



COUNCIL UPDATE



COMMUNITY GARDEN

At the end of June we officially opened the first community garden in White Rock and the gardeners couldn't wait to get started. Soon plants were sprouting and the gardeners were sharing gardening tips.

Although they may not know it, these gardeners are on the cutting edge of a growing environmental movement.

Have you heard of the local food movement, being on the "100 mile diet" or being a locavore? These terms are synonymous with eating locally, an environmentally friendly option that is gaining ground.

One way to become part of the local food movement is to grow your own food. That's exactly what members of the White Rock Community Garden are doing and they're already enjoying the fruits of their labour.

Locally grown food is fresher and tastes better. It benefits the environment, improving air quality and reducing pollution as it doesn't need to travel to a grocery store.

The act of gardening also promotes relaxation and stress reduction. When gardening in community, people create a greater sense of community and become a source of gardening and local food information.

Gardens produce food all year round, creating a wide variety of different vegetables for growers to enjoy. This is another health benefit, as eating with the seasons results in a broader variety of foods being consumed.

Their passion for gardening extends beyond the boundaries of their garden plots. The community group that organizes and operates the garden offers educational opportunities through workshops. They recently hosted their first workshop, "Winter Gardening" and are excited about future educational events.

The community garden was part of Council's goal for a healthy community and we are happy to see it come to fruition.

A healthy community needs to include a food sustainability plan. We are on our way.

Although all the garden plots in the White Rock Community Garden are currently in use, interested individuals can contact Lora, the site coordinator at lora@urbanedendesign.ca or 778.558.7524 for more information on how to secure a future plot.

When scheduled, upcoming gardening workshops will be posted on the City's web site.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

1444 Vidal Street

The City of White Rock has received an application for Zoning Amendment and a Major Development Permit to rezone a RS-1 residential lot to a CD zone to permit the construction of five (5) townhouse units. A public information meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 2011 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at White Rock Centennial Arena (14600 North Bluff Road) for the public to review this application. The meeting will be an open house format with display outlining the details of the proposed development.

For more information, please contact Planning and Development Services at White Rock City Hall, 15322 Buena Vista Avenue, or phone 604.541.2155, or e-mail planning@city.whiterock.bc.ca.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

1455 and 1465 Vidal Street

The City of White Rock has received an application for Zoning Amendment and a Major Development Permit to rezone two RS-1 residential lots to a CD zone to permit the construction of eight (8) townhouse units. A public information meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 2011 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at White Rock Centennial Arena (14600 North Bluff Road) for the public to review this application. The meeting will be an open house format with display outlining the details of the proposed development.

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WATCH FOR IT!

White Rock's 2011 Fall Leisure Guide is here!

View it online at <http://webreg.city.whiterock.bc.ca>

or watch for a copy in the August 23 issue of the Peace Arch News.

Fall program registration opens Wednesday, August 24 at 8:30 a.m. Registering online is convenient, easy and secure. Alternatively, phone registration is available by calling 604.541.2199.

