

BUDDHIST VIHARA SOCIETY IN BC

The official newsletter of BVS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8 JAN : 7.30 -9.00pm | Dhamma Sermon
- 9 JAN : 8am - 4pm | Ata Sil
- 15 JAN: 7.30 -9.00pm | Meditation
- 22 JAN: 7.30 -9.00pm |Dhamma Sermon
- 28 JAN: 7.30 -9.00pm |Dhamma Sermon
(Sinhala) - Duruthu Full Moon Day
- 29 JAN: 7.30 -9.00pm | Ashirvada Pooja

All spiritual events organized by BVS will be streamed via Zoom . Click to log in

Meeting ID : 443 970 6128



Event calendar for 2021 is now available on BVS website.

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BLESSINGS FOR A HAPPY AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2021

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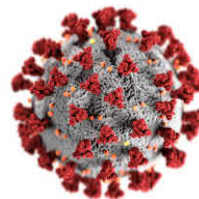
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF BVS

On behalf of the board of directors of Buddhist Vihara Society, I would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and a peaceful new year 2021.

Past year has been extremely challenging to all of us but one thing is clear, with unity and understanding, we can navigate through such hardships in the future. While our hearts go out to people who suffered losses during this difficult time, it is also a perfect time to think about the very essence of Buddha's teaching. **Nothing is permanent, everything changes and everything is temporary. Acceptance of this impermanence will help us find our inner peace and happiness.**

Although, we managed to do a lot of work this past year, we have even bigger plans to improve spiritual engagement with the community and also improving the temple premises as well. We are counting on everyone to support these activities and make our temple a better place for all of us.



[BVS Health and Safety protocols for COVID - 19](#)





MAHA KATINA CHEEVARA OFFERING CEREMONY

Maha Katina Cheevara offering ceremony was successfully completed on the 4th October 2020. Due to the pandemic, we had to limit the number of participants at the temple to be compliant with health and safety guidelines. Even with these conditions our sponsors, managed to successfully conclude the Katina Cheevara offering ceremony and most of the devotees and well-wishers were able to connect via zoom as well.

On behalf of the Buddhist Vihara Society in BC, we are thankful for below devotee families for sponsoring Vassana Retreat program.

Palitha & Sadana Perera, Janaka & Tushani Ekanayake, Panidu & Chanaki Fernando, Chetiya & Dilini Amarasinghe, Chandra Perera, Ranjith & Kanthi families.

[Click here for more pictures ...](#)

"BVS calendars are now available to pick up at the temple. Please wear a mask when entering the temple premises"

BVS GARDEN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

For several years there has been requests from the membership and well-wishers to enhance the appearance of the temple premises and better utilize the farming land. BVS board of directors with the recommendations of community professionals, prepared a plan to beautify the garden and better utilize the property to provide an appealing look to the temple premises and convert BVS garden in to a revenue generating stream.

A virtual townhall session was held on the 19th December 2020 to get opinions, comments and suggestions through an open discussion with the community. This project is expected to be funded by your generous monetary and material donations. **While we thank everyone who has donated so far, we also encourage everyone else to provide their assistance and donations towards this worthy cause.**

[Click here for Project Proposal](#)

Thank you!

 [Watch townhall session](#)

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

Advance care planning is a process that supports adults at any age or stage of health in understanding and sharing their personal values, life goals and preferences regarding future medical care. The goal is to help ensure that people receive medical care that is consistent with their values, goals, and preferences during serious or chronic illness. Advance care planning is part of life planning much like financial and estate planning.

We are planning to organize few sessions in 2021 on ACP. Stay tuned !

BODHI TREE PLATFORM



We have a beautiful structure set up for the Bodhi Tree at the temple, however this structure was not capable of maintaining ideal temperature for the Bodhi Tree during the cold winter months. In October 2020, **Channa Lokugamage**, lead a project to build a new subfloor and insulate the structure. Also, we have received generous donations and support from our active community members to complete this project before the winter months. **Thank you !**

Did you know ?

Our Bodhi Tree is a direct descendent of the Jaya Sri Maha Bodhiya in India ?

One of our former BVS member, Dr. Gamini Randeni picked up a fruit that fell in front of him directly from the Sri Maha Bodhiya in India and brought it back to Vancouver. He managed to grow several plants from seed in his living room. Several of those plants were donated to our temple and then Dr. Ranil Wliviya managed to propagate a few more from those plants and keep in a greenhouse. The current two are the last two remaining.

