

Resident Newsletter

The holiday season is almost upon us and we are gearing up for the holiday party mid December. In this issue, catch up on highlights from the YIMBYISM event hosted by Brightside this past October and check out the Community Board on page 2 for updates and notices! You will also find some helpful tips and tricks on managing winter conditions, avoiding scams, and signing up for pre-authorized rent payments! Happy reading!

Event Recap:

YIMBYISM (Yes in My Back Yard): A Solution to Vancouver’s Affordable Housing Crisis

On Tuesday, October 9th, 2018, community members, organizations, and government representatives came together at the downtown Vancouver Public Library to discuss the challenges and barriers associated with providing affordable housing in our neighbourhoods, along with possible solutions. It was an insightful and productive evening as we heard from guest speakers and panelists, including our very own Brightside resident, Kathryn Wilder, who shared her personal journey of finding affordable housing in Vancouver.



Speakers and panelists pose with Latash-Maurice Nahanee from Squamish Nation, who gave a traditional welcome.



Brightside resident, Kathryn Wilder.

Panel discussion moderated by Vancouver Star reporter, Jen St. Denis.



Audience members engaged in a thoughtful Q&A session.

Community Board

- **Do you know a resident who does a lot within your community?**
We're looking to feature your fellow neighbours and acknowledge the amazing work they do! Please contact Julia to submit ideas.
- **We're looking for volunteers** within each building to help distribute our seasonal newsletters and event invites to the residents in your building. If you would like to help out, please let us know! A big "THANK YOU!" to all the residents who currently volunteer to help make these programs possible. Your time and willingness is greatly appreciated!
- **Bike Draw is underway!** Thank you to those families who entered to win a brand-new child's bike donated by BC Housing! If you are a lucky winner, we will get in touch with you by phone after the Dec. 11th deadline. Stay tuned!
- **2nd Annual Holiday Party: Spots are filling up!**
When: Wednesday, December 19, 1:00-3:00 PM
Where: Glynn Manor, 520 W. 7th Avenue
What: A free event – lunch included! Wear your best holiday sweater for a chance to win a prize!
Space is limited, RSVP required.
Let us know if you need transportation or would like to volunteer for set-up at 604-684-3515 ext. 238. We look forward to seeing you there!

TIPS FOR WINTER CONDITIONS

- Wear proper footwear as black ice and slippery conditions may exist on walkways and sidewalks.
- Dress warmly and be prepared. The sun may be shining, but once you get into shaded areas there can be significant temperature differential.
- If you use a portable space heater, do not leave it on unattended or on overnight.

TIPS FOR AVOIDING FRAUD AND SCAMS

If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is! Scammers nowadays often look very official and it is hard to figure out whether or not they are who they say they are. Be extra careful when providing personal information online or over the phone. If you're unsure, double check with neighbours, family, or your local community center or library.

TIPS FOR PAYING YOUR RENT

To avoid the commute and save paper and money, sign-up for our pre-authorized debit plan (PAD). PAD will facilitate your monthly rental automatically through our accounting administrative system. To sign-up for PAD, please call the office at 604-684-3515.