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It's Movies Under the Stars at Holland Park X 5

What could be more fun than watching a movie on a big screen outdoors in Surrey's Holland Park? So get your lawn chairs ready and circle every Saturday in August on your calendar. Since 2005, Movies under the Stars has been a favourite free summer event for families from the local area and beyond.

Books and true stories is the theme for the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association's (DSBIA) 7th Annual Movies Under the Stars presented by Prospera Credit Union. The first movie of the season is **Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2** on August 6th, followed by **Ramona and Beezus** starring Selena Gomez on August 13th, **Tangled** on August 20th, and **Justin Bieber: Never Say Never** on August 27th.

"It wasn't easy picking the movies but with help from library staff and a number of people in the community who voted on their favourites, I think we have a great line-up," says Bonnie Burnside, Manager of Special Events and Communications for the DSBIA.

New for this year is a special Friday evening of Movies Under the Stars – Bollywood Style scheduled for August 19th.

Planning pre-event activities and entertainment for Movies Under the Stars is one of many projects DSBIA interns work on each summer.

"By assigning our interns the task of entertaining our guests prior to the movie, we are guaranteed to have new and fresh ideas every year. This year, we



hired an extra intern, Calvin Rasode to work specifically on Movies Under the Stars – Bollywood Style," says Burnside. "Our interns have planned some great entertainment and fun activities. I encourage everyone to come early and enjoy the fun."

For the Saturday events, the North Surrey Lions Club will again be manning the barbecue providing tasty burgers and hot dogs with proceeds going to local charities. Mr Mom's World and Olympia Pizza will also be onsite with other options to tickle your taste buds. South Asian food along with hot dogs and popcorn will be available for purchase at Movies Under the Stars –Bollywood Style.

Every Saturday in August, the entertainment and activities will begin at 4:30pm and movies start at dusk. On Friday, August 19, the entertainment starts

at 6:00pm with the movie starting as soon as it gets dark.

Holland Park is located at Old Yale Road and King George Boulevard. If it looks like rain, please check our website for updates: www.downtownsurreybia.com or call our office after 1 pm 604.580.2321.

Movies Under the Stars is sponsored by Prospera Credit Union, Century Group, Cobra Electric, The City of Surrey, Central City, Blackwood Partners, Dundee Realty, Campbell Redmond Law Offices, Hamilton Duncan Armstrong Stewart Law Office, WestPark, and Tien Sher Group of Companies

Movies Under the Stars - Bollywood Style is sponsored by Acadia Furniture, Overseas Autobody, Prospera Credit Union and Tien Sher Group of Companies (Quattro Development).

Young and Restless



At nineteen, he has already penned an album, recorded it, begun working on a follow-up album and has performed at over 300 shows. He's young, he's restless. He's Joe Given.

As a budding young star on the rise, Given will continue to hone his blend of pop, rock and soul on two dates at this year's seventh annual Movies Under

the Stars. Given takes some time to share with us who his idols are, where his confidence comes from, and what inspires him most:

When many teens your age shy away from any sort of public speaking, you revel in the spotlight. Where does that confidence come from?

I'm actually kind of a quiet guy. But I never really had the fear of singing or performing in public. Sure I sometimes shy away from public speaking, but from the first time I sang on stage, I loved it.

What inspires you most when writing lyrics and composing music?

Life is what inspires me. I basically write about what I feel. If something is going on in my life, I'll often find myself writing a song about it.

Who is on your list of dream collaborations?

There are many artists that I would love to collaborate with, in songwriting. Some of them include Dan Hill, Bob Dylan, John Mayer, Jason Mraz, Jack Johnson.

What are your short and long term goals in music and in life?

Songwriting has become a part of what I do almost every day, and I'm currently working toward my next album...In the future, I hope to continue growing and developing as a singer, songwriter, and performer and to hopefully reach a wider audience.

Check out Joe Given at <http://www.joegiven.com/> and catch him at Movies Under the Stars on August 6th at 7:30pm and August 27th at 7:00pm, Holland Park, Surrey.

Written by Joyce Quach

Once Upon a Time...

