



LATEST NEWS

**My Great Neighbourhood Grants open April 1**

Have a great idea for a project or activity that would bring neighbours together and help create an inviting, vibrant place for people to connect? Applications for the [My Great Neighbourhood Grant Program](#) will be accepted starting on April 1. Contact your neighbourhood liaison to discuss your ideas.



**Neighbour Hubs – Have Your Say**

Have you seen the Neighbour Hubs in Vic West and near Cook St Village? Neighbour Hubs support community resilience and increase opportunities for neighbours to connect and prepare for emergencies. They provide public gathering and seating areas and can include features such as solar charging stations, bulletin boards, local emergency information, and storage for emergency supplies to increase community resilience. We're

looking to install new Neighbour Hubs around the city and need your input on the design! Take the survey by April 20 at [engage.victoria.ca/neighbourhubs](https://engage.victoria.ca/neighbourhubs) and share your ideas on what makes a great Neighbour Hub. Learn more about Neighbour Hubs and community preparedness at [Victoria.ca/preparedneighbours](https://Victoria.ca/preparedneighbours)

**Poetry at the Cathedral**  
**Honouring Victoria's Poet Laureates**

Celebrate National Poetry Month with City of Victoria Poet Laureate John Barton and past laureates, Yvonne Blomer, Carla Funk, and Linda Rogers



Wednesday, April 6  
7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Christ Church Cathedral  
Corner of Quadra and Rockland



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# MY GREAT Neighbourhood

## Return of the Festival Season



The City has announced support of 41 festivals to usher in the return to festival season in Victoria. This year's Festival Investment Grant recipients include the BC Black History Awareness Society, who in August will present *The Function Festival*, a new two-day arts festival celebrating Canadian and international BIPOC musicians. Victoria Pride Week is back in full swing with a week of events, including their full *Pride Parade and Festival* in MacDonald Park on June 26. Victoria Symphony also returns with *Symphony in the Summer*, a week-long celebration of music culminating with their grand finale over two days on the Legislative Lawn in July.

Watch for the online **City Vibe** guide coming in May, for a complete list of upcoming family-friendly events and festivals around the city.

## Year of the Garden

To celebrate and recognize the contributions that gardens and gardening make to our quality of life, climate action goals and food security, the City is offering a number of classes in both gardening and cooking as part of the *Growing in the City* program. Learn more and register [victoria.ca/recreation](https://victoria.ca/recreation) under the *Growing in the City* listing. LIFE members prequalify for registration in all *Growing in the City* programs. The LIFE Program provides a combination of credit and free drop-in visits to eligible low-income individuals and families to use towards recreational programs and services. Contact us at 250.361.0732 to register or apply for the LIFE Program.



## Neighbour Day Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>

Strong neighbourhoods are important to the health and well-being of our whole city. When neighbourhoods thrive, the people who live there thrive too. Neighbour Day in Victoria started in May 2017 to celebrate our strong and caring communities. The pandemic created a situation where knowing and helping your neighbours was a necessary part of keeping our community strong and working together. On Neighbour Day, we invite you to meet and greet the people with whom you share your fences and walls. Do whatever feels right for you. We invite you to knock on a door for the first time, to wave, to lend a helping hand, to share, to visit, to throw a party—anything goes, as long as it involves you and the people in your building or on your street.



**Traffic Calming Lunch & Learn**  
**Wed, April 20, 2022 | noon - 1:30 p.m.**  
 Register: [trafficalm.eventbrite.ca](https://trafficalm.eventbrite.ca)

Traffic calming creates livable streets by lowering the volume and speed of traffic. It may range from inexpensive and flexible measures like planters and paint markings, to higher cost permanent installations like speed humps, diverters and road closures. Join us for this exploration of when traffic calming is a good idea and learn about a variety of traffic calming measures that range from city-led permanent installations to resident-led temporary projects. We look forward to seeing you online. Learn more: [victoria.ca/communityvirtuals](https://victoria.ca/communityvirtuals)



Capital Bike

## Adult Bike Skills Courses

Fun, informative, and in-person for the first time since 2020!

Starting April 2022

Want to make cycling a regular part of your life?  
Build your skills and confidence!

Featuring:

- traffic rules & cyclist rights
- Safety tips & route planning
- bike handling & guided road ride
- and more!

**Adult Bike Skills Courses**

Looking to improve your cycling? Read about and register for Capital Bike's first fully in-person bike courses in over two years  
<https://capitalbike.ca/improve-your-cycling-skills/>

**WHAT'S UP AT COUNCIL?**

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	Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 a.m.	(Closed) Council Meeting After COTW meetings as required	Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
April	14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , & 28 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , & 28 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>

Decisions made at Council can be found on our [Council Highlights](#) page. If you are interested in knowing how the councillors voted on anything, you can now see and track Council voting records with the [City Council Meeting Dashboard](#). At this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public access to City Hall is not permitted. Meetings may be view on the City's [live stream webcast page](#).



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