

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

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My role at BNH is Seniors Social and Day Program Activity Supervisor. In this role I'm supporting and supervising activities in TAPS and Seniors Social connections. I'm working along with the Seniors Program Coordinator and volunteers.



Teaching Dances and listening to music makes me extra motivated! I love being socially engaged to community activities and coordinating special events like birthdays

I really love listening and watching motivational videos like TED TALKS most of the time while doing house chores.



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Meet the Team



Alexis Haig Manager of Seniors' Services



Charlene Laramee Seniors Transportation and Information & Referral Coordinator



Amala Sajeevan TAPS Kitchen Supervisor



Rojan Nasiri BC Housing Program Coordinator



Kathy Bobicki Caregiver & Dementia Programs Coordinator



Leila Habibi Senior Peer & Caregiver Support Coordinator



Lea Kovalchuk Seniors' Social and Day Programs Coordinator



Lynn Leong BC Housing Coordinator - Doug Drummond



Emily Chan Seniors Food Programs Coordinator



Cynthia Lu

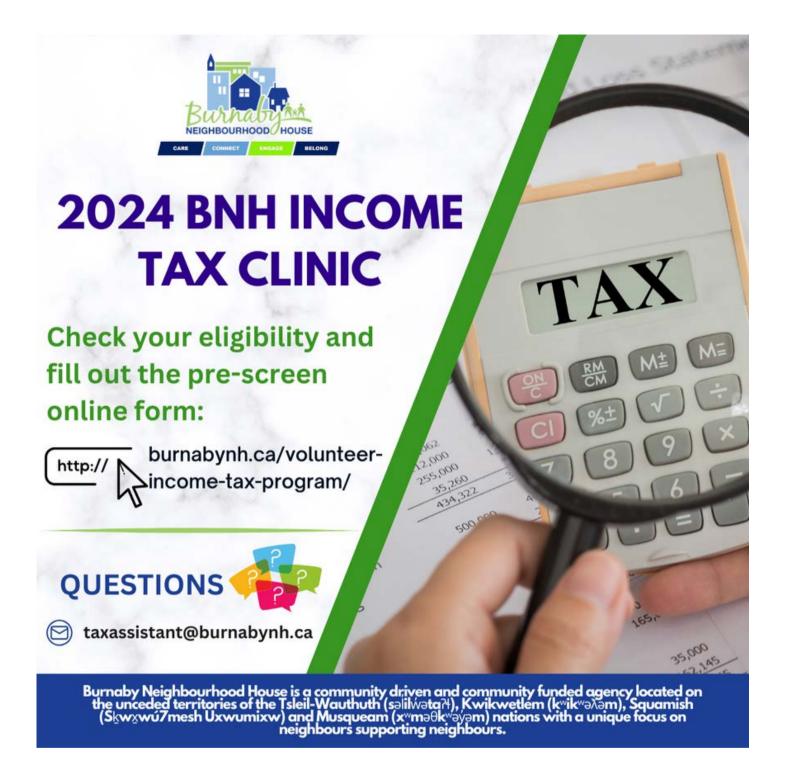
Seniors Food Programs Supervisor



Malou Imus Seniors' Social and Day Programs Activity Supervisor



Marleni Curi Gomez BC Housing Seniors Activity Supervisor



Registrations is required for appointments. All tax services are free of charge, but you must be a member of the BNH. Individual \$5 or Family \$10 (cash or cheque only).

- Brentwood House Tuesday 10 am-1 pm (In person Appointments)
- North House Thursday 10 am-3 pm (In person Appointments)
- South House Saturday 10 am-3:30 pm (In person Appointments)

Poetry in Motion A Multilingual Event

Poetry in Motion — an event in many languages — celebrating culture and languages in Burnaby. Send us a traditional poem to share!

Is there a poem that you know that is important in your first language?

We are asking people to share a poem in their first language — this poem should be known and have shared or cultural meaning to others.

Why share a poem?

Sharing a poem is:

- sharing place,
- sharing culture,
- sharing story,
- sharing language,
- celebrating your community,
- learning from each other

Word count: Poems should be a maximum of 125 words, a part of a longer poem can be shared

Are you interested in reading your poem at the event? Some poems will be part of a reading event on April 27. Please tell us if you would like to read your poem out loud when you email us.

