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Organizers say homeless have a right to a home and deserve city's compassion

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Students from various high schools had a sleepover Friday night at Richmond City Hall in support of modular housing for the homeless.



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Sniffer bees help hives survive

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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Seafair resident Leonard Foster loves bees and keeps them too.

For his bachelor's degree, he studied under world-renowned bee expert Dr. Mark Winston at Simon Fraser University.

Foster is a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at University of British Columbia's Michael Smith Laboratories, and with the support of Genome BC and Genome Canada, he works to prevent bee deaths.

He uses molecular genetics in the lab and some fancy bee breeding techniques in the field, to produce "sniffer bees, like sniffer dogs for infection," he says.

"When an adult bee is able to smell that a developing young bee is infected or infested and remove it from a colony, the pupae and larvae are removed before they hatch."

The Varroa mite, which looks like a miniscule brown dot on a white baby bee—the larvae and pupae that are supposed to grow into adult bees—has now reached British Columbia.

While visiting hives, not his own, one warm day in spring the first thing Foster sees is dead bees on the landing pad outside the box.

"They should be flying around on a day like this," he says.

Foster thwaps the sides of the dormant hive with a knowing hand, to wake up the bees. Nothing. He opens



Photo by Chung Chow

Leonard Foster works at UBC to breed sniffer bees with the help of Genome BC.

the lid and pries a frame apart with a practiced move, lifts it out and examines it. Foster sees the hive is not dormant. It is dead. The mite has done its worst. It has wiped out the entire colony. The abandoned honey glistens.

To prevent colony death, Foster uses molecular detection techniques, funded by Genome BC and Genome Canada at his UBC lab to discern which bees have the specific smell detectors to find each mite-infected larva.

"I've looked at antenna of bees to identify different receptors for odors (pheromones). They are impossible to tell apart visually so we have to look at

the genes present in the antennae in these bees," says Foster.

These sniffer bees are important because they go in and clean sick bee larvae and pupae out of the hive so the mites can't spread throughout the colony. Left unchecked, the mites can kill an entire hive.

Why does Foster do his work? Bees matter.

According to master beekeeper Brian Campbell, one in three bites of food we take depends on honey bees.

In fact, Campbell says, honey is almost a byproduct for most beekeepers. They make their money, and we

get our food, because the hives are rented out to farmers whose crops must be pollinated by bees to produce fruit. Beekeepers pack up their hives and move them to a new field as new plants come into bloom.

Basically anything with a visible flower, evolved that way because their pollen is too heavy for the wind to carry. For fertilization, they need bees to carry the pollen between blossoms.

We do not have enough native bees to do the job so, it's up to honeybees to keep fruits and vegetables on our tables. If the hives die off, those foods will be in very short supply.

Genome BC and Genome Canada know how important these pollinators are. That is why they have given Foster \$7.3 million to support his work.

For his work, Foster won the Genome BC Award of Scientific Excellence at the Life Sciences BC Awards.

"We have shown that it works and that we can select using this method for bees that are more disease resistant," Foster says. "We did a couple different trials. They were so effective that we could start off with diseased colonies and they would survive for a whole year with no other treatment. This offers promise."

So the bad news is the Varroa mite has spread to B.C. The good news is thanks to Genome BC, molecular genetics, and a scientist who loves bees, our hives have a new chance at survival.

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The City Centre Community Centre has been awarded the Facility Excellence Award.

Richmond nets rec honours

By DON FENNELL
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Richmond's commitment to recreation has earned the city multiple honours.

The BC Recreation and Parks Association recognized Richmond with awards in three of four categories at its recent symposium, including the Award of Merit. The awards are for excellence in parks, facilities and programs. Lauded were outstanding programming, innovation in facilities, and dedicated professionals.

The City Centre Community Centre earned Richmond the Facility Excellence Award for projects over \$1 million. The two-storey facility at Minoru Boulevard and Westminster Highway is a mixed-use development that offers a range of recreation programs tailored to residents of all ages and abilities. It is also home to Trinity Western University.

The Program Excellence Award was presented to Pollinator Pasture, a community-engaged public art project by the city in partnership with Border Free Bees. The award recognizes a creative, successful and innovative program that serves as a model for other recreation and

parks agencies to enhance their services. The ambitious, creative and successful long-term pollinator-focused public art initiative headed by Dr. Cameron Cartiere, associate professor at Emily Carr University of Art + Design (ECUAD), located at the Bridgeport Industrial Park and planted in the pattern of a bee's wings with native and naturalized seeds beneficial to a broad range of pollinators. The Pollinator Pasture and supportive free programming raises awareness of the plight of wild pollinators, particularly bees, and empowers communities to actively engage in solutions for habitat loss.

The Award of Merit, an honour that hasn't been awarded since 2014, was presented to Cathryn Volkering Carlile, the former general manager of the Community Services Division for the City of Richmond for 16 years, who retired in October 2017 after serving 43 years in local government. She was involved in shaping numerous major events and programs in Richmond.

Seven awards in total were presented this year. Find out more at www.bcrpa.bc.ca/membership/provincial-awards/.

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Oval volunteers champions for Richmond

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Richmond has earned many honours through the years, but none are more valued than those championed by volunteers.

At the Richmond Olympic Oval, three individuals' efforts are particularly exemplary. Howard Smythe, John Hopkins and John Young form what oval volunteer co-ordinator Alex Tse calls the 1,000 hour club.

"These three individuals are truly far-sighted and see how the oval has benefited the community, and brought both recreation services and people together while encouraging healthy, active lifestyles," Tse says.

