

HELPING YOU KEEP YOUR PRECIOUS CARGO SAFE

The Canadian Public Health Association puts motor vehicle injuries as the leading cause of injury-related deaths for children in Canada. We, at the GWPC, understand the importance of keeping your precious little ones safe. As the only Community Policing Centre working on car seat education, our volunteers are BCAA certified and offer car seat education services via 1-hour sessions. In addition to assisting with the correct installation of car seats, we are also happy to provide follow-up sessions for parents who have outstanding questions, new car seats, etc.

With strict COVID protocols in place, we are open and always working on making the neighbourhood safer. If you would like to have us answer any of your car seat related questions, please book an appointment via our telephone 604-717-2932 or email us at info@gwpc.ca. Alternatively, drop into our office for a quick chat – nothing like seeing you in person!

~ Kinni Singh, Volunteer



Dan, a parent who previously attended a 1-hour session, came back for a follow-up session to learn how to install a new car seat.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR SPOOKTACULAR STORY SERIES!

From October 25th through October 28th at 4:00pm, we will be hosting a 30 to 45-minute pop-up Halloween event at the GWPC.

Hear our Spooky Story Tellers share their favourite Halloween-themed stories.

We'll also be giving out safety tips, treats and goody bags!

Join us if you dare – mwahaha



BURNING FIRE SAFETY QUESTIONS ANSWERED #1

QUESTION: When is Fire Safety Week 2021, and what is the central theme?

ANSWER: Fire Safety Week takes place from October 3rd through October 9th. The 2021 theme focuses on the importance of recognizing the sounds made by both fire and carbon monoxide alarms and what to do when you hear them.



SLOW ZONE PROJECT: 30'S THE NEW 50

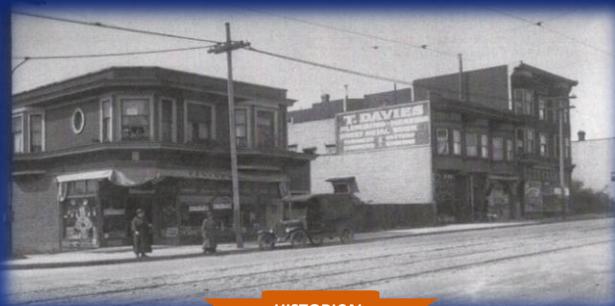
In March 2021, Vancouver placed 30km/hr signs in several areas within Grandview-Woodland, which had previously been the standard 50km/hr. Both cyclists and pedestrians can travel throughout the neighbourhood far more safely when the speed limit is lowered. The Grandview-Woodland area is a pilot for the Slow Zone project due to several factors, including its vulnerable residents and high collision rates. You will see the Slow Zones around Clark Drive, East 1st Avenue, Commercial Drive, and North Grandview Highway. All findings from the pilot project will be reported to the City Council this fall as part of their Moving to Zero Action Plan to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries caused by traffic accidents.

~ G.M., Volunteer



GUESS WHAT YEAR THE HISTORICAL PHOTO WAS TAKEN

Submit your answer to the GWPC by emailing info@gwpc.ca with "Subject line: Guess the Year Photo Contest" for a chance to win a prize.



HISTORICAL

1900-block Commercial Drive looking northwest.



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NPO CORNER

Whenever you see this badge — know that these fun facts are brought to you by your Neighbourhood Police Officer (NPO) **Cst. Falk**



BURNING FIRE SAFETY QUESTIONS ANSWERED #2

QUESTION: When and why were fireworks banned?

ANSWER: Fireworks were banned in Vancouver on November 1st, 2020, due to them being a trigger for anxiety and/or trauma and their potential fire risk. During Halloween in 2019, Vancouver Fire Services had to combat 20 fires caused by fireworks.



STREET SAFETY FOR SENIORS

I often receive questions, specifically from our senior community members, regarding what they can do to feel safe and secure when they are out in their communities. One message I consistently deliver to the public is to be mindful and aware of their surroundings.

A few additional tips and recommendations I frequently make are:

- 1.) **If you are required to walk at night, take only familiar, well-lit, and well-travelled streets.** Avoid trails, back alleys, or shortcuts if possible.
- 2.) **Carry a cellphone on your person.** Be aware of your current location in the event you need to call the police.
- 3.) **Carry limited valuables and money on your person.** Additionally, consider carrying a small wallet inside your pocket instead of a larger purse or bag on your shoulder.
- 4.) **Be loud if you need help.** Please do not be afraid to scream or shout for help if you are in need. Carrying a whistle or personal alarm is also recommended.
- 5.) **When possible, walk with a friend or family member.** For example, walk to the market or conduct day-to-day activities with a friend, rather than alone.

FIND THE TINY SAFETY SPOT!

The tiny cartoon Safety Spot will be about this big...



He's hidden somewhere in this newsletter.

Have you found him yet?!

Stay safe out there!!

~ Constable Falk

2022 VPD Dog CALENDARS ON SALE Now!

Calendars can be purchased at the GWCPC office. Get yours today before we're sold out!

"The cost of each calendar is \$15 with the proceeds equally split between the BC Cancer Foundation and the BC Children's Hospital Foundation."



ICBC PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS

- **DRIVERS:** Look for and be ready to yield to pedestrians, especially when turning at intersections and near transit stops.
- **PEDESTRIANS:** Remove your headphones and take a break from your phone while crossing the road.
- Nearly half (44%) of all crashes with pedestrians happen between October and January, as visibility and conditions get worse.

~ Paul

Goodman,
ICBC Road
Safety
&
Community
Coordinator



SAY HELLO TO A GRANDVIEW-WOODLAND LOCAL: PAUL

Paul has been an avid bowler for years and has even competed on the Special Olympics' 5-Pin Bowling Team.



Before the pandemic restrictions, Paul would go bowling every week at Grandview Lanes.



Now that things are opening again, we're happy to hear that he's picking up right where he left off — leaving no [bowling] pin standing!

~ N.D., Staff

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WORD SEARCH

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