

The Yarrow Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

AGM YRA/YVS February 25
Spring Supper March 8
Plant Sale April 12
Easter Story Walk April 18
Repair Café April 26
Yarrow Days June 6/7/8

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Have we had enough winter yet? There's lots of stuff in this issue to warm our hearts. Mrs. Bergen shares some of our neighbours' thoughts gathered from the January Storywalk.
Yarrow Hopes Page 6.

Please do plan to attend the Annual General Meeting for the Ratepayers and Volunteer Society. These two organizations run the community centre and foster community spirit. Community reports will be presented. Meet the folks who make stuff happen in town. **AGM below Page 1.**

March first there will be a totally different kind of event at the hall. Model train hobbyists will gather for a swap meet. All are invited to drop by and learn about this pursuit. **Model Trains Page 5.**

We've planned a Spring Supper with southern flair to warm local tummies. Folks loved our pulled pork + home made porkNbeans last time. Please do join us on March 8th. **Spring Supper Page 7.**

Please plan to attend the Biggest Little Plant Sale In The Valley. Again this year we are appealing for donations of plant material to help fill the tables. Anything green is welcome! **Plant Sale Page 10**

Celebrate Easter the unique Yarrow Way. Join the **Storywalk Page 15.**

Got broken stuff? Good at fixing broken stuff? Drop by the school April 26th. **Repair Café Page 14.**

Yarrow Days planning is underway. Volunteers are needed to lend a hand. Next meeting is March 19th 7pm at the hall. Drop on by or contact the newsletter to let us know how to reach you.

YARROW RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
& YARROW VOLUNTEER SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Yarrow Community Centre 4670 Community Street

Tuesday February 25, 2025— 7PM

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Yarrow Days, Tree Lighting, Ways & Means, Hall Report
Question and Answer period (2 question limit per person)

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Library, Waterworks, Firehall, RCMP
Question and Answer period (2 question limit per person)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

six nominees to Yarrow Ratepayers Assoc. – two year term
five nominees to Yarrow Volunteer Society - two year term
Question and Answer period (2 question limit per person)

REFRESHMENTS



Clip This Coupon

Bring it to our Annual General Meeting on Feb 25th and enter the draw for two to dine at the Spring Supper



Seniors & Students Eating Together - If this sounds like fun to you, please join us on the first Wednesday of the month 12 noon for lunch, reading and fun board games with the students. Please call the school to RSVP 604-823-4408.

Crafts with Cleo and Her Friend Jess – Free! Parent Participation on Monday mornings for Tots and their Grown Up. Join us in the multi-purpose room for a simple craft, snack, story and a bit of free play. Must pre-register by calling Sally 604-823-0257 or email sallylum@shaw.ca as space is limited.

Repair Café – Saturday, April 26th 9am-2pm. You may have found more Broken Stuff laying around that you just can't part with, so be sure to mark the date for our next Repair Café. We have 'Volunteer Fixers' to help our 'Community Breakers'. Springtime means lawnmowers & weed whackers that need a tune up, garden tools that need sharpening, bikes to get ready for nicer weather. Call Sally if you have any questions or if you'd like to volunteer as a FIXER!

Cycling Without Age – For those of you who haven't heard of us yet, our Cycling Without age program is a FREE cycling service that helps isolated seniors, or others with mobility challenges get out of their homes and into the great outdoors. We are really looking forward to some spring weather that will have us out enjoying rides on the Vedder River trails or we can bring the bikes to your neighbourhood too. Please call to find out more or email us at cwayarrow@gmail.com.

Seniors Tech Support – We enjoyed our first effort at a Seniors Tech Support session. It was a small, but fun turnout! Enough that we want to try again if there is interest so be sure to watch for more info coming for later in the Spring. The idea is that we have volunteer helpers with some tech experience or even expertise so you can bring your phone, ipad/tablet or laptop and volunteers will help you with any questions about your device.

Call Sally if you're interested in finding out more...604-823-0257

Spring is around the corner and that means we are thinking about Tykes Spring Soccer and Tykes T-Ball here at the school.

Let Sally know if you are interested. 604-823-0257

Name & Phone number:

HURRAY!

Finally, we get a taste of winter! And that is not such a bad thing. Contrasts in life can serve a purpose. Winter weather certainly offers that. Colder temps. Dry nor'easters. Excuses to hunker down indoors for a while. Who can argue with all that --- as long as it is temporary like we customarily experience!

