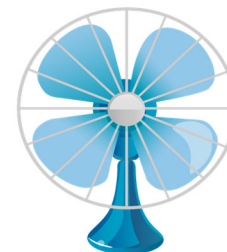


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Keep cool !

## EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

We don't usually publish an 'Update' in August. We're supposed to be on holiday. But we wanted to give you lots of notice (and a reminder) about a couple of upcoming events.

First is the **election town hall on September 12th** in White Rock (for candidates for the Surrey-White Rock and Surrey South ridings). See the poster on page 2 for details.

The event will be advertised to the public through the networks of our friends at the Semiahmoo Seniors Planning Table.

**Registration opens August 1st. Space is limited. Don't wait!**

Whatever your riding, it's a chance to hear the parties' ideas for "Creating Age Friendly Communities".

And plan to bring a friend, particularly if that friend is a potential member!

Then, on **September 19th**, plan to meet up with members of the four Lower Mainland Branches at the free **Learn and Lunch** event sponsored by preferred partner, Arbor Memorial at their Valley View location in Surrey.

**Date:** Thursday, Sept. 19

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Valley View Funeral Home, 14644 72 Ave., Surrey B.C.

**Cost:** Free to attend

This invitation is open to members of the Vancouver, Fraser Valley West, Central Fraser Valley and Chilliwack Branches. **Space is limited**, so sign up early to register your interest and attendance!

Pre-planning your final arrangements is one of the kindest things you can do for your loved ones. As a 'Preferred Partner', Arbor Memorial also sponsors publication of the 'You and Your Survivors' workbook (available on-line at [federalretirees.ca](http://federalretirees.ca)).

Register via Eventbrite at the following link:

[eventbrite.ca/e/special-event-arbor-memorial-valley-view-sept-19-tickets-942539259297?](https://eventbrite.ca/e/special-event-arbor-memorial-valley-view-sept-19-tickets-942539259297?) Please make sure to select the branch to which you belong when registering for this event.

## 2024 Summer Meeting and Barbecue at Peace Arch Park

Weather: Perfect

Agenda: Guest speakers included

**Leslie Gaudette** (Council of Senior Citizen Organizations of BC) updating their activities and their support for a United Nations Convention on the Rights of Older Persons;

**Renate Sutherland** (Advocacy Program Officer BC/Yukon) who had been invited to offer a few words to inspire our inner advocates - and she did!! ; and

**Trevor Halford**, MLA for Surrey-White Rock, who emphasized the important contribution seniors make to keeping the economy and community vibrant.

Food: Henry's Outdoor Barbecue Chicken—got excellent reviews, as always, as did the cakes specially decorated to celebrate Fraser Valley West's Branch Excellence Award .

Photo: Ian Spence and Bernd Hirsekorn in front of the branch's trophy stash, including Branch Excellence awards (2018, 2024) and the Claude Edwards Leadership Awards (Bernd 2020 and Ian 2024).

Thanks to all our volunteers. These awards belong to you.!





**BC PROVINCIAL ELECTION  
TOWN HALL / Mix & Mingle**

**Meet Surrey-White Rock & Surrey South Candidates  
Hear Their Proposals for  
Creating an Age Friendly Community  
Ask Questions**



**WHEN: Thursday, September 12, 2024**

**TIME: 1 - 3 p.m.**

**WHERE: St John's Presbyterian Church, 1480 George St., White Rock  
Coffee/Tea, Light Refreshments**

**Registration Required**

**RSVP Denice at 604-538-5778 or Email [dethomps@telus.net](mailto:dethomps@telus.net)**

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