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Greetings from the Vernon-Monashee MLA



Hello from the North Okanagan! I am excited to be included in this incredible resource for the people living in our region. As the relatively new MLA for Vernon-Monashee, any chance I have to connect with people in our communities is a fantastic opportunity.

We are all so fortunate to live in our beautiful part of the world. There are plenty of indoor and outdoor activity

options for people of all levels, incredible community festivals and events to partake in, and some of the best local food anywhere in the world.

As a nurse, I am also very proud of the healthcare that is available to people in our area. We have all-important infrastructure to keep people healthy, but what really makes it special is the hardworking and caring healthcare professionals who go above and beyond every day to support their communities.

Everyone has done their part to keep one another safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, and now we have the end of these challenges in sight. As we recover and rebuild our economy, I look forward to being able to meet as many of you in-person as possible to discuss your concerns, priorities, and ambitions.

I want to thank each and every one of you for making the North Okanagan such an incredible place to live, work, and play. When people care deeply about their community, it gives us as elected officials a clear and defined path to follow.

It is my honour and privilege to serve you in the Legislature. My office is open to help support with any issues and answer questions you may have on provincial issues.

Do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do, we are here for you.

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War Amps Key Tag Service Celebrates 75 Years

The War Amps 2021 key tags are now being mail to Canadian residents with the theme "You Are a Part of What We Do," marking the 75th anniversary of the Association's Key Tag Service and paying tribute to the public for helping make it a success.

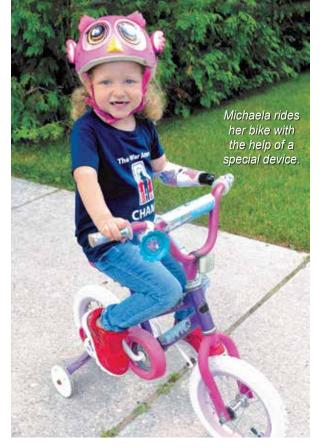
In the letter accompanying the key tags, parents Tracie and Jeremy describe how The War Amps has supported their family, from the day their daughter, Michaela Blakslee, 6, was born missing part of her left arm, as well as some fingers and toes.

As a member of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program,

Michaela receives financial assistance for artificial limbs and devices and also attends regional seminars where Champs and their parents learn about the latest in artificial limbs, dealing with teasing and staring, and parenting an amputee child.

Michaela's artificial arms, which she calls her "helper hands", include one for everyday use and another that she uses for activities like bike riding. "Without the funding from The War Amps, it would be very difficult for us to get her any prosthetics at all," says Tracie and Jeremy. "Whatever isn't covered through our workplace insurance and the government, The War Amps steps in so she has these devices to help her through daily life."

The Key Tag Service was launched in 1946 so that returning war amputee veterans could not only work for competitive wages, but also provide a service to Canadians that would generate funds for the Association's many programs, including CHAMP. The Key Tag Service continues to employ amputees



and people with disabilities and has returned more than 1.5 million sets of lost keys to their owners.

Each key tag has a confidentially coded number. If you lose your keys, the finder can call the toll-free number on the back of the tag or place them in any mailbox in Canada, and The War Amps will return them to you by courier, free of charge.

The War Amps receives no government grants and its programs are possible through public support of the Key Tag and Address Label Service.



For more information, or to order key tags, visit waramps.ca or call toll-free 1 800 250-3030. Shuswap Hospice and Palliative Care Resource Centre

Wellness Centre Focused on Emotional, Physical, and Spiritual Wellbeing

Shuswap Hospice & Palliative Care Resource Centre provides a variety of programs and services to families throughout the Shuswap Region. We are a Wellness Centre focused on emotional, physical, and spiritual wellbeing.

Why what we do is important...

We provide an environment where we honour and respect personal health care decisions and offer psychological, emotional, and spiritual support for families. Our work also focuses on grief, either anticipatory or for the loss of a loved one. Grief comes in many forms and expressions, and we recognise them all. Our aim is to empower people to continue finding their reason for being, their joie de vivre for life. Through actively listening, hearing their concerns, and helping them navigate this impactful phase of their life we guide them on their journey of reconnection and healing. We help clients discover the necessary tools to have the conversations with their loved ones that are so vitally important while we support loved ones to acknowledge and understand end of life wishes. We lend a hand to achieve living well and dying well with dignity and compassion, humor and laughter and some tears.

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Programs offered include Caregiver Support Groups - Bereavement Support – Companion Program – One-on-One Grief Support – Nav-CARE - Advance Care Planning - Walk & Talk Groups - Touch Therapy. New programs include Youth, Grief and Loss, Children's Room providing support for children of all ages and the Wig and Prosthesis Lending Bank where we offer free wigs and breast accessory service, fittings, and support. You will also find an extensive Lending Library for those who may find comfort in reading.

We are a non-profit, volunteer-based organization that depends on donations and support from community. All of our services and programs are offered free of charge.

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To learn more, contact us at:

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Kitchen Salvage

So, you are putting a new kitchen into your home, congratulations! Now is the time to think about what you are going to do with your old kitchen. Consider donating it to Habitat for Humanity Vernon ReStore and in return, you will receive a taxable receipt for our resale value plus you are keeping good usable items out of our local landfill. Monies raised through the ReStore support Habitat for Humanity Okanagan homebuilding initiatives locally.

What do you have to do? Easy. Contact us BEFORE taking out your existing kitchen to allow us to evaluate it. We will schedule a date

Habitat for Humanity ReStores



Habitat for Humanity Okanagan operates four decor and building supply ReStores with locations in Vernon, Kelowna, West Kelowna, and Penticton. The stores sell new and gently used items for your home and garden. From lighting to flooring, furniture to major

Lake Country Build Update

Our Lake Country build is well underway! The first phase of this project includes eight homes, comprised of two triplexes and a duplex. The first triplex is up, with the next breaking ground shortly. Twelve eligible families in need have been selected and are excited to move into their new homes.

As the building continues, we need your support to reach the \$1 million still needed to complete this project. Help us build strength, stability, and independence through affordable homeownership. Donate today at www.habitatforhumanityokanagan. ca/lake-country-build/.



and carefully remove your old kitchen cabinets and take them away. It really is that easy! Call 778-755-4346 extension 213.

Kitchen removal is easy, and you will receive a tax receipt!

appliances, one of a kinds and antiques. If you need it or want it, you can likely find it at a ReStore at a great price. Restores help keep material out of the landfill and the proceeds from the sales help support Habitat for Humanity Okanagan's building program here in the Okanagan. Our inventory is 100% donated by local and corporate businesses and by individuals like you. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you! If you are interested in volunteering contact *comms@hfhokanagan.ca*.

The Vernon ReStore has both a build centre and furniture and home décor store located at 2707C and 2709C 43rd Avenue, Vernon

Questions? Email Lesley Phoenix, ReStore manager at lesley.phoenix@restoreokanagan.ca.



For more information contact Danielle Smith Director of Resource Development 778-755-4346 ext. 210 resourcedevelopment@hfhokanagan.ca

Braces can be the key to keeping you active in the Beautiful Okanagan!

Will a brace weaken my joints or muscles? No. You obviously don't worry about those big plastic ski boots with reinforced steel buckles weakening your feet or ankles, do you? A brace assists you to return to activities that you would otherwise not be able to do. If a brace helps you to ski, hike, run, walk or just perform daily tasks, these activities will strengthen you! Why consider a brace? A few reasons would include previous unresolved knee injuries, chronic instability, arthritis or if you were already directed by your physician / health care provider to try a brace. Seeing a bracing professional is your next step to be fit for the proper brace. Book yourself an appointment to have a discussion about which type of knee brace is appropriate.

Braces are secured to the body by either a sleeve, rigid frame or in some cases semirigid frames built into sleeves. Almost all are tightened by Velcro closures. Braces are very light so they should not slow you down due to weight! What can braces do? Some are designed for compression to reduce swelling, while hinged braces provide support to reduce the risk of unwanted motion. It all depends on what the person needs to get them back to being active and healthy. Addressing the injury can be accomplished by choosing a brace with the appropriate amount of support, having it fit appropriately, and being educated on how to apply it properly. A proper fitting brace is crucial to ensure their effectiveness. Gapping about the brace, wrong sized support pieces, or simply an improper fit can all negate the effectiveness of the braces.

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Our Vernon clinic is located #101, 3605 31 Street. Clinics are also located in Penticton, on Westlake Road in West Kelowna, and Ambrosi Road and Pandosy Street in Kelowna.

Future Giving is all about planning

by Community Foundation North Okanagan



We often hear that to achieve a goal we must start with a plan. If you've spoken with a financial advisor lately, they are probably saying the same thing about retirement plans.

The Community Foundation North Okanagan (CFNO) has worked alongside many local financial advisors to assist in establishing their clients' charitable giving plans. Some of our donors have established giving plans that allow them to make donations throughout different stages of their life as a way to take advantage of tax savings, but also so they can see a cause close to their heart receive the benefit. Many other donors are able to make the most impact by creating their future giving plan through a gift in their will or by naming the CFNO as the beneficiary of their life insurance policy.



Sattu Mahapatra, an advisor with IG Wealth Management in Vernon describes conversations with clients that surround charitable giving as a "no brainer approach".

"After reviewing tax efficient investments & cash flow options in retirement planning, you have a clear picture of how much money you can give to charity while still achieving your other goals." Sattu says, "It's not about thinking I have enough so I can probably make a donation. It's about knowing you have a plan that works and that you can give this amount. And it's a tax benefit!"

When it comes to philanthropy, many local financial advisors are recommending the Community Foundation North Okanagan because we offer a flexible yet structured approach to charitable giving. We provide investment vehicles and community expertise to help you make informed decisions. We also offer options for you to support a wide variety of social, cultural, educational, and environmental needs surrounding issue areas that are specific to our North Okanagan region.

The Community Foundation has been leading

Whether your plan is to give now, or to give later, establishing a future giving plan ensures that the legacy you wish to create is realized. the **Vital Signs** program in our region, to compile and track local data over time. This report allows us to measure the vitality of our North Okanagan communities and provides critical data for us to convene community-led organizations and inspire action around our most critical local issues.

"We have a growing population, close to 90,000 citizens in the North Okanagan region. As more people call this area home it becomes important for us to understand how individuals and families are being affected by the increased rental & housing costs and the changing economy & aging workforce." Leanne Hammond, Executive Director, CFNO, says "We know the organizations representing a large variety of causes in our region and we can introduce you to the programs and initiatives they are working on."

The Vital Signs report also serves as a starting point to engage in meaningful conversation

surrounding your giving interests. We can offer advice and help whether you have a personal charitable vision or if you would like to support an emerging community issue area.

The Power of Many

When you establish a fund or make a donation with the Community Foundation North Okanagan your money is pooled with our **\$18 million endowment fund**. You become part of a circle of giving, where every dollar granted to a charity, is because many people just like you - cared.

Regardless of your age or the size of your gift, we are here to make your giving experience simple and rewarding.

To find out more call Leanne Hammond today at 250-542-8655 or email leanne@cfno.org. www.cfno.org



Habitat for Humanity® Kamloops Building Attainable Housing in Salmon Arm BC.

Habitat for Humanity Kamloops recognises the demographic shift and the increasing need for more housing units for low & moderate-income seniors, low-income families & veterans in the communities we serve.

Salmon Arm Residences has been designed to provide independent living with universal mobility and aging-in-place features including the elimination of stairs; open-concept plans with fewer hallways & fewer – larger doors; larger bathrooms with curbless showers; the main floor features a meeting & sitting area: kitchen, washroom, health room for service providers and an administration office.



Habitat for Humanity Kamloops is excited to announce a partnership with the Sorrento & District Housing Society for the development of additional seniors & family housing in Sorrento.



For more information on the application process please contact Executive Director, Bill Miller at: *bill@habitatkamloops.com*

The proposed project will be located at the Sorrento Lions Manor site and may include seniors & supportive housing as well as family housing units. The number of residential suites and unit mix will be determined in the preliminary design process.

Habitat Kamloops has received funding from the Shuswap Community Foundation to be used for pre-development expenses, site analysis, and residential concepts design alternatives. More information will be posted on Habitat Kamloops' website as the project progresses.

Habitat for Humanity Kamloops opens a new ReStore location!

