



The latest news and updates for Burnaby Neighbourhood House Members 55+

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FROM ALEXIS

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Happy December! It's hard to believe it's almost 2024!

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Please join us for a number of events happening at the Neighbourhood House this month.

KEEP THE LIGHTS
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At South House we will have our Seniors Christmas Lunch on December 15th. Please purchase a ticket at our front desk. On December 19th, we will have a Sharing Cultures Dinner at South House in celebration of Yalda Night! (more details on page 6)



All of our offices will be closed from December 25th to January 1st. We will reopen Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.

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From all of us at Burnaby Neighbourhood House, we wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season!

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Alexis, Manager of Seniors' Services

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SENIORS TEAM



Alexis Haig
Manager of Seniors' Services



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BC Housing Coordinator
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BC Housing Seniors
Activity Supervisor





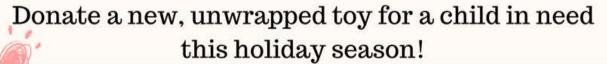
IN SUPPORT OF:







Saturday, December 9 11 AM to 7 PM **Metropolis at Metrotown**



The first 100 donors will be receiving a \$10 MET Gift Card Each person who donates is entered to win a \$100 MET Gift Card!

> For more information about the Burnaby Christmas Bureau and a list of suggested donation items, please visit www.bbyservices.ca/christmas

> > Proudly sponsored and supported by





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!





We're looking for dedicated volunteers to join our team as **Giftwrappers** and **Giftwrap Supervisors**. Your efforts will help make the holiday season brighter for our community. Whether you have a knack for gift wrapping or love to lead and support others, we'd love to have you on board.

From December 1st to 24th at Metropolis at Metrotown

To apply, visit our website: burnabynh.ca/get-involved-volunteer





Every donation turns on a light at the Burnaby Neighbourhood House

KEEP THE LIGHTS ON



During this holiday season, help keep the lights on at our Houses and ensure our programs can continue to respond to the many local needs.

Every \$2 turns on a light.



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South House reception

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Hosted by BNH Settlement Team

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sharing Cultures Dinner *Dinner served around 6:15pm

4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby (South House) - 3rd floor

A celebration of

YALDA NIGHT

Buy tickets in advance at the South BNH Reception or call (604) 431-0400:

Adults	(19 +)	\$8
Youth	(13-18)	\$8
Childre	n (4-12)	\$5
Under 3	3	Free



Food, Music, and Children's Activities



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Meet Ivette's puppy

PLUTO!



How old is Pluto? Pluto is 4 months old!

He was born in Vernon. We got him from a relative who had a few pups for sale. We didn't choose him, he just chose us! There were 4 pups for sale. We were visiting the family and while we were sitting in the backyard, he went directly to my son, and then went to my

grandkids, while the other siblings didn't care about the visit.

We haven't had a pet for over 5 years but this adorable guy has brought so much happiness to us. He is sweet and loves toys and walks.

Have your pet featured next month: alexish@burnabynh.ca or 604-431-0400



What kind of breed is he? He is a Goldendoodle.

What is Pluto's favourite food?

Pluto love vegetables, particularly carrots, celery and apples along with with his food!

Does he have any special talents?

I am not sure about talent yet, but he for sure has good eating habits 😂





55+ Programs

North House



Soup Lunch

We're so excited to be bringing it back – soup on Mondays!! Join us for a bowl of healthy soup and a fresh bread bun. Stay a while and chat and connect with your neighbours. Freshly made tasty soup and a bread roll for \$2.

Mondays | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Community Yoga Class

New Community yoga class running for 6 weeks on Tuesdays from November 7 to December 12! Yoga is incredibly beneficial to our overall well-being – it improves many things including flexibility and mental health. It can help reduce anxiety and stress while increasing your strength. Everyone can enjoy the benefits. Join us for this gentle morning class.

Tuesdays | 10:00am - 11:00am

Community Cafe

Drop in to chat and relax, or take part in the activities and games going on that day. Bring your favourite game to share with others or learn something new. The Mahjong Club is now part of this group and will meet at this time.

Fridays | 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Brentwood House



2055 Rosser Ave 604-299-5778 reception@bbyservices.ca

Qi Gong Classes

Qi Gong is a personal practice that leads to fitness, flexibility, and internal peace that combines the physical benefits of exercise with the spiritual qualities of meditation.

