

## June Issue

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# M'AKOLA HOUSING SOCIETY

## Tenant Newsletter

Summer is enroute with blue skies, sunshine, and longer days on the horizon this issue of the newsletter looks to inspire you to enjoy the outdoors, interact with neighbours and nature while being safe all at the same time. In this issue we also take time to acknowledge and celebrate National Indigenous People's Day!

## Annual Unit Inspections

After pausing the annual unit inspections for a few years due to COVID-19 they are being conducted again this year. Please read the important information below for more on M'akola's Annual Unit Inspection process.

### Why are Annual Inspections Done?

M'akola conducts unit inspections each year to make sure buildings are maintained. It is an important process to ensure M'akola continues to provide safe and healthy homes to all tenants.

Please note the purpose of inspections is **not** to assign blame, but for tenants and M'akola staff to work together so all homes meet health and safety requirements. This is also a time to connect with M'akola staff and discuss concerns or questions you may have about your unit.

Please remember, if you have any concerns regarding the physical condition of your unit you can call the toll-free repairs line at anytime:

**1-877-590-0204 ext. 2**

### I've Already Had My Inspection. What Now?

If you have already completed your annual inspection continue to work with the M'akola team at your regional office to address any follow-up items. If all items have been resolved nothing further is needed.

### When is My Unit Inspection?

You will receive a notice informing you of your annual inspection, if you haven't received it already. Please read the notice and supporting documents closely as it has important information. You can always reach out to your regional office to confirm when your inspection is scheduled.

### Who do I Talk to About My Inspection?

Your regional office is the best place to reach out to if you have any questions before, during, or after your inspection. Each office number is listed on the left side of this page. You can always contact M'akola by sending an email to [INFO@makola.bc.ca](mailto:INFO@makola.bc.ca) as well.

*We would like to thank all M'akola tenants for your cooperation as we work through the Annual Unit Inspection process for the first time since COVID.*

## M'akola Contacts

You can call or email the Housing Services Team at: **1-877-590-0204**

- For Applications press 1
- [applications@makola.bc.ca](mailto:applications@makola.bc.ca)
- For Repairs press 2
- For Rent Review press 3
- [rentreview@makola.bc.ca](mailto:rentreview@makola.bc.ca)
- For Rent Collections press 4
- [rentcollections@makola.bc.ca](mailto:rentcollections@makola.bc.ca)

For all other housing inquiries, questions, or concerns, please email: [INFO@makola.bc.ca](mailto:INFO@makola.bc.ca)

Victoria Regional Office  
250-384-1423

Cowichan Regional Office  
250-746-1785

Nanaimo Regional Office  
250-756-4217

Port Alberni Regional Office  
250-723-9855

Comox Valley Regional Office  
250-923.4145

Prince Rupert Regional Office  
250-627-7501

Terrace Regional Office  
250-638-8339

Please note M'akola offices will be closed the following dates:

Canada Day	Jul. 3rd
B.C. Day	Aug. 7th
Labour Day	Sep. 4th

## Rent Payment Refresher

### Rent Payments

- All rent payments are due on the 1st of the month. It is M'akola's policy to send 10 Day Notices for Unpaid Rent to tenants with arrears.
- If you are registered for EFT rent payments are withdrawn directly from your account on the 1st business day of the month.
- If the 1st of the month falls on a weekend or Statutory holiday, then your Financial Institution will most likely process the withdrawal on the 1st or 2nd business day of the month. Although to ensure your payment goes through, please have the funds in your account on the 1st of the month.
- Using July 2023 as an example, the 1st of the month is a Saturday and the 3rd is a Statutory Holiday in lieu of Canada Day, which occurred on the weekend. Most tenants saw their rent come out of their accounts on the 4th of the month.
- Please note that if your Financial Institution is unable to process the withdrawal and returns the payment then you will incur a \$ 20.00 NSF Fee. This will also be the case if your Financial Institution returns a payment that was made in the form of a cheque.

### Rent Payments from the Ministry

- If you receive assistance from the Ministry, please make sure they have your latest Rent Review Letter and/or Shelter Form to them so they pay the correct amount on your behalf. If they are not paying the correct amount, you could end up with arrears or be short on your assistance cheque.

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# National Indigenous Peoples Day

June is National Indigenous History Month, and Monday, June 21, is especially recognized as National Indigenous Peoples Day. These celebrations should serve as a reminder that Indigenous history, people, and cultures should be recognized, celebrated, and acknowledged all year round. Language is one of the most tangible symbols of culture and group identity. It is not only a means of communication, but a link which connects people with their past and grounds their social, emotional and spiritual vitality. When these languages vanish, they take with them unique ways of looking at the world, explaining the unknown and making sense of life. Please refer to the list below to learn more about languages in your area and contacts to learn more about them!

