

BUDDHIST VIHARA SOCIETY IN BC

The official newsletter of BVS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Vassana Retreat Program

Dhamma Sermon @ 7.30 pm Every Wed
Bojjhanga Pirith @ 7.30 pm Every Sat

Meditation Session by Ven Somawansa

Every Friday @ 7.30 pm

Organic Farm Market

Every Sunday : 11.30 am to 1.30 pm

- SEP 20 | **Sunday School - First Day**
- SEP 26 | **Volunteer appreciation**
- OCT 3 | **Katina Preparations**
- OCT 4 | **Katina Ceremony**
- OCT 10 | **Vap Poya - Ata Sil**

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

Meeting ID : 443 970 6128



DHAMMA CHINTHA

DHAMMAPADAYA - VERSE 2

"Manopubbangama dhamma manosettha manomaya manasa ce pasannena bhasati va karotiva, tato nam sukha manveti chayava anapayini"

All mental phenomena have mind as their forerunner; they have mind as their chief; they are mind-made. If one speaks or acts with a pure mind, happiness (sukha) follows him like a shadow that never leaves him.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF BVS

It's been an interesting and exciting summer for all of us. While the pandemic doesn't seem to go away anytime soon, we are finding ways to keep our community engaged continuously. We have conducted a number of spiritual activities via Zoom for the benefit of our members and well-wishers over the past few months.

Also we are really proud and honored to see how our community is getting together and actively engaging in community activities. Best example is the record breaking annual rice packet event last weekend. Also not forgetting the blood donation drive and our weekly veggie sales. You can find more details about these events in this newsletter. There are a lot more exciting new initiatives to come in the future. Stay tuned !

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support towards making our Temple and community a better and welcoming place for everyone.



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



ANNUAL RICE PACKET FUND RAISING EVENT

Was it a fund raising event or was it a celebration ? We think it was both! With the current pandemic situation, the board of directors of BVS conducted multiple rounds of planning sessions to carefully organize the schedule and all activities for this event. We also decided to use a commercial kitchen to ensure we had the required space and protocols in place to be compliant with Covid-19 protocols.

Our tireless volunteers spent an enormous amount of time and effort throughout the initial stages of preparation, during the event and also distribution stage as well. **This extraordinary community spirit and togetherness has enabled us to sell a record-breaking 1905 rice packets this year and raised over \$29,197.00. (Net profit: \$19,366.29)** We also had substantial donations towards this project by many generous donors as well. It was also great to see our younger generation taking on greater responsibilities with a lot of enthusiasm. And most of all we thank each and every one of you who purchased rice packets as your contribution will enable us to offer more religious programs and a better community space for our members and well-wishers.



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BLOOD DONATION EVENT

We successfully organized and completed a blood donation campaign on the 23rd August 2020 at the Cloverdale Catholic Parish Center. We thank everyone who showed interest in participating but due to COVID restrictions, we were able to accommodate only 20 donors. Freshly made Kolakenda and Sri Lankan refreshments were provided by our board of directors and members to all the blood donors. Next Blood Donation event will be scheduled around Vesak season in 2021.



THE ORGANIC FARM MARKET



The Organic Farm Market has become a weekly hangout for most of us. On couple of occasions, we expanded our veggie market to host additional mini fundraisers with offerings of freshly made Kolakenda and Chicken Biriyani. It has been a wonderful summer with lots of fresh organic vegetables for our members and well-wishers. As fall season is upon us, we will be having big sales in the coming weeks to finish off our organic veggie sale for this year. We have big plans in place for next year so please subscribe to our social media platforms for more details. **We are ecstatic to announce that to date (Including sales in September), we have collected \$6,915.30 from our Organics Farm Market. Thank you for your support !**

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

BVS FINANCIALS UPDATE

OVERVIEW	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Total PAP Members	202	203	214
Total Expenses	\$ 11,188.82	\$ 10,816.53	\$ 13,183.77
Recurring Monthly Expenses	\$ 6,384.82	\$ 5,422.71	\$ 5,947.33
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	
Other Expenses		\$ 1,307.35	\$ 302.00
Total Income	\$ 9,057.51	\$ 10,092.83	\$ 13,531.80
Net PAP Income	\$ 7,260.00	\$ 7,665.00	\$ 7,950.00
Organic Farm Income	\$ 982.50	\$ 457.00	\$ 2,354.80
Mini Fundraising Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 782.00
Other Income	\$ 815.01	\$ 1,970.83	\$ 2,445.00
Balance	\$ (2,131.31)	\$ (723.70)	\$ 348.03

ACCOUNT BALANCES	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Chequing Account	\$ (44.80)	\$ (409.82)	\$ (2,496.81)
Savings account	\$ 660.03	\$ 639.06	\$ 2,804.12
\$100K commercial loan	\$ (57,133.82)	\$ (56,532.52)	\$ (55,934.97)
Mortgage	\$ 440,826.01	\$ 438,624.12	\$ 436,466.62

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

Our primary objective is to be transparent and be clear on all matters related to BVS. Therefore, we appreciate and welcome your comments and feedback.

We thank you once again for your continued support on all meritorious activities.

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