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# OUR CITY

# Richmond

**'GOOD TO KNOW'**

by Florence Gordon



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**City of Richmond council meeting begin the fall season Sept. 11 and are available online:**

- Regular council meetings are held Mondays at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth week
- Visit city's Youtube channel to view previous meetings at [youtube.com/cityofrichmondbc](https://youtube.com/cityofrichmondbc)
- Agendas for current meeting and minutes of meetings are available [richmond.ca/city-hall/city-council/councilsite.htm](https://richmond.ca/city-hall/city-council/councilsite.htm)



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**Roads and transportation**

In Richmond, Transportation Planning, Traffic Signals and Traffic Operations are the responsibility of the *Transportation Department* in the Planning and Development Division.

Through the Transportation Department, the city provides policy directions that must meet the needs of both residents and businesses, while respecting the local environment. With the provision of transportation facilities and services, the city utilizes a balanced approach that ensures that its transportation needs are met by integrating a network of roads, pedestrian walkways, bicycle lanes and paths, public transit systems, traffic control devices, traffic signs, and parking. The work involves the making of plans and designs for the city's traffic and transportation infrastructure, and the operation of a computerized traffic signal system to improve traffic flow on major roads.

For more information: [richmond.ca/business-development/planning/transportationplanning.htm](https://richmond.ca/business-development/planning/transportationplanning.htm)



# Speakers announced for the 16th annual Lulu Series: Art in the City

After a three-year hiatus, the *Lulu Series: Art in the City* speakers series is back to explore the relationship between art and our urban environment. Artists, planning professionals, designers and anyone interested in the life and form of cities from across Metro Vancouver are invited to attend the following inspirational evening talks in Richmond, free of charge. All events happen at 7 p.m. at Richmond City Hall, Council Chambers.

Talk No. 1: **Cityscape: Creating urban sonic solutions by Milena Droumeva**

Date: Thursday, Sept. 21

Milena Droumeva, associate professor of Communication and Glenfraser Endowed professor in Sound Studies at Simon Fraser University will explore the question of how we can reconsider the design and impact of the sound around us. Droumeva's current project explores best practices for soundscape design in cities and civic participation approaches to storytelling with sound. This talk will be preceded by a musical performance by Konstantin Bozhinov.

Talk No. 2: **Exploring spaces of contestation and sites of unclear jurisdiction by Other Sights**

Date: Thursday, Oct. 19

Members of Other Sights, a collective of individuals dedicated to encouraging discourse about shared social spaces, will share a range of recent projects that include a FLEET of Mobile Artist studios, a floating artist residency, a public art performance exploring care recipient autonomy and creative systems of access, and a trio of public artworks that further important dialogues about public spaces on unceded territories. This talk will be preceded by a short performance by members of the Canadian YC Chinese Orchestra.

Talk No. 3: **On Commemoration by Joseph Fry**

Date: Thursday, Nov. 23

Through his studio's work for the Steveston Nikkei Memorial, the Canadian Navy Monument in Ottawa, Yi Fao Park in New Westminster and various design competitions and unrealized works, Joseph Fry, principal at Hapa Collaborative, will review some of the lessons he has learned in pursuing commemorative design work through his career, and shed light on how public art and memorialization in the public sphere is changing in the age of reconciliation. This talk will be preceded by a musical performance by Sam Davidson.

Since 2003, *The Lulu Series: Art in the City* program has presented international, national and regional speakers including acclaimed artists, architects, urban planners and other cultural leaders. For more information and to reserve seats, visit [richmond.ca/luluseries](http://richmond.ca/luluseries)



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Protect the Salish Sea by Calvin Charlie-Dawson/Ts'kanchtn.



Photo courtesy City of Richmond  
Award-winning B.C. writer Audrey Thomas.

## Thomas named 2023 Writer-in-Residence

The City of Richmond welcomes Canadian literary icon Audrey Thomas as its 2023 Writer-in-Residence. Thomas will be offering a series of events, workshops and mentorship opportunities to aspiring writers in Richmond from Sept. 23 to Nov. 30.

The writer's residency will launch with a short literary reading at the opening ceremony for Richmond Culture Days on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Richmond Cultural Centre, 7700 Minoru Gate. This free event is open to all. No pre-registration is required.

The performance will be followed by a meet-and-greet session at noon that includes another public reading and an opportunity to learn about the free program offerings available during her residency including:

- Memoir Writing: Everyone has a story (Adults)
- Flash Fiction: a very short story (15-19 years)
- All in the family: Writing about Relationships (Adults)
- Writing Circle (Teens)
- Mentorship and consultation (Adults)

Audrey Thomas was born in western New York State and immigrated to Canada in 1959. As the author of award-winning novels such as *Coming Down From Wa*, *Songs My Mother Taught Me* and *Isobel Gunn*, her exceptional literary contributions have been recognized with numerous awards, including the Canada Scotland Award, the Canada Australia Award, the Marian Engel Award, and the W.O. Mitchell Award. Recently, Audrey was honoured with the distinguished Governor General's Award for Literary Excellence. She has taught writing workshops and held residencies in several countries around the world.

Richmond's Writer-in-Residence program is presented by the City of Richmond and the Richmond Public Library.

Details about the program and the workshops being offered are available at [richmond.ca/culture/howartworks/artists-opportunities/writerinresidence](http://richmond.ca/culture/howartworks/artists-opportunities/writerinresidence).

# Richmond's second annual tree sale

The City of Richmond is delighted to announce the return of its highly anticipated tree sale for residents. Building on the success of last year's inaugural tree sale, the city has doubled the amount of trees available to 1,000, all at a reduced price of \$10 each. And based on popular feedback from residents last year, there will be a number of assorted fruit trees offered in addition to non-fruit species. In addition, residents can now purchase up to two trees per residence.

