



## FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

*Editor's Note:* You are receiving this newsletter because you are a current or past member of the Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association. You may unsubscribe at any time. If you are not currently a member and would like to support our work on your behalf, you can find a membership form on our [website \[www.masseyvictoryheights.com\]](http://www.masseyvictoryheights.com)

### Message from the Executive

The Executive team of the MVHRA is a group of individuals working together to foster community and livability within Massey Victory Heights. We continue to follow up on issues that you as residents tell us are important – like the Surrey St/Tenth St/Cariboo Road intersection. If you have issues that you feel need attention, bring them to a general meeting or send us an email at [president@masseyvictoryheights.com](mailto:president@masseyvictoryheights.com).

This fall, we will be hosting a general meeting on November 25 (details below) with updates on the expansion of Royal Columbian Hospital and the Canada Games Pool Replacement. While we would have loved to have this meeting in person, we were concerned about gathering during a fourth wave of the pandemic and will be asking you to join us once again by Zoom.

We are also holding our second annual Halloween House Decorating Contest (see details below and watch for a flyer delivered to your door). You must be a member of the Massey Victory Heights Residents Association to register your decorated house in the contest. We encourage you to walk our neighbourhood to see the decorated houses and vote on your favourites. Photos and addresses will be posted on our website at: <http://www.masseyvictoryheights.com/>

Part of getting together in person these days in many settings involves being able to show proof of vaccination with a vaccine passport. If you haven't got yours yet, here's how: To access your online vaccine card, visit: [gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard](http://gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard). You need to provide your birth date, personal health number, and the date of your first vaccination to access your card. Those who don't have access to a computer or smartphone can visit a Service BC centre, or call 1-833-838-2323. The closest Service BC Centres for New Westminster residents are in Burnaby and Surrey. See: [Service BC Centres](#) It is recommended that you call before going to the office to ensure that they can provide the service you need. See more about where you will need to show proof of vaccination (POV) under City Services and Initiatives below.

A special welcome to new executive member Derek Deacon. We look forward to working with him over the coming year.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable fall.

Dale Bradley	Sherry Messenger	Terry Tomcko	Kathleen Carlsen
Gail Conzatti	Leona Zheng	Kaleigh Corrigan	Jason Lesage
Danielle Poudrier	Deb Thomas	Ron Bain	Derek Deacon



#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

As of mid-November, the address of MVHRA Treasurer/Membership drop off location will be changing. If you are dropping off a membership form at that time, please use the [new form](#)

*Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association PRESENTS our Second*

## **HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**



**OCTOBER 23-31, 2021**

**THREE TOP PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED**

To **PARTICIPATE**, register your home BY: OCTOBER 17, 2021

at: [halloweendecorations@masseyvictoryheights.com](mailto:halloweendecorations@masseyvictoryheights.com)

To **VOTE**, email your THREE FAVOURITE homes BY: OCTOBER 31, 2021

at: [halloweendecorations@masseyvictoryheights.com](mailto:halloweendecorations@masseyvictoryheights.com)

\*To Register, you must be a current MVHRA member. If you would like to become a member, sign up here:

[www.masseyvictoryheights.com/Forms/Membership/Membership.pdf](http://www.masseyvictoryheights.com/Forms/Membership/Membership.pdf)

**JOIN IN AND BE PART OF THE FUN IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD!**

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### **Next General Meeting**

November 25 at 7 pm by Zoom.

Speakers: Updates by Carol Swan from Fraser Health on the RCH expansion

Canada Games Pool Replacement by a representative of the City

Followed by an open mic for residents to share issues and concerns

All residents of the neighbourhood are welcome to attend.

**The Zoom link will be sent in a separate email closer to the date.**

### **Real Estate Market Report**

I hope everyone had a great Summer as we look forward to a wonderful Fall.

We look forward to a great kick start with an event coming up, Halloween Decorate your Home contest to start us off.

Looking forward to seeing all those amazing homes.

The market for detached homes in Massey Victory Heights through the Summer was very active with more record sales.

A total of 12 homes sold in the past 90 days in an average of 9 days on the market with the majority of them going into

multiple offers and 11 selling above list price. They're currently 9 active listings in our neighbourhood as of Sept 29. What

continues to help drive the market is historically low interest rates and low inventory. The market is mainly driven by

supply and demand and inventory continues to stay low so we expect a busy Fall/Winter. If you're looking to make a move

or just have questions, please reach out as I am here to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,

John Cooke, Keller Williams Elite Realty

Your local neighbourhood Realtor

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## Around the Neighbourhood

### Little Free Libraries in MVHRA

MVHRA director Leona Zheng has kindly walked the streets to search out all of the Little Free Libraries in our neighbourhood. She shares her findings here. As a retired librarian and a bibliophile, I often find interesting books in these libraries and also contribute books when I can.

#### Editor

Dear residents, have you noticed these lovely little libraries in our neighbourhood? They are installed by our fellow community members to share the books. One of them is from Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association (located at Victory Heights Park). All these free libraries are small, but the concepts and thoughts that have gone into them are huge!

"It is good to rub, and polish our brain against that of others." (Michel Eyquem de Montaigne, French Renaissance philosopher and writer). "Sharing will enrich everyone with more knowledge." (Ana Monnar, founder of Readers Are Leaders U.S.A.)

When you are out and about, do take advantage of these free books, and please also share yours with your neighbours!



Locations:

115 Rickman Place  
930 Cumberland Street

436-438 Elmer Street  
Victory Heights Park behind Chilliwack Street.

