come for a little fun here at the school. You are invited to join us for lunch where you will eat with young students and then play some sit-down games. The first Wednesday of the month, 12 noon – 1pm. Please call Sally at 604-823-0257 to let us know you would like to come.

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

Fall into Gardening: Seasonal tasks for a Thriving Garden

Sardis Library: 5819 Tyson Rd



Saturday, Oct 4, 2pm – 3pm

Join Niall Wimsey, horticulturist for an informative seminar on fall tasks to do in your garden. He will cover everything from lawn care to pruning including fruit trees, shrubs and perennials. Learn also how to best prepare your garden for nasty winter weather events and get the most from your garden year round. **Drop-in.**



Yarrow Seniors Citizens Society has been an active organization filed under the BC Societies Act for several decades. Affectionately known as Yarrow Seniors, we have changed over the years as Yarrow itself has changed. There have been a few constants however.

1. Our meetings reflect our membership. We used to get together to play games starting at 12:30 on Wednesdays. Now members have elected to come together at 12 noon just to enjoy lunch together! Everyone brings his or her own lunch.
2. Age wise, most folk probably are 60 and up. There are no hard and fast rules about that, however. In Alberta, I used to enjoy attending Seniors in Lacombe with my mom whenever I could. And I was still working at that time.
3. Yarrow Seniors has some of the kindest folk in Yarrow. So whatever your inclination or reason for attending, you will find yourself very much welcomed.
4. Exclusivity is not a thing at Yarrow Seniors. Yes, we play a few games. Lately, however, we've been thinking we need to learn some new games. So if you have something you'd like to share and teach us, you will find us quite receptive.
5. Special events happen as well. Whether a trip to the Chilliwack Arts Centre or some other venue, we do participate in various activities outside of our regular Wednesday meetings.
6. Yarrow Senior members seem to have a vested interest in supporting our local businesses, churches, and events. And by the way, how many communities still have their own Newsletter? Thank you Carol Bell. After all, these places are the real hub of our community. Where would Yarrow be without the dedication of so many who work so hard for the rest of us to simply enjoy. Thank you volunteers. Please consider supporting our businesses and churches. And our community suppers which are second to none!
7. Lately our members have been exercising their interests in learning more about the history and foundational beginnings of Yarrow. So much to learn. Members exchange books and tell stories and go on tours. We have had a rich membership, now and over the years.

So! Is your appetite wettened? If so, please come and join us. Wednesday Noon. Community Hall (turn left inside the main doors)

BYOLunch but coffee and goodies are provided. Call Bev if you have questions: 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.

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

Weekly

LOCALS (grade 6-12) meet every other Wednesday
 Kids Club (grade 2-6) meet on alternating Wednesdays
 Registrations and more information on our website.
 Dorcas Ruth Quilting Fellowship meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Please go to 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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Library Social for Seniors

Sardis Library: 5819 Tyson Rd

Saturdays, Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, 1 pm – 3:30 pm
Join our community social program for seniors! Enjoy refreshments, engaging guest speakers, and meaningful conversations in a welcoming environment. Connect, learn, and thrive with others in your neighborhood. While this program is geared towards seniors, adults and youth are welcome to volunteer. This program is in partnership with the Streams Foundation of Canada. One time registration is required. To register your first time: Email streamsfoundationcanada@gmail.com OR Message on [Facebook](#) Streams Foundation Canada OR Text 778-772-2203. Walk ins are also welcome and can register during the gathering.






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Common Threads Knitting Group
Sardis Library: 5819 Tyson Rd
Sundays, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Join knitters and crocheters of all ages and abilities to share ideas, techniques and good conversation. **Drop in.**



YARROW COUNTRY CHRISTMAS MARKET

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

Saturday, November 29, 2025
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

Or contact Heidi yarrowcheer@gmail.com



Yarrow Waterworks



Welcome Yarrow Water Users, as another dry summer nears an end, we're hopeful for a moist Fall to wet the dry fields & replenish our aquifers. We had no water supply issues again this summer as our 2017 reservoir site

expansion continues to support our daily demands with no concerns.

Our 81st AGM was held on May 1st, with John McAuley & Jake Toews both being re-elected for another 3 year term. John has served 18 years & Jake has served 12 years with YWD.

We had a great response from everyone on July 23 when we had some operational problems at the Wilson Road pumphouse, everyone stepped up & turned off their taps to help. This short term challenge was a great practice run for us to test our Emergency Response & Contingency Plan. This

helps us ensure we would have adequate water stored for important domestic & fire protection use if needed. The community support was awesome!

Our 2024 Annual Water Quality Report is available for those that are interested in receiving a copy, please contact us at the office.

Here's another reminder that you can receive your water bills by email, please email the office at office@yarrowwd.ca or call 604-823-6015 to be added to our list. We currently only have 200+ out of 836 accounts being emailed, not as successful as we had heard it would be.

****JOB OPPORTUNITY****

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,

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In May the Story In The Woods was called "Good People Everywhere". There was opportunity for Yarrow folk to write names of the good people in our community. Thank you Mrs. Bergen for making the storywalk happen and for sharing these results with the newsletter. We have many, many good people here in town.

