

The New View

TAKE A GOOD LOOK

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The Importance of Reporting Retail Theft

By: Alex Brydon

Are you a business struggling with retail theft? Are you wondering what you can do to reduce its prevalence? One of the most important steps you can take is to report all instances of retail theft (as well as other crimes) to the Surrey RCMP.

Reasons why you should report retail theft to the Surrey RCMP:

1) Deters potential offenders*- If potential offenders know that your establishment is reporting retail theft, they are less likely to target your establishment.

2) Reduces future offenses**- By reporting retail theft, the offender can be caught and sanctioned in ways that can prevent them from committing future offenses. Additionally, certain types of sentences can be used to reduce the risk factors associated with the offenders criminal behaviour.

3) Chance to have the merchandise returned**- By reporting the theft, the police may be able to find and return the stolen goods.



4) Improves the use of police resources - The Surrey RCMP use crime data (including retail theft) to better allocate resources. More specifically they can:

a) More effectively deploy officers across Surrey - Officers can be better situated around the areas that crime tends to occur which can allow officers to arrive faster to calls for service. Additionally, increased officer presence in crime hotspots can help deter criminal activity in that area.

b) Develop initiatives that reduce crime - Using crime data, the Surrey RCMP can identify opportunities to develop initiatives that can help reduce crime through enforcement, education, or other means.

Importance of Reporting Retail Theft, cont.

With the expansion of the online reporting system (<https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/surrey/en>) to include retail theft, businesses can now quickly report retail theft when they don't desire a police investigation. However, if the business desires a police investigation which may result in the offender being charged, the crime should be reported to the Surrey RCMP's non-emergency line (604-599-0502). Additionally, the emergency line (9-1-1) should be used whenever a crime is in progress or the offender poses a threat to public safety.

As members of the Surrey community, it is important that we report crimes of all severity to promote an environment in which businesses can thrive.

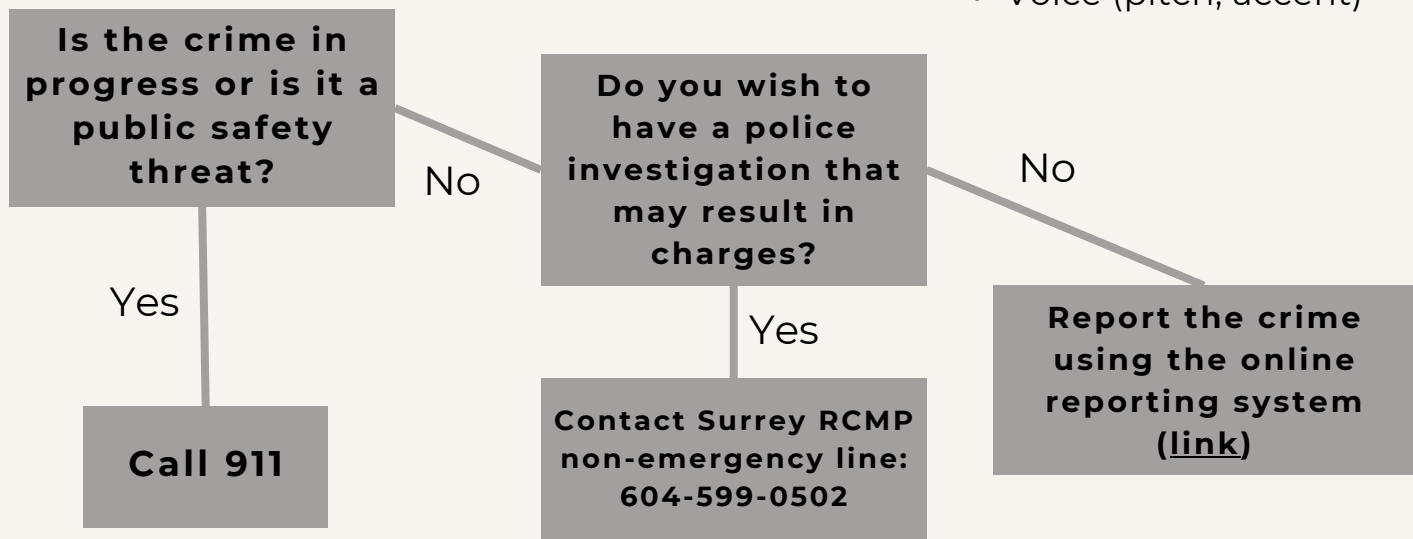
*Less prevalent if reported using the online reporting system