309 Nootka Street

518 Richmond Street

## Arts, Culture & Entertainment

### Anvil Centre

The Anvil Centre includes The New Media Gallery, the New Westminster Museum and Archives, the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, the Community Art Gallery, and the Anvil Theatre. The current exhibition at the [New Media Gallery](#) is Assembly - onsite until December 5. Visits must be booked in advance. For other current events, classes and exhibitions, see the Cultural Services Brochure.

### Cultural Services Brochure

New Westminster Cultural Services includes the New Westminster Museum & Archives, Irving House, New Media Gallery, Learning Lab, Arts & Heritage Studios, Community Art Gallery and Anvil Theatre. Their fall season is September through December. You can download of list of upcoming classes, exhibitions and events at [Cultural Services](#)

### Massey Theatre

The theatre is hosting a number of live-streamed and in-theatre events this fall. Check out the list of [events](#) and order tickets. Among the highlights are a concert with [Martha Wainwright](#) on November 16 - and the holiday comedy [O Christmas Tea](#) on December 16

### New West Cultural Crawl

The 18th Annual New West Cultural Crawl will take place on October 16 + 17, 2021, from 11 am to 5 pm at venues across New Westminster. This family-friendly event invites audiences of young and old to explore the city at their own pace, and check out artworks by professional and emerging artists who reside in the city. See [details](#)

## City Services & Initiatives

### Be Heard New West City

Do you want have your input on initiatives put forward by City Council? You can find out more about the issues which Council is currently working at: [beheardnewwest](#) – issues like dog parks, the Agnes Street Greenway, police reform (see below) and the annual city budget including proposed tax increases. You need to register to provide input. This ensures that those providing input are New Westminster residents. **Note that the deadline for budget input is October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### Canada Games Pool

Wondering why the pool was suddenly closed indefinitely? We asked. See the [City website](#) or the story in the [New West Record](#).

### Forum on policing reform and crisis care

Coun. Nadine Nakagawa will host a livestream roundtable discussion, [Creating a Community of Care](#), on policing reform and community crisis care on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. The event will give residents a chance to learn more about the city's new vision for policing and community crisis care and to hear about innovative approaches that are already underway. For more details see the article in the New West Record [here](#).

### Proof of Vaccination Requirements for City Facilities – Update

Patrons 12+ years (previously 22+ years) are required to provide proof of vaccination (POV) to participate in physical activities where patrons 22+ years are also participating with youth, including: fitness centres, group fitness, dance and sports (swimming and skating excluded). Parents or guardians dropping off, picking up, assisting or watching children and youth under 22 participating in Parks and Recreation services for ages 21 and under are exempt from POV. Spectators at rental bookings (e.g. hockey games) where there are 50+ people, aged 12+ years, must show proof of vaccination to the renters management. For further details see: [proof of vaccination](#)

## Community Resources, Services & Events

### New Westminister Welcome Centre

New Westminister Schools, the City of New Westminister, WINS, and New Westminister Schools opened the New Westminister Welcome Centre on October 1. More information about the service it will provide will be available soon on the School District [website](#).

### Resources to combat the opioid crisis

The new Medical Health and Addictions Centre at RCH offers treatment services for anyone with an opioid addiction. See [Fraser Health](#) for further details.

The [Last Door](#) offers addiction treatment for youth, adults and families in New Westminister.



## Community Safety

### Covid in schools - Exposures and new mask rules

New Westminister families can now get information about school exposures in the district online – but that published data doesn't reflect cases from the first few weeks of the school year. Fraser Health is once again publishing school exposures at its [website](#), after the province [backtracked on a plan](#) to limit public release of data for the 2021/22 school year. Read more on this story in the New West Record [here](#).

The BC government has recently updated its K-12 education health and safety guidelines to require masks for kindergarten to Grade 3 students. See details [here](#).

## Local News of Note

### A full 'hunter moon' is set to dazzle Metro Vancouver skies

The moon will be at its fullest on Oct. 20 at 7:56 a.m., according to [timeanddate.com](#). Not only will people have a chance to view a meteor shower that is known for producing "[fireballs](#)," but there will also be a couple of active meteor showers occurring at the same time. For best viewing, you should travel as far away from city lights as possible in order to avoid light pollution. Anywhere that has a higher elevation will also provide more ideal viewing conditions. See more [here](#).

### Transit slowly getting back to normal

Transit ridership is continuing to recover in Metro Vancouver and is currently at about 55% of pre-pandemic levels said a staff report presented to the Mayors' Council on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Bridge traffic on the other hand has sometimes exceeded pre-pandemic levels said the report. For more on this story, go to the [New West Record](#).

### Vaccination rates high in New Westminister

As of early September, 82% of New Westminister residents aged 12 and up were fully vaccinated. As of late September, 78% of youth 12 to 17 were fully vaccinated. See these articles in the New West Record for more details:

[New West among best in B.C. for fully vaccinated residents](#)

[One in 5 New Westminister youth still not fully vaccinated](#)

## Local Youth Willing To Work



Do you have too many jobs on your "To Do List"? Do you need a bit of a helping hand, or have a job that a neighbourhood youth could do instead of calling professionals? We have a group of MVHRA youth who would love to help. From dog walking, to cat sitting, shovelling of snow, sprinkling salt, gardening, babysitting, basic house maintenance (ie: fence painting) - just ask.

Please note the rate of pay is to be established between the resident and the youth. Thank you to these awesome youth and to the residents of Massey Victory Heights for working together and supporting each other!

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If you know of any neighbourhood friends that may wish to be included, please have them email

Kathleen at: [vicepresident@masseyvictoryheights.com](mailto:vicepresident@masseyvictoryheights.com)

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