



**GREATER VICTORIA  
HOUSING SOCIETY**  
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# TENANT CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

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<https://greatervichousing.org/covid-19-resources>

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*GVHS acknowledges that it organizes and works on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen peoples, and that the land's historical relationships with the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples have existed since time immemorial.*

## GVHS CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISER

Every year, Greater Victoria Housing Society holds a fundraiser to create gift baskets for our family holiday raffle. This year, we held a Star Decorating Contest for the kids in our buildings, and received some incredibly creative artwork! Our staff raised enough funds and donated dozens of toys to create 11 large toy bags for lucky families, and small gift bags for everyone who participated.



## IN NEED OF FOOD?

### THE FOOD SHARE NETWORK CAN HELP

Visit [www.foodsharenetwork.com](http://www.foodsharenetwork.com)

or call 236-464-7551



#### WHAT IS THE FOOD SHARE NETWORK?

It's a group of organizations that work together to enhance food security for all people in the Capital Regional District. Different community organizations work together, including food banks, community centres, Indigenous organizations, schools, donors, and more.

#### HOW CAN IT HELP YOU?

On [foodsharenetwork.com/resources](http://foodsharenetwork.com/resources) find listings for whatever your food needs might be. Some of the services offered include:

- ✓ Food Hampers
- ✓ Hot Meals
- ✓ Community Meals
- ✓ Food Distribution
- ✓ Fresh Produce Distribution
- ✓ Affordable Meal Programs
- ✓ Meals for Youth
- ✓ Meals for Seniors
- ✓ Family Meals
- ✓ Food Delivery



## GVHS COVID-19 UPDATES



☆ We have decided to close the common rooms in all of our buildings until further notice due to increased COVID risk on the island. Thank you for understanding.



- ☆ Please continue to wear masks in all common areas, maintain social distancing, and wash hands frequently!
- ☆ We ask that people from no more than one household use the elevator at a time.
  - ☆ Children age 5-11 are now eligible to be vaccinated at special clinics.
- ☆ The province has begun to roll out COVID-19 booster shots. Currently the government is sending out invitations to people who are eligible. The next batch of eligibility invitations will be issued after January. For more info visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/vaccine-registration-eligibility>

**Featured App:**

“Be My Eyes is a free app that connects blind and low-vision people with sighted volunteers and company representatives for visual assistance through a live video call.”

Folks with vision troubles can open up the app and connect with a sighted volunteer who will use their phone’s camera to relay them information and help direct them to what they are looking for!

Be My Eyes is available for iOS and Android.

**PUZZLES & GAMES**

How many 4 letter words can you make using the letters in the word:

**FESTIVE**

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Our puzzle-master found 7! See if you can out-puzzle them!

**IT’S AN EMERGENCY. WHAT DO I DO?**

Are you or is someone else in distress or feeling threatened?

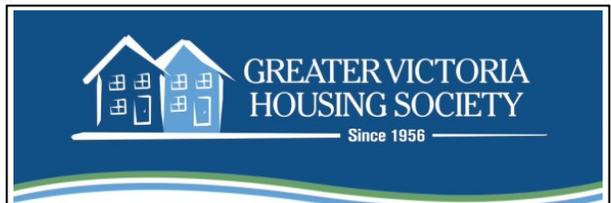
1. **Call 911!**
2. Take note of a police file number, if applicable
3. Advise GVHS in writing

Even if it’s not an immediate emergency, use our online ‘Report An Incident’ form at [greatervichousing.org/tenants/current-tenants/](http://greatervichousing.org/tenants/current-tenants/)



The holidays can be a hard time for some. If you or someone you know needs mental health support this holiday season the Crisis society’s crisis line is open 24/7.

Call: 1-888-494-3888



After Hours Emergencies	1.866.654.8273
Building Maintenance	250.384.3434 Ext 24
Tenant Relations	250.384.3434 Ext 35
Payments & Accounting	250.384.3434 Ext 38

**Last Issue’s Crossword Answers****Across**

1. SPCA  
5. HELPS  
8. IDEA  
9. TONE  
11. PEA  
13. CARSA  
14. RUFUS  
17. ANNA  
18. ANTS  
20. NARK  
22. RAINING  
23. THETIS  
25. LEAF  
29. IPA  
31. ABLE

**DOWN**

1. SHIP  
2. PEDE  
3. CLEAR  
4. APA  
6. MORNING  
7. TEA  
9. TAN

10. NSA  
12. LUNAR  
13. CAT  
15. FAN  
16. STRAIT  
19. SKI  
21. THRIFT  
23. TAXI  
24. SOOKE  
25. LA  
26. EBOOK  
27. ALIBI  
28. FELON  
30. PORT  
33. CAD  
34. ORE

**DECEMBER TENANT TIPS**

- ☆ No live Christmas trees are permitted in units due to fire risk ~ if you don’t have an artificial tree, try a wreath or a small table-top evergreen in a pot!
- ☆ Instead of candles and incense (which are not permitted in GVHS buildings) try electric tea lights or spritzing essential oil room mist!
- ☆ If you or your guests smoke, reminder to please take it off the property, out of consideration for others
- ☆ Check out [rentsmarteducation.org](http://rentsmarteducation.org) for more tenant tips!