Yarrow Seniors is held every Wednesday at the Community Hall. It too offers some wonderful contrasts. The warmth of friendship and yes, fellowship. An opportunity to 'come in out of the cold'. Frequent exposure to new and different 'ethnic culinary' offerings. But most prized of all, the opportunity to receive and express concern and care for others. Often-times, a fellow senior is not able to join us every Wednesday. When that happens, they are definitely missed. And it feels good "to be missed" nowadays! Will you consider joining us, even for a trial visit?

We meet:

12 noon – if you want, bring your own packed lunch.
 12:30 PM – if you just want to play a few table games.
 Every Wednesday at the Yarrow Community Hall.

An empty chair is waiting for you.
 Call Bev 604-823-7232

Teen Super Smash Bros Tournament

Chilliwack Library, 45860 First Ave
 Saturday, Mar 22, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
 Test your skills, challenge friends, and compete for awesome prizes. Don't miss out on the action - it's time to smash and have fun! Bring your own controller or use one of ours. Snacks will be provided.

For ages 13-18, online registration required.





A Christ Centred Community

We meet on Sundays at 10am for our Worship Service. Kids Sunday School and discussion/coffee time in the basement follows.

Easter Events

Good Friday Easter Storywalk from 9am-4pm

Easter Sunday Celebration breakfast at 9am with worship service following.

Please go to the calendar on our website yarrowmb-church.org or call the office for more details on what's happening throughout the week and for future events.

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Yarrow Canadian Reformed Church

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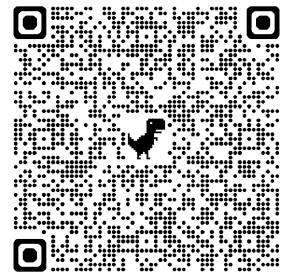
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Yarrow Days Dance 2025 19+

Saturday June 7th
Yarrow Community Centre
6pm Doors Open
Food Trucks on site
 (tickets not required to visit the food trucks)
7pm—11pm Dance with Retrobot
late night picnic lunch

Tickets \$33.28
at Eventbrite



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—Anna Lappe.

Yarrow Waterworks



Yarrow Water Users, as we welcome everyone into 2025, we are celebrating our 81st year of operation. Our community water system began on March 23, 1944.

As the cold weather has arrived, please remember to insulate your outside taps & yard hydrants to prevent freezing and unwanted water leaks.

We invite anyone who would like their water bills emailed to please contact the office by mail (office@yarrowwd.ca) or phone (604-823-6015) as we transition from mailed water bills to emailed bills. We have nearly 25% of our accounts now receiving emailed bills but

would like to increase this total. A reminder to eTransfer payers to please update our email address to the new 2023 address (office@yarrowwd.ca).

As we dream about Spring, warmer weather & outdoor gardening, here's a reminder to please report any fire hydrant use to us ASAP. The only people authorized to use a fire hydrant are the Fire Dept & Waterworks staff. Contractors must have pre-arranged approval & a backflow device must be installed on the hydrant to protect our water system. Illegal hydrant use can compromise our water quality & fire hydrant protection availability for our fire department during required use.

Once we have our 2024 Audit compet-

ed, we'll be able to set a date for our 81st AGM, we are planning to hold it in late April-mid May. We currently have 2 trustee positions due for election for a 3 year term. We have received 3 nominations. Current trustees John McAuley & Jake Toews are both letting their names stand for re-election.

Thanks for your support for the community water system. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the office.

On behalf of the Trustees,

John McAuley, Chair
 Yarrow Waterworks District
 604-823-6015(office)
office@yarrowwd.ca



Yarrow Community Model Train Swap Meet

Saturday March 1, 2025

10am to 4pm

Admission: \$5.00

Family: \$15.00

(2 Adults + 3 Children)

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Hilda Bergen has been maintaining a Story Walk on the section of the Vedder Trail leading to the train bridge for a few years now. The January Story Walk book was entitled "I Hope". At the end, walkers were invited to jot down their hopes. Always the educator, Mrs. Bergen has shared what our neighbours' hopes are for 2025. This town is has amazing citizens!

I hope...

To find joy in my season of waiting
 To get an even deeper appreciation of our beautiful back yard
 That you know Jesus loves you
 That our dog becomes more social this year 2025
 That you can smell salmon at the river for years to come
 To catch a fish
 That I can throw rocks into the water every day
 That I can buy a house in Yarrow
 That all our community have a sense of belonging
 For more Hello Kitties
 That I can get a stuffie for my birthday. PS I'm a boy
 That I can have more hot wheels than my Dad
 To catch s steelhead
 To flourish
 That we can all find the truth
 That the Canadian dollar goes back up
 To marry my boyfriend
 To be happy
 That you know Jesus loves you
 That more people would come to know Jesus
 That you continue the story walk for a long time
 That people know they are loved and seen by God!

