



## President's Message

Hello! I hope you and your family are doing well. Please know that your residents' association is still active and trying to adapt in this Covid world. We couldn't hold our annual garage sale and neighbourhood block party this year (maybe next year - hopefully?), but we're still committed to building community; after all, that's our mandate. So, we're trying something new: a home decorating contest for Halloween. I know many of you put a lot of time and effort in making your home spooky for Halloween, so let's make it a little neighbourhood event (details are below). It should be fun! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about our neighbourhood. I can be reached at [president@masseyvictoryheights.com](mailto:president@masseyvictoryheights.com) - Jason Lesage (BOO!)

## Editor's Message

The last few months haven't been easy; between the continuing pandemic, forest fire smoke and the burning of our historic pier. We can't gather in person to talk about these issues but we're working to connect with you in other ways, including this newsletter. If you have suggestions for content you would like to see, feel free to email me at [secretary@masseyvictoryheights.com](mailto:secretary@masseyvictoryheights.com). The newsletter Committee is Deb Thomas, Sherry Messenger and Kathleen Carlsen. - Deb Thomas

## Halloween is Coming!

We're holding our first Halloween House Decorating Contest! There will be prizes in four categories: Scariest, Funniest, Most Original and Best Overall Theme. This is fun for all ages. Get creative! Register your home by October 20 by sending an email to: [masseyvictoryheights@gmail.com](mailto:masseyvictoryheights@gmail.com). Voting on the best decorated houses will take place between October 26 and 31, and prizes will be awarded on November 1. Explore your neighbourhood, enjoy the decorations and VOTE! Send your votes to [masseyvictoryheights@gmail.com](mailto:masseyvictoryheights@gmail.com). Watch for a flyer in your mailbox or visit [www.masseyvictoryheight.com](http://www.masseyvictoryheight.com). A big thank you to our event sponsor, John Cooke.

## Real Estate Market Report from John Cooke



I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and had a great summer with everything that's going on in the world today. The market for detached homes in Massey Victory Heights this summer was steady. A total of 10 homes sold in the past 90 days out of the 21 active homes that were on the market, and they sold within an average of 8 days. There are currently 12 homes that remain active as of September 17. Even though we're going through this pandemic, the market has remained steady. Low interest rates and buyers that were sitting on the fence when the pandemic first hit have contributed to an active market. We look forward to what the fall market will bring, and I'm here to help or answer any questions you may have. John Cooke, Keller Williams ELITE Realty [www.johncookehomes.com](http://www.johncookehomes.com)

## Local Youth Willing to Work!

The MVHRA would like to give a BIG SHOUT out to all the GREAT youth who worked with and helped our neighbours this summer. Thank you to Emilio, Luke, Corrina, Benjamin and Keldan. Thank you also to our great neighbours who hired these local youths. Many jobs were done and many people were helped. There was cat sitting, lawn mowing, garden watering, fence painting, plant care and so much more. What a great way for everyone to work together! Although students are back to school and their extracurricular activities, the youth listed below are still willing to work for you. Rate of pay and schedule to be established on an individual basis.

Name: **Emilio Locatelli**

Email: [misskathleen@locatelli.ca](mailto:misskathleen@locatelli.ca)

Jobs: Dog walking, pet-sitting, help around the house, run errands, shovel snow. Email: [misskathleen@locatelli.ca](mailto:misskathleen@locatelli.ca)

Name: **Luke Phelan**

Email: [ldwphelan@gmail.com](mailto:ldwphelan@gmail.com)

Jobs: mowing the lawn, picking weeds or gardening, construction work or building and digging. I will shovel snow during the winter.

Name: **Corinna Talbot**

E-mail: [jude.talbot@woodplc.com](mailto:jude.talbot@woodplc.com)

Jobs: babysit, dog walk, mow lawns (don't have own lawn mower), basic gardening (weeding, picking fruit, etc.)

Name: **Benjamin Talbot**

E-mail: [jude.talbot@woodplc.com](mailto:jude.talbot@woodplc.com)

Jobs: dog walk, mow lawns (don't have own lawn mower), basic gardening (weeding, picking fruit, etc.), basic house maintenance (paint fence, dig trench), move debris (non-hazardous of course)

Name: **Keldan Zschoch**

Email: [kandt0312@gmail.com](mailto:kandt0312@gmail.com)

Dog walking, plant watering, lawn mowing

## Arts and Culture

Community Art Gallery – This gallery in the Anvil Centre will reopen with a new exhibit called New West Portraits that will run from October to December. <https://artscouncilnewwest.org/08/callforartists/call-to-artists-new-west-portraits-anvilcentre-community-art-gallery/> for details.

Massey Theatre - Live performances are back with Covid-friendly accommodations in place. The first concert, with only 50 tickets, is the Boom Booms whose music has a "unique funk, soul and Latin style." October 16-17. <https://www.masseytheatre.com/event/the-boom-booms/> for details and to get tickets.