Hopkins started his volunteer journey at the oval even before the building opened in December 2008.

"I find that amazing. In some ways, they became historians on the oval on their own, and have taken and shared this with visitors from around the world, and local school classes, for more than 10 years," Tse says.

"The Richmond Olympic Oval is an important, contributing part of the fabric that makes living in Richmond such a pleasure and a privilege. I've had more fun than I probably should have had doing what I



Photo courtesy Richmond Olympic Oval
Howard Smythe, John Hopkins and John Young have each volunteered over 1,000 hours at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

believed in," says Hopkins.

Smythe is another familiar face at the oval. Although he moved to Surrey last year, his commitment to giving back in Richmond remains as strong as ever. In fact, if you count his commute, he might even be volunteering more.

"Time goes by when you're having fun and that is what I think is most important about volunteering," he says.

Founder of the aptly-named Forever Young 8k Race, a running event exclusively for those aged

55-plus which is also hosted by the oval and is the first and only one of its kind in Canada, John Young is equally enthusiastic.

Tse isn't surprised by the trio's eagerness to give back.

"When you see how much stronger, happier, and healthier our community is because of their work, you understand why they'd never want to stop. Volunteers are the heart of Richmond."

To join the team, visit careers.richmondoval.ca.

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Steveston market turns 10

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Happy Birthday to the Steveston Farmers Artisans Market.

On May 6, the popular village attraction began its 10th year. Operating from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. two Sundays each month through September, it is located in the parking lot across the street from the Steveston Community Centre.

The next market is this weekend, on Sunday, May 20.

"We've got a great mix of vendors lined up for this year's summer season including many new vendors along with returning customer favourites," says Al Sakai, who chairs the market committee.

Sakai says the market succeeds because of the "great atmosphere."

"Our entire team of organizers does a really good job trying to make a fun and family-friendly atmosphere. We've averaged about 1,200 visitors per market"

From old favourites including originals Martha's Kettle Corn, Canuck Soap and Glenwood Farms to newcomers such as Mike's Perfect Perogies, the list of carefully-selected vendors is as varied as the array of items for sale.

Market vendors come from as close as Steveston and travel from as far as the Fraser Valley and Okanagan.

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Richmond Youth go homeless for one night

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Youth from around Richmond slept out at city hall Friday night to demonstrate their enthusiasm for the proposed modular housing at 7300 Elmbridge Way.

"I did this because I wanted to firstly show support for this proposal and to also simulate what it's like to be homeless," says organizer Jaeden Dela Torre, 17, a Grade 12 student at Steveston-London Secondary.

A further demonstration of the need for supportive housing were the homeless men who came to the rally and sleep-out. Tommy, who didn't give his last name, actually slept there after accepting some food and pop but mostly keeping to himself.

Also there to support the young adults, Richmond school board trustee Sandra Nixon pointed out that Tommy and other homeless people do

not present a danger to the students sleeping out or anyone; they present an opportunity for our community to show its compassion.

"This taught us to look past stereotypes of fear. The homeless are people too. We should help them instead of opposing (the supportive housing)," says Dela Torre.

Together Dela Torre and Roy He, 17, a Grade 12 student at Matthew McNair Secondary, organized the youth sleep-out in about a week of concerted effort.

Said He: "We contacted all our friends and acquaintances to get the word out"

Everyone pitched in.

Rev. Victor Kim of Richmond Presbyterian Church is a member of both the Richmond Poverty Response Committee and RUSH, Richmond United for Supportive Housing.

"We started talking about getting youth involved," says Kim. "Roy He was

on the RUSH group and so he was part of that."

What was it like to sleep beside No. 3 Road?

"It was really eye-opening for me. It's freezing cold. It's loud. I almost feel isolated in a way and also a sense of dark, a little bit of fear," says Dela Torre.

Not all who live on the street are unemployed. Another homeless man who arrived couldn't show up in time for the food because he was at work. What was left; salad and garlic toast, he couldn't chew because he had few teeth. He couldn't afford dental care. He said he had had a tent and sleeping bag to avoid the rain but when arrested for sleeping in a park one night, his shelter and warm bedding were confiscated.

Street homeless are known to number at least 70 to 80 in Richmond. That is people who literally sleep outside, without a warm home, a safe place to leave their possessions, or a place to shower. That does not include the youths who couch surf, staying at different people's homes for a few days or weeks at a time because they too have no home. It does not include the middle-aged and older secretaries who house-sit perpetually, shifting houses with all their possessions in a suitcase, every few weeks or months because they cannot afford a home of their own on what they earn.

In addition to the teacher chaperones, Niti Sharma, a mom from Westwind Elementary helped at the sleep-

out even though her son couldn't make it. She recalls an encounter that made the need for shelter all too clear to her. On a walk one Thanksgiving Sharma met a homeless young woman. It turned out there was no homeless shelter for young women in Richmond. Sharma gave her food and tried to help, to no avail.

Rev. Kim points out that in the neighbourhood proposed for the modular housing, "(the homeless) are already there. They are not in one building but are already there in that area."

Local lawyer and former political candidate Aman Singh bought three large pizzas from Tino's for the people on the city hall lawn and steps.

When the food arrived, Bob Brammer, one of Tino's owners, had quietly added a large hearty salad, a full-sized lasagna, and garlic bread along with cutlery, plates and serviettes.

"Young adults and kids are politically aware, socially concerned and committed to making a difference," said Rev. Kim. "One of the things I'm finding when it comes to social engagement and awareness, it is the younger generations raised here, as opposed to first generation immigrants that do take a different approach and a different sense of consciousness than their parents generation."