## Language Revitalization Resources in Your Region

### Nanaimo

- Songs in Hul'q'umi'num – happyfriends.ca
- Vancouver Island University - library.viu.ca/fnlanguage

### Port Alberni

- North Island College Lik<sup>w</sup>ala/Kwak'wala and Nuu-chah-nulth language courses - questions@nic.bc.ca
- Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council – nuuchahnulth.org
- Tseshaht First Nation - tseshaht.com/history-culture/language

### Prince Rupert

- Gitxaala Nation – language@gitxaalanation.com

### Terrace

- Haisla Nation - haisla.ca/community-2/culture

### Language Resources

First Voices has information for over 75 languages and language apps. To learn more visit: [firstvoices.com](http://firstvoices.com)

First Peoples' Cultural Council has great resources and an interactive map of BC so you can learn more about the languages and communities in your area: [fpcc.ca](http://fpcc.ca)

### Cowichan

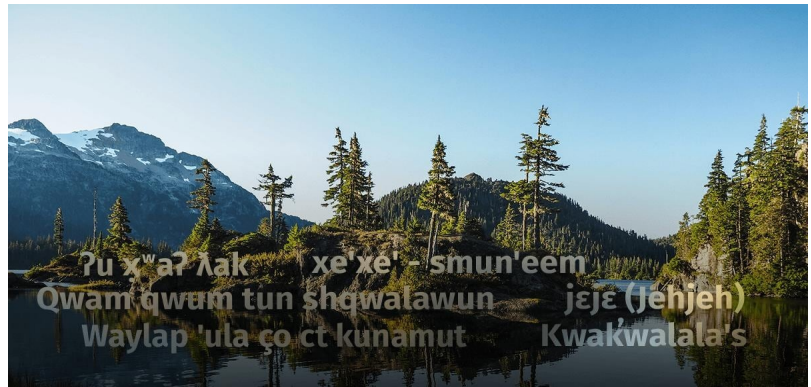
- Hul'q'umi'num Language Academy – sqwal.hwulmuwqun.ca
- Vancouver Island University - library.viu.ca/fnlanguage

### Comox Valley & Campbell River

- North Island College Lik<sup>w</sup>ala/Kwak'wala and Nuu-chah-nulth language courses – questions@nic.bc.ca

### Victoria

- Songhees Wellness Centre – info@sonheesnation.com
- Victoria Native Friendship Centre – language@vnfc.ca
- Michif Language Revitalization Circle – speakmichif.ca



## Judy Bourne Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Judy Bourne, an inspirational woman of Cree Ancestry. From 1984-1989, she was the Executive Director of M'akola Housing Society, a society responsible for developing urban Indigenous housing on Vancouver Island. Under her guidance, the society became a model for housing projects across Canada. During her tenure she was chosen by the Aboriginal Nations Education Department as a role model for her contribution to the Indigenous Communities of this area.

### British Columbia Regions:

Twelve scholarships will be awarded over six regions to Indigenous students enrolled in Grade 12 who plan to attend a recognized post-secondary institution or training centre. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,500.



### Who is Eligible:

- Students Indigenous to Canada living in British Columbia
- Graduating Grade 12 student planning to enroll in a
- full-time post-secondary institution

### We would like to congratulate this years'

#### recipients:

- Bryn Anderson, Victoria High School
- Brookelynn Frasch, Ecole Royal Bay Secondary
- Kaydence Kauffman, Belmont Secondary
- Zacharyah Khalif, Frank Hurt Secondary School
- Mira Penninga, Kelowna Christian School
- Elsy Petrie, Belmont Secondary
- Shaneal Rutherford, Reynolds Secondary School
- Tamara Strachan, Spectrum Community School
- Krista Wagner, Ucluelet Secondary School



Judy Bourne

**For More Information Please Visit:**

[Makoladevelopment.com/scholarshipsbursaries/](http://Makoladevelopment.com/scholarshipsbursaries/)

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## Recipe

### Ingredients for pasta salad:

- 1 lb penne pasta, uncooked (about 5 cups dry)
- 1-1/2 cups peeled, seeded and diced English cucumber
- 3 Medium tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 cup crumbled Feta cheese (4 oz)
- ½ cup chopped red onions
- ¼ cup chopped green onions
- ¼ cup pitted, sliced black olives
- ¼ cup chopped fresh oregano or 1 Tbsp dried

### Ingredients for dressing:

- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/3 tsp black pepper
- ½ cup chicken broth
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard

### Zesty Greek Pasta Salad



### Instructions:

- Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain. Rinse with cold water and drain again.
- In a large bowl, toss together pasta, cucumber, tomatoes, feta cheese, red and green onions, olives, and oregano. Set aside.
- In a small bowl, whisk together all dressing ingredients. Pour over salad and mix well. Season with more black pepper, if desired.
- Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.

Recipe makes 8 servings!