To welcome a new baby into our lives this year
 To explore Europe
 That we can live in peace
 To live life to the fullest
 To find my purpose
 That we can live in peace
 To be happy and healthy
 To honour God in all that I do
 To be a mermaid
 To have a baby in Oct 2025
 To find freedom
 World Peace
 To turn into a crab
 Happiness
 That my cat comes back
 That the conservatives get into office
 That we can all get along together
 That I see a fox
 To buy a house
 To get my business up and running
 World peace and love
 To make a snowman



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Spring Supper

Saturday March 8th 5– 7pm
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BBQ pulled pork on a bun (gluten-free bun available)
Memphis Style Cole slaw
Homemade pork N beans
Corn bread
Seasonal Vegetables Pickled Peppers
(Gluten-free Turkey enchiladas & Blueberry Scones available)
Strawberry Trifle Pecan Pie Tarts

Adults \$15 Kids under 12 \$5 Tots under 5 free

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Prep Party
 Friday March 7
 6:00 pm
 Kitchen at the
 Community Centre



Bring knives
 (And gossip)

Mark your calendar

You don't want to miss the AGM
Tuesday February 25, 2025— 7PM
At the Community Centre

Bring your questions & concerns
Hear what's happening in town
Meet your neighbours
You might even win 2 free suppers

Kids Yoga

Sardis Library, 5910 Tyson Rd.
 Tuesday, Mar 18, 11 am – 12 pm Registration required and opens on Feb 18, please call or drop by to sign up
 Sardis Library, Thursday, Mar 27, 11 am – 12 pm Registration required and opens Mar 27, please call or drop by to sign up
 Kids ages 4 to 11 are invited to join yoga teacher Britt Zurowski from www.thevalleybee.ca for play-based yoga. There will be games, poses, meditation, relaxation and a story to match the theme of emotions. Yoga mats and blankets provided.
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YARROW FAMILY PLACE

Tuesdays 8:30-10am
 Yarrow Community School
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Community Connections
School Readiness
Playdough Play
Crafts
Circle Time
Play-based Learning

Come meet your neighbors—parents, grandparents, and caregivers—with children aged 0-6 for a morning of engaging, attachment-based activities. It's a great way to connect, share experiences, and have fun!
 Coffee will be on!

Please bring a healthy snack to share.



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 Chilliwack Family Place Network






Strong And Free

Canada Revenue Agency Super Clinic

Chilliwack Library, 45860 First Ave
Monday, Mar 3, 10 am – 4 pm

Join us to get your taxes filed, find out more about the benefits, credits, pensions, programs, and services you may be entitled to!

Drop in.



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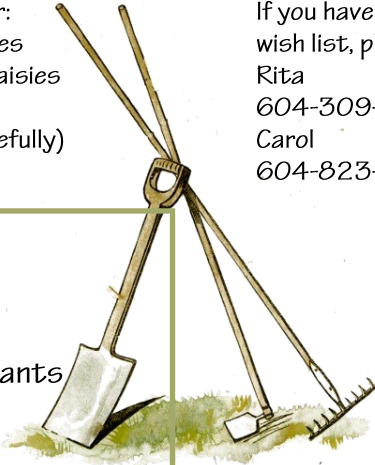
Biggest Little Plant Sale In The Valley

FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday April 12th
Yarrow Community Centre
4670 Community Street
9 AM to noon

NEW this year:
Patio tomatoes
Livingstone Daisies
Rudbeckia
Hibiscus (hopefully)

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Donations gratefully received all day
Friday April 11th.
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Discover the wonders of ancient Egypt! Explore the mysteries of the pyramids and unravel the secrets of this fascinating civilization in this engaging program for all ages.
Join us for a timeless adventure! **Drop in.**