**Not the case if reported using the online reporting system

Try to write down these characteristics to assist in suspect identification:

- Approx. height and age
- Ethnicity
- Build (stocky, slim, muscular)
- Distinguishable markings (scars, tattoos)
- Facial features (size and shape of nose, mouth, ears)
- Clothing
- Voice (pitch, accent)

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Explore The George

Combine Cafe & Bar

By: Tessa Adams

The brand-new Combine Café & Bar opened just a few days ago on May 21st, this cool new modern restaurant from the owners of Dominion Bar & Kitchen offers a café during the day and bar at night. Their focus is on celebrating ingredients, experiences, and cultures with a return to agricultural roots. Located in the lobby of Locale just across from the King George Skytrain Station, Combine Café and Bar is easily accessible from almost anywhere in the surrounding area. The Café/Bar combination aims to become a neighbourhood spot that can meet all the needs of the community. Designed by Ste Marie Studio Interior Design Firm Combine Café and Bar is an immersive experience, inspired by mixing elegance and rustic farm styles to create a unique design.



The design is a reflection of the menu which offers farm-to-table plates available for breakfast, lunch, and late-night shared plates paired with crafted cocktails and wines. Breakfast is offered from 7AM-11AM, then from 11AM-3:30PM enjoy a selection of sandwiches, soups, and salads alongside coffee, tea, juice, and baked goods. 4PM-10PM in the evening try their wide variety of shareable plates including charcuterie boards and elevated dishes, offered with an extensive wine and cocktail menu.

The menu aims for complete sustainability and will be built around the season to always be using the freshest fruits and veggies. Reservations and take-out will become available very soon, until then, drop by at 9873 King George Blvd.

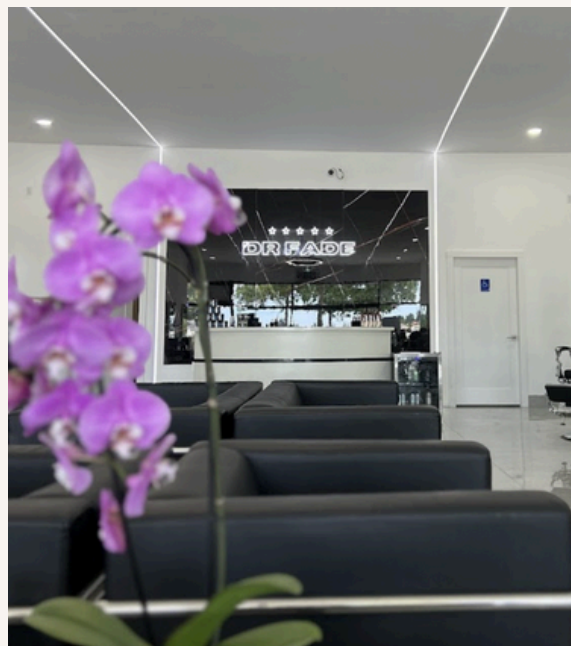


Explore The George

Dr. Fade

By: Tessa Adams

Conveniently located at 10700 King George Blvd, Dr. Fade is your go-to destination for all your barber needs. Their skilled professionals offer a variety of services, ensuring you leave looking sharp and feeling great. Their offerings include: \$25 haircuts, \$30 hot towel shaves, \$20 kids cut, beard trimmings, facials and more. Dr. Fade prides themselves on staying up-to-date with the latest trends to provide styles that suit everyone.



