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# welcome...



We're very pleased to have once again teamed up with Burnaby Community Services to create our annual health and wellness guide for seniors. In these pages, you'll find a wealth of information aimed at serving the needs of seniors here in Burnaby and New Westminster, including engaging articles, community contacts, a directory of local organizations and resources, and much more.

We're proud of our collabora-

tion with Burnaby Community Services in creating the 2024 edition of As We Age, and are confident that it will serve readers well by shedding light on ways for those at or nearing retirement age to achieve and maintain good health and community connection, further their education and gain awareness.

Thanks for taking the time to read our publication. We'd be very happy to hear your comments on what you would like to see in future editions.

#### Lara Graham,

Publisher, Burnaby NOW and New Westminster Record



Welcome to the 2024 edition of the Burnaby and New Westminster Seniors Guide. This guide provides a list of services for seniors 55+ and their families along with some related articles.

We are delighted with our ongoing partnership with the Burnaby Now and the New Westminster Record to publish resource guides that support people to access community resources.

The inclusion of agencies and

businesses in this guide does not constitute an endorsement nor does the omission constitute disapproval.

For more information about seniors supports and services in your community, please contact us at 604-291-2258 or visit bbyservices.ca.

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# **FYidoctors (New Westminster)**

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## **Royal Columbian Hospital**

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## **Sonaris Ear Centre**

306 - 5050 Kingsway, BBY 778-564-3277 sonaris.ca

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# 411 Seniors Centre Society

3502 Fraser St, VAN 604-684-8171 **411seniors.org** 

# Burnaby Community Response Network



Visit the BCCRN website: www.bccrns.ca

Regional Mentor Fraser Valley West, Ken Kuhn, Contact Email: ken.kuhn@bccrns.ca, Contact Phone: 604-949-0599

What is a Community Response Network (CRN)?

A Community Response Network (CRN) is made up of a diverse group of concerned community members, community agencies, local businesses, government agencies, professionals and others who come together to create a coordinated community response to abuse, neglect and self-neglect in vulnerable adults.

The Burnaby CRN is reaching out to the community to join the network and work to raise the awareness of abuse, neglect and self-neglect in vulnerable adults and to ultimately prevent it from happening.



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**Confederation Seniors' Centre** 4585 Albert St, BBY 604-294-1936 Edmonds 55+ Centre 7433 Edmonds St, BBY 604-297-4838

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Royal City Centre Shopping Centre 610 Sixth St, NW 604-526-8064 royalcitycentre.ca

# COUNSELLING, ADVOCACY & SUPPORT SERVICES

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#### **Burnaby Neighbourhood House**

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Cognitive decline and dementia are not a certainty of aging. But older adults interested in strengthening their brains may want to consider these strategies.

# Address high blood pressure

High blood pressure can increase the risk of heart disease and stroke.

Maintaining healthy blood pressure and cholesterol levels is associated with better cognitive function, according to data published in 2021 in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease.

Keeping the brain sharp is a multilayered process that involves healthy foods and beverages, exercise and brainstimulating activities.

# Use all your senses

Harvard Health says the more senses used in learning something, the more of the brain that is involved in retaining the memory. Studies have shown that images paired with pleasant aromas leads to better recall later on.

# **Exercise regularly**

Staying physically active helps maintain blood flow to the brain, which also helps reduce the risk for hypertension.

# Eat brain-healthy foods

According to Cone Health Medical Group, studies show eating fish rich in omega-3 fatty acids, like tuna, salmon and mackerel, decreases risk for cognitive decline. People should avoid saturated fats, trans fats and hydrogenated oils.

# **Read and write frequently**

According to a study in the journal Neurology, regular reading and writing in one's older years reduced the rate of memory decline by 32 percent. Joining a book club or simply reading more on one's own can improve cognition. Similarly, writing improves memory and communication abilities and can help strengthen the brain as well.

# **Drink healthy beverages**

Tea and coffee can improve alertness and focus, as they're rich in polyphenols and antioxidants. A Place for Mom says caffeine in these beverages can help solidify new memories. Avoid drinking sugary beverages and limit consumption of alcohol, as neither boasts brainboosting properties.

Keeping the brain sharp is a multilayered process that involves healthy foods and beverages, exercise and brain-stimulating activities.