The online registration and ordering period ends Friday, Sept. 22. Tree pick-up is on Saturday, Sept. 23.

"The success of our inaugural tree sale last year confirms our residents are interested in playing a vital role in further expanding the city's urban forest and enhancing its tree canopy coverage, which offers many benefits for all," says Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "At the heart of our city's ongoing resiliency lies our commitment to sustainability and community engagement. Planting a tree is a gift to both current and future generations—a meaningful step towards enhancing air quality, fostering wildlife habitats, providing shade and leaving a lasting legacy."

The following eight species are available (chosen for their suitability in Richmond's unique urban environment) on a first come first serve basis:

- assorted apples (*M. domestica*)
- assorted fruiting cherries (*Prunus* sp.)
- Garry oak (*Quercus garryana*)
- Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*)
- paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*)
- serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)
- shore pine (*Pinus contorta*)
- Sitka willow (*Salix sitchensis*)

The trees, which are nursery-grown quality, will be in five-gallon sized pots and will range in size from three to six feet tall.

## Purchasing a tree

Richmond residents may purchase a maximum of two trees per residence, through the MyRichmond online portal or via [richmond.ca/treesale](http://richmond.ca/treesale). Registration to purchase trees continues until 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. The subsidized cost to residents for a tree is \$10, a price set to ensure cost is not a barrier and to partially recover the city's cost of the purchase of the trees.

## Tree pick-up and planting instructions

Once registrants select and purchase a tree online, they will be assigned one of three, one and a half hour (1.5 hr) time slots to pick-up their tree:

- Date: Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023
- Time: Between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- Location: City of Richmond Works Yard, 5599 Lynas Lane, Richmond.

Trees are being offered to City of Richmond residents only. Residents will be asked to provide proof of residency at time of pick-up.

City staff will be onsite distributing the trees, and will provide a tree-planting brochure specifically for the species purchased, as well as advice, where to find additional supplies at local garden centres and respond to any tree-planting related questions. The event will proceed rain or shine.

## The city's commitment to sustainable tree management



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

## Richmond residents and city staff participating in the 2022 inaugural tree sale.

The city's urban forestry canopy grows every year as new trees are planted throughout the community. In addition to trees being planted to replace trees removed due to decline, age or storm damage, the city is adding trees annually through capital projects including new parks, such as Minoru Lake Renewal, South Arm Park and Garden City Land.

On private property, through development, an average of 1,400 new trees are planted annually. An additional 550 are planted on private property, which are associated with the replacement of trees removed due to non-development homeowner tree removal permits.

## For additional information:

- Visit tree sale info at [richmond.ca/treesale](http://richmond.ca/treesale)
- Search for the city's Public Tree Management Strategy to 2045 at [richmond.ca](http://richmond.ca) to learn about the city's commitment for growing and managing the urban forest on city-owned, public land
- Search for the City's Tree Protection Bylaw at [richmond.ca](http://richmond.ca)



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# In honour of our soldiers: John Donald

By **SAMUEL CHENG**  
Reporter

In a series of Richmond's 'poppy' street signs in memory of our fallen soldiers, we share the story of Donald Road.

John Donald, born in Elgin, England, was a man of many talents. Prior to his enlistment in Vernon, British Columbia on July 13, 1915, he was a member of the militia, a motor driver and labourer.

Donald served on the 47th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The battalion departed for Plymouth, England four months after his enlistment on November 22. Donald spent nine months at boot camps in Bramshott, England before he was sent out to France on a mission.

It was the year of 1916, when Donald was unfortunately killed in action in France. Like Donald's marital status, the cause of his death is unknown. Nonetheless, before his passing, Donald listed James Mowatt as his next of kin.

Mowatt worked for the Lighthouse Cannery in Steveston and was often referred to as "cousin" or "foster father" to Donald. Mowatt was also the recipient of the plaque and scroll from the Canadian government upon Donald's passing.

The Lighthouse Cannery was built in 1893, on the coast of Steveston by the Steveston Canning



A poppy engraved road sign of Donald Road.

Screen grab from Google Maps

Co. The cannery was renamed the Lighthouse in 1898 when it was bought out by the Federation Canning & Packing and Co. The Lighthouse Cannery was in operation up until 1918, when it was destroyed in the infamous Steveston Fire.

In memory of Private John Donald, the City of

Richmond adopted the road name in his honor on Sept. 7, 1954. Donald Road can be found to the west of Gilbert Road, between Granville Avenue and Blundell Road. It is the street to the south of the previously introduced Chatterton Road.

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**Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver is launching a new campaign called "Mentorship Equals" to highlight research that demonstrates how children benefit from their free programs.**



## Big Brothers Big Sisters month

September is Big Brothers Big Sisters Month and Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver (BBGV) is on a mission to prove the benefits of mentorship for youth.

The local agency is launching a new campaign, called "Mentorship Equals," to highlight the research that measurably demonstrates how children benefit from the mentorship equation their free programs offer.

"The data clearly demonstrates what we've seen in practice over decades of intentional relationship-building. Mentorship creates connection, inclusion and belonging for children and carries positive and reciprocal benefits in the lives of mentees and their mentors well into the future," Rose Higgins, program director at BBGV, said.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Month is a provincially-recognized celebration of the volunteer-mentors serving youth throughout our communities. It's also a time when the organization shines a light on the large shortage of volunteers needed to meet the demand of families looking for a mentor.

In this science-based initiative, Big Brothers and Big Sisters Canada (BBBSC) has taken proactive action.