New West Cultural Crawl is an annual arts & culture festival. Artist studios and venues open their doors for two days to welcome visitors from across Metro Vancouver. The 17th Annual New West Cultural Crawl will take place on October 17 & 18 at venues across New Westminster. <https://newwestculturalcrawl.com/>

Van Dop Gallery - Now exhibiting "Urban Landscapes" By Leanne M. Christie (October 1 - 8). Viewing by appointment only. [trudy@vandopgallery.com](mailto:trudy@vandopgallery.com)

## City Services & Initiatives

Biodiversity & Natural Areas Strategy – The City is taking steps to curb the loss of global biodiversity and protect natural areas for the animal and plant life, and they would like to hear from residents. Visit the Biodiversity and Natural areas map and share your thoughts at [www.newwestcity.ca/biodiversity](http://www.newwestcity.ca/biodiversity)

Budget 2021 - What to know more about how the City decides on their annual budget and have your say on what's important? An opportunity to contribute to the budget deliberations and a webinar on how municipal budgets are created are available at <https://www.newwestcity.ca/public-engagementopportunities/articles/7767.php?status=all>

The New Westminster Museum and Archives - Now open to the public with new visiting procedures and physical distancing measures. Visits are by appointment on Wednesdays to Sundays at Anvil Centre. All visitors must pre-book a ticket online at [www.booking.nwmuseumarchives.ca](http://www.booking.nwmuseumarchives.ca)  
For more information: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/services/arts-and-heritage/museums-and-archives>

New Westminster Public Library – Now open for browsing and borrowing. See <https://www.nwpl.ca/reopening/> for details for hours and which services and resources are currently available.

Reopening Plan - Wondering what City services are available and which facilities are open? You can see their reopening plan here: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/services/public-safety/covid-19/response-and-reopening-plan>

Road work on East Columbia Street - Starting in August and continuing to early November, there will be a rolling full road closure on East Columbia Street (south of Keary Street to north of Sherbrooke Street). For more information: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/citypage/index/articles/7747.php> For all road or street closures due to construction: <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=New+westminster+street+closures>

Streets for People - This City initiative is intended to support more walking, wheeling and biking on streets, sidewalks, greenways and in business areas, which will ensure proper physical distancing and provide space for people to stay

active outdoors. One aspect was the Cool Streets we experienced over the summer around uptown and Queen's Park. For more information: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/streets-for-people>

## Community Services & Events

Braid StrEAT Experience – Drive-thru food truck events will be held again this fall at 81 Braid Street. Upcoming dates are October 3, 4, 17, 18 and 31 and November 1 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. In addition to a drive-thru service, a walk-up grab-and-go service is now permitted. <https://www.newwestrecord.ca/community/food/new-west-food-truck-event-tocontinue-into-fall-1.24199985>

Covid-19 Resources – See <https://www.divisionsbc.ca/fraser-northwest/influenza-symptomtesting-Center> for links to self-assessment tools, known public exposures and clinics where you can get tested. New Westminster residents can get tested at the Purpose Society, 40 Begbie Street from Noon to 4:00 pm every day. You can drop in or call 604.526.2522 to book an appointment.

Covid-19 Tips - Be safe! For a good reminder about how and where to wear masks, see <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseasesconditions/covid-19-safely-use-non-medical-mask-face-covering.html> and when to wear gloves <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/gloves.html>

### Food banks and Other Free Food Sources:

Greater Vancouver Food Bank – See <https://foodbank.bc.ca/find-food/locations/> for a current schedule of New Westminster locations.

Don't Go Hungry: A Food Support Program - Free groceries for those in need. See <https://www.dontgohungry.ca> for current dates and locations in New Westminster.

New West Gardeners - Our neighbourhood has many lovely gardens, and by association, passionate gardeners. A recent Facebook page has been created to bring gardeners across New West together to share tips and plants and celebrate successes. Recent posts have asked for and given advice, promoted plant give-aways and shown photos of bountiful harvests. To join, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/827200907725469>

New West Helping Hands - New West Helping Hands is a group created and maintained by a small group of community members with a common goal of helping those in need, specifically in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The goal and focus of this group is to connect people who require help with those that are able to assist. If you need assistance, you can email them at [newwesthelpinghands@hotmail.com](mailto:newwesthelpinghands@hotmail.com) or connect through their Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/777172272806141>

New Westminster Mental Health and Substance Abuse Centre – The anxiety, and in some cases the solitude, of restrictions and threats during a global pandemic can affect us all. If you need help, there is a local resource at 403 Sixth Street, 2nd floor (tel: 604.777.6800). For more information: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/Service-Directory/Locations/New-Westminster/new-westminster-mental-health-centre#.Xz6-DEkTGfc>

Royal City Recycling Champions Program - This is a free adult education program on waste prevention and reduction for residents of New Westminster. The program's goals are to connect like-minded community members, provide the best information available about the waste system and train participants to help themselves and others reduce waste. The fall program starts on October 15 (space is limited). For more information and to register: <https://spec.bc.ca/event-3907466>

New West Farmer's Market - The Market continues in Tipperary Park every Thursday from 3:30 - 7:00 pm until November 12 (3:00 - 3:30 is reserved for the disabled, those with small children, seniors and the immunocompromised). During the pandemic, the market is limiting numbers, requiring mandatory hand sanitizing at entry and not allowing dogs. Shop local!

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