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Mayor's Message



Langley City Council will be acknowledging volunteers from community organizations along with various Langley City Committee members at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet tonight. It will be a great celebration

with many honoured guests, engaging and entertaining speakers.

On behalf of City Council, I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who continually go above and beyond to serve our community. Your sometimes thankless effort is appreciated by the many community members who rely on your services. We are fortunate to have so many volunteers who continually give their time and energy to our community – you truly make a difference! No matter how big or small your contribution is, we thank you for your kind and generous hearts.

Looking ahead, 2018 will be an exciting year as Council will be sharing many new projects and initiatives.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ted Schaffer

Upcoming Programs & Events:

February 17

[Rose Gellert Hall Series](#)

February 24

[Coldest Night of the Year](#)

March 4

[MEC Langley City 5k/10k](#)

[View all of the upcoming Langley City events](#)

Recreation, Culture and Community Services

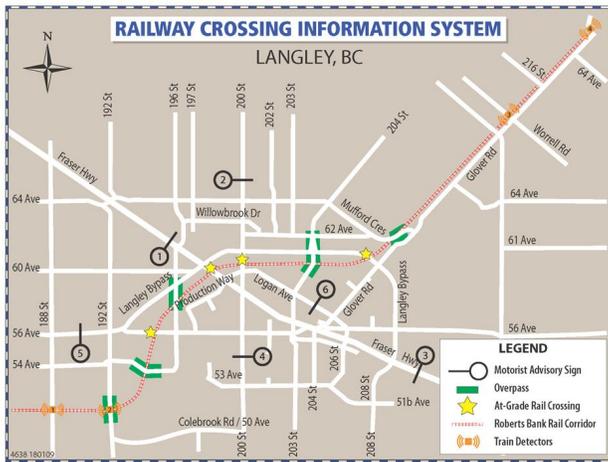
DANCEFIT

MODERATE INTENSITY,
MODERATE IMPACT

This cardio workout features dance moves from a variety of dance styles around the world. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Friday
Drop in
11:00am-12:00pm
Stevie Community Centre
Drop in fees apply
More options available!

MORE INFORMATION:
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Intelligent Signs to Improve Traffic Flow along Roberts Bank Rail Corridor

The City of Langley is pleased to announce that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will begin constructing the Rail Corridor Information Signs in February 2018. The information signs, two in the City of Langley, will advise drivers when a train is crossing at each intersection and they will indicate the trains' location and direction so that drivers can use an alternate route to avoid traffic delays.

The signs are intended enhance the use of the overpasses on 196 Street, 203 Street and Mufford Crescent. The new information signs will reduce congestion caused by trains, improve travel time, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from idling cars, and help to reduce emergency response times. The system is scheduled to be online by December 2018.

[View the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure News Release](#)

[View the Railway Crossing Information System Project Page](#)



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City of Langley Library Happenings

Langley City Library, 20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley

The City of Langley Library is thrilled to have been nominated for a Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Award in the “inclusive environment” category! The awards are given annually to local organizations who demonstrate cultural diversity in their work. Cultural diversity is defined as the inclusion of diverse people in a group, and it includes, but is not limited to age, abilities, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation and socio-economic background.

The City of Langley Library and FVRL as a whole deeply value and celebrate diversity as integral to an inclusive, vibrant community. We are so proud to be recognized with this nomination for the work we do every day to ensure that everyone in our community finds the library a welcoming and inclusive place to be. The awards will be handed out in the 15th annual ceremony, being held in Abbotsford on Friday, March 2.

Langley Heritage Society – Lobby Program

Wednesday, February 21, 1-4 pm

The Langley Heritage Society will be visiting to talk about their programs and services.

Play with KEVA Planks

Friday, February 23, 11-12:30 pm

Builders of all skill levels can explore a myriad of engineering techniques with KEVA Planks. All ages, from preschoolers on, are invited to drop in and discover this easy fun and innovative way to explore STEAM!

LEGO Club

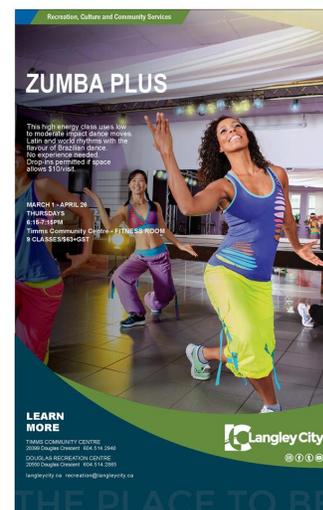
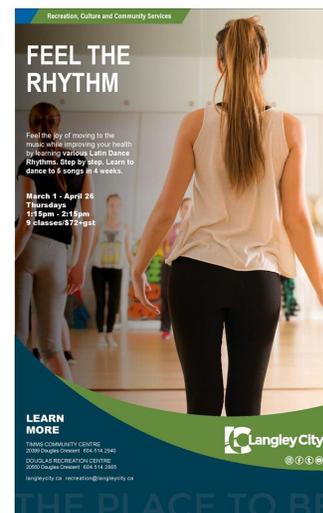
Monday, February 26, 4- 5:30 pm

Love LEGO? We provide the LEGO, you bring your imagination! Come play, create and experiment.

