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Farm to Table

NEIGHBOURHOODS

In recent years, new farmers' markets have been popping up all over BC. And the well-established markets have grown in their frequency, customer base, and vendors. Home cooks and professional chefs alike are combing the markets for the freshest produce in season, heirloom fruits and vegetables that you never see at the supermarkets, sustainable meats and seafood, artisan cheeses and charcuterie, rich olive oils, rustic breads and delicate pastries. The list goes on—and chances are there's a farmers' market in your neighbourhood, happening weekly through late spring, summer, and autumn. Here's the lowdown for the 2014 season:

VICTORIA

- Victoria Public Market at the Hudson, on the carriageway Wednesdays, 11am-3pm.
- Moss Street Community Market on Sundays, 10am-2pm.
- Oaklands Sunset Farmers' Market on Wednesdays, 5pm-10pm.
- James Bay Farmers' Market on Saturdays, 9am-3pm.

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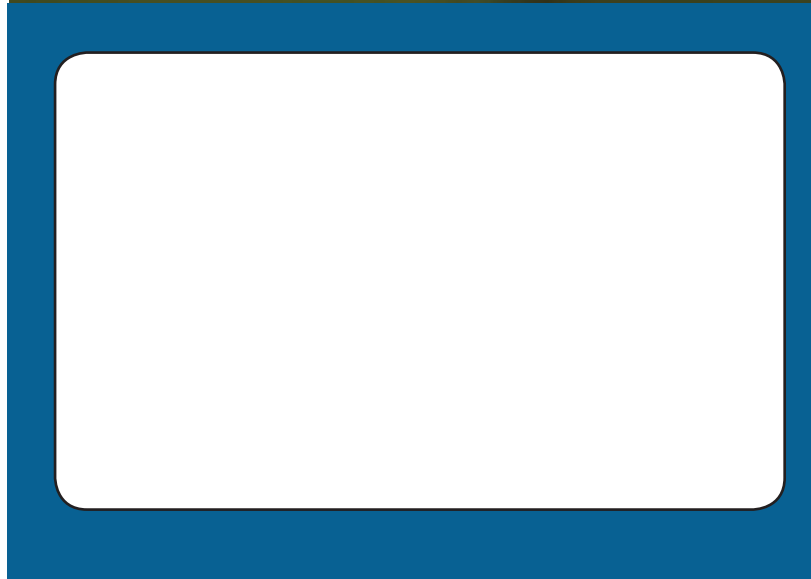
- West End Farmers' Market on Saturdays, 9am-2pm.
- Kitsilano Farmers' Market on Sundays, 10am-2pm.
- Granville Island Farmers' Market on Thursdays, 9am-3pm.
- Main Street Farmers' Market on Wednesdays, 3pm-7pm.
- Oak Street Farmers' Market on Wednesdays, 3pm-7pm.
- Trout Lake Farmers' Market on Saturdays, 9am-2pm.

SURREY

- White Rock Farmers' Market on Sundays, 9am-1pm.
- Surrey Urban Farmers' Market on Wednesdays, 12pm-5pm.

RICHMOND

- Steveston Farmers' and Artisans Market, Sundays 10am-4pm.



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HARMONY IS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO RICHMOND'S DIVERSE CULTURAL MOSAIC AND MODERN ASIAN VIBE. DESIGNED ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FENG SHUI, IT'S A FOCUS OF GOOD ENERGY FOR THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND PROVIDES A BALANCED LIVING SPACE FOR RESIDENTS.

TOWNLINE HIRED INTERNATIONALLY-RENOUNDED CONSULTANT SHERMAN TAI TO CREATE OPTIMAL FENG SHUI FOR HARMONY. VANCOUVER-BASED, HE TRAINED IN HONG KONG AND PURSUED AN EDUCATION IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING IN THE USA. AS A RESULT HE USES A MATH AND SCIENCE-BASED APPROACH ON HIS PROJECTS FOR HIGH-PROFILE CORPORATE CLIENTS AROUND THE WORLD.

