

In Your Neighbourhood

Lights up in Gladstone Mall

You may have noticed the lights strung across the square by the Belfry Theatre. This was a Great Neighbourhood grant project led by Britt Buntain of the Picot Collective and Alex Currie at the Belfry Theatre. Springridge Common (Fernwood NRG) has received funding for a garden shed and irrigation improvements and George Jay and Central Middle Schools have also been funded for landscape features involving First Nations art and culture. Applications for the Great Neighbourhood Grant program will be open for applications again this spring. We will be requesting input from the community groups and grant recipients on the program in order to help us make improvements for 2017.

2017 Dog Licence

All dogs over the age of four months must be licensed in the City of Victoria. Collar licences are the fastest way to reunite you with your lost dog. They also help to offset the cost of providing dog waste bags in City parks and support the animal control and pound service that shelters, feeds and provides care for lost and injured animals.

If you purchase your licence before February 28, you will save \$20. You will also automatically be entered into a prize draw for the “#1” dog licence tag for 2017 and gift certificates to local businesses. Licence fee rates are:

- Neutered or Spayed Dog – \$30 (\$50 after February 28)
- Unaltered Dog – \$40 (\$60 after February 28)

More info can be found on the [City's website](#).

Residential Parking... Just So You Know

Marked residential parking zones ensure parking for residents is protected where there is demand from other users for on-street spaces. Only residents, their visitors and contractors working at the residence can park in these zones. Guests who will be parking for over seven days can register their vehicle with Parking Services (250.361.0260) to park in these zones. Tickets are issued when a complaint is received by a resident and where the vehicle is not registered. If a ticket is issued to a guest or contractor prior to them registering, email parkingservices@victoria.ca with the ticket number and proof of your address to have the ticket cancelled.

More information is available on the [City website](#).

Call to Musicians

If you are a talented musician with an interest in playing at the City's outdoor venues, you may want to submit an application for the 2017 musician roster. Further information and applications can be found on the [City website](#). Applications must be submitted to culture@victoria.ca before midnight Tuesday, January 31.

Participatory Budgeting

Victorians are invited to participate in a budgeting process whereby citizens determine how \$60,000 is spent. There will be an orientation to the process at the Atrium building (800 Yates Street) on Thursday, January 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. Project ideas will be placed on a ballot and a final project(s) will be selected by citizen vote in March. The project must be completed within a year. [More information](#) is available on the City website.



January 2017 Update

Fernwood

Indigenous Artist in Residence

The City is looking for individuals in Greater Victoria with an interest in serving as the City's first indigenous artist in residence. The selected artist will serve for one year and will develop artistic works and engage the community in dialogue, workshops, events, and activities. A remuneration of \$42,000 will be awarded. An information session for interested parties will be held at City Hall on January 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and applications must be received by 4 p.m. on January 23. For more information, visit the [City website](#).

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole will meet [January 5](#), 12, 19 and 26 at 9 a.m. and Council will meet December 12 and 26 at 6:30 p.m. There was also an additional Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 9 to discuss [Proposed Adjustments to the Draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan](#).