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South Vancouver Seniors Network

The Weekly Live Webinars

Connecting Seniors with Government, Community Leaders, and Experts since 2019



Join Online with Andrea Krombein
10:30 Pacific Time at the Zoom Link here or click the link in the weekly email invitation

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At Marpole Oakridge Family Place
8188 Lord Street, Vancouver - arrive by 10:15



This platform is a community service hosted by the Marpole Oakridge Family Place

The Fall 2026 Weekly Live Webinar Program! Beginning Thursday September 10

Webinar of Thursday September 10, 2026 - 10:30-11:30 Pacific: Personhood in Dementia

Topic: Building Community Connections for People Living with Dementia

Presenter: Alison Phinney is a Professor in the UBC School of Nursing and Director of the Centre for Research on Personhood in Dementia. She will share stories from her research about the importance of meaningful activity and social inclusion for people living with dementia, and how to build capacity at the community level.

Webinar of Thursday September 17, 2026 - 10:30-11:30 Pacific: Introducing the Modern Seniors Podcast

Topic: Introducing The Modern Seniors Podcast

Presenters: Amie Peacock and Neil Parker will introduce us to their Tuesday Podcast Series. Amie is a creative social engineer and recently founded the Modern Seniors Podcast to preserve the rich heritage, history, and unfiltered life lessons of our elders. Amie partners with Neil Parker, a podcast host and story strategist, to build a welcoming, intergenerational community through raw storytelling.

Webinar of Thursday September 24, 2026 - 10:30-11:30 Pacific: Fully prepare to Age- in-Place

Topic: There's much to prepare for when aging-in-place. Considerations include home modifications, financial strategies, health considerations and building your unique care team. Join Barbara Kirby as she weaves facts, shared experience, and resources throughout this session.

Presenter: Barbara Kirby is a Certified Professional Consultant on Aging and author of "70 to 100 In a Blink – Solutions for Quality of Life in Later Years". Barbara provides planning and coaching services. She is on the Provincial Planning Committee for the Health Care Needs Home Care Campaign to stop the fees charged for subsidized care at home. She is trained, and has vast experience in dementia care and navigating the health, care and housing systems.

Webinar of Thursday October 1, 2026 -10am to 12 Noon Pacific: In-person celebration of International Day of Older Persons 2026

Celebration: **In-person at 8188 Lord Street, Vancouver. No Zoom today**

Please join us in-person from 10am until 12 noon on October 1st to celebrate International Day of Older Persons. Enjoy a Music Concert presented by the Health Arts Society! Mr. Chak Au, Member of Parliament for Richmond Centre-Marpole, will attend. Refreshments will be served.

Webinar of Thursday October 8, 2026 -10:30-11:30 Pacific: Seniors issues as elections approach

Topic: A look at the Issues for seniors at this year's election (to be held on October 17, 2026)

Presenter: Lucy Maloney is a Vancouver City Councillor elected to Vancouver City Council in a by-election in April, 2025. She has been a high-profile spokesperson and road safety advocate for Vision Zero Vancouver and District PAC's (Parent Advisory Committees) Active Transport/Safe Routes Working Group lead, helping parents from schools across Vancouver navigate municipal processes to advocate for safer streets. Lucy is focused on building an affordable and safe city for everyone.

Webinar of Thursday October 15, 2026 - 10:30-11:30 Pacific: October Open Mic – reserved for Participant's Voices

Topic: Anything participants want to raise! Open platform!

Webinar of October 22, 2026 - 10:30-11:30 Pacific: The Memorial Society of BC checks in with the Webinars again

Topic: A focus on how the Memorial Society helps families save on funeral costs.

Presenter: Barb Montgomery is representing the Memorial Society of BC. She brings several years of experience working with the Memorial Society of BC as well as the Cooperative Memorial Society in Alberta. Barb has a background in the hospitality industry, spanning over thirty years of working around the globe. She believes the key to customer service is to be sincere, patient and welcoming.

Webinar of Thursday October 29, 2026 -10:30-11:30 Pacific: The "Talking Aging"Podcast on Vancouver Co-Op Community Radio

Topic: A focus on the Podcast Show "Talking Aging" - a public affairs show discussing issues affecting older adults and future older adults (that is "all of us"!). The show works to celebrate aging and address ageism and introduces experts on topics of interest.

