

Community

Public invited to release salmon fry into Suter Brook Creek

On Saturday, representatives of a property developer and local hatchery will release 2,000 chum salmon fry into Suter Brook Creek at the Capilano Bridge in Port Moody.

The event is set to take place between 1 and 3 p.m., and members of the public are invited to participate.

Representatives of the Onni Group and Mossom Creek Hatchery will join together to release the salmon fry into the creek, which runs through Onni's master-planned community, Suter Brook Village.

Ruth Foster, co-founder of the hatchery, said in a press release that salmon are a keystone species, meaning the types and numbers of other species are dependent on the fish for the nutrients and food they provide.

Last week, 70,000 chum fry were released into the creek, and the remaining 2,000 are now being released with community involvement, providing an opportunity for residents to play a role in the environmental stewardship of the creek.

Over the past few decades, there has been a serious reduc-

tion in the number of salmon in the area due to over-fishing, according to the press release. Facing a near elimination of the fish, the Mossom Creek Hatchery, which is affiliated with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and jointly operated by the Burrard Inlet Marine Enhancement Society and Centennial Secondary, is helping to restore healthy salmon runs in the Burrard Inlet region.

From the beginning, the Onni Group says, it planned integration of its Suter Brook development into its natural surroundings in order to retain and enhance the natural environment.

This included a large green space surrounding the creek to protect its habitat and in-stream enhancements, such as salmon spawning platforms and rearing channels, which are actively used today.

"It is our mission to create a sustainable environment for home owners," said Tim Orr, development manager for the Onni Group. "As well as providing an enhanced lifestyle, we attempt to leave the smallest ecological footprint and help the

environment where possible."

Buckets will be provided to release the fish, and Onni will be offering free coffee and hot chocolate.

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Neighbours asked to aid Vandal Watch

Spring is here, and with it often comes an increase in vandalism at local parks, schools and community centres.

Vandal Watch hopes to keep vandalism at bay through its program, which is jointly operated by the City of Port Coquitlam and School District 43. The goal is to get a responder on site before vandalism occurs, in response to calls to a tip line.

Neighbours of PoCo parks and community centres are encouraged to register with the program and receive more information by e-mailing vandalwatch@hotmail.com.

Place des Arts plans piano program

The Coquitlam-based piano duo of Gregory Myers and Anna Levy has scheduled a trio of performances and workshop dates at Place des Arts.

Myers will head up a theory exam workshop on Sunday, April 25 for students registered for upcoming Royal Conservatory of Music theory exams in May. On May 2, Levy will lead instruction for those students preparing for Grade 9 level piano exams or higher in June. The two pianists will then take to the stage on May 8 for a tribute concert to the late Estonian composer Lepo Sumera. For details, see www.placedesarts.ca.

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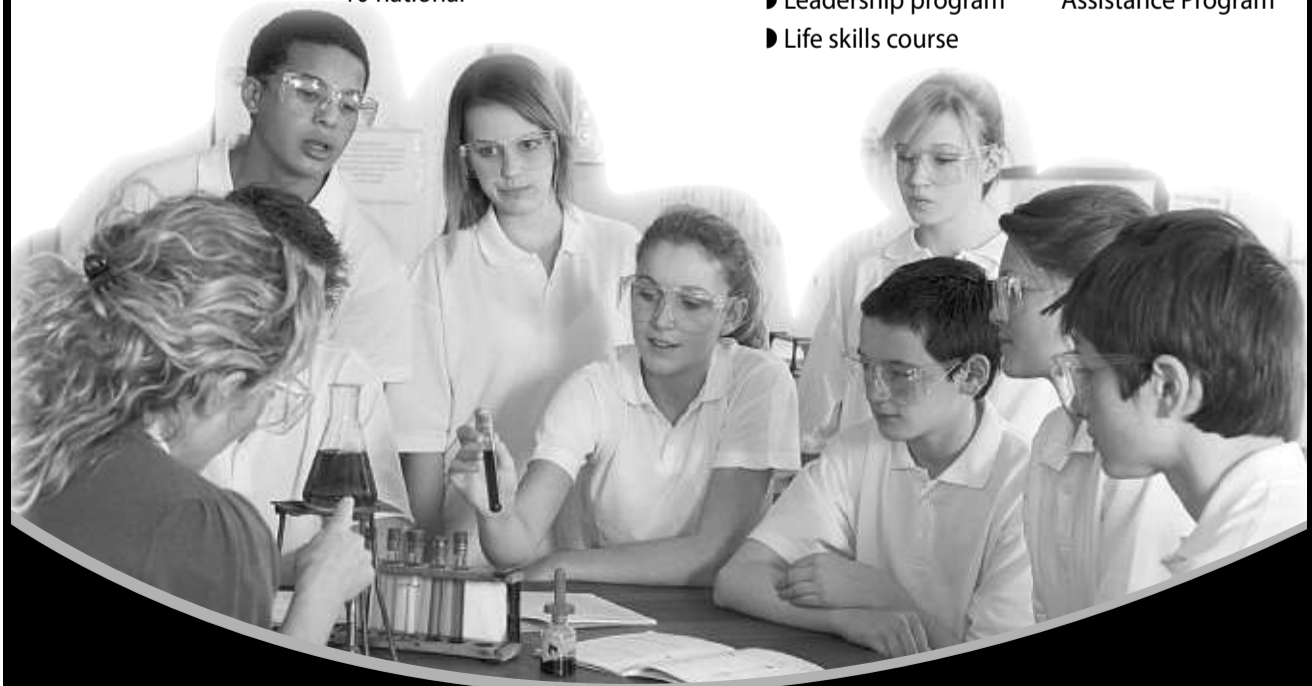
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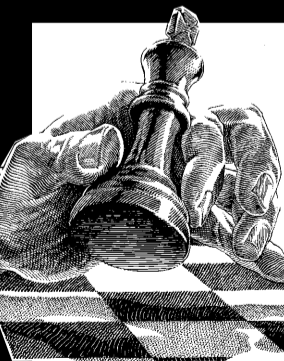


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