



The Grand View: COMMUNITY POLICING NEWS

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Holiday Season Safety and Scam Prevention



These common sense precautions will make your holidays merry and memorable:

When you are out shopping

- Park in well lit, well-travelled areas.
- Put all your gifts and purchases in the trunk.
- Teach your children to look for mall security in case you are separated from them.

When shopping online

- Before making a purchase, double check the merchant's URL.
- Keep your info safe while shopping online by typing the merchant's URL directly into your browser rather than Googling online retailers using a search engine.
- Always look for the https prefix in the URL and the padlock icon in the browser's status bar.
- If you have a Paypal account, monitor it regularly to keep track of your purchases.
- Use a credit card rather than a debit card for online shopping in case you need to cancel a transaction.
- Be cautious when you receive emails claiming to be a shipping confirmation or delivery alert that requires you to open an attachment.

When Sending Gifts

- Use registered mail or a courier service when sending gift cards or cash so your mail can be tracked and insured.

Porch Pirates

- A modern form of piracy, this crime of opportunity has been spawned by the significant increase in online shopping.
- To make sure your parcels will not be left unsecured on your porch check the signature required box on the order form
- If you know you won't be home when items are delivered, have them sent to your workplace or a nearby postal outlet.

GWPC Volunteer Spotlight



GWPC volunteers represent a wide spectrum from high schoolers to senior citizens, both local residents and people from different areas who are motivated to contribute to this community. They contribute in many ways, from high tech to HR, community activism to community clean ups. Some aspire to careers in law enforcement, some are retired, others are already employed in different areas but all want to contribute their time and talents to make a difference on the Drive.

Mark Manangan is one of the outstanding volunteers who continues to make the GWPC a success. He began volunteering when he was a high school student. He earned a Diploma in Criminal Justice at

Langara College and is continuing his studies at SFU, working toward a degree in Criminology with a police studies certificate. While attending university Mark is holding down 2 jobs, hospital security and acting as a role player in training scenarios for police recruits. In his spare time, he enjoys socializing with fellow volunteers, doing judo and going to the gym.

Mark has been volunteering at the GWPC for 4 years. He enjoys doing Foot Patrols and Speed Watch, activities where he has an opportunity to interact with people in the community. He also serves on the GWPC Board of Directors, contributing to our social media presence on our website, Instagram and Facebook.

We appreciate all of Mark's volunteer contributions to the GWPC and our community.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

Send your questions to: info@gwcpc.ca

I have lost my wallet. What should I do?

Reports can be made online on the VPD website.

https://app.vancouver.ca/PoliceCitizenReporting_net/?_ga=2.249812038.1339953214.1575669406-312912060.1539224574

You should also cancel and replace all of your important cards. Contact your bank or financial institution and report your missing bank and/or credit cards. If you have credit cards from other sources, such as retail stores, immediately notify the customer service or credit department. Replace your driver's license, in a lot of cases a replacement driver's license can be issued on the spot.

A Vancouver Christmas Tradition



The Vancouver South Lions Club Christmas Tree Lot has been running near John Oliver High School, on the corner of 41st and Fraser, for 40 years. Four generations of families have made a tradition of buying their Christmas trees here.

One reason people return year after year is the selection. This lot has many types of trees from the traditional Scotch Pine to the Noble Fir and everything in between, in sizes that would suit a large house or a small condo.

Funds raised by the Lions are used for designated projects and shared with other non-profit organizations in the community. Grandview-Woodland CPC volunteers have helped out at the tree lot every year since 2009, contributing many hours setting up the trees, selling them and delivering them to customers' vehicles. A special supporter of the GWPCP, Prado Café, has donated gift cards to all our hard-working volunteers! We enjoy working with the South Vancouver Lions Club and we appreciate their support for our programs. If you are buying a live Christmas tree this year, please consider purchasing it here where the profits will go back into your local community.

DOGS ON THE DRIVE



This series features the canine residents of our neighbourhood. The GWPCP 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.

Adeline, a six-year-old Bull Mastiff, Great Dane and Hungarian Kuvasz mix, lives near the Drive and loves to stop in to the GWPCP and local businesses for dog treats. Adeline's favourite pastime is chasing squirrels (which she never catches). This gentle giant is especially good with kids. Her only bad habit is barking at skateboards!

Still Fabulous!



The Grand View is launching a series highlighting local businesses that contribute to the vitality and uniqueness of Commercial Drive.