Habitat for Humanity Kamloops officially opened their brand new ReStore location in Salmon Arm on Saturday, May 1st, 2021.



Board Chair, Gail Wichmann & Executive Director, Bill Miller cut the ribbon and declared the store "Open for Business!" We would like to say a special "Thank You" to residents as well as the business community in Salmon Arm & the surrounding area for a very warm welcome into their community.

Our new Salmon Arm ReStore is located at: 1160 Trans Canada Hwy, SW.

Hours of operation are: Mon to Sat: 9am to 5pm.

Donation Drop off: Mon to Sat: 9am to 4pm.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Salmon Arm ReStore please contact GM, John Rose at: *john@salmonarmrestore.com*



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SENIOR'S MENTAL HEALTH: Myths & Opportunities

Growing older presents a unique set of mental health challenges. If you're a senior, you might be asking: Will I lose my memory? Will I become depressed and/or anxious and have to take medication? How will the loss of loved ones affect me? And what if I become isolated or chronically ill?

Rethink your expectations

While recognizing that each person's aging experience is unique, experts agree that cognitive and emotional decline are not inevitable, especially if you sleep enough, eat well, exercise regularly, and maintain loving relationships. Whether you're a younger or older senior, the resilience built from these healthy habits can enrich and extend your life.

You might be surprised to learn that of all those lifestyle choices, sustaining social connection is likely the most significant. For instance, emerging research shows that COVID-driven isolation and loneliness among seniors are at epidemic proportions, and are causing rapid increases in depression, anxiety, substance use, and suicidal ideation.

Connect with your "peeps"

The best prescription? Human connection with family, friends, and other people who share similar interests (e.g., gardening, walking, cooking). Volunteering and interacting with youth are also great ways to cultivate and conserve good mental health.



Boost your mental health literacy

To learn more about your mental health, check out the Fresh Outlook Foundation's HEADS UP! Community Mental Health program at **freshoutlookfoundation.org**.

FOF's acclaimed HEADS UP virtual summits and podcasts explore a variety of mental health issues with people from all sectors, ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, and genders.

In a format proven to inform, inspire, and mobilize audiences, HEADS UP combines science with storytelling, with each episode addressing a specific issue and its impacts on individuals, families, workplaces, and communities.

Have a listen

Check out FOF's recent podcast on seniors' mental health, featuring a geriatric psychiatrist, seniors' health consultant, and caregiver/seniors' health care advocate.

FOF founder, Jo de Vries (a senior herself) says "these women's passions and insights are profound and will change lives."

freshoutlookfoundation.org/podcasts

Help us keep our HEADS UP for community mental health!

The **Fresh Outlook Foundation**, a registered charity in the North Okanagan, hosts events and programs to inspire community conversations for sustainable change. With help from granting organizations, sponsors, and donors, FOF produces the highly acclaimed HEADS UP! Community Mental Health Podcasts & Virtual Summits.



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- Membership and Member Services
- Coffee Shop
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- Kitchen and Nutrition Team
- Schubert Welcome Ambassadors
- Thrift Shop Attendants
- Meals on Wheels -Volunteer Staff and Drivers Catering and Event Ambassadors





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Schubert Centre -Join our Community!

Located in the heart of downtown Vernon, Schubert Centre is your one-stop shop for nutritious meals, exciting events, fun activities and good conversation! This iconic Vernon building has been home to over 40 years of seniors' and community memories- from Winter Carnival events to dinner theatres, innumerable weddings, banquets and conventions, reunions and business meetings, Schubert Centre has helped to create meaningful moments to remember in our town.

The most endearing part of visiting Schubert Centre is the talented volunteers which make

it run – whether chatting with the friendly and knowledgeable staff at the front desk, to getting meals at the cafeteria, to our professional servers for banquets and events, our entire facility is operated by seniors, for the community. With a wealth of experience, knowledge and skill, Schubert Centre is a place filled with superlative service with a family touch.

This year, Schubert Centre has been proud to re-open its facilities to our core senior membership, providing card games, exercises, Tai Chi and Qi Gong, crafts, floor curling and indoor games. We have re-instituted Schubert Tours – a fabulously affordable way to see the beautiful region around us! Our 22-person bus travels about on Casino and mall trips, kangaroo farms, wine tastings and holiday getaways, even trips to Revelstoke Dam and Kettle Valley Railway. Our Thrift shop provides vintage bargains throughout the week, and our Meals on Wheels program sends out hundreds of meals to the community on a regular basis.



Schubert Centre is committed to community service – during the challenging White Rock Lake Fire, Schubert Centre proudly hosted BC Emergency Social Services for Okanagan Indian Band, and the Red Cross Evacuation Reception Centre. Again, our dedicated volunteers assisted volunteers and staff to ensure that local residents had access and comforts during the challenging evacuation process.

We are proud to expand our service delivery to offer even more to our seniors and community- ageing-in-place initiatives, therapeutic assistance and physiotherapy equipment, cognitive-therapy based activities and events for all age groups, and more. At Schubert Centre, our mission is to ensure that our seniors get the most out of their golden years, and that our community continues to be served by our exemplary volunteers for decades to come.

Clyde MacGregor, Manager, Schubert Centre manager@schubertcentre.com • 250-549-4201





Halina Activity Centre is a charitable, non-profit organization. We are collecting funds to make improvements to our centre. All monetary and useful items donations are appreciated

Halina Activity Centre has been active for 48 years.

The Halina Activity Centre is in the Vernon Recreation Complex and is operated separately as a charitable non-profit organization.

From the entrance, you'll see the large floor of the "Halina Room" that for years has enticed dancers for our weekly live band dances. The "Halina Pattern Dancers", the Star Country Squares & Rhythm Rounds, willingly travel from as far as Kelowna and Salmon Arm, because they like our floor and the comradeship.

Parallel is our "Halina Room" stage, (from where countless musicians entertain and our Tuesday afternoon Bingo is called) are the markings for Floor curlers so they can socialize, and hone their skills on Monday mornings. Most months this room is filled to capacity on the 4th Saturday for our all you can eat "Pancake Breakfasts".

We have many affiliated renters, including, "Star Country Squares", "Sons of Scotland", "Fish and Game Club" and of course the over 300 members of the "North Okanagan Duplicate Bridge Club". This is BCs' largest Bridge club.

The Halina Canasta and Crib players meet at least twice weekly in our "Club Room" and are always ready to welcome new members. The "Club Room" is also where our "Halina Crafters", "Round Tu-It Quilters", "Time Out Stitchers", Dart players, Table Tennis players and many other groups meet.

More activities are being added monthly. Be sure to check our Activity Calendar online or in the Centre.

On-Line choices now includes e-commerce Craft Shop, online classes, and Bingo. See 'Bingo' information on Home page of HalinaCentre.com There are so many affordable social, recreational and educational choices at the Halina Activity Centre. Come, find what you can enjoy. Bring a friend, make friends, join our Bus Trips. Visit our craft store, try our home cooking in our Centre Cafe, check out our newly renovated "Billiard Room". Or, if you want to consider joining our organization and becoming a volunteer, our volunteers will gladly show you the ropes and explain what the centre means to them.

There is ample parking by our easily accessible centre. We have Wi-Fi and our

The Halina Activity Centre is Vernon's

First Seniors Centre. It has been active for more than 48 years.

It is a charitable non-profit society in the Vernon Recreation Centre.





We offer:

- · Rental spaces for meetings, activity groups, and family special events etc.
- Wi-Fi
- Hearing Loop Technology to clarify speech for those with hearing aids
- A large sprung dance and exercise floor
- A stage
- A Billiards and Pool room
- Kitchen and Dining areas snacks & hot lunches Monday through Friday

Regular Activities:

Bingo, Bridge, Billiards, Bus Tours, Canasta, Crafts, Carpet Bowling, Crib, Dancing to live music, Darts, Floor Curling, and so much more.

Special Events:

Pancake Breakfast on the 4th Saturday of the month

Rotary

- Christmas Party early December
- New Years Eve Dinner Dance
- Winter Carnival in February
- Spring Breakout in March
- and much more

Our very special thanks for the wonderful support...





Halina Room has a hearing loop, donated by Rockwell Audiology. This helps clarify selected sounds for those with hearing aids.

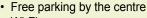
Having recently undergone renovations, the Halina Activity Centre is proud of it's updated look and is moving towards offering more activities for the residents of the Okanagan who have reached the 50+ plateau.

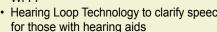
The Centre is open to all persons 50 years of age and over and guests. For more information, please call 250-542-2877, log onto our Facebook page or check out our website www.halinacentre.com

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Come find us hidden in the Vernon Rec Centre









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Vernon, BC

Helping Seniors Is What We Do



for Shelter Aid For Elderly Renters (SAFER), Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, the Guaranteed Income Supplement and more. During tax season, volunteers provide free basic tax returns for low-income seniors thereby preserving their benefits and financial entitlements for yet another year.

For seniors living in their own home

As a community with the percentage of seniors higher than the national average, Vernon is very fortunate to have so many services available for our aging population. One community organization making a big difference in the lives of North Okanagan seniors is NexusBC Community Resource Centre, thanks in a large part to generous donors and the help of many local volunteers.

NexusBC is a non-profit organization serving the North Okanagan. They assist seniors, their families, caregivers and the community to access services which empower seniors to maintain their independence and improve their quality of life. The range of services includes information on housing, transportation, home support and more. As well, NexusBC's large resource databank can direct seniors to community organizations for help with legal, tenancy and elder abuse issues. Volunteers and coordinators are available to help with filling out applications and needing some assistance, the North Okanagan Better At Home Program is a highly valued resource. Services through this program include transportation, grocery shopping, minor home repair, yard work, light housekeeping and telephone social activities. Service fees are assessed on a sliding scale in order to help seniors afford the services.

In order to offer these services, NexusBC relies on the support of more than 40 volunteers. And more volunteers are always needed. If you enjoy the company of seniors and care about their well-being, there are a variety of ways you can help. Volunteers are needed to drive seniors to appointments and for grocery shopping; to help with light yard work and minor maintenance such as changing a light bulb or fixing a broken step. A free criminal record check is conducted on all volunteers. For more information, please visit www.nexusbc.ca or phone NexusBC at 250.545.0585





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The Shuswap's most popular heritage attraction opens for the 2022 season! Real History – Good Food – Hands-On Activities

R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum, located at 751-Highway 97B, will open for the 2022 season on May 11. The Heritage Village offers a unique and authentic experience for visitors who can explore firsthand the rich history of Salmon Arm and the Shuswap. Set on 40 acres of the prettiest farmland in the

Shuswap, the Heritage Village features 24 relocated and replicated buildings, with over 30 exhibits to discover, including the original 1910 Haney House.

The Village and Museum are open Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and during July and August are open seven days a week. Your admission to the Village includes all

hands-on activities, a guided tour of the Haney House and access to the Village, Museum and trails.

There's something shiny and new in the Village! The Children's Museum and Discovery Centre is an exciting place of discovery aimed at little to middle children. Located in the Broadview School House on the main level in the heart of the Village, the Discovery Centre is themed around the natural elements at the Heritage Village, the water of the Shuswap and our early settlers. The hands-on exhibits are designed for children and their grownups to learn and play together.



If you are looking for a unique lunch experience, the Sprig of Heather Restaurant is open Wednesday - Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Enjoy indoor or outdoor patio seating for up to 145 people with views of the Village from every table. The menu includes a daily special. Sandwiches are made with in-house baked bread, fresh fillings, and greens served with your choice of our homemade signature soups or garden salad with homemade dressings. There is always a variety of baked goodies

on hand. For more info, visit https://www. salmonarmmuseum.org/sprig-of-heather.htm

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Visitors also experience the many special events throughout the season. For information on what's happening at R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum, including admission cost, hours of operation, daily activities and volunteering opportunities, call 250-832-5243 or visit their website *www.salmonarmmuseum.org*. A visit to the Village from May – September is well worth the trip!



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Research shows that fresh, high-antioxidant Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO) is healthy, but what are those health benefits and how do you choose an oil in the store?



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EVOO is made from the first crush of the olive and requires no chemical or heat extraction (unlike pure, light, and extra-light olive oils). You can think of EVOO as the juice of the olive: the fresher, the better!

What are the health benefits?

