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THE NEW VIEW

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Movies Under the Stars returns to Holland Park: Join Us for Movie Night!

Movies Under the Stars, an annual event organized by the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association (BIA), brings the community together for movie nights under the open sky. It started humbly in 2005 with one movie with five hundred attendees at Station Tower. Since 2008, Holland Park has been its home, except for a special drive-in experience in 2021 at the old Grosvenor Road School site. The remarkable growth of the Movies Under the Stars event is evident, with the Downtown Surrey BIA having hosted over fifty movies and attracting more than 100,000 people since its inception.



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This summer, Movies Under the Stars returns to Holland Park, thanks to the support of presenting sponsor, PCI Developments. The event spans three magical nights, promising delightful experiences for all ages. Catch "Turning Red" on Saturday, August 5, "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish" on Saturday, August 12, and "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" on August 19. As dusk falls, usually between 8:45 pm and 9:15 pm, the movie magic comes alive on a spectacular inflatable screen.

The fun starts at 6 pm with live entertainment and a variety of games and activities for families including arts and crafts. Free popcorn will be handed out at 7:30 pm while supplies last, and The Dipsy Doodle Candy Lady will sell a tempting assortment of candies for those with a sweet tooth. The North Surrey Lions Club will be selling hot dogs and drinks with proceeds going to local charities. The support of local businesses is essential to making this event a success, and this year, the Downtown Surrey BIA appreciates the contributions of PCI Developments, Anthem Properties, Dawson + Sawyer, the City of Surrey

(community grant program), ICBA, Hamilton Duncan, and KPU.

Remember your chairs and blankets! As the community gathers once again at Holland Park for this year's Movies Under the Stars, the event serves as a reminder of the immense significance of local businesses' support and the joy of sharing unforgettable moments with loved ones while immersed in the magic of cinema under the night sky.

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LEVERAGING CO-OP STUDENTS: A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

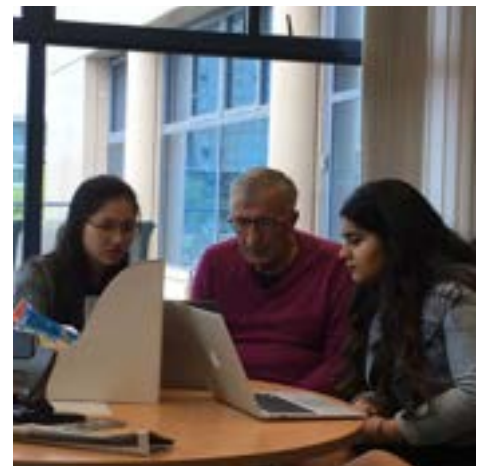
Since 2005, Downtown Surrey BIA has recognized the immense value of hiring Co-op students to support their projects and initiatives. Over the years, they have employed more than 200 students, primarily from Simon Fraser University, as well as Kwantlen Polytechnic University, UFV, and the University of Victoria.

Bonnie Burnside, Operations Manager for the DSBIA, emphasized the benefits of hiring Co-op students, stating, "We can hire students with the specific skills we need for different projects. One semester, we might require strong graphic design or videography expertise, while the next semester, we might seek assistance in event implementation or community engagement and research. Co-op interns provide us with the flexibility we need in our work plans."

