





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

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Curtis Cheung

Practicum Student

I'm a practicum student from UBC at BNH, and I've had the opportunity to work in many areas of the neighbourhood house, including seniors, food hub, and volunteer support.

My favourite activity is singing and playing guitar! I love many kinds of music! Something that other people might not know about me is that I know how to juggle.

All BNH Houses will be closed from December 25, 2025 to January 2, 2026

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Keeping the **lights on** at Burnaby Neighbourhood House this winter.



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Settlement & Integration Program

Holiday Market

Come and explore a vibrant marketplace featuring unique products from newcomer women entrepreneurs. Enjoy festive vibes, shop for gifts, connect with your community, and support and empower newcomer women!

Free Entry - All are Welcome!

JOIN OUR HOLIDAY MARKET



Event Details

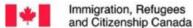
Date: December 23rd, 2025. **Time:** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Location: BurnabyNeighbourhood House - South House (4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby).



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MEET THE TEAM



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Manager of Seniors'
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Eddie Pham Seniors' Volunteer Supervisor

TAPS TEAM



Lea Kovalchuk Seniors' Social and **Day Programs** Coordinator



Vivian Ling Seniors' Social and **Day Programs Activity Supervisor**



Shahnaz Gozal **Kitchen Supervisor**

BC HOUSING TEAM



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Dee Batt **BC Housing** Coordinator



Sara Martinez **BC Housing Seniors Activity Supervisor**

BETTER AT HOME TEAM



Emily Chan Better at Home Coordinator



Cynthia Lu **Seniors Food Program Supervisor**

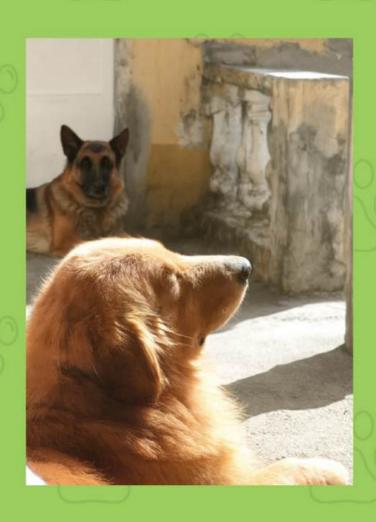


Kathy Bobicki Supervisor



Sabrina Lou Seniors Transportation Housekeeping & Food **Programs Supervisor**

Meet Leo & Kaiser: The Gentle Guardians of Pablo's Home



Yet even with all their fun-loving energy, one of their most remarkable qualities is their gentleness, especially with Pablo's son. Both dogs have an instinctive sense of care, remaining calm and patient as they watch over him like furry guardians. Leo and Kaiser have been loyal members of Pablo's family for more than eight years, growing from young, energetic pups into gentle, trusted companions. In the foreground of the photo sits Leo, a Golden Retriever with a warm presence and a calm, affectionate spirit. Right behind him is Kaiser, the ever-watchful German Shepherd, steady and observant with a protective heart. Different in breed but united in loyalty, the two have formed a bond not only with each other but with everyone in the household.

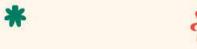
Their playful nature shines brightest whenever a ball or chew toy is nearby—nothing excites them more. They could play for hours, running, chasing, or simply enjoying time together.

Over the years, Leo and Kaiser have become more than pets—they're family. Their presence fills the home with comfort, laughter, and companionship, always offering love in the simplest yet most meaningful ways. They have grown alongside Pablo and his loved ones, weaving themselves into everyday life and becoming a cherished part of the family's story.



Showcase your beloved pets and spread joy by featuring them in our upcoming newsletters. Contact at seniorvolunteer@burnabynh.ca

For any further question, please contact Lea at 604-431-0400 or 236-668-1712



FUNDRAISING





Friday, Dec 5, 2025

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BNH SENIORS PROGRAMS

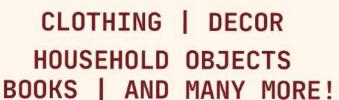


Visit any time from

9:45AM-11:45AM

AT THE 3RD FLOOR BANQUET HALL







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BurnabyNeighbourhoodHouse
- North House





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Supporting older adults who identify with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community

This café is an opportunity to come together and connect with fellow 2SLGBTQIA+ older adults.

- 2:00 pm 4:00 pm
- 3rd Thursday of each month
- BNH Brentwood House
 2055 Rosser Street
 2nd floor

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

Come socialize with others at our monthly cafe with an educational, informational or entertainment focus. Please email us at the address below if you'd like specific information about next month's cafe!