During the summer 2020, BBBSC partnered with researchers from York University, Drs. Craig and Pepler, and the University of Victoria, Dr. Ames, on a collaborative research project, Building Bigger Connections.

The findings were clear: Big Brothers Big Sisters mentees reported feeling more supported and less isolated, worried or anxious than youth outside of the program. Children enrolled in the program also reported better mental health while facing equal or greater adversities than their non-mentored peers.

Additional research from Search Institute suggest that by volunteering as a mentor, one person can have significant and profound impact on the life of a child facing adversities.

"After decades of forming hypotheses, conducting surveys, crafting and re-writing definitions, analyzing data and writing journal articles, Search Institute researchers and practitioners have arrived at a surprisingly simple conclusion: nothing—nothing—has more impact in the life of a child than positive relationships," Peter Benson, former Search Institute president and chief executive officer, said.

Through their free volunteer-led programs, BBGV's mission is to empower children and youth to reach their full potential through impactful mentoring re-

lationships in collaboration with local communities.

"Mentorship happens when we express care, provide support, challenge growth and expand possibilities for children and youth," Higgins explained.

Before the pandemic, the organization served more than 1,000 young people in Greater Vancouver per year. In 2021 to 2022, the non-profit served 723 children due in large part to a nation-wide volunteer shortage. However, since then, there have been signs that the tide may be turning.

"We've seen a significant increase in volunteer applications over the last year, but even with that bump in numbers we still have a long way to go to meet the needs of our community and serve as many children as we did before the pandemic began," Higgins said.

"While this is a positive trend in the right direction, we cannot ignore the current picture. We have the largest need for volunteers in our communities ever with over 80 children ready and waiting to be matched with a mentor. In Surrey, the demand has passed a critical point. Since April of 2021, we've paused accepting new family applications for our Community Program until we're able to find enough volunteers for the children already in our waitpool."

Currently there are more than 30 youths in the Surrey waitpool with many more families on the waitlist.

The term "waitpool" is used by BBGV to describe children approved for their programs and are in the process of finding and being matched with a volunteer while "waitlist" refers to the number of families who have inquired about enrolling their child into the mentorship program, but cannot be accommodated due to the shortage of volunteers.

"We've experienced a huge drop in total volunteers since the pandemic, but continue to see a consistent rise in demand from families in our communities wanting to enroll in our programs. There are hundreds of children who could greatly benefit from a mentor, if they had one," Higgins said.

"We are all capable of building connections and community if we work together. At BBGV, we are here to support youth mentorship every step of the way."

BBGV runs mentorship programs in Vancouver, Surrey, the Tri-Cities, Richmond, Burnaby, New Westminster, the North Shore, Delta and White Rock.

For those interested in volunteer and becoming a volunteer, visit [bigbrothersvancouver.com/volunteer/inquire](http://bigbrothersvancouver.com/volunteer/inquire)



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# The New BC United formerly BC Liberal Party

By FLORENCE GORDON  
Contributing writer

Kevin Falcon (KF), BC United and Leader of the Official Opposition Party, dropped by the *Richmond Sentinel* (RS) for a brief interview.

**RS: Why did you change the name of the BC Liberal Party?**

KF: We had a discussion with the membership, one that our party has had for many years. Seventy-five percent of our membership said yes to a name change. We wanted a name that would bring everyone in our province together. The name selected was BC United because we believe making everyone welcome and working together will bring better results.

**RS: We live in a social media driven world, so you have to find creative ways to reach people over the age of 50 who don't live on social media but vote. How are you meeting this challenge?**

KF: Part of our challenge is to let people know that BC United is the former BC Liberal Party. It does take time. The next election is in October 2024 so for the next year we will continue to get our message out through social media and normal advertising platforms to reach every demographic.

**RS: An important issue that you have raised, is 'Drugs in Parks'. Can you explain why and what you want to see happen, because I don't think a lot of people realize it's not against the law.**

KF: The provincial NDP government decriminalized hard drugs for 2.5 grams or less, and they didn't put any safeguards around that policy. We need to have a law that says "you are not allowed to openly use drugs in our parks, playgrounds, beaches and public spaces." There's nothing the police can do because it's been decriminalized.

**RS: As the opposition leader you are there to call out the government when needed. What is it that you want people to know?**

KF: It's not easy being the opposition and always calling the government out.

The NDP approach of buying motels in downtown cores and warehousing people with mental health and addiction issues without any kind of support has created chaos in the community. We can't keep doing this. The policy is failing the most vulnerable, just putting a roof over their head is only part of what needs to be done. Some of these folks require a high level of care. We need to open up modernized facilities where they can receive 24/7 medical care and hopefully in a couple of years they can move back into the community or to a group home facility. Our primary purpose should be to help them get off addictive drugs with free treatment and recovery programs.

**RS: Let's talk about your first one-hundred-day plan: health care, housing, crime, and transparency.**

KF: In health care, we've gone from one of the best health care systems in the country to one of the worst. We're sending cancer patients to the U.S. and one in five have no access to a family doctor. Crime is at an all-time high, we have the highest housing crisis in North America and highest rents in Canada. These results are not good results and I'm going to ensure that we are held accountable for improved results.

**RS: I want to ask you about crime. From my experience when something happens to a tourist in our city the news reaches other countries and it has an impact on our tourist industry. What can the government do?**

KF: Of the number of police charges, seventy-five percent are released. Four people every day are being attacked by random strangers. We have to have consequences for bad behaviour. We have forty individuals in Vancouver that last year, had 6,385 negative interactions with the police. That is a small group of people causing a huge problem—that has to change.

