



THE BONAVENTURE BUZZ

Empowering Potential, together!

Welcome to the Buzz for October 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 October Recreation Program, reminders of important dates coming up along with the Art Program schedule, and some great pics from the Variety Show, 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."

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From The Helm – Christy Sudyko

Beginning the Conversation

Over the past few weeks, we have begun conversations with Taproot as we look ahead to what integration may mean for Bonaventure.

We are still very much at the beginning. There are many questions we do not yet have answers to, and much of the planning and discussion is still ahead of us. I know uncertainty can be difficult, and I want to be honest about where we are rather than try to fill in blanks before the answers are there.

What I can share is that our early conversations with Taproot have been encouraging.

There is a strong alignment in the things that matter most: person-centred services, supporting employees, building meaningful relationships, and ultimately doing good work for the people and communities we serve.

Something I have particularly appreciated is Taproot's genuine curiosity about Bonaventure. They have taken time to ask about our processes, our practices, our people, and how we do things. There has been a sincere interest in understanding what has been built here, rather than simply arriving with assumptions about how things should be done.

That matters to me.

Bonaventure has a strong history, identity, and culture that has been shaped over many years by the people who work here. As we move through these conversations, I want us to continue sharing what makes BSS special, while also staying open and curious about what we can learn from one another.

We won't have every answer right away. What we can do is keep communicating honestly, asking good questions, and taking this one step at a time.

There is still much to learn and work through, but I am encouraged by how the conversation has started.

Thank you for everything you do.



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Variety Show

We had an amazing variety show this year with lots of acts, ranging from a tv show style interviews to our sing and sign crew performing some songs. Thank you to everyone who makes this event possible every year, a special thank you to Annaka for being the mind behind the food, Fatema for helping with our MCs, Karina & Angel for doing food prep and the rest of Barons/Southside staff for helping with decorating and taking down!



Matt and Miranda
The M&M Show!



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Recreation Program

What amazing month September was, we had some great days like our annual variety show and the return of the batting cages! Thank you to everyone who makes a continuous effort to come out and show up to our events! We have been working so hard on our terry fox kilometer tracking, we are currently halfway to our goal so please keep sending us those kilometers.

There will be **NO** Sing and Sign the week of October 23rd.

October is going to be an exciting and busy month for us with the return of Oliver Woods on Thursdays to all our Halloween events and who can forget about our pizza party! We hope to see you all there and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!

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

 October 2026 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				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mondays please contact Dez @ 250-927-8909			Oliver woods ¹ 1:15-2:45	 Bus to Spirit Halloween  Leaving CI at 12:30 1-3
 Thanksgiving Baking ⁵ mini apple pie and cranberry sauce 1-4  PCVI	⁶	 Batting cages ⁷ Leaving CI at 12:30 1-2 	⁸ Oliver woods 1:15-2:45	 Movie Day ⁹ Nightmare before Christmas starting at 1:00-3:00 southside CI 
¹² Closed	¹³	 Self Advocacy employment/ volunteer ¹⁴ Barons CI starting at 1-2	¹⁵ Oliver woods 1:15-2:45	 Fitness Friday Kinsol Trestle ¹⁶ Leaving at 12:30 -4:00 
 Silver meadows pumpkin patch ¹⁹  1-4	²⁰	 Cooking Club Pizza Party ²¹ starting at 12-3 Brons CI	²² Oliver woods 1:15-2:45	 Coastal Black Pumpkin fest ²³ Leaving at 11:30 arriving back at CI 4:30 
 Halloween craft & decorating ²⁶ PVC I 1-4 	²⁷	 Halloween Decorations ²⁸ starting at 12-4 Barons and southside CI 	²⁹ Oliver woods 1:15-2:45	 Halloween Party ³⁰ 11:30-3:00 Barons and southside CI 

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Any questions, please contact Becca via email
recreation@bonaventuresupport.com

Parkville 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



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Art Program

Art program had a fantastic month with mini paintings and making charcuterie boards for rec program, we are always looking for new ideas so please let us know if you or your individuals have any ideas for us! This month we have some fun activities, getting some decorations made for our Halloween party Aswell as making Halloween masks a very spooky month for us. We hope to see you there!

On this Rec Calander we have added a “legend” so it can be easily deciphered who to contact regarding each day

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ART PROGRAM CALENDER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 	22	23	24 
25	26	27	28 	29	30	31

14 NIGHTMEAR BEFORE CHRISTMAS
HALOWEEN DECORATIONS



7 DIY HALLOWEEN MASK



21 WILD & FREE



28 PAINTING PUMPKINS
WITH TURMERIC



RIP RIP RIP



Wild and Free





SELF ADVOCACY PRESENTS

EMPLOYMENT & VOULENTEERING

**WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT
YOUR VOULENTEER OR
EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES**

JOIN US



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**21
OCT**

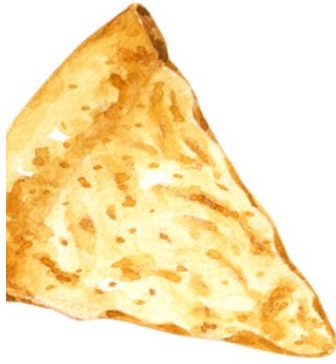
BARONS CI

3148 BARONS RD UNIT D

We want to hear your experiences and help you build new skills
for future endeavours

RECREATION@BONAVENTURESUPPORT.COM

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Cooking club presents

PIZZA PARTY

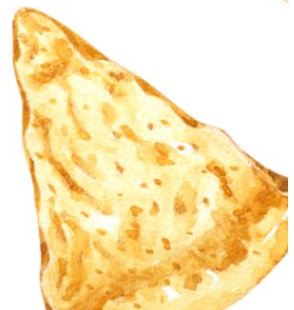
MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA!
REQUEST TOPPINGS!

WED | OCT21 | 12 PM

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LET BECCA KNOW IF YOUR COMING
& WHAT TOPPINGS YOU WOULD LIKE

778-326-0425



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JOIN THE

CREW

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SING AND SIGN



Now Friday
Mornings
11:30-12:30



Barons Community inclusion

3148 Barons Rd

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Community Events

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

Nanaimo



Oceanside

Cowichan Valley



Important Dates to Remember

STAT Holidays

Monday, October 12th, 2026 – Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, November 11th, 2026 – Remembrance 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.

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

Guidance for responsible management and professional growth of personnel.

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