



BIA Connections

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WELCOME NEW TSAWWASSEN BUSINESSES!

Sears Appliance Store. Call Muhammed at 943-7671.

Options Embroidery & Personalized Gifts. Visit Sandra at 943-6854

Sublime Art Supplies & Gallery has opened at the Tsawwassen Town Centre Mall. 943-0117

SOME CHANGES IN TOWN...

Welcome the following new owners and managers:

Chrissie Bowker is the new publisher at the South Delta Leader.

Deborah Tuck is the new manager at Mills Paint.

Dolly Sharamata is the new owner of the Vitamin House.

Brian Treleaven is the new manager of Mud Bay Wines. Carrie Black is about to be a mom!

Rob Gillespie is the new owner at Muscle Memory Personal Training & Fitness.

Sun Festival Participation

The BIA invites all members to get involved this year with the Tsawwassen Sun Festival on August 4, 5 and 6. This event, on its 34th year, *attracts upwards of 8,000 people, over a 3 day period, and is the largest Community Festival in South Delta.*

How can the business community get involved? Consider the following options:

Can't come? No problem. The BIA, as the presenting sponsor of this event, has a tent on Monday August 6 at Winskill's International Marketplace. To create a business presence during the event, we will run an on site promotion that will involve a game. It is called the "Pick a Pocket". For a \$5 donation towards the Canadian Mental Health Association (South Delta office), people can participate in the game where everyone is a winner. Participants select the pocket they want and inside there is a prize that can range in value anywhere from a \$1 to a million dollars (we wish!!). All prizes would come from members that want to participate and a sign by the tent will recognize the businesses that contributed to prizes.

If you want your business to be included in this game, simply donate a prize (merchandise, gift certificates, promo items, 2 for 1 coupons, special discounts, free sessions, etc.). The prize can be of any value and you can donate one or multiple items. The more items we have, the more we can collect for the charity we are supporting. **Deadline to include your prize(s) in this promotion is Wednesday, August 1, 2007.**

Want to be more hands on but don't have all day? Our tent can accommodate another business that would like to have a presence for a limited

time. On a first come-first served basis, we will fill up a schedule of Tsawwassen Business Events happening at our tent. You (or partner with a complimentary business) can run a demo, clinic, sample, fundraiser, education session or anything you would like to do for a one hour period. Make sure your activity involves the public so they can have a "hands on" experience. Be creative and ensure your business is noticed!!! Demos will start at 12:00 (after the parade) until 5:00 p.m. There is power available, in case you need it.

Want to be a part of it? Participate in the parade or book a tent at the International Marketplace and request that you are placed with the Tsawwassen Business mini district (we are all clustered together).

Run a special Sun Festival Promotion or event at your place of business!!

Leverage on the theme and use it to decorate your store or to do a special activity. Get together with other business and take the opportunity to cross promote!

Advertise in the Sun Festival special sections!

Both newspapers run special sections. Get noticed and take the opportunity to highlight your business. Contact the newspapers directly to find out the details.

Call Ana TODAY to donate a prize or sign up for a demo at Sun Festival.

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For info about Sun Fest visit our website www.shoptsaawwassen.com under the Sun Festival tab or call Laura Mathews at 720-1353.

Employers Need to Know

Do you need help this summer?

Summer is here (in theory), which means that there are hundreds of students who are still looking for jobs in Tsawwassen. The temporary and flexible labour services secondary and post-secondary students provide can be a valuable resource for your business. If your company receives rush orders, has an employee on maternity leave or needs to improve office efficiency, hire a student.

Students can offer many skills including:

Flexibility – Students can often work days, evenings or weekends. Some are available for part-time employment, while others are available full-time. From physical labour to office work to computer programming, students can meet your needs.

Technological Skills – Today's generation of young Canadians is among the best educated and most at ease with changing technologies. They have a lot to offer the workforce. But they have to start somewhere.

Learning is their Business – Students are talented and adaptable. Learning is their full-time job.

Community Enhancement – Summer jobs help students to enhance their employability skills, finance post-secondary education and contribute to the local economy.

Odd Jobs – Businesses and private households often have tasks that no one has time to do. Answering telephones, mowing lawns, faxing letters, or cleaning an office are jobs that students can help you with. Odd jobs help young people gain valuable work experience, and can last from one hour to several weeks.



Do you need casual work this summer?

If you need temporary help with tasks you don't have time for, or simply aren't able to perform yourself, look no further than the Casual Labour Program!

Service Canada Centres for Youth (SCCY) link students seeking temporary summer employment with employers who have job vacancies within their company or homeowners seeking some extra help. The Casual Labour Program aims to fulfil their needs.

Students may sign up with the Casual Labour Program at their local SCCY, indicating their work experience and availability. They are notified by the SCCY when a job becomes available. Casual Labour jobs cover a wide range of tasks, from lawn work to clerical duties, and from painting to flyer distribution.

Employers interested in taking advantage of this unique service can contact their local SCCY, which provides NO CHARGE services to employers seeking full-time and part-time summer employees, including job postings and access to information about employment standards, health and safety in the workplace, wage rates, and other Government of Canada programs and services.

RESOURCES:



Service
Canada

Service Canada Centres for Youth (SCCY) offer a variety of NO CHARGE services that benefit

employers.

Services for employers:

- Job-posting service;
- Immediate access to enthusiastic students from all fields to help fill employment opportunities;
- Flexible staffing options to suit individual business requirements (e.g., casual labour, long or short-term employment);
- Posting service for volunteer opportunities;
- Information on health and safety in the workplace;
- Information on prevailing wage rates, employment standards and labour laws;
- Labour market information; Information on federal, provincial and territorial government programs and services.