BVS FINANCIALS - 2020 UPDATE

OVERVIEW	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Total Income	\$ 7,475.00	\$ 9,057.51	\$ 10,092.83	\$ 13,531.80	\$ 37,918.97	\$ 14,115.44	\$ 8,440.75	\$ 10,365.58
Net PAP Income	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,260.00	\$ 7,665.00	\$ 7,950.00	\$ 8,045.00	\$ 8,130.00	\$ 8,090.00	\$ 8,175.00
Organic Farm Income	\$ 175.00	\$ 982.50	\$ 457.00	\$ 2,354.80	\$ 2,481.50	\$ 826.50	\$ -	\$ -
Mini Fundraising Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 782.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Donations	\$ -	\$ 815.01	\$ 1,970.83	\$ 2,445.00	\$ 492.47	\$ 4,133.94	\$ 350.75	\$ 2,190.58
Rice Packet Fundraiser	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,900.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 6,982.00	\$ 11,890.82	\$ 10,816.53	\$ 13,183.77	\$ 11,321.99	\$ 10,048.53	\$ 6,152.67	\$ 7,245.18
Recurring Monthly Expenses	\$ 6,982.00	\$ 6,394.82	\$ 5,422.71	\$ 5,947.33	\$ 5,436.14	\$ 5,798.44	\$ 5,822.67	\$ 5,717.31
Annual Insurance coverage	\$ -	\$ 4,804.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 586.47	\$ 1,051.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Annual Property Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,883.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non Recurring Expenses- Other	\$ -	\$ 692.00	\$ 1,307.35	\$ 302.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Raising event expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,885.85	\$ 4,250.09	\$ -	\$ -
Bodhi Tree project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,527.87
Net Profit / Loss	\$ 493.00	\$ (2,833.31)	\$ (723.70)	\$ 348.03	\$ 26,596.98	\$ 4,066.91	\$ 2,288.08	\$ 3,120.40

ACCOUNT BALANCES	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Chequing Account	\$ 3,448.52	\$ (44.80)	\$ (409.82)	\$ (2,496.81)	\$ 10,577.28	\$ 12,363.82	\$ 14,683.79	\$ 15,778.02
Savings account		\$ 660.03	\$ 639.06	\$ 2,804.12	\$ 15,540.02	\$ 17,838.24	\$ 18,188.99	\$ 19,249.77
\$100K commercial loan	\$ (57,727.27)	\$ (57,133.82)	\$ (56,532.52)	\$ (55,934.97)	\$ (55,335.62)	\$ (54,729.08)	\$ (54,126.09)	\$ (53,516.02)
Mortgage	\$ 442,967.46	\$ 440,826.01	\$ 438,624.12	\$ 436,466.62	\$ 434,301.16	\$ 432,075.94	\$ 429,894.25	\$ 427,653.27

Community Garden		
	Income	Expenses
Garden Plot Sale(21)	\$ 525.00	
Donations	\$ 817.50	
Veggie Sales	\$ 5,934.80	
Total Income	\$ 7,277.30	
Soil		\$ 627.50
Tool rental		\$ 178.85
Total Expenses		\$ 806.35
NET-PROFIT	\$ 6,470.95	

Bodhi Tree Platform		
	Income	Expenses
Donations	\$1,450.00	
Expenses		\$1,857.87
BVS Spending	\$ (407.87)	

Key Financial Achievements in 2020

- When the new BOD took over the office in May, our bank balance was just below \$3,500. We have managed to bring that up to **\$35,000 by the end of 2020**.
- We have reviewed our contracts with service providers (internet / phone) and renegotiated cheaper plans which allowed us to considerably reduce our monthly recurring expenses.
- We have managed to increase additional income from other revenue sources such as organic farm and mini fund raising activities.
- Despite the pandemic situation, PAP income increased considerably compares to the start of the year.

We would like to thank each and every one of our members and well-wishes for their support and commitment towards making our BVS community a better place for us, and for our future generation.

Please feel free to reach out to BVS Treasurer (treasurer@bvs.org) Ishan De Silva or Secretary (info@bvs.org) Ari Tennakoon for any questions or concerns regarding BVS financials.

Questions ? Feedback or join our newsletter group to make it better ?
email us at newsletter@bvs.org

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Tax season is fast approaching, we will be emailing out tax receipts in the coming weeks. Please contact BVS treasure if you need these urgently.
- For all donations, we encourage you to use eTransfer instead of Paypal to avoid unnecessary transaction fees.