Langley Creative Writers Meet Up

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-8:30 pm

This is an opportunity for creative writers to gather and share their work/ideas for feedback and encouragement. Please register online at



<https://www.meetup.com/Langley-Creative-Writers-Meet-Up/>.

Writers Critiques and Readings

Wednesday, February 21, 7-8:30 pm

If writing is your passion, this is the gathering for you. Prose writers (new and experienced) of almost any genre will read their work publicly, followed by group feedback. Bring your latest composition and meet fellow authors. A partnership of the City of Langley Library and the Langley Writers' Guild.

Art Critiques

Monday, February 26, 6:45-8:45 pm

Visual artists at every stage of their careers are invited to bring their artwork and receive constructive feedback from a professional artist, as well as the group. Sponsored by the Langley Arts Council.

Wednesday Wonders

Wednesday, February 28, 11-12 pm

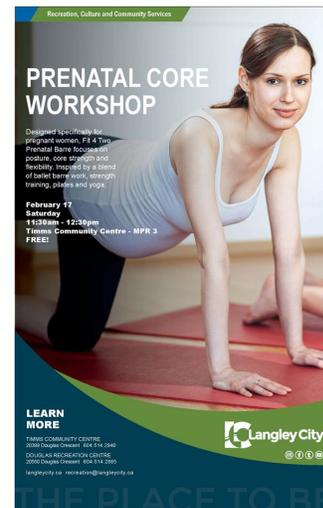
This is a drop in program for adults and teens with developmental challenges and their caregivers. Participants join library staff for songs, stories, crafts and other entertaining activities that make Wednesdays wonderful!

Seniors Home Care series

Wednesdays, February 21, and 28, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Please join us for the last two sessions of this four part series on seniors home care. These sessions will cover what to do if your loved ones develop dementia or Alzheimer's, and the connection between emotional and physical wellbeing. Refreshments provided.

For more information on Langley City FVRL Library Happenings, call 504.514.2850 or visit their [website](#).





Preventing Auto Crime!

With vehicle break-ins on the rise, auto crime is a persistent threat in B.C. Help protect your vehicle by identifying risks and taking away opportunities for thieves.

According to police data, vehicle break-ins increased by 11% in 2016. That means thieves are on the prowl and any valuables left in the open can make your vehicle an appealing target. Help do your part to deter thieves and learn how ICBC is working with communities to fight auto-theft.

Thieves look for opportunities

Older vehicles are easier targets

Older vehicles tend to have weaker door locks and fewer modern security measures such as electronic engine immobilizers. If your vehicle was manufactured prior to 2007, you may want to use a steering-wheel lock to better secure your vehicle.

As of September 1, 2007 all cars, vans, light trucks and SUVs are required to have anti-theft engine immobilizers at the time of manufacture.

Most stolen items from vehicles

Remember that what's in your vehicle is also at risk. According to police reports, these items are the most popular:

1. Smartphones
2. Personal electronics—tablets, laptops, iPods, GPS
3. Work tools

4. Credit cards and identification
5. Stereo equipment
6. Cash and change
7. Car parts and accessories
8. Garage door openers
9. Sunglasses
10. Keys

Most popular vehicles stolen in B.C.

According to police reports, the following were the most popularly stolen vehicles in 2016:

1. Ford F Series pickup trucks
2. Honda Civic & CRX
3. Dodge pickup trucks
4. GMC/Chevrolet pickup trucks
5. Ford E Series vans
6. Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
7. Acura Integra
8. Toyota Corolla
9. Honda CRV
10. Dodge Caravan

What you can do

Don't give thieves a chance:

- **Treat your keys like cash.** Never leave your keys unguarded, such as at the gym or at the office.
- **Park in secure, well-lit areas.** Always lock your doors and close the windows, even if you're only away from your vehicle for a few minutes. When possible, try to park in areas near pedestrian traffic.
- **Remove valuables from your vehicle.** Shopping bags, tools, spare change, electronics, and brief cases can all tempt a thief. If it can be stolen, put it in the trunk.
- **Wait for garage door gates to close behind you.** Don't give thieves a chance to sneak in to a parkade.
- **Keep your garage door opener out of sight.** Store your garage door remote in a glove box or other concealed place, or take it with you.

- **Use an electronic engine immobilizer or steering wheel lock.** Additional anti-theft devices can help secure your vehicle, particularly if it was manufactured before 2007.
- **Don't store a spare key in your vehicle.** Keep your spare key or valet at home or on your person.

Use anti-theft devices

- **Electronic immobilizers** are anti-theft devices that cut off power to a vehicle's fuel, starter, or ignition system when not in use. If your vehicle is equipped with a passive electronic immobilizer, [you may be eligible for discounts and savings](#).
- **Vehicle alarms** will draw attention to would-be thieves with sirens, beeps and other loud noises. Some systems will also trigger flashing lights.
- **Steering wheel locks** are good visual deterrents. However, they may not be enough protection if your vehicle has a moderate to high risk of being stolen.

What ICBC's doing

ICBC invests in auto crime prevention programs because less crime benefits everyone and helps keep rates as low as possible. We provide support to police enforcement activities in the province, such as IMPACT and the Bait Car program, as well as a variety of community prevention efforts.

For more information on preventing auto crime, visit: <http://www.icbc.com/road-safety/prevent-autocrime/Pages/default.aspx>



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