



## Message from the Mayor

Visits to local and provincial parks, beaches and other outdoor seasonal activities are on the rise since the warmer weather has finally arrived. While the sun is shining bright, it's understandable that we all want to take advantage of the weather before the fall season, but the pandemic isn't over, and infection rates are on the rise.

With that said, I strongly encourage you and your loved ones to follow the Provincial Health Officer's guidelines and recommendations. We must make a daily commitment to keep each other safe. I urge you to wear your masks when you are unable to keep a physical distance of 2 metres apart, keep your social bubble small, regularly wash hands or use hand sanitizer, and stay home, especially if you're not feeling well. Together we can hold the line and bend the curve down to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and the community at large.

September will be here faster than we know it, and many parents with school-aged children may be anxious and unsure about the upcoming school year. Langley School District is continuing to take the direction from the Ministry of Education and the Fraser Health Authority. However, if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming school year, parents are encouraged to visit the [Langley School District website](#).

It's a stressful time for all of us. For anyone experiencing overwhelming stress or mental health distress, I encourage you to find help now. Need someone to talk to right away? If you are worried, confused or just need someone to talk to, there is help available:

- Kid's Help Phone: Call 1-800-668-6868. For kids and teens (ages 20 and under), professional counsellors are available to help 24 hours a day. It's free, confidential and anonymous.
- Mental Health Support Line: Call 310-6789 (do not add 604, 778 or 250 before the number). This number will connect you to your local BC crisis line without a wait or busy signal, 24 hours a day. Crisis line workers are trained to help provide emotional support as well as mental health information and resources.
- Here to Help: <https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/covid-19-and-anxiety>
- Canadian Mental Health – BC Division <https://cmha.bc.ca/mental-health/find-help>

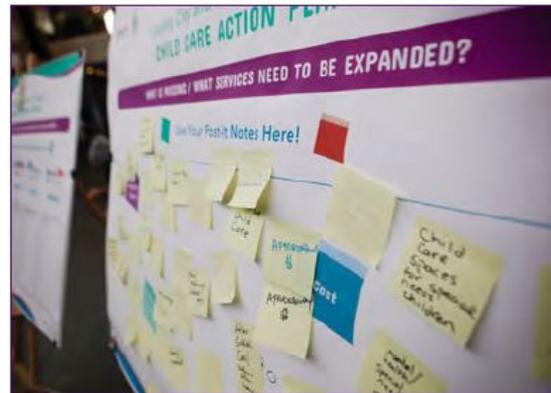
Please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones. Remember, we are in this together, and we must all do our part!

Sincerely,

*Val van den Broek*

Mayor Val van den Broek

## Recreation, Culture & Community Services Update



## Child Care Action Plan

This study is the first of its kind in Langley City and outlines the current child care situation through consultation and research. The report provides a gaps analysis, an assessment of the need identifies targets for child care space creation, and outlines strategic actions. The Action Plan includes recommendations and tools to create new child care spaces based on the gaps identified in the Needs Assessment.

Langley City received \$25,000 from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for this purpose and engaged the services of CitySpaces Consulting to complete this Action Plan.

Findings from this Child Care Action Plan will provide Langley City with a better understanding of the City's child care needs and a recommended course of action to address the identified gaps. We have outlined 24 actions organized under six strategic priorities that will enable

Langley City to review the policy and regulatory framework, establish new partnerships and continue the collaboration, and build capacity through advocacy and education.

The recommended actions are grouped within six strategic priorities, presented here as priorities:

1. To improve child care affordability.
2. To increase the number of quality licensed spaces.
3. To strengthen partnerships and collaboration.
4. To explore strategies to address staffing challenges.
5. To review existing before and after-school programming and identify areas for expansion.
6. To monitor data and understand how child care needs change over time.

The Child Care Action Plan identifies recommendations and tools to address the challenges and gaps outlined in the needs assessment and outlines an approach to guide Langley City in delivering new child care spaces.

