









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

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Happy Holidays, everyone!

As we come to the end of 2024, I look back at all the memories created this year - from our Summer Socials, to the Walk and Roll Fundraiser, to Learning with Horses, to our monthly Sharing Cultures Dinners!

This month, I look forward to seeing you at our Seniors' Christmas Lunch on December 13th - join us for a warm turkey meal, festive songs by Harmony for All, and a visit from Santa Claus! Tickets (\$8 per person) will go on sale on Monday, December 2nd at our South House Front Desk!

Holiday closure notice: Burnaby Neighbourhood House offices will be open until Tuesday, December 24th. Our offices will be closed from December 25th to January 1st, 2025. We will reopen on Thursday January 2nd, 2025.

Wishing you a your loved ones a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Years!



Alexis Haig Manager of Seniors' Services

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MEET THE TEAM



Alexis Haig
Manager of Seniors'
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BC Housing Seniors
Activity Supervisor

Pet Feature



Meet Hazel and Olivia!

This is Hazel and Olivia: they are both four year old Holland Lop bunnies.



Olivia is on the left side; she has a spicy personality and loves to spend her day sleeping. She has learned tricks. One that she enjoys is spinning in circles when she wants a treat without the command word.

Hazel is on the right side; she is a sweetheart and loves bananas. She has a lot of energy and enjoys bugging Olivia by doing zoomies around the room.







income, frail, and alone over the Winter Holidays



Scan QR code for the Seniors Christmas Hampers 2024 Registration Form



Tina Nguyen: 672-336-6280

How to Apply?

Online: send the completed registration form to seniorvolunteer@burnabynh.ca

In-person: drop off the completed registration form

at the Toy Room at the Amazing Brentwood (4567 Lougheed Highway - Old Sears Store -Main Level - Next to Children's Play Area)

Note: Proof of address and proof of income are required.





A program of



BNH Communi Ukulele Connection

LED BY PETER LUONGO

Who: All ages, all skill levels

When: Starting November 14th (2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month) 6:00-9:00 pm

Where: Brentwood House

(2055 Rosser Avenue – 1 block west of the Brentwood Skytrain Station)

6:00-6:45pm: Skill Building

6:45-8:00pm: Uke Jam

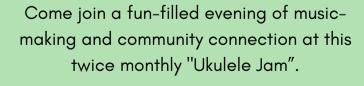
8:00pm: Break (snacks provided)

8:15-9:00pm: Open Mic



BNH Membership Required

To register contact annr@burnabynh.ca



If you don't own a ukulele, you are still welcome to come and sing along.





COMMUNITY ADULT TAI CHI PROGRAM WITH FATEMEH



Fatemeh Yazdankia is a prominent Iranian martial artist and Tai Chi instructor, known for her expertise in Chen-style Tai Chi. She is one of the notable figures in the promotion of Tai Chi in Iran, particularly focusing on the traditional teachings of the Chen family.



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TAI CHI

SWORD CLASSES (55+)

Tai Chi 24 - Intermediate Wednesdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Tai Chi SwordWednesdays 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Tai Chi 24 - Beginner Fridays 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Tai Chi - 48 Advanced Fridays 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

TO REGISTER:

Contact Lea at (236)-668-1712 or leakeburnabynh.ca







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55+ PROGRAMS



North House



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

Soup Lunch

Enjoy a bowl of healthy soup with a fresh bread bun (\$2), and connect with your neighbours.

Mondays | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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 | 1:00 - 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. It 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* (temporarily facilitated by Arsenio)

South House



4460 Beresford St. 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 coffee or tea and a range of activities from BINGO to birthday celebrations!

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!





Yoga **Wednesdays** 2-2:45pm Latin Beat
Fridays:
10–11am

Yuanji Dance **Fridays:** 3-4:45pm

Tai Chi

Wednesdays

10–11am Tai Chi 24 (Intermediate) 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 Social on the first Wednesday of each month and get support with your device!

Workshop - Burnaby Public Library

Burnaby Public Library

On Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, enjoy a talk with Andrea, BPL's community librarian!

Friday Lunch

Meet new friends and enjoy a delicious meal (\$6) Register on Friday from 10:30AM - 11:45AM.



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**.





Therapeutic Activation Program for Seniors





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.



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
 - o 2nd Thursday of the month
 - 1:00PM-2:30PM
- Dementia Friends Café: South House
 - Last Thursday of each month
 - 12:00PM-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-11:30AM

To register, contact Blenn at dementiacaregiver@burnabynh.ca or 604-431-0400

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

Join us for heart health tips and Music Therapy



Why is it important to promote heart health? What can you do to promote a healthy heart?

