

TV Recognizes Graffiti Paint-outs

Our highly successful graffiti paint-out program can now add another distinction to its list of accomplishments:

AS SEEN ON TV!

On May 28, CTV News aired a story by Ben Nesbit that showed our crew painting over illegal graffiti and tags in the 2500 block of East Hastings St.



Paint-out team makes the news!

Sampson Hsieh, lead volunteer for the program, told viewers how the program has grown over the years to keep pace with the increase in tagging – reaching three paint-outs a week at its peak.

A city-wide increase in property crime was addressed by Patricia Barnes, executive director of the Hastings North Business Improvement Association.

Nesbit also interviewed Lara Davis, vice-president of the HSCPC board of directors.

On April 9, Kristen Robinson of Global TV's News Hour profiled the paint-out program, interviewing both Sampson and Carmen MacLeod, who was the

CPC's program leader at the time.

"It's a personal thing where to me it's important that we all take care of our community," said Sampson, who's been volunteering at the centre since 2012.

Added Carmen: "We're always going to be here to keep painting over it again. If we let the trash and tags build up, it just invites more."

Here's where you can see the stories:

CTV -- <https://bc.ctvnews.ca/volunteers-stepping-up-amid-spike-in-vancouver-property-crimes-1.5922887>

Global -- <https://globalnews.ca/news/8749934/east-vancouver-volunteers-help-take-back-neighbourhood-rocked-with-graffiti/>

Shredder Secures 4+ Tons of Documents

8,900 pounds!

That's how much paper was safely shredded May 7 on Shredding Day 2022 - our best year to date based on the weight of shredded documents!

That's a lot of financial statements, personal and business documents -- anything on paper requiring privacy but needing to be discarded in a fast and secure destruction.

Shredding Day is a major fundraiser for the Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre, co-hosted with the Hastings North Business Improvement Association.

Though it takes many much-appreciated volunteers to unload vehicles and transfer paper into totes, a big "thank you" also goes to Best Shredding and Rod Ivey, BC shredding manager.



Volunteers celebrate biggest shred ever!

The truck is a giant paper shredder that makes quick work of chopping up many boxes of paper, which otherwise takes a home shredder many hours.

Please save your old documents for next year! We hope you can visit us at Shredding Day 2023 to quickly and securely discard old documents and beat this year's record.

Score a Winning Summer - Be Safe at Home!

Warmer weather means we will start to open our windows and possibly doors for prolonged periods of time. This can let someone illegally enter your home with little effort. In 2021, there were 39 break and enters in our neighbourhood.

Do not make it easy for them! Leaving your home for just five minutes gives someone time to climb through an open window. Always remember to close and lock your windows and doors! Opportunists will walk around neighbourhoods to determine which homes are easy targets for them. Don't be an easy target!

Here are some tips to curb theft during the summer months:



Hot Tips for the Summer!

- Lock all doors, even when you are at home. Make this a habit.
- Always lock and close your windows when you leave your home. Even during the summer!
- Get to know your neighbours! Your neighbour can be the extra set of eyes and ears when you are not home.
- Don't leave any valuable items in plain view of a window.
- Look at your home through the eyes of someone looking to break in. Are you making it easy for them? Did you leave your ladder out after a roofing project? This provides easy access to a second-story window. Are your bushes or trees providing cover for a break-in?

Home Security Tips:

- Moving into the neighbourhood? Contact your local locksmith to re-key any exterior locks in your home.
- Purchase new electronics recently? Do not throw out the empty cardboard box in the alley.
- Install motion detector lights outdoors; intruders do not like being seen. Even turning on your porch lights at night would be helpful.
- Lock up any tools or ladders; you never know what could help someone break in.

More information can be found at the VPD website: <https://vpd.ca/crime-prevention-safety/home-security/>

FUN - and FREE!

- Hastings Community Association's "Hastings Summer Fun"

Game activities, bouncy castle, Youth BBQ, skateboard activities and more.
Outside Hastings Community Centre, 3096 East Hastings, in grassy area by tennis court.
Sunday July 10, 11am to 2pm – Rain or shine!

- Thunderbird Community Centre's 8th annual "Sunrise Park Carnival"

Cotton candy, snow cones, face painting, balloon twisting, fun field games, arts crafts, community groups displays and yummy treats for sale.
Sunrise Park, 1950 Windermere St.
Friday Aug. 12, 12noon to 3pm.



Cleanup team finds 11 bags of trash - and a spectacular mural.

Working together for a safe community

The Hastings Sunrise Community



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