THE BONAVENTURE BUZZ

Empowering Potential, together!

Welcome to the Buzz for November 2026! This issue of the Bonaventure Buzz, our monthly newsletter, will highlight all the happenings within and around Bonaventure Support Services. This edition features many upcoming events, the November Recreation Program, reminders of important dates coming up along with the Art Program schedule, plus loads of other tidbits of information!

As always, we welcome your input on future editions of the Buzz including articles you've enjoyed, favorite recipes, personal milestones, and anything else you'd like to celebrate!

Land Acknowledgement: "Bonaventure honors the rich heritage and traditions of the Coast Salish people, on whose lands we work, live, and play. We are committed to respecting and learning from the cultures that shape this land, as we strive to cultivate a community rooted in understanding and inclusivity."

From The Helm – Christy Sudyko

October was a busy month. There has been a lot happening behind the scenes with our transition to Taproot, and while there are still pieces being worked through, we are starting November with a little more clarity.

Our anticipated transition date is now **April 1, 2027**, giving both organizations additional time to complete due diligence and plan thoughtfully. We have also been able to confirm something I know has been important to many of you: there are no plans to change our existing leadership structure, employee positions or schedules simply because of the transition. Where changes may eventually be needed, they will be based on service needs and SHSS requirements.

There is also plenty of practical work happening around systems, technology, ShareVision and how BSS and Taproot will work together. It may not all be very exciting, but each piece gets us a little further down the road.

Our Voice Matters

You will soon see our annual employee satisfaction survey**.** This year, I think it has a little more meaning.

Your feedback has always helped us understand what is working, where we can do better, and what matters to you. This year, we also have an opportunity to share those results with Taproot and give them another window into who we are and what our employees value about BSS**.**

So please take the time to complete it. Be honest. Tell us what you value, what you want to protect, and where you think we can grow. As we move through this transition, I want our future to be shaped not only by contracts and systems, but by the voices of the people who make BSS what it is.

One More BSS Holiday Dinner ❤️‍🩹

And finally, our holiday dinner is coming up!

This one feels a little different. It will be our last holiday dinner together under the BSS banner**,** and I would truly love to see you all there.

Come eat, laugh, catch up and celebrate. We have spent a lot of time lately talking about what is changing. Our holiday dinner is a chance to celebrate something that hasn't changed: the people, relationships, diversity and slightly quirky culture that make BSS, BSS.

Hope to see you there!



Recreation Program

Hope everyone has had a spooky October; I know we sure have. We had a great time at the pumpkin patch, and our pizza party was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who continues to come out and make our events possible.

We have some fun events coming up for November, including a Clippers game (with spaghetti dinner beforehand at Barons CI), please let me know if you are interested as I will be buying tickets in advance. We will also be going to the Comox Valley Air Force Museum!

Sing and sign this month: November 20th at 2:30pm

Check out what your Recreation Program has planned for you this month!

Parksville CI Please contact Dez @ 250-927-8909
Barons CI Please contact Becca 778-326-0425
Southside CI Please contact Becca 778-326-0425

Sing and Sign Every Friday 11:30-12:30

Nov 2026

MONDAY	TUES	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 **Community clean up Hot chocolate PCVI 1-4**	3	**Batting cages 12-1** 4 **Leaving CI at 11:30**	5 **Oliver woods 1:15-2:45**	**Comox air force museum** 6 **Leaving CI at 11** **Leaving Museum at 3**
9 **Movie day PVCI 1-4**	10	**Closed** 11	12 **Oliver woods 1:15-2:45**	**Self advocacy** 13 **Mirandas Corner 1-3**
16 **Bonaventure Gives Back Prep PCVI 1-4**	17	**Cooking club perogies starting at 12-3** 18	19 **Oliver woods 1:15-2:45**	**Clipper Game** 20 **Spaghetti Dinner Dinner @ 5 Game starts @ 7**
Bonaventure gives back 23 **1-4**	24	**Wellness Wednesday** 25 **Colour Photo Walk 12-3**	26 **Oliver woods 1:15-2:45**	**Christmas Decorations** 27 **12:30-4**
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Any questions, please contact Becca via email
recreation@bonaventuresupport.com

Parksville CI Monday Mixers
1-104 Middleton Ave
Mondays 1:00pm-4:00pm
Contact Deziree T. 250-927-8909