**On June 15, 2020, Langley City Council endorsed the Langley City Child Care Action Plan.**

Successful child care provision requires partnerships and collaboration. Though many of these actions involve Langley City, the municipal role is primarily related to land use planning, zoning, and convening different parties to pursue actions. Funding is primarily the responsibility of the province, and service delivery is currently provided by the non-profit and private sectors.

Information and to view the Langley City Child Care Action Plan is available at [langleycity.ca/childcare](http://langleycity.ca/childcare)

Recreation, Culture and Community Services

# YOUTH NIGHT IS BACK!

YOUTH NIGHT IS COMING BACK SEPTEMBER 12TH!

- *Play video games*
- *Make crafts*
- *Gym sports*
- *Ping Pong*
- *Air Hockey*
- *Foosball*

**Saturdays**  
Starting September 12th 2020  
7:00pm-9:30pm  
Timms Community Center or Douglas Recreation Center  
Check our website for more information  
Grades 6-12

- Additional Covid-19 sasfety measures are in place
- Maximum of 25 youth allowed on a first come first serve basis
- Doors close at 7:45pm. No in and out priveleges
- Games and track pass will be required.

**FREE  
DROP-IN**  
*with valid Games & Track Pass*

TIMMS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
20399 Douglas Crescent 604.514.2999  
[langleycity.ca/youth](http://langleycity.ca/youth) [youth@langleycity.ca](mailto:youth@langleycity.ca)

 Langley City



THE PLACE TO BE

## Information from Recycle BC

### Changes to Curbside Recycling Program in Langley City

Starting in July, Recycle BC, and our new collection contractor in Langley City, GFL Environmental, implemented a few changes for residents in single-family properties to reinforce collection requirements.

These changes have been made to ensure that more of what we collect from homes will get recycled. We appreciate and thank you for the effort that you make at home. A few simple steps will ensure that your material gets picked up by collection crews and effectively recycled.



### What's New?

- New yellow bag: delivered to homes in June – use this yellow bag to set out paper recycling
- New grey box: delivered to homes in June – use this grey box to set out glass recycling
- Sorting requirements: paper (yellow bag), containers (blue box), glass (grey box)
- Large cans/carts with lids are not permitted – please contact GFL if you require a blue box
- If the cardboard is too large for you yellow bag, flatten and cut it to 30" x 30" (76cm x 76cm)
- New customer service information: [srecycle@gflenv.com](mailto:srecycle@gflenv.com) or 778-765-3662



### What Remains the Same?

- [Collection schedule](#)
- [Accepted materials](#)
- Blue boxes used for containers only (plastic containers, metal containers, cartons and paper cups)

Recycle BC and GFL Environmental will be putting an increased effort into ensuring you are properly sorting material for collection. This means that you may receive an "OOPS" tag on your blue box if the

material has not been set out correctly. Setting material out correctly ensures materials collected can be effectively recycled. Learn more about your [recycling collection](#), or [download the Recycle BC app](#) for schedule information, material search, notifications, and depot locations.

## Information from the Langley RCMP



## Looking for a Dog? Do Your Research

You decide you want a dog, a certain kind of dog and none are available nearby. So, what do you do? Go to the internet of course! And there you find the cutest little 'exactly what I was looking for' puppy. Your next steps are very important.

As with any purchase – do your homework.

- Is the breeder reputable?
- Is the website professional? – Little things like spelling mistakes can be red flags
- Check the Better Business Bureau
- Check the internet for reviews
- What forms of payment do they take? – Money grams are another red flags
- Ordering from the US? – Check with CBSA /Airports – Are puppies being shipped across the border?

There have now been two instances here in Langley where someone has paid for a dog that never arrived. Payments are in the \$1000 range and supposedly include shipping and related delivery costs. Both were told they now owed an additional \$1000-\$1500 for Insurance or the dogs wouldn't be delivered.

Fortunately, this raised the red flag with both prospective buyers and only then did they find information online that confirmed both agencies were not reliable.