Ferdinand the Bull, Where the Wild Thing Are, and the Paper Bag Princess – these are the books of our childhood and the tales that continue to spark the creativity and imagination for a whole new generation of children.

Susan Andrews, also known as Susie the Storyteller of the Surrey Public Library brings the written word to life by sharing classic storybooks from acclaimed authors like Dr. Seuss, Robert Munsch and C.S. Lewis. Susie's captivating storytelling techniques includes funky costumes and the use of different voices to bring characters to life.

With the proliferation of books becoming digitalized this day and age, it can be difficult attracting readers to the library. That is why it is important to attract kids at an early age and share with them the pleasures of reading and the many magical worlds books can take us to.

Susie says of keeping her young audience captivated, "I love to costume kids and use props [including] musical instruments, puppets, and castles, which tend to encourage participation".

When asked about her favourite stories, Susie listed **Prince Cinders, Sleeping Beauty Wake Up, and Princess and the Pumpkin** as her top picks.

On performing at community events like Movies Under the Stars, Susie states, "I really think that this is a wonderful addition to all the community events that are held throughout Surrey. I love the connection of books turned into movies. Also, Movies Under the Stars is a great opportunity to share stories with neighbours in the beautiful park setting outdoors".

Catch Susie the Storyteller at this year's Seventh Annual Movies Under the Stars in Holland Park, Surrey. Susie will be sharing some great stories on August

13th from 6:00pm to 6:30pm.

Written by Joyce Quach



Four-legged celebrities and other stars

Cinemazoo is a special type of business. It's an animal agency that rescues animals and trains them for television and film. Some of the animals under the tutelage of Cinemazoo's President and Founder, Gary Oliver include everything from farm animals and amphibians to birds and insects. However, some of the most rare animals Cinemazoo cares for include the Bird Eating Tarantula and the Emperor collective Scorpion.

The impressive resume of Cinemazoo's superstar animals include credits for movies like 101 Dalmatians, television shows like Supernatural, as well as appearing in various commercials, print ads, music videos and much, much more.

Cinemazoo explains that, what many people might not know is that many animals aside from cats and dogs can make great pets. For instance, ferrets, Lion Head Rabbits and guinea pigs all do well in a domestic setting. However, if you're thinking about keeping a Monitor Lizard, or certain snakes and turtles, you might want to think twice because of their stench and their potential to spread Salmonella.

Even if you don't own a pet, it's always fun to watch Cinemazoo offering a chance to kids and adults to get up close and personal with different breeds of animals at events including birthday parties and educational presentations.

You have two chances to catch Cinemazoo in action with their animals. On August 14th from 11am to 5pm, Cinemazoo, will be teaming up with Urban Safari Rescue Society for an Open House at their new location – 1395 176th Street in Surrey. This is a fantastic opportunity



for people of all ages to learn about the responsibilities of pet ownership.

Also, catch a free show and tell from Cinemazoo on Saturday August 20th at this year's Movies Under the Stars event hosted by the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association at Holland Park. You'll be blown away by the sight of a massive boa constrictor, a well-aged tortoise and giant hissing cockroach, to name a few. You may even learn a thing or two about

these animals, too.

Written by Joyce Quach



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Movies galore and so much more



Movies Under the Stars is not just simply a free movie in the park. It is free and it is held at the beautiful Holland Park, but at its core this event is a special tradition shared among friends, families, organizations, and local businesses that come together to celebrate the idea of community.

Already in its seventh year, the

Movies Under the Stars- Bollywood Style!

As Surrey welcomes the seventh annual Movies Under the Stars at Holland Park, attendees can expect a little song-and-dance flavour added to their cinematic experience as the event goes Bollywood. Movies Under the Stars primarily features Hollywood favorites, however, on August 19, by popular demand and support, the event will take on a more cultural focus, screening its first Bollywood film.

Councillor Barinder Rasode, Chair of Surrey's Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, expresses that "as Surrey is one of the largest South Asian populations outside of India, it is important to represent that community. It is great that the DSBI is being representative of the fusion that exists in Surrey between cultures."