For more information about QUEST+ and what we do, please email: QUESTPlus@burnabynh.ca



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55+ PROGRAMS



North House



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

South House





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

Seniors Social and 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!



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

Line Dancing Wednesdays

9-9:45am Beginner Class (SEP-NOV) 3-4pm Line Dancing

Workshop - Burnaby Public Library

On Wednesday, December 10th, 2025, enjoy a talk with Andrea, BPL's community librarian!

Friday Lunch

Meet new friends and enjoy a delicious meal (\$7) Register on Friday from 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM.



Sew Fun!

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



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: \$7 for lunch To register, contact **Lea** at **604-431-0400 or leak@burnabynh.ca**.





SENIORS CONNECTIONS 55+



CHRISTMAS

Pet's celebrate together!



TICKETS





FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

When: 11am-1pm

Where: Burnaby Neighbourhood House

- South House 3rd Floor,4460 Beresford St. TICKETS AVAILABLE DEC 1st!

Purchase your ticket at \$10 to reserve your spot at the front desk.

First-come, first-served. Limited availability! For moreinformation,contactLeaat236-668-1712 or 604-431-0400 or email leak@burnabynh.ca

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JOIN US!

SENIORS CONNECTIONS

MAHJONG

FREE DROP-IN MAHJONG

FOR BNHMEMBERS

ALL SKILLSWELCOME

55+ SENIORS

12:15-1:45PM

EVERYFIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER TO END OF JANUARY LIGHT LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR \$4 BURNABY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE (SOUTH HOUSE)



4460BERESFORD ST. #100, BURNABY



For any further questions please contact Lea at 604-431-0400 or 236-668-1712

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Dementia Programs South and Brentwood House



Burnaby Dementia Cafes - Brentwood and South House

For Burnaby residents living with dementia and their families & friends. Join us to socialize, learn from guest speakers, and participate in therapeutic activities.

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





Seniors Memory Club - Brentwood House

Join our dementia-friendly and multicultural club - a weekly opportunity to play games, exercise, socialize, sing, share stories, and celebrate each other!

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, a 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 | 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
- · Family Caregiver Journey South House
 - Third Tuesday of each month | 1:30 PM-4:00 PM
- Working Caregiver Support Zoom Meeting
 - Third Tuesday of each month | 7:00 PM-8:15 PM

1-on-1 Caregiver Support

Trained volunteers provide one-on-one support to family and friend caregivers who are feeling isolated, frustrated or overwhelmed in their caregiver role.

















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. Form Filling Clinics are available at each BNH House and are drop-in (See poster for more details). To set up an appointment contact Cheri at 236-308-8049 or seniorsresource@burnabynh.ca

Better at Home - Food Delivery Programs

We provide food hampers, prepared meals, and grocery shopping & free delivery to seniors in Burnaby. For information on prepared meals and grocery shopping, contact **Cynthia** at **672-377-5608** or **seniorshopping@burnabynh.ca**

For information on <u>food hampers</u>, **contact BNH Food Hub team at 672-377-5608**For information on <u>Better at Home Seniors Transportation and Light Housekeeping Services</u>, **contact Citizen Support Services (City of Burnaby) at 604-294-7980**

Seniors Community Connector

We provide short-term one-to-one support for isolated seniors helping them access community programs and support services. This includes making referrals, applying for services, and goal setting to meet the individual's wellness needs. Support is available in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, Farsi and Dari. For more information, contact **Justine at 236-858-4979 or srsconnector@burnabynh.ca**

Digital Literacy Program

Would you like to learn to use email, create files and documents, use excel, search the Internet or practice typing and writing skills on a computer? Volunteer Instructors are available to help you with your digital learning needs. We offer support in multiple languages. Weekly digital support is available at all BNH Houses. 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

Seniors Form Filling

Trained volunteers are available to help you complete:

- CPP BC Housing Registry
- OAS BC Bus Pass
- GIS SAFER

NEW Drop-in format



South House: 1st Monday of the month, 12-2pm North House: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 12-2pm Brentwood: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10am-12pm

*Excluding holidays

Volunteers can also help navigate community resources and services!



For more information, please contact **Cheri** at seniorsresource@burnabynh.ca or **236-308-8049**







United Way helping seniors remain independent.

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 Experiencing frailty, isolation, and/or low income Member of Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Pickup

BNH South House 4460 Beresford St

Delivery

Once a week on Tuesday or Thursday

Meals are \$7 or less with completed subsidy form

Please contact Cynthia to register 672 377 5608 seniorshopping@burnabynh.ca





Do You Need Tech Help?

