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Here is the directory of fun social activities which will change our Commercial Drive neighbourhood into a community where everyone knows each other and can help with socializing and security.

For even more information or to participate in these activities, email build.local.communities@gmail.com.

You can also check out the Document Library at www.BuildLocalCommunities.ca for other activities such as community Pop-Up Recycling, the new traffic plan for Commercial Drive, the Circular Green Economy and the 20 Minute Community.

If you live in a different community, you're welcome to use this document to make your own fun community activities.

Directory of Fun Community Activities

☐ Community Website

Visit www.BuildLocalCommunities.ca

☐ Free Community Drop-Ins

Chat about issues important to your community

☐ Community Newsletter

Keep up-to-date on Commercial Drive activities

☐ Community Blog

Learn about changes on the Drive each month

☐ Community Block Parties

Share a snack and beverage with your neighbours

☐ Community Garage Sales

A community yard sale is more efficient and fun when everyone's involved.

☐ Community Off-Leash Dog Park

Yes or No? Do we need a dog park?

☐ Community List / optional Name Tags

A community list makes it easier to chat about important issues. Name tags make it easier for new people to get involved when we have social events.

☐ Community Security

See how Block Watch and Grandview Woodland Community Policing can promote security in our community.

☐ Community Tool Library

Sharing tools for one-time projects is much more efficient.

☐ Better signage on commercial lanes

While you can park on residential lanes; parking on commercial lanes may get a \$60 ticket. The City should provide signage rather than making a money grab.

☐ Community Babysitting or Day Care

Young families are moving into our community. How can we help them?

☐ Community History

Sharing our history helps knit together our community.

☐ Community Clean Up Parties

Our community is in good shape; litter patrols and reporting graffiti to the City work well.

☐ Community Snow Shovelling

Join your neighbours to clean sidewalks and put down salt/sand.

☐ One Way Traffic Plan: 2nd & 3rd Aves

Reduce Car Wars by converting to one way streets for 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

☐ EV Charging on Residential Streets

The City has a plan so residents can charge their EV on their residential street.

☐ Gardening Club

The Grandview Garden Club and Cedar Cottage Community Garden are very active.



☐ Community Website

Keep up-to-date with everything in our community at www.BuildLocalCommunities.ca. Because it's digital, the most current info will be there. If you're coming to an event, be sure to check on the web first to see if there are any last-minute changes.

☐ Free Community Drop-Ins

We are proposing weekly drop-ins at Community Centres to talk about issues in our neighbourhoods. For example, this is how the one-way streets project was set up for 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

☐ Community Blog

Jak King started the monthly blog "Changes on the Drive", jaksview3.ca, 13 years ago. With his passing, the blog has been moved to grandviewheritagegroup.ca. If you would like to contribute, please contact them.

☐ Community Tool Library

The VancouverToolLibrary.com at 3448 Commercial St, rents tools and gives workshops at the Trout Lake Community Centre. They are a great resource and have plenty of sage advice. Call Reed at 604 568-8701 for info or to become a member.

☐ Community Block Parties

A block party is an informal get together where neighbours bring food and make friends. Nothing beats sharing a meal and a beverage to learn about each other.

In the fall of 2023, we had a block party on 2nd Ave by the Victoria firehall. 40 neighbours showed up and started making connections.

☐ Community Garage Sales

The Great Grandview Garage Sale (greatgrandview.com) is an annual event with many locations. If you would like a more sale more frequently than once a year, why not consider having one next to the block party in your community?

☐ Community List and optional Name Tags

We'll have a more cohesive community if we have an email list of the residents, businesses and services. Please email build.local.communities@gmail.com with your contact info. You can unsubscribe at any time.

- Name - for optional name tags at social events
 - Address - to include you in the correct community list
 - Email - so we can keep you up to date with events in your community
 - Issues of interest - we can include up to three topics on your name tag to help break the ice. If you can't decide now, you can always add them later. Some items could be sports, gardening, kids, camping, electric vehicles, community security.
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☐ Community Off-Leash Dog Park

Do we need an off-leash dog park? Come to a Drop In and let's talk about it.

☐ Community Security

The Vancouver Police Department organizes Block Watch. There is already a group Block Watch on 6th Ave and we're organizing one for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Avenues.

The Grandview Woodland Community Police Centre at 1977 Commercial Drive (gwcpc.ca) has been supporting the Grandview Woodland area since 1994. Among the services they offer are bike registration, foot and bike patrols, info services, clean-up parties, graffiti abatement.

☐ Community Babysitting or Day Care

Do you need babysitting or daycare? Can you provide babysitting or daycare? Come to a Drop In and let's talk about it.

❑ Better signage on commercial lanes

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❑ Community History

If your community has a special history, let's put up plaques explaining its uniqueness. For example, the streets around McSpadden Park were originally named Electric Ave, Tram, and Railway.

❑ Community Clean Up Parties

On a sunny day, it's fun to join your neighbours to pick up litter and identify graffiti. The City provides the equipment and supplies. People of all ages can participate. Join the GWCP or start your own parties.

❑ Community Snow Shovelling

Clear sidewalks and lay down salt/sand after a snowfall.

❑ One way Traffic Plan for 2nd and 3rd Avenues

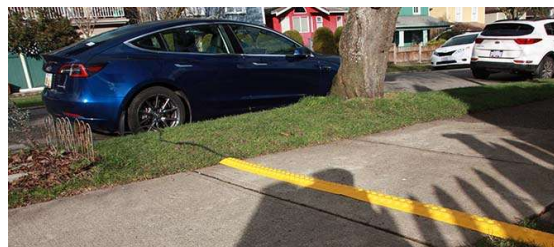
2nd and 3rd Avenues between Commercial Drive and Victoria Drive are too narrow for two way traffic. This plan will make traffic flow much smoother in our community. We are putting together a petition to ask the City to study how to make a one way traffic plan with traffic calming suitable to residential streets.

- 30 kph speed limit signs and painted on the road at intersections with Victoria and Commercial.
 - Speed bumps and other traffic calming.
 - 3rd Ave should be one way east so that students can be picked up and dropped off on the passenger side. This also means that those wanting to turn north on Victoria will have less congestion from 3rd Ave since it is further from 1st Ave.
 - 2nd Ave should be one way west.
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❑ EV Charging on Residential Streets

Since 2021, the city of Vancouver has authorized [on street charging](#) with a \$5 per annum license for the yellow cord cover over the sidewalk. You also need liability insurance. Seems like a simple solution.

At vancouver.ca, search "public EV charging".



❑ Gardening

The Grandview Garden Club meets at Britannia Centre. Visit grandviewgardenclub.blogspot.com for details. They also manage the Napier Greenway as Britannia Neighbours and organize the East Van Garden Tour.

The Cedar Cottage Community Garden is between John Hendry Park and Victoria Drive on Hull St. Visit www.cedarcottagegarden.org/join for details.
