

# Smithers Community Services Association

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## Newsletter



### Celebrating 30 Years' Service

In June, SCSA celebrated Shirley Mueller's 30 years of employment.



Shirley is a foundational member of SCSA and has been a constant force in the evolution and health of the organization.

Starting 1985 as the part-time bookkeeper, Shirley has seen many changes in the organization as well as the community. Over the past 30 years the organization grew and she became the full-time administrator. She has seen many programs ebb and flow in response to community needs and during her tenure has supported staff and clients alike.

She is a sounding board, a voice of reason, and has been relied on to uphold the organization on many occasions over the years, particularly during times of change and uncertainty. She consistently demonstrates integrity, a strong work ethic, and conscientiousness, combined with innovative thought and creative ideas.

**The SCSA would like to thank Shirley for her dedication and hard work over the last three decades.**

### Summer Step-Up Program Starts Soon

Step Up is a summer tutoring program for students K-12 designed to help students maintain and strengthen their academic skills over the summer. Tutors provide engaging, individualized one-on-one as well as group session tutoring to target student's specific academic needs in a casual summer environment. Individual tutoring sessions are one hour and scheduling is flexible.



Step Up runs Mon—Fri 9am—3pm from Jul 13th—Aug 28 at Northwest

Community College. Bursaries are available.

To register, or for more information, contact the Step Up Program Coordinator at 250-877-9405

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## SCSA Programs

- Alpine Court Family Housing
- Broadway House Apartments
- Broadway Place Emergency Shelter
- Christmas Hampers
- Community Learning & Literacy Outreach
- CORR Homes
- Cottonwood Manor
- English Language and Multicultural Services
- Family Support
- FASD Services
- Ground 2 Griddle Neighbourhood Kitchen
- Helping Hands
- Housing Outreach
- Lifeline
- The Meadows Assisted Living
- Second Avenue Housing Community
- Smithers & District Transit
- Summer Step Up Tutoring
- Youth Support

## Smithers Transit Now Offering Saturday Service

On Saturdays, the Smithers & District Transit System is providing bus service to & from the Farmer's Market. Each Saturday morning, the bus, when returning from Telkwa on the 9:00am & 10:50am bus route services, will extend the route to the Farmer's Market on request. For return trips to Telkwa, the pick-up location will remain the Rio Theatre bus shelter. For in town residents, individuals can request curb-to-curb service, to and from the market, when they phone to book their rides with the receptionist. Call **250-847-4993** to book your ride.

## Meadows Residents Going to the Market

The new Saturday bus service includes transportation for Meadow's residents to the farmer's market. The seniors have an hour to spend shopping and visiting before the transit bus arrives to take them back home.



## Farmers Market Trips Spurs Interest In New Meadows Greenhouse



Residents Stan and Verna Thomsen, Marg Lubbers and Mary Bayson along with Val Smith, manager of the Meadows, stand in front of the new greenhouse built this spring by SCSA caretaker Dave Goble. Stan Thomsen assisted Dave with building the greenhouse and the boxes.

Prior to the transit service for residents to the farmer's market, there wasn't as much interest in using the new structure. Now, however, many of the residents have sections of the greenhouse for growing their own vegetables and herbs; the greenhouse is full of delicious looking food.



## The Family Support Program Presents: Roots of Connection Park Days!

Parents and other caregivers, with their children, are invited to register for this free event featuring:

- Snacks
- Games
- Resource sharing
- Food-building
- Connecting with Others
- Family Time!



Wednesdays July 29 & August 26 11-2 at Tyhee Lake Park, and Wednesday, August 5 11-2 at Heritage Park (Kiddies Park)

Please note that childcare is not provided.

To register, or for information, please contact Theresa or Aisha at (250)847-9515

## New to Canada? Applying for Citizenship? Test Preparation Sessions Now Available!

The SCSA English Language and Multicultural Services Program is offering two free 6-week sessions to help permanent residents prepare for the Canadian citizenship test.

Classes will be held:

Tuesday July 14—August 25th (except Aug. 4th) from 6—8 pm  
OR

Wednesdays July 15—Aug 26th (except Aug 5) from 9:30—11: 30 am

Classes will be held in the ELMS Classroom at the SCSA office (in the train station).

Study guides will be provided.

Please contact Petra by Tuesday July 7 to register.



New citizenship requirements include:

- Permanent resident living in Canada for 4 out of 6 years
- Ages 14-64 must meet language requirements
- Ages 14-64 must pass the Citizenship Knowledge Test.

## SCSA AGM July 7th

On July 7th the Smithers Community Services Association held their 41st Annual General Meeting. 28 members and 7 guests were in attendance.

Registration was open to SCSA members, staff and the public.



## Music On The Bus

In the spirit of Midsummer Festival, the Smithers Transit Bus had local musicians playing for passengers on July 2nd through 4th.





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## BC Farmer's Market Partnership with SCSA Programs for Coupon Distribution

The Family Support, the Meadows and English Language Multicultural Service programs have partnered with the BC Farmer's Market Healthy Families Coupon program. The aim of this program is to support the local farmers market and encourage healthy eating.

This partnership provides coupons to program participants for use at their local farmer's market. Participants receive booklets of coupons for use towards purchases of vegetables, eggs, and meat. Starting on June 8th and running until October 26th, the program has just begun and already we have very positive feedback from the participants.



BC ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS

## Bike to Work Week Team and Celebration Station

Bike to Work Week took place on May 25th—29th. Our team this year consisted of twelve cyclists who, in their green leaf costumes, accumulated a total of 576.73 km. Overall in Smithers, 8,975.8 km were completed by 47 teams. This is equates to 296,305 Calories burned and 1,945 kg Greenhouse Gases saved. Combined, BC teams rode 534,946 kilometers and saved 115,976 Kg Greenhouse Gases!

In addition to entering a team, the SCSA also hosted a Celebration Station where participants could stop by for refreshments and snacks. Over thirty community members attended our station and four were the lucky winners of our door prize including reflective bands, a bike bell, front and back bike lights, saddle bag, repair kit with inner tube and books.



## Alex Cuba Wows The Meadows



On May 13, 2015 Alex Cuba performed an acoustic concert for the residents and staff of the Meadows.

