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# TENANT CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

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clothing can assist you in achieving your goals.

**GVHS:** How does someone get an appointment, and what can they expect?

**TL:** Our services are free to clients. There are no requirements or limitations. Services are provided through a personalized, 1-hour appointment at our downtown boutique. Just call or email to make an appointment. Our goal is that you leave with at least a couple of mix-and-match business casual outfits, shoes, coat, handbag, and possibly toiletries. This may vary depending on our inventory!

**GVHS:** How do you help a client figure out their style?

**TL:** We ask questions to assist you in your goals, and it's okay if you have no idea, we'll work with you no matter what. You'll have a comfortable experience: our boutique consultants are non-judgmental, respectful, and create a safe environment where you work together. Everyone is valued and deserves to be there. We want you to walk out feeling uplifted, and it's beautiful to see the strength and confidence women can gain from their appointments. ♦

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

AND COULD CLOTHING HELP YOU GET WHERE YOU'RE GOING?

### WEAR 2 START CAN HELP BY REDUCING BARRIERS TO SUCCESS

Wear2Start provides a personalized wardrobe experience for all self-identified women as they take the next step towards their goals. GVHS sits down with Program Manager Tracy Lubick as she explains how Wear 2 Start has been helping to change lives since 2001.

**GVHS:** Tracy, we're so excited to speak with you today. Tell us what you do.

**Tracy Lubick:** Wear2Start helps women overcome barriers to success. We provide clothing, accessories, shoes, handbags, and essential personal care items, for women who require assistance in obtaining professional clothing suitable for work and life. Over the years, we have assisted thousands of women in gaining confidence and increasing chances of success through a more polished appearance.

*"Our services are free; there are no limitations. Clients get a personalized, 1-hour appointment at our downtown boutique."*

*~ Tracy Lubick, Wear2Start Program Manager*

**GVHS:** Tell me more about the ways clients have benefitted from your services.

**TL:** Perhaps you have a job interview, or you'd like to seek a promotion within your current workplace. You might have to appear in court, apply for a loan at a bank, or attend an event. At Wear2Start, we want to know how business casual

*If you (or someone you know) could benefit from Wear2Start's personalized services...*

**EMAIL:** [REFERRALS@WEAR2START.COM](mailto:REFERRALS@WEAR2START.COM)

**CALL:** 250.472.9327

# Family Hallowe'en Fun



🎃 **Monster Mash:** A fang-tastic evening of fun with music, games, and prizes! Friday, October 29 @ Burnside Gorge Community Association (471 Cecelia Rd.) 250-388-5251. **\$5 / family**

🎃 **Museum Tots Halloween:** Ages 3 - 5 get a fun introduction to the world of museum learning. Children are encouraged to learn through crafts, play, dance, and song. Saturday, October 30, 11am - 12pm @ Maritime Museum of BC (744 Douglas St.) 250-385-4222. **FREE**

🎃 **(Not So) Scary Old Town Tour:** a spooky tour of Old Town in the Royal BC Museum for all ages, with a storytelling tour and hands-on activities. October 23 - 24, 11am & 1pm (675 Belleville St.) 250-883-4056. **FREE, reservations required**

🎃 **Treats R Us:** celebrate the spooky season with activities, stories, costumes, and giveaways. October 16 - 31 @ Toys R Us stores. **FREE**

## TENANT TIPS: PAY THROUGH PAD

(ASK US HOW!)

- ✓ GVHS prefers **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)** for payments like rent, parking, and storage
- ✓ PAD is withdrawn directly from your bank each month through secure transfer
- ✓ You don't need to worry about forgetting to pay rent on time
- ✓ If you're on PAD and know you won't have enough money in your account, contact our office at least 5 business days before the end of the month ~ preferably more!



✓ Staff can work with you to figure out a payment plan and advise you of your options

**Want to talk about your rent payments? Contact our Finance Department at 250.384.3434 extension 38**

## Hallowe'en Trivia

- ☒ The first Jack O' Lanterns were actually carved from turnips!
- ☒ A group of witches is called a coven
- ☒ The heaviest recorded pumpkin was in Germany in 2016, weighing in at 2,624 lbs
- ☒ The word Hallowe'en is an abbreviation of 'All Hallow's Eve'
- ☒ Bobbing for apples originated in Ancient Rome
- ☒ The tradition of costumes started so that when evil spirits saw you, they would think you were one of them and leave you alone

## LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLES

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS

#### Across

3. Road  
5. Sweaters  
9. Geese  
10. Halo  
11. Flatten  
13. Seem  
14. When  
15. Potatoes  
17. Red  
20. September  
22. Wary  
24. Birch  
26. Rear  
28. Mad  
29. In  
31. Fall  
32. November  
33. Harvest  
34. Fresh

#### Down

1. Leaf  
2. Teen  
3. Recess  
4. December  
6. Weather  
7. Acorn  
8. Season  
9. Get  
12. Eat  
16. October  
18. Day  
19. Pumpkins  
20. Squirrel  
21. Backpack  
22. Warmth  
23. Reader  
25. Cold  
27. Amber  
30. Not

### TRIVIA ANSWERS

- GVHS was founded in 1956
- We started with just 26 homes
- GVHS partners with MODO carshare
- We just opened our 16th building
- Virginia Holden is our new Executive Director
- GVHS has been serving the community for 65 years
- Greater Victoria Rent Bank Program can provide assistance with rent or utilities
- We are giving away 15 Buy Local gift cards
- Last issue's Featured Artist prefers the artistic mediums of acrylic paint and photography. ♦