- Adeline
- Aiyanna
- Alex
- Alletta Lynn
- Amy & Bradley
- Anders
- Andy
- Anyone protecting our freedom
- April & Emma
- Arl
- Arwan
- Asher
- Auntie Hilda & Adeline for giving us this story – the Kornsensens
- Auntie Kaylee, Micah & Rulan
- Billie Letoyrwa
- Blair
- Bridgette
- Bruce
- Carol Bell
- Cat
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- Eden
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- Edwardo Rauí – Chili
- Elizabeth
- Ellie
- Elliot
- Emma
- Farmers
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- Fox
- Gaby N.
- Gatsby & Flora
- Gavin
- God
- Grandmom & Grandad
- Grasia Chilliwack
- Hailey
- Hilda
- Hoerta
- Ike
- Isaiah who has the Vespa
- Isla
- James
- Jesus
- JoJo
- Jonathan
- Judah
- Julio "Mexico"
- Junde
- Kate
- Kennidy
- Kenny
- Kimberly Glanman
- Lauren S
- Luci & Jubilee
- Luke
- MacKena
- Maddine & the Giesbrecht family – love from England
- Maeve
- Maisy
- Malek Mueller & Odie Bear
- Mama
- Manicilla
- Marko
- Mason
- Maya
- Me
- Mexico
- Mia
- Mom
- Mr. Dave
- Ms. Jo
- Ms. Trill
- My dog
- My Family
- My friends
- Myrna
- Myself
- Nana & Papa
- Neighbours that help others with yard work and play!
- Ryker & Max
- Nella
- Nina
- Olivia
- Our family
- Paige
- Pappa
- Parker
- Penelope
- Piper
- Police Officers
- Quinn
- Rhys
- Rich
- Rio
- Russ
- Scarlett
- School teachers
- Shae
- Sigan cuidando es te gron. Saludos, Guanajuato Mexico
- Sofia
- Sophia
- Spiderman
- Summer
- Sylvia
- Tasha
- Terry & Gary, Sharanjit, Ruby
- Teyah
- Tianna
- Vince Kleiss
- Wes
- Wicho
- Willa
- Xavier
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Would you like to support families with young children?
Would you like to help operate a volunteer run Family Place?

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Family Place offers weekly interactive play
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Genealogy Group

Chilliwack Library: 45860 First Avenue

Wednesdays, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17, 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.**



Tai Chi for Adults

Sardis Library: 5819 Tyson Rd

Saturdays, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

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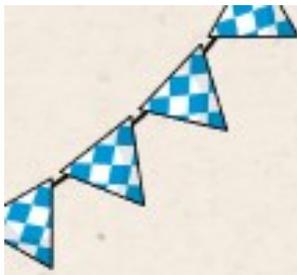
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 Chilliwack Library: 45860 First Avenue
 Saturdays, Sept 20, Sept 27, Oct 4, Oct 18, Nov 1,
 Nov 22, Dec 6, Dec 20 10:30 am - 11:30 am
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SEPTEMBER 2025

Yarrow Library Hours

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

September & October Programs at the Yarrow Library



Storytime

Wednesdays, Sept 10 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, Oct 30 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 required and opens Monday, September 15 at 8 am via Eventbrite. Register here:**

9:30 Session



11 am Session



Builder's Club

Thursdays Oct 2 to Oct 30, 3 pm – 4 pm
 Drop in for group challenges, fun activities, and creative play with LEGO, KEVA Planks, and more! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult helper. **Drop in.**

Programs Continued...

Adult Paint Night

Thursday, Oct 23, 6 pm – 7:30 pm
 Join local artist John Le Flock for a relaxing, beginner-friendly painting workshop. John will guide you step by step through creating a charming chickadee in acrylic paint—no drawing skills or prior experience required! **For ages 19+.**
Register here:



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.

Customer Appreciation Week

October 14 to 16
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Chilliwack Library: 45860 First Avenue
Monday, Sept 29, 10 am – 11:30 am

Looking for something fun and creative to do on your day off school? Join local artist John LeFlock at the library for a hands-on clay workshop! Kids will learn how to use air-dry clay to design and sculpt their very own unique clay creatures. Each participant will take their creation home on a provided plate to finish drying.

For ages 6-12, online registration required.



Bound to Create: Make Your Own Book

Chilliwack Library: 45860 First Avenue
Thursday, Oct 9, 5:30 pm – 7 pm

Ever wanted to make your own book from scratch? Join us for an all-ages hands-on workshop where participants will learn the art of simple bookbinding and create a one-of-a-kind journal, sketchbook, or storybook. Using thread, needle, and creativity, you'll walk away with a beautifully stitched book to call your own.

Teens and adults can make up to **two books each**, while children are welcome to join with an adult helper—each pair will create **one book per person**. No prior experience is needed, and all materials are provided. Whether you're a writer, artist, or curious maker, this program offers a fun and relaxing way to explore book arts together. **Online registration required.**



Yarrow Community Centre

604-823-4550



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