Fresh, early harvest olives are packed with health promoting compounds called phenols that protect the oil. These phenols also protect us! They have antioxidant (fights damage to cells), antimicrobial (prevents harmful invaders), and anti-inflammatory (reduces inflammation) properties.¹ Further benefits are shown through EVOOs main role in the Mediterranean diet, which has been shown to reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases, heart attack, cancer, and diabetes among other chronic diseases.²

How do I find a fresh EVOO year-round?

Like wine, many countries in the world produce fantastic olive oil! Since the Northern

and Southern hemispheres have opposite growing seasons, there's a fresh harvest of EVOO every 6 months from countries such as Spain, Portugal, USA, and Greece in the North, and Chile and Australia in the South. Look for the crush date of your olive oil rather than the expiry date and aim for one that is no more than one year old.

What happens if my EVOO is old? All unrefined oils will degrade over

time, causing rancidity (smells like 'old lipstick/ crayons') and lowered health benefits. A step you can take to combat this is to look for EVOO in a dark colored bottle and store it in a cool, dark cupboard away from the stove.

Lastly, can I cook with EVOO?

Yes! You can sauté, fry, roast, and bake with quality EVOO! Recent research has shown fresh, high-antioxidant EVOO to be the most stable oil when heated compared to other common cooking oils.³

For additional resources visit: https://olivewellnessinstitute.org/

Written by Bailey Morin. Bailey is a UBC BSc. student in Food, Nutrition, and Health.

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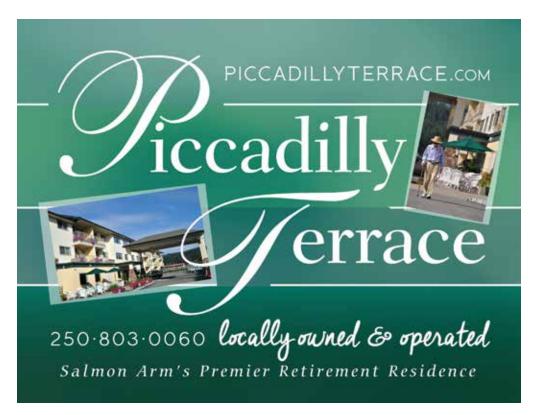
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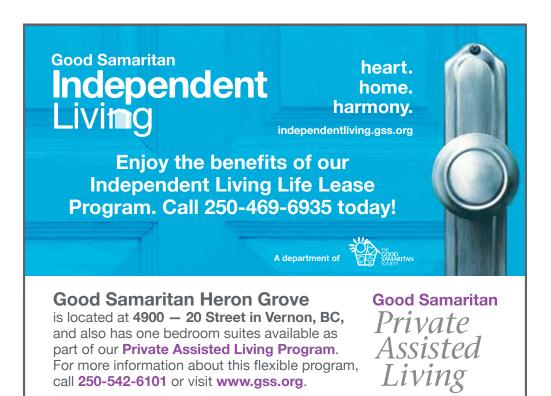
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BC Brain Injury Association

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HEALTH

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Community Dental Access Centre

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Crohn's & Colitis Canada

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https://crohnsandcolitis.ca/Support-for-You/MyGut

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Heart & Stroke Foundation

Promotes health through research, education, services and advocacy www.heartandstroke.ca 200-885 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, BC V6C 1N5 778.372.8000 1.888.473.4636 See our FAST ad on page 43

HealthyFamiliesBC

Health promotion plan to encourage healthier choices. Food & Nutrition, Activity & Lifestyle, Aging Well. Online blog www.HealthyFamiliesBC.ca

Kidney Foundation of Canada BC

Volunteer organization committed to reducing the burden of kidney disease www.kidney.ca/bc

1.800.567.8112 Burnaby

- · For Support Groups in Kamloops and Vernon, go to: https://kidney.ca/Support/ Kidney-Community/Find-a-Chapter
- Kidney Community Kitchen Manage your renal diet - info, cookbook (meal plans, recipes, FAQs) www.kidneycommunitykitchen.ca

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MS Society of Canada

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1.877.840.9173

See Support Groups listing on page 85

Spinal Cord Injury BC

We help people with spinal cord injuries adjust, adapt, and thrive. continued...

Finding the Perfect Mastectomy Bra

The idea of shopping for bras can be an incredibly daunting task for any woman, but especially so if you've had a Mastectomy and are adjusting to changes in self image. The physical healing from a mastectomy can be less complicated than the emotional healing, which can be a long process of learning to love your body again. A common theme is, "I just want to feel whole again." Wearing a bra that's right for you is one of the first steps that can aid with healing and recovery.

It is easy to be overwhelmed looking at the many styles of Mastectomy bras available. According to local retailer Nightingale Medical, you should take time to explore all the different styles of bras available on the market today. Knowing the benefits of particular bras can help make your decision a little easier.



A **camisole bra** comes up higher on the chest wall to help camouflage any scarring that would otherwise be visible. Some styles have the added benefit of lace, which adds a touch of elegance.



Some women prefer a **leisure** or **athletic style bra**. There are many benefits to these types of bras: breathability of material, front closure, and racer back designs. Another style of bra that has a camouflaging effect is the **molded cup bra**. Since the cups of this bra are formed and molded, it makes a partial removal far less noticeable.





A traditional bra is not for everyone though, and in those cases there is also the option of wearing a **top with a built in shelf bra** instead.

Having a Mastectomy procedure is no small feat, and a woman should feel encouraged

that there are a myriad of bra choices available. Consulting with a Certified Mastectomy fitter who can help you find the right bra style and fit will be time well spent. Rest assured that you will find the perfect bra that makes you feel beautiful.



We are the best information on living well with a spinal cord injury in BC *www.sci-bc.ca* **1.800.289.6477** BC InfoLine **250.308.1997** Scott - Okanagan Peer Coordinator

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Heat, Moisture, and Hearing Aids are Not a Good Mix!

Hearing aids take a beating every day. They sit behind a person's ear, or inside a person's ear canal, for *hours*, everyday. It's *hot*. It's *moist*. It's *ear-waxy*. It's *brutal!* Electronics and batteries would rather run away and hide, but they don't. Instead, they do their best to persevere through the extreme conditions and work hard to help their owner communicate, hear their environment, and maintain balance.

Hearing aid wearers need to take extra precautions to ensure their devices do not malfunction due to heat or moisture. Hot summer days, perspiration, dusty environments all take a toll. Condensation can build up inside a hearing aid's housing. Moisture bubbles can hide inside behind-theear hearing aid earmould tubing and block sound completely. If an aid is overheated or wet inside, it may sound intermittent, weak, dead, or act sporadically (e.g. strange beeping, aid re-starting itself, volume changes).

Hearing aids should never be left in direct sunlight or inside a closed vehicle. If a hearing aid gets wet it should never be blow-dried, placed in an oven or microwave, or left to sit in the sun to dry out. First line of defence for a wet hearing aid: a small, air-tight container of dry uncooked rice. Place the aid in the container with the aid battery door open (remove the battery), seal the container, and let it sit for at least 24 hours. If a hearing aid drying kit is available, use it as soon as possible. In fact, most hearing aid manufacturers now recommend that all hearing aids be stored in a drying kit nightly to maximize the life of the electronics inside hearing aids.

Tosha R. Hodgson, BA, MCISc, Aud(C), RAUD, RHIP Reg. Audiologist & Hearing Instrument Practitioner



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- 211-450 Lansdowne St., Kamloops 250.377.8844 1.877.377.8845
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Medical & Mobility Equipment

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Dreaming of a post-covid vacation?

Travelling with Hearing Loss

Everyone is waiting to travel again as the possibility is looking brighter. A post-COVID vacation could come with stress for someone who is deaf or hard of hearing.

People dealing with hearing loss have different travel experiences whether its pre or post-COVID. It can be stressful and difficult, but it doesn't have to be. Many destinations are becoming more inclusive to provide better accommodations for people with hearing loss.

Australia provides an "Experience Australia in 8D Audio" video series giving listeners the illusion of sound. It provides people with hearing loss an immersive listening experience normally uncommon for this community.

Other destinations with excellent opportunities are New York City, Disney World, cruises, Cairns and France. They provide specialized tours, accommodations and services for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Tips in preparation for your trip:

Plan in advance

Set up accommodations, reservations, tours etc. to best suit your hearing loss, to avoid dealing with communication issues during your trip.

Make the most of technology

Download relevant apps such as Maps, translation, transit and more. Apps can be extremely helpful.

Advocate for yourself

Don't be afraid to tell people you have a hearing loss. Once aware, they can take steps to communicate with you effectively.

Pack extra supplies

Bring extra supplies to ensure you can manage on the go.

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- Shuswap Lake General Hospital 601 10 Street NE, Salmon Arm 250.833.3600
- Vernon Jubilee Hospital 2101 32 Street, Vernon 250.545.2211

HEALTH

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 201-101 First Street W.
 250.837.9321

Salmon Arm

 Mount Ida Medical Centre Monday to Friday 9am-5pm Saturdays 10am-2pm
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 250.833.1990

- Salmon Arm Medical Clinic
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Stay on Your Feet: How to reduce your risk of falling



Falls happen every day and are particularly devastating for older adults. They are the number one cause of injury-related deaths and hospitalizations in BC.

The number one reason why seniors fall is due to inactivity. Talk to your

doctor before beginning an exercise program that includes strength and balance training in your routines.

Medications can increase your risk of falling.

- Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you think your medications are making you dizzy or drowsy.
- Be especially careful when you are starting a new medication as the side effects may be worse at the beginning.
- Avoid sleeping pills. Instead, practice good sleep habits (go to bed at the same time each night, avoid napping during the day, and get outside and move each day so that your body is tired in the evening).

Other tips to prevent falls:

- Reduce clutter inside your home, especially on the floors and stairs.
- Take your car keys with you when you are working outside - if you fall, you can press the car alarm on the key fob to summon help.

- Avoid using ladders or step stools. Move things down to where you can reach them and/or ask a neighbour, family member or friend for assistance.
- Use handrails and remove your reading glasses when going up and down stairs.
- · Wear comfortable low-heeled shoes or sandals with an ankle strap that provide good support, even in the house.
- Eat healthy foods every day poor nutrition can cause dizziness.
- Drink lots of water throughout the day, especially in the heat! It is easy to become dehydrated, which can cause dizziness and falls.
- · Be mindful of where you put your feet and stay alert to your surroundings when you are walking, especially on stairs and sidewalks.
- · Have your vision checked each year. Always wear your glasses and hearing aids.
- Consider using a walker or cane to help with getting around. Talk to a Community Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist first to make sure you buy the right walking aid for you.

For more information about fall and injury prevention, visit the fall prevention site www.findingbalancebc.ca and the Your Health section at www.interiorhealth.ca.

Kelly Wilson, Interior Health Quality Consultant, Falls and Injury Prevention





Wouldn't it be nice if we could just play again, like we did in the good old days? We used to ride our bikes everywhere, hang from trees, and run freely under skies of blue. Play was pure enjoyment as we socialized and moved our bodies! We weren't worried about the physical benefits - we just had fun.

It's a wonderful thing to take that concept of play and introduce it to our lives once again, on an achievable level. If we are honest with ourselves, we know we feel better physically and mentally if we socialize in a beneficial environment. Combining that with exercise and appropriate music, it can be a blast! Reinvent your normal routine and move beyond the daily grind. It's not rocket science. Exercise becomes play when it's fun!

Motivation evolves into your decision: perhaps consider joining a non-judgemental, no-frills outdoor or indoor group and surprise yourself. Quite likely you will be so glad you did! Activity outdoors is refreshing, and with our variable Okanagan

weather, available indoor group activities are a bonus. Group participation enhances attendance, accountability, motivation, socialization, and physical and mental health. Take charge and enjoy! Laugh and mingle! Only you can choose.



Submitted by Toodle - the mascot of Noodlelegs Health & Fitness, a new small business in Vernon. Toodle has FUN enjoying many different activities with her amazing people! For more information, contact 250.549.6778 www.noodlelegs.ca

Noodlelegs Health and Fitness

www.noodlelegs.ca

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- NoodleSteppin: beginner "linedancing" to fun music from the 60's (for ages 50+)
- Noodlelegs Fun & Games: gentle movement & brain games for adults
- Osteofit: fall-prevention program designed by BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre
- Noodlelegs Doggies: owners have Nordic
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Stroke Recovery Association of BC

SRABC is affiliated with March of Dimes Canada to deliver programs to help stroke survivors, and their caregivers, reach individual goals for recovery – and get back to life after a stroke.