So avoid the double hit – one to your pocketbook and one to your hopes – DO THE RESEARCH!



## Keep Your Home and Vehicles Safe

Crime prevention tips to help keep you, your family, and your community safe.

### **Make Sure You Always Check these boxes:**

#### **Your Home:**

- Doors and windows are closed and locked when you leave your home; this means even the door leading from your garage into your home.
- Garage door is not left open; if not this allows individuals to see what you store inside.
- Front door light is on during the evening hours; this can improve visibility into an area allowing you to see what "that noise was"
- Landscape materials are trimmed away from your windows; at least below the sill.
- Your house numbers are visible for Emergency Services.
- Mail is removed from your mailbox as soon as possible.
- You don't hold the door open for someone you don't know whether or not they live in your condo/apartment community.

#### **Your Vehicle:**

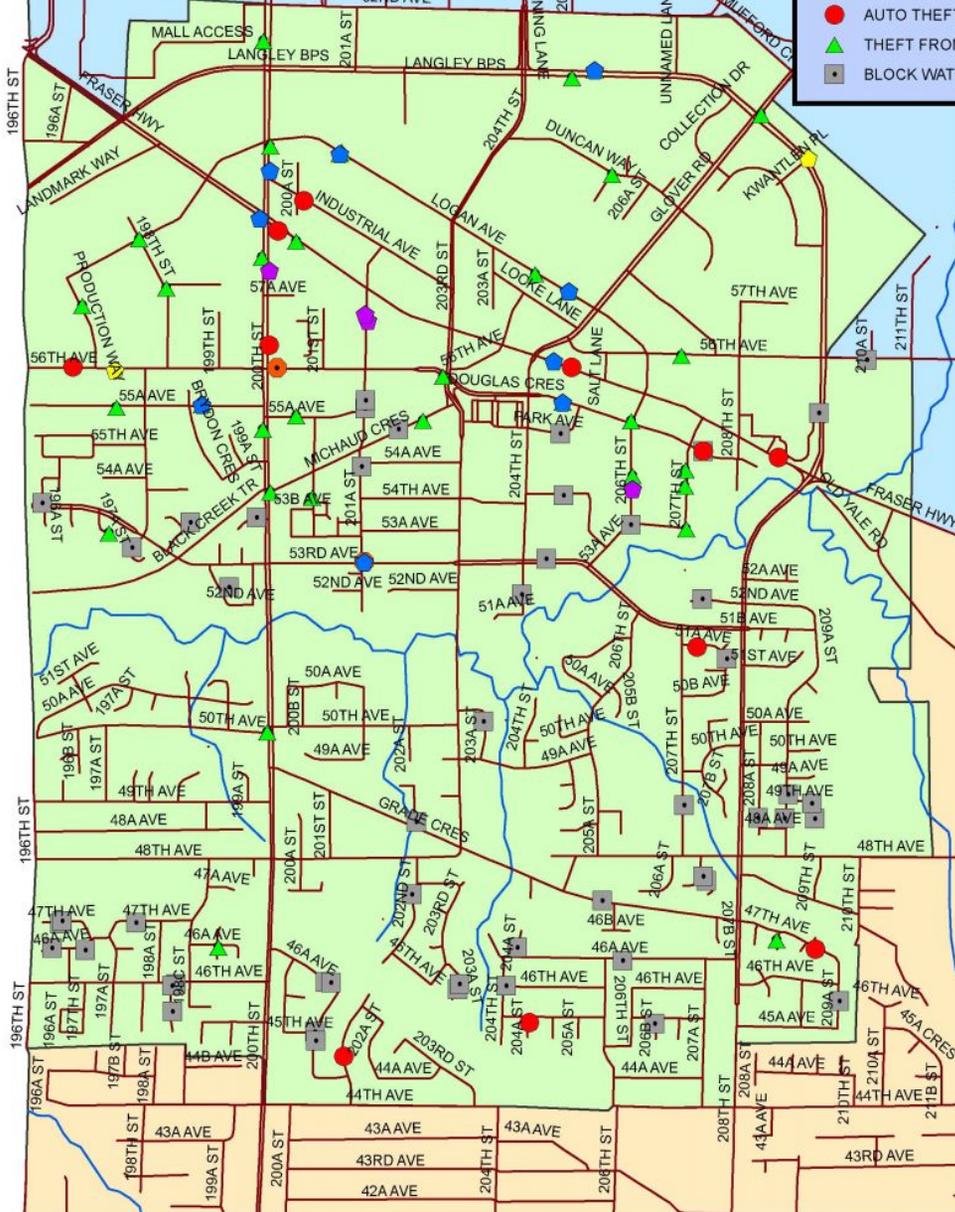
- Your vehicle is locked and the windows are up.
- Everything from your vehicle is removed or out of sight.
- Your spare keys and garage door opener are with you; not left your vehicle.
- Your vehicle decal isn't built up.
- You have locked the tailgate of your truck if you own one.
- Your vehicle is not running while you "just" go to do something.
- You are waiting for the gate to close before you leave your underground parking area.