Email poems by March 25 to Melody Monro melody.monro@fraserhealth.ca

Please include:

- Name of Poem
- Name of Poet
- Poet's Year of Birth
- Poet's Year of Death (if applicable)
- What country is the poem from?
- What language is the poem written in
- English translation if possible

At this time we are <u>not</u> asking people to submit their own personal writing or poems.

About the Event

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024 Time: TBD Location: Lougheed area

Poetry in Motion will be a poetry and walking event, for all ages, along a public trail. This event is about celebrating the voices of diverse cultures in the community of Burnaby through spoken and written poetry. Poems (or parts of poems) will be printed and placed along the trail.

All are welcome, but registration is required. More details to be shared soon.

Part of Burnaby Connect Fest! <u>www.connectfest.ca</u>









Come join the Musical Theatre Premier Show that explores the challenging issues of elder abuse and myths about ageappropriate behaviour, while enjoying the fun that is sometimes forgotten as we age. The musical is performed by immigrant seniors!



March 13, 2024 1:30-3:00 pm



Michael J Fox Theatre 7373 MacPherson Avenue, Burnaby

Register for free tickets



seniors@mosaicbc.og 604-362 4318





Canadian Dental Care Plan

Accessible. Affordable. Essential.



Eligibility

To qualify, you must:

- be a Canadian resident for tax purposes
- have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000
- not have access to employer/ pension-sponsored or private dental insurance
- have filed your tax return in the previous year

The CDCP will help ease financial barriers to accessing oral health care for up to **nine million** eligible Canadian residents.

How to Apply

Group	Applications open					
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Senjors aged 87 and above	Starting December 2023					
Seniors aged 77 to 86 years	Starting January 2024					
Seniors aged 72 to 76 years	Starting February 2024					
Senjors aged 70 to 71 years	Starting March 2024					
Application online						
Seniors aged 65 to 69 years	Starting May 2024					
Adults aged 18 to 64 with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate	Starting June 2024					
Children under 18 years old	Starting June 2024					
All remaining eligible Canadian residents	Starting 2025					



Letters will be sent in phases by age group between December 2023 and March 2024 until all potentially eligible seniors who are 70 years of age or older have been invited to apply for the CDCP.

Canada.ca/dental

Oral health is important to your overall health and well-being. Regular visits to an oral health professional reduces the risk of health problems.

In 2022, one in four Canadians reported avoiding visiting an oral health professional due to the cost.

Every Canadian deserves accessible, affordable and essential oral health care.







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Meet Janice's pet Guinea Pigs: Coco, Cinnamon and Porky pig!



Do they have any tricks or special talents?

What are their names and what kind of breed are they?

Coco (left, dark brown), is an Abyssinian guinea pig. He weighs 1660 grams!

Cinnamon (in the middle) is a Sheltie guinea pig

Porky Pig (right, red eyes) is an American Crested guinea pig

Coco lets us flip him on his belly to rub his tummy. Porky pig likes jumping from your hands and likes to put his two paws up for cilantro. Cinnamon likes to climb up your body and hide in your armpit. He does this to tell you he wants to go home.

Do they have a favorite food or toy?

All 3 love cilantro, kale, parsley, dandelion (the one you can pick anywhere in Burnaby!), dill, and of course grass. They love watermelon in the summer!

How did they come to be in you family?

We had one guinea pig and as they are social animals we decided to look for a buddy for him. Well, it was 2 more buddies as Cinnamon and Porky were bonded so we had to have them be together forever. Now, all three of them are best friends forever! We had to learn about how to look after guinea pigs and find nutritious grass, herbs, fruits and lots of hay for their diet. They live a very healthy and active lifestyle, just like humans.

As they are prey animals, we keep them in an open area - no cages.







TAI CHI MONDAYS

An Art Embracing the Mind, Body and Spirit

for beginners



10:30AM-12:30PM © BNH BRENTWOOD HOUSE

2055 Rosser Ave

BNH Membership required (\$5/individual or \$10/family) + Community Program Fee: \$5

Join us for a fully guided meditative 2 hours of exercise exploring a gentle flow of progressive movements delivered by a certified instructor, Marina Ma, with over 35 years teaching experience.

To register, Email annr@burnabynh.ca

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55+ Programs

North House



4908 Hastings St 604-294-5444 northinfo@burnabynh.ca

Soup Lunch

We're so excited to be bringing it back – soup on Mondays! Enjoy a bowl of healthy soup and a fresh bread bun (\$2), and connect with your neighbours. Mondays | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Community Yoga Class

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 running for 6 weeks from January 9 to March 12. 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. Fridays | 1:00pm - 4:00pm

2055 Rosser Ave

reception@bbyservices.ca

604-299-5778

Brentwood House



EAL Class with Chitra Explore the world of language with our Community EAL class led by Chitra! Immerse yourself to boost your reading, writing and conversation skills!