Thursday
December 5th
12:30 PM to 3 PM

1 PM to 2 pm: Nurse Talk, Heart Health by Proof of Care (Chio Pinto) 2 PM to 3 pm: Music Therapy by Brett

Free: For unpaid Caregivers

To register, contact Gaby :







Brentwood House 2055 Rosser Ave

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



Working with communities in BC's Interior, Lower Mainland, Central & Northern Vancouver Island



















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 Tina Nguyen at 672-336-6280 or seniorvolunteer@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 672-377-5608

For information on prepared meals and grocery shopping, contact Cynthia at

672-377-5608 or seniorshopping@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 computercafe@burnabynh.ca (See poster 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

Sharing Cultures Dinners

Every month, BNH will host "Sharing Cultures" community dinners to bring neighbours together and learn about the diverse cultures that build our multicultural community. Attendees will enjoy a delicious dinner, participate in engaging activities, and connect with neighbours from different backgrounds and ages. BNH will welcome community members who would like to attend the dinners or who want to help with the organization of the event.

For more information please email volunteer@burnabynh.ca or call 604-431-0400.

Free Computer Workshops

Mondays, Nov 25, Dec 2, 9 & 16 2:30pm - 4:00pm **Burnaby Neighbourhood House South House (4460 Beresford Street)**

To register:

604-396-7307

OR





Nov 25

Intro to iPhones

Dec 9

Intro to Android **Phones**

Dec 2

Safe Online Shopping

Dec 16

Google Maps and Google Search

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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

(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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Seniors Grocery Shopping

Do you have difficulty grocery shopping for yourself?

Our grocery shopping and delivery program helps older adults maintain independence at home

For who?

Older adults 55+ who live in Burnaby Member of Burnaby Neighbourhood House

We will call you once a week to obtain your grocery shopping list, place your order online and Superstore will do the shopping and delivery for you

Registration required

For more information contact Cynthia 672-377-5608 seniorshopping@burnabynh.ca





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!

For who?

Seniors 55+ who live in Burnaby Member of Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Pickup

BNH South House 4460 Beresford St

Delivery

Last Thursday of the month (Complete registration form)

Meals are \$7 each Subsidy available

For more information contact Cynthia 672-377-5608 seniorshopping@burnabynh.ca





seniors first BC Free Community Legal Clinics

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

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 Gaby at seniorpeercaregiver@burnabynh.ca or 604-431-0400



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Settlement & Integration Program

In-person Conversation **Circles**

Available Sessions:

 Saturdays 1pm-4

 Mondays 9:30am-

· 11:30am **Tuesdays** 9:30am-11:30am

Burnaby Neighborhood House 4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby

- No Drop-ins
- Registration Required

Do you want to improve your English conversational skills? Come and join us!

- · Diverse topics about life in Canada
- · Friendly and welcoming environment
- Connect with other fellow newcomers and make friends

For more information to register, please contact Miguel: MiguelL@burnabynh.ca

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

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Family Outreach Program

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





Posada Navideña

Wednesday December 11th

Burnaby Neighbourhood House South, Beresford Street 4460

Do you speak Spanish?

Join us for a Christmas gathering. We will have lots of fun with Christmas carols, games, prizes and other activities for Spanish speakers of all ages.

Please contact us for more information.

e-mail o WhatsApp irerir@burnabynh.ca / 604-396-6955, o outreachs@burnabynh.ca / 778-918-0189

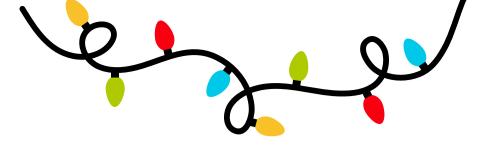
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Use the clues to fill in the crossword.



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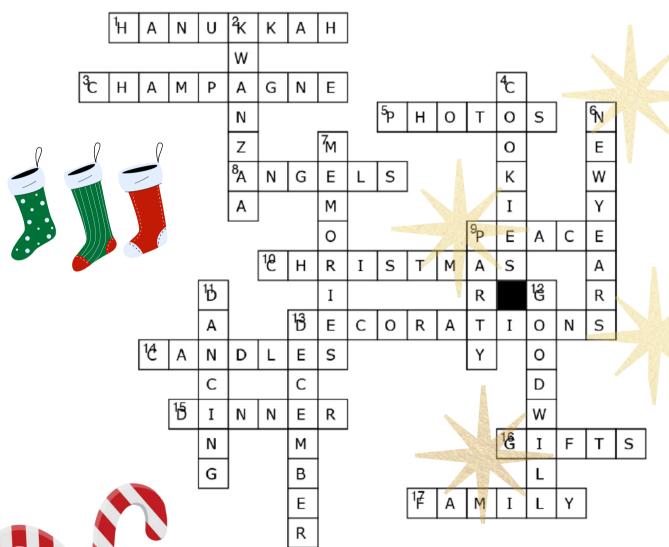
- 2. December celebration since 1966
- 4. Biscotti and gingersnaps
- 6. Resolution eve
- 7. Recollections
- 9. Soirée
- 11. Ballroom activity
- 12. Friendliness toward others
- 13. Winter month

ACROSS

- 1. Jewish Festival of Lights
- 3. Bubbly drink
- 5. Pictures
- 8. Halo wearers
- 9. What a dove represents
- 10. Santa's holiday
- 13. Adornments
- 14. They're wicked
- 15. Main meal
- 16. Presents
- 17. One's relatives









MEMBERSHIP 2024-2025









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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