

## Terra Nova Schoolyard Project

The Terra Nova Schoolyard Project connects elementary and high school students with the earth, the community around them, and agriculture at large. Students learn to grow, monitor, harvest and eat nutritiously on a weekly basis. Students are involved in hands-on gardening activities that integrate the complete food cycle, from seed to table and from the table back to soil. Students enjoy opportunities to plant seeds, turn compost, and harvest vegetables. Key learning outcomes include social responsibility, science, math, wellness and cooperative learning. The program currently engages over 450 elementary and high school students and is completely run by volunteers with support from the City of Richmond Parks Division. For more information on this program, contact Chef Ian Lai at [ianlai@telus.net](mailto:ianlai@telus.net) or at 604-767-9264.



## Chefs to the Field

Chefs to the Field is a celebration of food and organic growing which took place at Terra Nova Rural Park on Sunday, August 19, 2007. Hosted by the Terra Nova Schoolyard Society in partnership with the City of Richmond, the event featured food samples from the Lower Mainland's top restaurants and culinary institutions as well as a chef's competition. Each chef was allowed one hour to prepare a gourmet meal using freshly harvested local organic ingredients and a secret protein given to them in a black box (mipkuzola, musk ox rib-eye, etc). Upon receiving their secret ingredients, each chef ran into either the Fruit Tree Sharing Project's Sharing Farm or the Terra Nova Schoolyard Society's Educational Garden to find vegetables to use in preparing their meal. The event attracted close to 1500 spectators and raised over \$10,000 for the Terra Nova Schoolyard Project and the Organic Friends of the Future Society.

For more information, contact Paul Brar at [pbrar@richmond.ca](mailto:pbrar@richmond.ca) or 604-244-1250

## Steveston Water Park Opening

After three years of fundraising and anticipation, the Steveston Water Park was officially opened on Saturday, June 16, 2007. The Steveston Water Park is marine-themed with several interactive spray elements where children, working together, can change the flow of water.



There are separate areas for pre-school and school-aged children with the pre-school area having more gentle, ground spray and misting features while the school-age area has more boisterous action. The Steveston Water Park utilizes a state of the art re-circulating water treatment system and is designed to be universally accessible.

This project was a partnership between the City of Richmond and the Steveston Community Society who tirelessly fundraised for the past three years and contributed \$530,000 toward the project. Steveston Community Society's commitment to raise funding for this project was a tremendous success due to the high level of community support and incredible volunteer fundraising efforts. The City of Richmond funded the balance of this \$1.238 million project as part of the realization of the Steveston Park Vision Plan, formulated with community input and approved by Council in 2000.

## Halloween Fireworks

Richmond residents are encouraged to have a safe and happy Halloween by attending one of six community fireworks celebrations in the city as an alternative to private use of fireworks, which is restricted.

Fireworks Regulation Bylaw 7917 is in effect in Richmond and prohibits the sale, purchase, possession or ignition of fireworks of any kind, at any time in the City of Richmond, except by special permit.

Permits will not be issued to the general public for backyard, cul-de-sac, or other similar displays. Instead, residents who wish to enjoy fireworks this Halloween are encouraged to attend one of the six local professional fireworks displays at the following locations and times. All shows are on Wednesday, October 31:

- Minoru Park, 7191 Granville Avenue, 6:30-8:30 p.m
- West Richmond Community Centre, 9180 No. 1 Rd., 8:00-8:30 p.m.
- South Arm Community Centre, 8880 Williams Road, 8:15-8:45 p.m.
- Burkeville Park (Sea Island), 1060 Catalina Crescent, 7:30-8:15 p.m.
- Hamilton (McLean Park), 22500 McLean Avenue, 8:00-8:15 p.m.
- King George Park (East end), 4100 No. 5 Road, 7:45-8:15 p.m.

For more information on these fireworks shows or other Halloween events, call 604-276-4300.