

## Summer Kicks Off on July 11



Sunrise Summer Kickoff  
Photographs: Mike McCue



The biggest summer event in our community – the 2015 Sunrise Summer Kickoff – takes over the Sunrise Square parking lot on Saturday, July 11, from 10am to 4 pm!

As always, the main event will be street hockey, free and open to kids from kindergarten to Grade 9.

(To sign up, register on line at [www.hastings sunrise cpc.com](http://www.hastings sunrise cpc.com) or drop into the CPC/BIA office at 2620 East Hastings St.)

Besides the hockey tournament, the Kickoff will have something for everyone in the family: **Safety fair, Petting zoo, Climbing wall, Pony rides, Police displays, Cultural performances, Live music, Face painting, BBQ, Arts and crafts, Carnival and more!**

Come and meet your neighbours and many of the community organizations that help make Hastings Sunrise a vibrant place.

The event is sponsored by the Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre (HSCPC) and the Hastings North Business Improvement Association (HNBIA), with generous support from the community.

Scores of volunteers from the HSCPC and the community, along with Vancouver police and other safety professionals, participate as coaches, referees, organizers and support workers.

To contact the HSCPC, phone 604-717-3584 or email [info@hscpc.com](mailto:info@hscpc.com).



**SAVE THE DATE - SUNRISE SUMMER KICKOFF**  
**JULY 11TH, 2015**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Sunrise Square Parking Lot (2500 Franklin Street)  
 10:00am - 4:00pm

QUESTIONS?  
 CONTACT THE HNBIA AT 604-215-2401




# Eye Contact = Safe Walking

Pedestrian safety is an important issue that is too often taken lightly. Despite how many accidents happen on an annual basis, a lot of them could have been prevented.

According to the Vancouver Police Department, the East Hastings and Broadway corridors, which pass through Hastings Sunrise, are two of the most dangerous roads for pedestrians. An average of 10 pedestrians die every year when hit by vehicles in Vancouver, and 350 are injured. That means a pedestrian gets hit just about every day. Seven out of 10 such collisions occur at intersections.

The VPD's top three reasons for these incidents are:

- pedestrians ignoring traffic signals
- pedestrians preoccupied with electronics
- jaywalking

VPD's PedWatch program states that making eye contact with road users, such as drivers and cyclists, can help keep pedestrians out of harm's way. By establishing eye contact, you are communicating that you are here, and you are about to cross. You can also keep

safe by using the proper road designated for crossing the street, by obeying the crosswalk signal, as well as wearing high visibility clothing at night.

(To help drivers see you after dark, the Hastings Sunrise CPC is giving away FREE reflector discs that can clip to your jacket, hat or backpack. The ICBC-supplied discs swing freely with the walker's movement, catching the eye. Pick one up at the office, 2620 East Hastings.)

Responsibility for pedestrian safety also falls on road users, such as drivers and cyclists. The PedWatch program urges drivers and cyclists to:

- make eye contact with pedestrians
- yield to pedestrians
- always keep an eye out for pedestrians when turning corners
- obey the rules of the road.

Drivers should expect the unexpected, and be observant. Says the VPD: "a vehicle [stopped] in a lane beside you may be yielding to a pedestrian crossing the road."

■ James Gonzalo Jr.

# How to Foil A Burglar

With the arrival of warmer weather, Vancouverites will undoubtedly be spending more time outside as well as opening their windows and doors. The Hastings Sunrise CPC reminds you to be extra vigilant when securing your property and taking away a "window of opportunity" from would-be thieves. The HSCPC has five tips to prevent theft this summer:

1 Engrave your property with your Drivers license number: For free engraving bring in your property to the HSCPC during our office hours. If it is stolen, engraving increases the likelihood that it will be returned to you if it is recovered.

2 Create the illusion of occupancy: With many people going on vacation or spending time outdoors, make it appear that someone is still inhabiting your residence.

- You can install a light timer that will illuminate a room in your house at intermittent periods. Timers can be purchased at most hardware stores.

- Prevent the build-up of mail and newspapers. Have a friend or neighbour collect them.

- Ask a friend or neighbour to park their car in your driveway.

3 Make your neighbour aware whenever you leave on vacation.

4 Vehicles: remove any property (ie. Ipod chargers, loose change, clothing) out of sight. Take away opportunity, and a crime cannot occur.

5 Bicycles: Properly lock up your bicycle. Watch "Log it, Lock it, or Lose it" on the vpdonline Youtube channel page to learn how to properly secure your bicycle. Again, take away opportunity, and a crime cannot occur.

■ Lishan Sharples

# Free Movie in the Park: Up by Pixar

The Thunderbird Community Centre and the Hastings Sunrise CPC will be hosting a free movie night at Sunrise Park, 1950 Windermere at East 5th Avenue, on August 8th at 8:00pm. This year's feature film is "Up" by Pixar.

Everyone is welcome, so be sure to bring a blanket and chair. And don't forget to say hello to the Hastings

Sunrise Volunteers who will be assisting with this great summer community event.

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## Working together for a safe community

The Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre works in partnership with the Vancouver Police Department



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