



Village Vancouver : Upcoming Events : Calendar

We're in the news...

- Village Vancouver is the focus of Jessica Barrett's insightful **WestEnder** cover story: "It Takes a Village". Read it here:
<http://www.westender.com/articles/entry/cover-story-it-takes-a-village>
- And, in the **Vancouver Observer** on March 8, in a probing feature by local Earth Matters journalist Olivia Fermi! Check out her juxtaposition of the work of both Village Vancouver and Vancouver's Greenest City program in "**Making Vancouver sustainable: Greenest City meets Village Vancouver**". Read it here:
<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/blogs/earthmatters/2011/03/07/making-vancouver-sustainable-greenest-city-meets-village-vancouver>



Photos by Joshua Welsh of the 1st Meetup in January in Strathcona – thanks all!

Special events & recent highlights

* **Village Vancouver potluck and meetup** * monthly special event

Monday, March 21, 2011 from 6pm to 9pm

Monthly gathering. Meet VV members, hear what's happening in VV in our Neighbourhood Food Networks and other initiatives, share a meal.

March meetup hosted by Main Street Neighbourhood village.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/village-vancouver-meetup>

Eco-Dreaming Vancouver event with

Portland's City Repair co-founder Mark Lakeman

Fri/Sat, March 25-26. Public Talk Friday night. Collaborative Design Games Saturday. Details at

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/ecodreaming-vancouver-event>

ECO-DREAMING VANCOUVER!

With Portland's City Repair Co-Founder Mark Lakeman

Come DREAM Vancouver as an ecological city with Mark Lakeman, Power of Hope and Village Vancouver! See how City Repair processes are turning Portland, Oregon into the U.S.'s greenest city. Participate in Collaborative Games facilitated by Power of Hope and re-imagine our neighbourhoods City Repair style using ecological principles with Mark Lakeman and Village Vancouver.

Friday March 25
7:30pm-9:30pm
Public Talk on City Repair
Portland

Saturday March 26
10am-5pm
Collaborative & City Repair
Design Games
Suggested Donation \$5-\$25
No one turned away
Please register for
Saturday workshops:
sara@powerofhope.org

TALK GREEN VANCOUVER

W2
In association with W2 Storyeum.

the POWER of HOPE

Village Vancouver

COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL OF VANCOUVER

Thanks to the City of Vancouver Sustainability Group and Car Free Vancouver for their support of the event.

People powered by: Village Vancouver, Power of Hope, Community Arts Council of Vancouver

W2 Storyeum 151 W. Cordova
Cash bar and lunch service available by W2 Catering
Contact: sara@powerofhope.org
Registration/RSVP: <http://ecodreamingvancouver.eventbrite.com>

Creating a Neighbourhood Food Network in the West End * new date

Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 1pm to 4pm – West End Community Centre

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Organized by Ross Moster, VV Neighbourhood Food Networks and Rand Helten, Green Millennium Foundation with support from the Vancouver Food Policy Council.

Limited to 50 participants. Pre-registration advised.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/creating-a-neighbourhood-food-1>

Talk Green Vancouver - Draft Zero Waste Action Plan

Wednesday, March 2, 2011 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Roundhouse Community Centre
Zero Waste Vancouver, Village Vancouver, and the City of Vancouver through its Greenest City initiative are hosting a dinner meeting, to look at the draft Zero Waste Plan through a “neighbourhood” lens. *70 people participated. Watch for follow up activities!*

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/zero-waste-vancouvervillage>

Transition Town Workshop at 2011 BC Community Economic Development Conference: Building Leadership to Create Change

Friday, March 4, 2011 from 10:30am to 11:45am

Workshop with VV convenor Ross Moster. *25 people participated. Visioning notes to be posted on website soon.*

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/transition-town-workshop-at>

Workshops at Strathcona Community Centre

Our Winter Cultivating Food, Cultivating Community series continues...

January 9-March 27th | Strathcona Community Centre (601 Keefer St)

Over a dozen workshops, presentations, and gatherings focusing on growing food and cultivating community. Organized by Ross Moster, VV Neighbourhood Food Networks and Strathcona Community Centre

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/vv-winter-cultivating-food>

- Sun. Mar. 6 Soil Fertility and Plant Health Management w/Grant Watson
- Sat. Mar. 19 Introduction to Food Gardening workshop w/Grant Watson *
- Sat. Mar. 19 Intensive Urban Microfarming workshop w/Grant Watson *
- Sun. Mar. 27 Soil Fertility and Plant Health Management w/Grant Watson
- Tue. Mar. 29 Backyard Chickens 101 workshop w/Duncan Martin

* substituting for Robin Wheeler



Photos: Backyard Chicks by Sasha Fergusson (Thanks!)