Wednesdays | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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 *at the 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.

Fridays | 1:00pm - 2:30pm *New Location - Brentwood House*

4460 Beresford St. South House 604-431-0400

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

Senior's Social & Games

Join us Wednesdays (12:00-2:00pm) 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
	<u>Tai Chi</u>	

Wednesdays 10–11am 24 Tai Chi (Beginners) 11am–12pm Tai Chi Sword

Fridays 1-2pm 24 Tai Chi 2-3pm 48 Tai Chi

Digital Cafe with Mal

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

Workshop - Burnaby Public Library Burnaby Public Library On Wednesday, March 13th, enjoy a talk with Andrea, BPL's community librarian!

Friday Lunch

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

Sew Fun!

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

Community Hall

5024 Rumble St.

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.









COMMUNITY ADULT YOGA PROGRAM

SENSORY INTEGRATION YOGA (ISY)

March 5 - March 26 (Every Tuesday) 2 pm-3 pm

Promote body awareness from the senses, integrating breathing, meditation, asanas or yoga postures

JOIN US TODAY!

Sign up or for more info, please contact Carina: <u>volunteer@burnabynh.ca</u>

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Fee: \$5 donation

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Where?

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

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.

Burnaby Neighbourhood House Community Hall 5024 Rumble St., Burnaby

Cost

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

Current Schedule

Thursdays 10 am - 2 pm



Who Can Come?

- 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

BNH TAPS program is funded by the Government of BC and managed by United Way of BC









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

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 each month | 1:00-3:00PM
- Family Caregiver Journey South House
 - Third Thursday of each month | 10:30-2:00PM New Date

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!

To register, contact Kathy at kathyb@burnabynh.ca or 236-885-7303





February







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Do You Need Tech Help?

North House

Mon: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tues: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM *new hours*

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

Brentwood

Wed: 10 AM - 12 PM

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

Computer Drop-in

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



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No registration required





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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 page 16 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

Settlement & Integration Program

COOK AND CHAT! Fridays 10 am - 12 noon

Free weekly cooking group via Zoom

- · cook new healthy foods
- practice English
- meet new friends
- receive recipes each week by email
- get support with new recipes
- cook from your own kitchen
- learn to save money on groceries
- share cultural experiences

To join Lynn's cooking group, contact Lynn: kitchens@burnabynh.ca or call Lynn at 604-431-0400 to leave a message

www.burnabynh.ca

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Burnaby Neighbourhood House located on the traditional unceded territories of Coast Salish Nations



4460 Benestord Street Burnaby, BC: VSH 088 (In front of Metrotown Skytrain) (504)431-0400



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BNH DIGITAL LITERACY EXCHANGE PROGRAM NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE!

This means that you can get our announcements about different events and workshops all in one place.

Here's how to follow us:

1. Scan the QR code provided.

Newer phones can scan a QR code using their Camera app. If you cannot scan that way, you can install a QR code scanner from the App or Play Store.

2. Once you see our Facebook page, click the three dots aligned vertically.

If you are not logged in to your Facebook account, the website will prompt you to enter your credentials.

3. In the next page, click "Follow."

Now, whenever we post news or tips on the Facebook Page, you can see our posts in your Facebook Feed.







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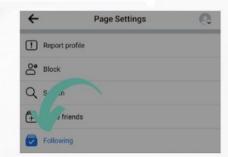
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Make sure that the QR code you are scanning comes from a trustworthy source; otherwise, you might be sent to a dangerous website.

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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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Proudly supported by:



seniors first BC Free Community Legal Clinics

We provide free 30-minute legal consultations to eligible seniors (55+) <u>by</u> <u>appointment</u> 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?



INTERESTED?

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





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Happy St. Patrick's!

Under the Rainbow Scrabble

Use the clues to find words that are associated with rainbows. For each answer, cross off the lettered tiles that you use. All the letters should be crossed off when the puzzle is complete.

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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: <u>https://burnabynh.ca/about_membership/</u>

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

North House (604-294-	South House (604-431-
5444)	0400)
4908 Hastings Street	4460 Beresford Street

Brentwood (604-299-5778) 2055 Rosser Ave

You can purchase your membership by:



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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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