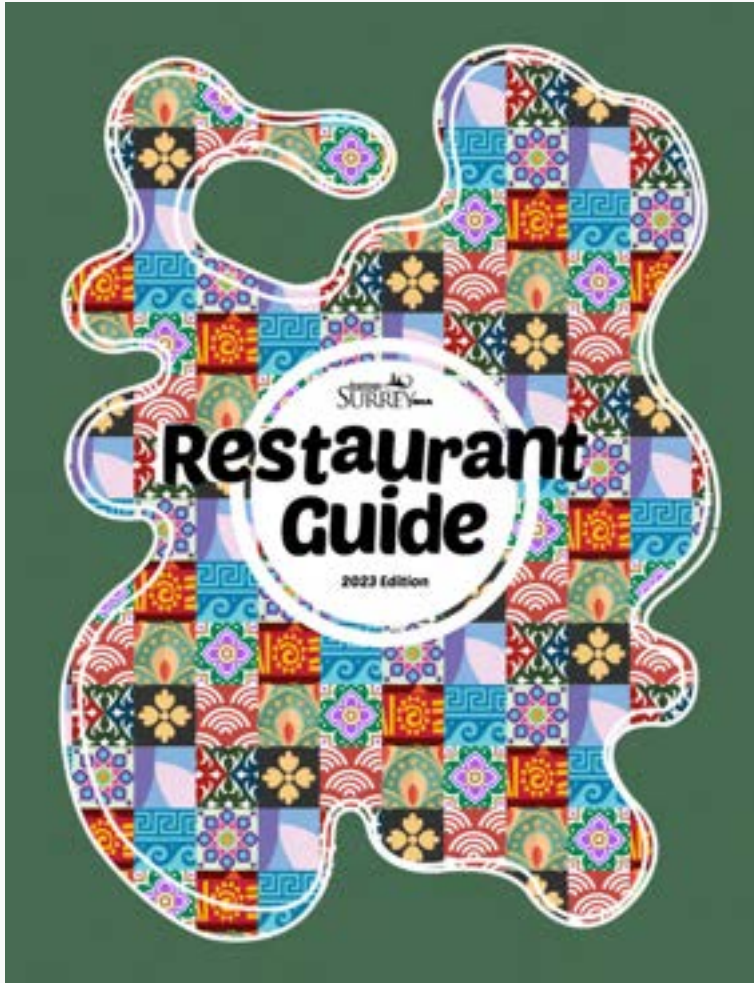
Co-op students come from various faculties, ensuring that employers receive candidates well-versed in the most up-to-date knowledge relevant to their industry. Although the skills they possess may not seem directly applicable, many of these skills are transferable. Burnside shared, "Business students, who interned with us in Special Events, later pursued careers in HR. The project management and public interaction skills they gained were beneficial in running recruitment fairs. Similarly, a molecular biology student who worked as our filming intern started his own videography company, which helped fund his education."

The range of skills Co-op students offer is vast, including website design, research capabilities, customer service, social media expertise, marketing, and more. While they may require some guidance and mentoring, these students are eager to learn and apply their developing skills. Burnside revealed that the number of Co-op students they hire each semester varies, with some semesters having only one or two students, and others seeing as many as 19 students at once.

For businesses and organizations interested in benefiting from the contributions of Co-op students, local universities are an excellent resource to explore. Providing these students with opportunities to enhance their skills and gain practical experience is not only beneficial to businesses but also serves as a steppingstone for the students as they embark on their careers.



RESTAURANT GUIDE 2023



The restaurant guide is organized by cuisine and by category. It features cuisines from all over the world that you probably did not even realize there were here in Downtown Surrey. Discover diverse cuisines from authentic street foods to fine dining all within the vibrant downtown of Surrey. Cuisines include African, Chinese, Taiwanese, Eastern European, Greek, Indian, Korean, Japanese, Mexican, Latin American, Caribbean, Middle Eastern, Vietnamese, and Thai. Other categories of the restaurant guide include bakeries, play and eat, bars and grills, diners, health-conscious foods, fast food, pizza and pasta, coffee shops and cafes, cold drinks, desserts, meal subscriptions, catering services and new restaurants coming to Downtown Surrey in the near future. This guide truly has something for everyone!

Inside the restaurant guide, you'll find each business's location, phone number, and website. Along with the contact information you can find one of each restaurant's featured or popular menu items and information on whether the restaurant is vegetarian-friendly.

With every restaurant in Downtown Surrey in one guide and the essential details, this guide is your passport to trying the very best our downtown has to offer. Support the businesses of your community today and truly taste the diversity of Downtown Surrey! Check out this year's restaurant guide on our website!

By Meera Patel

We are thrilled to present the much-anticipated new edition of our Downtown Surrey Restaurant Guide! Embark on a culinary journey through the heart of the city, exploring a fusion of cultural and classic delights.

This restaurant guide focuses on the heart of Downtown Surrey. From the original Surrey Central, down to the new and developing King George Hub and everything in between. From hidden gems to renowned establishments find every restaurant, cafe, and bar in the area.

CRIME PREVENTION: A VIDEO PROJECT

By Travis Nguyen

In my video project on fire prevention, I worked with Max, our safety intern, to produce three short and informative videos. We aimed to ignite awareness and responsibility among viewers about the critical importance of fire safety. This video project will be extended through various platforms, including social media and our newsletter in hopes to reach business owners. Our videos, while serious and informative, also include a comedic aspect as we believe it is important to engage the audience through humour.