Their clean, modern interior reflects their commitment to top-notch service and hygiene standards, creating a safe and comfortable environment for all clients. Open daily from 9 AM to 7 PM, Dr. Fade offers a flexible schedule to accommodate your busy life. More than just a barbershop, Dr. Fade is a cool hangout spot where you can unwind and enjoy a unique grooming experience. Booking an appointment is easy; either call at 604-497-1860 or book online at drfade97.setmore.com/beta. Experience the difference at Dr. Fade – where style meets precision.



Explore The George

The Filipino Noodle Joint

By: Tessa Adams



Another new addition to The George in May was The Filipino Noodle Joint which offers authentic Filipino food with fresh ingredients and good prices. The 13565 King George Blvd location is the businesses' second location in BC, their first being on Keefer Street.

Offering everything from breakfast to dessert The Filipino Noodle Joint has whatever you might be craving; noodle dishes with or without broth available with meat or as vegetarian options, if noodles do not interest you there is a variety of rice dishes, again with veggie or meat options, if all of these options sound good to you get a Baon Box which includes a little bit of everything.

The person behind this perfectly crafted menu is Chef Louwella, who has had a love for Filipino food ever since she was a child watching her father in the kitchen. This love turned into a career where she and her partner Ky Roberts were able to open The Filipino Noodle Joint, first in Toronto and now two locations in Vancouver. The fast-food style take-out restaurant brings authentic Filipino food to people to take with them to enjoy with friends and family wherever they wish. Louwella and Ky aim to create healthy food packed with the most nutrients possible, which is why she employs techniques that ensure the vegetables maintain their health benefits. Eating at The Filipino Noodle Joint is not only a cultural experience but also a health-conscious decision; offering both vegetarian and gluten free options. They also offer a loyalty program for repeat customers to earn special deals. Each visit earns one points; one point gets 7% discount, four points gets a free cooler, 12 points gets 22% of entire sale, and 15 points gets 25% of entire sale. Sign-up today to start earning.

Order [online](#) for delivery through external apps or order for pick-up through their website



Meet the Interns

We are pleased to introduce our talented team of ten interns who joined us in May. These students are actively involved in supporting various research studies, special projects, and community events, making valuable contributions to our organization and the community. Throughout the summer, we will continue the "Click on Surrey" team this year, lead by Sam, dedicated to assisting businesses within the Downtown Surrey BIA area. Our team is diligently working on recruiting businesses to participate in this program, which offers support with website development, social media management, graphic design, newsletters, filming, and marketing campaigns.

In addition, we have a group of interns responsible for activating public spaces with engaging events and placemaking activities. Look for activations at King George Hub, Central City Plaza, Civic Plaza, and the greenspace that used to be the old Grosvenor Road School site throughout the summer. Watch for the return of popular events such as Movies Under the Stars in Holland Park in August, SurreyFest at Central City Plaza on June 15, Surrey Voices, and the highly anticipated Long, Long Table on June 25 at Civic Plaza. Furthermore, all our interns will be participating in Fusion Fest at Holland Park in July.

Stella, one of our interns, will be leading the annual Safety Audit over the summer and working on generating innovative ideas to address concerns in the area. Thurga, another intern, will be doing research on making All Candidates meeting accessible to help prepare for our fall All Candidates meeting on October 3 at Civic Hotel.

Coming from diverse study areas such as Communications, Interactive Arts + Technology, Business, Political Science, Criminology, and Geography, our interns bring fresh perspectives and up-to-date skills to address ongoing issues in the area. Moreover, they fill our workplace with youthful energy and a positive attitude.

We are excited to have these motivated young people on board, and we are confident that their contributions will make a significant impact this summer.