**RS: The municipalities can only do so much. How much support is required from the provincial and federal government on main issues like crime and the housing crisis?**

KF: It's always important for the federal government to play a role with the provincial government. It's important to have clarity in our list of 'asks' so the federal government knows what our priorities are.

**RS: You stepped away from government for a decade and entered the corporate world. What did you bring back from the corporate world to this political arena?**

KF: My advice to politicians: work in the corporate world and experience how difficult things are. I was in the housing sector, in a senior position, and I saw how delays impacted housing projects. I got back into politics because I don't want a reckless drug decriminalization policy, I don't want to have crime spinning out of control and we need to solve the housing crisis. I believe these are fixable problems. We can't fix everything in the first one hundred days but we can get started.

**RS: You stepped away from politics because you had a very young family, how has having a family affected your lifestyle today?**

KF: Before having a family, I worked whatever hours needed to get things done. My kids gave me perspective on life, and I think a lot about, how hard it is for people today, that so many are struggling. A recent study reported fifty-two percent of people in BC are \$200 a month away from insolvency. The NDP government introduced twenty-nine new or increased taxes since they've been in power. Do we see the benefits?

**RS: Knowing what you know today, what advice would you give your younger self when you were just entering politics?**

KF: Do more than you think you have to do.

To watch the full interview go to [richmondsentinel.ca/videos](https://richmondsentinel.ca/videos)



Photo via [leg.bc.ca](https://leg.bc.ca)

Kevin Falcon, BC United, Leader of the Official Opposition Party.

## City Appointments 2024

Richmond City Council wishes to fill vacancies on the following Advisory Committees/Boards/Commissions:

Persons interested in serving the community, in a volunteer capacity, on any of the below Advisory Bodies are invited to submit an application, along with a resume, to the attention of the City Clerk's Office, no later than **Friday, September 29, 2023**. Applications open from August 28th–September 29th, 2023.

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Advisory Committee on the Environment
- Aquatic Advisory Board
- Child Care Development Advisory Committee
- Economic Advisory Committee
- Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Heritage Commission
- Intercultural Advisory Committee
- Minoru Centre for Active Living Program Committee
- Public Art Advisory Committee
- Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee
- Richmond Public Library Board
- Seniors Advisory Committee
- Sister City Advisory Committee
- YVR Aeronautical Noise Management Committee
- YVR Environmental Advisory Committee

For more information, visit:

[www.richmond.ca/advisory](https://www.richmond.ca/advisory).

Application forms can be obtained on the City website at [www.richmond.ca/advisory](https://www.richmond.ca/advisory) or by phone 604-276-4007.



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# Celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival at Gateway Theatre

This Mid-Autumn Festival, Gateway Theatre invites families to an exciting in-person event to celebrate this popular Chinese holiday. Launching its 2023/2024 season on Saturday, Sept. 24, Gateway is hosting a Family Fun Mid-Autumn Celebration and an exclusive live reading of *The Legend of Whooshhh*, episode 5 of *A Year of Blessings* audio play series.

"The Mid-Autumn Festival honours the full harvest moon as a symbol of prosperity, togetherness, and homecoming. Families gather to share food, admire the full moon, light lanterns, and enjoy mooncakes," says Yanting Qiu, Gateway Theatre's community engagement producer. "Come join us for a day full of fun activities and mooncakes for the whole family."

Kid and parents alike will enjoy the entertaining audio play reading of *The Legend of Whooshhh*, a playful story of three chum salmon, Eunice, RoRo, and Mabel heading upstream from the ocean to their home. With rising temperatures and lowering water levels, the Three Chums rely on their enduring friendships, new connections, the myth of Chang Er, and *The Legend of The Whooshhh*—the salmon cannon—to get them safely home. The audio will be brought to life by local Asian artists Stephanie Wong, Angela Chu, Harmony Yen, Raugi Yu, and Cindy Kao. Created by Five Blessings Collective and co-produced with Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre, this audio play immerses young audiences and their families to enjoy and explore the wonders and meanings behind the traditional Chinese festival in a fun and entertaining way.



Photo courtesy Gateway Theatre

Children participate in last years Mid-Autumn festival activities at Gateway Theatre.

Following the live reading of the play, families can gather in the lobby to make their own lanterns and other themed crafts. All attendees will receive a delicious mooncake to eat or take home, kindly donated by Anna's Cake House.

Adds Qiu, "we hosted a similar even earlier this year celebrating Lunar New Year, which was a huge hit. As the event was sold-out, we highly recommended getting tickets early."

This event is most suited for ages 6 to 12, but all children accompanied by an adult are welcome.

Patrons have the option of selecting the morning event starting at 10 a.m. or the afternoon event starting at 1 p.m. Tickets are available for \$10 each, and all guests aged 3 and up require a ticket. Ages 2 and under are free if they share an adult's seat. For those bringing children aged 2 and under who do not need their own seats, please email [boxoffice@gatewaytheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@gatewaytheatre.com)

For more information on the family fun event and the audio plays, visit [gatewaytheatre.com/events/family-fun-mid-autumn-celebration/](http://gatewaytheatre.com/events/family-fun-mid-autumn-celebration/)

## CMCC summer sale was a success

By SAMUEL CHENG  
Reporter

Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church (CMCC) came back to host an annual summer sale after a two-year hiatus due to the outbreak of Covid-19.

CMCC is a multicultural Catholic Church that was founded back in 1995. "It is currently the only church in Richmond that offers Mass in three different languages: English, Cantonese, and Mandarin."

The church features more than 20 different religious groups in various languages, with different programs available for the public who are interested in learning more about the Catholic religion, life, or spirituality.