Bollywood night centres on this fusion, providing free activities, crafts, and entertainment for everyone to take part in. As well, Rasode maintains that Bollywood appeals to diverse

Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association (DSBIA) with support from the community organizes Movies Under the Stars. This year, four newly released family-friendly movies will be screened.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2 will kick off the opening night on Saturday August 6th followed by the film adaptation of the children's bestseller, **Ramona & Beezus** starring Selena Gomez and Joey King on August 13th. August 20th will feature Disney's **Tangled** and **Justin Bieber's Never Say Never** will close out the series on August 27th.

In addition to the great line up of movies, a slew of talented performers are set to hit the stage prior to the film. Starting at 4:30pm, this year's performers include local favourite singer-songwriter Joe Given and guitar maverick Derrick Fedele.

Everybody's favourite animal wranglers, Cinemazoo, will also be showing off their roster of talented animal actors including, tortoises, tarantulas, scorpions and snakes.

Arrive early to Movies and make your way through a line of incredible booths including a barbecue by the North Surrey Lions Club, kids crafts by the DSBIA and Surrey Rec, an instrument petting zoo by Long & McQuade, and some delicious treats by Mr. Mom's World.

For more information on this year's Movies Under the Stars, visit www.downtownsurreybia.com

Written by Joyce Quach



audiences because of the wide array of artistic elements it blends - "music, dance, drama, and scenes from all over the world."

The event, taking place on Friday, August the 19th in Holland Park, is the first of perhaps many future film nights focused on cultural celebration. Upon hearing this possibility, Rasode shares "I would like to see a Korean night, Vietnamese night, and anything else people are willing to be a part of."

As these free events draw hundreds of attendees per evening, the DSBIA hopes, Movies Under the Stars-Bollywood Style will stir greater interest in cultural appreciation and diversity. The night's festivities begin at 6:00 pm. For further information, contact Calvin at calvin@downtownsurreybia.com.

Written by Rachel Tze

Take a Quantum Leap into the Latest 3D Visual Technology



It's hard to keep up with the lightning speed of technology's evolution but on September 4th from 11:00am to 6:00pm at Central City Future Shop you can witness the latest, greatest 3DS gaming innovation by Nintendo. It has to be seen to be believed.

Lightyears beyond traditional handheld gaming devices, Nintendo catapults gamers into a new world of experience with the ultra-portable,

multi-use 3DS devices. The new double-screened "Augmented Reality Gaming" units can take visuals of your current physical surroundings and superimpose the gaming into it.

"In partnership with Nintendo, we're excited to give Canadians a chance for hands-on experience with glasses-free 3D handheld console gaming before it launches," says Elliott Chun, national Communications Manager for Future Shop.

Currently on display at Future Shop, the Nintendo 3DS system is more than just a leap forward in 3D gaming technology. It's a powerful entertainment device with built-in, immediately-accessible features and applications that provide easy access to the internet, email, and instant messaging. It also has a digital camera that takes 2D and 3D photos. Opening

up a whole new world of eye-popping gameplay possibilities, the device includes stereoscopic 3D display, a depth slider, and internal motion and gyro sensors.

Michelle Mackay, Marketing and Communications Manager for Blackwood Partners Management, Central City says, "We're excited to host such a huge name in the gaming industry. We are equally excited to be able to partner with Future Shop on this event. Central City is a place where things happen!"

Come on out and play! From adventure, to sports or fighting, you'll find a great game to suit your fancy.

Written by Sylvia Taylor.

Urban Market: Recap the Fruits of B.C.

The long aisles at the local supermarket can be dead boring for routine shoppers. However, the Surrey Urban Farmers Market offers a great alternative for a Wednesday afternoon grocery hunt. Ditch your shopping carts for a day and come out for a meander around stalls brimming with homegrown berries, hand crafted accessories, and exquisite bath supplies.

Lucrecia from Luci's Hair Dresser offers handcrafted ornamental hair clips, headbands, barrettes, claws, and bun holders. Market-goers can also select from a variety of aromatic all-natural bath products. I had the amazing opportunity to try out a handmade hemp oil soap bar, courtesy of Water Crest, a local business that specializes in its innovative chemistry of lye, herbs, and exotic ingredients to create a sudsy ecstasy. Lathering with their hemp oil soap was a luxury worth its weight in loonies.