Southside CI Art Program
3148 Barons Rd Unit A&B
Wednesdays 10:00am-11:30am

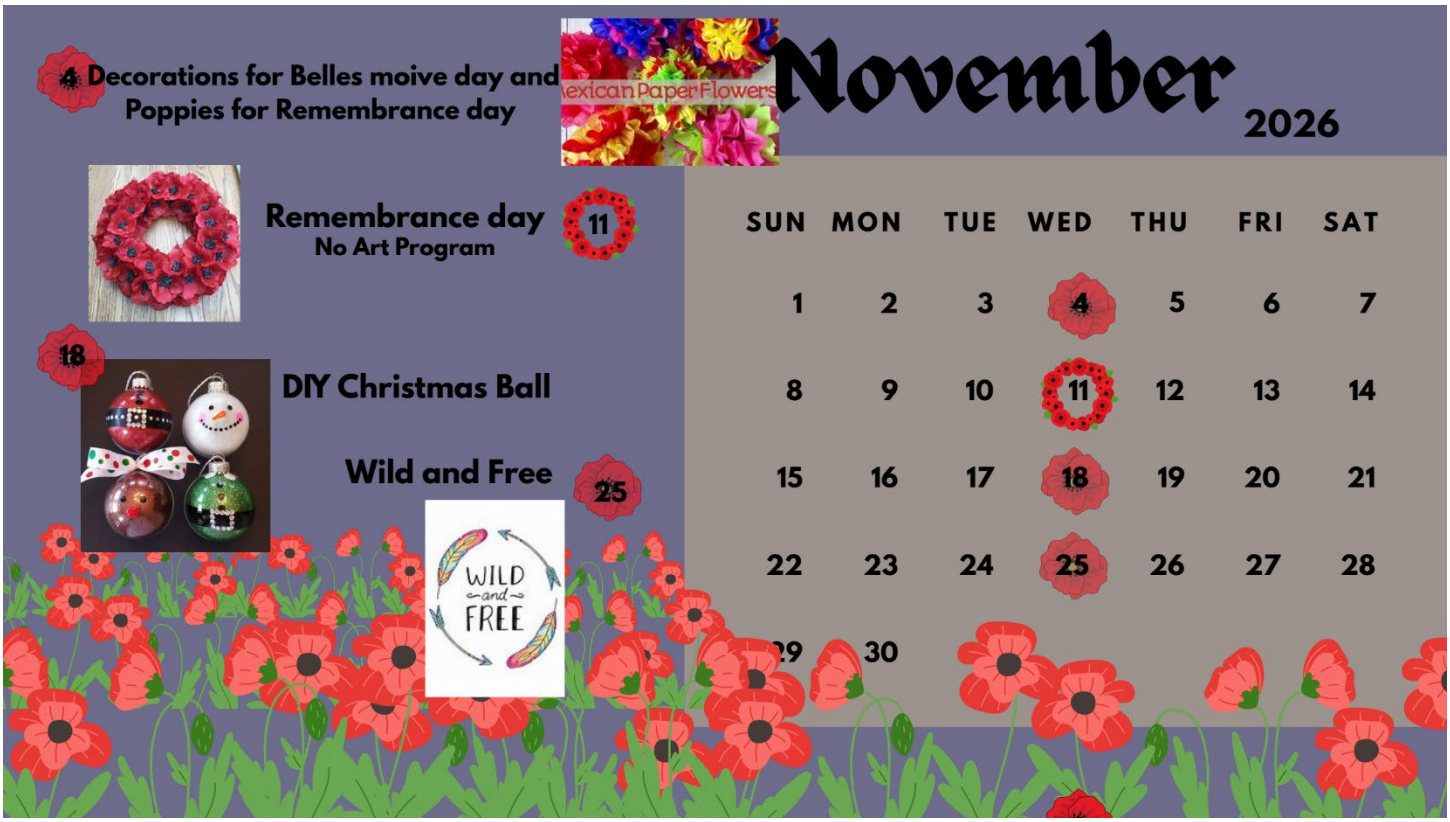
Baron CI Sing and Sign
3148 Barons Rd Unit D
Fridays 11:30am-12:30pm



Art Program

Last month was full of Halloween fun and creativity! We made our own Halloween masks, worked on decorations for the Halloween party, and got a little experimental by using turmeric and hand sanitizer to paint pumpkins. It was a fun opportunity to try something new and explore a different way of creating art!