Alex Brydon

As a former Community Volunteer Income Tax Program volunteer and second-year business and criminology student at SFU, Alex Brydon's interests align perfectly with his role as this summer's business safety liaison intern. Appreciating the DSBIA's support of local businesses, Alex states it's also important to remember that "crime can make it hard for them to operate". Therefore, he looks forward to applying his knowledge and experiences to research and present ways to keep businesses afloat, and the community safe. He is also excited to broaden his skillset and knowledge that he can transfer toward his career goal of becoming a forensic accountant for the CRA, or "the big 4". In his spare time, Alex likes to stay physically active. Before joining the DSBIA, he has played and worked in sports officiating for many years. Currently, he plays baseball for the North Shore Team in the U26 League. He also likes to go for walks, biking and camping. Alex is excited to contribute to the teamwork that will be done with the interns this summer. We are certain he will knock his role out of the park.

By: Stella Andrade

Sam Wijaya

Downtown Surrey BIA is pleased to welcome Sam Wijaya as the Marketing and Social Media Intern for this summer. This position offers Sam the opportunity to lead the Click on Surrey Team which aims to develop grassroots and digital marketing initiatives for Surrey businesses. These initiatives can support businesses by helping them attract, engage with, and retain their customers. Having grown up in Surrey, Sam is excited to continue actively contributing to his local community through his work at the DSBIA.

Sam is a third-year student at the Beedie School of Business concentrating in Management Information Systems (MIS) and Marketing. During his free time, Sam enjoys playing the acoustic and electric guitar, with his favourite artists being John Mayer and Mateus Asato. Sam is also passionate about tabletop game design and is currently creating his own board game. Sam is looking forward to utilizing the knowledge and experience this internship will provide him to one day start his own board game company.

By: Alex Brydon



Jasper Gass



Meet the Downtown Surrey BIA's Graphic Design and Website Intern for this summer, Jasper Gass. Jasper is a 4th year student at SFU's School of Interactive Art and Technology, pursuing a Bachelor's of Science. Jasper is excited to work with the DSBIA to help local businesses and contribute to the revitalization of Downtown Surrey with the skills and knowledge they've developed from school. Their role at the DSBIA entails various graphic and web-design opportunities for both the Click on Surrey Team and general DSBIA projects, which also aligns with Jasper's passion for promoting accessibility and helping others through intentional design. Jasper is highly interested in music, volunteering at SFU's radio station (CJSF-FM), participating in SFU's music club, going to shows, and playing the bass guitar. Jasper also enjoys trying new things, with hobbies for sewing, painting, and baking. Jasper plans to continue pursuing opportunities that harbor a positive impact through design, and they're excited to exhibit their capabilities through working with the DSBIA this summer.

By: Sam Wijaya

Raphael Masella

As the Videographer for the Click on Surrey Team, Raphael is excited to work with the businesses of Downtown Surrey this summer. In this role, Raphael will be focused on creating content and revitalising small businesses through their media. Working at the Downtown Surrey BIA, Raphael hopes to see how his skills are applicable to the real world. He has a passion for helping others, and is excited at the opportunity to engage with the local community and help people with the knowledge he has gained at school. Currently in his fourth year studying communications at SFU, he hopes to keep exploring his interests and is eager to practice his content creation skills. Outside of school, Raphael is a dedicated wrestler who has been practicing for 10 years and is a proud member of SFU's wrestling team.

By: Jasper Gass



Thurga Muthukumar

Meet our newest marketing intern, Thurga Muthukumar.

Thurga is a fourth-year Communication student at Simon Fraser University. She plans on specializing in marketing and social media when she graduates. Thurga also implements her marketing and social media skills to promote her own bakery Sugartreats. Being a Surrey native Thurga is excited to help give back to her community, and the Surrey Downtown Business Improvement Association offers her the perfect opportunity to do so. In her time with Surrey Downtown Business Improvement Association Thurga will be practicing and expanding her marketing chops to help promote local businesses. Thurga also looks forward to promoting local events and getting involved with the community. Outside of work, Thurga loves getting outside, going on hikes, and enjoying the beautiful British Columbia scenery. In her downtime, you can find Thurga winding down with a good book or hanging out with friends. We are thrilled to have Thurga on our team.