After treating themselves to an olfactory delight, folks can indulge in the various fruits and vegetables cultivated in local B.C. farms – the main attraction of the market, and one of the tastiest. The produce is more often than not harvested during dawn on the day of the market; with the virtual impossibility of choosing a stale or rotten batch, caution and scruple are rare traits in a Farmer's Market customer.

Catherine from Water Crest states that there are more Farmer's Markets across Vancouver suburbs this year, "providing residents greater opportunity to support local businesses."

The Surrey Urban Farmers Market is held on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Surrey Central Skytrain Station (in front of the Recreation Centre) until September 29th.

By Viktoria Grafstrom



What's Up in Whalley?

Community Calendar

AUGUST AUGUST AUGUST AUGUST

- Central City Annual Model Search – Voting on Facebook August 1-31.
- 3 **Surrey Urban Farmers Market** from 1-6 pm at North Surrey Rec Centre
- 4 **Live Band Jam Night/Open Mic** 8 pm Olympia Pizza 10257 King George Boulevard www.olympiapizza.ca 604.584.1388
- 6 **Movies Under the Stars** - *Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2* at Holland Park – activities, entertainment & BBQ start at 4:30 pm, Movie at dusk.
- 10 **Surrey Urban Farmers Market** from 1-6 pm at North Surrey Rec Centre
- 10 **Spa Night** at North Surrey Rec Centre. 7:30-10 pm Land & water exercises. \$5 Quote #TTR 4250964 when registering.
- 11 **Live Band Jam Night/Open Mic** 8 pm Olympia Pizza 10257 King George
- 12 **Dr. Dre Beats Demo** from 1-6pm Best Buy Surrey (Central City)
- 13 **Movies Under the Stars** - *Ramona and Beezus* at Holland Park – Activities, entertainment & BBQ start at 4:30 pm, Movie at dusk.
- 17 **Surrey Urban Farmers Market** from 1-6 pm at North Surrey Rec Centre
- 18 **Live Band Jam Night/Open Mic** 8 pm Olympia Pizza 10257 King George
- 19 **Movies Under the Stars** - *Bollywood Style* at Holland park. Activities + food at 6pm at dusk the movie starts
- 19 **“Live Band” Punk Rock Show** 8 pm Olympia Pizza 10257 King George
- 20 **Movies Under the Stars** - *Tangled* at Holland Park – activities, entertainment & BBQ start at 4:30 pm, Movie at dusk. *Cinemazoo 6-6:45 pm*
- 20 **Drag Queen Show** Olympia Pizza 10257 King George Boulevard
- 24 **Surrey Urban Farmers Market** from 1-6 pm at North Surrey Rec Centre
- 25 **Live Band Jam Night/Open Mic** 8 pm Olympia Pizza 10257 King George
- 26 **Perogy Supper. St. Mary's Hall** 13512-108 Ave. 4:30-7:30 pm. Info: 604.531.1923. Eat-in or Take-out.
- 27 **Movies Under the Stars** - *Justin Bieber : Never Say Never* at Holland Park – activities, entertainment & BBQ start at 4:30 pm, Movie at dusk.
- 27 **Drag Queen Show** Olympia Pizza 10257 King George Boulevard
- 31 **Surrey Urban Farmers Market** from 1-6 pm at North Surrey Rec Centre

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Nintendo 3DS Tour – Future Shop

September 4th – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Parking lot in front of Future Shop at Central City
 Trucks and tents set up with Nintendo 3DS interactive games and displays.

