

Mountain View News

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Community Meeting Sunday March 7th 2004 @ 2:00 pm Ruth Morton Church
- ◆ Fraser St. Improvements Spring 2004
- ◆ Keep Vancouver Spectacular - May 16th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- ◆ Anne Roberts' Open House, 3rd Sat of each month at Kensington Community Centre, 10 - 12

Watch for a NEW Mountain View website in early 2004 to provide you with even more information, resources and ways to get involved! www.mountain-view.ca

General Update

In 2000, a group of concerned neighbours banded together to fight crime in their streets, and called themselves "Mountain View". From this point on, the group of neighbours, building on each of their successes, have made great strides in their quest for a clean, safe and welcoming community.

Many projects and events have taken place, and the group of committed neighbours would like to see the initiatives of the original group succeed. Since the issues can be "street specific", it is important that you get involved on your street to reduce garbage, potential for crime and get to know your neighbours. These initiatives, in addition to the activities of the Mountain View group will make a difference in your community.

Mountain View is striving for all neighbourhood participants (both residents and merchants) to **focus energies on Fraser St. to create a community hub**. Mountain View has had many past successes, including:

- Banners
- Country Lane
- Traffic Circle
- Blooming Boulevards
- Movie Night
- Pumpkin Patch

The group is looking for more volunteers to help. Please join the email list and come out to meetings - meet your neighbours, participate in making your block, neighbourhood and community a better place.

Make Mountain View a "Liveable Neighbourhood"

We'd like to create a game plan for creating a hub in our community in Fraser St. Historically our area has fallen between the cracks in many areas - community centers, neighbourhood houses, policing and city services (Fraser St. is a divider). Mountain View would like to change that, to make Fraser St. a connector. Watch the email announcements and posters for a meeting date in March to begin organizing and implementing ideas.

Mountain View residents have the opportunity to shape Fraser St., and make it a welcome place to be.

How to get involved:

- ✓ Join the email list (see below):
- ✓ Visit notice boards:
 - ◆ Gray's Park (33rd & St. Catherines)
 - ◆ 29th Ave Market (29th & Fraser)
 - ◆ Ruth Morton Church (27th & Prince Albert)
- ✓ **Attend meetings, which take place at the Ruth Morton Church on 27th & Prince Albert.**

Get out & talk to your neighbours!

Vancouver_Mountainview-subscribe@yahoogroups.ca is an email list created to communicate happenings and provide information about Mountain View activities to those subscribed to the list.
Mountainview_bulletin_board-subscribe@yahoogroups.com is an e-space for Vancouver's Mountain View Community to place ads and messages of general interest.

Community Information

- ◆ **Garbage in Streets/Lanes 323-7710**
- ◆ Commercial Garbage/Recycling in Lanes 873-7076
- ◆ Garbage on Private Property (Inspectors) 873-7398
- ◆ **Graffiti & Vandalism 873-3161**
- ◆ Noise Complaints 736-2866
- ◆ Police Non-Emergency 717-3535
- ◆ Property Tax Information 873-7633
- ◆ Secondary Suites 873-7945
- ◆ Street Lighting - Repairs / Burnt Out 871-6200
- ◆ Street Trees 257-8600
- ◆ Streets Operations 323-7651
- ◆ Sewers 323-7680
- ◆ Tenant Assistance Program 873-7109
- ◆ Traffic and Electrical 871-6200
- ◆ Underground Utility Information 873-7681
- ◆ Water Works 323-7800

Fraser St. Projects

Mountain View has secured a grant for street art from the City of Vancouver. This grant provides Mountain View with money to create **2 street mosaics on the SE & SW corners of Fraser & 27th Ave.**, as a companion for the banners that were created in 2001. There will be more information about the mosaics in the spring of 2004.

Street art is another way to increase interest in Fraser St., encouraging area residents to stroll and enjoy their neighbourhood.

Bus bulges were installed in summer 2003, and has made Fraser seem more pedestrian friendly already. Additional elements will be added, including **new**

street furniture (benches, garbage cans...), **painted lampposts**, and **gardens** along the street. Mountain View has funds for plants to go in the beds, and is looking for volunteers to adopt the beds and maintain them. With these things in place, Fraser St. is well on its way to becoming THE "coming attraction" in Vancouver.



Support your local merchants

Fraser Street offers many options to the local community to shop and eat locally. There are many merchants that would appreciate more trade. **European Breads & Bakery Café** has recently opened on Fraser between 27th & 28th serving lunch in addition to the baked goods and café services in the area.

You will also find:

- ◆ Restaurants
- ◆ Hair Salons
- ◆ Green Grocers
- ◆ A variety of food vendors
- ◆ Pharmacy and other services

And much more. Visit your local merchants and spread the word when you find something worth sharing!

Keep Vancouver Spectacular - an annual event

Each year in May, Vancouver residents are encouraged to Keep Vancouver Spectacular by participating in a **city-wide spring cleaning**. Mountain View has always taken pride in this event, and is looking forward to an even more successful campaign than last year. A Saturday is selected in May and with the cooperation of the Streets Division of the Engineering Department from the City of Vancouver, the area streets are scoured and cleaned. Watch for information about the Keep Vancouver Spectacular event in the spring of 2004.

There are many other things you can do to keep Mountain View Spectacular. Remember, that you don't need an event to keep the streets clean.

- ✓ Take the time to pick up trash if it accumulates in front of your house or in the lane behind/beside.
- ✓ Call the city to have large garbage picked up (discarded furniture, appliances, etc.).
- ✓ Organize a mini-clean-up on your street.
- ✓ Rake the leaves from the curbs to reduce the potential for flooding.
- ✓ Call Graffiti Busters (873-3161) if you notice graffiti on the buildings.

A clean, cared for neighbourhood is a deterrent to criminal elements and will instill pride in the area. For more information, check out the city site: <http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/eng/vcs/solidwaste/kvs/>

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@ 2:00 pm -
Ruth Morton
Church, 27th &
Prince Albert

Mark your calendars for
May 16th 2004.