Our videos were designed to bring attention to the rising concern of fires in the downtown Surrey area. In the videos, we discuss various tips and advice that business owners can utilize to protect themselves from potential fire dangers. Our tips include removing waste and debris, regularly maintaining gutters, and locking dumpsters. In the video about removing waste and debris, we talk about common items such as wood pallets and cardboard that can easily catch fire. We advise disposing of waste and debris in a safe manner or placing them at a safe distance away from the place of business.

The humour aspect includes me removing cardboard and paper, however, the paper I am holding catches fire. While my colleague discusses the importance of removing waste and debris, I am in the background putting out the fire.



The second video discusses regularly cleaning and maintaining gutters. The importance of this topic was to raise awareness that flammable materials such as leaves, sticks, and pine needles can add fuel to fires if one were to occur. In this video, I am on a ladder pretending to clean the gutters while dropping paper and leaves on my colleague as he explains the importance of the topic.

The final video discusses the importance of locking dumpsters. The video, again, included my colleague talking to the camera while in the background, I am trying to access a locked dumpster. Moreover, we hope that our video project on fire prevention will serve as a reminder and to influence business owners to be proactive in fire safety.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS



By Rowan Koenig

Community bulletin boards provide an opportunity for community members to connect. A bulletin board can be a great way to advertise small events, local businesses, ongoing monthly meetings, or local initiatives created by community members. Having these boards in public spaces allows anyone to reach out to other community members in a central, consolidated space.

My aim with this project is to encourage developers to construct community boards by creating clear management practices. This streamlines the adoption of community boards, while still ensuring that the developer has flexibility. While some fear that the freedom community boards provide to bad actors will negatively impact the community, this is a small price to pay for the good that they offer. Community boards can be consistently monitored and content can be screened before it is posted. These are just a few of the ways to work around potential issues of implementing more community boards into the neighbourhood.

Currently, community boards are often managed by private businesses. While this is certainly better than having no board at all, it does not provide as much benefit to the community as a single, centralised board in a visible location. A central bulletin board makes all events happening near the community clear. It also serves to make the community feel more lively and “happening.” When more people know about local events going on in the area, the more people are willing to join.

While all this sounds great for members of the community, it also serves to benefit the developers of the site. Currently, a sense of community is one of the most important things people are looking for in a place to live. Building community is as important as constructing buildings.

BENEFITS OF ADDING SEATING AREAS TO PUBLIC SPACES

by Rowan Koenig

Modern urban planners are beginning to recognize the importance of seating in public spaces. However, one crucial element that often goes unnoticed is the transformative power of tables in these community areas. While seating offers a place for rest and casual conversations, tables play a pivotal role in enabling people to utilize public spaces in many ways. When combined, seating and tables create what is known as a "third place," a social hub that serves as a middle ground between work and home. The presence of both seating and tables is vital for creating a comfortable environment where people can eat, work remotely, meet friends, or engage in board games. By providing proper seating spaces with tables, communities empower their members to use public areas in ways that best suit their needs. These dynamic spaces allow individuals to self-determine how they wish to interact and engage with their neighbourhood.

The prevailing economic model often treats space activation as a costly commodity that requires continuous maintenance and financial investment. Contrary to this belief, a well-designed public space can naturally encourage activity and social interactions without excessive costs. Unfortunately, concerns about attracting the "wrong type of people" have sometimes led developers to discourage the incorporation of proper tables and seating. Yet, embracing the idea of a practical space for people to gather would involve minimal additional expenses. The presence of tables in public spaces also removes significant barriers to hosting small events and gatherings within the community.

Nowhere is the need for vibrant community spaces more evident than in rapidly developing, high-density areas like Downtown Surrey. The density of such spaces can inadvertently lead to social isolation, especially when smaller dwellings do not facilitate gatherings. To combat this issue, it becomes imperative to establish local public spaces that serve as a community hub—a place where people can gather, socialize, and feel a sense of belonging. By treating these spaces as a public living room and casual meeting place, the risk of a socially isolated community is reduced.

Encouraging the integration of tables in public spaces fosters a more vibrant and inclusive community, promoting social interaction and overall well-being. This approach challenges the notion that space activation must be expensive and highlights the inherent benefits of well-designed public areas. Ultimately, providing people with accessible and inviting community spaces can help counter the social isolation that may arise in dense urban environments and create a stronger sense of community.



