



# CURRENTLY CUMBERLAND

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May 2009

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### MONDAYS WEEKLY

COAL HILLS BMX: The newest Olympic sport is alive & fast in Cumberland! Learn to Ride clinics & Gate Practice 6:30pm. FMI nikandjim@shaw.ca or call 250-339-0370

### TUESDAYS WEEKLY

UROC Coed group mountain bike rides. Meet at the Riding Fool Hostel/Dodge City Cycles building, rain or shine at 6pm. You must be a UROC member with Cycling BC insurance to ride with this group. FMI unitedridersofcumberland.com

CARPET BOWLING is a fun adult event at the OAP Hall weekly at 1pm. Everyone Welcome! Come and join the fun.

### KNITTING IN THE VILLAGE

11am - 1pm at the Village Yarn Shoppe, 2719 Dunsmuir Ave, 336-2484

BINGO at the Cumberland Royal Canadian Legion at 7pm, 24 games, and all monies are donated to charity. Everyone Welcome!

### VOCALEASE VOICEMUSIC CLASSES

5pm - 6:15pm, May 26 - June 30. Toning, harmony skills, body rhythm/beat box, improvisational vocal games. Fun, interactive, deeply satisfying! \$60 for 6 classes, *sign-up now! Registration ONLY.* All ages. Family rates available! At The Abbey. *Classes will continue through the summer in various locations.* Call 336-2474, www.joannafinch.com

### WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY

SENIORS DAY AT SEEDS Food Market. Seniors 65 and over receive a 10% discount on their bill. Some exceptions (meat, dairy and eggs) apply.



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### WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY continued

UROC Women's Group mountain bike rides. Meet at the Riding Fool Hostel/Dodge City Cycles building, rain or shine at 6pm. You must be a UROC member with Cycling BC insurance to ride with this super fun & supportive group. FMI email [alice.grasby55@gmail.com](mailto:alice.grasby55@gmail.com) and check out [unitedridersofcumberland.com](http://unitedridersofcumberland.com)

THE GREAT ESCAPE is now serving poutine. Wednesdays only!! 2744 Dunsmuir Ave, 336-8831.

### THURSDAYS WEEKLY

CREATIVE EXPLORATION HAS MOVED OUTSIDE! We will finish the Spring art programs outside at the No.6 Mine park every THURSDAY 10-11AM & 1-2PM. \$10 drop-ins or punch passes available. Classes will run Sunny or Cloudy, no rain. FMI 250.897.2421

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### THURSDAYS WEEKLY continued

KNITTING IN THE VILLAGE 1-3pm at the Village Yarn Shoppe, FMI 336-2484

### SATURDAYS WEEKLY

COAL HILLS BMX: 2 - 3pm sign-up time for racing. New riders always welcome! No one sits on the bench in BMX. FMI nikandjim@shaw.ca or call 250-339-0370.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

Tarbell's hosts a RETROSPECTIVE ART SHOW of oils and pastels by newly arrived resident, Margaret Milligan. Opening reception on Friday, May 1st from 6-8pm. "Fact and Fantasy" runs for the entire month. The artist can be reached at 250-336-2801.

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

HUGE FAMILY WORK PARTY at the No.6 Mine Park, 9am-Noon. Did you enjoy an event or a sunny afternoon at this volunteer-maintained park in the past year? Come out and show your appreciation for this awesome park and playground by lending a hand in the gardens. What a great opportunity to spend quality time with your loved ones while volunteering in your community. Bring your garden gloves, tools if you have them, and your green thumbs too!

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

EVERYONE'S INVITED TO TEA to honour John and Win Buchanan, at 1:30pm at the OAP Hall, 2674 Dunsmuir Ave. John was a Cumberland fireman for 50 years, and Win, founder of the Fire Dept Women's Auxiliary. They will be honoured for their many accomplishments and long-time service to Cumberland and the OAP. We are pleased to rename our hall the Buchanan Hall and invite anyone who may have memories that they wish to share about the Buchanans and/or village residents with an interest in local history to join us.