The CMCC summer sale was held on Saturday, Sept. 2. The sale took place at the Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church (5771 Granville Avenue), nearby



The 2023 annual CMCC summer sale. Photo courtesy Philip Fung

the Thompson Community Centre.

Various household items, flowers and plants, clothing, toys, and accessories were on sale. Moreover, there was an assorted selection of delicious and mouth-watering foods, drinks, snacks, desserts, barbecue and more.

Fantastic live entertainment performances were present at the scene of the summer sale. "The carwash was cancelled after careful consideration of abiding with the City of Richmond's Stage 2 water restriction."

All proceeds made from the sale were donated back to the Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church.

Don't stress if you missed this year's summer sale, be sure to keep an eye out for next year's CMCC Summer Sale.

For more information, please visit [cmartyrs.rcav.org](http://cmartyrs.rcav.org)

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# Soaring over Iona Beach

By MATTHEW CHEUNG  
Reporter

The annual Wings over Iona event is returning this year on Sept. 16, between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is open to all, free for admission, and will take place at the Iona Beach Regional Park. The event will be filled with many activities such as bird walks with bird interpreters, interpretation stations, as well as the opportunity to see live birds up close.

Wings over Iona was started in 2019 by Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, with a goal to showcase migrating birds from their breeding grounds to their homes.

"The goal of Wings over Iona is to increase awareness of Iona Beach Regional Park as a beautiful and important park for both birds and people to visit. We hope to awaken people's curiosity about birds and bird habitat by highlighting the fall migration of birds from their breeding grounds to their winter homes, as well as how Iona, as a protected area, helps address some of the challenges that birds face during their migration," said Sara Mimick, special events assistant with Metro Vancouver Regional Parks.

Bird lovers and visitors are sure to have a great time as there will be many opportunities to learn about birds, how to identify them, and possibly see them up close. Wild Research and Pacific Raptors, two conservation organizations will be bringing in birds for visitors to look at. Pacific Raptors, an organization that are most interested in birds of prey have seen a rapid decline in raptors. The intent will be to bring in raptors in hopes of educating the public on the birds and inspire a sense of personal responsibility for the future of birds on earth.

Bird lovers can look forward to seeing many species of migrating birds in-



Photo courtesy Metro Vancouver  
**A raptor present at the last Wings over Iona event.**

cluding the Western Sandpipers, Northern Pintails or Northern Shovelers, Warblers, and Snow Geese.

"Some birds that will be present at Iona during this time include the western and pectoral sandpipers. Western sandpipers are shorebirds that start their migration in Alaska and make a stopover at Iona Beach Regional Park before continuing their long journey to Panama. There are also different duck species, such as Northern pintails and Northern shovelers. A few warbler species have started to arrive, as well as gull species, some of which stay the entire winter said Mimick.

Iona Beach Regional Park is a local beach perfect for bird watchers to enjoy. It is open every day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. that features a view of the Fraser River and the southwest side of Vancouver.

"Iona Beach Regional Park has always been a popular bird viewing and refuge area due to its location at the mouth of the Fraser River North Arm and its variety of ecosystems, including the estuary, wetlands, and rare sand dune habitat. The park is also located along the Pacific Flyway, a major north-south flyway for migratory birds that extends from Alaska to Patagonia," said Mimick.

Those who are transiting to the event will be able to do so via the free shuttle bus that runs between Templeton Station and Iona Beach Regional Park every 20 minutes.

"The first bus leaving Templeton Station will be at 10:45 a.m. and the last bus leaving Iona Beach Regional Park will be at 2:25 p.m., said Mimick.

For more information visit [metrovancover.org/events/Event/2217](https://metrovancover.org/events/Event/2217)

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## 2023 Tour de Cure fundraises over \$7 million

By MATTHEW CHEUNG  
Reporter

On Aug. 26 to 27, the Tour de Cure, presented by Wheaton Precious Metals raised over \$7 million to support BC Cancer research. Starting in Cloverdale, the province's largest cycling fundraiser, played host to over 1,500 cyclists, cycling for two days before ending in Hope. With support from the community, donors, and partners, riders set out for their two-day journey, riding approximately 200 to 260 kilometres depending on where their route takes them. On average, cyclists ride 100 kilometres per day. To date, the annual event has raised over \$120 million since it was first created in 2009.

The Tour de Cure was once known as the Ride to Conquer Cancer. Since 2009, over 1,500 cyclists from across the province participate in the event to fundraise money to further cancer research. Participants include current and past patients, loved ones of those who have faced cancer, and

BC Cancer staff.

Richmond's own Dennis Soriano is one of said participants who participated in his 11th Tour de Cure to honour his father who had unexpectedly been diagnosed with cancer before passing away a few weeks later and his mother who is a cancer survivor.

"This year's Tour de Cure event saw a return to the two-day format. For myself, it brought back many great memories of the 10 previous years I have taken part in the ride. While out on the ride, I often reflect about the people my donors and I ride for. In my case, I ride for my mother who is a cancer survivor and for my father, who passed away just over a year ago due to cancer. From the energy and emotion of the opening ceremonies to the amazing time at camp and then onto such an emotional experience at the finish line, the Tour de Cure is definitely an experience I recommend everyone to take part in. Overall, the event was well supported with support vehicles and personnel highly visible along the route. The pit and lunch

stops were well stocked with food and liquids to keep you going throughout the day," said Soriano.

"Approximately 45 riders from Richmond participated in the 2023 ride," said Sarah Roth, president and chief executive officer of the BC Cancer Foundation.

The money raised by the Tour de Cure is used by BC Cancer to power life-saving research and enhancements to care in British Columbia.