The purposes of the association are:

- To increase awareness within the community of the impact of stroke
- To deliver programs of education and of assistance to stroke survivors in British Columbia
- To raise awareness of the services offered in BC to stroke survivors and their caregivers
- To disseminate information on stroke prevention

Due to COVID, we are currently delivering our program virtually. Our virtual meeting is held Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. To register, or for more information, please go to our website at *www.strokerecoverybc.ca* or call us at 1.888.313.3377. See our listing under Support Groups in the Resources section.







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Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

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National Do Not Call List

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Scams & Fraud

For information on common scams, go to the RCMP web site, and click on 'Scams and fraud' (Quick Links) www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Financial

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- 300-1631 Dickson Avenue, Kelowna
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Insurance

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Legal

Access Pro Bono Society of BC

To advance access to justice by developing, facilitating opportunities for the effective provision of high-quality pro bono legal services to people and non-profit organizations of limited means *www.accessprobono.ca* **1.877.762.6664**

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Community Legal Assistance Society

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Dial-a-Law

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- Arthur Channer, Alan Gaudette Barristers & Solicitors Salmon Arm Provincial Court
 550 2nd Avenue NE, Salmon Arm
 250.545.3666 Tuesday 8:30-11:30 am
- Suite E, 3105 31 Avenue, Vernon 3001 27 Street (Vernon Courthouse) 250.545.3666 Mon-8:30-3, Wed 10:30-3, Thurs 12:30-3pm

Family LawLINE

LawLINE lawyers give brief 'next stop' advice about family law issues such as custody, access, guardianship, child support, spousal support, property division, family agreements, adoption and court procedures. Mon-Tue-Thur-Fri 9 am to 3 pm, Wed 9 am to 2:30 pm https://familylaw.lss.bc.ca/call/family-lawline 1.866.577.252

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• Wikibooks Law School booklets available: Being an Executor, Writing your Will, Power of Attorney and others

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Unique statutory role to protect the interests of those who lack legal capacity to protect their own interests. Protect the legal, financial, personal and health care interests of adults who require assistance in decision making. Administer the estates of deceased and missing persons *Walk-ins closed during COVID-19 www.trustee.bc.ca*

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250.712.7576 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm Interior - North Regional Office

Seniors First BC

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1.866.437.1940 (SAIL) Seniors Abuse & Information Line Mon to Sun 8am-8pm Language interpretation avail. M-F 9-4 **1.855.306.1443** TTY

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 250-545-5311
 Toll Free
 1-888-755-8553

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 250-832-8103
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Policing

City of Vernon Community Safety Office

Flagship operation of Protective Services-Community Safety Unit. See web for info on over 50 crime reduction/prevention programs and initiatives. Broad spectrum of information around community based programs, projects, and initiatives. Restorative Justice office

https://www.vernon.ca/homes-building/ community-safety/community-safety-office

3010 31 Avenue, Vernon

250.550.7840 Mon-Fri 8am-4pm

Crime Stoppers North Okanagan/Shuswap

Receives tips from anonymous callers, passes information on to police to help solve cases. See web site to submit an anonymous tip. Reward of up to \$2,000 based on the extent of information received and the results obtained. *http://nokscrimestoppers.com* **1.800.222.8477** Tips Line

Royal Canadian Mounted Police www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Emergency only: dial 9-1-1

RCMP Detachments:

- 3710 Pleasant Valley, Armstrong 250.546.3028
- 226 Shuswap Avenue, Chase 250.679.3221
- 602 Granville Street, Enderby 250.838.6818
- 5678 Connaught Road, Falkland 250.379.2311
- 2208 Shuswap Avenue, Lumby 250.547.2151
 404 Campbell Avenue, Revelstoke 250.837.5255
- 1980 11 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm 250.832.6044
- 1125 Paradise Avenue, Sicamous
 250.836.2878
- 3402 30 Street, Vernon 250.545.7171



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 250.260.7171

RCMP Victim Services

- Salmon Arm, Sicamous 250.832.4453
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 250.679.8638

Salmon Arm Citizens Patrol

City-wide vehicle, foot and bike patrols from 1 pm to early morning hours members choose their shifts. Also radarbased Speed Watch, Lock-out Auto Crime activities in public parking lots and community events. New members welcome. Find us on Facebook *www.salmonarmcitizenspatrol.ca* c/o RCMP Detachment **1980 11 Street NE, Salmon Arm 250.832.5046** Paula Weir, Past President

Seniors Guidebook to Safety & Security

Goal is to raise awareness of seniors' safety issues to improve quality of life. Help to recognize a potential crime situation and show how to reduce or remove risk

https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/seniorsguidebook-safety-and-security

Victim Assistance

- Community-Based Victim Assistance Program For Women, Children and Men Vernon Courthouse, 3rd Level
 3001 27 Avenue, Vernon
 250.542.3322 M-F 8-noon, 1-4:30pm
 250.542.1122 Archway Society for Domestic Peace. See article on page 64
- Community-Based Victim Assistance Shuswap Area Family Emergency (SAFE) Society www.safesociety.ca 250.832.0005 Salmon Arm
 - Salmon Arm Women's Shelter 250.832.9616 24/7

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Extensive Programs for Women in Transition How We Can Support You

Vernon Women's Transition House

provides **25** beds to women and children who are seeking safety from relationship violence. The program is permanently staffed 24 hours a day. There is supportive counselling available and advocacy and accompaniment to appointments where necessary and possible. Women can stay for up to 30 days and sometimes longer if necessary. **250-542-1122**

The Homelessness Prevention Outreach

Program works with women who are at risk of violence and risk of homelessness. The Coordinator assesses client safety and housing needs and works with the clients to address issues, access and maintain stable housing. The program follows-up with clients and provides referrals for supports that will assist with maintaining stable housing. **250-558-0171**

778-212-3265 (program cell)

Volunteer Coordinator Volunteers act as society representatives at special events such as our annual Little Black Dress fundraiser and other community events. Volunteers also help with cooking, driving, landscaping and other areas that utilize their own personal skills and abilities. Involvement is based on their personal schedules.

Outreach Support Services Program

provides mobile service to women and their dependent children who have experienced violence, abuse or threats from their intimate partner. Services include emotional support, information and referrals, accompaniment to appointments and advocacy. These services are provided to women who are housed outside the Transition House and who are isolated or lived rurally.

778-212-3259 (program cell)

The Stopping the Violence Women's Counselling Service is offered to provide medium-term counselling to women who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault or criminal harassment. Groups and individual counselling are offered. Vernon Counsellor: 250-558-0334 Armstrong, Enderby Counsellor: 250-540-0127 (program cell)

The Equine Therapy Program is an experiential therapeutic form of therapy where horses participate as co-counsellors for children and adults who have experienced or witnessed violence. The model applied at The Equine Connection uses a combination of the concepts of natural horsemanship, play therapy, story-telling, and problemsolving exercises. 250-309-0351 (Wendy)

250-542-1122 ext # 122

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Greater Vernon Museum & Archives

Diverse, colorful history of North Okanagan is portrayed through exhibits. Available private viewings Tue-Fri 2020. Book by private appointment via website *www.vernonmuseum.ca* **3009 32 Avenue, Vernon**

250.550.3140

Heritage Murals of Downtown Vernon

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Mackie Lake House Foundation

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North Okanagan Community Concert Assn.

Home of classical music in the North Okanagan. Full concert 2021-22 series at Performing Arts Centre to be announced. Tickets at \$125 for all five concerts or \$40 for single tickets. Visit us on Facebook *www.nocca.ca*

Okanagan Symphony Orchestra

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Powerhouse Theatre

Fall, Winter and Spring productions on web site. Check for special pricing packages www.powerhousetheatre.net
2901 35 Avenue, Vernon
250.542.6194
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Where people, young and old, can see, touch, feel and smell Salmon Arm history *www.salmonarmmuseum.org* **751 Highway 97B NE, Salmon Arm 250.832.5243**

See our ad and article on page 22

Salmon Arm Arts Centre

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70 Hudson Avenue NE

Salmon Arm 250.832.1170 Tue-Sat 11am-4pm

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Vernon Community Arts Centre

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BC Fishing Licences

Basic annual licence for 65+ \$5 Basic annual licence for disabled \$1 https://www2.gov.bc.ca - search for Freshwater Fishing. See licensed vendors

BC Parks

Individual campsite reservations through Discover Camping Campground Reservation service from April to Sept/Oct. 50% discount for BC residents 65+ from day after Labour Day to June 14 of following year for frontcountry campsites www.discovercamping.ca http://bcparks.ca

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Farmers' Markets (BC Association of) www.bcfarmersmarket.org

All Organic Farmers' Market

• Wednesday 2:30-5 pm May to October. Check web site for Winter Market dates from Nov-April. Wednesdays 2:30-5pm Uptown Askew's, Salmon Arm

• Revelstoke Farmers' Market. Every Sat 8am-1pm. May-Oct. Centennial Park. Revy Winter Market, Every 2nd Thurs starting Nov 5, 12-5pm, Revelstoke Rec. www.wildflightfarm.ca 250.838.7447 Wild Flight Farm

Armstrong Farmers' Market

Fresh local produce, local meats, cheeses, honey, preserves, handcrafts, baked goods, bedding plants, organics, Saturdays 8am-12:30pm, late April-Oct. IPE Grounds, **3371 Pleasant Valley Road** *www.armstrongfarmersmarket.ca*

Celista Hall Farmer's Market

Wed 9am-1pm June 30-Sept 8.Celista Hall grounds. Produce, crafts, baking, Facebook.com/CelistaHallFarmersMarket **250.955.6483** Diane

Chase Farm & Craft Market

Fridays 10am-2pm April to October Shuswap Avenue - next to RCMP 778.689.4876 Joe

Enderby Farmers Market

Fridays - 8am-noon, until October 22 Cliff Avenue downtown www.Facebook.com/EnderbyFarmersMarket 250.306.6582 Gabriele

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Lake Country Farmers' Market

Friday 3-7pm Swalwell Park June-Sept Fresh local produce & foods, handcrafts www.lakecountryfarmersmarket.webs.com 250.826.7100 Shayne

Lumby Public Market - Every Sat May to Oct 9th. 9am-1pm, Oval Park, Glencaird www.LumbyMarket.com 250.549.0744 Elsie

Salmon Arm Community Market

Fresh produce, local crafts. Mothers Day to Thanksgiving, Fridays 8 am-1pm **4940 Canoe Beach Drive, Canoe** *Facebook:salmonarmcommunitymarket/ www.samarketwithheart.ca* **250.803.1735** Susan

Salmon Arm Downtown Farmers' Market

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Scotch Creek Farm & Craft Market

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Sorrento Village Farmers' Market

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LEISURE

Vernon Farmers' Market

April thru Oct., Mon & Thur 8am-1pm Kal Tire Place parking lot **3445 43 Ave**. *Vernon Indoor Farmers' Market* - late Nov to March, 11am-3pm, Kal Tire Place *www.vernonfarmersmarket.ca* **250.351.5188** Ingrid

Kal Tire Place, Kal Tire Place North

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programs, details, adult skating, etc.2600 10 Avenue NE250.832.4044

Salmon Arm Curling Centre

Curling supplies, lounge, leaguesAdult Learn to Curl programwww.salmonarmcurlingclub.com691 28 Street NE250.832.8700

Salmon Arm Silverbacks

Junior 'A' Hockey, senior pricing *www.sasilverbacks.com* Shaw Centre (south entrance) **2600 10 Avenue NE 250.832.3856**

Shuswap Storytellers

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Pro Shop, Lounge, Senior Leagues https://vernoncurling.ca 3400 39 Avenue 250.542.6713

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Provides opportunities to explore new countries and cultures through home hospitality, local hosts *www.thefriendshipforce.org*

Kelowna International Airport (YLW)

Contact airlines directly for flight reservations and questions. Airport services information is available at *ylw.kelowna.ca* **250.807.4300** Airport Administration **250.765.5612** Airport Parking Courtesy Shuttle Services **778.753.3735** Valet Parking

