

Resident Newsletter

It was another exciting summer in the Brightside community. The events were a blast, with great turnouts at Car Free Days, the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event, and the Annual Community BBQ. As the summer season has come to a close, we have a lot to reflect on and even more to look forward to. Thank you to all the residents for your ongoing support – without you, we would not be able to have such success with our community initiatives. We look forward to connecting with you all as our vibrant community continues to grow!



Ongoing Community Initiatives

Brightside Website Updates

We are working to make the Brightside website more intuitive and improve the content that we put online. Some of the recent updates that are of note:

- Find out about upcoming and past **Brightside Events**, and get **Brightside News**, in the new “Community” menu
- See the people that work hard each day to ensure residents needs are accommodated and that Brightside is continually moving forward on our **Brightside Team** and **Board of Directors** pages in the “About” menu
- Check out our **Brightside Mobile App** on the App landing page in the “Residents” menu

Keep an eye on the website for new features and upgrades in the coming months!

Community Gardens

This summer we added two new community gardens at Moreland Kennedy and Macleod Manor, and we hope to add many more in over the coming summers.

A big thank you to the gardeners at **Roots on the Roof** for providing support to our residents with so many aspects of the garden project, and congratulations to all of the residents who are growing beautiful vegetables and flowers in the gardens.

Community BBQ

Great people, live music, free prizes, and stellar barbeque were the main themes of our third Annual Community BBQ! The perfect ending to our busiest summer yet, and we'll definitely have even *more* food next year!

We would like to thank Clint Weafer as well as Helen's Dance Group for providing entertainment, Mark Wicks of Whiskey Six BBQ for the fantastic catering, Cobs Bread for the baked goods, and most importantly, our residents for making this such a wonderful event. And a special thank you to the residents of Lions View for hosting this in their backyard. We look forward to seeing you all next year!



Car Free Days & WEAAD

We were able to meet hundreds of people at Car Free Day events on Commercial and on Main St., and the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event, residents and non-residents alike! Brightside staff provided meals to approximately 100 people at WEAAD, and helped inform the public about Vancouver's housing crisis at Car Free Day and how we are proposing to help address the need for housing.

Community events like these are an opportunity for us to connect with the community. Thanks to those of you that came out. We hope to see you next year!

General Housekeeping

- Winter is on its way, and the days are getting chillier. Residents can rest assured that the heating has been turned on and should now be at optimal temperature. If you have any concerns regarding your heating or home temperature, please submit a request for repairs form.

- The winter months are known for higher rates of break-ins and scams: we remind you not to hold the door open for unaccompanied non-residents without keys. In case of break-in or suspicious activity please call the Vancouver Police Department.

- Emergency: **911**
- Non-Emergency: **604-717-3321**

Check your community board and brightsidehomes.ca for more information!



Burrard Manor Upgrades

A number of units slated for renovation at Burrard Manor have been upgraded, and residents that were temporarily relocated are now back in their homes. This is what some of our residents had to say:

“I’m really impressed that it went as smoothly as it did.”
– *Katherine*

“Kudos to Bernard and Steven, they were absolutely amazing, and the moving company was great as well.” – *Jannette*



Resident Relocation Update

Further to recent communication about Brightside’s redevelopment plans, transfers from buildings selected for redevelopment have begun. We would like to thank the Brightside community of residents for being so welcoming to your new neighbours.

We met with Alice Saunders, Edward Byers and Loyal Orange residents to share the preliminary proposed designs for the redevelopments. We also hosted an open house for the Grandview Woodlands area to present the proposed project for Edward Byers and Loyal Orange which received overwhelmingly positive feedback: 88% of survey respondents were in strong agreement with the need to increase the amount of below market seniors rental housing units in the area, and support for the redevelopment was the prevalent theme in comments received through community engagement. We also hosted an open house for Alice Saunders House and are in the process of reviewing feedback forms.

If you have questions about this process, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Updates Coming Soon!

- **Brightside App**

Brightside has a mobile App! Available for Apple and Android devices now. Keep an eye out for details on the Brightside App.

- **Holiday Party**

Watch for details coming soon about our annual Holiday Party.

- **Food Program**

Brightside is working on a new accessible food program with Food Stash. Residents will be the first to know when we have information!