FIRE SAFETY FOR BUSINESSES



by Max Ghilarducci

Over the last few years, a number of local business owners, staff, and family have had their lives changed by a fire in or around their business. Consequently, as the weather grows colder, it becomes important to take the steps to protect your business from human-caused fires. By protecting your business, you are also protecting your neighbours around you, as well as the livelihoods of yourself and your family. Here are some actions you can take:

Waste and debris that are common in businesses such as cardboard boxes, wooden pallets, and tires can all easily catch fire. As such, it is important to safely dispose of these items. If you must store these items on your property, ensure to keep them at least 20-30 feet away from your business. Similarly, it is important to keep your dumpster locked, as unsecured garbage can be used to start fires near your business. If you share a dumpster with your neighbours, collaborate with them to get a lock installed.

Another action you can take to protect your business against human-caused fires is to keep dark areas around your business well-lit. Individuals are more likely to partake in criminal activity if they are not visible. Consider increasing the lighting in dark areas behind your business to make them more visible. Moreover, if you see criminal activity behind your business or neighbouring businesses, call 9-1-1.

Some other small steps you can take are making sure your fire extinguisher is up to date, having a designated smoking area for employees away from potential hazards, keeping vegetation watered and healthy, and regularly cleaning the gutters. It is important to keep your gutters clean as leaves, pine needles, and sticks, are quite flammable, especially as they are dry.

It is important to take the steps to keep your business safe from human caused fires. In addition to the information provided, a BIA member will be coming around this month and handing out safety packages that have further information. Thank you for helping keep the Downtown Surrey Area safe!

SAFETY AUDIT



By Max Ghilarducci

Every summer, a BIA intern will venture out into Downtown Surrey and perform our annual Safety Research Audit, to get businesses feedback about safety and crime in the neighbourhood. This survey has been conducted annually since the year 2006, to get a sense of how businesses insights change from year to year. This year, we visited 120 businesses and asked 32 questions to receive their valuable feedback.

In terms of overall safety, 62 percent of businesses stated that they felt “somewhat safe” or “completely safe.” Compared to last year, 32 percent mentioned that they feel safer than previous years, with the majority saying that they feel the same. The top three issues that businesses face the most in the area this year are the public consumption of drugs and alcohol, public intoxication, and loitering. Drug consumption was perceived to have gotten worse over the last year, with most saying the other two have mostly stayed the same.

Increased police presence, cleanliness, and panhandling were the top three issues perceived to have gotten better, with the number of businesses that considered panhandling a problem decreasing from 70 percent last year to 30 percent this year. The top three crimes experienced by businesses this year were verbal threats, theft, and vandalism, which is in line with what businesses have experienced in previous years. However, businesses experiencing vandalism over the past year has decreased from the previous year.

Lack of public washrooms, lack of waste disposal, and lack of needle disposal were considered the top environmental safety concerns, with most businesses wanting to see better services for each of them. Based on the results of the survey, the author recommended advocacy for public washrooms, increased trash and needle disposal services, safe injection sites, increased services for those experiencing homelessness, affordable housing, and education for the prevention of human-caused fires.

LINK AND CHAIN JEWELRY



By Meera Patel

Link and Chain Jewelry is newly opened at Central City Shopping Centre. It is a permanent jewelry business that sells permanent bracelets, anklets, and necklaces along with other non-permanent jewelry pieces.

Permanent jewelry is different from traditional jewelry because it is usually welded together onto oneself instead of using a jewellery clamp. The welding process is fairly simple and quick. Customers choose their jewelry from 14 karat, 10 karat, or sterling silver options, the piece is then measured and fitted and lastly welded on. A common question customers ask is does it hurt? Due to the jewelry being welded onto your body, it may seem like a scary process, but it is not at all. The process is painless. There is some heat involved but that touches the jewelry and never your skin.

The permanent jewelry is not meant to be removed easily and is hence targeted toward people who enjoy wearing jewelry at all times. Permanent jewelry commonly marks a special occasion symbolizing foreverness, but it is also for those who do not want to deal with the inconvenience of clasp and removing their jewelry daily. The jewelry can last as long as you want it to and due to the durable materials it is made from you don't have to worry about damaging it. Although, if you did want to remove the jewelry it can be removed.