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Cumberland Pathfinders CAR WASH from 10am - 2pm at Supreme Convenience. Get your car ready for summer cruising! Monies raised will go towards their International trip to Alaska.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

The CUMBERLAND COFFEEHOUSE, sponsored by the Cumberland Culture and Arts Society, is at 7pm, at the Cumberland United Church/Cumberland Centre for the Arts, Penrith at 1st. Admission \$4. Refreshments available. Host John Thorington brings his rich unique voice & awesome guitar phrasing.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

ARGENTINE TANGO Beginner Lessons. 8-week session starts tonight; 7:00pm to 8:30pm at The Abbey. Visit [www.VancouverIslandTango.com](http://www.VancouverIslandTango.com) or call 250-339-2325 FMI.

**SATURDAY MAY 9**

121<sup>st</sup> CUMBERLAND EMPIRE DAYS "Salute to the Olympics" presented by the Empire Events Society begin with: CINCH at the CRI Hall Doors open at 6:30, Games at 7pm, \$5.00.

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The Baynes Sound Garden Club invites you to our 10th Annual "Spring in the Country" PLANT SALE 9 am - 12 pm Fanny Bay Community Hall, Old Island Highway. FREE ADMISSION!

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 9, 10**

"Mother Love" MOTHERS DAY VOCALEASE RETREAT at Deer Heart Sanctuary on Hornby Island. Celebrate your 'Mother' in this two-day workshop in improvisational sound and movement. Inspiring walks in nature, group vocal games and shared writing. For registration and cost please contact [www.deerheartsanctuary.com](http://www.deerheartsanctuary.com), 335-0952 or [www.joannafinch.com](http://www.joannafinch.com), 336-2474

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

*Happy Mother's Day!*

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**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

Mothers' Day PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8am-11am at the Union Bay Community Centre. Treat Mom to Breakfast, \$6.00 per person. FMI 335-2317 or 335-2500

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

Special MOTHER'S DAY MENU at Carmie's Café and Catering. Treat your Mom to a delicious home-cooked meal without setting off the smoke detector. You make the Mother's Day card; we'll do the rest. FMI call 336-2667, 2699 Dunsmuir Ave.

**MONDAY to SUNDAY, MAY 11 - 17**

BIKE TO WORK WEEK Get out your gear and shape up for a week of commuting to work by bike. To register [www.biketowork.ca](http://www.biketowork.ca)

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**

121<sup>st</sup> CUMBERLAND EMPIRE DAYS Cumberland Legion BINGO, Doors at 6pm: Games start at 7pm

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

121<sup>st</sup> CUMBERLAND EMPIRE DAYS FASHION SHOW at the CRI Hall. Doors at 6pm, show starts at 7pm. \$5 tickets available at General Store/Gas n' Go

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

121<sup>st</sup> CUMBERLAND EMPIRE DAYS 1<sup>st</sup> Cumberland Pathfinders are hosting a MOVIE, TRIVIA NIGHT at the Cumberland Cultural Center, 6 - 10pm with silent auction and concession too, \$5/person, \$20/family, advance tickets available at Dodge City Video.

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

CAFÉ BLAH BLAH BLAH, "where spoken word is heard" Music of kitsch in synch: eclectic and original folksy jazz. Open mic poets, story-tellers, etc. welcome. At Tarbell's Cafe, the heart of Cumberland, 6:30-9:30pm \$5 cover. Call Tarbell's 336-8863 to reserve a table.



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### SATURDAY, MAY 16

#### Cumberland Village Market Day

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Schedule of Events  
SATURDAY, MAY 16

**9am** - Cumberland Chamber Singing Pancake Breakfast at the Village Square

**10am** - Empire Events Soap Box Derby for kids at 1st and Dunsmuir, free entry! Register at the CRI

**10am** Museum Fundraising Book Sale on the Museum Grounds. Help raise funds to boost the Museum's resources for exciting new projects.

**10am - 3pm** Cumberland Fire Rescue Open House & Garage Sale

**10am - 4pm** Street Vendors on Dunsmuir and Kids Crafts & Activity Zone in the Village Square. Live entertainment in the Village Square & dancing on the Street. Watch for food & drink specials in local restaurants & pubs

**10am - 4pm** Schoolhouse Quilters Sale & Tea Everyone Welcome! at the Cumberland Cultural Centre (O.A.P. Hall) Quilted items, placemats, pot holders, runners, purses, bags, wallets, cards, jewellery and more! Free admission... Coffee, tea and goodies served for \$3.00

**10am - 4pm**, Cumberland Community Forest Society Market Day Plant Sale, corner of 3rd and Dunsmuir. Flowering perennials, small shrubs, fruit & vegetable starters. Experienced gardeners on hand to help with selections. FMI: Ron 336-2867 or Grace 336-8921

**1pm** Village Square Ribbon cutting ceremony

**1pm** Art Kart Derby at 1st & Dunsmuir - Mayworks sponsored Creative Go-Kart race for adults

**10am - 4pm** Empire Events hosts local art exhibit East meets West, Cumberland Culture Centre

**8pm** Velvet & Kuba Oms all ages concert at the CRI. Advance tix \$15 at Tarbells. Kids 12 and under free! Presented by Cumberland Village Works & Empire Events Society. Tickets at door \$20. Refreshments available.



