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About anything in
the Newsletter

Welcome to our Spring 2025 CRHC newsletter! Ready to win a \$25 gift card? We've put a crossword on the last page! Simply send one crossword answer to Kate via email at klambert@crd.bc.ca, or give her a call at 250.360.3376. We'll let the winners know before our Summer Newsletter! The Winter Newsletter word search answers: mistletoe, dreidel, decorations, wonderland, and Christmas (oops! We had a little spelling mishap there!).

FREE SEEDLINGS DEADLINE



Spring is here! Once again the City of Victoria is helping us grow food. FREE seedlings are available. Please email or call Kate at 250.360.3376 or klambert@crd.bc.ca with questions, and the varieties you'd like. Cherry tomato, salad tomato, cucumber, zucchini, collard greens, Swiss chard, kale, lettuce, basil, scallions/green onions and bush beans should be available. There will also be limited soil building supplies (compost). Let us know!

March 3rd is the DEADLINE to submit your orders. We cannot change our orders with the City of Victoria once they have planted so it's important to get your orders in on time. If you need any information on the plants, how to grow them, how to use them, what they need; just let us know.



Highlights this Newsletter:

New insurance provider

Seedlings

Scent awareness

Chores for children

Crossword



CARE ABOUT THE AIR

Scented products can be harmful to people with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies, and other medical conditions.

Please be aware of the air when visiting the office at Fisgard, and in the common areas near your home.



NEW TENANTS' INSURANCE OPTIONS

A lot of tenants have chosen Marsh (Intact) tenants' insurance during their sign-ups with us. Marsh have had a program for non-profit tenants for years now. Some new tenants will be offered a new product at sign-ups. This will apply to new tenancies at certain buildings. If you are interested in changing suppliers/ knowing more, please email smckeown@crd.bc.ca for Sharon. Also, shop around for options in the market.

You should do your due diligence and decide on a tenant insurance package that meets your needs. You should consider what is covered, cost and deductible. It is incredibly important to 'self-insure' for initial costs by having savings. Tenants have found themselves without anywhere to stay after a fire or emergency.



CHORES FOR CHILDREN

An epic 85-year Harvard study spanning generations uncovered a secret: kids who do chores grow up with more career options; they are happier humans too!

Start 'em young! Tiny tots can tidy up their toys, while 4-5 year-olds can jump in to clear the table, dust, or match socks like little laundry pros. As they level up, let them whip up their own lunches, handle laundry, and even channel their inner chef! With a sprinkle of practice, chores become second nature. Show 'em the ropes once or twice, let them strut their stuff with help, then voilà—they're ready to go solo!

Now, convincing a chore-averse child? That's a whole different game. Teamwork makes the dream work! A Canadian study showed that girls who see their dads get their hands dirty at home aim higher and have a buffet of career choices. So, rally the whole crew for chores! Turn it into a race or a game! Instead of "Wash the dishes", toss out options like "Do you want to clear the table or scrub the plates?"—that'll feel like a choice and get them moving!

Skip the chore-pay system—chores are all about being part of the family team. Sure, pocket money is fab, but chores should be an expectation, not a paycheck.

Beware of chore pitfalls! Garbage duty? No thanks! Kids aren't fans of wrestling heavy bags, and leaving them on the ground just invites pests to the party. And foundational chores? Forget it! Clearing the draining board can be a recipe for disaster because no one else can do their chore! Choose tasks that can be done later, like folding laundry, for smoother sailing!

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving affordable housing, redevelopment projects may take place in some areas. If your building is affected, we want to ensure you are well-informed and supported.

What Does this Mean for You?

◆ **Timelines & Notice Periods:**

If redevelopment impacts your home, we will provide at least four months' written notice. Moving can be stressful, and we will provide you with as much advance notice as possible. We are also committed to working with you to minimize disruption and avoid evictions whenever possible. We will do our best to make sure you have options that work for you.

◆ **Relocation Support & Moving Assistance:**

If relocation is necessary, we will meet with you individually to discuss your housing and explore options within our housing portfolio. If you find alternative housing before this, please let us know. If you are relocated within our portfolio, we will provide moving assistance based on your number of bedrooms to help with costs. If we are unable to offer you an alternative unit, you may receive one month's rent as compensation. We are here to make the process as smooth as possible and ensure your needs are met within availability.

◆ **First Right of Refusal:**

If you are required to relocate due to redevelopment, you have the first right of refusal, which means you have the option to return to a comparable unit in the redeveloped building, if one is available. Sometimes the new building will not have the same eligibility.



◆ **Rent Adjustments & Affordability (in your new CRHC home):**

For subsidized (RGI) tenants, your rent will continue to be based on BC Housing subsidy rules, provided you are eligible. For affordable/market tenants, your rent will be based on current market rates at the time of your move. If you are in an affordable market unit, your rent may be adjusted based on current market rates. If your household income has changed either to take you over the limits for affordable/market, or under, we will look at other options for your family. We understand that rent increases can be concerning, and we want to reassure you that we will work with you on affordability.