Contact Information:

Service Canada Centre for Youth (SCCY) –Richmond/South Delta
Unit #208, Lansdowne Centre, 5300
No.3 Road
Richmond, BC V6X 2X9
Telephone: (604) 666-4383
Facsimile: (604) 279-0674



Boys and Girls Club
Community Services of Delta /Richmond

Youth Works

Youth Works, a pre-employment centre for unemployed people under 30, can help employers find qualified staff. Located next to Windsor Woods Starbucks, in Tsawwassen, Youth Works is a program of Boys and Girls Club Community Services of Delta/Richmond.

Call 604-948-1911 (Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) All the programs are free.

Tsawwassen Happenings

Sublime Art Supplies and Gallery is run by artists and is intended for artists of all skill levels and media, as well as those interested in finished pieces to beautify the home. They offer a large variety of art supplies with something for everyone: from raw materials to finished work. They also offer a unique service to put art or photos onto mugs, t-shirts, plates and more. For documenting your art and other creative needs they offer colour photocopying. Visit Shannan, Jennifer or Janice at Sublime to seek advice and ideas.

SAVI Boutique's "pub area" is now offering Peruvian silver jewelry. Maria has joined the team. SAVI also held a very successful Fashion Show at The Landing in Ladner on June 14.



Beautiful SAVI models!!

Illuminate Restorante, had a very unique event on July 14 to celebrate the opening of their new wine room. The first ever Grape Crushing Festival, a fundraiser to benefit Delta Hospice and One to One Children's Literacy. Lots of people had fun with the strange feeling of grapes bursting under their feet!

Monica Boreham, from **Uniglobe Britannia Travel** will be participating in The Weekend to End Breast Cancer this August 17-19. She is hoping to raise \$2,000. To help Monica reach her goal, you can go directly to www.endcancer.ca and type her name to make a donation. All your help is greatly appreciated.

Tsawwassen Lanes at the Tsawwassen Town Centre Mall closed as of June 30th. They will be greatly missed! Also, **Sunny Town Buffet House** is closed and a new restaurant The Full House is opening soon.

The new **Rotary Square** at the Tsawwassen Town Centre Mall is having their grand opening on Saturday, August 4 at 12:00 with a special unveiling of a unique contemporary native art piece. The

square will be a permanent gathering place to allow residents to participate in community events.

PJ Wren has sold **Muscle Memory Personal Training and Fitness** to Rob Gillespie. PJ, will not be too far however as she is planning what her next step will be. Knowing and respecting PJ for her many skills and generous spirit, we know that she will do great things! We'll miss you around here!

Albany Books hosted a Harry Potter party on Friday, July 20 to celebrate the launching of the final book Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Proceeds from sale of pop corn, refreshments, raffles and a percentage of the book sales to benefit the BC Children's Hospital Foundation. Hundreds of kids, youth and parents showed up at the parking lot which was turned into an outdoor movie theatre until 1:30 am, not bad for T-Town!!

The Shell Station re-opened on Wednesday, July 18 after a complete make over with new owner Gabriel Labrador. Originally from Venezuela and a current Richmond resident, Gabriel has been in Canada for 7 years. His sister Gloria is also working at the mini mart.

Congratulations to Mary Seitz from **Beach Grove Laser Clinic** for being Canada's Top 5 Shoe-aholic!!! Can we visit your closet??

BIA Mission Statement:

To maintain and enhance the commercial area in Tsawwassen as a place to live, work, shop and visit by developing and initiating innovative programs and promoting unique assets of the community.

Have a story to tell? Expansions? New Managers? Open Houses and Events?

**We would love to hear from you!
Send us an email at biaoffice@shoptsawwassen.com with your story ideas and pictures.**

The newsletter is also available on our website at www.shoptsawwassen.com



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Capture the Flag Big Hit!!

The flags are down, the prizes have been handed out and we have talked to MANY excited Tsawwassen residents who have been surveyed and this is what they had to say about Capture the Flag (and I quote):

- o "This was great! I have been a Tsawwassen resident for 12 years and it was the first time I set foot in about 40% of the businesses I visited – and I did 44 of them!!" (Senior participant)
- o "I loved meeting the people at these businesses, they were so friendly and I had a great chance to find out the variety I found in Tsawwassen" (Mom who accompanied children)
- o "I enjoyed going into places I've never been and meeting so many people in our own home town" (Adult participant)
- o "It was FUN!" (Senior participant)
- o "I loved going into new stores and finding the flag" (Child under 12 participant)
- o I enjoyed going from store to store and I loved the challenge of having to discover where the stores were and finding the flags!! Some were really hard to find!" (Teen participant)

participant)

"It was a chance to spend a day finding about stores and businesses that I did not know about before" (Teen participant)

Thanks to all our 86 participating businesses for your participation and enthusiasm!



2007 South Delta Jazz Festival a big success!!

Thanks to all the workshop participants for making the 2007 South Delta Jazz Festival a success. Thirty students attended the five-day workshop this year. This year the student concert held on the final day was in partnership with the Delta Hospital Foundation. The student performance took place on the Delta Outdoor stage on the

Hospital grounds. Thanks to the Corporation of Delta for use of the stage and to Shelly at the Delta Hospital Foundation for all her help in organizing this event.

The festival had great weather and great tunes on July 1st at Diefenbaker Park in Tsawwassen with three great bands. The day started with Allan Mathesson's Red Onion Rhythm Kings playing a variety of dixieland tunes and hot jazz swing.

Next was the Cuban Band Zapato Negro, which played a great mix of Cuban and salsa jazz. There were great reviews about this band from other musicians in the audience. This was a band not to be missed!.

The Day was rounded out by a performance by Len Aruliah's Quintet. Len is originally from the Vancouver area but has been living for more than a decade now in London England where he performs regularly.