Mondays | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Saturdays | 2:00pm - 3:00pm *Amazing Brentwood Mall*

Holistic Stretching & Meditation Exercise

This slow, soft manner exercise is designed to be accessible to adults and seniors. With minimal instruction, participants can easily follow along and gradually understand the movements.

Join us for Focus Group Session With Seniors

Exploring the needs of seniors and collaboratively plan an impactful program.

Tuesdays- December 5th and 12th
11:15am to 12:30pm
Burnaby Neighbourhood House (North House),
4908 Hastings St.

For inquiries:



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November 7 - December 12

Every Tuesday for 6 weeks

10:00-11:00am

North House (4908 Hastings Street)

- Everyone (all ages and levels) are welcome
- Yoga can be done either on a yoga mat or chair
- Bring a yoga mat (if you have one), water bottle, and dress in comfortable clothes

BNH Member + Fee: \$5 donation (Nov-Dec)

Sign up Today



Ann:

annr@burnabynh.ca

South House



For the program guide, contact Lea at: leak@burnabynh.ca

Senior's Social & Games

Join us Wednesdays (12:00–3:00pm) and Fridays (10:30–12:00pm) for a cup of coffee or tea and a range of activities: BINGO, cards, birthday celebrations, and more!

English Conversation Circle with Rowena

Every Friday morning (10:00-11:00am) continue developing your language skills and explore a variety of topics and themes!

Movement for Health

Enjoy different physical activities to help improve your health!

<u>Yoga</u>	<u>Latin Beat</u>	<u>Yuanji Dance</u>
Wednesdays	Fridays:	Fridays:
2 -2:45pm	10-11am	3-4:45pm

Tai Chi

Wednesdays	Fridays	
10–11am 24 Tai Chi (Beginners)	1-2pm 24 Tai Chi	
11am–12pm Tai Chi Sword	2-3pm 48 Tai Chi	

Digital Cafe with Mal

Need help with your phone or computer? Drop by our Wednesday Social on Dec 6th and get support with your device!

Workshop - Burnaby Public Library

On Wednesday, Dec 13th, enjoy a talk with Andrea, BPL's community librarian!

Friday Lunch

Meet new friends and enjoy a delicious meal (\$6) Register by 2pm Thurs.

Sew Fun!

Practice your sewing skills every Friday afternoon (1:00-3:00pm)!



Burnaby Public Library

Community Hall



TAPS Community Day Program - Thursdays!

Join TAPS and have fun chatting, playing games, and enjoying meals with others! Transportation supports are available. Cost: \$6 for lunch

To register, contact Lea at 604-431-0400 or leak@burnabynh.ca.



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Community Basic Cantonese Program

Every Fridays (from December 1 to December 22 (4 sessions)



1:30PM - 3 PM



BNH SOUTH HOUSE



3 apple

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Fee: BNH membership + \$5 program fee

Join Us Now!

For registration, please contact Carina: volunteer@burnabynh.ca

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SENIORS CONNECTIONS In-person Program



4460 Beresford St (South House) Join our in-person program twice a week!

Wednesdays: 12PM - 2PM

Fridays: 11:00 AM - 1 PM (\$6 for lunch)

Monthly calendar available! Come by our South House and pick up a copy or call 604-431-0400 to have it emailed to you.

To register: Contact Lea at 604-431-0400 or leak@burnabynh.ca

Enjoy lunch!

Socialize with friends!

Play games!



And much more!

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Therapeutic Activation Program for Seniors





Where?

A new, low-cost, social activity day program for Burnaby seniors!

Burnaby Neighbourhood House Community Hall 5024 Rumble St., Burnaby

Cost

Lunch: \$6/day
Annual BNH membership
fee required (\$5 per year)

Why Should You Join?

- Meet new friends and socialize in a supportive environment.
- Engage in safe low impact physical activities.
- Participate in creative programs including music, art and brain games.
- Meet experts and learn about the latest health and wellness topics.

Current Schedule

Thursdays 10 am - 2 pm



- Burnaby residents age 55+
- Able to independently take part in activities
- Experience barriers accessing community programs due to lack of support, transportation, mobility, or health challenges.



To Register,
Please Contact:

Lea Kovalchuk TAPS Coordinator (236)-668-1712 leak@burnabynh.ca







Dementia Programs - South and Brentwood House



Burnaby Dementia Cafes - Brentwood and South House

Join others living with dementia and their families & friends as we socialize and participate in workshops by guest speakers.