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Activity Centres

Armstrong Seniors Activity Centre

Activities for 50+ include dance, carpet bowling, snooker/pool, cribbage, stick curling. Income Tax & Volunteer Driver programs, Potluck suppers *www.armstrongseniors.ca* **2520 Patterson Street 250.546.1118**

Canoe Senior Citizens Association

9 am coffee Mon & Fri, Mon bingo 12:30 Tue & Fri night crib, Crib Tournament every 3rd Sunday. Yoga. Pancake breakfast 3rd Saturday, Potluck dinner 2nd Wednesday 5 pm 7330 49 Street NE, Canoe 250.832.8215



Chase Creekside Seniors

Canasta, Bingo, Carpet Bowling, Guys & Gals Exercise, Crib, Snooker, Wood Carving, Bells & Bows. WiFi Chase Seniors Centre **542 Shuswap Avenue 250.679.8522**

Enderby & District Senior Citizens

Bingo, crib, Tai Chi, Fun 'n Fitness, pool, bridge, quilting. Seniors Luncheon Buffet Wed noon-Sep-Jun (delivery during pandemic) **1101 George Street, Enderby 250.838.7541** Seniors Centre **250.838.6755** Sue

Falkland Seniors Branch 95

Activities include billiards, darts, card games. Potluck lunch last Mon. Annual garage sale. Hall rental with kitchen \$30 5706 Highway 97, Falkland 250.540.7656 Angus, President

Fifth Avenue Seniors Activity Centre

Cards, billiards, keep-fit, chess, table tennis, darts, music, line dancing, sing-along. Hot lunch specials wkdays, pancake breakfasts, Birthday Lunches Sept-June www.5thaveseniors.org

170 5 Avenue SE, Salmon Arm 250.832.1065 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm Summer hours Mon-Wed-Fri 10am-2pm

Halina Activity Centre

An evolving 50+ activity centre, offering an ever-growing list of activities - Bingo (on site & on-line), Bridge, Billiards, Bus Tours, Canasta, Crafts, Crib, Carpet Bowling, Dancing to live music, Dinner & Pattern Dancing, Darts, Floor Curling, Lunch & Learn, Square Dancing. Cafe Centre, Hall Rentals www.halinacentre.com www.facebook.com/HalinaSeniorsCentre **3310 37 Avenue, Vernon 250.542.2877** See our ad & article on pages 18, 19

Lake Country Seniors' Activity Centre Wood shop, cribbage, sewing, Tai Chi, Power Yoga, Songster & Artists groups,

Drop-in games, bridge, quilting. Prime Time Entertainment - 1st & 3rd Mon, Tue Seniors Lunch \$7, Frozen meals avail \$5 https://www.lakecountry.bc.ca/en/living-inour-community/seniors.aspx 9832 Bottom Wood Lake Road

250.766.4220 or 250.766.5437 Anne

Lakeview Community Centre Society

Welcoming place for the North Shuswap community to relax, meet others, learn new skills and participate in recreational activities. See website for scheduled activities. Emergency Preparation Centre www.lakeviewcommunitycentresociety.com

7703 Squilax-Anglemont Road Anglemont

250.682.6235 Jim 778.765.1506 Tony

Schubert Centre

Vernon's Hot Spot Community Centre Art Classes, Performing Arts, Health & Wellness Drop-In, Scrabble, whist, crib, bridge, canasta, 500, floor curling, dancing, crafts, Tai Chi. Hall rental, Bus Tours, Catering, Coffee Shop, Bargain Basement. Meals on Wheels www.schubertcentre.com **3505-30 Avenue, Vernon 250.549.4201** See our ad & article on pages 16, 17

Revelstoke Senior Citizens' Association

Billiards, bingo, bridge, carpet bowling, cribbage, darts, Ballroom Dance Drop-in, Exercise program, Quilting Club, Whist, Genealogy Workshop, Thur Morning Coffee Drop-In, Computer room **603 Connaught Ave. 250.837.9456**

Sicamous & District Seniors Centre Society

Early morning coffee drop-in Tue, Wed, Thur, Sat (\$1), Drop-in chair Aerobics Mon & Wed (\$2), Monday soup and a bun - by donation. Wed lunch \$7, Fri lunch including Wii, bowling or golf \$5, Cards darts, table tennis available. Hall rental and catering available FB: Sicamous-District-Seniors-Centre-Society

1091 Shuswap Avenue Sicamous 250.836.2446

Sorrento Drop-In Society

Goal is to support friendship and well being through activity and information. A place to socialize and become part of the community. See website for Upcoming Events & Events Calendar. Sunday Church *www.sdis.ca*

1148 Passchendaele Road 250.675.5358

Whitevalley Community Resource Centre

Seniors Drop-In Centre (Lumby) Dogwood Lounge, Saddle Mountain Place Mon-Wed-Fri 9am-1:30pm. Knitting, agility exercise group, bingo, crib, crafts, live music, intergenerational programs, wellness presentations, seasonal classes Nutritious, affordable hot meals available *www.whitevalley.ca/seniors/* **1751 Glencaird, Lumby**

250.547.8866, 250.547.8821



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Resources

Charities, Foundations

Before You Give...

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has a useful resource called 'Giving to Charity: Information for Donors'. Facts about tax savings, donation receipts, charities regulations, how to be an informed donor. *https://www.canada.ca/en* - Search for 'Giving to Charity' Mon-Fri 9am-5pm **1.800.267.2384 1.800.665.0354** TTY

BC Cancer Foundation

Make a gift in memory to honour the life of a loved one, friend, family member *www.bccancerfoundation.com* **399 Royal Avenue, Kelowna V1Y 5L3 250.712.3921 1.866.230.9988**

BC SPCA

Non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for domestic, farm & wild animals *www.spca.bc.ca*

1.855.622.7722 Animal Cruelty Hotline

- Vernon & District Branch
 4800 Haney Road, Vernon V1H 1P6
 250.549.7297 Tue-Sat Noon-4pm
- Shuswap Branch
 5850 Auto Road SE, Sal. Arm V1E 2X2
 250.832.7376 Tue-Sun Noon-4pm

Canadian Cancer Society

Make a One-time Gift, Monthly Gift,Honour Gift, Memorial Giftwww.cancer.caclick on 'donate'330 Strathcona AvenueKelowna V1Y 5K71.800.403.8222

Canadian Red Cross

Donate online, by mail, by phone, monthly giving, gifts of stock, planned giving legacy, RRSPs *www.redcross.ca* **124 Adams Road, Kelowna V1X 7R2**

250.491.8443 1.800.418.1111

Chase & District Health Services Foundation

Further the improvement of patient services in the Chase catchment area Facebook: Chase-and-District-Health-Services-Foundation PO Box 1099, Chase, BC V0E 1M0

Community Foundation of the North Okanagan

Dedicated to improving quality of life in the region by distributing earnings *www.cfno.org* **304-3402 27 Avenue, Vernon V1T 1S1 250.542.8655** *See our ads on pages 13, 77 See our article on page 12*

Fresh Outlook Foundation

Inspiring community conversations for sustainable change. Hosts HEADS UP! Community Mental Health Podcasts and Virtual Summits *www.freshoutlookfoundation.org* **1101 21 Avenue, Vernon VIT 1G4 250.300.8797** See our ad and article on page 15

Heart & Stroke Foundation

In Memoriam, In Honour, general donations www.heartandstroke.ca 200-885 Dunsmuir St., Vancouver V6C1N5 778.372.8000 1.888.473.4636

North Okanagan Hospice Society

Respect, comfort and compassion in life's final journey www.nohs.ca 3506 27 Avenue, Vernon V1T 1S4 250.503.1800

Shuswap Community Foundation Connecting people who care with causes that matter http://shuswapfoundation.ca 102-160 Harbourfront Dr. NE V1E 4N7 250.832.5428 Salmon Arm See our ad on page 77

Shuswap Hospice Society

Palliative/end-of-life care for patients quality of life, also their family and friends www.shuswaphospice.ca cont'd...

Suite 4-781 Marine Park Drive Salmon Arm V1E 2W7 250.832.7099 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm See our ad and article on page 8

Shuswap Hospital Foundation

Accept, manage, disburse funds for the benefit of Shuswap Health Services *www.shuswaphospitalfoundation.org* Main Hospital Entrance **PO Box 265, Salmon Arm V1E 4N3 250.803.4546** Mon-Sun 9am-5pm

Terry Fox Foundation, The Working together to outrun cancer

www.terryfox.org 160-8960 University High Street Burnaby, BC V5A 4Y6 1.888.836.9786

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Education

CAA Road Safety Program

Seniors Driving: How aging can affect driving, assess & maintain your driving skills, adjusting driving habits, renewing your driver's license, good vision, driving at night, medications and driving, fitness & driving, signs that driving habits should change - declining skills, alternatives to driving, online videos, tools, and more *https://www.caa.ca/driving-safely/senior-drivers/*

Justice Institute of BC (JIBC)

Educating and training those who make communities safer, Canada's leader in justice and public safety education *www.jibc.ca*

825 Walrod Street, Kelowna 250.469.6020 1.888.865.7764

Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society

Focus on literacy awareness, education www.shuswapliteracy.ca **358 Alexander Street NE, Salmon Arm 250.463.4555**

Literacy Society of the North Okanagan

Helps people with their literacy needs. Volunteers always welcome for the Reading Together program. Read with children to help build their confidence. Find out more on our website, or call. *www.literacysociety.ca* **4705A 29 Street, Vernon**

250.275.3117 See our ad on page 79

Simon Fraser University

Liberal Arts and 55+ Program Opportunity to learn for the joy of learning, enhance your creativity, sharpen your critical thinking skills. See web site for programs and details *www.sfu.ca/liberal-arts* **1.844.782.8877**

St. John Ambulance

First aid training, volunteer community services. Course descriptions on web site *https://bc.sjatraining.ca*

- Vernon/North Okanagan Shuswap branch 1905 47 Avenue, Vernon 250.545.4200
- 627 Victoria Street, Kamloops
 250.372.3853

Thompson Rivers University

Open Learning offers distance learning for everyone. You can complete online & distance courses and programs anytime, anywhere to accommodate your active lifestyle and diverse interest *https://www.tru.ca/distance* **1.800.663.9711**

Vernon & District Immigrant and Community Services Society

Services: Settlement, English Classes, Employment, Community Connections, Temporary Foreign Workers, Childminding www.facebook.com/vernoniss 100-3003 30 Street 250.542.4177

Library Services

Okanagan Regional Library

Books, music, movies & more www.orl.bc.ca/hours-locations 250.860.4033 Admin. Office Kelowna

Thompson-Nicola Regional District

Library System www.tnrl.ca 100-465 Victoria Street, Kamloops 250.372.5145

Meal & Food Programs

Cherryville Food & Resources

Monthly food hampers that support lowincome families, singles, seniors, those with disabilities. Weekly drop-in service. Organic Community Garden. See website *www.cherryvillefoodbank.ca* for details **158 North Fork Road, Cherryville 250.547.0089** Open Wed & Fri

Community Garden Network

Greater Vernon model is a partnership between Regional District, Food Action Society, volunteer garden committees http://foodaction.ca/community-gardens

- Community Gardens (Central Okanagan) Gardens Grow Healthy Communities
- www.centralokanagancommunitygardens.comWinfield Community Garden

11187 Bottom Wood Lake Road

Community Kitchens Vernon

Learn how to cook healthy, affordable meals. Groups in various locations in NOS. See website for details. *http://communitykitchens.webs.com* **250.275.8814**

Enderby & District Seniors Lunch Buffet

Wed noon, Sept to June, full course meal at Senior Citizens Hall, \$10. Note: Pending COVID-19 restriction removal.