One of these businesses is Still Fabulous, a social enterprise thrift shop that is a joint venture of the Auxiliaries to BC Children's & BC Women's Hospitals. It has been open on the Drive for 4 years. The shop features good quality, gently used, reasonably priced men's and women's clothing, footwear, jewelry and

accessories donated by BCCWH supporters as well as other consignment retailers.

Operated by a dedicated group of local volunteers, all profits from Still Fabulous support funding programs, equipment & research for hospital families who come for care from across the province. Funds from the shop also contribute to emergency support, neo-natal equipment and programs such as music therapy.

Shoppers at Still Fabulous support the current movement to recycle and upcycle clothing rather than buying 'fast fashion' that is unsustainable. Environmentally conscious shoppers can find stylish bargains while doing their part for the planet.

If you are interested in contributing to the cause and gaining retail experience, Still Fabulous welcomes volunteers to help out with weekly shifts. Phone 604-620-6110 or email volunteer@cw.bc.ca for more information on volunteer opportunities.

Another way to contribute is to donate gently used clothing and accessories. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of patients at BC Children's & BC Women's Hospitals.

Still Fabulous is located at 1124 Commercial Drive.

Many Thanks to Our Wonderful GWPC Sponsors:

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Help a Neighbour: Be a Snow Angel

When snow falls in Vancouver, City Bylaws require residents to clear their sidewalks or face a fine. But where can seniors or people with limited mobility turn to for help with shovelling?



Vancouver's Snow Angel Program is the answer, pairing local volunteers who are willing and able to help out with neighbours who need assistance when their sidewalks are covered with snow.

If you have a snow shovel, warm clothes and a desire to help, go to the city website (www.vancouver.ca), get more information on the program and fill out

the application form. When snow falls, you will be contacted, asked if you are available, and given the address where your services are needed. By becoming a Snow Angel you can make a positive difference in a neighbour's life.

If you are a Vancouver resident who needs this service, phone 311 every time a snowfall covers your sidewalk and request help from a Snow Angel. This is a completely free service provided by a goodhearted volunteer in your neighbourhood.



If you don't want to sign up for a formal program, but you do want to help people in your community, consider following the example of these good neighbours.

They are clearing the curb cuts along Commercial Drive so that people with strollers, walkers and wheelchairs can have an easier time navigating the icy streets after a snowstorm.

Commercial properties are required by the City to clear their sidewalks by 10 am. City crews are limited in how many curb cuts they can clear, so help from volunteer residents is much appreciated. Another way to contribute to keeping our streets and sidewalks safe is to clear snow and debris from catch basins or drains so that water from the melting snow will not back up into icy puddles.

"Emergency and non-emergency call tips provided by E-Comm, for more information visit ecom911.ca".

Making the call

YOU NEED IMMEDIATE HELP FROM THE POLICE: CALL 9-1-1

9-1-1 is for police, fire, or medical emergencies when immediate action is required: someone's health, safety or property is in jeopardy or a crime is in progress.

YOU NEED HELP FROM THE POLICE, BUT IT'S NOT URGENT: CALL NON-EMERGENCY

Your situation is a valid police matter but does not require immediate attention, call the non-emergency line.

For example:

- Reporting a crime with no suspect (example: theft of a licence plate or bicycle)
- Reporting a crime with a suspect, but the suspect is not on the scene (example: fraud)
- Reporting a serious crime with a suspect, but with a lengthy delay (example: assault that occurred "last night" at a bar)
- Non-emergency in progress (example: noisy party)
- Ongoing crime issues not in progress (examples: graffiti or ongoing drug dealing with no suspect on scene)
- A suspicious circumstance that may indicate an ongoing criminal activity (example: suspected drug lab)

YOU NEED INFORMATION: USE ALTERNATE SOURCES

- Contact your municipality for ongoing traffic concerns, including traffic lights, or questions about local bylaws
- For civil complaints contact the appropriate governing office (i.e. municipality, BC Residential Tenancy Branch, Government of BC, trusted legal advisor)
- Contact the BCSPCA and/or Department of Fisheries and Oceans for concerns related to animals that do not cause concern for public safety
- Contact Passport Canada for lost Canadian passports

WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?



Residential
Tenancy
Branch



BC Hydro



Drive BC



Passport
Canada



City Services



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REPORT A CRIME

Online Crime Reporting

Some crimes can be reported online via the web, particularly if there is no suspect. See [Online Citizen Reporting](#) to view reporting guidelines.

https://app.vancouver.ca/PoliceCitizenReporting_net/?ga=2.157908794.1611569699.1575491197-312912060.1539224574



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