Working Group/Network gatherings

Emergency Preparedness * new group

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/group/emergencypreparedness>

Heart and Soul Group potluck and meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 6:30pm to 8pm at W2 Storyeum

Our Heart and Soul meeting falls on the same day as Vancouver Film Premiere: The Economics of Happiness. As there is likely a lot of interest in our group to see this film, this will be our gathering for the evening.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/heart-and-soul-meetingfilm>

1st Thursdays of the month. Next gathering April 7th.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/heart-and-soul-potluckmeeting>

Affinity Group Circles

Wednesday evenings - for details and for an explanation of what an Affinity Circle is, visit:

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/forum/topics/ongoing-weekly-affinity>

Local Economy Network Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2011 from 6pm to 8pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/local-economy-network-monthly-1>

1st Mondays of the month. Next meeting April 4th.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/local-economy-network-monthly-3>

Learn about Community Currencies at 2011 BC Community Economic Development Conference: Building Leadership to Create Change

Friday, March 4, 2011 from 2:15pm to 4:15pm

Open space gathering with Michael Linton, Community Way and Jordan Bober, Community Currency Project. 25 people participated.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/learn-about-community>

Ongoing project; see Local Economy network page.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/group/localeconomynetwork>

Learning Opportunities Group Meeting

Friday, March 11, 2011 from 10am to 12pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/learning-opportunities-group-1>

Watch the events page for the next (Friday morning) meeting.

Outreach Group Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2011 from 12pm to 2pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/outreach-group-meets-2>

2nd Mondays of the month. Next meeting April 11th.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/april-11-outreach>

Monthly VV Steering Committee meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 4pm to 6:30pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/monthly-steering-committee-2>

VV's steering committee usually meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Next meeting April 11th. (2nd Tuesday this time.)

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/vv-steering-committee-monthly>

Transportation Network potluck and meeting

Sunday, April 3, 2011 from 6pm to 8pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/transportation-network-potluck-1>

Arts and Celebrations Network gathering

Wednesday, March 23, 2011 from 6pm to 8:30pm

Flagmaking!

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/arts-celebration-network-1>

VV Neighbourhood Food Networks Highlights //

Plant Selection Gardening workshop with Grant Watson

Sunday, March 20, 2011 from 2pm to 5pm – Nanaimo/Renfrew

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/workshop-food-crops-selection>

Kits Village Soup & Share Night

Tuesday, March 8 & March 22, 2011 from 4-8pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/kits-village-soup-share>

Dunbar Cheesemaking Workshops

Saturday, March 26, 2011 – St. Philip's Church

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/cheesemaking-workshops-in>

Strathcona Seed Savers Collective meeting

Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 10am to noon

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/strathcona-seed-savers-1>

Seed Savers Gardening Series (VV and Environmental Youth Alliance)

Sunday, April 3, 2011 from 1pm to 3pm - Cottonwood Garden

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/seed-savers-garden-forum>

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Kits Village Permaculture PET Day

Sunday, April 17 from 10am to 4 pm

Join us for a community "barn-raising" in transforming a property using Permaculture design principles.

Neighbourhood Events

CEDAR COTTAGE - *Check the site for the next gathering and potluck!*

Cedar Cottage Seed Savers Collective Meeting

Sunday, March 6, 2011 from 10-12pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/cedar-cottage-seed-savers-1>

Next meeting April 2nd.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/cedar-cottage-seed-savers-2>

DUNBAR

Dunbar Movie Night: The Economics of Happiness

Thursday, March 10, 2011 from 7pm to 9pm – St. Philip's Church

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/dunbar-movie-night-the-3>

2nd Thursdays of the month. Next movie night April 14th.

Workshop: Time to Think Tomatoes

Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 7pm to 8:30pm – St Philip's Church

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/time-to-think-tomatoes>

Cheesemaking Workshops

Saturday, March 26, 2011 – St. Philip's Church

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/cheesemaking-workshops-in>

GRANDVIEW WOODLAND

Monthly Potluck and Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 1pm to 4pm.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/grandviewwoodland-monthly>

2nd Saturdays of the month. Next gathering April 9th.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/grandviewwoodland-monthly-1>

HASTINGS-SUNRISE

Hasting-Sunrise Village Potluck and Visioning!