# Langley City Property Crime 2020-Jul-01 to 2020-Jul-31 Langley RCMP

**Legend**

- B&E RESIDENCE
- B&E BUSINESS
- B&E OTHER
- ARSON
- AUTO THEFT
- THEFT FROM AUTO
- BLOCK WATCH



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**Information from Discover Langley City**



## Welcome Back, We've Missed You!

Reconnect with the reasons that brought you to Langley City. Become a tourist in your own town this summer. Explore the adventurous, delicious, and stylish sides of Langley City.

Support your small and local businesses, adventure in your own backyard, and revel in the diverse culinary scene. We've missed you and are excited to welcome you back safely and responsibly.

Support small and shop local this summer by visiting [The Village Market in Langley City](#) featuring many of the lower mainland's farmers, artisans, jewellers, crafters, and more!

Enjoy a scenic tour of Langley City and Township with the [Langley Road Rally](#). This route takes you to the must-see outdoor spaces throughout Langley while highlighting some of Langley's most popular destinations along the way.

Reconnect with the reasons that brought you to Langley City. Safely explore what Langley City has to offer with the [Discover Guide Volume 3](#). Updated for summer, this guide is packed with safe and fun attractions, green spaces, and contests happening throughout the city.

If you want to be the first to receive updates on what's happening in Langley City, [subscribe](#) to our monthly e-newsletter or check out our [website](#) that is constantly updated.

## Information from the Library in Langley City



**Welcome Back Inside!**

Welcome back inside the City of Langley Library! Please see our [location](#) page for current hours of operation. Customers can count on finding friendly staff and access to much of the library's public space and services including:

- Access to the physical collection
- Computer access upon request
- Limited physically distanced seating
- Touchless self-serve checkout stations

Help contribute to a safe and healthy environment for all. During your visit:

- Wear a mask (not required but strongly encouraged)
- Keep a physical distance of two metres between you and others
- Follow all signs, ground markings, and staff directions
- Stay home if you (or a close contact) are sick

For customers who prefer a more contact-free experience, and adapted [FVRL Express – Click, Pick, Go](#) service will continue to be available during open hours.



## Summer Reading Club Events

It wouldn't be Summer Reading Club without a great lineup of events throughout the summer. We have virtual storytellers, magic shows, puppet shows, and more. Check out our spectacular guest performers!

## Sign up for the Online Summer Reading Club

Explore our universe! Discover the great unknown this summer when you join FVRL's 2020 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone! Sign up online all summer long. You can also pick up a physical reading record and stickers at the City of Langley Library.



## Read. Learn. Play. at HOME

FVRL is still open online! Read, learn, and play at home with our digital resources and virtual programs. There is something for everyone, all free with an FVRL card.

## Register for a FVRL Card

Sign up for an eCard today and get instant access to FVRL's digital content. Click the image on the right to register today!



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