"The funds raised this year will continue to support critical programs at BC Cancer, including areas like lymphoma, brain, and childhood cancers research," said Roth. "Tour de Cure benefits the BC Cancer Foundation in support of BC Cancer, which provides life-saving care to patients across the province, including those from Richmond."

Although the event has come to an end, readers can visit [bccancerfoundation.com/](https://bccancerfoundation.com/) to learn more or make a donation.

For those who missed the Tour de Cure, fear not as registration for the 2024 Tour de Cure has opened on [tourdecure.ca/](https://tourdecure.ca/)

# OUR CITY *Tonight*

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TV SERIES



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## The Summer Cocktail – *Sunset in Milan*

For our last cocktail of the summer, we turned to Eddie Gheorghe, a bartender at Italian Kitchen Restaurant in Vancouver, part of the Glowbal Restaurant Group. "There's a romance to this cocktail," Eddie tells us about the Sunset in Milan, "a light and refreshing take on a Negroni sour without the bitterness." Ingredients for the Sunset in Milan are:

- 1oz gin,
- .75oz lillet blanc,
- .75oz simple syrup,
- .75oz aperol,
- 1.75oz lemon juice,
- 1oz egg whites,

The cocktail is then garnished with dehydrated roses. After we sampled the delicious cocktail with Eddie, we lifted our glasses and toasted another summer that had come to an end. This delicious cocktail was the perfect choice to say farewell to the summer and hello to a new fall season.

[glowbalgroup.com](http://glowbalgroup.com)

## The Movie – *Dreamin' Wild*

This wonderful film, which is based on a true story, is about two brothers named Donnie and Joe Emerson who, as teenagers in 1979, recorded an album in a small studio their supportive parents built on the family farm in Washington State. The album was called *Dreamin' Wild* and, sadly, it went unnoticed. Nearly 35 years later, a young record executive shows up raving about the album, speaking of it as if it were another classic like *Sgt. Pepper* or *Pet Sounds*. What follows, is the story of how both brothers and the family react and come to terms with the past. The movie stars Casey Affleck, Zooey Deschanel, Chris Messina and Beau Bridges. If you are a fan of the Oscar-winning 2012 documentary, *Searching for Sugarman* you will enjoy this film.

[dreaminwildmovie.com](http://dreaminwildmovie.com)

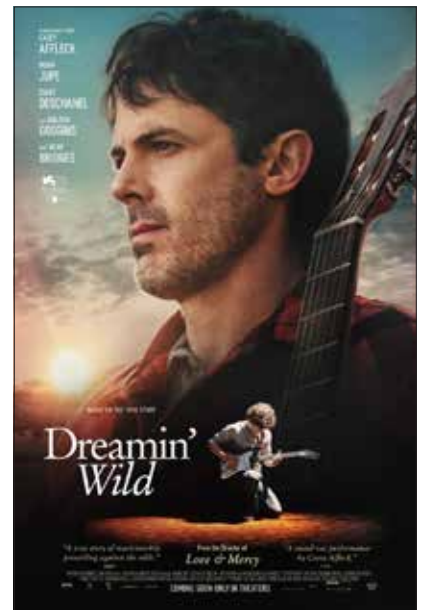


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## The TV Series – *Painkiller*

This six episode series is directed by very talented Peter Berg (*Friday Night Lights*, *The Kingdom*, *Deepwater Horizon*) and focuses on America's ongoing opioid epidemic and the pharmaceutical drug known as OxyContin. *Painkiller*, which has a superb cast including Matthew Broderick, Dina Shihabi, and Taylor Kitsch, weaves together the stories of the perpetrators, the victims and the investigator who goes up against big pharma. Though we'd say last year's *Dopesick* is the better of the two, *Painkiller* is still worth your time.

[netflix.com](http://netflix.com)



# Deana Martin is truly her father's daughter

By JIM GORDON & LEETA LIEPINS  
Contributors

**O**ur City Tonight (OCT) interviewed Deana Martin (DM), the very talented daughter of iconic entertainer, Dean Martin. She is a singer, actor, best-selling author, and a nationally syndicated radio host.

**OCT:** *You're someone who has been in show business for a lot of years, you are extremely active on your website, on social media platforms, and with your regular Friday afternoon live show in your personal studio. People can see this show on your website, on YouTube, and on Twitter after the show. It's all available at DeanaMartin.com You really put on a great show every Friday at 1 p.m. West Coast time, can you tell us more about that show?*

DM: My show is called Deana Martin Live, and the one we are doing after this interview is number 171. To me that's unbelievable as well, we have kept our musicians busy throughout the whole pandemic, and that's how it started.

There were a lot of shows I had to cancel over three years ago when that all happened. I said to my assistant, "what am I going to do?" I will have to call all these people to tell them everything is canceled, and my assistant suggested that we do a different type of show. She mentioned doing a Facebook live show. I asked because I had no idea what that was. We took my iPhone and put it on a tripod right in my rehearsal room. I was casual, wearing flip-flops and I just sat down on my chair, and I had all of my music already recorded without my voice, so it was easier than first thought.

In my show, I perform some music, I tell some jokes, and we get lots of comments because people are watching it live. When I make mistakes, well, they're there forever. It's all great. I have fabulous music and I sing. I tell jokes, and I communicate with my audience while I'm doing the show. My assistant Rosario takes care of answering the incoming comments from the viewers. Since the show is live, I can say happy birthday to people watching the show is almost in real time as they type in their comments. It's live, it's fun, and the show is all over the world.

