

RNA – September Newsletter

Dear Neighbours,

Thanks to my (necessary) participation in the new 'gig' economy, this newsletter has been delayed yet again. Is anyone keeping track? I think that's 1 early, 1 on time, and 2 late so far..... The good news is that, barring any more unforeseen circumstances, the next instalment is only two weeks away! Oh.....yay.....

September RNA Board Meeting - Synopsis

- Council member Charlayne Thornton-Joe discussed graffiti; neighbourhood boundaries; and increasing crime.
- The report on neighbourhood boundaries will be released on Sept. 23rd.
- The next AGM will be virtual. Dates are under discussion, but it will take place before Nov. 1st
- Land Use: discussion of 1475 Fort St.; 1535-37 Despard; 1737 Rockland; Oak Bay Junction (Verrinder) developments.
- Little Free Libraries - <https://victoriaplacemaking.ca/little-free-libraries/>
- Traffic – Plan in place for data collection along Rockland before the Richardson development; on-going debate over the position of the present speed-reader.

NB – The full Minutes of the September Board meeting will be available on the [RNA website](#) shortly.

Graffiti

The City of Victoria will hold a Community Virtual Meeting about the problem on Wednesday the 15th from noon to 1:30. see <https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/neighbourhoods/community-virtuals.html>

Graffiti is an expensive and defacing form of vandalism. It detracts from the appearance and image of the city for both residents and visitors. In this session you will learn about the City's VTAG program that includes participation from residents, property owners and business owners to maintain an environment which benefits us all. As well, we'll look at creative ways of how graffiti is being removed in neighbourhoods, and how you can get involved.

Bill Birney is our new go-to guy for help with cleaning up graffiti in the neighbourhood. You can reach him at: wbirney@gmail.com.

My Great Neighbourhood Update

Please see our [website](#) for the latest report from our City Liaison, Gary Pemberton (to be posted shortly).

Around the 'hood

[Art Gallery of Greater Victoria](#)

We are excited to welcome Jaimie Isaac as our new Head Curator! You can find out about Jaimie, her background and previous work, and her joining the Gallery here: <https://aggv.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/AGGV-2021-Jaimie-Isaac.pdf>

We have several ongoing exhibitions at the Gallery: Holding Ground, Emily Carr: Seeing & Being Seen, Blue & White, and Howie Tsui: Retainers of Anarchy. Find them here: <https://aggv.ca/current-exhibitions/>

We are open for submissions for our Winter Small Works Show & Sale, presented by the Art Rental & Sales department. Send in your submissions until October 15, 2021! Find out more here: <https://aggv.ca/submissions/>

We have a new issue of our emagazine, filled with some great articles with AGGV updates, and featuring artist Q & A's and discussions about our projects. <https://emagazine.aggv.ca>

The AGGV will be returning to schools! We will be back in classrooms with our workshops, this year focused on music and taking inspiration from artist Dylan Thomas. Find out more here: <https://aggv.ca/in-person-workshops/>

[Craigdarroch Castle](#)

The Castle's truncated hours remain as before, Friday – Sunday 10:30a.m.- 4:00p.m. with a break for lunch between 12:30 and 1:30. You must book in advance to be assured of room for your self-guided tour, which will take about an hour. Just click on the link in the title above, and follow the instructions for visitors.

See the Castle's website for information about Jason Steven's one-man "Frankenstein" performance taking place. (Tickets are available through Eventbrite.)

- ○ Oct. 9 at 6 p.m.
- ○ Oct. 16; 23rd, 30th at 6p.m. and at 8 p.m.

Please remember that the Gift Shop is open at the same time as the Castle itself. It's a great place for early Christmas shopping, and a gift [membership](#) benefits all concerned!

Christmas at Craigdarroch will feature decorations but no planned events. Self-guided tours will continue

[Langham Court Theatre](#)

Click [here](#) for their September newsletter

Government House

There is a significant sewer project at Government House, commencing on or about September 13. This will limit vehicular access to some areas of the property; you can expect traffic pattern interruptions and periodic water shut offs.

The scheduled project completion date is November 2.

And finally...

Would you consider serving on the Board of the Rockland Neighbourhood Association? We meet monthly. We have a strong collective sense of humour, and an even stronger sense of purpose. Please contact president@rockland.bc.ca. to volunteer or for more information.

If there are neighbourhood elements you'd like to see added to the newsletter, please contact me at communications@rockland.bc.ca

Expect your next edition at the beginning of October, and until then, enjoy the much-needed rain.

Patricia