

The Kiwanis Kryer

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Kiwanis Village TV Channel:

The Kiwanis Village TV Channel is up and running! Many updates and special announcements will be made on this channel in the coming months so we encourage you to tune in weekly to stay informed!

We are pleased to announce that we have worked with our cable provider and soon every room at Kiwanis will be able to access our TV, regardless if you have cable or not.

If you have any questions about the TV programming or have ideas for programs that you would like to see on the TV Channel please contact Selene at (250) 740- 2802

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The Grand Parade

Thank-you to everyone who supported The Kiwanis Village "Grand Parade". This was our first time fundraising for this event but we are excited for it to be our big yearly fundraiser for years to come! This year this event looked much different as we had to carefully follow COVID precautions. However, we are thrilled to announce that we still were able to raise a grand total of:

\$11,480

(This number may continue to grow as we can continue to accept donations until October. 16th, 2020)

This money will go directly to the Recreation Programming at Kiwanis Village and support important programs such as Music Therapy, exercises with Tara McNeil and Horticultural Therapy. Additionally, it will allow us to purchase equipment and supplies that will be utilized to support our program as we continue to be impacted by COVID.

Below are a few pictures from our social distanced Grand Parade on September 19th. Many folks from the community who wanted support this event and were unable to come onto the Kiwanis Village Campus walked around Departure Bay to show their support for our community!

A special Thanks to Drip Coffee Social (located at Departure Bay) who allowed us to set-up a table to hand out T-shirts and goodies as well they gave a drink and donated \$10 to anyone who raised over \$150.



Staff Appreciation:

On September 22nd we had the pleasure of celebrating our wonderful staff and thanking them for the ongoing care and commitment to our residents.

The following staff are receiving a commemorative nametag to mark their dedicated years of service:

10 Years KENDALL G KATE P 10 Years 15 Years CHRIS G MELODY H 15 Years SHERYL S 15 Years **SANDI W** 15 Years BARB F 25 Years ANNE W 25 Years SANDRA C 30 Years **RON M** 30 Years 30 Years ERIC S PAM V 30 Yeats



Kiwanis Village Visiting Update:

We wanted to take a moment to give a few updates about visiting throughout Kiwanis Village. Due to the weather we have moved the visiting to three separate indoor locations throughout the Village. If you or your <u>designated</u> visitor would like to book a visit in one of these spaces we encourage you to connect with the recreation team member in your building.

To book a visit at Kiwanis **House** please connect with: **Carmen at (250) 740-2740**

To book a visit at Kiwanis **Villa** please connect with: **Heidi at (250) 740-2749**

To book a visit at The Soroptomist **Suites** please connect with:

Sandra at (250) 740-2757

We are excited that in the next few weeks we will be able to offer visiting times after 5pm as well as on the weekends!

Resident Council Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are unable to gather together for our regular, monthly resident council meetings so we have decided to move our resident council meetings to the Kiwanis Village TV Channel. This is channel #398 on your TV. Meetings will happen every few months until things return to normal and we can meet in person. The September meeting will be broadcast on our TV towards the end of September.

The resident council meetings will be pre-recorded and if you would like questions answered during the meeting we encourage you to write them out and put them in the suggestion box in your office.

You can also call or Email Selene to have your question answered during the TV Channel. Selene's Email: selene.lincoln@kiwanisvillage.ca. Phone: (250) 740- 2802

Alternatively you can reach out to anyone from the recreation team in the Village or Lodge and they can ensure your question is included during the next meeting.



Getting to Know: Bethany Dueck Recreation Coordinator at Kiwanis Lodge

We are pleased to welcome Bethany to our Kiwanis Village team. Bethany joined our team in August. She is a recent graduate of Douglas College where she completed a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Therapy.

Places I have lived include: Sexsmith, Alberta,

Edmonton, Alberta, Abbotsford British, Columbia, Nanaimo, British Columbia

My favourite colour is: Maroon

The best piece of advice I have been given is: "Let go of who you think you're supposed to be; embrace who you are." – Brene Brown

My favorite place in the world is: Uganda, Africa
The things that give me the most joy in my life
include: My friends, camping, hiking, helping others,
music, and coffee

I decided to choose Recreation Therapy as a career because: I love helping others learn about themselves and encouraging them discover how to live life to the fullest!

Cars 4 COVID

This is a note to say that the Saturday night Cars 4
Covid drive-by has ended for the season. We hope you
all enjoyed seeing the cars drive down Kiwanis
Crescent this summer!

This event was made possible by a group of dedicated volunteers who were fundraising money for the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation - COVID research.

Thanks to everyone who came out this summer to show your support!

Getting to Know: Joyce Tohmas Resident of Kiwanis Village

I have lived at Kiwanis Village since: 2016

Places I have lived include: Winnipeg + Nanaimo

My favourite colour is: Coral

My favorite animal is: Bunny Rabbits

My favorite place in the world is: Thailand

My Favorite Food is: Pierogis

The best piece of advice I have been given is:

"Don't Sweat the Small Stuff"



Thank-you United Way!

We wanted to thank United Way – Central &
Northern Vancouver Island for their generous grant
funding of \$30,000 which was awarded to Kiwanis
Village through their COVID-19 Emergency
Community Support Fund.

This funding will be utilized to ensure that our program is able to continue to support our community throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Thank-you United Way!





Thank-you Youth Can 2020!

We wanted to send a BIG Thank-you to the Volunteers for Youth Can 2020 – Nanaimo for stopping by Kiwanis Village and writing such beautiful messages on our sidewalks!

The Youth Can 2020 is a project that operates under the umbrella of Volunteer Nanaimo creates opportunities for youth to engage in volunteering in the community and to turn their passions into projects.

The youth are looking for individuals from Kiwanis Village would might be interested in becoming a Pen Pal. If you are interested please call Selene at (250) 740-2802

Interested in submitting a story or article to the Kiwanis Kryer? Please connect with anyone on the recreation team and they will be happy to include it in the next edition which will come out sometime this Winter.