By: Raphael Masella

Kit Billings

Meet Kit Billings, a new addition to the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association team! Kit joins us as a Special Events Intern, bringing her enthusiasm and expertise in event planning, community engagement, and supporting non-profit organizations. Currently in her third year of pursuing a Communications major at Simon Fraser University, Kit is from Coquitlam and is eager to immerse herself in the vibrant atmosphere of Downtown Surrey. Her passion for creating memorable experiences shines through her previous work hosting events and pool parties at a local dog daycare. Beyond her professional pursuits, Kit loves nature, enjoys hiking, and spending quality time with her dog. During her time with us, she'll bring creativity and dedication to our events, helping to bring our community closer together. She looks forward to gaining great networking and event planning skills. We're excited to have Kit on our team.

By: Thurga Muthukumar



Danae McArthur

Please join us in welcoming Danae McArthur, our Placemaking and Area Enhancement intern this summer. Danae is a fourth-year communication major at Simon Fraser University. Over the course of this summer she will be working on creating and running exciting events for the community. She is looking forward to being able to work creatively to think of ideas for fun activities to bring the city of Surrey together. She is currently working on organizing our Game Nights at King George Hub, returning for its second year, as well as free fitness and painting classes. Danae is most looking forward to working with the team and seeing all of our hard work pay off when the community is able to enjoy our events. She is hoping to gain a well-rounded perspective on event planning, building the confidence to take on even bigger projects in the future. Though she is still exploring her career path, Danae is eager to learn more about community events and acquire skills that will benefit her in any future career. We are thrilled to have her on board and can't wait to see the positive impact she will make.

By: Kit Billings



Hannah Gill

Returning for a second work term, Hannah is taking on the vital role of "Community Engagement Intern" at the Downtown Surrey BIA. As a third-year Political Science major, Hannah is thrilled to continue her work at the DSBIA. She aims to make a positive impact on all Surrey residents through community events and collaborative efforts with fellow interns to generate exciting ideas. Hannah values the creative freedom to undertake significant tasks and looks forward to contributing to the community's well-being. During her internship, Hannah aspires to enhance her communication skills, cultivate her creative thinking abilities, and challenge herself by stepping outside her comfort zone. Among her key projects is developing community engagement activities for Grosvenor Road School, a greenspace that has been vacant since 2000. Additionally, she collaborates with the BIA on numerous initiatives. Hannah is always ready to assist with any task at hand. Looking ahead, she aims to continue her career in city or community work, staying informed and involved in local happenings. Outside of work, Hannah enjoys spending her free time thrifting, relaxing at the beach, or attending concerts.

By: Danae McArthur



Tessa Adams



The Downtown Surrey BIA is excited to welcome Tessa Adams as their new Communications and Marketing Intern. This summer, Tessa will be writing for and designing our three newsletters: The New View, What's Up Downtown, and It's News Downtown. Tessa will also have a hand in all thing's social media and marketing. She looks forward to informing and engaging the community in fun ways, especially through curating captivating social media feeds for the BIA. Tessa is a third-year communication and international studies student at SFU who is always overflowing with creative ideas. She is excited to take on a roll that allows her to enhance her graphic design skills and inform and engage the community in vibrant ways. She also looks forward to growing her portfolio as she sees herself pursuing a career in marketing. In her free time, you can find Tessa hanging out with her friends or exploring new restaurants. Check out our social media and newsletters on the BIA website to see all the fabulous things Tessa creates.