Sunday, March 27, 2011 from 3pm to 6:30pm -- Kiwassa Neighbourhood House

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/hastings sunrise-village-1>



Photos by Shane Wilson (thanks!)

KITSILANO – [see all Kits events](#)

Kits Transition Village -- Green Streets -- Spiral Herb Garden?

Saturday, March 12, 2011

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/green-streets-spiral-herb>

Kits Village monthly potluck and gardening workparty

Sunday, March 13, 2011 from 4pm to 7:30pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/kits-transition-village-3>

2nd Sundays of the month. Next potluck April 10.

Kits Village Gardening Collaborative planning meeting

March 17, 2011 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/kits-village-gardening>

Kits Village Soup & Share Night

Tuesday, March 8 & March 22, 2011 from 4pm to 8pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/kits-village-soup-share>

Kits Village Drop-in "Spaghetti" night

Monday, March 21, 2011 from 6pm to 8pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/kits-transition-village-dropin-2>

Kits Village Movie (and potluck) Night: In Transition

Sunday, March 27, 2011 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/kits-village-movie-and-potluck>

Kits Car Free Day Block Parties meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 from 4pm to 5:30 pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/kits-car-free-day-june-19-1>

Kits Village Feb Visioning session followup and monthly potluck

Sunday, April 10 from 3pm to 7:30pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/kits-village-regular-potluck>

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NANAIMO-RENFREW * new village!

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Sunday, March 20, 2011 from 2:30pm to 5:30pm – Nanaimo/Renfrew

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/plant-selection-gardening>

STRATHCONA

Strathcona Transition March Meeting

Sunday, March 13, 2011 from 9:15am to 11am

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/strathcona-transition-march>

Strathcona Seed Savers Collective meeting

Saturday, March 26 from 10am to noon - Monthly gathering

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/strathcona-seed-savers-1>

SUNSET *watch the website for details*

UBC *watch the website for details*

WEST END

West End Transition Village potluck * 1st gathering!

Monday, March 28, 2011 from 6pm to 8:30pm

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/west-end-transition-village>

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On the horizon...

Cultivating Food, Cultivating Community Spring Series April-June

April 27th-June 26th at Strathcona Community Centre

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/vv-spring-cultivating-food>

The Great Turning

April 30, 2011 (in collaboration with Be the Change Earth Alliance and the Wilderness Committee)

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/the-great-turning-2011>

350 Home & Garden Challenge

Sat/Sun May 14-15, 2011

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/350-home-and-garden-challenge>

Transition Town workshop: Training for Transition in Vancouver

Sat/Sun, June 11-12, 2011 at Langara College

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/transition-town-workshop>

Langara Summer School on Building Community

June 11-18, 2011 at Langara College

A week of events and activities, including several VV "Transition School" workshops and presentations.

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/langara-summer-school-on>

Car Free Day | Vancouver

Sunday, June 19, 2011

Kits Car Free Day Block Parties

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/kits-car-free-day-june-19-1>

<http://www.carfreevancouver.org>

VV Demonstration Neighbourhood Transition Village @ Main Street Car Free Day

<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/page/vv-demonstration-neighbourhood>



Photos: VV events, photos by Randy Chatterjee (Thanks!)

*** Find out more & get involved ***

- **Visit us online** at www.villagevancouver.ca
- **Attend an event** – if you're new to VV or what to learn more about the Transition Model, come to one of our monthly potluck & meetup events – next one is March 21 in Mount Pleasant
<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/events/village-vancouver-monthly>
- **Host an event** – we're always looking for places to host workshops – many of which are held in people's living rooms, kitchens and backyards – email us at info@villagevancouver.ca if you'd like to host a workshop.
- **Join a network or working group:** <http://www.villagevancouver.ca/groups>
Including VV Neighbourhood Food Networks:
<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/group/villagevancouverfoodworkinggroup>
- **Get involved with your neighbourhood village** – check out the list:
<http://www.villagevancouver.ca/page/villages-1>
- **Forward our events on to your friends!**



Photos: VV Meetup in Strathcona, visioning exercise, photos by Sobey W (Thanks!)