



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This will be the last hard copy paper version of the *Burnaby-Douglas Link*. Please read on for more information.

May 2010

Dear Friends

Due to the recent announcement by the House of Commons cancelling mailing programmes for Members of Parliament, I will no longer be able to distribute *Burnaby-Douglas Link* in a hard copy paper format. Sadly therefore, this will be the final hard copy paper edition of my monthly newsletter.

Burnaby-Douglas Link will continue however in an electronic version distributed by e-mail and posted on my web site. If you wish to continue receiving a monthly copy of the *Burnaby-Douglas Link*, please ensure that my office has your email address. You can provide your email address to me by contacting my Constituency Office by mail at 4506 Dawson Street, Burnaby, BC, V5C 4C1 or by telephone at 604-291-8863, or by email at Siksay.B@parl.gc.ca.

The *Burnaby-Douglas Link* hard copy paper edition, originally called *Burnaby-Douglas Update*, was first published in the late 1980's by my predecessor and former boss, Svend Robinson, MP. The idea for this newsletter came as a result of a community needs assessment, conducted by two University of British Columbia Social Work students, Georgina Marshall and Eva Fodor, who were interns in Svend's office. The community needs assessment was wide ranging and included consultations with community members and agencies about their own needs at the federal level and the needs of the wider community in terms of federal programmes, services and informational materials. Participants suggested the creation of a monthly newsletter that would provide information about government programmes and services, funding and grant opportunities, issues of the day, and information about community agencies and events. And so the *Burnaby-Douglas Link* was born.

Every month for over twenty years this important newsletter has helped communicate information on federal issues, programmes and services, and significant community events and agencies to over 5000 individuals, community groups and organizations. While I am no longer able to send a hard paper copy to my constituents, I am pleased to be able to continue communicating this information through email and my website www.billsiksay.ca. Check my website for copies of all my newsletters and publications.

Again, if you wish to continue receiving your own copy of *Burnaby-Douglas Link*, please remember to send me your email address. If you already receive the *Burnaby-Douglas Link* by email there is no need to be in touch at this time.

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Upcoming deadlines for submissions:

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You can also check my website on a regular basis for the monthly edition of the newsletter as well as other publications that I regularly communicate on the significant issues of the day.

As always, I look forward to hearing your views on issues of the day or to assisting you on any matter within federal jurisdiction. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my Community Office at 4506 Dawson Street, telephone 604-291-8863, email Siksay.B@parl.gc.ca. For more information about my work in Ottawa and Burnaby, please visit my website at www.billsiksay.ca.

I also welcome your submissions for *Burnaby-Douglas Link* and am happy to consider including them. **Please note that due to the change in format, we will now be able to accept submissions for events occurring earlier in the upcoming month. Please continue to forward your submission by the 15th of every month for distribution in the newsletter after the 1st of the following month.** Please see below for new details regarding submissions to the *Burnaby-Douglas Link*.

Bill



HOME IN BURNABY

The next deadline for the Burnaby-Douglas Link is **May 15, 2010** for distribution after **June 1, 2010**. Submissions can be faxed to my Community Office at 604-666-0727 or emailed to me at Siksay.B@parl.gc.ca.

Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage – this program, offered through Canadian Heritage, was created to help celebrate your community, its past and its present. The Program will increase opportunities, through festivals and other events and activities, for local artists and artisans to be involved in their community and for local groups to commemorate their local history and heritage. Eligible events and activities must be local - created by and for your community. They must be open and accessible to the public and strongly encourage and promote the participation of everyone in your community.

There are three separate components: Local Festivals (providing funding to local groups for recurring festivals that present the work of local artists, artisans, or historical performers); Community Anniversaries (providing funding to local groups for non-recurring local events and capital projects that commemorate an anniversary of 100 years or greater); and the Legacy Fund (providing funding for community capital projects that commemorate a local historical anniversary of 100 years or greater). The components are administered independently and have separate guidelines and application forms. **The next application deadline for all three components is September 30, 2010.** For more information or to obtain application forms, please visit <http://www.canadianheritage.gc.ca/eng/1267799042836>.

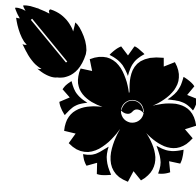


Doing Business with the Government of Canada? Need more information on how you can promote your goods and services? The Canadian federal government is a huge market for businesses large and small. As a supplier wanting to sell to the government, you need basic information on how the purchasing is done, who the contacts are and, most importantly, how you can find opportunities. **The Contracts Canada website can help you get started.** To find out more, and to download your own copy of "Your Guide to Doing Business with the Government of Canada", visit <http://www.contractsCanada.gc.ca/entreprises-businesses-eng.html>.

Greentree Village Block Watch group is holding their 14th Annual Greentree Village Carport/Garage Sale on Saturday, May 29 from 10 AM to 3 PM. **BYOB-BRING YOUR OWN BAGS.** Greentree Village is located between Wayburne, Royal Oak, Deer Lake Parkway and east of BCIT campus in Burnaby. Come find some good buys!



Halston Hills Co-op Community Garage Sale will take place on Sunday, May 30, from 10 AM to 4 PM. The sale will take place at 8868 Horne Street in Burnaby.



BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society meets Monday, May 3 and Monday, June 7 at 8 PM at St Helen's Catholic Church Gym, 3871 Pandora Street, Burnaby. Drawing for a free membership. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Elsie at 604-299-5438.



