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LANGLEY ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS SOCIETY

June 2016 Newsletter

Greetings!

Here we are, half way through the year already! June brings along the onset of summer, the end of the school year and planning of activities to keep the kids busy. Consider registering them for a fun, educational, nature-based daycamp hosted outdoors at nearby gardens and farms- full day and half-day options are available! See below for more details.

June also demands increased time spent maintaining our yards and gardens. LEPS is here to save you time and money:

The Langley Demonstration Garden is offering tons of opportunities to learn new tips to keep your garden in top shape. RSVP today!

Stage one water restrictions are now in effect, to keep your lawn healthy mow high, mow often, and leave the clippings in place. Pull weeds using a weed wrench and sprinkle the resulting bare patch with grass seed. As the weather heats up, go golden and let the lawn go dormant, it will save you time and ease the pressure on our water resources.

Mark your calendar to nab free native plants for your yard on June 11 at the Langley Home Depot. These plants grow naturally in our area, so they are very low maintenance. Details below.

There are plenty of happenings this month- hope to see you soon!

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June in the Langley Demonstration Garden

The Demonstration Garden at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum is now open and there is lots to offer for both adults and children. Registration for [Eco Explorers Summer Camps](#) opens on June 1st.

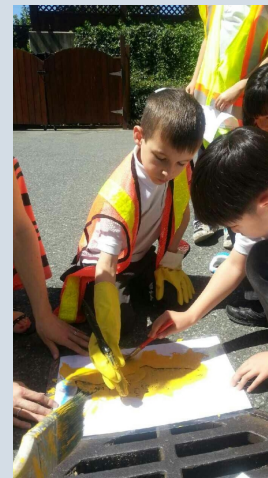


June 6th 6:30-8:00pm WAITLIST

Intro to Hot Water Bath Canning

Learn how easy and inexpensive it can be to safely preserve fruit and veggies at

The Faces of LEPS



This spring has been a busy one for Storm Drain Marking, and our Face of the Month for June is 7yr old Richard. In his grade 2 class he was asked to do an inquiry project on a local environmental issue.

Richard has always been curious about what goes in the drains, and is often asking about biodegradable soaps. He was intrigued by our Storm Drain Marking Program because it bothers him the litter that goes into his neighbourhood drains.

Richard got permission from his school and strata and was able to paint drains in his community as a daily reminder that All Drains Lead to Fish Habitat!

Way to go Richard!

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home! Best part being local strawberries are in season!

SECOND DATE ADDED: JUNE 23rd

June 14th 5:00-7:00pm

Picnic in the Park

Bring along a picnic and join us at the Demonstration Garden for tours, local musicians, and fun activities for the whole family. Some BBQ and snacks will be available by donation.

June 16th 6:30-8:00pm BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Training Fruit Trees to Produce more Fruit

This workshop will cover how fruit trees grow and how to direct new growth to produce bigger crops in future years. Discussion will include thinning of apples and pears, and the use of mesh bags as non-chemical barriers to prevent Codling Moth and Apple Maggot infestations of the fruit.

June 18th 10:00-12:00noon

Mosaic Tile Garden Art

Learn an easy method to up-cycle broken pottery and tiles into a garden stepping stone that you can take home. Use supplied materials or bring your own broken dishes, shells, stones, beads, jewellery or other trinkets. 12+ years

June 20th 6:30-8:00pm

All Season Vegetable Gardening

Learn the tricks of planning an all season veggie garden and receive some yummy recipes.

June 25th 10:00-11:30am

Traditional Uses of Plants

Learn from local Elder, Karen Gabriel, the many ways First Nations people use plants for food, medicine, dyes and more. Discover new ways of appreciating our native plants!

To register or for more information contact Meg, Garden Coordinator:
garden@leps.bc.ca or 604.546.0344

Thank-you to our program partner- The Township of Langley!

Other June Happenings

Glen Valley Spring Bird Count

June 4th 6:30am

Join the Glen Valley Watersheds Society for their annual Spring Bird Count. Meet at 6:30am at Poplar Bar (Leveuvre and River Rd) groups will be assigned an area to count. At noon when the birds have all headed home for a nap we meet up again at Poplar Bar for a potluck feast (some mosquitoes also like to feast so bring your bug spray!). Birders and bird enthusiasts are all welcome to join.



Contact Lisa, Stewardship Coordinator for info: stewardship@leps.bc.ca or 604.546.0336

Canadian Environment Week and FREE Tree Giveaway

June 11th 10:00am-12noon

In recognition of Canadian Environment Week, LEPS, in partnership with Langley-Aldergrove Member of Parliament Mark Warawa will be distributing **FREE NATIVE PLANTS** at the Langley Home Depot.

330 Black Hawthorne, 330 Cascara and 340 Red-twig Dogwood seedlings will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Native plants are indigenous to our area, provide great habitat for birds and other wildlife, produce oxygen and keep our air clean!

