



# The Grand View:

## COMMUNITY POLICING NEWS

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The Grandview-Woodland Community Policing Center

### Cops, Kids and Commercial Drive!



*Cops, Kids & Commercial Drive*, Vancouver's biggest back to school safety event, will be held in Grandview Park (1200 block Commercial Drive) on Sunday, September 8 from noon to 3pm. At this free event children will have a chance to meet and talk to police and other first responders in a positive, educational, and fun environment.

VPD officers will be on hand to show kids some of their vehicles including patrol cars, motorcycles and the mobile command unit. The VPD K9 Unit, Traffic Education Unit and a Project 529 bike identification station will be on hand.

One of the kids' favourite VPD squads, the Mounted Unit, will be bringing two of their horses

to meet and greet kids in Grandview Park.

E-Comm staff will show kids how to phone 911 in an emergency and children will also be able to check out a fire truck and an ambulance and meet fire fighters and paramedics.

Activities will include a Bike Roadeo which will test kids' knowledge of bike safety and the rules of the road and a mini police fitness test for kids of all ages. Free face painting and a free hot dog lunch for kids 12 and under are always popular.

Parents and guardians can get information about internet safety, bullying and other child safety issues. The Child Find program will offer parents the opportunity to have their children's identifying information entered into a booklet they can take home.

Come out to Grandview Park on September 8<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 for a free, fun, active and educational afternoon!

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# MEET OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, TIFFANI ANDRE



I started volunteering with the Grandview-Woodland Community Policing Centre in April of 2017. I still remember the day I dropped off my volunteer application and was met with so much warmth when I met Cathy, the Executive Director at that time. One of my first volunteer opportunities that I participated in was a community clean-up. I met Mike during this event when he was also a volunteer at that time. I remember arriving to see all the clean-up materials ready, the wagon full of all the essentials, and Mike eager to set out with a mission for community outreach. Most of my volunteer hours were spent in our Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design programs. This program provides a clean neighbourhood for everyone to enjoy. This year alone we collected close to 200 bags of garbage and safely dispose of over 350 needles!

I chose to volunteer at a Community Policing Centre because, since I was in high school, I've always had an interest in a career in law enforcement. I've always valued the importance of volunteering and, when combining that with my interest for the culture on the drive, it seemed like a perfect fit. My volunteer experience with the GWPC opened my eyes to work opportunities that I never thought I would have considered. I've always imagined myself in a career relating to law enforcement but, through my academics, life experience, and opportunities, I've opened up to the idea of working in a field relating to community outreach or the social service sector.

I've been the volunteer coordinator since January 2019. Being on both sides has given me a better understanding of the types of opportunities that our volunteers would want and like. I've also appreciated how much work our staff and board members put in to running events, fundraisers, and outreach. My position as the volunteer coordinator has taught me a lot about the many valuable resources that we have to offer to the public. This position has also given me the opportunity to grow in terms of my leadership as well as with my social skills. I've enjoyed every aspect of this position, especially since it has allowed me to grow and meet different people along the way. We've had a handful of our volunteers just this year alone that were hired onto police departments. We have exceptional volunteers at the GWPC who are determined, hard working, and compassionate. It's heartwarming to know that we have a diverse group of volunteers who are able to intersect at our local community policing office.

I started at Langara College in their Criminal Justice Diploma Program and transferred into my third year at SFU. I am currently entering my last semester pursuing a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Criminology, a minor in Psychology, and a policing studies certificate. When I have time, I really enjoy running. This year I ran in the Scotiabank half marathon on behalf of the GWPC with our executive director, Mike to raise money for our Indigenous mural project. I started running in 2014 with the Streetfront Alternative Program based out of Britannia Secondary School and have done 5 half marathons and 6 full marathons since then!

# DOGS ON THE DRIVE



*This is the first of a series featuring the canine residents of our neighbourhood. The GWCP offers a water bowl outside and a box of treats at the front counter for the many dogs that stop in to visit. All are welcome and if you would like your canine companion to be featured in a future issue of The Grand View, stop into the office for a photo.*

**Candi Girl, a ten year old French Bulldog who lives in the neighbourhood, loves to stop in to the GWCP for a treat. We love to see her smile when she gets one!**

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## **BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS**

- ✓ Make sure that your child knows their address and phone number, your work number and how to call 911 in an emergency.
- ✓ Teach your child never to talk to a stranger or to accept rides or gifts. A stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.
- ✓ If a stranger does approach them, make sure they know to immediately report the incident to you or a teacher.
- ✓ Teach your kids, whether they are walking or biking to school, that they should obey all traffic signals, signs and pavement markers. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.



## GWCP VOLUNTEERS MAKING GRANDVIEW- WOODLAND A SAFER PLACE



**FOOT PATROL:** Volunteers go out on foot patrol to both keep an eye on the community and strengthen the ties between members of the community and the VPD through the Grandview-Woodland Community Policing Centre (CPC). While on patrol volunteers actively check vehicles to see if they are suspicious, properly insured, or have been the target of a recent crime. Our volunteers leave crime prevention

notices, never parking tickets! Engaging with the public is also an incredibly important aspect of the work foot patrollers do since it serves as both an opportunity to educate the public on crime trends and to obtain useful information from the public that may otherwise go unreported. Through all of these activities, we at the Grandview Woodland CPC aspire to make the community a safer and more connected neighbourhood.

**BIKE PATROL:** In order to be qualified to do bike patrol GWCP volunteers first take a bike patrol workshop offered by VPD officers. It involves a couple of hours of cycling to make sure volunteers know the rules of the road, how to ride in a group (never on sidewalks), how not to wipe out in potholes, etc. Bike patrol differs from foot patrol because we aren't looking for details like decals on license plates but more glaring things like graffiti or garbage piles that can be reported. An advantage of covering so much distance is that we are visible to a lot of people in the community. Out on the road bike patrol volunteers are noticed by motorists and other cyclists. Judging by the smiles and waves, people are pleased to see GWCP bike patrol volunteers.



**SPEEDWATCH:** Volunteers set up speed reader boards in sensitive areas near schools and parks or on local streets where neighbours have complained about traffic problems. The information collected on speed and distracted driving is forwarded to the VPD and ICBC who compile stats and target areas where further monitoring or enforcement is needed. Neighbours appreciate seeing the volunteers' effect on drivers' behaviour and often come over to discuss issues of concern in the neighbourhood.



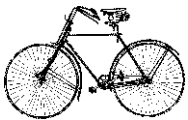
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The FAQ column in each edition of The Grand View will answer any questions you have for the GW CPC on neighbourhood safety, city bylaws, urban problems or police related matters.

Send your questions to: [info@gwcpc.ca](mailto:info@gwcpc.ca)

### The license plate was stolen from my car. What should I do?

The registered owner of the vehicle should immediately call VPD non-emergency at 604-717-3321 or report online: [www.vpd.ca](http://www.vpd.ca). This is for your own protection in case the license plate was stolen to use while committing a crime.

If 1 plate remains, remove it immediately. Once a plate number has been reported stolen the police will pull over the vehicle if observed.

Go to an Autoplan broker to fill in a report and get replacement plates. There is an \$18 replacement fee.





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