**OCT:** *You were very close with your parents and of course your dad. It is amusing to note that for*



*a guy who was viewed as someone who didn't really like working, he was very busy working all the time. And it is also interesting that as a youngster you appeared on his show. In fact, the first time we recall seeing the incredible Dean Martin was on his landmark 1967 Christmas special. Your family and the Sinatra family were on that wonderful special.*

*You have absolutely seen show business from all different angles, the good and the bad. Please talk about some of the things you learned from your dad and your mom through the years.*

DM: The valuable lessons that I learned from my dad, and of course my mom because they both were incredible, was number one, always be on time. I was taught that nobody was any more special than anybody else, so he taught me to always be there, always be early, know all your lines, know the lyrics, and again to reiterate, just be there.

He inspired me to do all those things so that when I left the people that I was working with, I would hope they would also be inspired that, despite the fame, you would be viewed in a very positive manner. That no one thought we were jerks. That's how my dad was. He was just down to earth. But he always told me indefinitely; be there and know what you're doing and if you make a mistake, go back and do it again correctly.

*The Dean Martin Show was truly unbelievable.*



Deana Martin with father Dean Martin.

Photo via deanamartin.com

You mentioned the Christmas special with the Sinatra's and the Martin's. It was really so much fun because all these people were my friends. We all grew up together, so we all sang in this Christmas special. And they remain my friends to this day.

**OCT:** *What really warms our hearts is that you embrace everything your dad was. You've clearly carved out a very successful career for yourself but every time we hear you singing one of your dad's songs, it puts a smile on our faces and so many others too.*

DM: Thank you for all of your kind words. I wanted to mention my CD *Memories Are Made of This* which we never put on vinyl, but we are in the midst of doing that right now. And thank you for saying all those great things about my dad, the incredible Dean Martin. He really was down to earth, funny, and we all got his sense of humour and I think hopefully his timing.

**OCT:** *It's worth mentioning again that every Friday, rain, or shine, you can watch the Deana Martin Live show at 1 p.m. West Coast time. For more details go to DeanaMartin.com*

For the video interview in full go to richmond sentinel.ca/videos



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**April 15 to October 31, 2023**

The City of Richmond has contracted BA Blacktop Ltd. to grind and pave the following locations in Richmond **from April 15 to October 31, 2023.**

### PROPOSED 2023 PAVING LOCATION DETAILS

12000 Westminster Highway (No.5 Rd – MOTI) – including the No.5 Road Intersection
9000 Block Cambie Road (Garden City Road – No.4 Road) including both intersections
10000 Block No.6 Road (Steveston Hwy – Triangle Rd) including both Intersections
11000 Block Shell Road (Steveston Hwy to Hammersmith Gate)
Cambie Road (No.5 Road to Jacombs Road)
10000 Block Wilkinson Road (No.4 R – Swinton Crescent) – both intersections included
12000 Block Steveston Highway (No.5 Rd to MOTI) – No.5 Road Intersection included
4000 Block Francis Road (No. 1 Rd to Lancelot Gate)
5000 Block Garden City Road (Westminster Highway to Lansdowne Road) – both Intersections included PLUS MUP mill and Pave
11000 Block Shell Road (Steveston Hwy to Hammersmith Gate)
11000 Block Hammersmith Gate (Shell Road – Hammersmith Way)
River Road (No. 3 Road – Charles Street)
22000 Block Westminster Hwy (MOTI – Mclean Avenue) including Mclean intersection
9000 Block No.5 Road (Seacliff Road to Kingsbridge Drive) – Williams Rd and Kingsbridge Drive intersections included
8000 Block No.3 Road (Francis Road – Blundell Road) – Both intersections included
2000 Block Viking Way (Bridgeport Rd – Vulcan Way) – includes Vulcan Way intersection
3000 Block Jacombs Road (Cambie Road to Bathgate Way) – Both intersections included
13000 Block Bathgate Way (Sweden Way – Jacombs Road) – both intersections included
4000 Block Boundary Road (Westminster Hwy to Thompson Gate including Thompson Gate intersection
No.6 Road (Cambie Road to Bridgeport Road)
18000 Block River Road (No.8 Road to Nelson Road)
Douglas Crescent + Wellington Crescent + Wellington Avenue + Handley Avenue + Catalina Crescent + Anson Avenue
11000 Block Steveston Highway (Shell Road to Coppersmith Place)
River Drive – West bound lane only (No.4 Road to Van Horne Way)
3451 Blundell Road – Vibration Complaint
4480 Williams Road – Vibration Complaint

Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Night time work hours will be from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (typically).

Traffic will be reduced to single-lane and there may be temporary lane closures. Delays may occur. The use of an alternate route is strongly encouraged.

This work is weather dependent and dates are subject to change without notice.

The scope of the advertised work may be adjusted or cancelled in line with available funding.

Questions may be directed to Wasim Memon, Supervisor, Engineering Inspections, at **604-276-4189**, or visit the City's paving program web page at <https://www.richmond.ca/services/rdws/projects/construction.htm>.

## Richmond United Football Club 23-24 season preview

By **MATTHEW CHEUNG**  
Reporter

The Richmond United Football Club (RUFC) season is coming; registration is open to all individuals between the ages three to 18, regardless of background, skill, or gender.

RUFC is focused on empowering athletes and their families, unlocking their fullest potential. Through this club, it is hoped that children can grow as athletes and individuals, developing skills that will help them on and off the pitch, while developing lasting friendships.

"Our aim is to nurture young individuals, fostering their social-emotional growth, promoting diversity, leadership, physical fitness, a healthy lifestyle, empathy, and discipline—all while making the journey fun and rewarding. We prioritize the creation of lasting friendships, encourage limitless aspirations, and offer clear pathways for players of every level, from recreational enthusiasts to those aspiring to compete at the highest levels such as BC SPL and beyond," said Marius Roevde, executive director of Richmond United Football Club.