By: Hannah Gill

Stella Andrade

Stella is this summer's Safety Research Intern. She is a 4th year student in criminology, hoping to pursue a career where she can either continue academic research or expand into professional research, similar to what she will be doing in this position. At the BIA Stella will be working on a variety of things including the 'Shredathon,' and assisting with other events. One of the tasks she is most looking forward to is the safety audit where she will be asking local businesses what their biggest safety concerns are for the area, taking these into consideration she will be putting together a report that will include some problem-solving suggestions for these concerns. Stella is excited to get into the community and use her interest in sociology to help in understanding the needs of the community, as well as work with the other interns this summer on the many events we have planned. In her spare time, the little that she has while being so busy at school, Stella enjoys going to the gym or hanging out with family and friends.



By: Tessa Adams

What We're Up To

The Downtown Surrey BIA is thrilled to take on a packed summer season ahead. We've recently welcomed a dynamic group of interns, brimming with innovative ideas and enthusiasm.

We are excited to be activating King George Hub with free community events including game nights, art nights and fitness classes guaranteed to entertain.

Guided Paint Nights:

- June 13th - Tote Bags
- July 4th - Canvases
- July 18th - Coasters
- August 15th - Wine Glasses

Fitness Classes:

- June 6th - Yoga
- June 27th - Zumba
- July 11th - Yoga
- August 1st - Zumba

Game Nights:

- Every Wednesday
- Alternating Bingo and Trivia every second week

Go to the link in our Instagram bio to reserve a spot for free

Surrey Voices will also be returning this summer. Four different cultures will be highlighted with live music, dance performances, crafts, and more. Stayed tuned to learn more about the cultures we intend on featuring this summer.

This summer features a special focus on the old Grosvenor school site. We are conducting a study to gather the community's input on desired features for the site, aiming to transform this vacant lot into a vibrant space for community events.



Our marketing interns are revamping our annual restaurant guide, highlighting must-visit spots for food enthusiasts. They're also working to enhance our social media presence, aiming to keep the community well-informed and actively engaged.

On the business front, our "Click on Surrey" team is back, eager to support downtown businesses and our safety intern is thrilled to be going around the community again for our annual safety audit, hoping to provide valuable insights to the business community. Contact Sam at sam@downtownsurreybia.com for further inquiries.

By: Hannah Gill

Keep up-to-date with all our upcoming events by following us on social media, reading our monthly newsletter, and continuing to check out website.

Up Coming Events

Surrey Fest

By: Kit Billings

The annual Surrey Fest is back for another exciting summer celebration at Central City Plaza! Mark your calendars for June 15th from 11am to 4pm, and get ready for a day filled with fun, entertainment, and community spirit. Best of all, admission is completely free, making it the perfect outing for all.

Surrey Fest offers a wide array of activities suitable for all ages. From crafts and games to a scavenger hunt, there's something for everyone. Additionally, a silent auction will offer exciting items donated by local businesses, including the BC Lions, the Civic Hotel, and the Planetarium, providing a great way to support the community while taking home some fantastic prizes.

The festival's live entertainment will kick off at 11am with DerbyTown, a folk country band that will set a lively tone for the day. At noon, Mayor Brenda Locke will officially open the festival with a ceremony celebrating the community spirit of Surrey.



Following the opening ceremony, at 12:30pm, Anne Martina will take the stage to captivate the audience with her performance. The excitement continues at 1:30pm with a spectacular demonstration by Sun Hang Do, returning this year to show off their impressive skills and discipline.

At 2pm, the John Welsh Band will bring their vibrant and eclectic sound to the festival, promising an energetic and memorable performance. As the day winds down, the festivities will close with a unique performance by Junk Oy!, a klezmer band known for their lively and spirited music.

Surrey Fest is more than just entertainment, it's a chance to connect with various organizations within the city. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about local services, volunteer opportunities, and community groups, fostering a deeper sense of connection and involvement in the community.

Whether you're looking to enjoy great music, engage in fun activities, or learn more about your community, Surrey Fest is the place to be. Don't miss this fantastic event on June 15th and join your fellow Surrey residents for a day of celebration at Central City Plaza. See you there!