He pointed to some of the students at the sleep-out who supported housing the homeless, in opposition to their immigrant parents. He sees hope.

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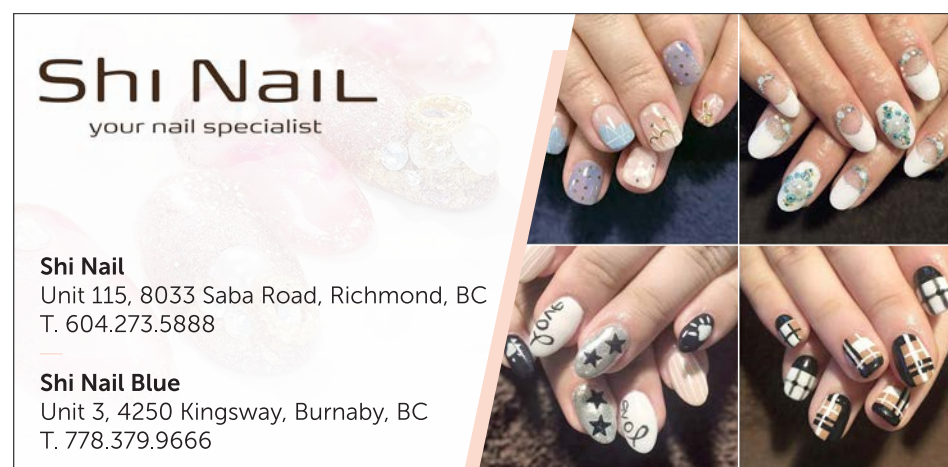
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Sunrise Rotary raises \$130,000 at 30th annual gala

By **MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL**
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It was a record-setting 30th anniversary gala for the Richmond Sunrise Rotary Club on Friday night.

Close to \$130,000 was raised in just a few hours at the sold out black-tie, Return-to-Bollywood-themed event as 420 generous locals, including local dignitaries and politicians, gathered for a great cause and a few hours of

good food and fun at the Riverside Banquet Hall's Grand Ballroom in East Richmond.

Man-about-town social columnist Fred Lee served as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

"People come for the first time, and they say 'Wow'," said Kal Mahal, of Kalberry Farms, who for the second year served as the auction chair.

The nearly \$130,000 raised brings the total over the past two years to

about \$250,000 benefitting local charities and causes, Mahal said.

A Richmond Society for Community Living independent living initiative was the beneficiary of \$31,000 in giving near the end of the gala. Last year it was the Richmond Therapeutic Riding Association.

Mahal said the money was raised through silent and live auctions, ticket sales, and the end-of-evening charitable bidding.

"It was a great event, and I just wanted to thank all the locals for supporting us," Mahal said.

This year, \$15,000 will be directed to provide scholarships for students at Richmond schools, up from \$10,000 last year, he said.

Last year, donations were also made to Pathways Clubhouse, Morocco School, a water bottle filling station effort and Northshore Search and Rescue.

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Photo by Chung Chow

Claire, 8, at Terra Nova Adventure Park.

By LORRAINE GRAVES
and DON FENNELL

Wondering what activities to sign your kids up to as the weather warms up?

Here's a sample of the myriad things to do in Richmond.

- Lights Up Theatre School Richmond offers full-day and half-day summer camps. Each ends in a performance for family and friends. For information call 604-537-3669 or go to info@lightsuptheatre.ca

- Arts curious? Richmond Gateway Theatre offers summer camps for kids who love performing and even those who don't know they love performing yet. Starting July 3 for ages 8 to 13.

Before and after camp daycare also available in August.

For information www.gatewaytheatre.com/summer-theatre-camps

- Arts Connection offers a series of Wonder Camps for kids in a variety of age groups. Camps in the visual arts, musical theatre, dance and science. The on-site chef can

provide wonderful lunches. Before and after camp care available. Info: theartsconnection.org

- Take your family to tea, every Saturday or Sunday noon to 4 p.m. at London Heritage Farm. The farm itself is open to the public without charge daily during daylight hours. tearoom@londonheritagefarm.ca

- YVR offers activities for families even when they aren't travelling. From concerts to fine art for perusal. Take Off Fridays every week in July and August in the terminal feature loads of family fun for free including face painting, arts and crafts, and kid-friendly entertainment YVRca

- For fresh air fun, little beats the Terra Nova Adventure Playground. This million-dollar facility is free to all but dogs. (As per city bylaw, they are not allowed.) Accessed from the northwestern end of River Road, the playground offers something for every age of child from tandem 35 metre long zip-lines and giant swings

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- Stop by Richmond Art Gallery's summer exhibition "Home Made Home" a small scale dwelling on wheels designed and built by German Koh. On June 2 and 3, during Doors Open Richmond, families can get a free sneak peek by visiting "Lululiving," by going inside a Koh-built and designed 160-square-foot house in the grassy area near the Richmond Cultural Centre's fountain. Gallery docents will be on-site to offer tours and answer questions in English and Mandarin from June 17 to Aug. 26. Admission to the Richmond Art Gallery is always free.

The City of Richmond through a host of locations offers activities for kids and families throughout the summer. Options run the gamut from a week of gymnastics camp at a community centre or an afternoon at the Richmond Nature Park for Slug Fest, from a Sassy Spa Party at Sea Island Community Centre to Magic Camp at Thompson Community Centre. Whether it is a one-off or a week-long day camp, by checking at Richmond.ca then clicking on Recreation & Community Centres, you can tap into the panoply of opportunities for healthy fun offered throughout our city. The other option is to pick up a Parks, Recreation and Culture Guide at any community centre or library in Richmond. It's 190 pages of opportunities and something for everyone in our city.