Link and Chain was started by Michelle. Michelle was inspired by her mother who was a jeweler her entire adult life. Being exposed to the ins and outs of jewelry led to Michelle's appreciation for the business and the products. Michelle's mission is to "showcase products that you will value and appreciate for years to come and to provide an inventory that is relatable to different generations with varying personal styles".

Link and Chain also has an online storefront where you can purchase from their non-permanent collection of earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. As for their permanent jewelry, you can visit them in-store at Central City Shopping Center 10153 King George Blvd. between the food court and the 102 Ave entrance.

Link and Chain website: <https://linkandchain.com/collections/jewelry>
Instagram: @linkandchainjewelry

WAFFLE HOUSE



By Alex Masse

Waffle House Diner is a relatively new addition to King George Hub, but it's already earned its place with its great atmosphere and tasty food. Relocating from New West—and not to be confused with the American chain of a similar name—the restaurant manages to capture a sort of classic diner energy, while still feeling sleek and modern. The service is friendly and accommodating, the lighting, warm colours, and ambiance are mellow, and even when it's packed, the space isn't too loud, and still manages to feel cozy.

With the catchphrase “breakfast done right,” you can absolutely expect excellent food for starting your day: the diner has a classic breakfast, as well as a breakfast poutine and an impressive range of bennies. However, make no mistake: there are also some great lunch options, including sandwiches, steak, and more. There's also a range of drinks, which includes cocktails, mimosas, and beer, as well as non-alcoholic options, such as milkshakes, coffee, and tea. Meal sides are equally varied, with some options including house salad, toast, and fruits, and fries—the latter of which, charmingly, all come in the shape of *waffle* fries. Additionally, the diner's portions are especially generous—the titular waffle, for example, is probably big enough for most people to share.

Waffle House Diner also has the unique capacity to feel both moderately upscale and comfortably down-to-earth and grounded in the community. It even has free copies of Surrey Coffee News, which one can read as they dine. Alternatively, there is also a television set up, if you're more interested in watching sports. The space also has inclusive, gender-neutral washrooms.

The restaurant is very conveniently located, right in the middle of King George Hub at 13660 George Junction Unit #110, where it is open from 8:00am-6:00pm Sunday-Thursday and 8:00am-8:00pm on Friday and Saturday. It also offers take-out. Swing by for a breakfast food feast!

MINH SANDWICHES



Gabriela Vargas/Google Reviews

By Saije Rusimovici

Vietnamese is one of my favourite cuisines, and for this reason I am so excited to have Minh Sandwiches recently open up at King George Hub! Their menu includes all of the traditional Vietnamese staples with a modern twist. Of course, the banh mi is the star of the menu. If you have never had one before, a banh mi is a Vietnamese-style sub that is built on a thin, crispy baguette. Fillings include cold cuts such as pork or beef, thinly sliced veggies, cilantro, and condiments like spicy chili sauce or mayonnaise.

Minh Sandwiches has a variety of banh mi sandwiches to choose from. The Deluxe Meat Cut is packed with protein and perfect for any meat lover, while the Lemongrass Chicken is light and refreshing. Keep an eye out for rotating sub specials!

One of my favourite dishes of all time is Vietnamese salad rolls. They're so healthy and easy to eat on the go! Salad rolls are often packed with vermicelli noodles, refreshing herbs like cilantro and mint, julienned vegetables, and some sort of protein. Minh Sandwiches offers both pork and shrimp variations of the yummy rice paper wrapped rolls.

If you've never had Vietnamese coffee before, now is the time to try it. Minh Sandwiches has a selection of hot or iced coffees to choose from, including a delicious house blend. You could also grab a fresh pressed juice to go perfectly with your lunch! Some of the juice flavours include apple, cucumber, and my personal favourite, beet juice!

Minh Sandwiches is located at 13660 George Junction, right inside of King George Hub! Both dine-in and takeout are available. While you're there, make sure to check out some of the other great businesses in the area!



Waffle House Diner/Google Reviews

COMING TO MOVIES UNDER THE STARS?

Stop by Waffle House Diner to receive **15% off** takeout on your way to Holland Park!

KINTON RAMAN

By Anika Richards

Nestled in the bustling King George Hub, a new hidden gem for remarkable ramen, Kinton Ramen, is arriving soon. Visitors will be immediately captivated by the restaurant's minimalist yet elegant design, offering a beautifully sunlit dining experience. The interior blends warm wood and clean lines, welcoming visitors to a world of authentic flavors and warming ambiance perfect for a rainy day or a family outing.