1101 George Street, Enderby 250.838.6755 Sue

FED-Feed Enderby & District-Food Bank

Distribution 2nd & 3rd Tues of the month. Call for appointment *www.enderbyfoodbank.ca* **102-907 Belvedere Street** Enderby 250.938.3114 Mon-Fri 10am-2pm

Food Action Society of North Okanagan

Non-profiit charitable organization, mission to improve food security by cultivating a healthy, sustainable, regional food system through education and community action *www.foodaction.ca* **250.275.8814**

Good Food Box North Okanagan

Monthly box of quality fresh fruits and veggies. See web site for details *www.goodfoodbox.net* **250.306.7800** Diane

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Good Food Box Shuswap

Food buying cooperative for those finding it difficult to stretch their food dollars

The Shuswap Family Centre
 See web site for details
 www.familyresource.bc.ca/services/good food-box/
 681 Marine Drive NE, Salmon Arm

250.832.2170 Mon-Thur 9-5, Fri 9-1

Lake Country Food Bank

Food assistance to low income families. Hampers Tue-Wed 9am-noon; 1pm-2:30pm New intakes- call for appointment or complete online application *www.Facebook.com/lakecountryfoodbank/* **9830C Bottom Wood Lake Road Lake Country 250.766.0125**

Lake Country Seniors Buffet

Every Tues. noon, hot meal for seniors at the Seniors Activity Centre, Bottom Wood Lake Road. \$7. Freezer meals available **250.766.5437** Anne

Meals on Wheels

• Vernon: Pleasing variety of safe, flavourful, nutritious meals by Schubert Centre. Available to anyone who has difficulty purchasing and/or preparing meals. Delivery in Vernon area at noon Mon., Wed., Fri. DVA meals available To subscribe or volunteer, call 250.549.4201 Schubert Centre See our ad on page 16

Salvation Army Food Bank

Mon & Fri 9-12, Tue & Thur 9am-2pm, Wed 9-11. Food Hampers - call for appt. Hot lunches at Church Wed 11:45am-1pm 1-441 3 Street SW, Salmon Arm 250.832.9194

Salvation Army Food Bank

Only authorized Food Bank in Vernon https://vernonhouseofhope.com 3303 32 Avenue, Vernon 250.549.4111 call for appointment Shuswap Second Harvest (Food Bank)Wed 4:30 - 6 pm, Friday 1:30 to 3pmVolunteer information - see web sitewww.shuswapsecondharvest.ca360 Alexander Street NE (rear)Salmon Arm250.833.4011Send donations to:Box 1062, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P2

Sorrento Food Bank

Open Wednesdays 9am-3pm www.sorrentofoodbank.ca 2804 Arnheim Road 250.253.3663

Wheels to Meals

Note: Programs (except deliveries) suspended during the Corona Virus pandemic. Call ahead.

- Armstrong: Wednesday noon full course meal at the Legion, \$9, pre-registration 250.546.8455 Legion
- Sicamous: Tues. and Thur. noon, full course meal at Eagle Valley Haven, \$7 250.836.2437 Delivery available \$8

Programs & Groups

Better At Home

United Way managed program helping seniors remain independent in their homes, connected to their communities *www.betterathome.ca*

- Shuswap Better at Home Serving the Shuswap, Enderby, Chase www.shuswapbetterathome.ca
 250.253.2749 Central Intake
- NexusBC Community Resource Centre Vernon, Armstrong, Lumby, Cherryville www.nexusbc.ca 102-3201 30 Street, Vernon 250.545.0585 See our ad and article on pages 20, 21

Churches Thrift Shop

Monday 11am-5pm, Tuesday to Friday 10am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-4:30pm https://churchesthriftshop.org

461 Beatty Avenue NW, Salmon Arm 250.832.8234

Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Centre of BC

Help is available. We are here to listen, here to help 24/7. Call number below or your local crisis centre. *www.crisiscentre.bc.ca* **1.800.SUICIDE (1.800.784.2433)**

Day Break Adult Day Program, Vernon

Socializing and Care-Giver respite. Community Care referral needed Gateby Care Centre, 3000 Gateby Place 250.545.4456 ext. 35259

Emergency Management BC

Advisories of active emergencies, disaster readiness and recovery, fire safety and death investigation www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/ emergency-preparedness-response-recovery 1.800.663.3456 report disaster/emergency

Harmony Haven Adult Day Program Community Care Health Services 2-2770 10 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm 250.803.4525

H.O.P.E. Outreach

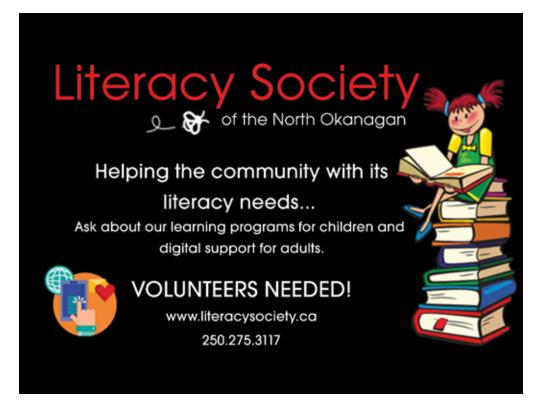
Night time Outreach for Women in Vernon & Kelowna by trained & caring volunteers www.hopeokanagan.com Facebook.com/hopeoutreachokanagan 250.864.0399

Men's Shed Vernon

We build meaning and well-being into Men's lives. Meets Mon-Sat 9am-1pm Elephant Storage. By appointment *www.mensshedvernon.ca*

Neighbourlink Shuswap

Together Creating Practical Ways of Serving anyone with hardship. Services include Re-Purpose Furniture program, networking community resources, emotional support. Free legal referral, Second Harvest Food *continued...*



program. Mon-Wed-Fri noon to 3:30 pm *Facebook.com/NeighbourLink-Shuswap* **250.832.3272** Salmon Arm

North Okanagan Friendship Centre

Indigenous non-profit society. We provide culturally appropriate health and social programs and services *www.vernonfirstnationsfriendshipcentre.com* **2904 29 Avenue, Vernon 250.542.1247**

North Okanagan Shuswap Brain Injury

Comprehensive range of programs and services tailored to the needs of survivors of acquired brain injury and their families *www.nosbis.ca*

360 Ross Street NE, Salmon Arm 250.833.1140

Probus Clubs

Purpose of a Probus (Professional Business) is to bring together retired, semi-retired persons who have backgrounds of responsibility and to foster fellowship. See web for info Blind Bay, Copper Island, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Shuswap and Vernon clubs *www.probus.org*

United Empire Loyalists

Organization promoting Canadian history. Everyone welcome https://uelac-thompsonokanagan.com 250.469.8348 call for info - Marie 250.838.9652 President Sandra Farynuk

VictimLink BC

Confidential multilingual 24/7 telephone help line for victims of family and sexual violence, all other crimes. See web site for details of services offered *email: VictimLinkBC@bc211.ca www.victimlinkbc.ca* **1.800.563.0808** 24/7 Call or text

Resource Centres

Cherryville Food & Resources

Growing visions for expanding community services and resources. See website www.cherryvillefoodbank.ca for details 158 North Fork Road, Cherryville 250.547.0089 Open Wed & Fri

Copper Island Seniors Resource Centre

Providing info, coordination of services for seniors of South Shuswap. Better at Home, Computer Training, Foot Care, Seniors Driving Seniors, Income tax preparation. http://sshss.ca

10-2417 Golf Course Drive, Blind Bay 250.675.3661 Tues and Thurs 8am-2pm

Eagle Valley Community Support

Society (Sicamous & Malakwa) Large variety of support services information, resources, referrals, literacy & computer support services, Photocopying, faxing, use of phone, computers. *evcrc@telus.net* 1214 Shuswap Avenue, Sicamous 250.836.3440 See our ad on this page

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Eagle Valley Community Support Society

Support services for Sicamous and CSRD Area E seniors include:

- Seniors info, resource & referral
- Help with govt. forms, income security applications, grants etc.
- Food security/nutrition support

Free income tax preparation for lower income seniors Whatever your need is, just call us and ask.

250-836-3440 or email us at evcrc@telus.net Resource Centres located in Sicamous and Malakwa.



Elderby and District Community Resource Centre

Working for a Healthier Community www.edcrc.ca 1110 Belvedere Street 250.838.9446 Mon-Thur 10am-4pm

Family Resource Centre Counselling and Family Service

Senior Support Volunteer Program trained volunteers provide support for senior clients experiencing various age-related issues - social isolation, depression, dementia. Clients must be referred through IHA Seniors Mental Health team - call **250.549.5737**. New volunteers welcomed. *www.vernonfrc.ca* **201-3402 27 Avenue, Vernon 250.545.3390** Mon-Thur 9am-4:30pm closed noon hour

John Rudy Health Resource Centre

Dealing with a health issue can be stressful, navigating the health care field

can be confusing. We can help! Free, no referral needed. Resource library, oneto-one support. Assistance with health related forms. Free workshops & seminars on various topics listed on website and Facebook. See website for hours www.johnrudyhealth.ca www.facebook.com/johnrudyhealth.ca 250.938.8092 Call for more information

NexusBC Community Resource Centre Providing a one-stop-shop to connect

people to local resources - serving all populations
Seniors Services: Assistance with

government applications, Better at Home program - see listing on page 87. Community Services Directory, affordable housing, referrals to agencies for senior abuse and/or legal issues, Income tax program www.nexusbc.ca 102-3201 30 Street, Vernon 250.545.0585 Mon-Fri 8am-4pm See our article on pg. 20, ad on pg. 21



320A 2nd Avenue NE Salmon Arm V1E 1H1

250.832.7000 www.seniorsresourcecentre.org

Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm

Seniors' Resource Centre

Meal services: Better Meals, grocery shopping. Programs: Caregiver Support Group, Day Away, Foot Care, Community Volunteer Income Tax, Friendly Check-In, Senior Advisor, Lunch with Friends www.seniorsresourcecentre.org **320A 2 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm 250.832.7000** See our ad on page 81

The Shuswap Family Centre

Lending Library, Good Food Box, Sustainable Food programs, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Community Kitchens, Support Counselling. See web site for info on all Programs/Services *www.familyresource.bc.ca* 681 Marine Drive NE, Salmon Arm 250.832.2170

Shuswap Hospice Society

Hospice & Palliative Care Resource Centre. Community Caring for Community www.shuswaphospice.ca Suite 4-781 Marine Park Drive Salmon Arm V1E 2W7 250.832.7099 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm See our ad and article on page 8

Whitevalley Community Resource Centre

Seniors services, Counselling & Support in Lumby & Cherryville. Family Support program, Mental Health Support program, Addictions Counselling, Information & Prevention, 0-6 & After School program, Good Food Box, Volunteer opportunities www.whitevalley.ca

2114 Shuswap Avenue, Lumby 250.547.8866

Service Organizations

Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Non-members welcome! http://anafvetsunit5.ca/ 2500 46 Avenue, Vernon 250.542.3277

Archway Society for Domestic Peace

We are leaders in empowering women, children and families to live with dignity and respect, free from domestic and sexual violence

https://archwaysociety.ca 2400 46 Avenue, Vernon

250.558.3850 Administration Office **250.542.1122** Transition House. Help is available 24/7 including holidays See our ad and article on page 64

BC OAPO

Old Age Pensioners Organization We support Seniors interests and work towards improving their every day lives socially as well as in matters pertaining to their welfare. www.bcoapo.org Facebook.com/vernonseniorsbranch6/

- Lake Country 55+, Winfield
 250.766.5437 Anne Robinson
- Monashee 50+ Club, Lumby OAPO 117
- Vernon Seniors OAPO #6 Meets 3rd Tuesday (except July and August) at Schubert Centre 1:30 pm 250.545.0384 Margaret Coughlan

BC Partners for Mental Health and Addictions Information

Mental health and substance use information you can trust www.heretohelp.bc.ca **310.6789** BC Mental Health Support Line Free & available 24/7. Call for information or if you just need someone to talk to **1.800.784.2433** Call 24/7 if you are in distress or worried about someone else www.heretohelp.bc.ca/connect/ community-resources **1.800.661.2121** - order publications

Big Brothers Big Sisters

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CARP

A New Vision of Aging. Canada's largest advocacy association promoting equitable access to health care, financial security, freedom from ageism *www.carp.ca* **1.888.363.2279**

Canadian Blood Services

Provides lifesaving products & services in transfusion & transplantation, safeguard life essentials in blood, plasma, stem cells, and organ tissues. Click on 'Book Now' to find a location near you *www.blood.ca* **1.888.236.6283**

Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO)

Purpose is to advance the social and physical welfare of all BC elder citizens *www.coscobc.org*

604.684.9720 Sheila Pither, President continued...

Health & Wellness Workshops

45-60 minute workshops available free of charge to any seniors group 10, more *https://coscobc.org/seniors-health-and-wellness-institute-workshops/*