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## Craft

### Supplies:

- Dandelions
- Rocks
- Black Marker
- Double-sided tape



### Dandelion Rock Family



### Here's How to Make Them:

1. In Grab some rocks. Line your rock with double-sided tape. I put the tape on different areas of the rocks for the different family members. Since we are using double-sided tape, one side will stick to the rock and the other side is for the dandelions.
2. Draw the facial features on your rocks. Don't stress out over this, just keep it simple!
3. Now head outside to collect dandelion heads to press on the tape. It's best to collect your dandelions on a dry day and you might need to press them for a second or two to make them stick.
4. When the dandelions dry out, you can always take the flowers off the tape, add some fresh tape, and make more!





## Provincial Resources



The following resources may be great supports for your household for health and wellness.

### **HealthLinkBC: 8-1-1**

8-1-1 is a free-of-charge provincial health information and advice phone line. By calling 8-1-1 you can be connected to a registered nurse, a registered dietitian, a qualified exercise professional, or a pharmacist. Any one of these healthcare professionals will help you get the information you need to manage your health concerns, or those of your family

Call toll-free: 8-1-1  
[healthlinkbc.ca](http://healthlinkbc.ca)

### **Crisis Support & Suicide Prevention**

Anywhere in BC 1-800-SUICIDE: [1-800-784-2433](tel:1-800-784-2433)

Mental Health Support Line: [310-6789](tel:310-6789)

Online Chat Service for Youth: [www.YouthInBC.com](http://www.YouthInBC.com) (Noon to 1am)

Online Chat Service for Adults: [www.CrisisCentreChat.ca](http://www.CrisisCentreChat.ca) (Noon to 1am)

### **TRAC: Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre**

TRAC provides information and resources for BC tenants. We encourage all tenants to reach out to their regional office if they have questions or concerns regarding their tenancy, though TRAC has great information for all tenants to know the rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords in BC.

[tenants.bc.ca](http://tenants.bc.ca)

### **Canadian Mental Health Association**

The Canadian Mental Health Association provides mental health promotion and mental illness recovery-focused programs and services for people of all ages and their families.

[cmha.bc.ca/programs-and-services](http://cmha.bc.ca/programs-and-services)

### **British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society**

BCANDS assists and supports their clients acting as a liaison/lead between various service agencies and their clients to address their needs and obtain or develop a variety of health and disability services. More information can be found on their website:

[bcands.bc.ca](http://bcands.bc.ca)

## Terrace Resources

The following resources are available in your area and may be able to support your family at this time!

### **The Terrace Women's Resource Centre Society**

4553 Park Ave.  
250-638-0228  
[info@twrcs.ca](mailto:info@twrcs.ca)

Offers resources such as a lending library for baby supplies, free counselling, a craft group, a kids book club, after-school and summer youth programming as well as help navigating forms, applications, taxes, or computers.

[twrcs.ca](http://twrcs.ca)

### **'Ksan Society**

101-4623 Park Ave.  
778-634-2343  
[ksan@ksansociety.ca](mailto:ksan@ksansociety.ca)

Provides counselling and support for victims of violence, a free thrift store, free furniture shed, free kids summer camps for ages 6-15 and more.

[ksansociety.com](http://ksansociety.com)

### **TDCSS**

200-3219 Eby St.  
250-635-3178  
[info@tdcss.ca](mailto:info@tdcss.ca)

Provides many services including counselling for substance misuse, legal advocacy, and family and youth support programs for those with support needs.

[tdcss.ca](http://tdcss.ca)

### **Thompson Community Services**

3242 Kalum St.  
250-615-3278

Supports those with developmental disabilities by providing programs for skill development, banking, transportation skills, and assistance with job search.

[tcsinfo.ca/northernbc.htm](http://tcsinfo.ca/northernbc.htm)

### **Here to Help**

Provides supports and information on mental health and substance abuse for yourself as well as guidance for supporting your loved ones.

[heretohelp.bc.ca](http://heretohelp.bc.ca)

### **First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line**

1-855-242-3310

Culturally competent and experienced help line counsellors are available 24/7 to talk if you are feeling distressed. Chat is also available on the website.

[hopeforwellness.ca](http://hopeforwellness.ca)

# Fun Summer Activities for Kids

To help your child get active and practice a range of skills this Summer try some of these fun Summer Activities. Your child could even make a goal of trying every activity on the list! Feel free to simplify or level up these activities based on your child's age and physical abilities. For more resources please visit: [activeforlife.com](http://activeforlife.com)

## 30 Fun Summer ACTIVE-ities for Kids



Run through the sprinkler

Make an obstacle course

Throw a ball

Make a mud pie



Go for a bike ride

Dance in the rain

Play hide and seek

Visit a splash park

Learn to jump rope

Fly a kite or paper airplanes

Visit a playground

Walk on tin can stilts

Go on a nature walk

Try lawn bowling

Build a sandcastle

Jump in a puddle



Try to Hula Hoop

Play with sidewalk chalk

Do a bean bag toss

Build a fort



Climb a tree

Play Frisbee

Blow bubbles

Go treasure hunting

Kick a soccer ball

Try to juggle

Play water tag

Walk on a log or balance beam



Swing on monkey bars

Go on a scavenger hunt

