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AGM Reminder

Join us at the beautiful Fort Langley Community Hall, 9167 Glover Rd, Langley, from 7:00 - 9:00pm for our Annual General Meeting on February 28th. Also, take part in a delicious Apple Bake-Off and an informative and engaging presentation from biologist Myles Lamont, on Conservation of the Sandhill Cranes of the Fraser Valley.

Thursday February 28, 2019

- 7:00 PM - AGM and Bake-Off Setup
- 7:15 PM - Social
- 7:30 PM - AGM
- 8:00 PM - Apple Bake-Off
- 8:15 PM - Presentation by Myles Lamont



*****Please bring your own reusable water bottle or thermos to the AGM*****

In order to reduce DRBIPA's consumption of single use plastics we are asking everyone to bring reusable bottles with beverages to all events.

2019 Bird Count Review

Nearly 30 people showed up to count birds on Saturday, February 2nd at Derby Reach and Brae Island Regional Parks. There were six teams counting, 1813 birds counted, and 53 different species!

Thanks to Phil for organizing this fun count, to Sheila for data recording, and thanks to all the birder who participated! We truly appreciate your support and involvement.

Initially established as a way for DRBIPA members to explore and learn about bird life in

their parks, the annual DRBIPA Bird Count is open to anyone and everyone who wants to take part. It is a great way to get to know birds in new areas and to become more familiar with areas you think you know.



Family Day Instagram Contest

Will you be heading to Derby Reach or Brae Island Regional Parks to celebrate Family Day?

Regional parks are the perfect place to spend time with loved ones on a holiday. Enjoy the outdoors with friends and family, relax and recharge. A stroll through Brae Island to Tavistock Point with a lovely meal in Fort Langley before or after can be a magical day.

To celebrate our parks family we have a contest for you! This Instagram contest is open the week of Family Day, February 18 - 24, 2019.

Contest Rules:

1. Ensure you are following @derbyreachbraeislandpark on Instagram
2. Show us your favourite spot at DRBIPA parks by posting a photo on Instagram
3. Mention @derbyreachbraeislandpark in your post
4. Use hashtags #DRBIPA #FamilyDay2019 #FortLangleyBC in your post

Each post/photo on Instagram from Feb 18-24th, tagging @DRBIPA and the 3 #hashtags, counts as one entry. All entries go into a draw and 3 lucky winners will be selected to win a \$10 gift card to a local business in Fort Langley, such as Republica Roasters, Cranberries Naturally, or Blacksmith Bakery.

We can't wait to see your park pictures and Family Day fun!

The weather will be mixed with sunshine and flurries next week, with the greatest chance of sun forecasted on Monday, Thursday, and Sunday. If you're enjoying the parks, dress for the weather and as always, be prepared for rain and falling branches from the winds.

You can show your park pride and keep the DRBIPA social media love going all year long, tag your photos with #DRBIPA anytime!



Winter Trail Walking Safety Tips

We are lucky in Metro Vancouver to experience a warmer winter than most places in Canada, but it is always best to be safe.

Before you head out on the trails during this cold snap be sure to think ahead and prepare for unexpected conditions.

We've rounded up some tips to help you stay safe and prepared:

- Know the forecast and conditions - prepare for potential limited visibility and wind
- Don't go alone (at least make sure someone knows where you are)
- Dress for the weather - layer up and wear appropriate footwear
- Stay hydrated and eat beforehand - bring a bag of supplies
- Keep your electronics warm

A winter trail walk can be just as enjoyable as a summer trail walk in the right conditions and with the right preparation. Here's to enjoying Derby Reach and Brae Island all year long.

Stay warm everyone!



In The News

'Where the salt goes when the snow melts — and how much you should be using'

[Click here to read the full CTV News story](#)