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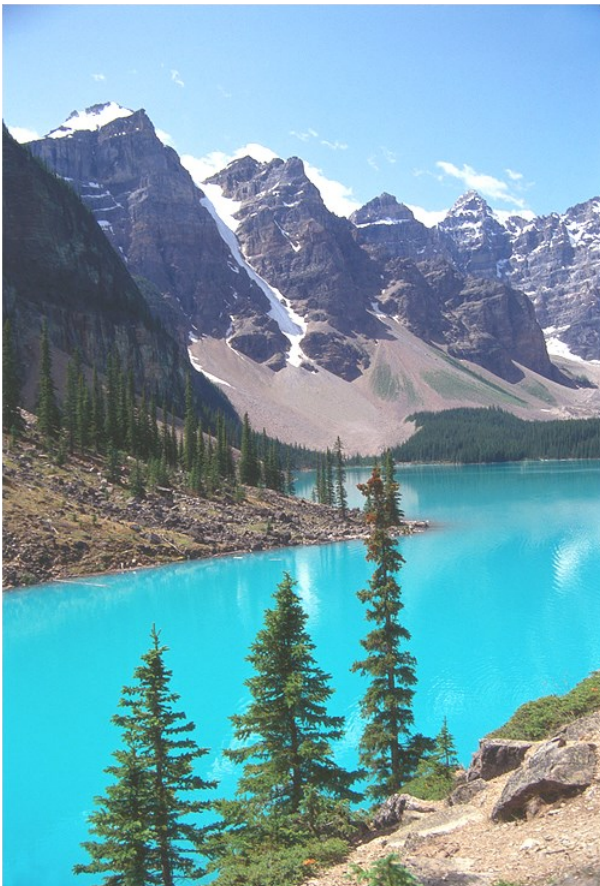
February 24th, 2025 is the first day Revenue Canada will be accepting online submissions.

April 30th, 2025 - Taxes are due for individuals.

June 15th, 2025 Taxes are due for small businesses.

March 3rd 2025 is the deadline for contributions to your RRSP's

Time to gather your medical, dental, optical, orthodontist, counselling or any medical expense NOT covered or reimbursed by a third party insurance. Have your charitable donation receipts ready, any change in marital status, dependants or direct deposit. Remember from birth to death if you or your child made income we send in a tax return. Find out what benefits and deductions you are entitled to, call or email to book your appointment today!



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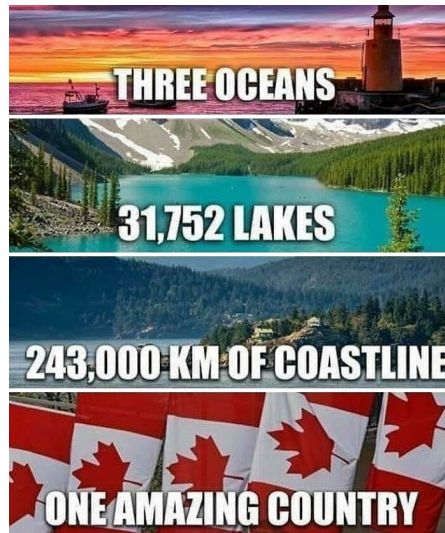
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Baby Playdate

Sardis Library, 5819 Tyson Rd

Wed, March 12 9:30 – 11 am

This hands-on event will teach parents/caregivers ways to play with your baby or toddler and encourage early literacy at the same time. Come to play and go away with ideas to try at home. This event is best suited for babies and toddlers 2 years old and younger with a parent or caregiver, but older siblings are welcome! **Drop in**



CANADIAN STREET GANGS



**From Minutes of Chilliwack Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting – November 26, 2024
Presentation by Kara Jefford, Director of Engineering, City of Chilliwack**

Vedder Greenway Pedestrian Crossing Bridge Update

A presentation update on the Vedder River Trail Bridge was given by Kara Jefford, Director of Engineering. Designed for pedestrians and cyclists, the concept of the Vedder Greenway Pedestrian Crossing Bridge first originated in 2018. The stand-alone bridge is intended to be a 67m Single Span Steel Arch bridge with a concrete bridge deck and a 3m wide bridge deck surface. The preferred location of this trail bridge is the Browne Creek Crossing near Bergman Rd and Hooge Rd, as this is where the river is the narrowest.

Although money was received from Trans Mountain for the completion of the project, there have been multiple setbacks in acquiring the approval to build the bridge, including determining the best location for the bridge. The notion to begin the construction of the Vedder River Trail bridge was first completed in June 2018 with a technical evaluation. The next task of a Geotechnical Report was not accomplished until March 2021, consisting of a Load Evaluation on Bergman Bridge (for drill rig access) and

a Heritage Investigation Permit, which was granted in February 2021.

In March 2023 staff began the preliminary design, which included determining the recommended structural built form, recommendations for environmental and other approvals, as well as, constructability advice from a bridge contractor and an updated cost estimate. In 2024, with a budget of \$4.75 million, a Provincial Land Tenure Application was submitted in October. This application has a timeline of 2 – 3 years and includes a Crown Land Management Plan, hydraulic assessment, preliminary design and any supporting documentation.