November is bringing more exciting projects to Art Program! We'll be making poppies and colorful flowers for the Belles movie day, decorating Christmas balls to add our own personal touch, and we will also have the opportunity to help create this year's Christmas table centerpieces. There are lots of fun and creative projects to look forward to as we get ready for the holiday season!




Cooking Club Presents
PEROGIES
FROM
SCRATCH
NOVEMBER
18TH
12-3
BARONS CI

HOCKEY GAME

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

GAME NIGHT SPECIALS:

SPAGHETTI DINNER AT 5

AT BARONS CI

LEAVING FOR THE GAME AT 6:30

FOR TICKETS:

CONTACT BECCA

778-326-0425




JOIN THE CREW
@
SING AND SIGN
Now Friday
Mornings
11:30-12:30
Barons Community inclusion
3148 Barons Rd

Lest We Forget

November 11TH – Remembrance Day



"In Flanders Fields"
by Col. John McCrae,

In Flanders Fields The poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands , we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us, who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

Locations of Ceremonies

Nanaimo
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10
129 Harewood Road
Open House: 10:30am to 9:00pm

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256
1630 E Wellington Road
Open House: 7:30am to 7:00pm

Lantzville
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 257
7225 Lantzville Road
Open House: 10:30am to 7:00pm

Duncan
Charles Hoey Park
124/130 Canada Avenue
10:30am to 11:30am

Parksville
City Hall Cenotaph
Craig Street
10:40am to 11:30am

Community Events

Looking for something fun to do? Explore the events below and discover some of the great activities taking place in our community.

November!

Cozy sweaters, crisp autumn days, holiday markets and the first hints of Christmas magic. Here are a few local events to add to your November calendar:

Nanaimo

- Nov 6 – 8 Once Upon a Craft Fair at Beban Park 2300 Bowen Road
- Nov 7 Diwali Celebration at Nanaimo Museum 100 Museum Way
- Nov 15 & 22 Lions Free Skate at Frank Crane Arena 2300 Bowen Road

Cowichan Valley

- Nov 12 – 25 Christmas Chaos Arts & Craft Market at Cowichan Community Centre, 2687 James Street
- Nov 14 Annual Pottery Sale at The HUB 2375 Koksilah Road, Duncan
- Nov 21 Dinter Nursery Christmas Open House & Makers Market at 2205 Phipps Road, Duncan
- Nov 28 – 29 Deck the Hall Christmas Market at Cowichan Exhibition Grounds 7380 Trans-Canada Hwy

Parksville/Qualicum Beach

- Nov 7 Knox Perfect Gift Christmas Craft Fair at Knox United Church 345 Pym Street, Parksville
- Nov 14 – 15 Coombs Christmas Market at Coombs Rodeo Grounds 2601 Alberni Highway
- Nov 20 – 22 WinterFest Craft Fair at Qualicum Beach Civic Centre 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach
- Nov 28 Ho Ho Ho Handmade Market at Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

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- Nov 29 Bradley Christmas Artisan Market at The Bradley Centre 975 Shearme Rd, Coombs

Important Dates to Remember

STAT Holidays

Wednesday, November 11th, 2026 – Remembrance Day

Friday, December 25th, 2026 – Christmas Day

Saturday, December December 26th – Boxing Day

Friday, January 1st, 2027 – New Year's Day

Accreditation Matters

Achieving accreditation shows the public and funders/regulators your commitment to continuously improve services, manage risk, and distinguish your service delivery.

These valuable benefits and unique advantages are the greatest return on your accreditation investment:

Assurance to persons seeking services and funding sources, referral agencies, and the community that a provider has demonstrated conformance to internationally accepted standards.

Person-focused standards that emphasize an integrated and individualized approach to services and outcomes.

Improved communication with persons served.

Evidence to federal, state, provincial, and local governments of commitment to quality of programs and services that receive government funding.

Management techniques that are efficient, cost-effective, and based on outcomes and consumer satisfaction.

Guidance for responsible management and professional growth of personnel.

Support from us through consultation, publications, training opportunities, and newsletters.

The value of accreditation goes beyond conformance.

Accreditation positively impacts your business and services in many ways. These benefits, combined with the strength of our internationally accepted standards and consultative peer-review model, are distinguishing factors that make CARF the accreditor of choice for health and human service providers.

Business improvement * Risk management * Funding/contract access * Positive visibility

Peer networking * Accountability * Insurance premium savings * eLearning support