

Between The Bridges

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As a community response to the COVID-19 emergency, **Between The Bridges** is publishing a series of bulletins providing information of local interest within the False Creek South neighbourhood. *The Bulletin* is for sharing! Please send your ideas and news to newsletter@falsecreeksouth.org. You can also find resources and supports at falsecreeksouth.org/special-covid-19-bulletins.

COVID-19 STOPS THE #50 BUS

Friday April 24 is the day our beloved #50 bus has been taken off the roads. Serving the False Creek South community for almost 45 years, what may have been the city's friendliest bus has fallen victim to Translink's deep transit service cuts after losing 80% of its overall ridership. While neighbours will mourn its loss, we can only hope the #50 will return to service in the After Times.

NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

Did you know that this Tuesday, April 28 is International Pay it Forward Day? PIFD is a global initiative to create a huge ripple of kindness, aiming to inspire 10 million acts of kindness across the world.

Beth Dempster of the Convivial Café has a local suggestion: Do you have a neighbour who might appreciate a gift of edible treats? A selection of cookies? Some muffins or scones? Perhaps a loaf of fresh bread? Beth invites you to drop by to arrange for a "care package" to be delivered to a neighbour's door by one of her volunteers. She already has a store of pay-it-forward donations to help cover the costs. Anonymously or not, let your neighbor know that someone cares.

FCSNA IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Let's be together while being physically apart! Join our digital community and conversations on social media to stay informed, connect with others in our fabulous community, and to help one another out.

We're at @FalseCreekSouth; join us!

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LEG-IN-BOOT SQUARE GETTING CLEANER AND MORE LITERATE

Market Hill resident Tom and his son Sam are spending some of their Covid-induced quiet time on cleaning detail in the Square, scraping up the dirt buildup around the bricks and planning on tackling the weeds next. If some of the several events there planned for this summer can actually take place, the Square will be spiffy!

In the meantime, another local resident pursued her idea for a book exchange in the Square. She found a spot for it right in front of the Convivial Café and persuaded her neighbour Wayne Winkler to build the handsome cabinet that is already filled with interesting books to share.

COMMUNITY GARDENING - COVID STYLE

Usually in the spring the Charleson Park Community Garden, just west of the dog park on the seawall, is abuzz with Work Party activity. Not so this year. Beyond working their own 4'x8' individual boxes, the 38 gardeners know that the perennial/shrub border around the perimeter cries out for weeding and watering, and the boxes set aside for the children's garden – normally planted and tended in concert with the school – will have to find another use. Like everywhere else, collective work must be individualized, handled by only a very few people at a time - appropriately spaced, of course.

Nevertheless, it's great to be in the outside world, do a little physical labour and collect your thoughts – including those of the harvest to come. Like all of the 110 community gardens operated by the City of Vancouver, there's a long waiting list for Charleson, but anyone interested should add their name. Very likely the official list is longer than it really is as some on the list will have moved or found gardens elsewhere. Further info at <http://www.charlesongarden.ca/>. As well, the Creek also boasts the John McBride Community Garden on Spyglass. No website, but there's a FaceBook page under that name.