Kinton Ramen's menu boasts a selection of carefully curated ramen variations, each one a delicious burst of flavors and textures from a rich miso broth to the delicate and refreshing shoyu broth. Tender slices of pork, marinated to perfection, melt in the mouth, while a perfectly cooked and seasoned soft-boiled egg adds a creamy richness to the broth. Every ramen offers a selection of broth, noodles and the option to select additional toppings, allowing you a plethora of unique options to keep you coming back for more!

Beyond the delectable ramen, their menu offers an array of delectable sides that complement and enhance the dining experience. Crispy gyoza topping with a sweet chili sauce, fresh salted edamame, and hot steamed rice are just a few of the delights that await. In the mood for a dessert to complete your night out? Enjoy a bowl of refreshing matcha ice cream or select one of their well known cheesecakes such as a kurugoma or mango cheesecake.

At the heart of Kinton Ramen is their commitment to hospitality. The staff ensure every visit is an excellent and delicious experience for each customer. Whether it's a solo diner, or a group of friends or family celebrating a special event, Kinton Ramen promises a delicious and nourishing trip. Keep an eye on their website and social media to not miss their opening at King George Hub.



Marco Bejasa/Google Reviews

PHO 68



By Saije Rusimovici

The well-known Vietnamese chain has come to King George Hub! Pho 68 is a great place to have a cozy and quality dinner with friends, family, or even by yourself after a long day! Settle into a comfortable seat and choose from a variety of types of perhaps one of the most well-known Vietnamese soups.

A piping hot broth is the base for this delicious and hearty dish, consisting of rice noodles, herbs, and thinly sliced meat. Often served with beansprouts, Thai basil, and chili oil, pho is a filling meal perfect for any time of day.

Pho 68 offers several versions of the Vietnamese staple. Specials include house special noodle soup with steak, brisket, tendon, tripe, fatty flank, and beef ball, as well as Northern Vietnamese style noodle soup. Pho is one of those dishes that is just so versatile it can even be prepared with seafood or with egg noodles, wontons, and veggies.

In addition to soup dishes, Pho 68 prepares delicious spring rolls and salad rolls that are perfect to quickly pick up on a lunch break. Their menu also includes Vietnamese subs, fried rice, vermicelli bowls, special deserts, and Vietnamese coffee.

Pho 68 is also a great place to stop in for bubble tea! Some of my favourites include matcha milk tea or mango slush with pearls. Other unique flavours include coconut, green apple, and taro Oreo.

Pho 68 is located at 13639 George Junction and is also available on UberEats!



Rebecca P.?Google Reviews



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

- **Babytime Wednesdays** | 10:00 am - 10:30 am | City Centre Branch This program is for babies 0-1 and their caregiver. Join us for songs, stories, rhymes and bounces to help your baby develop speech and language skills. After a 30 minute storytime, there will be a social time for babies and their caregivers. 604.598.7427 or surreylibraries.ca
- **Family Storytime Fridays** | 10:00 am - 10:30 am | City Centre Branch This program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Join us for fun stories and songs for the whole family! Help imaginations grow and build a love of reading
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- **Live Bands at Whalley Legion** every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at Whalley Legion

- 1 Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
- 2 Sounds of Summer at Civic Plaza Summer outdoor concert series featuring Karima Essa & Dholnation from 6:30-8pm
- 5 Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park Saturdays from 10am to 3 pm. Free entertainment! Shop local. 13035 104 Ave, Surrey
- 5 **Movies Under the Stars at Holland Park** Fun starts at 6pm, movie starts at dusk. Bring a chair or blanket. Movie: Turning Red
- 6 Jamaica Day Festival at Holland Park from 12-7pm
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- 19 JR's Battle of the Brews at Civic Plaza
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- 23 Sounds of Summer at Holland Park from 6:30-8 Join us for a free concert as part of the Sounds of Summer. outdoor concert series featuring Mivule.
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 - 10 RunSurreyRun 2023 Holland Park from 8am-2pm In-person: \$35 youth/senior \$45 adult Contact. info@runsurreyrun.com
 - 12 Drop Zone at Central City Register to be one of 50 participants. <https://p2p.onecause.com/dropzone2023/event/surrey-drop-zone>
 - 12 Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
 - 15 Moving in Time: A Journey of Rhythm 8-9:30pm Centre Stage at Surrey City Hall 13450 104 Ave Tickets & Pricing Zone A: \$35. Zone B: \$25
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RUN SURREY RUN!