Consultation with First Nations through Stó:lō was submitted in October. Water Sustainability Act authorizations can be submitted once the Crown Land Application process is completed and Tenure is approved. Unfortunately, this means no other applications may move forward until Crown Land Tenure is granted, meaning that something like environmental approvals cannot be completed in advance.

Once Tenure is approved the next steps will be Water Sustainability Act authorization, DFO Letter of Advice, Submission to Transport Canada under the Navigable Waters Act, an updated cost estimate, and grant applications for active transportation and recreation for a design-build tentative in 2028- 29.

In 2018 the City also engaged with a consultant to review the feasibility of a cantilevered bridge on the Southern Railway train bridge, including a structural review. The consultant recommended a new independent pedestrian bridge be built due to the extensive work required as the current bridge does not have the proper loading capacity and would cause impacts to trail traffic. Alternatively, in 2024 the City began preliminary talks with Southern Railway regarding the cost and timeline of building an independent bridge that could work while waiting for a response on the Crown Land Tenure.

Article submitted by Victor Froese, member of Chilliwack Parks And Trails Advisory Committee

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 Wednesdays, 9 – 4 pm
 Thursdays, 1 – 8 pm
 Saturdays, 10 – 2 pm

Hours: Yarrow Library will **now** be open on Saturdays of Long Weekends starting with Saturday February 15th for the Family Day Weekend! *See our website for all other locations for Saturday/Sunday opening changes.

Storytimes:

Ages 2-6. Wednesdays 10-10:30am
 February 12th- June 4th [*excluding March 19 & 26]



Kids Scavenger Hunts:

Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter & more!

St. Patrick’s Day Kids “Good Luck”

Contest – March 3-22nd

See how many 4-leaf clovers you can find and you could win a prize!



Spring Break Performers:

Wed March 19th : Science World on the Road 10:30-11a.m.

All about Forces and Motion.

Wed March 26th : H.R. MacMillan Space Centre 2-3 p.m.

How to Navigate the Night Sky.

*Pick up your event reminders at the library beginning March 4th. All ages

Good Egg Contest:

Tell us why FVRL is a “good egg” for a chance to win a prize! Contest runs April 1-26th. All ages



Adults and Teens Spring Bingo:

Pick up a Bingo Card and complete it in the months of April & May for a chance to win a prize!



Easter STORYWALK

Experience the Journey to the Cross as you walk through Yarrow.

The walk is about 2.5 KM and begins at Yarrow MB Church. Opening is at 9am and all stations close at 4pm.

Maps will be provided.

Good Friday
April 18, 2025

This collaborative experience features creativity and artwork from our community.

GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO SHOP LOCAL.

Returning to movement postpartum

Sardis Library, 5819 Tyson Rd

Wednesday, March 5 from 9 am – 10 am

Chilliwack Library, 45860 First Ave

Tuesday, Mar 18, 10 am – 11 am

Learn how to move forward after the birth of a child- a workshop on strategies, compassion and knowledge for new mothers returning to physical activity postpartum. Presented by Kinesiology students from UFV.

Registration required, please call or drop by to sign up.



Shopping Canadian -

Something we can all do to preserve our sovereignty

How "Canadian" is a product ?

"Made in Canada" products must be made of a minimum 51 per cent Canadian material or content, while "Product of Canada" is the gold standard, with the product needing to be 98 per cent Canadian to get the certification. What's more—the direct costs of producing or manufacturing the product must have also been incurred in Canada.

In 2008, the "Made in Canada" versus "Product of Canada" distinction was created to help consumers and highlight businesses that are achieving that 98 per cent threshold.

Here's a handy link to search out Canadian manufacturers and stores:

<https://madeinca.ca/grocery-store-guide/>

Alternatives exist with friendly sources for orange juice and pineapples too. Let's all get better at reading labels.

And of course, do continue to support our local merchants right here in Yarrow.



SUPPORT LOCAL

yarrow farm market

2025 Market Dates

Friday nights
5pm-dusk
May 23- August 29

www.theyarrowfarmmarket.com

Did I remind you
to attend the AGM?
See page 1 for details



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~unknown

Yarrow Volunteer Society - fosters community spirit by organizing Yarrow Days, Christmas Light Festival, Breakfast With Santa, Community Suppers etc. and publishes this swell newsletter

Yarrow Ratepayers Association - built, paid for and operates the Yarrow Community Centre

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