Independent Living Vernon

Works for societal change, remove barriers so that people with disabilities have the opportunity to realize their full potential; Parking Placards program entitling people with mobility disabilities to utilize accessible parking spaces www.ilvernon.ca 107-3402 27 Avenue, Vernon 250.545.9292 250.542.2193 TTY 1.877.288.1088

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2725A Patterson Avenue, Armstrong 250.546.3005

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1.800.665.6233 Call for support

- Western Region Chapter Services Manager
 1.877.676.6233 Tracy Crawford
- MADD Central Okanagan Chapter www.maddchapters.ca/centralokanagan www.facebook.com/maddokanagan
 250.317.9877 Jenn
- MADD Kamloops Community Leader https://maddchapters.ca/kamloops
 250.819.7812 Roxanne

Royal Canadian Legion

The Legion's 145 branches in BC/Yukon Command provides various support services to veterans To find a NOS branch, go to... *www.legionbcyukon.ca/branch-locator* **1.888.261.2211** BC/Yukon Command

Salvation Army House of Hope

Worship services Sundays 10:30 am www.vernonhouseofhope.com

3303 32 Ave., Vernon 250.549.4111

- Thrift Store Mon-Fri 10am-6pm
- 5400 24 Street 250.549.4454

Support Groups / Self Help

Al-Anon Family Groups

A fellowship for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. See web site for meeting information *www.bcyukon-al-anon.org*

604.688.1716 Mon-Wed-Fri 10am-1pm To Find an Al-Anon meeting near you visit https://afghelp.org/find-a-meeting or call...1.888.425.2666

Alcoholics Anonymous

Assistance, information and fellowship for those with alcohol related problems. Check web site for local meeting info *www.bcyukonaa.org*

- 250.545.4933 Armstrong, Cherryville, Falkland, Lumby, Vernon
- 1.855.339.9631 Enderby, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Sorrento, Skwlax

BC Responsible & Problem Gambling

When gambling isn't fun anymore, help is available all day, every day. Call the 24 hour Helpline **1.888.795.6111** See web site for free, confidential, individual, and/or group counselling for problem gamblers, their families.

www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca

BrainTrust Canada

Direct services for persons with acquired brain injury, as well as a strong focus on education, support and prevention www.braintrustcanada.com 11-368 Industrial Avenue, Kelowna 250.762.3233 1.888.762.3233

Compassionate Friends of Canada

Support group for families who have experienced the death of a child, any age, any cause. For meeting info call 250.374.6030 Kamloops 250.718.7039 Kelowna 250.675.3793 Salmon Arm 250.558.5026 Vernon, Enderby, Sorrento *www.tcfcanada.net*

Crohn's & Colitis Canada

Check website for events in Kamloops, Kelowna, Vernon *www.crohnsandcolitis.ca* **1.800.513.8202** BC Office

FASD Okanagan Valley Assessment and Support Society

FASD Assessment and Diagnosis for ages 15-19, and adults. Support groups, resources, education and training across the interior of BC *www.fasdokanagan.ca* **104-3402 27 Ave., Vernon** (People Place) **250.938.5022**

Gamblers Anonymous

www.gabc.ca

1.855.222.5542 24/7 Hotline

- Kelowna open meetings every Thurs
 6-7pm, Kalano Club, 2108 Vasile Road
 250.801.9943
- Kamloops, Thur. 7-8pm, Desert Gardens 554 Seymour Street

Learning Disability Association of BC

Here to advance education, social development, employment, legal rights, general well-being of people with learning disabilities. Vernon chapter. Office hours Tuesdays 10am-Noon at People Place *www.ldabc.ca* 250.542.5033 Nadiene 102-3402 27 Avenue, Vernon

Mental Illness Family Support Centre

Support, education, advocacy to families with mental illness and/or addiction or substance misuse issues. *www.mifsc.ca* **300-3402 27 Avenue, Vernon 250.260.3233**

Mesothelioma.net

Cancer support group dedicated to providing all the latest in research and aid. Has compiled fact-checked and physician approved information regarding this disease, how it affects the body, and how it can be treated www.mesothelioma.net

Mood Disorders Association of BC

Treatment, support, education, hope of recovery for people living with a mood disorder. Peer Support Groups *www.mdabc.net* **250.832.3733** Salmon Arm **250.558.6900** Vernon

Narcotics Anonymous

Vision that very addict has the chance to experience our message in his/her own language & culture, find the opportunity for a new way of life. See web site for Thompson Okanagan meeting information *www.bcrna.ca*

 1.866.778.4772
 North Okanagan area

 1.855.349.2722
 Kamloops area

 1.877.604.7613
 Central Okanagan

Parkinson Society British Columbia

See web site for support group information in the Thompson Okanagan www.parkinson.bc.ca/resources-services/ support-groups/ **1.800.668.3330** Provincial Office

Prostate Cancer Foundation BC

https://prostatecancerbc.ca/home/support-groups

- Kamloops Support Group
 250.376.4011 Larry Reynolds
- Kelowna Support Group
 250.762.0607 Bren Witt
 www.kelownaprostate.com
- Vernon Support Group
 778.212.2045 Kal Newell

Quit Now

Free, quit smoking program delivered by the BC Lung Association to help you to quit smoking or reduce tobacco & e-cigarette use. QuitNow has all the support services you need *www.quitnow.ca* **1.877.455.2233** Get Help Now

Self-Management BC

Programs give people the knowledge, skills, confidence needed to successfully manage chronic health conditions. Check website for a program near you. www.selfmanagementbc.ca 1.866.902.3767

Stroke Recovery Association of BC

Committed to assisting stroke survivors and their caregivers to improve their overall quality of life. During COVID, we are delivering our program virtually every Wednesday from 10am-noon. To register, or for more info, please go to... www.strokerecoverybc.ca 1.888.313.3377

See our ad/article on page 58

Transportation

BC Bus Pass Program

Affordable transportation on all BC transit systems (except HandyDART) for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities. See web site for eligibility, cost, and contact options *www2.gov.bc.ca* Search: Bus Pass Program **1.866.866.0800** Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Disability Parking Permits SPARC BC

Parking permits for those with disabilities Apply/renew online *www.sparc.bc.ca* **1.888.718.7794** Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm

Ebus

Daily passenger service between Kamloops, Kelowna, Vancouver, Vernon, Salmon Arm. Seat belts, Free WiFi, Wheel chair accessible. Priority seating for seniors and disabled persons. Book online or call *www.myebus.ca* **1.877.769.3287**

North Okanagan & Vernon Regional Transit Systems

Visit website for schedules, maps, fares www.bctransit.com/vernon/home

250.545.7221

• HandyDART Service hours M-F 8-4:30, Sat 10-5 Office hours M-F 8:30am-4:30pm 250.549.1366

Shuswap Regional Transit System

Visit website for schedules, maps, fares www.bctransit.com/shuswap/home

250.832.0191

 HandyDART Service hours Mon-Fri 8am-4pm Office hours M-F 8:30-3:30, Closed 12-1 250.832.0191

Travel Assistance Program

Assists with travel costs when medical care is not available locally. TAP forms are only available from your family physician at the time the referral is made. See web site for eligibility www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/ accessing-health-care/tap-bc 1.800.661.2668 Automated service 1.800.663.7100 Health Insurance BC

VIA Rail Canada

Travellers 60+ save 10%, save another 10% with your CAA card *www.viarail.ca* **1.888.842.7245 1.800.268.9503** TTY

Volunteer Drivers

- Armstrong Volunteer Driver Program Serving citizens of Armstrong & Spallumcheen <u>only</u>. Transportation for medical & dental appointments in Armstrong, Enderby, Kamloops, Kelowna, Salmon Arm, Vernon. Sponsored by the Armstrong Seniors Activity Centre. Leave message: voice mail will be checked **250.546.0999** 10am-Noon Mon-Friday
- Freemason Volunteer Drivers provide transportation to Kelowna Cancer Centre Transportation from Kelowna airport, pick ups in Enderby, Vernon, Armstrong, Lake Country. Mon-Fri 24 hour notice required https://freemasonry.bcy.ca/textfiles/ cancer.html

1.800.299.0188 Freemasons

• Shriners Care For Kids Gizeh Shriners of BC/Yukon For BC children requiring specialized procedures, accommodation, transportation, associated medical



treatment. See web site for details www.bcshriners.com 1.800.661.KIDS Mon-Fri 9:30am-2pm

Web Resources

BC Transplant

We will save lives and offer hope through organ transplant and research donation. Online registration. Kidney & Liver programs. Register your decision - one organ donor can save up to eight lives www.transplant.bc.ca

1.800.663.6189 for more information

bc211

Specializes in providing information and referral regarding community, gov't. & social services in BC. Online chat -8am-11pm, Mon-Sun, Info on addiction services, problem gambling, VictimLink BC, Emergency & Crisis, Counselling, Health Care, Mental Health, more... www.bc211.ca Dial 2-1-1 information and referral

604.875.6431 604.875.0885 TTY

Canadian Institute of Stress

Science of Stress, Change and Productive Wellbeing. http://stresscanada.org

Great Senior Living

Living Options, Health & Wellness, numerous articles on abundance of topics https://www.greatseniorliving.com/healthwellness/senior-exercise

Seniors BC

A web site for all older adults in the province to find resources for planning and living a healthy and active life as they age. Senior's families and caregivers will find great information here also. Healthy Aging, Financial & Legal matters, Elder Abuse Prevention, Fall Prevention, Health & Safety, Housing, Seniors' Guide, Transportation, Advance Care Planning, Home and Community Care www.seniorsbc.ca

Seniors Canada

Stay Active, Engaged, Informed. Find info for seniors, their families, their caregivers & supporting service organizations on federal, provincial, and some municipal government benefits and services.

www.canada.ca/en/employment-socialdevelopment/campaigns/seniors.html



Experience 50+ Living Visit our web site to view Housing options in our other three editions www.experiencegroup.ca Central Okanagan South Okanagan Similkameen Thompson Nicola

- OLD AGE SECURITY & CANADA PENSION CHEQUE DATES Sep. 28, 2021 Oct. 27, 2021 Dec. 22, 2021 Jan. 17, 2022
- Mar. 29. 2022
- Jun. 28, 2022

INFORMATION ON PAYMENTS

Old Age Security & Canada Pension Plan payments are automatically deposited in Canada on the above dates.

- Apr. 27, 2022
- Jul. 27, 2022
- - Nov. 26, 2021
 - Feb. 24, 2022
 - May 27, 2022
 - Aug. 29, 2022

If you have not requested payment by automatic deposit, your payment will arrive at your home address by mail during the last three business days of each month.