FENG SHUI: A PHILOSOPHY FOR LIVING

In Feng Shui, architecture and interior design meet the traditional Chinese philosophy about living in harmony with your surroundings. Good Feng Shui creates more than a place that's aesthetically pleasing and comfortable; it is also believed to increase the physical and mental health of those who live there, improving romantic relationships and career success.

The words translate to wind-water, and the concept is about encouraging the positive flow of chi or energy within a living or working environment. It begins with the deliberate orientation of a building site, using the concepts of yin and yang and polarity to establish the flow of good luck and good health. Taoist in its origins, it follows the principles of nature, and the sensible belief that the land itself and everything on it is alive with energy.

FENG SHUI IN YOUR SPACE

Art, science and belief all play a role in this complex discipline that can take a lifetime to master. But you can still use a few simple principles to let the good energy flow in your own home.

- Water is vital, so introduce small fountains, aquariums, or bowls of water with floating candles.
- Hang a wind chime on your patio or balcony.
- If you work at home, keep your office (including laptop) out of the bedroom so romance can flourish.
- At Harmony, we rotated the orientation of the building by 8 degrees in order to maximize feng shui

GOOD FENG SHUI
AT HARMONY



URBAN RENTAL SUITES
AT HUDSON MEWS

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IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN VICTORIA

Hudson Mews is Victoria's most popular new rental address — located in the Hudson District, it's directly behind the Hudson and across from the Victoria Public Market. Urban to the core, it's in a mecca of independent, locally-owned boutiques and cafés. Live with great restaurants, pubs, coffee houses, grocery shops, galleries, and yoga studios within a pleasant walk.

IT'S YOU!

Renting a home doesn't mean your space has to look the same as everyone else's. You don't need to knock out walls, change the flooring, or even paint in order to express your personal style. Here are a few simple, cost-effective ways to personalize an apartment. If a suggestion intrigues you, get the full instructions (and even more creative ideas) at Apartment Therapy [www.apartmenttherapy.com/categories/renters-solutions].

- A canvas floorcloth can be painted to mimic a tiled floor.
- Arrange vinyl stickers to create a patterned effect for a wall.
- Use a piece of reclaimed wood, or paint or stencil a section of plywood, then lean it against your existing wall to add colour, texture, and/or character without painting the structure itself. The bonus is you can take it with you when you move on!
- Put plants everywhere: not just in pots on floors but on wall hooks, and even hanging from the ceiling to resemble vine-covered chandeliers. Flowering plants will add both life and colour to your space.
- Take your favourite digital photos of family, friends, or memorable vacations to a printer and get them turned into foam core posters. Surrounded with images of your people and your life, the apartment couldn't possibly feel more you!

MOVE IN NOW

Hudson Mews is Victoria's first purpose-built rental tower in over 30 years, with 120 one and two bedroom homes starting at \$1,225 a month. You can move in now; contact Camilla for more details. Phone 250-388-0018 or email Camilla@hudsonmews.com.



get ready for *summer* in SURREY

ALL EYES ARE ON SURREY. THE CITY'S POPULATION GROWTH IS OUTPACING VANCOUVER'S. AS WELL AS A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY, IT BOASTS A STRONG TECH SECTOR AND AN INNOVATIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT. APPROXIMATELY 800 PEOPLE MOVE HERE EVERY MONTH TO ENJOY ITS AMPLE GREEN SPACE, STUNNING BEACHES, RICH HERITAGE, AND THRIVING ARTS AND CULTURE. IF YOU'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO LIVE HERE, WE HAVE A FEW IDEAS FOR ENJOYING SURREY TO ITS FULLEST.