The club recently experienced a merger between the Richmond Football Club and the Richmond United Soccer Club. As a result, the organization has begun focusing on managing the transition between the two clubs. The club hopes that the merger of the two clubs can be facilitated through the completion of five objectives; integration and collaboration among clubs, coach development and education, guidance from club technical director, long-term player development, and future culture.

"In summary, the expectations for the season at RUFC revolve around fostering unity, empowering coaches, and nurturing young talent to ensure a successful transition and build a strong foundation for the club's future," said Roevde.

The Richmond Thanksgiving tournament will be taking place on Thanksgiving weekend, and has slowly become a city favourite for soccer fans and soccer clubs. Over 200 teams will be travelling to Richmond to compete in said tournament, which brings family and friends together and a boost to the city's economy. Many hotel rooms will be booked, restaurants packed, and local businesses from shops to services will experience an increase in foot traffic. The tournament will also help teams grow together, as they learn to adapt to their teammates' play style and create bonds on and off the field.

"The Richmond Thanksgiving tournament exemplifies the magic of sports, transcending boundaries and bringing people together. It's not just about competition; it's about community, camaraderie, and the enduring spirit of football. As the tournament continues to grow and thrive, it remains a source of pride for the City of Richmond and event that enriches the lives of all its participants, leaving a legacy of economic prosperity and unforgettable memories for families and players alike," said Roevde.

RUFC has seen many individuals attain their dream of professionally playing the sport that they love, from individuals who have represented Canada, to those who have gone to play for the Vancouver Whitecaps football club. The club expects many more success stories to emerge.

"Looking ahead, we anticipate a significant increase in such success stories over the next decade. Our focus on strengthening and exploring alternative pathways, tailored to each individual, will provide the youngest talents with greater opportunities. With a dedicated technical leadership group boasting a proven track record of facilitating players' journeys to professional clubs in North America, Europe, and securing scholarships to universities, the future looks promising for our aspiring athletes," said Roevde.

For more information, visit [richmondffc.ca](http://richmondffc.ca)

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# Richmond family donates \$10 million

Dan On, founder and owner of the Richmond-based Dan-D Foods Ltd., is giving back in a big way to Richmond. He feels enormous gratitude to this community that has supported his immigrant story, rising from the most humble of beginnings to ascending the heights of entrepreneurial success. With the announcement of his extraordinary donation of \$10 million to Richmond Hospital Foundation, On and his family are taking patient care to a whole new level for Richmond.

This transformational donation will help ensure the success of two important projects at Richmond Hospital: the purchase of a second CT scanner for medical imaging and the enhancement of patient care in the new Yurkovich Family Pavilion.

"Because my company operates from its base in Richmond, it made sense to give back to the local community," says On. "Excellent health care is important to everyone and I was inspired by my employees and local business partners to make a gift to help the community where we live, work and play."

Today, Richmond Hospital's ability to provide Computed Tomography (CT) scans is impacted by the increasing demand. Part of On's gift will fund a second CT scanner, which will improve access for this important medical imaging service, allowing for faster diagnosis and assessment of patients.

Dr. Tracy Chandler, radiologist at Richmond Hospital thanks On for his generosity and adds, "The acquisition of a second CT scanner will have a profound impact on the medical imaging team as well as patients. The CT scanner is one of the most frequently used pieces of equipment serving the needs of both inpatients and outpatients, and it has been a challenge to keep up with the demand for CT scans with only a single machine."

"Dan's generous gift will enhance the patient experience and result in improved efficiency for health care services in Richmond," shares Dr. Barinder Brar,



Photo courtesy Richmond Hospital Foundation

From left to right: Dr. Barinder Brar, Dr. Tracy Chandler, Dan On Junior; Dan On; Victoria On; Dr. Penny Ballem, Natalie Meixner.

Richmond Hospital Emergency Department Co-Department Head and Physician.

Looking to the future with the new Yurkovich Family Pavilion, On's gift will also enhance the patient experience throughout the inpatient floors, helping to create a calm, healing environment for patients in all of the single occupancy rooms, plus the installation of new technologies such as safety features to help health care staff deliver optimum care.

Dan Khuong On is the son of ethnic Chinese parents, who lived in Vietnam during the turbulent war years of the 1960s and 1970s. His family experienced extreme poverty during this time and in 1979, at the age of 18, he was sponsored as an immigrant to Canada.

By 1989, On formed his own company. It was his intense work ethic, his loyalty to those he worked with, and his keen business acumen that made him a giant in the field of food packaging and distribution in Richmond. He later expanded his enterprise to include other markets worldwide including California, Vietnam, China and Japan.

"Richmond Hospital Foundation is honoured and

humbled to receive this extraordinary gift from an individual who, despite the hardships faced in his youth, has gone on to demonstrate that one can thrive in Canada," says Natalie Meixner, president and chief executive officer of Richmond Hospital Foundation. "Dan's intense hard work has made him the successful businessman we know today and we are grateful that he has chosen to support health care in Richmond as a way to give back and say thank you to his adopted country. His loyalty to his employees and the community of Richmond shines through."

The benefits of On's charitable gift will be felt by many in the Richmond community. Planning has already commenced to create the necessary space to house a new CT scanner within the next year. This important equipment will be relocated to the new Yurkovich Family Pavilion when it opens.

"We are truly honoured to have such generosity in our midst," says Dr. Penny Ballem, board chair, Vancouver Coastal Health. "We know that philanthropy helps drive health care forward and we thank Dan for his vision and foresight to help his local community."

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