- Fans of the world's most popular game should be sure to mark July 20 to 22 on their calendars. The 39th annual Nations Cup Soccer Tournament kicks off at Hugh Boyd, Steves and Minoru parks. One of Western Canada's foremost amateur men's and women's soccer tournaments is unique; players are grouped based on their ethnic backgrounds and/or countries or origin. All told, 1,100 players will compete in six age groups.

- Be sure to check out the high-flying action at the annual Dolphin Basketball Classic July 13 to 15 at South Arm Community Centre. Since originating in 1986 as a tournament for bragging rights among the top local high schoolers, the 4-on-4 outdoor tournament has evolved into a West Coast mainstay. Despite drawing players and fans from far and wide, organizers remain true to its roots: family, friends and basketball.

- The Canadian Community Picnic Party will serve up free entertainment and performances, arts, crafts and face painting June 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Thompson Community Centre. There'll also be activity stations, games and interactive booths. Plus, there's free food and refreshments.

- If you've ever wondered what it would be like to be a world-class athlete, a visit to the Richmond Olympic Experience can provide the answer. State-of-the-art Olympic and sport simulators allow the visitor the thrill of flying off a ski jump at a distance of over two city blocks, padding down a white-water kayak course, carving the perfect line in a National Paralympic Team's sit-ski slalom race or zipping along at incredible speeds on the Vancouver 2010 Olympic bobsleigh track while challenging actual Olympic run times. Info: therox.ca.

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Water restrictions in effect until Oct. 15

By **DON FENNELL**
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Now that spring is in full bloom, and the much-awaited sunshine has finally arrived, it's again time for watering restrictions to take effect.

From May 1 through Oct. 15, lawn watering regulations will be in place in Richmond to help conserve Metro Vancouver's high-quality, treated drinking water. Following the regulations will also help ensure sufficient water is available through to the rainy fall season.

This year, regulations have been updated to align with Metro Vancouver's new Drinking Water Conservation Plan. The region-wide watering regulations are part of Stage 1 in a four-stage water restrictions plan outlined in Metro Vancouver's Drinking Water Conservation Plan. The four-stage plan is an effective way

to ensure residents in the region use drinking water wisely.

Residential lawn watering is permitted as follows:

- Even-numbered addresses on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 4 a.m. to 9 a.m.

- Odd-numbered addresses: Thursday and Sunday mornings, 4 to 9 a.m.

- Watering trees, shrubs, decorative planters and flowers (excluding edible plants) any day from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. using a sprinkler, or anytime using hand watering or drip irrigation.

Non-residential lawn watering allowed as follows:

- Even-numbered addresses Monday mornings 1 to 6 a.m., and Friday mornings, 4 to 9 a.m.

- Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesday mornings 1 to 6 a.m., and Friday mornings, 4 to 9 a.m.

- Water trees, shrubs, decorative



Photo courtesy City of Richmond
Richmond's annual lawn watering restrictions are in effect through Oct. 15.

planters and flowers (excluding edible plants) any day from 1 to 9 a.m. using a sprinkler, or anytime using hand watering or drip irrigation.

Demand for water is at the highest during evening hours when residents require water for domestic uses such as dishwashing, laundry and showers. Watering lawns early in the morning helps equalize the overall demand on the water system.

Water restrictions are also an ex-

cellent reminder to reduce non-priority water uses such as washing vehicles or non-permeable surfaces such as driveways. And conserving water is also about ensuring its availability for future generations.

For more information and videos about Metro Vancouver's lawn watering regulations, and for water conservation tips, visit tinyurl.com/RichmondWater

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RichCity Idol celebrates 15th anniversary May 30

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL
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It's a big year for a popular local singing competition.

The 15th anniversary of RichCity Idol is just a couple of weeks away and will feature some of the top high school singing talent in town.

Tickets for the Wednesday, May 30 event at Gateway Theatre are \$12 ahead of time, and \$15 at the door.

Here are this year's performers, who introduce themselves in their own words.

Darren Zhang

My name is Darren Zhang. I am 18 years old. I think music has the function of influencing one's sentiments and purifying one's mind. It helps me to build up my individuality and become more loving and brave. I've learnt to play the piano over the past 12 years; I believe music is one of the best cures for distress. The slower, ambient tracks like Chopin stimulate a change in a person's brain pattern, encouraging alpha waves and inducing a feeling of well-being. In my first year of high school, I started a glee club with my friends. We performed the play Beauty and the Beast by Linda Woolverton, sang Christmas songs at school on Christmas, and donated money to the charity house. Before I came to Canada, I participated in The Voice China and got the ticket to proceed to the provincial final. I felt very nervous about performing on a stage of that magnitude. Starting then, I had gradually overcome the psychological tension, as I had slowly come to learn how to relieve stress through music. I succeed by conquering the negative inflection derived from stress. Not only do I feel relaxed when I play music alone, but additionally so when people are around me. When they feel tired and stressed, I play the piano and sing for them to help them relax. I feel satis-



Photos submitted

These RichCity Idol contestants will be performing the night of Wednesday, May 30 at Gateway Theatre.

fied knowing that not only does the music I play give me joy, but also the people around me.

Tiana Nouredin

My name is Tiana Nouredin, and I am 17 years old. Music has been an integral part of all aspects of my life, and has slowly helped me build up my confidence. From performing at recitals, to singing in front of my school, it has given me so many opportunities, and has brought new friends into my life that I wouldn't have connected with otherwise. For me, music is a universal way to connect with people, and I hope to be able to keep doing that throughout my life.