A CITY OF PARKS

Surrey's 6000 acres of green space encompass walking trails, forests, sandy beaches, and gardens. Bear Creek Garden is considered one of Metro Vancouver's best public gardens to inspire your green thumb, and Bear Creek Park's miniature train ride provides adventure for the little ones. Birdwatchers will be fascinated by opportunities to view wildlife in the wetlands of Surrey Lake Park or Blackie Spit Park. Surrey also has numerous urban parks

with playgrounds and water parks for splashing down in the summer heat. A day at White Rock beach, with its warm, shallow waters, long pier, ice cream parlours, and marvellous stretch of sand, is an outing the whole family will enjoy. And Crescent Beach is a charming little village of cafés, bakeries, heritage homes, and quiet country lanes.

TIME TRAVEL

Surrey's rich agricultural heritage comes alive at the Historic Stewart Farm, where you can see how one of our pioneering families, the Stewarts, lived in 1894. The site hosts seasonal special events, demonstrations, heritage craft activities, and tours with costumed guides. Later, have a picnic on the grounds, or explore the network of trails.

ART WALK

Surrey's creative vibe is alive and well, home to many art galleries and artists' studios. But you can also enjoy its progressive art scene from the great outdoors, thanks to the many public artworks placed throughout the city. Surrey's Public Art map takes you on a tour. Situated in parks, along pathways, on SkyTrain pillars, and historic high streets, a walk through these sculptures and mosaics makes for an entertaining and enriching few hours.

Visit the Tourism Surrey site [<http://www.tourismsurrey.com>]; its resources aren't just for visitors, but also for locals who'd like to find out about just how much their own backyard has to offer.



EXPLORE SURREY
THIS SEASON



gardens at the **GARDENS**

TOWNLINE HAD A GOOD REASON FOR NAMING THE GARDENS AS THEY DID. NOT ONLY IS IT ON THE FORMER SITE OF THE MUCH LOVED FANTASY GARDENS, BUT THE COMMUNITY'S 12 ACRES OF FIELDS, FLOWERS, AND TREES IS A GARDEN OASIS AND RICHMOND'S MOST ENVIABLE BACKYARD. AND WE'VE JUST RELEASED THE FINAL 25 HOMES IN AZALEA AND MAGNOLIA WITH THE SALES CENTRE IN THE FINISHED BUILDING.

FARMING IN OUR ROOTS

From the beginning, Townline's concept for The Gardens was to create a hub for community agriculture, and those plans will now begin to take shape. The process will transition the land away from its Fantasy past and toward the very practical agricultural use that has placed such a significant role in Richmond's history and economy. The area will celebrate wholesome food, farming, and farm-to-table eating.

FINGERS IN THE SOIL

The City of Richmond will include community plots at The Gardens where residents can get their hands dirty and grow their own fruits, vegetables, and herbs. The original big red barn will be given new life as the farm's focal point: an event space, classroom, and meeting place. Attached will be a composting station and greenhouse, and the old pony barns will be transformed into potting sheds.

A farm school program and demonstration garden will teach the curious the basics of food production, and there will be a farm-themed play area where children can learn where food comes from—and maybe even grow their own pizza toppings. Walking paths and a Country Lane will connect the agricultural garden with the other, more formal aspects of this park, making it a relaxing and pastoral way to spend a few hours after work or on the weekend.



RESIDENTIAL UPDATE

THE GROVE

A community of two concentric rings, centred around an inner grove and located directly across from Clayton Rise in Clayton Heights.

- 2-, 3- & 4-bedroom parkhomes with an extensive amenity building and access to The Clubhouse pool at Clayton Rise.
- Over 9,000 square feet of shared amenities.

PRICED FROM \$275,900

1-19433 68 Avenue, Surrey, BC

CALL: 604-533-6968

WEB: www.thegrovetatclayton.com

THE GARDENS

Stylish homes boasting the best backyard in Richmond: 12 acres of trees, fields, and flowers.

- Magnolia and Azalea are more than 90% sold.
- Completion early summer 2014.
- Final Release. Now Selling.

