

## Community Clean-ups Coming

*“Removing debris and unwanted graffiti not only makes the neighbourhood cleaner, it also makes it safer. Research has shown that systematic removal of garbage and graffiti can greatly reduce crime, vandalism and mischief.”*

*(from hscpc.com)*

Want to make an impact in the community but too busy to commit as an official HSCPC volunteer? That's okay! The Community Clean-up program is an initiative to keep Hastings Sunrise stunning by removing litter in the neighbourhood. The program welcomes everyone to participate -- including youth needing to fulfill a volunteer requirement for school. First, fill out a participant form, available on our website <http://hscpc.com>. (Youth under 18 years need a parent to sign the waiver.) It's a great way to make new friends while making a difference in the community. Continue the fun afterwards with free lunch back at the office. See you then!

**Community Clean-ups** are on **Saturdays from 10am to 1pm:**

- March 4/18
- April 1/15/29
- May 13/27
- June 10/24
- July 15/29
- August 12/26
- September 9/23
- October 7/21
- November 4/18
- December 2/16



Constable Edmunds with volunteer Selina Byer

## Operation Profile

City of Vancouver statistics show that over 12,000 private households make up the Hastings Sunrise area and nearly 34,000 people call this community their home.

How many of them care about safety of their loved ones and protection of their property? You do not need statistics to say: probably everyone. But how many of those know about the Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre (HSCPC), and the work it does to make the area a safer place for every person?

Hastings Sunrise Neighbourhood Police Officer Constable Graham Edmunds was asking himself this question -- and came up with an idea to reach out to every household in the area, to show the work the local CPC does and to invite people to participate.

So he has launched “Operation Profile”.

Almost every day a group of volunteers is deployed to various parts of Hastings Sunrise.

Foot patrollers, often accompanied by Cst. Edmunds, go door to door handing out leaflets and magnets describing the community policing work and listing useful contact numbers people might need to call in cases of emergency.

“We want to contact every person in Hastings Sunrise, and let them know what services the CPC offers, and show its role in crime prevention,” he says. He adds that everyone can contribute to making their community safer by joining the HSCPC and volunteering in any of its programs.

Cst. Edmunds also encourages every person in the neighbourhood to check the CPC website <http://hscpc.com> often or -- better yet -- sign up for a newsletter which not only informs local residents about major events in the area, but also sends community alerts and public safety warnings.

“We want to hear about any crime and police issues that people in our community may have and we want to tackle them together with the Vancouver police and the local CPC,” Cst. Edmunds notes, adding that he and the volunteers “have been receiving positive feedback from the people they are talking to.”

Operation Profile started in January 2017. It will be implemented throughout the entire year until every household in the community is informed.

■ Olga Shaporenko



# Anti-Crime Tips!

Hastings Sunrise is a close knit community with diverse culture and a historic background. We would like to keep it safe for families, businesses and for people simply passing by.

You can learn about current and past criminal activity reported in your area – and throughout the city – by visiting the Vancouver Police Department's on-line crime mapping tool known as GeoDASH. That stands for Geographic Data Analysis and Statistics Hub. See <http://geodash.vpd.ca>

The default crime map shows all crimes that occurred the previous week in all neighbourhoods. However, users can search by neighbourhood, type of crime, date range (back to 2003), address or location on map.

As a community, we can take basic measures to prevent and deter crime in our neighbourhood. The best way is to stop problems before they start. According to the VPD: "Communities are safer when citizens act together and crime rates decline or remain low."

Get to know your neighbours and make friends; that way they can look out for suspicious activity when you are not home and vice versa. VPD's Block Watch program is a great option to have an organized team of neighbours coming together with the common goal of keeping the block safe while having direct access to a police officer to assist with crime in the area and nuisance issues. To learn how to start a Block Watch in your neighbourhood, visit <http://VPD.ca>.

Don't be afraid to call 911! Vancouver police want to be called when something suspicious is happening. Suspicious activities include:

- unusual noises, such as someone screaming for help
- a vehicle whose occupants seem to be "casing" the neighbourhood
- furniture being removed from homes when the owners are on vacation or at work
- an abandoned car
- a stranger looking into homes or parked cars
- unusual activities of pets, such as a dog barking that is normally quiet
- a salesperson going door to door who doesn't have proper identification

Not sure? Call the non-emergency number – (604) 717-3321

■ James Gonzalo Jr.

# Check Out Our Video!

And the Oscar for best documentary about a community policing centre in Hastings Sunrise goes to ...

Just kidding about the Oscar – but a documentary video profiling the Hastings Sunrise CPC is now available for viewing on the centre's website at <http://hscpc.com>

The 5-minute video shows volunteers in action at community events and performing their many duties to help make our community safe, clean and well-informed.

It will also be shown at some of the many outreach events attended by HSCPC executive director Clair MacGougan, staff and volunteers.

The video is produced by volunteer Farhad Velji and narrated by TV's Mike McCardell, a frequent visitor to Hastings Sunrise where he finds many of his heart-warming stories familiar to viewers of CTV News and readers of his many books. ■

## Protect Your Identity & Environment



Document Shredding & Electronic Recycling Day

Saturday May 6, 2017



2500 Franklin Street  
(Sunrise Square Parking Lot)

10am -2pm

Shred any confidential documents including

- old cheques
- bills
- statements
- personal information papers

Recycle electronic devices

- small appliances
- electronics
- computers
- handheld device
- household batteries
- light bulbs
- lamps/light fixtures
- for a list of acceptable items, visit [vancouver.ca/kvs](http://vancouver.ca/kvs)

Donations are appreciated; All proceeds go towards crime prevention programs for the Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre



(We suggest a donation of \$5 per box shredded, and pay-what-you-can for recycling items. Questions? Call us at 604-717-3584.)

## Working together for a safe community

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



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