North House

Mon: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Brentwood

Wed: 10:00 AM - 12:00 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

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

Computer Drop-in

No registration

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







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We respectfully acknowledge that the City of Burnaby is located on the unceded territories of the x*maθk*aýam (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), salitwatał (Tsleil-Waututh), and k*ik*aλam (Kwikwetiem) Peoples. Each Nation has distinct histories and distinct traditional territories that fully or partially encompass the city. We encourage you to learn more about the Host Nations whose ancestors have occupied and used these lands, including parts of present-day Burnaby, for thousands of years.



Settlement & Integration Program

Intro to AI & Digital Skills for Newcomers

Learn the basics of Al and build confidence using everyday digital tools. A beginnerfriendly session to help newcomers stay safe, informed, and connected online.

- Workshop #1 The Use of AI in the Modern World
 - 77 December 1, 2025
- Workshop #2 Digital Literacy
 - 17 December 8, 2025

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

Session Details

Date:

- Workshop #1 December 1, 2025
- Workshop #2 December 8, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Burnaby Neighbourhood House - South House

4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby

Room: Banquet Room 1 (3rd Floor)

Eligibility:

We are funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and, in accordance with their requirements, we focus on supporting permanent residents and convention refugees



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OPIOID FIRST AID TRAINING



Settlement & Integration Program

Opioid First Aid Training

Join us in this event to learn about:

- Recognizing the signs and symptoms of opioid poisoning.
- What naloxone is and how it works to reverse an opioid poisoning.
- Understanding how opioids and naloxone affect the body.
- How to respond confidently to an opioid poisoning emergency.

To register, please contact Mona at Monaa@bur nabynh.ca

Session Details

Date: Saturday, December 13th, 2025.

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Location: Burnaby Neighbourhood House - South House (4460 BeresfordStreet,

Burnaby).

Room: Third Floor, (Banquet Room 1).

Eligibility:

We are funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and, in accordance with their requirements, we focus on supporting permanent residents and convention refugees, while also welcoming all community members.







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Our Community Connector uses Social Prescribing to offer non-medical support that assists older adults to identify and achieve personal health and wellness goals. We help to find appropriate local programs and services followed by regular check-ins to ensure participants are on track.

Eligibility

- 55 years of age or older.
- · Experiencing, or at risk of:
 - Social isolation and/or loneliness
 - o Frailty
 - Barriers to accessing community-based resources
 - Frequent trips to primary care or ER

Referrals Can Be From:

- Self-referral
- Friends, Family, & Community Members
- · Health Care Providers

For more information or to make a referral please contact:

Burnaby Neighbourhood House Seniors Community Connector

srsconnector@burnabynh.ca

Office: 604-431-0400 Mobile: 236-858-4979

100-4460 Beresford Street

https://burnabynh.ca/



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Seniors Community Connector

cares@mosaicbc.org

Office: 604-438-8214

Fax: 604-438-8260

315-7155 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5E 2V1

Funded by the Government of BC and managed by United Way British Columbia











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





Community Repair Cafe

10am-2pm on Sundays

COMING NEXT YEAR!

January 25, February 22, March 29, 2026











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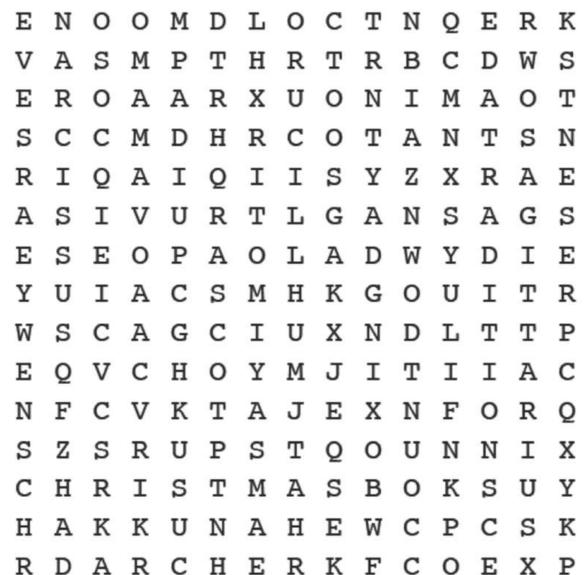


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Wordsearch

The words listed below can be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward, and backward.







ARCHER (Sagittarius)

BOXING DAY CAPRICORN CHRISTMAS COLD MOON COUNTDOWN

FEAST KWANZAA NARCISSUS NEW YEAR'S EVE **PRESENTS**

SAGITTARIUS HANUKKAH SEA GOAT (Capricorn) SOLSTICE TRADITIONS TURQUOISE VACATION



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MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026









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

4908 Hastings Street

(604 - 294 - 5444)

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/



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