Chevron Community Contact Line – Chevron Refinery welcomes your calls and feedback. If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to call our Community Contact Line at 604-257-4040. The line is staffed on weekdays between 8 AM and 4:30 PM. Your call will be directed to the most appropriate person who can respond quickly. **In the event of an emergency, or when significant maintenance work is underway that may contribute to unusual operating conditions, information and regular updates for the public are made available.** If you are calling after hours or on a weekend, your call will be forwarded to our on-

duty shift supervisors. If you would like to report an odour or if you notice anything that you think is unusual, please let us know. Your calls are very important to us and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Kensington Community Fair - Fun for the whole family! Come & enjoy a BBQ lunch while watching talented on-stage entertainment. Stroll through Kensington Park stopping at each fun, interactive display or creative activity run by numerous local organizations & clubs. There are lots of fun activities for the young & young-at-heart! **The fair takes place on Saturday August 7, 10am-3pm at Kensington Park, (Kensington & Hastings).** For more information, please call 604-671-1000.



Do you know anyone who needs English as a Second Language (ESL) classes? Burnaby School District offers free ESL to persons who are landed immigrants and/or government sponsored refugees. Burnaby offers 40 ELSA (English as a Second Language for Adults) classes. Some are part time and some are full time. Morning, afternoon and evening classes are also available. Childcare is available for free. Parents or grandparents who need childcare services can access this at Edmonds, Burnaby South and Brentwood. Children also learn English and school readiness skills. ELSA classes are offered at Brentwood, Burnaby Multicultural Society, Edmonds, Maywood, Burnaby South and Riverway. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Sanjo at 604-664-8524.

Parents Together is a mutual help and support program for parents of teens who want to develop new skills that will help to end the conflict in their homes. Weekly group meetings are facilitated and structured so that the issues of most concern to the parents in the group are discussed and problem-solved. The emphasis is on sharing, supporting, and problem-solving. The program helps parents to explore ways to improve communication skills, resolve conflicts, build positive relationships and get a better understanding of natural family transitions. Parents can access the program by contacting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver Lower Mainland Office at 604-325-0556. To learn more about this and other programs, visit www.boysandgirlsclubsbc.ca.



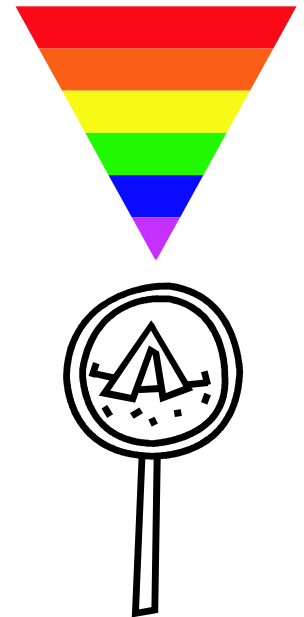


Burnaby Village Museum & Carousel opened for the summer on May 1st and will run until September 6. With so many new displays and activities this season, it's a great time for another visit. Some of the summer highlights include the new "Tools of the Trade" Exhibits; Character Cards; a working garage with historic cars; the Wood Room; various craft and guild groups at the farmhouse; Canadiana Costume Society presentation of "The History of Millinery and Hat Making; a Try Me on Trunk; and Vaudeville shows presented by Footlight Theatre. **And don't forget the Summer Special Event Days - May 24 is the Victoria Day, A Day of Pomp & Ceremony; July 1 is Canada Day, It's a Party and September 7**

is the Fall Fair, Olde Fashioned Fun. For more information about admission and events, please contact the Burnaby Village Museum at 604-297-4547 or visit <http://burnabyvillagemuseum.ca/>

UBC's CampOUT! is a summer camp for LGBTQ youth and their allies. Between August 5-8, over 50 youth will join peer youth leaders and adult volunteers for the innovative camp located north of Vancouver. Led by an advisory council of youth and community leaders, this unique camp is an outdoor leadership retreat for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, Two-Spirit, queer, intersex and allied youth between the ages of 14 and 21. Participants will be coming from communities across BC, and often from areas with no specific outreach and resources for Queer youth.

Empowering campers with a sense of pride, community and leadership skills, through arts and media, dance and performance, interactive workshops and group discussions, participants can access social, health and education resources and as well explore and articulate the complex issues they face in their home communities. Applications for campers, youth leaders and adult volunteers will be accepted at the end of April. For more information about UBC's CampOUT! and this year's camp ,please contact Camp Director Anna White at campout.director@ubc.ca or call Anna at 604-805-4691.



The Burnaby Public Library presents - the following seminars relating to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will be happening in the months of May-June. On Monday: May 10, 2010: 6:30-8:30pm -- CRA HST Information seminar; on Monday: May 17, 6:30-8:30pm -- Canada Border Services Agency -- Importing and Exporting Goods to and from Canada; and on Monday, June 7, 2010: 6:30-8:30pm -- CRA HST Information seminar. Registrations are required online. Except for the May 17th session, all registrations are now open online at <http://www.bpl.bc.ca/> events.

Upcoming for Seniors



Confederation Centre 55+, 4585 Albert Street, Burnaby, is a senior's community centre located in North Burnaby. Programs are geared to the 55+ age group. For more information on programs or promotions listed below, please contact 604-294-1936. **Upcoming events: Confederation Centre Flea Market, Saturday, May 29, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM.**