- Dementia Friendly Café: Brentwood House
 - 2nd Thursday of the month
 - 1:00-2:30PM
- Dementia Friends Café: South House
 - Last Thursday of each month
 - ∘ 12:00-2:00PM





Seniors Memory Club - Brentwood House

Join our dementia-friendly and multicultural event - a weekly opportunity to play games, exercise, socialize, sing, share stories, and celebrate our togetherness.

• Most Saturday from 10:00AM-11:30PM

To register, contact Faryar faryar@bbyseniors.ca or call 604-375-5778

Peer and Caregiver Support - Across Burnaby

Caregiver Support

Enjoy a nutritious lunch, guest presenter, and a self-care activity every month with other family and friend caregivers!

- Caregiver Lunch Brentwood House
 - First Thursday of every month | 1:00-3:00PM
- Family Caregiver Journey South House
 - Third Thursday of each month | 10:30-2:00PM



Senior Peer Support

Trained volunteers provide one-on-one support to seniors who are experiencing anxiety, social isolation, frustration, or difficulties because of life changes.

Friendly Phone Calls/Visitors

Stay connected through weekly phone calls or visits from a volunteer!

Caregiver Lunch Tax Planning for Assisted Living & Long-Term Care Options



Thurs. December 7th,
12:30 to 4:00 PM,
Brentwood
2055 Rosser St.

Contact Kathy Bobicki to register

kathyb@burnabynh.ca 236-885-7303

Come learn about navigating the health care system and senior benefits

Host: David Perkins CFP®, EPC, CEA
Senior Financial Planner
Assante Financial Management Ltd.

Burnaby's Caregiver Support Program is funded by the Government of BC and managed by the United Way of BC





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Dementia Friendly Café

Ring in the New Year with Music



Join us for dancing, refreshments, and games!

Celebrate the New Year with Harmony for All and sing Christmas songs together.



When:

Thursday, December 14 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Where:

Brentwood House 2055 Rosser Avenue

To register, contact Faryar:

faryar@bbyseniors.ca 604-375-5778







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Are you caring for an adult 55+? Are you feeling overwhelmed?

Connect with other caregivers today.

Share your concerns, find balance and receive emotional support.



Family Caregivers Journey Series

Please join us for a workshop about, "Walking the Caregiver Path."

lunch and selfcare activity after

Thursday, December 14

At Burnaby Neighbourhood

House, 4460 Beresford St

10:30 Coffee and Tea

11:00 Presentation

12:30 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Selfcare Activity

To register or for more info contact:

Kathy Bobicki

Email: kathyb@burnabynh.ca

Phone: 604-431-0400



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Burnaby Dementia Friends Café













Sep 28: Introduction to Brain Health

Learn how to maintain and improve your brain health.

- What is a healthy brain?
- What is dementia?
- Risk reduction
- Memory and brain training

Oct 26: Creating a Safe Home

Identify safety risks and prevent accidents at home.

- Safety measures for medications
- Food safety
- Hazardous substances

Nov 30: Preparing for Holidays

Learn how to minimize stress during the holidays.

- Explore tips to make holiday plans
- Prepare meaningful activities
- Learn how to maximize social connection

Dec 21: Meet the UBC IDEA LAB

Come have fun, play games, win prizes!

- See the "Social Robots" in action
- Play with the music headphones









We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia and the United Way of British Columbia





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When:

Last Thursday of each month In Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec 12:00-2:00 pm

Where:

South Burnaby Neighbourhood House 4460 Beresford Street

To register, contact:

faryar@bbyseniors.ca 604-375-5778



BNH Services Spotlight:

Seniors Form Filling and Information & Referral Clinics!

Need help completing your CPP, OAS, GIS, BC Housing Registry, SAFER, or BC Bus Pass Application? Trained volunteers will assist you with completing forms and provide information about local resources and services to help meet your needs. By appointment. Contact **Charlene at 604-292-3901** or **charlenel@burnabynh.ca**

Grocery and Meal Delivery Program

We provide food hampers, prepared meals, and grocery shopping & free delivery to seniors in Burnaby.

For information on food hampers, contact **604-307-2945**For information on prepared meals and grocery shopping, contact **Emily** at **778-288-3747** or **emilyc@burnabynh.ca**.