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# British Columbia Funeral Association

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# **Burnaby Hospice Society**

604-520-5087 burnabyhospice.org/ bereavement-services

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# Forest Lawn & Ocean View Funeral Homes

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# Government of Canada - Progam & Services for Seniors

Canada Pension Plan, Disability Benefits, Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Survivor's Allowance 1-800-622-6232 TTY: 1-800-926-9105 canada.ca/seniors

#### Office of the Seniors Advocate 1-877-952-3181 seniorsadvocatebc.ca

# Province of BC Seniors Program & Services

Provides information on seniors' health care, finances, benefits, housing, transportation & more. 1-800-663-7867 or VRS: 1-800-663-7867 seniorsbc.ca

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General Inquiries: 1-866-522-2122 TDD/TTY: 1-833-921-0071

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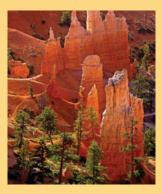
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**SETTLEMENT AND INTEGRATION SERVICES /** first language support, info and orientation to life in Canada,

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Assisted Living Registry 1-866-714-3378 www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/ assisted-living-in-bc

Arthritis Answers Line 1-800-321-1433 arthritis.ca

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# **BC Palliative Care Benefits**

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# Construction starts on 155 affordable rental units for Burnaby seniors

ents are currently projected to range from \$375 to \$1,400, depending on the unit size and renter's income.

More seniors in Burnaby will soon have access to affordable housing.

The city, province, Dania Society and BC Housing have partnered to build a new six-storey development at 4277 Norland Ave. featuring 155 homes, including 154 one-bedroom units and one studio unit.

All units will be adaptable or accessible and it's expected the building will be complete early in 2025.

Rents are projected to range from \$375 to \$1,400 per month, depending on unit size and tenant income.

"Many of these units will be offered with deep subsidies, which will ensure seniors on a fixed income can afford to enjoy their lives right here in Burnaby," Burnaby Mayor Mike Hurley said at a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday (Feb. 11).

"One of the most heartbreaking things we heard from residents during the mayor's Task Force on Community Housing was that seniors will be priced out of our city. Imagine that you live your whole life somewhere, give back to the community and raise your family and then you have to leave once you retire.

"That's unacceptable. And that's why this project is so important."

The province, through BC Housing, is funding \$17 million of the project through the Building BC: Community Housing Fund and will also provide a



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#### **BURNABY MAYOR MIKE HURLEY**

yearly operating subsidy of roughly \$946,000.

"These 155 homes will provide seniors the opportunity to stay and age in place," B.C. housing minister Ravi Kahlon added at the ceremony.

"[It] will also help build the community here and make the

social fabric of this community even stronger."

The City of Burnaby is also providing a grant of approximately \$1.6 million from its Community Benefit Bonus Affordable Housing Reserve.

"I know it's taken time to get here. But now it's all coming together," Hurley said.

The Dania Society, which also operates three other seniors housing residences, will own and operate the new facility.

The society initially purchased the 1.7-hectare property at the corner of Canada Way and Norland Avenue in 1941 and built Dania Home, a retirement home for Danish Seniors in 1944.

A new Dania Home was opened at the location in 2015.

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# New Westminster Community Response Network



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#### What is a Community Response Network (CRN)?

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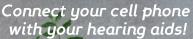
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# Potential dangers of mixing herbal and prescription meds



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Though there's no denying the positive effects of medication, the efficacy of herbal supplements and prescription drugs does not mean each are risk-free. Risks may even be compounded when individuals take herbal supplements and prescription medications concurrently. According to the Mayo Clinic, herbal supplements do not always interact well with prescription medications. For example, herbal supplements can interact with medicines utilized to treat issues affected the heart and blood vessels. That includes conditions like high blood pressure, which estimates from the World Health Organization indicate affects nearly 1.3 billion adults between the ages of 30 and 79.

Mixing medications has always been risky, but a growing reliance on herbal medicines has potentially elevated that risk. That's perhaps due to perceptions of herbal supplements as wholly natural, leading some to conclude that a substance that's wholly natural cannot jeopardize the human body.

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However, an analysis published in the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology detailed more than a dozen instances of adverse drug reactions affecting individuals who took herbal medicines alongside various prescription medications. The medications taken, some of which were antidepressants, were prescribed to treat various conditions, including HIV, epilepsy and heart disease.

The potential dangers of mixing herbal and prescription medications underscore the need to engage in honest and open discussions with a physician before taking any herbal or prescription medications. Individuals currently taking a prescription medication should consult with their physician before taking any herbal supplements, while those who take herbal medicines and supplements should bring that up with their physicians if they are prescribed a new medication.

# What are some symptoms of herbal and prescription interactions?

The Mayo Clinic notes that a fast heartbeat and changes in blood pressure are two indicators of drug interactions. But many additional side effects can indicate a potentially dangerous or unhealthy interaction is taking place. For example increased dryness or irritation of skin when taking more than one topical acne drug at the same time indicates an unhealthy interaction is taking place.

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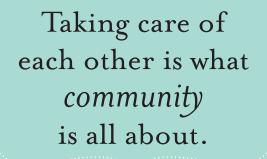
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