Jeremy Tong

My name is Jeremy Tong. I believe music has affected my life in a truly profound way. Music has been the only thing that I've been kind of good at, even though I'm not the best at

studying. Music also made me become more confident. When I was little I used to be shy, but I began expressing myself through music. Whenever I found difficulty in studying, it would be extremely uncomfortable. I'm not the best in studying. Because of that, I would always worry about my future. However, having music in my life always provided me with a chance for escapism and comfort, and eventually would help with my confidence significantly. In terms of my goals, I've always hoped to use my music to help people. Especially, if someone were to have mental anxiety, pressure, or stress. I hope the music that I make could one day help people through being a therapist is one of the biggest things that I want to do as my future career.

Julien Norrish

Hi, my name is Julien Norrish, I am 17 years old, and my biggest influence

is my mother. She has been the most influential person in my entire life! Anything that happens to me, whether I feel sad, happy, or confident, about something, she's always there to boost me up. Music has always been a part of my life. In other words, you could say that music was my first and forever my best friend. Music has allowed me to express my deepest emotions that are typically hidden from view, to escape from all my problems and sing my heart out, and to just live in the moment. Growing up I struggled with a lot of things, in school I didn't have promising grades, for me they were always enough to get through. I also struggled with my voice, I wasn't all too confident while I was growing up as my voice had its highs and lows all across the board. However, that didn't stop me from singing. Luckily I had parents who endured several moments of my

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awkward cracking voice. As for my goals, I've always dreamt of becoming a performer or entertainer. When I was younger, I'd always ask my family if I could do a mini performance after dinner, whether it be singing, dancing, lip-syncing, or even both. Performing gave me the opportunity to express myself, as it is one of the many things that I continue to love to this day.

Francis Naluz

My name is Francis Naluz, and I am 18 years old. My biggest influence is my former music teacher, Ms. Ber-man. She always pushed me to succeed and to work hard to reach my goals, and she has done an excellent job. I aim to do for other people what has been done for me with music. I dream of playing a huge concert to people who feel a connection with my music, and I want to inspire others the way I was inspired to chase my dreams and put the effort in to be the best person I can be.

Flora Chen

Hey, my name is Flora Chen, and I'm 17 years old. I'd say my biggest influence would always have to be my parents. When I was younger, my English was quite limited. I could honestly say that listening to music, and singing along to songs is how I learned the language. Music has been a vital part of my life ever since I could remember; it is a method for me to express myself and release my emotions in a way that normal words could not.

Orvy Agoncillo

Music became a big part of my life since I was a kid, whenever I'd have personal problems, it would always be there for me. I learned a lot from it through the different songs that I learned and listened to. Every song would always have its own meaning to me and it'd always be so relatable

for me especially, through a lot of obstacles in my life. I auditioned from last year's Palmer idol competition, but I did not make it. That is why at this time I'm so glad to be part of it, and am not going to take it for granted. My goal is to be successful in the future as a professional singer, and above all else make my parents proud.

Ysabelle Santa Ana

My name is Ysabelle Santa Ana and I'm 17 years old. My biggest musical influence would probably be Tori Kelly because I just love what she stands for and how raw and genuine she is when she sings. For as long as I can remember, music has been an outlet for me to share my feelings and express my true self. My biggest goal would just be to keep singing. While I don't exactly plan to make a career out of it, I want music to be something that will always be a significant part of my life.

Kiran Bassi

Music has been a part of my life for a long time, and has affected me by giving me something that I can always kind of hold on to, if that makes sense. For the majority of my life so far, I've been pretty shy, and never really the best at making friends, so I had a lot of time to feel terrible about myself, and I kind of channeled that into music, which helped a lot.

Augusto Tonial

Hello my name is Augusto Gallon Tonial. I'm 18 years old. Music has always been a big part of my life, I learned how to play instruments when I was four and never stopped. Music helps me to make new friends as well as to communicate with other people. Thanks to that I am in RichCity Idol 2018, and am hopefully able to one day meet my biggest influence the renowned Brazilian singer Armandinho. But above all else, I am going to represent Brazil and my school, Hugh Boyd.

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City Seeks Public Input on the Proposed CF Richmond Centre South Development Plan

You are invited to share your input on the proposed redevelopment of the south portion of the CF Richmond Centre shopping centre located at 6551 No. 3 Road.

The property owner has applied to the City to construct a two-phase redevelopment of the south end of the existing mall including an outdoor retail precinct, approximately 2,000 dwellings, and new streets and public spaces.

Public Display and Open Houses

Residents and interested parties are invited to visit the public display at CF Richmond Centre, at the No. 3 Road entrance to the Galleria, from Tuesday, May 22 to Sunday, June 3, 2018.

The developer and City staff will be at the display to answer questions at two open house events:

Sunday, May 27, 2018

1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 31, 2018

5:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information

Visit: www.letstalkrichmond.ca/richmond-centre-south-development-plan

Contact: Suzanne Carter-Huffman, Senior Planner/Urban Design

Phone: 604-276-4228

Email: communityplanning@richmond.ca

Visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca

- For more information about the development
- To complete the online version of the feedback form

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Father and son cross paths as track coaches

By **DON FENNEL**
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Byron Jack only has to look across the track for inspiration.

Just steps from the long jump pit where he's working with a group of young athletes, his 82-year-old dad Moseley has just wrapped up a training session with some sprinters.

