

Introducing...Collingwood Recreation Society

by Paul Reid

Following the success of the Save Bruce Field campaign at Graham Bruce Elementary and an outdoor mini world cup event, Melanie Cheng received donations from Microsoft, Canva, Google and the Whitecaps! Using the funding, she put together a digital calendar project to help promote events, activities and programming in the neighbourhood to make them more accessible.

The calendar aims to assist the community by providing information on low-cost and easily accessible events and services. The community calendar can be instantly translated into 15 languages, aligning with the goal to bridge information gaps for newcomers and English language learners.



Phoebe Lin, Suresh Yenuga and Melanie Cheng: founders of Collingwood Recreation Society. Photo by Paul Reid

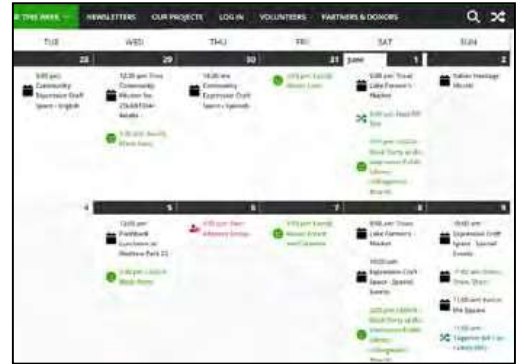
In addition to the community calendar, another project that the Collingwood Recreation Society is focused on is their *Youth Soccer Festival: Uniting the Community through Sport*.

“We hope to again host our annual *Youth Soccer Festival* which provides a unique opportunity for children of diverse backgrounds to come together and be introduced to soccer.”

“The event starts with drills and then children are split into teams. Last year, we successfully enrolled about 40 children in this friendly tournament, providing most of them with their first and only opportunity to participate in a sports tournament.

The tournament concludes with a festival including a youth rock band performance and a community-wide outdoor movie night. Last year this event drew over 200 people, was attended by elected representatives, and was covered by Global TV.

Youth Soccer Festival will be on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 5 pm to 9 pm. The event takes place in partnership with the Collingwood



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Community Policing Centre. This free event for children from kindergarten to 7th grade is in the Renfrew-Collingwood area of East Vancouver at a school site with support from the Vancouver School Board.

Beyond the field, the event seeks to build connections among participants, encouraging teamwork and mutual respect.



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