Government

Municipal, Regional

Armstrong, City of

www.cityofarmstrong.bc.ca

- City Hall, 3570 Bridge Street
 250.546.3023 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
- Armstrong Spallumcheen Museum & Art Gallery http://ArmstrongSpallMuseumArt.com

3415 Pleasant Valley Road 250.546.8318

- Armstrong Spallumcheen Chamber of Commerce www.aschamber.com 3550 Bridge Street 250.546.8155
- Armstrong-Spallumcheen Parks & Rec. https://rec.canlansports.com/armstrong/ 3351 Park Drive 250.546.9456
- Armstrong Spallumcheen Fire Dept. www.asfd.ca 250.546.6708 Non-emergency

Chase, Village of

A Shuswap Experience http://chasebc.ca

- Village Office, 826 Okanagan Avenue 250.679.3238 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm
- Chase & District Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Information Centre https://chasechamber.com 400 Shuswap Avenue 250.679.8432

Cherryville (unincorporated)

In the foothills of the Monashee Mountains For attractions, community services, business directory, events & more, go to... *www.cherryville.net*

Enderby, City of

Where the Shuswap meets the Okanagan www.cityofenderby.com

- City Hall, 619 Cliff Avenue
 250.838.7230 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
- Enderby & District Chamber of Commerce https://www.enderbychamber.com 702 Railway Street 250.838.6727 1.877.213
 - 1.877.213.6509
- Enderby & District Volunteer Fire Dept 407 George Street
- Enderby & District Museum & Archives www.enderbymuseum.ca 901 George Street (City Hall complex) 250.838.7170 Tue-Sat 10am-3pm

Falkland, Town of

Home to one of Canada's largest flags (Gyp Mountain) and one of the oldest rodeos in Canada http://hp.bccna.bc.ca/Community/Falkland/

Falkland Museum & Heritage Park
 Open daily mid-June to mid-September
 https://falklandmuseum.webs.com
 5657 Highway 97
 250.379.2535

Lumby, Village of

www.lumby.ca 1775 Glencaird Street 250.547.2171

- Lumby & District Chamber of Commerce
 www.monasheetourism.com
 - 1882 Vernon Street
 250.547.2300
- Lumby & District Volunteer Fire Dept. www.lumbyfire.ca

1769 Shuswap Avenue 250.547.9516 Non-emergency

- White Valley Parks, Recreation, Culture Pat Duke Arena, Lumby Curling Club Oval Park, Outdoor Pool, Spray Park
- White Valley Community Centre 2250 Shields Avenue, Lumby 250.547.6404

Revelstoke, City of

www.revelstoke.ca

- City Hall, 216 Mackenzie Avenue 250.837.2161 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
- Revelstoke Business & Visitor Info Centre 301 Victoria Road N. 250.837.5345
- Parks, Recreation, Culture Community Centre 600 Campbell Ave. 250.837.9351

Salmon Arm, City of

www.salmonarm.ca

- City Hall, 500 2nd Avenue NE 250.803.4000 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm
- Fire Department Administration
 141 Ross Street NE 250.803.4060
- SASCU Recreation Centre
 www.salmonarmrecreation.ca
 2550 10 Avenue NE
 250.832.4044
- Shaw Centre 2 NHL ice surfaces, elevated walkway, meeting rooms, restaurant, exhibition space

2600 10 Avenue NE 250.832.4044

• Salmon Arm Chamber of Commerce www.sachamber.bc.ca 101-160 Harbourfront Drive NE

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Sorrento (unincorporated) The Heart of the Shuswap. See web site for attractions, tours, events, activities *www.sorrentocentre.ca* **1.866.694.2409**

Vernon, City of

250.832.6247

www.vernon.ca

- City Hall, 3400 30 Street 250.545.1361 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
- Tourism Vernon (Mobile Visitor Team) www.tourismvernon.com 250.542.1415 Tue-Sat 8:30am-4:30 pm 1.800.665.0795
- Downtown Vernon Association
 www.downtownvernon.com

101-3334 30 Avenue (Sun Valley Mall) 250.542.5851

- Vernon Fire Rescue Services 3401 30 Street 250.542.5361 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
- Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce www.vernonchamber.ca 204-3002 32 Avenue 250.545.0771
- Greater Vernon Recreation Services
 www.vernon.ca/parks-recreation
- Recreation Centre 3310 37 Avenue, Vernon 250.545.6035
- Kal Tire Place 3445 43 Avenue 250.550.3257 Mon-Fri 8am-4pm

Coldstream, District of

www.coldstream.ca • Municipal Hall 9901 Kalamalka Road, Coldstream 250.545.5304 Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm

Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Building inspection, Agricultural Land Reserve, Zoning & Land Use Bylaws, Environmental Services, Solid Waste & Recycling, Parks & Recreation, Emergency Management, Utilities - see web site for all services and details www.csrd.bc.ca

555 Harbourfront Dr. NE, Salmon Arm 250.832.8194 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm 1.888.248.2773

Lake Country, District of

Oyama, Winfield, Carr's Landing, Okanagan Centre www.lakecountry.bc.ca 10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road

250.766.5650 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

- Sports & Recreation
 250.766.5650 Activity Guide
 Winfield Memorial Hall
- Winfield Memorial Hall www.winfieldmemorialhall.com 10130 Bottom Wood Lake Road 250.766.4131
- Winfield Arena/Recreation Centre
 9830 Bottom Wood Lake Road
 250.766.3030

 Creekside Theatre www.creeksidetheatre.com
 10241 Bottom Wood Lake Road
 250.766.5669 250.766.9309 Box Office

North Okanagan, Regional District of

Building, fire inspection services, regional parks, ambulance service-jaws of life, animal control, transit services, fire protection, invasive plants/pest control, solid waste disposal/recycling, water supply, land use planning - visit web site for all programs/services and details *www.rdno.ca* **9848 Aberdeen Road, Coldstream 250.550.3700** Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm

Sicamous, District of

Houseboat Capital of Canada www.sicamous.ca www.sicamous.ca/live-here/recreation/parks 446 Main Street, Sicamous 250.836.2477 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm • Sicamous Chamber of Commerce

www.sicamouschamber.bc.ca 446 Main Street 250.836.0002 Visitors Centre

Spallumcheen, Township of

Recreation, Recycling & Garbage Collection, Building Inspection, Animal Control - see web for all services, details *www.spallumcheentwp.bc.ca* **4144 Spallumcheen Way**

250.546.3013 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm **1.866.546.3013**

First Nations

Adams Lake Indian Band www.adamslakeband.org 6453 Hillcrest Road, Chase 250.679.8841 M-F 8am-noon, 1-4:30pm 1.877.679.8841

Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band

Known as Skwlax to the Little Shuswap www.lslib.com http://quaaoutlodge.com 1886 Little Shuswap Lake Road Chase, BC 250.679.3203

Neskonlith Indian Band

Member of the Secwepemc Nation www.Facebook.com/NeskonlithIndianBand 743 Chief Neskonlith Drive, Chase, BC 250.679.3295 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

Okanagan Indian Band

Ensuring the future through cultural, social and economic development *www.okib.ca* 12420 Westside Road, Vernon 250.542.4328 1.866.542.4328

Splatsin Indian Band

Respect your elders because one day you will be one www.splatsin.ca 5775 Old Vernon Road, Enderby 250.838.6496

Okanagan Nation Alliance

Alliance of eight Okanagan bandsGrand Chief Stewart Phillipwww.syilx.org101-3535 Old Okan. Hwy., Westbank250.707.00951.866.662.9609

Provincial

Address Change

If you are moving within BC, you can use this electronic service to update your personal and/or business records with provincial & local gov't. organizations *https://www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca* **1.800.663.7867** Service BC

BC Air Quality

Air quality advisories & current data, Air Quality Health & Ventilation Indexes, more www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/ air-land-water/air

1.887.952.7277 RAPP 24/7 Hotline - Report all Polluters and Poachers

Forest Fire Reporting

Nearly one-third of all BC wildfires are reported by the public resulting in immeasurable savings: property, forests www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo 1.800.663.5555 Report a wildfire *5555 toll free on cell

Climate Change

Climate change is being felt across BC. Timely action is critical to protect our communities, health and the environment. *https://www2.gov.bc.ca/* Search for Climate Change **1.800.663.7867** Service BC

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Office of the Seniors Advocate Has scope to examine & advocate for seniors on issues related to health care, personal care, transportation, housing, income supports, and make recommendations. Latest reports on web.

Information/referral specialists available to help find seniors' programs and services. Sign up for newsletter www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca/reports/ 1.877.952.3181 M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Ombudsperson, The Office of the

BC's Independent Voice of Fairness Receives enquiries & complaints about the practices & services of public agencies within its jurisdiction *www.bcombudsperson.ca* **1.800.567.3247** Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

Service BC

Your source for frontline government services and information. Check web for available services at each location *www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca* **1.800.663.7867** Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm **1.800.661.8773** TTY *continued...*

It is my honour to represent the people of the Shuswap in Victoria. Please call my office if you are in need of any assistance.





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- 250-455 Columbia Street, Kamloops 250.828.4540 Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm
- 850A 16 Street NE, Salmon Arm 250.832.1611 Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm
- 3201 30 Street, Vernon 250.549.5511 Mon-Fri 9am-430pm

Vital Statistics Agency

Birth Registration/Certificate, Adoption, Death, Marriage license, Legal changes of Name, wills, registry information. Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm *www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events* **250.861.7500**

Federal

BC Climate Action Tax Credit

Tax-free quarterly payment that helps low income individuals and families with the carbon taxes they pay *www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/rltd_prgrms/bc-eng.html*

Canada Border Services Agency

General border services information; for in-depth information, speak to an agent M-F 7am-8pm, Sat/Sun 10am-6pm ET *www.cbsa.gc.ca* > current wait times **1.800.461.9999 1.866.335.3237** TTY

Canadian Heritage

We work with national cultural institutions to promote culture, the arts, heritage, official languages, citizenship and participation, as well as Aboriginal, youth and sport initiatives. Agents available to answer questions M-F 8:30am-5 pm ET *www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage.html* **1.866.811.0055 1.888.997.3123** TTY

Health Canada

Responsible for helping Canadians maintain,improve health while respecting individual choices, circumstances www.canada.ca/en/health-canada.html 1.866.225.0709

1.800.465.7735 TTY Service Canada

Immigration & Citizenship

Apply to visit, study, work or immigrate to Canada, apply for citizenship, a permanent resident card or refugee protection, check application status www.canada.ca/en/services.html 1.888.242.2100 call centre agents M-F 8-4

Income Security Programs

Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement *www2.gov.bc.ca* > Click on 'Family & Social Supports', then 'Seniors', then 'Financial & Legal Matters', then 'Income & Securities Programs'

1.800.277.9914 1.800.255.4786 TTY

Indigenous Services Canada

- Crown-Indigenous Relations
- Northern Affairs Canada

Arts, Culture, Heritage. Acts, Agreements, Treaties/Land Claims, Benefits & Rights, Education, Employment, Social programs, Infrastructure, Housing, more. M-F 7-3 *https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenousnorthern-affairs.html*

1.800.567.9604 1.866.553.0554 TTY

Parks Canada

National parks protect representative natural areas of Canadian significance for public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment. www.pc.gc.ca 1.888.773.8888 Information Services 1.877.737.3783 Reservation service https://reservation.pc.gc.ca/ParksCanada

Members of Parliament

Federal Election called for September 20, 2021. At the time the writ was dropped, these were the incumbent Members of Parliament. Check *www.ourcommons.ca/members/en* to find your MP some time after the election

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- Rob Morrison, MP Kootenay-Columbia Rob.Morrison@parl.gc.ca 800C Baker Street, Cranbrook V1C 1A2 250-417-2250

Passport Canada

Capri Centre Mall, Kelowna **110-1835 Gordon Dr.** M-F 8:30am-4pm *https://www.canada.ca/passport* **1.800.567.6868** M-F 7:30am-8pm ET **1.866.255.7655** TTY

Service Canada

Full service centres offering a mix of information and transactional services

 191 Shuswap St. NW, Salmon Arm
 101-3301 30 Avenue, Vernon Information on gov't services, programs www.servicecanada.gc.ca
 1.800.622.6232
 1.800.926.9105 TTY

Travel & Tourism

Information on how to have a safe and enjoyable journey in Canada or abroad. Web site evolving to offer an ever growing wealth of information on destinations, travel documents, travel health, returning to Canada, much more. See web for links to a wide range of travel topics *https://travel.gc.ca*

Veterans' Affairs Canada

If you are a current or former member of the CAF or RCMP, or a family member, we have targeted services and benefits to improve your well-being. Check our website for find a list of benefits and services tailored for you *www.veterans.gc.ca*

313-471 Queensway Avenue, Kelowna 1.866.522.2122 Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30

 VAC Assistance Service provides free and confidential psychological support that is available 24/7, 365 days a year. Service is for all Veterans, former RCMP members, their families, and caregivers

 Reach a mental health professional 24/7

 1.800.268.7708
 1.800.567.5803 TTY

 Bureau of Pensions Advocate - free legal aid help for people who are not satisfied with decision for their claims for disability benefits 1.877.228.2250

Weather Information

https://weather.gc.ca/canada_e.html Forecasts, alerts, air quality. North & South Thompson, Shuswap, Nicola, Coquihalla high elevation forecast Recorded message, call... 250.374.3661 Kamloops 250.837.4164 Revelstoke 250.542.8000 North Okanagan

250.470.5155 Central Okanagan

Weather Information

Environment Canada Weather Service Weather, Alerts, Marine, Air Quality, Analyses and Modelling, Past Weather, About Weather, Canadian Centre for Climate Services

www.weather.gc.ca

Consultations services are available
 1.844.505.2525 for Marine Weather
 1.844.508.2626 for Climate Weather

Weather Information - One-on-One

Telephone consultation service with an Environment Canada professional. Weekdays 5am-9pm, Weekends and Holidays 6am-6pm **1.888.292.2222**



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