It is the calm before the storm in the track and field season, and the meets are starting to come fast and furious.

"I don't get to see a lot of my dad, but I know I'm going to get to see him at the track," says Bryon, as father and son cross paths during a typically busy spring weeknight evening at

Clement Track.

The two longtime Richmond Kajaks coaches are looking forward to the 50th anniversary of the B.C. Elementary Track and Field Championships, which the club will host May 25 to 27 at Minoru Park. Moseley has missed the meet just once (he was vacationing with his wife) since he started volunteering in 1980.

Though they've received many compliments through the years, Moseley maintains it's about the kids.

"We tell them, 'You're the most important because if it weren't for you there would be no meet.' I see encouragement as the most important thing, not whether

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Photo by Don Fennell

Richmond Kajaks track coaches Byron and Moseley Jack will be front and centre at the B.C. elementaries May 25 to 27.

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they jump five metres or whatever.” Byron echoes his sentiments. “I think it’s really important to have good memories, especially for the kids when they’re growing up. I remember the B.C. elementaries at that age and boys it’s a big deal. You just remember it forever.” Byron says he hopes most that kids take away the importance of being a good sport, and maybe gain confidence from performing on a big stage. “Hopefully they can carry that into whatever they do when they’re old-

er, whether it’s athletics or not.” Fit and slim and still displaying a level of energy many half his age would be envious of, Moseley follows a strict diet that centres on unprocessed foods. But he also attributes his youthful nature to coaching. “It has provided something for me to do rather be in the house and feeling sorry for myself.” Byron and his sister Aretha, who is also mom to two promising young runners, picked up many of their dad’s traits that reflect his humble Caribbean upbringing. “My main aim was to provide the best I could for my family,” says Moseley, a retired Richmond school

teacher. “I feel you have to be a caring person, not self-centered and feeling you’re entitled. We need to bring out more caring and giving. Even if you don’t have money you might be able to give of your time. I’m coached thousands of kids in this community, and I enjoy doing that because I like to see kids succeed.” Says Byron, who also followed his dad’s lead in becoming a school teacher (in Vancouver): “Without the support of my parents I wouldn’t be (coaching) as long as I have. Some would say why waste your time, you could be doing something more productive. But I enjoy working with kids. It’s also probably why I got into

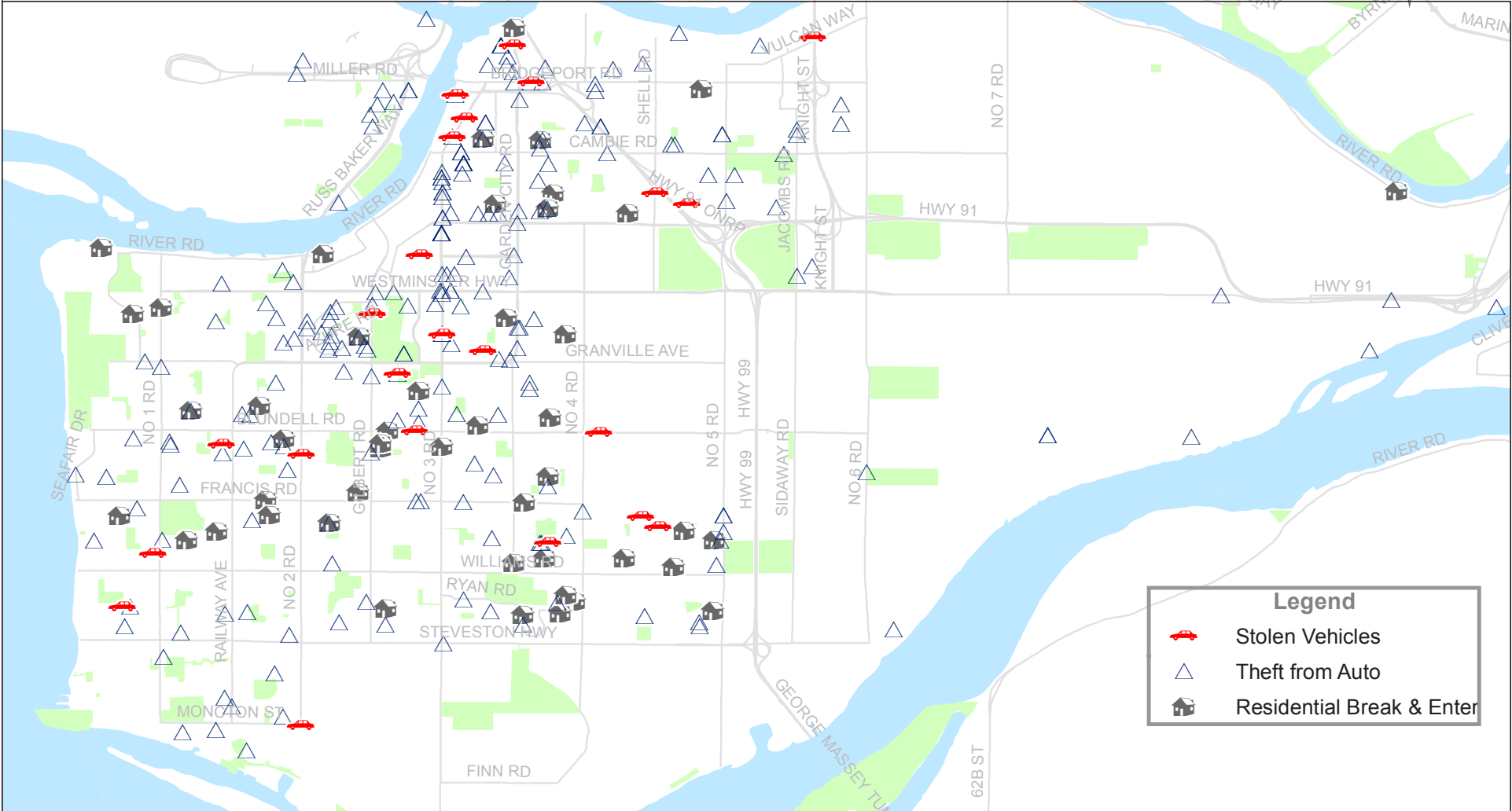
teaching. I feel like I’ll coach until I can’t.” •The B.C. Elementary Track and Field Championships meet traditionally features a large presence from Richmond schools, but organizers hope to build on this for 2018. The event was created to provide young track and field athletes with a fun and safe competitive experience. All elementary school-aged athletes are welcome to participate, regardless if they are new or experienced in the sport. And they do not have to represent their school to enter the meet. Kajaks is offering an early-bird entry fee of \$7.50 per event. dfennell@richmondsentinel.ca