**1-BEDROOM HOMES ARE NOW SOLD OUT,
2-BEDROOM HOMES FROM \$296,900**

Sales Centre and Display Suite located in Azalea

#232 -10880 No. 5 Road, Richmond BC

CALL: 604-271-3331

WEB: www.liveatthegardens.ca

HARMONY

119 luxury high-rise homes in Central Richmond, in an architecturally stunning concrete tower inspired by Feng Shui principles.

- Quiet, central location at Granville Avenue & St. Albans Road.
- Construction well underway.

PRICED FROM \$318,800

Discovery Centre open at

7180 No. 3 Road (at Bennett), Richmond, BC

CALL: 604-278-3939

WEB: www.harmonyrichmond.com

999 SEYMOUR

Design-forward urban residences where Yaletown meets the Granville Entertainment District.

- One-of-a-kind design features will become one of Vancouver's most memorable urban residences, both inside and out.
- 80% sold out, estimated completion Fall 2014.
- Open by appointment only.

PRICED FROM \$327,400

999 Seymour St, Vancouver, BC

CALL: 604-879-9996

WEB: www.999seymour.com



HUDSON MEWS

120 one and two bedroom urban rental suites in downtown Victoria's Hudson District – a place where residents can eat, shop, play, and live local.

- Leasing Centre now open.
- Move in today.
- Easy walking distance to Old Town, Chinatown, the Inner Harbour and the Victoria Public Market at the Hudson.

PRICED FROM \$1,225 PER MONTH

CALL: 250-388-0018

WEB: www.hudsonmews.com

ON THE HORIZON

THE STRAND

Eighty-four 1 and 2 bedroom residences in Port Moody's historic centre offering an innovative purchasing opportunity.

Watch for more to come.

REGISTER AT: www.townline.ca

BURKE MOUNTAIN

Ninety single-family lots featuring panoramic views, located at the top of Burke Mountain in Coquitlam.

Coming soon.

REGISTER AT: www.townline.ca

HUDSON WALK

A mixed-use, multi-family community at Blanshard and Caledonia, with ground floor shops and restaurants making a dynamic contribution to life in downtown Victoria's Hudson District.

REGISTER AT: www.hudsonwalk.ca

HOLLAND PARK

Concrete high-rise tower coming soon to Surrey City Centre, across from Holland Park and steps from SFU.

Watch for more to come.

REGISTER AT: www.townline.ca

CLOVERDALE WEST VILLAGE

Eighty-five residences located in the heart of Cloverdale's historic centre.

Coming 2015.

REGISTER AT: www.townline.ca

OFFICE/COMMERCIAL

THE HUDSON

Ground-oriented retail in the Hudson District in downtown Victoria, including the new Victoria Public Market at The Hudson.

- Total of 40,000 sq. ft.

To inquire about leasing space in The Victoria Public Market at The Hudson, please contact Fraser Campbell, 250-382-3381

EMAIL: fraser@campbellcommercialgroup.ca

THE HUDSON: 1701 Douglas Street, Victoria, BC

HUDSON MEWS

8,538 square feet of ground-oriented retail space in The Hudson District of downtown Victoria.

To inquire about leasing space please contact Fraser Campbell.

780 Fisgard St, Victoria, BC

CALL: Fraser Campbell 250-382-3381

EMAIL: fraser@campbellcommercialgroup.ca

999 SEYMOUR

17,400 sq. ft. of prime office space at Seymour and Nelson Streets in downtown Vancouver.

CALL: Boe Iravani 604-683-3111

EMAIL: boe.irvani@ca.cushwake.com

THE GARDENS

Approximately 75,000 sq. ft. of brand new retail and restaurant space in a major retail node, on a high-profile corner location.

Steveston Highway and No.5 Road, Richmond, BC

CALL: Christopher Taylor, 604-662-5157

EMAIL: christopher.taylor@cbre.com