Contact Nichole, Executive Director for info: exec_director@leps.bc.ca or 604.532.3511

Container Gardening for Kids

June 11th 1:00-2:00pm

Do you have trouble getting your kids to eat their vegetables? Once they grow their own, you won't have this problem again! This hands on workshop is for children aged 3-7 years and requires parent participation. Cost: \$10 per family

Register: 604.533.6086 or www.RecExpress.ca Workshop code: 489720

Support your Local Farmers Market

June 11th

The Langley Community Farmers Market, which runs every Wednesday 12-4:30pm at the KPU Langley campus, is inviting you to a locally-sourced fundraising dinner with live music, a live auction, and lively hosts. More information here: <http://www.vectorit.ca/lcfm/special-events/>

Summer Farm Camp



LEPS has teamed up with Laurica Farm and Glorious Organics to host the Ready. Set. Grow! Summer Farm Camp 2016.

Enroll the kids in a week of wholesome, Wi-Fi- free outdoor fun! Children will participate in a variety of hands-on eco-activities, including animal husbandry, beekeeping, weeding and planting their very own farm patch, shelter building, arts and crafts, and much more.

2 camps offered, Suitable for ages 6-12 yrs, 9am-3pm daily

Farm Fields- July 11-15

Green abounds in farm fields. Explore the farms and see what's growing. Dig in the soil with David and Cathy and learn how plants grow. Harvest from the farm for a healthy lunchtime treat. Discover how organic farms create a healthy ecosystem. Build tree forts, create forest art, and find your way on a scavenger hunt.

Farm Friends- July 18-22

Chickens, lambs, pigs and bees... What creatures call farms home? Worms, salmon, birds, and frogs are all friends of the farm. See how they work together in the farm community to help build, grow and protect the foods you eat. We'll investigate the smaller worlds through explorations- both on land and in water!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

5 day camp \$190 per child

Eventbrite registration: <http://ow.ly/4n5Q8c>

Drop off and pickup at Laurica Farm: 25775 12 Ave, Aldergrove

Questions? 604.546.0339

Community Harvest Program- Fruit Trees Needed

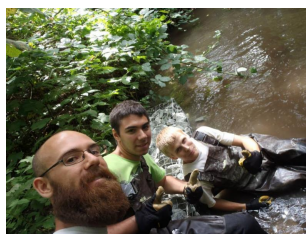


Do you have a backyard fruit tree that you can't pick? Our Community Harvest Program picks fruit like plums, apples or even berries, and donates it to local charities like the food banks and senior resource centre. Residents can still keep up to a third of the fruit harvested!

If you would like to register your fruit tree, or would like more information, contact Ava: agriculture@leps.bc.ca or 604-546-0337

City of Langley Eco Crew

June sees the start of work placement for our Eco Crew- 4 Langley youth (2 Post Secondary and 2 High School students). This will be the 4th year we have partnered with the City of Langley to offer local students work place training in ecological restoration, stewardship and job skills.



Through June-August, students will work on a variety of restoration sites across the City on projects such as invasive species control at Sendall Gardens, Penzer Park, Hunter Park, and begin a massive blackberry removal project on Langley Creek trail by City Park at 50a Avenue, monitor and review 2015 Japanese Knotweed Control Sites, as well as attend several community events across the Langleys.

Thanks to our project partner the City of Langley!

Langley Youth Watershed Stewardship Project



Thanks to funding provided by the Telus Community Foundation, LEPS is supporting the development of a youth-centred watershed stewardship group.

We are looking for enthusiastic Langley teens to participate! This project consists of monthly meetings at schools within the Langley School District where youth (12-18yrs), from various schools can collaborate and interact with each other about watershed stewardship and environmental issues in our community, learn and share ideas and engage in volunteer field work such as invasive plant removal, streamkeeping and conservation of natural areas.

The Langley Youth Watershed Stewardship project was created by youth, for youth, so meetings will be led by LEPS representatives within the same age bracket as the student members. The inaugural meeting was held at Walnut Grove Secondary on May 27, and is being followed by a youth action event- an invasive species control project at Derby Hills Park on Saturday June 4 10am-12pm.

To get involved, email langleyyouthws@gmail.com

Langley Enviro Hero Award

Thank-you to everyone who nominated individuals and groups for the Langley Environmental Hero Award.

Winners will be announced on **Saturday June 11th at 1:30pm** at the Environmental Hero Awards Ceremony in the Heritage Orchard at the Fort Langley National Historic Site.



We welcome everyone, especially nominees and family, to attend this event.

Winners will be announced in the following categories:

- Youth
- Individual
- Group or Business

Winners will have a heritage apple tree planted in their honor and awarded with their grant of \$500.

Everyone who attends can take home a tree seedling to plant at home.

We would like to thank Environmental Hero Partners- TD Bank, The Fort Langley National Historic Site, MP Mark Warawa, MP John Aldag, City of Langley, Langley Township and The Langley Times.

Sincerely,

Langley Environmental Partners Society