Seniors' Day at New City Centre Library

Thurs., Sept. 8th, 2:00-4:00p.m.
 Special Speaker: Jane Hall, author of "The Red Wall: a woman in the RCMP", 2:00-3:00.
 Library tours

Lego Literacy Building Challenge - September 10th and 11th, 2011 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Central City Shopping Centre
 Certified Master Lego Builder will construct a massive lego display. The Corporate Community will be challenged to build their own creations to be judged on September 11th. Cost to enter a corporate team is \$1,000 with all proceeds going to Surrey Libraries for their literacy program. For more information contact Cyndy Hill at 604-598-7307

Youth Day at New City Centre Library - Thursday Sept. 15th

School-aged events throughout day.
 Teen activities after school.
 Call 598-7427 for more information.

Grand Opening, City Centre Library, - Saturday September 24th

Festivities: 11:00-3:00
 Official Ceremony: 1:00-1:30

RCMP Shredathon - Saturday September 24

10 am- 2 pm
 Dell Shopping Centre Parking Lot
 10604 King George Blvd
 Free service but donations to the Surrey Food Bank gratefully accepted.



Movies Under the Stars



Farmers Market



City Centre Library



Movies Under the Stars



CinemaZoo

City Centre Library



Pride Fest



Fusion Fest



Q Fest



Reading Changes Lives With Lego!



Surrey has long recognized the profound importance of early literacy as part of its leading-edge movement into a sustainable and successful future. The 2011 Literacy Building Challenge, hosted at Central City Shopping Centre on September 10th and 11th, is a unique and inspiring community initiative designed to enlist public and corporate support for Early Literacy Programs at Surrey Libraries.

Lego is helping make literacy learning fun, entertaining and engaging. Combining learning and play is a key strategy used by educational facilities world-wide with amazing results.

Inspired by the Whalley Family Lego Book Club's successful 2010 program, the 2011 Literacy Building Challenge's theme is 'Dreams'. Fifteen corporately-sponsored teams are

challenged to use a specialized Lego kit, innovative ideas, and creative flair to build their vision for the future of the City Centre area, the children of Surrey, or Early Literacy in our community.

Visitors to Central City Shopping Centre are invited to join the fun, vote for favourites, bring their own Lego masterpiece, or add to the amazing Lego model of the upcoming City Centre Library, built onsite by Master Lego Builder, Robin Sather, for a small donation to Surrey Libraries.

Cyndy Hill, Director of Development, Surrey Libraries believes, "Literacy is a key underpinning of almost any human endeavour. When we combine literacy and creativity with the financial support offered by the business community, we can create an experience that brings

all these elements together—and we all have the opportunity to learn and be creative together."

One hundred percent of sponsorship fees and donations will go directly to support Early Literacy Programs at Surrey Libraries, helping families with their literacy needs. Great fun for visitors and sponsors alike, this fundraising event will be established as a must-see tradition in Surrey.

"We couldn't launch the Literacy Building Challenge without the leadership shown by our Central City Shopping Centre and the Surrey NOW who have partnered with us to bring this community-building event to Surrey."

If you can't commit to a team this year, please consider making a donation.

Central City Shopping Centre -
September 10-11
Judging ("Most Creative Structure"):
Sept 11th, 1pm
Lego take-down September 16th,
4pm

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Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Holland Park
King George at 100 Ave.

SATURDAY

presented by prospera.
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August 6 Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2	August 13 Ramona and Beezus	August 20 Tangled	August 27 Never Say Never
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Free the Bench

Once upon a time during the last century, there were benches available in the City Centre area of Surrey where people could sit and socialize. Then we learned about CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design). We realized that encouraging people to sit and enjoy the area could create problems. Benches provided seating that people could lie on. So in an attempt to feel safer, we chopped down trees, removed the flowers, uprooted the bushes and eliminated the benches. We felt safer because we stopped going to the area. It conformed to CPTED principles but not to making places friendly.

In 2007, Fred Kent of Project for Public Spaces came to City Centre from New York to help us identify ways to develop public spaces in Surrey. He led several groups through the area, remarking on the untapped possibilities of our area. "I have visited places on life support," he remarked

to one of the BIA Directors. "Surrey is a blank slate."

With some work, we can create great public spaces.

Out of the corner of his eye, he saw an artifact from the last century. A bench – hidden under the stairs and totally enclosed by an iron fence.

"In all my travels, I have never seen anything like this," he remarked.