Digital Literacy Program

Would you like learn to use email, create files and documents, use excel, search the Internet or practice typing and writing skills on a computer? Volunteer Computer Instructors are available to help community residents with their computer learning needs. We offer support in multiple languages. Drop in to this in-person program at the North , South or Brentwood House. No registration required.

You can use one of the Neighbourhood House devices or bring your own device. For more information, email us at southcomputercafe@burnabynh.ca or northcomputercafe@burnabynh.ca. (See the next page for more details).

Settlement Services:

If you are a newcomer, immigrant or refugee in Canada, welcome! We are here to answer your questions and support your settlement and integration in your new community. Services are available in Arabic, Mandarin, Farsi, Dari, Pashto, Tagalog, and Spanish.

To learn more, contact settlementprogram@burnabynh.ca or 604.431.0400

Do You Need Tech Help?

North House

Mon: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tues: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

(4908 Hastings St, Burnaby) 604-294-5444 northcomputercafe@burnabynh.ca

Brentwood

Wed: 10 AM - 12 PM

(2055 Rosser Ave, Burnaby) 604-299-5778 northcomputercafe@burnabynh.ca

South House

Mon: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Thurs: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Sat: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (closed on long weekends)

(4460 Beresford St, Burnaby) 604-396-7307 southcomputercafe@burnabynh.ca

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Computer Drop-in

No registration required

- · Using laptops, phones, tablets
- · Zoom, Google Search, Email basics
- Microsoft Suite Basics
 Multiple languages offered



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FROZEN MEALS FOR SENIORS

Do you have trouble cooking for yourself at home?

Our excellent kitchen team prepares, portions, and freezes home-cooked meals in our licensed kitchen!

These meals are available for pickup at

BNH South House (4460 Beresford St)

Each meal is \$7

Please pay by cash when meals are picked up

For more information, please contact Emily 604 431 0400 emilyc@burnabynh.ca

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Settlement & Integration Program

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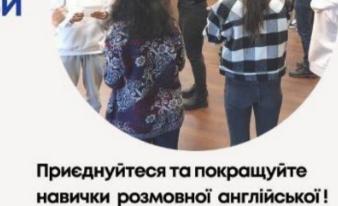
Conversation Circle

КЛУБ РОЗМОВНОЇ
АНГЛІЙСЬКОЇ МОВИ
безкоштовно

Saturdays 10:30am - 12:30pm 4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby (BNH South House-3rd floor)

Join us and develop your conversational English skills!

- Friendly atmosphere
- Different topics each week
- · Learn more about Canada
- Connect with other fellow newcomers



- Дружня атмосфера
- Кожного разу -різні теми
- Взнаєте більше про Канаду
- Спілкування з іншими новоприбулими

October 28th to December 16th, 2023

For more information or to register, please e-mail Xinrui: xinruil@burnabynh.ca

Більше інформації та реєстрація за ел. поштою до Xinrui: xinruil@burnabynh,ca

www.burnabynh.ca

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4460 Beresford Street

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seniors first BC Free Community Legal Clinics

We provide free 30-minute legal consultations to eligible seniors (55+) by appointment at locations across the Lower Mainland for legal issues such as:

- Understanding legal proceedings and what to expect in courts or tribunals.
- Drafting advance planning documents. (e.g. wills, powers of attorney).



Language Interpretation Available!

Eligibility

- Gross income: \$40K + \$10K per additional household member
- Asset test for Advance Planning services determined during booking.

Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

We cannot prepare court documents, and we do not advise on family and criminal law issues.

To confirm eligibility and to book an appointment, call **604-336-5653**.

Legal Clinic Locations

- SFBC Office in Vancouver by appointment only.
- Kay's Place in Vancouver every 1st Wednesday of the month, from 10 AM to 12PM.
- Minoru Centre in Richmond every 4th Thursday of the month from 10AM to 12PM.
- Seniors' Services Society of BC in New Westminster every 3rd Friday of the month from 2pm to 4pm.
- Newton Seniors Centre in Surrey every first Tuesday of the month between 10am to 12pm.
- Burnaby Neighbourhood House South House every 2nd Tuesday of the month between 10am and 1pm.
- Burnaby Community Services every 4th Tuesday of the month between 10am to 1pm.
- VCH Deaf Well-Being Program in Burnaby two Thursdays each month in the mornings and afternoons. ASL interpretation provided.