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### SUNDAY, MAY 17

121<sup>ST</sup> CUMBERLAND EMPIRE DAYS "Salute to the Olympics" brought to you by the Empire Events Society presents: **12 - 5pm** BAVARIAN GARDEN in the Village Park. Live entertainment on stage **1pm** LEGENDS OF THE MAYPOLE **2pm** OLD TIME SOCCER GAME and **5:30pm** SOCCER DINNER, \$10 tickets in advance at the CRI, Everyone Welcome!

### SUNDAY & MONDAY, MAY 17 & 18

CANADA'S #1 BMX PRO Nick Goertzen is holding clinics at the Coal Hills track on Sunday at 3pm & Monday after the Provincial race. FMI: nikandjim@shaw.ca

### MONDAY, MAY 18 - Victoria Day

121<sup>ST</sup> CUMBERLAND EMPIRE DAYS "Salute to the Olympics" presented by the Empire Events Society Schedule of Events: **7-10am** PANCAKE BREAKFAST at the Cumberland Legion for \$5 **10am** PARADE down Dunsmuir Ave Bring your pennies for the Royston-Cumberland Lions to collect for charity! CROWNING OF THE MAY QUEEN in the Village Park after the parade. COAL HILLS BMX Provincial Races following the parade, spectators welcome **12 - 4pm** BAVARIAN BEER GARDEN **12:30 - 4pm** Live Entertainment on stage **1pm** Children's Races, Games & Activities

### MONDAY, MAY 18

CUMBERLAND MASONIC HALL CHARITY BINGO Doors open at 5:30pm and games begin at 7pm. Snacks and refreshments are available. This monthly event supports the Cancer Car Program.

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

No.6 MINE MEMORIAL PARK Committee meets at 1:30pm in the Village Council Chambers and anyone that would like to be involved is most welcome.

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

CAFÉ BLAH BLAH BLAH "where spoken word is heard" Nanaimo's Tongue and Groove present a multi-media event of punchy, political poetry & pulsing groove. This jazz and world music combo led by the poetic rap of drummer Tracy Myers with Myron Makepeace on guitars will make you move. At Tarbell's Cafe, 6:30-9:30pm \$5 cover. Call 336-8863 to reserve a table.

#### DID YOU KNOW

Cumberland Empire Days is one of the longest running community events in BC, and a fantastic Cumberland tradition for Villagers and visitors. Celebrations of years past included: "In 1904... gun shoots, football match, Japanese bicycle race, Chinese foot race, Italian bowling match, and a tug-of-war which pitted Japanese vs Chinese and Top men vs Underground, ending with a dance and display of fireworks." - One Hundred Spirited Years of Cumberland A History of Cumberland, 1988.

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### SUNDAY, MAY 31

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### SUNDAY, MAY 31

HUGE GARAGE SALE!!! Cumberland Community Schools 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Garage Sale 9am-3pm at the Cumberland Elementary School. Drop-off household items and/or clothing at the school on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm. If you have questions about drop off OR pick up of items call Jennifer @ 336-7902. All money raised from the sale of these items will go towards increasing the capacity of CCSS to offer quality educational, recreational and cultural programming to Cumberland school students. Thanks for your support!



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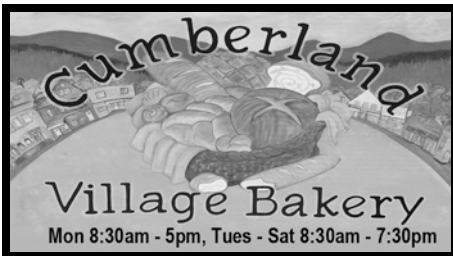
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**Ride to Conquer Cancer, June 19 - 21**  
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**Request for Volunteers**  
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