No one in the group could explain the incarceration of the bench.

"Perhaps they are protecting the bench before they move it to the museum – as part of the history of Whalley and life before CPTED," one of the group observed.

A small child was heard to say to his mother, "Mommy, I'm so sad – the bench is so lonely, isn't there something we can do?"

As part of the Whalley Community Festival 2007, there was a trial to free the bench and the jury (audience) proclaimed unanimously: "Free the Bench." Unfortunately, the bench has remained incarcerated to this day – waiting to be rehabilitated and again released into society.

At the recent Jim Diers' workshop, a small group of community-minded people started talking about an Interbenchion (see story below).

This project has again spurred interest in our now world-famous bench. Apparently, there is renewed talk about freeing the bench ... stay tuned for updates.



Bench'd

It started with a bench – solitary and confined, seen but not touched. Located underneath the Surrey Central Skytrain Station, this bench sits, but is never sat upon due to its peculiar predicament – it's guarded by a gate and inaccessible to pedestrians.

Originally sealed off rather than removed by the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), a mock trial this bench was accused in, of being an accessory to vagrancy in the area.

As absurd a situation as it may be, a group of community members and amateur artists known as Interbenchionist, came together and decided to liberate this bench from the confines of its shackles.

Now endearingly known as part of the

Interbenchion Project, a mix of public art with a dose of guerilla style, the bench continues to surprise commuters and other individuals passing by. One week the bench may be draped in seasonal garb like Christmas decorations, while on another week, the bench may be disguised as a ferocious, yellow polka dotted dinosaur.

The Interbenchion Project has become a site of artistic expression and thought-provoking fun. Whether it is decorated as an ordinary living room, wrapped in tin foil or fluttering with paper cranes, don't expect this bench to be anything less than extraordinary.

So, the next time you walk past the Surrey Central Skytrain Station, keep an eye out for this infamous bench behind bars that has transformed into a beautiful art installation. For photos and additional information, check out the

official Interbenchion blog at <http://interbenchion.blogspot.com/>.

Written by Joyce Quach



BIA Announces Bursary Winners



Each spring, the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association awards two outstanding local high school students with \$500 bursaries to put toward their first year studies at SFU Surrey campus. This year's recipients are: Tina Bui of Queen Elizabeth Secondary and Karim Abdulwahab of Kwantlen Park Secondary.

Tina is headed for the Business 1 program en route to a career as a Chartered Accountant. This math whiz and Green Team volunteer is looking forward to the Surrey campus'

small class sizes and high access to teachers and resources, and hopes to spend a semester in Korea as part of SFU's International Student Exchange program. She also has a gift for creating humorous videos and parody.

Along with the \$500 BIA bursary, Tina will be receiving the \$2,000 SFU Surrey entrance award and another \$300 from another local organization and plans to continue working at her part time job at McDonald's through the summer and the weekends to help offset school costs.

"I like to work with numbers and solve problems and want to learn more about investing so I can help my parents earn money so they don't have to work so hard," Tina says.

Karim's commitment to serving his community comes from family tradition and values. Whether following his brother in medicine or working in the City of Surrey's financial services, a career is more than just making money for this teen leader. Currently enrolled in SFU Surrey Biomedical Physiology program, Karim's academic excellence and community leadership in his faith community and school programs has earned him \$4000 in bursaries. Along with his interest and aptitude in business and finance, he has been

inspired by his brother's fulfilling experiences while in medical training, and is also considering careers in Cardiology or Oncology,

"I want to give back to my community because it's given so much to me," says Karim. "I try to lead by example and help other young people learn to never stop believing in themselves; to stay away from the bad things in life and gear them towards helping others. When you help others, you help yourself."

Written by Sylvia Taylor



Literacy Building Challenge

Helping build childrens' future with Literacy Building Challenge

Location: Central City Shopping Centre

Common area between Urban Behavior and Tim Hortons

Date: Saturday & Sunday, September 10th & 11th, 2011

Judging: Sunday, Sept 11th, 2011 at 1pm

Lego structure take down: Friday, September 16th, 2011 at 4pm