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Village Voice



IN THIS ISSUE: Snow Removal in the Kerrisdale Business District, The Greening of Garbage, Security, Holiday Events *and more!*

Hanging of the Greens Gild Your Holiday Windows *and win!*

Lift your spirits during the darkest month by participating in the upcoming Kerrisdale Business Association (KBA) **Window Decoration Contest**. It's open to all



KBA members (businesses along West 41st between Larch & Maple Streets, along West Boulevard between 39th and 42nd Avenues and Yew Street north). A judging team of designers will scrutinize windows on the night of Wednesday December 4th. No applications necessary. Lights and fresh greens in windows are encouraged for best impact. Last year's winner was *Pierre's Antiques* with his whimsical take on a family of marionettes around a winter hearth.

NOTE: *Judging will take place the evening of December 4th with the winner announced on the KBA web site and in the media soon after. Great prizes!!!*

Quartets, Brass Bands & Santa

You can ask around but I think most city residents know where the holidays are celebrated best – Kerrisdale Village. For over two decades our *strolling quartets*, *jolly Santa Claus* and *brass bands* have been serenading shoppers and their entire families, young and old. It's our small way of thanking the community for their year-long support. And as The Salvation Army Band discovered last year during a gig by our iconic clock,



few people are more generous than our neighbourhood residents. *AAA Horse & Carriage* rides have become a Christmas tradition where magnificent pairs of rare Grey Shire and Percheron horses clip clop down our streets while participants are snuggly tucked-up in plaid blankets. Norman Rockwell, eat your heart out!

The mandate of the Kerrisdale Business Association is to foster goodwill in the community, promote the business area, contribute towards a safe, well-planned, attractive and friendly environment and to increase the public awareness of Kerrisdale.

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KBA Forward Planner

Christmas in Kerrisdale	Month of December 2013
Gliding on Ice - Free Community Skate	December 22 @ Kerrisdale Arena 3:45-5:30pm
Spring Break/Easter Skate	TBA
Carnival Days	April 25 & 26, 2014
Little League Parade	April 26, 2014 @ 10 am
Farmers Market - East Boulevard	June - October 2014
Kerrisdale Days - Movie at Elm Park	September 5 or 6 weather permitting
Music Under the Clock	Saturdays 12 - 4 pm in July, August
Annual General Meeting	September 4, 2014 (not confirmed)

Mark these dates on your calendar and remember to support these popular events through easy-to-participate sponsorship programs from balloons to live entertainment!

Check out this year's **Christmas in Kerrisdale Roster of Events** and more district information inside!



Christmas In Kerrisdale

Roster of Events

Free Horse & Carriage Rides

TIME: 11 AM - 4 PM
DATES: Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 23

Grab the children and the grandparents and transport them back in time to a Courier & Ives Christmas card. The gentle giants embodied in AAA Horse & Carriage's shire horses, bedecked in bells and red velvet ribbons, remind us of Christmases of a century ago while we take a slow trot past the beautiful Holiday windows throughout the village. Rides will start at west 41st & Yew Street north.

Santa & His Elf

TIME: 12 NOON – 4 PM
DATES: Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 & 23

Our very own Santa has made special arrangements to visit Kerrisdale every weekend right up to December 23rd when he must ready himself for his magical global journey. Santa and company will be giving their black boots a workout on the streets of the village where he will visit every shop many times over giving out free, individually wrapped European chocolates to delight the sweet tooth in us all.

Christmas Quartets & Brass Bands

TIME: 12 NOON – 4 PM
DATES: Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 23

Christmas quartets - some people ask why our roving singers and brass players just don't stay put under a tent. Well, the answer is that our Christmas entertainers hit every area of the village, nipping in here and there to escape Mother Nature's sometimes withering weather. The singers, two individual groups, along with a gaggle of Tubas, saxophone and roving Brass Band will rekindle the holiday spirit in every Kerrisdale shopper!

Free Village Skating

TIME: 3:45 - 5:30 PM
DATE: Dec. 22 at the Kerrisdale Arena

The KBA's annual *Gliding On Ice* event at The Kerrisdale Arena is on December 22nd from 3:45 - 5:30 pm. Free skating and skate rentals, Christmas music and free refreshments while they last! All sponsored by our local shops and services. There will be a surprise Visit by Santa and fun for all. Even if you don't skate, drop by, and sit in the stands while children and adults glide around the arena. You will be transported!

The Greening of Garbage

Many of you who live in residential neighbourhoods are already participating in Metro Vancouver's program for reduction of organics in landfill garbage. In Vancouver this year, the City altered its pick-up schedule to "organics" every week and "garbage" every other week. It has been a very successful step in a major undertaking that will annually eliminate over 250,000 tonnes of food from the landfill.

As of 2015 it will be against the law to mix organics with other garbage. This will especially affect food related businesses. Please check with your current garbage service provider as they may be able to help you plan for this change.

To learn more about the upcoming program on the Web go to metrovancover.org or please feel free to send your questions via email to organicsdisposalban@metrovancover.org. If we all do a little the outcome will be better for the good earth!

End of Summer Movie Night at Elm Park

Last year we moved Kerrisdale Days to the first week in September and added a free outdoor movie at Elm Park.



This year the movie chosen was picked via popular demand from a web site selection. *Back to the Future* was especially fitting as it starred Metro Vancouver actor Michael J. Fox. Provident Security donated their excellent services along with free popcorn and prizes for the best movie-related costumes while the KBA underwrote the cost for the event.

In short, it was an unparalleled success which we plan to repeat next year.

Snow Removal in the Kerrisdale Business District



There's lots of talk about global warming but strangely enough that can also mean more snow. Snow, ice and side-walks are not a good mix, however. Now is the time to get all the facts on your responsibility as a business owner, especially if you have public sidewalks out front.

To be clear, business owners should know that they are responsible for clearing the sidewalk in front of their building of snow and ice by 10 am as this is a City of Vancouver By-law. More importantly, by keeping on top of the shoveling and de-icing, you keep your business accessible for loyal neighbourhood patrons who rely on nearby services.

To be prepared, stock up now on bags of salt and a snow shovel! For more information on snow removal rules and regulations go to www.vancouver.ca

Security

Provident Security is contracted by the KBA to provide nightly security coverage within the district along with a couple of weekly day patrols. They will ramp-up daytime security during the holiday shopping season.

Please phone them if you have any questions or concerns about panhandlers, additional security for your business or any suspicious activity in the KBA area, 604-664-1087.

Kerrisdale on Twitter



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