Get in Touch with Us!



- 604-336-5653
- ☑ Info@seniorsfirstbc.ca
- 1281 W Georgia St #502, Vancouver
- SeniorsFirstBC.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

DO YOU LIVE IN BURNABY?

ARE YOU 55+?

Communiy Outreach

Welcoming Ambassador



1-on-1 Peer Support







Form Filler

Dementia Ambassador



Seniors Transportation



Friendly
Phone
Caller or
Visitor



Extreme Heat / Wellness Caller



INTERESTED?

Contact Kathy at kathyb@burnabynh.ca or 236-885-7303



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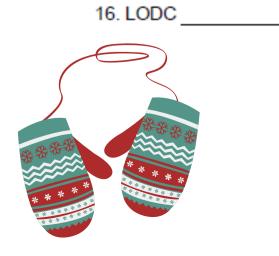


Holiday Puzzle!

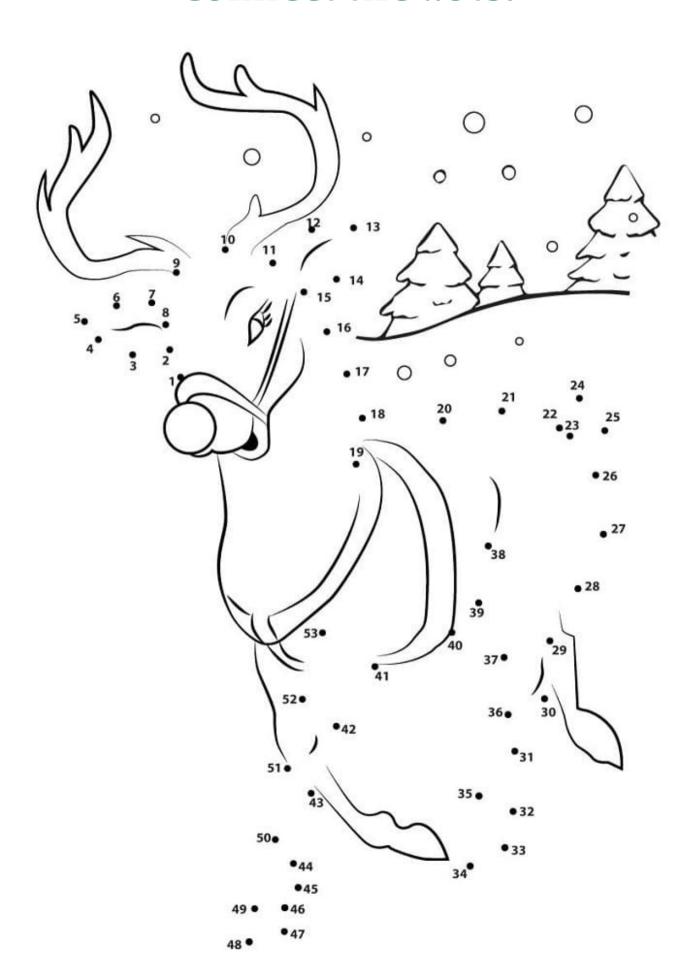
Winter Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to solve the puzzle!

1. RGEIRDNABGE
2. UAYNARJ
3. CEHYOK
4. ZRFOEN
5. SCOSK
6. RCDEBMEE
7. ILECCI
8. WNOS
9. SOBOT
10. WODO
11. EAKTS
12. COAT
13. MTTINES
14. PFLEAREIC
15. ECI



Connect the dots!



Answer



MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024









Memberships are in effect from September 1 to August 31st each year, and a requirement for participating in any BNH programs. Annual membership fees are \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families (subsidies are available).

BNH is the umbrella organization for Burnaby Community Services, Burnaby Meals on Wheels, and Burnaby Seniors Outreach. Membership to BNH includes membership to these societies.

Become a member or renew your membership by completing our membership form at: https://burnabynh.ca/about_membership/

Or give us a call, or drop by either of our Houses:

North House (604-294-5444) 4908 Hastings Street

South House (604-431-0400)4460 Beresford Street

Brentwood (604-299-5778) 2055 Rosser Ave

You can purchase your membership by:



- 1. Dropping by our South, Brentwood, or North House
- 2. PayPal: https://burnabynh.ca/about_membership/
- 3. E-Transfer: send your fee to finance@burnabynh.ca with the password 'membership'

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