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Burnaby Neighbourhood House Monthly Newsletter-October 2016



Harminder Will Always Be Remembered

Harminder Sanghera was one of the community leaders who played an important role in establishing Burnaby Neighbourhood House (BNH). Since becoming a founding member of BNH in 1996, Harminder continued to work hard for its growth and development. BNH staff, volunteers, and members are very appreciative of the wonderful work that Harminder has done for our organization. Here is part of Antonia our Executive Director's tribute to Harminder:

"When Harminder retired a few years ago, it just opened up more opportunities for her to continue to volunteer. She continued her involvement with BNH and supporting

members of the South Asian community. She advocated on behalf of South Asian children, families and seniors. She continued to help seniors and initiated a preschool and caregivers social group at Edmonds Community Centre. She was also instrumental in starting a new Family Resource Centre at Akali Singh Sikh Society Gudwara in Vancouver.

"Harminder was recognised for her hard work and commitment to community on several occasions. First in 1999, she was honoured with the Lower Mainland Good Neighbour Award for her role in starting the Burnaby Neighbourhood House. Then in 2004, Harminder received the local Burnaby Neighbourhood House Good Neighbour Award. The same year, she was nominated and acknowledged as one of Burnaby's Local Heroes. In 2014, Harminder received the Seniors Distinction Award for long term community service."

This tireless activist and BNH life-long volunteer bade us good by on June 30, 2016. She will be sorely missed by all of us. May her soul rest in peace.

New Home for Burnaby Neighbourhood House-North

Since 2014, the North Burnaby Neighborhood House has been operating out of a very small, donated space on Hastings Street and Willingdon Avenue. We knew from the beginning that we would have to move as the space was only available until the developer secured the proper building permits from the City of Burnaby.

A committee was formed to find a suitable location along the North Burnaby Hastings Corridor and after two years of searching, we finally signed a new lease at 4908 Hastings Street! This new space will have ample

room for our Family Drop In, Digital Café, ESL Conversation Group, Yoga and Line Dancing. It is also big enough to house our "wish list" of new programs that our North Burnaby residents have been asking for!

We anticipate moving into the space late December or early January. If you are in neighborhood, drop by and visit! Everyone is always welcome!



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United Way Day of Caring

As a tradition of the Day of Caring Volunteers from United Way of the Lower Mainland take part in a community project. This year they will be volunteering to paint the BNH hall on Rumble street. The Day of Caring will take place on Wednesday October 12 from 9:30am to 3:30pm

Project Description: The Rumble hall was donated to the Neighbourhood House 3 years ago by our local Lions group who could no longer keep up with maintaining the building. We are working on a series of renovations which will expand capacity for community programs. For this project, we are painting the interior of the hall.



Seniors Outreach Ambassador Training Program

Are you 55 and over? Join the Outreach Ambassadors Program at Burnaby Neighbourhood House and help isolated seniors to make meaningful connections within their community.

Date: Monday, October 24 to Thursday, November 17, 2016 Times: 1:00 – 4:00pm – (Every Monday and Thursday) Location: 4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby BC For more information and to register, please contact Elizabeth

at 604 431-0400, or seniorsoutreach@burnabynh.ca

Membership Renewal and Fee Increase

September was membership renewal month. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, it is time to renew it. Effective September 1st annual membership fees increased to \$5 for an individual and \$10 for families. To become a member check our website at www.burnabynh.ca/get involved, or ask the reception for a membership form. Members receive quarterly newsletters and are able to participate in all our community programs.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Sharing Cultures Dinner– Australian Night

Australian Dinner will happen on October 26 from 6-8pm (Dinner will be served at 6:30pm)

The event showcases Australian traditions, cuisine, and music. Buy your tickets at BNH reception.



Gilpin Preschool- Now Registering

Licensed preschool for children 2.5-5 years 5433 Ivar PI. Burnaby BC (The portable on the south side of Gilpin Elementary) For more information please check our website: www.burnabynh.ca/preschool Inquiries and Registration: pregilpin@burnabynh.ca (604) 298-5355

Rockin' for Burnaby Non-Profits

Saturday, October 15, 2016 7:30 pm -11:30 pm Doors open at 7:00 Edmonds Community Centre 7433 Edmonds Street, Burnaby Tickets \$20 (All proceeds go towards BNH programs and services) Buy tickets at BNH reception Dance to live 60's music featuring Rainshadow, Louise & Greg Weir band and Abby and the Tunecrunchers Cash bar & snacks Dress up for fun (prizes for best costume)