RCMP

Crime Map

April 1-30, 2018



In their own words...

Action needed to protect farmland



Harold Steves
City Councillor

Martha Steves and her five children landed at Garry Point on May 24th, 1878 to join her husband Manoah, who had arrived the previous autumn. Who could have imagined the changes that would happen over the next 140 years? Certainly not the Musqueam, who lived along the crab apple ridge that crossed Richmond where the west dyke is today. They had villages at Terra Nova, the foot of Williams Road, Garry Point, and at the south end of No. 1 Road. With acres of clams across Sturgeon Banks, vast wild cranberry and blueberry fields further inland, and millions of salmon spawning in the sloughs where these villages were built, this must have been Paradise to the Musqueam.

That soon changed. The settlers dyked the land, ploughed the fields and grew crops in the rich alluvial soil. Richmond farms supplied the growing populations of New Westminster and Vancouver. Steveston and its canneries sprang up at the mouth of the Fraser River. Canned salmon was exported

around the world.

Richmond’s population continued to grow, causing more change. When the Oak Street Bridge was built in 1957, it opened Richmond up for development. That very same year the world’s top climatologist cautioned about climate change and warned that “in the next 50 years” by 2007, there would be “very little ice in the Arctic”. His warnings went unheeded. By 1968 half of Richmond’s farmland, 12,000 acres, had been rezoned and was being covered with houses. A thousand farms were gone and Richmond was planning to dump raw sewage into the river. Lois Carson Boyce organized Canada’s first environmental group, The Richmond Anti-Pollution Association, to fight for sewage treatment. In 1973 I helped Dave Barrett’s BC NDP government found the Agricultural Land Reserve to protect the remaining farmland.

Today, changes are still taking place and, like past changes, they are not all for the best. Richmond’s neighbourhoods are transforming, as the modest houses of the past are replaced with much larger, grandiose estates. Richmond’s ALR is threatened with 10,764 square foot mega-houses covering a huge amount of farmland for their home plates, and making farmland too expensive for farmers to own.

Farmland throughout the Fraser Valley is similarly threatened with urban and industrial

development. In northern BC, 10,000 acres of the rich alluvial soil of the Peace River is being flooded by the Site C Dam to create power to produce liquid natural gas, that produces climate changing green house gases when burned. This is adding to farmland losses worldwide due to drought, wildfires and flooding caused by global warming. Already 800 million people are going hungry.

Richmond residents successfully fought hard and long to save Garry Point, Terra Nova and the Garden City Lands from residential and industrial development. Right now Richmond is proceeding with the development of a portion of the Garden City Lands for the Kwantlen Farm School so young people can develop the skills to farm and feed the urban population. At the same time Richmond is a leader in the production of geothermal energy to heat thousands of apartments as Richmond’s downtown is densified. Therefore, it is a mystery why Richmond Councillors continually refuse to protect our dwindling farmland. It is time for our local and senior governments to recognise that too little progress has been made in combating and adapting to climate change, and providing food security for the future. We must keep Richmond’s valuable farmland to feed our growing population, and develop geothermal and solar energy, not fossil fuels. After 60 years, time is running out.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

Development Permit Panel 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 16 Council Chambers Richmond City Hall	General Purposes Committee 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 22 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall	Planning Committee 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall	Council Meeting 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 28 Council Chambers Richmond City Hall
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Across

- 3 hyacinth
- 7 blueberries
- 9 workerbees
- 14 cornusnuttallii
- 17 earlymidlate
- 18 pussywillow
- 19 honeybees

Down

- 1 masonbee
- 2 thebuzzer
- 4 thedarling

- 5 daffodil
- 6 cherryblossom
- 7 bloomingflowers
- 8 hummingbird
- 10 pollination
- 11 skunkcabbage
- 12 catkin
- 13 queenbee
- 15 kimizzo
- 16 flower

