

Between The Bridges

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A publication of the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association

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.

COMING (BACK) SOON: RESTAURANT ROW

It looks like there'll be more ways to enjoy the summer sunshine along the Creek now that all three food outlets at Stamps Landing can begin planning for the near future.

Mahony's, lately running a takeout and food staples operation, is now looking forward to full service before the end of the month with altered spacing and procedures. Next comes rehiring and training staff on the new way of doing things. Discussions with the City have gone well, the manager says, and they're looking forward to the summer trade. And the integrated **Uno Gelato** does good business in warm weather, even offering delivery for four pints of frozen treats.

At the **Wicklow Pub** takeout window, manager Steve is a little more cautious. Waiting for clear information from the City before developing specific plans for arrangements within its more constrained spaces, the pub will probably start gradually by opening the much-loved upper deck. Having offered takeout for the last three weeks means the kitchen is up and running, which, he says, is the big step toward re-opening. Once he gets the new guidelines and is confident the pub can meet them, June 1 is a likely target.

At **Branas**, owner John Vranakis is hopeful as well. Earlier plans for takeout faced complications, but he took advantage of the closure to refinish the tables and floor and is looking forward to welcoming back the regulars by June 1. The menu will be a little limited, but there will be seating inside and out.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO BUY LOCAL

Dean's Foods is still open!

Asked how he can manage to carry on, Ali shrugs. "Of course I'm here. I'm here to serve the community", he grins. "You know, a lot of people come in to say how glad they are that I've stayed open. They don't buy anything, but they're happy I'm here! People say they can't get toilet paper. I have lots of toilet paper. They look for hand sanitizers. I've got several different sanitizers."

If you're looking for something you need, or maybe just something you want, try Dean's - especially if you're actually buying!

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YOUR STORY, OUR FUTURE: COVID-19 SURVEY AND TEST

Hopefully, as many residents as possible age 18 and over will fill out the new BC survey designed to help guide health authorities contain and, eventually, overcome COVID-19.

Attached to the survey – and just as important – is the opportunity to be tested for antibodies. Until now no antibody test has been reliable enough to secure Health Canada endorsement. To take the survey and test online go to <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-survey>. Or you can complete it by phone at 1-833-707-1900.

And while you're thinking about your health, medical authorities are asking everyone to continue to seek medical care as per normal. Many physicians and other health professionals are now providing advice and assistance via telephone appointments, and hospital emergency services continue to be available – and safe.

CONVIVIAL CLOSED – BUT NOT FOR LONG

Don't be alarmed by the "closed for now" notice at Leg-In-Boot Square's **Convivial Café**. Earlier this week Beth Dempster decided to take a much-deserved break in the form of an extended long weekend. She'll be back baking, cooking, and building community on Tuesday, May 19. And as a reminder, if you want to be on the list for dinner on Wednesday, make sure you let Beth know the day before.

COMING (BACK) SOON: ENVISION PHYSIOTHERAPY

If you've been working from home with a less-than-ergonomic set up, help will soon be at hand! **Envision Physiotherapy** is opening on May 19. Online bookings are available via their [website](#). Half of their physios will begin working in May, with the other half starting in June. Social distancing policies are in effect and waiting room use is restricted.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT WASTE?

With more online ordering and fewer options to take back recycling, the Neighbourhood Association's Sustainability Committee has some suggestions for what to do with your waste:

- Cardboard: Make sure you flatten your cardboard boxes so they don't take up too much space in the recycling bin.
- Food waste: Now that we are all cooking at home more and shopping less frequently, there is more food waste now due to spoilage and making too much. It's even more important to plan better and not overdo things.
- Composting: Remember! No plastic bags or stickers should go into the compost!

MONDAY NIGHT MOBING

The 7 pm Flash Mob at Broadway Lodge continues unabated every Monday night. Initially organized by Alder Bay Co-op, the Mob now counts among its numbers residents from a number of co-op and strata enclaves in the Creek. Everyone is welcome to make a joyful noise at the front entrance on Lamey's Mill Road, and at the back.

PS I LOVE YOU

The "PS" in this case stands for Public Space, and the non-profit Vancouver Public Space Network wants to know why we love the places we share.

According to Network volunteer Pascale Rosada, Neighbourhood Association delegate from Connaught Co-op, the group wants to help people cope with the current situation by learning how our use of public spaces has changed over recent months, and what activities are missed. Their request: "Share your 'love letter' to a public space that is helping you get through the pandemic or... a public space (or activity) that you are longing for."

Sample questions to ponder include: Which activities or outdoor public spaces give you a sense of well-being? How has this changed with COVID-19? Which of these are you missing and why are they important to your health/wellbeing? In the interests of social equity, how can the City adapt its public spaces to better serve the community in the future?

More info at <http://vancouverpublicspace.ca/our-work/ps-i-love-you-public-space-well-being-your-stories-wanted/>.