◆ **Pet Deposit:**

If you have a pet and are moving into a new home that allows pets, please note that a pet deposit may be required. A pet deposit is half a month's rent (based on affordable monthly rent). If you have any questions or need further information about pet deposits, feel free to reach out.

◆ **Questions & Support:**

We understand that redevelopment can bring uncertainty, and we are here to support you every step of the way. If you have any concerns or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Tenant Services or Tenant Engagement.



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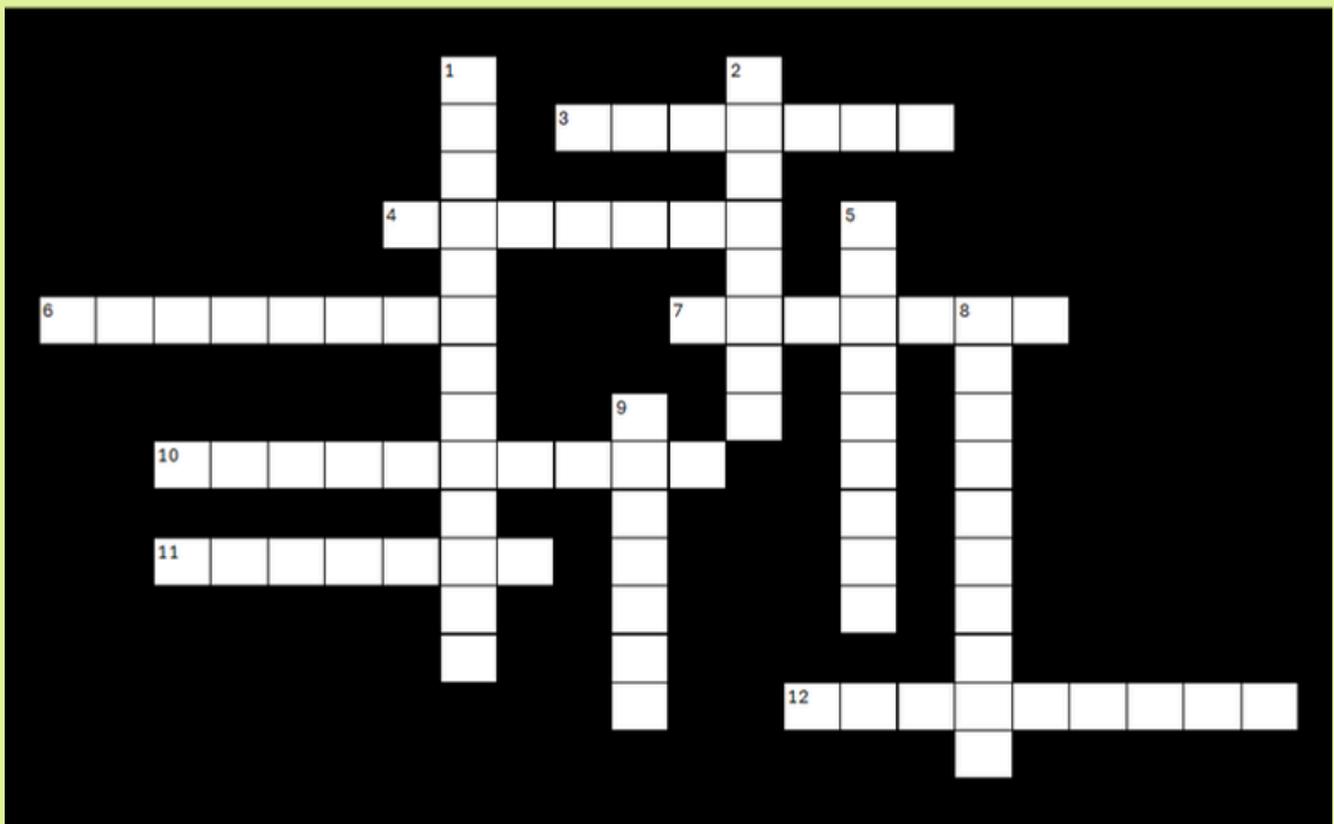
To enter the Newsletter draw for one of three \$25 Gift cards, just email klambert@crd.bc.ca or call 250.360.3376 with one of the crossword answers. Or send a picture of the completed crossword!

Down:

1. (6-6) The 'CR' in CRHC
2. CRHC is this to you
5. you need it to protect your car and home
8. what you are holding right now
9. the legal contract between you and CRHC

Across:

3. the most important people at CRHC!
4. a street in Chinatown
6. the city where CRHC is based
7. where tenants live
10. (4-6) the annual form to receive subsidy
11. the security..... or pet damage.....
12. your first contact for maintenance



Answers in the next newsletter!



Have a great Spring!