

Township of  
**Langley**



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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **WATER YOU WAITING FOR? COME ON OUT TO RIVERS DAY!**

A family-friendly extravaganza that celebrates our local rivers and the importance of the environment returns to the Township of Langley on Sunday, September 22.

The BC Rivers Day Community Festival will be held from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum, at 21200 Fraser Highway. Registration is not required for the free event, which will feature a variety of activities and entertainment designed to get people of all ages thinking about the environment around us and the many ways we can care for it.

“The Township is home to over 700 km of rivers, creeks and streams, and we need to be good environmental stewards,” said Township of Langley Environmental Coordinator Meaghan Norton Daniel. “Rivers Day has become a much-loved tradition because there are so many fun things to do and explore. Visitors can enjoy the entertainment, see demonstrations, and take part in all kinds of activities, all while learning about animals and their habitat, and the many programs and projects that are in place in Langley to protect our waterways and ecosystems.”

Presented by the Township of Langley and the Langley Environmental Partners Society (LEPS), the BC Rivers Day Community Festival will include a costume parade, animal displays, gold panning, story time, and face painting. Guests can climb a wall, build a birdhouse, and listen to music from the Genuine Jug Band and Well Worn Trail. A free hot dog barbecue will also be offered at noon, and guests are encouraged to bring their own refillable drink containers.

Parking is limited at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum but there is plenty of parking at the nearby Langley Secondary School, where a community shuttle will connect visitors to the festival every 15 minutes. Parking and the shuttle are free. As well, free valet bike parking will be available to encourage the public to cycle to the Arboretum, for the sake of their health and the environment.

Derek Doubleday Arboretum is full of sturdy, accessible trails that will allow visitors to walk, wheel, or ride through the site, which is home to the Nicomekl River, the Langley Demonstration Garden, and the new Rotary Interpretive Center.

Rivers Day kicks off WaterWeeks 2019, a three-week series held each year by the Township of Langley and LEPS to encourage community engagement and environmental stewardship. During WaterWeeks, the public can learn about protecting our watercourses, groundwater, and wildlife habitats through free activities that include presentations, storytelling, tours, cleanups, and plantings.

Space is limited and registration is required for WaterWeeks events. To take part, call 604.532.3511 or email [exec\\_director@leps.bc.ca](mailto:exec_director@leps.bc.ca)

For a full listing of WaterWeeks activities, and to learn more about BC Rivers Day, visit **[tol.ca/waterweeks](http://tol.ca/waterweeks)**.

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