SUDOKU

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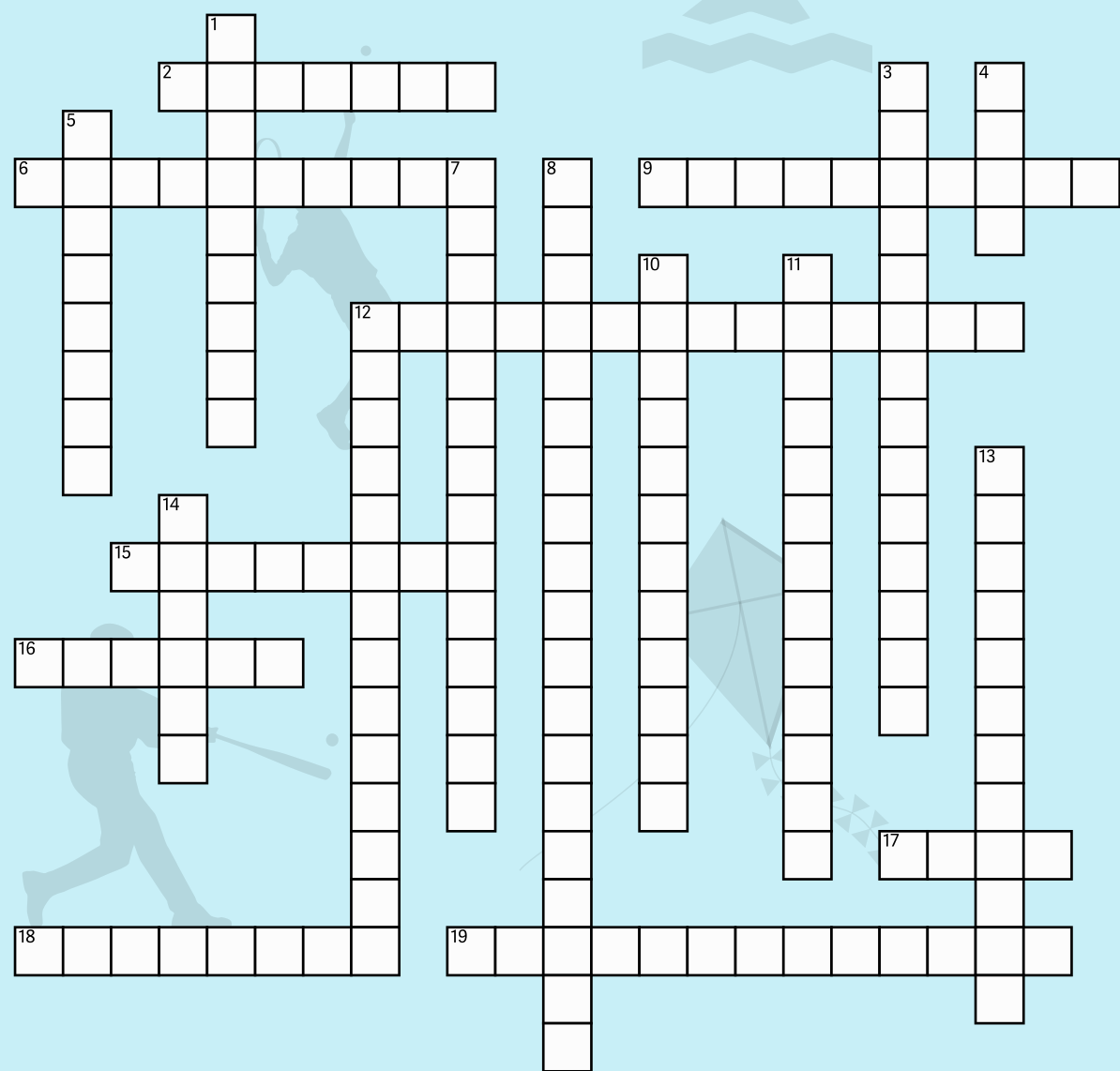
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Fun & Games

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



ACROSS

- 2 Place for lazy swingers

6 “Primate rails” in playground

9 Leisure activity or rebirth

12 Season out of school

15 Lookout or watchman
- 16 Outdoor meal on a blanket

17 Handheld flying device with string and tail

18 Game played by the boys of summer

19 Midway



SUDOKU

The goal of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

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DOWN

- 1 Steveston’s free aquatic centre
- 3 Song about sol’s lack of energy
- 4 To bathe, paddle or go for a dip
- 5 Outdoor pool with slide
- 7 Official start to hot season
- 8 Free outdoor fun at Terra Nova
- 10 Gateway’s kids summer program
- 11 RGSA ball game
- 12 July 1 Steveston fete
- 13 50th anniversary track event
- 14 Game with love

Answers will be posted in the next issue in June.

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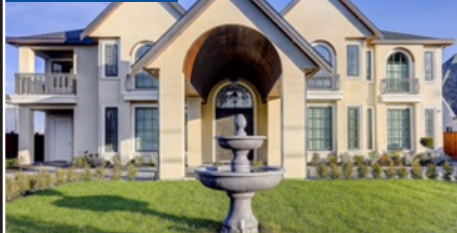
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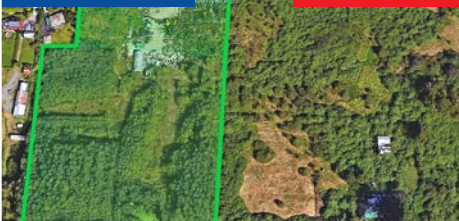


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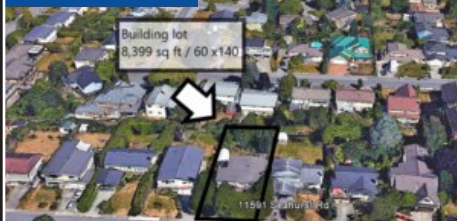
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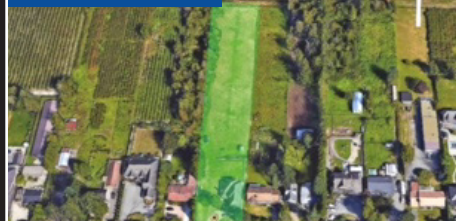
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