

## Events

### Homebrewing 101: Grand Brews in Grandview

Saturday, October 8,  
12 – 4 pm, Britannia  
Community Centre.  
Brewing beer at home  
is as easy as making  
oatmeal and soup. It  
smells great and it'll  
feed your friends. See  
the brewing process  
from start to finish with  
a full explanation in  
simple terms. Start a  
hobby, start a career –  
brewing is fun and  
productive. Craig  
Ollenberger is a founder  
of the VanBrewers.  
Cost: \$15. Registration:  
604-718-5800 (1).

### Spanish Book Fair

Saturday, October 14,  
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm,  
Central Library Branch  
Celebrate the Spanish  
language at the  
Vancouver Spanish Book  
Fair!

An afternoon with  
literature, authors,  
musicians, plays and  
word games for all  
ages.

### Britannia Sukkot Festival

Tuesday, October 10,  
5pm – 8pm, Britannia  
Community Centre

Sukkot expresses  
universal themes of  
harvest celebration,  
cultural identity, human  
vulnerability, and  
community. The  
Britannia Sukkot  
Festival will bring  
together diverse

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# Community News

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## Helping Refugees in East Van



IN THE COMMUNITY

*At a Grandview-Woodland Refugee Initiative event*

The Grandview -Woodland Refugee Initiative (GWRI) is a group of neighbours and friends who have joined together to reunite a family impacted by the ongoing conflict in Syria.

The GWRI was formed in June 2017 and is working in partnership with the Grandview Cavalry Baptist Church, which as a registered charity, can issue tax receipts and securely administer money raised.

In 2016 community members were successful in relocating a Syrian mother and her daughter to Vancouver. Now GWRI is working with them to raise funds so the woman's sister, her husband

and son can join them in Vancouver. The federal government requires groups like GWRI to raise \$25,000 to support a refugee family for one year. Considering the cost of living in Vancouver, GWRI members have set their goal at \$35,000 for the family's first year. So far they have raised \$9,055.00 of this target.

Visit their website if you would like to be informed of upcoming events, get involved, or find out ways to help: <http://grandview-woodland-refugee-initiative.com>

I am happy to support their efforts and encourage others who can to help.

community members to feast and share in both a Jewish Sukkot and Coast Salish led ceremonies as part of the city wide Sustenance Festival 2017.

Vegetarian Dinner by Donation. Advanced registration necessary. Contact <http://>

[jewishmuseum.ca](http://jewishmuseum.ca) or 604.257.5199 or 604.718-5895

### Diwali Downtown

Saturday, October 14, 3pm – 7pm, Roundhouse Community Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews

This multicultural event features music and dance performances by local artists. Join in to create room sized mosaic artwork, a sari-wrapping workshop and a fashion show. There will also be Diya-painting and Rangoli-painting workshops for kids.

More events online at [www.shanesimpson.ca](http://www.shanesimpson.ca)

# Help for Veterans: Last Post Fund

The Last Post Fund is a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure that all Canadian Veterans have access to a military gravestone and burial regardless of financial circumstances. I recently learned about this group's work and

encourage you to find out more as well. You can learn about their work here: <http://www.lastpostfund.ca/>



## Upcoming By-Election in Vancouver

Here in Vancouver we will soon have a by-election for one City Council seat as well as a new School Board.

Advance voting takes place on October 4th and 10th at City Hall and general voting day is October 14th at multiple locations.

The City of Vancouver has created a website with information on all of the candidates, as well as where and how to vote. You can even sign up for reminders! All of the information is available here: <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/2017-by-election.aspx>

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More events and news at [www.shanesimpson.ca](http://www.shanesimpson.ca)

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**SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE SETTLEMENT**  
Congrats to MOSIAC on your beautiful new space!