Up Coming Events

Long Long Table

By: Danae McArthur

The Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association proudly presents its annual affair, The Long Long Table. Mark your calendars for June 25th as Civic Plaza transforms into a hub of excitement from 4:30 – 8:00 pm, with dinner served promptly at 6:15. Delight in a five-course feast, accompanied by live music and local entertainment, all for just \$54.58! This exceptional gathering bridges diverse communities across Surrey, welcoming individuals of all backgrounds – from eager students and busy families to first time entrepreneurs and seasoned politicians. Embark on this inclusive journey where every guest finds a moment to savor.

This year, we're embracing the Summer Fair theme, where the menu and music will be infused with the whimsical charm of a vibrant carnival ambiance. The featured entrée of the event, crafted by local chefs from Civic Hotel, will be “grilled Cajun BC spot prawns, Tarrow Meadows duck sausage, smoked popcorn grits, charred corn, fried okra, and smoked tomato”. A kohlrabi tents with chevre family style appetizer, salad with a salted halibut mousse with ramson, and a cucumber and mint “snow cone” appetizer will also make an appearance, concluding with a banana foster dessert with “beaver tail” beignet, smoked walnut, vanilla gelato, and cotton candy. Wine will also be served for \$10 a glass, \$44 a bottle, and at reception corn ribs with Cajun spice, “corn dog” beef wellington, crispy buttermilk fried foraged mushroom, and cotton candy crispy fried sticky pork belly will be available.



Experience the magic of The Long Long Table – a one-of-a-kind occasion to mingle with fresh faces, exchange stories, and create new bonds, located in the beautiful Civic Plaza. Join us for an enchanting evening, whether you arrive with your loved ones or venture solo, it will be a night to remember.

The Long Long Table only comes around once a year, and while there are over 200 seats, tickets are limited and will sell out fast. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-long-long-table-2024-tickets-877048063367> to purchase yours before you lose your chance.

June Events

- 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
- Mini Meat Draws and 50/50 Draws Every Saturday and Sunday tickets on sale at 5pm at Whalley Legion #102 - 10626 City Parkway, Surrey.
- Live Bands at Whalley Legion every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at Whalley Legion
- Craft 'N' Yarn Tuesdays 6–8:30pm City Centre Branch Join us for a casual crafting session. Bring your current project to work on in the company of others. Crafters of all kinds, abilities, and ages welcome. City Centre Branch 10350 University Drive, Surrey, British Columbia V3T 4B8
- Family Fun Saturdays 2–4pm This program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Join us for KEVA® Planks and board games for the whole family.
- City Centre Branch 10350 University Drive, Surrey, British Columbia V3T 4B8 Room: Storytime Corner Contact 604-598-7426
- Family LEGO® Club Saturday 2–4pm City Centre Branch 10350 University Drive, Surrey, British Columbia V3T 4B8 Room 120 Contact 604-598-7426
- 4th - Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
- 5th - LA Bingo Wednesdays at Whalley Legion from 1-3pm
- 5th - Games Night at King George Hub at 6:30pm
- 6th - Yoga Night with Sidney at King George Hub FREE but pre-registration required Call Danae at 604.580.2321 for information
- 11th - Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
- 12th - LA Bingo Wednesdays at Whalley Legion from 1-3pm
- 12th - Games Night at King George Hub at 6:30pm
- 13th - Painting Tote Bags at King George Hub FREE but pre-registration required Call Danae at 604.580.2321 for information
- 15th - Surrey Fest Downtown 11am-4pm. Central City Plaza. FREE music, displays, and some great bands!
- 15th - 5X Block Party at Civic Plaza from 2pm-8pm
- 18th - Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
- 18th - Community Block Party at the Greenspace at 108 Avenue (old Grosvenor School site) from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Music, Arts & Crafts, entertainment and more: For Further information www.downtownsurreybia.com
- 19th - LA Bingo Wednesdays at Whalley Legion from 1-3pm
- 19th - Games Night at King George Hub at 6:30pm
- 22nd - Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park from 10am-3pm
- 22nd - Surrey Pride Festival 2pm-8pm Civic Plaza
- 22nd - BC Halal Food Fest at Holland Park
- 23rd - BC Halal Food Fest at Holland Park
- 25th - Long Long Table Civic Plaza. Networking 4:30pm-6pm, 5 course dinner. Get you ticket from EventBrite only \$50 per ticket <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-long-long-table-2024-tickets-877048063367>
- 25th - Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
- 26th - LA Bingo Wednesdays at Whalley Legion from 1-3pm
- 26th - Games Night at King George Hub at 6:30pm
- 29th - Surrey Fiesta Extravaganza – Civic Plaza
- 29th - Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park from 10am-3pm
- 30th - Surrey Fiesta Extravaganza – Civic Plaza

