

Between The Bridges

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Music in the Square

Under the leadership of Beth Dempster, owner of the Convivial Café, a group of neighbours undertook an experiment this past summer in livening up Leg-In-Boot Square, even under Covid-19 conditions. After talking things through and trying out a few ideas, the organizers found that live music seemed to be the thing that worked.

Building on some early contributions from Newport Quay resident Maggie McKee and her Counting Chickens ensemble, a regular Saturday afternoon series was established. Neighbour Pat Egan proved remarkably deft in scouting out musicians willing to volunteer their time to play for appreciative audiences. She and others helped with set-up and take-down and monitoring the situation for social distancing. Refreshments (and a restroom) were available at Convivial, and Beth and her assistants passed around complimentary treats.

The events became a neighbourhood feature on successive Saturdays through Labour Day Weekend. Musical styles varied: a lot of golden oldies with stylish vocals, including the standout Group Therapy appearing twice, but also a session of traditional Irish music and the charming Sun in the Sky Youth Orchestra playing pop classical.

Audience numbers grew as word of mouth augmented limited publicity. There were lots of regulars scattered around in small groups and some gentle dancing, but also Seawall bikers and pedestrians stopping for a while. With the weather co-operating, Leg-In-Boot for a time began to seem like the warm inviting community space it was intended to be. Seeds were planted and thoughts are turning to next year.

Cleaning up the Creek

On September 3 a barge and workman cleaned up the last vestiges of a boat that had burned while at anchor in a spectacular late-night fire a few weeks previously. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the fire, but the cleanup provided a day's entertainment for numerous regulars and passersby along the Seawall.

Upstart

If you haven't discovered Granville Island's latest – and only - bookstore you're in for a treat.

Upstart And Crow (the name refers to a young William Shakespeare once called an upstart crow) is at 1387 Rialspur – a couple of doors to the west from **Off The Tracks** bistro.

Upstart indeed. The new venture by owners and real life partners Zoe Grams and Ian Gill is far removed from chains or drug store book aisles - and a world away from Amazon. A book lover's bookstore, dedicated readers report that just walking into the store lowers their blood pressure.

Shelves are organized by themes such as “Found In Translation” rather than the usual fiction, non-fiction, alphabetical etc. This pretty well mandates browsing, doable during Covid through limits on numbers inside the store, and a mask is always polite.

Open Tuesday-Sunday, 11 am. To 6 pm, you can also find Upstart and Crow online. Check out <https://upstartandcrow.com/> for more details on present offerings and future plans, and sign up for their newsletter.

And if you think **Upstart And Crow** is a good thing for False Creek South – well, you know what to do.

RePlan Update

September has proven to be a busy month for lease-related, virtual meetings with City of Vancouver staff. Following the July 6 meeting with RePlan and City Council, both the Authorized Working Group of Co-ops and the Strata Leaseholders Society have continued to meet with City staff to discuss the City's co-op lease discussion paper, the SLS's Simple Plan proposal, and to advocate for False Creek South leaseholders.

For more information, visit: <http://www.falsecreeksouth.org/2020/09/replan-committee-update/>

Convivial Closed (For Now)

False Creek South's favourite café, Convivial, closed for renos for a week or so in September with a reopening date of the 28th. Missed by many, Convivial, aka Beth's Café, has had to make a lot of Covid accommodations in order to keep on keeping on. Hopefully, the resumption of indoor service will keep the doors open – figuratively - even when the colder weather closes them against the elements.

False Creek South: The Solution, Not The Problem

What is the City's Long Term Plan for the Future of False Creek South?

Ten years ago a small number of our neighbourhood's 6,000 residents began to meet together to consider exactly that question. In doing so, they raised another question: What can we do to ensure the continuation of the success story that is False Creek South?

Read more at <http://www.falsecreeksouth.org/2020/09/what-is-the-citys-long-term-plan-for-the-future-of-false-creek-south/>

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