By Saije Rusimovici

On September 10, Run Surrey Run will kick off at Holland Park at 9:00am in Downtown Surrey. The 5k/10k stretch is open to speed walkers, joggers, and runners alike

"Our vision was, and still is, to create a signature event to attract people to Surrey and promote health and fitness while supporting local communities," says Gurjinder Bhurji, chair, run director and founder of "Run Surrey Run".

"With the encouragement and support of our Community Partner RBC, the City of Surrey and other generous sponsors and community volunteers, we look forward to showcasing our world-class city once again and bringing together the strength of our community for the health and benefit of all."

The main stretch of the route will run through 132 Street and south on University Drive. The route passes over Old Yale Road twice in the middle and is connected to 104 Avenue at the north end and 97 Avenue at the south end. The 10k runners will loop the same route twice.

This is the second annual "Run Surrey Run" event, following a successful turnout in September 2022. There will also be a virtual race from September 8-10. The race is meant to inspire the drive to exercise, which is why it is open to everyone from novice runners to leisure walkers. Registration is open to all ages and athletic abilities.

Registration fees for the in-person run are \$45 for adults and only \$35 for youth and seniors. Virtual events are only \$25 for all registrants! You can register individually or in teams. For more information, visit www.runsurreyrun.com/race-info.

FUSION FESTIVAL 2023

RECAP

By Saije Rusimovici

Fusion Festival 2023 was held at Holland Park on July 22-23. The annual food festival was an outstanding success, with over 50 participating cultural pavilions, amusement park rides, and world-renowned entertainers. This event was an opportunity to try authentic cuisines from all around the world, learn about different cultures, and enjoy quality time with friends and family in the heart of the Surrey community.

The Downtown Surrey BIA welcomed children and families to the Kid's Zone. Kids were able to participate in a variety of crafts and activities that tied into to this year's theme "Dance Around the World." Crafts included decorating paper fans, making leis, and beading. The Kid's Zone also included a Dance Tent, where kids could dance and hoola hoop. Chalk tables were also a big hit. Families were entertained throughout the day by family-friendly performers including jugglers, magicians, musicians, and more!

The Juice Box Heroes returned to Holland Park on both days to sell juice boxes to kids and adults alike. The Juice Box Heroes mission is to raise money for the Centre for Child Development in Surrey. This organization is held very close to their hearts, as it has greatly impacted the life of one of their members. Great work kids!

More highlights of Fusion Festival 2023 included a welcome parade, kid's cooking competition, international beverages served at the Cantina, carnival games, bouncy castles, Indigenous artisans and circus performers!

We are looking forward to participating in Fusion Festival once again next year!



SURREY VOICES

RECAP

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Surrey Voices Event of summer 2023! We were thrilled to have Dr. Sutrisno Hartana a professor at Simon Fraser University who was raised in Bali, Indonesia, along with the Indonesian Consulate in Vancouver. Dr. Hartana and his gamelan group. Dr. Hartana also delighted the crowd by introducing them to the angklung, a traditional bamboo instrument, and teaching them how to play it.

The highlight of the event was undoubtedly Dr. Hartana's captivating wayang puppet show, featuring a myriad of intricate puppets. Participants were even given sheets to create their own puppets at home. Among the remarkable collection, the fire puppet stood out with its intricate detailing and two unique sides. Dr. Hartana's skillful use of voice and movements breathed life into the puppets, conveying their emotions and actions with exceptional finesse.

A special interactive touch was added to the show as audience members eagerly assisted Dr. Hartana in narrating the tale of the Mouse Deer, a mischievous animal, outsmarting the tiger to escape being its meal.

We would also like to thank Lorene Oikawa, former president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, for organizing Japanese Day at King George Hub on August 1st. Our second Surrey Voices event was a wonderful showcase of Japanese culture. The crowd was mesmerized by Nori Akagi, a Taiko Drummer and instrumentalist who showcased his skills on traditional Japanese drums and percussion instruments. After the performance, Lorene shared history about the first Japanese settlers in Surrey and set up origami tutorials for the audience to participate in.

Come join us for our final Surrey Voices event on August 10th at noon at the King George Hub to experience traditional folk dancing from across cultures and participate in a workshop to learn traditional music from the Mandingo tribe in Guinea, West Africa.