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- 2nd - Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
 - 3rd - Games Night at King George Hub at 6:30pm
 - 5th - FVDED in the Park at Holland Park
 - 6th - Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park from 10am-3pm
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 - 9th - Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
 - 10th - LA Bingo Wednesdays at Whalley Legion from 1-3pm
 - 10th - Games Night at King George Hub at 6:30pm
 - 13th - Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park from 10am-3pm
 - 13th - Surrey Latin Festival at Civic Plaza
 - 16th - Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
 - 17th - LA Bingo Wednesdays at Whalley Legion from 1-3pm
 - 17th - Games Night at King George Hub at 6:30pm
 - 19th - New Gen Pop Up Market at Civic Plaza
 - 20th - Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park from 10am-3pm
 - 20th - Fusion Festival at Holland Park -11am-10pm Award winning festival including great food, fantastic entertainment
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 - 23rd - Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
 - 24th - LA Bingo Wednesdays at Whalley Legion from 1-3pm
 - 24th - Games Night at King George Hub at 6:30pm
 - 27th - Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park from 10am-3pm
 - 28th - New Gen Pop Up Market at Civic Plaza
 - 30th - Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
 - 31st - LA Bingo Wednesdays at Whalley Legion from 1-3pm
 - 31st - Games Night at King George Hub at 6:30pm

Past Intern Spotlight

Seleena Thandi

By: Thurga Muthukumar

The Downtown Surrey BIA was proud to have the opportunity to interview former intern Seleena Thandi.

In the fall of 2020, the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association (DSBIA) welcomed Seleena Thandi, a passionate communications major student, to take on the role of Marketing Intern. She later secured another placement with DSBIA in the summer of 2021 as an Area Enhancement Intern. During her time at DSBIA, Seleena contributed to various projects and engaging activities, with some memorable ones including the Santa Window Walk and Community Cleanup. As a Marketing Intern, she played a key role in producing the weekly e-newsletter and promoting community events using communication strategies.

Seleena's journey at DSBIA enabled her to interact with many different people, get involved in various projects, and develop her skills in planning and organizing activities. Despite feeling anxious before starting her co-op, she found herself meeting new people, learning from their experiences, and stepping out of her comfort zone, which contributed to her personal growth. Currently, Seleena is seeking a new job while also looking forward to taking a break and traveling for a bit. One of her good friends is a former DSBIA intern, highlighting the long lasting connections she has had during her time at DSBIA.



Seleena's goal for the future is to start a marketing firm with her good friend from co-op, that helps out her local community in Surrey. She wants to work closely with the City of Surrey, using her marketing skills to support local businesses, events, and causes. Her aim is to make Surrey an even better place to live, by bringing people together and promoting everything the city has to offer. Seleena is passionate about using her talents to make a positive difference right where she lives.

Seleena Thandi expresses gratitude to the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association (DSBIA) for the opportunity to complete her co-op internship. She appreciates the help, guidance, and real-world experience provided by DSBIA. Being involved in important projects was a highlight for her, and she's thankful for the trust placed in her.

DSBIA's support for young people like her holds great significance, and she's genuinely thankful for all the lessons learned during her time there.