Presenter: Meeka Marsolais is the founder and host of the Podcast Show "Talking Aging" on Vancouver Co-Operative Radio CFRO 100.5 FM, presented on the first Saturday of every month.
She is also a Recreational Programmer for seniors.

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Webinar of Thursday November 5, 2026 -10:30-11:30 Pacific: Seniors inform neighbourhood planning strategies **THIS WEBINAR HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. Open Mic this week!**

Topic: This presentation will explore how seniors' lived experience can inform age-friendly neighbourhood planning, drawing on Presenter Hannah Gibson's experience in housing, accessibility, dementia-inclusive design, aging- in-place, and community engagement.

Presenter: Hannah Gibson is an urban planner and designer with over a decade of experience delivering complex, mixed-use master plans across Canada, the United States, Australia, and Southeast Asia. Her experience also includes engaging seniors and older adults through projects focused on housing, accessibility, dementia-inclusive neighbourhood design, aging in place, and resident wellbeing. Relevant projects include the City of Vancouver Seniors Housing Strategy, Dementia-Friendly Neighbourhood Planning Guidelines developed with Simon Fraser University, Aging in the Right Place Building Audits and Engagement, and resident relocation engagement for Brightside Community Homes Foundation. She has also contributed to projects for the City of Richmond, including the Richmond 2023–2033 Accessibility Plan, Richmond Community Wayfinding Strategy, and Richmond Patio Program.

Webinar of Thursday November 12,2026 - 10:30-11:30 Pacific: Online Scams and Romance Scams

Topic: In this practical, judgment-free session, seniors will learn how to recognize common online scams —including romance scams—spot warning signs, verify suspicious requests, protect personal information and know what to do if they have been targeted.

Presenter: Leian Andrieshyn is the founder of Senior Care Smart Services, a community-focused initiative helping older adults navigate technology with greater ease, confidence and security. She completed Prosper Canada's Financial Literacy Facilitator training and is developing her business through the YMCA Self-Employment Training Program with WorkBC support. Drawing on her customer-service and community-engagement experience, Leian is passionate about helping seniors stay informed, connected and safer online.

Webinar of Thursday November 19, 2026 - 10:30-11:30 Pacific: Vancouver Co-Operative Radio

Topic: Introducing Vancouver's Co-Operative Community Radio station, operating since 1975. The Weekly Live Webinar team has invited the Executive Director to tell us more about our Community Radio Station as we continue with our aim to highlight multiple engagement options to reduce seniors isolation.

Presenter: Gwendolyn Reischman is the Executive Director of Vancouver Cooperative Radio, who brings a thoughtful blend of alternative media knowledge, corporate expertise, leadership and a passionate energy to Coop Radio. For over 40 years she has contributed to broadcast media while serving various board, music and arts programs.
Beginning her career as a community builder, sales executive and communications manager, Gwendolyn gained valuable experience in building effective teams, streamlining operations, and driving organizational success. As a strong advocate for collaboration and community-building, Gwendolyn shares why real authentic radio is needed now more than ever.

Webinar of Thursday November 26,2026-10:30-11:30 Pacific: Health Arts Society and concerts

Topic: Arts, Aging and the Power of Connection: Learn about the Health Arts Society's work bringing music and the arts to seniors and why meaningful arts experiences are essential to creating joy, belonging, social purpose, and connection as we age.

Presenters: Angela Brooks, Executive Director of Health Arts Society and Cindy Dai, Community Engagement and Program Coordinator of Health Arts Society.

Angela, Executive Director of Health Arts Society, has worked in the gerontological space for her entire career. She is passionate about serving seniors and moving the dial on healthy aging and building strong communities. She collaborates with partners across Canada, enhancing the arts while enabling seniors to live happier, healthier lives. Angela's educational background is in psychology and gerontology.

Cindy Dai is a first-generation Chinese-Canadian musician, live music programmer, event organizer, ... and arts administrator who believes in the power of music to uplift, connect, and create social impact. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance and Composition from Capilano University and a Diploma in Event Planning & Management from LaSalle College. Cindy is passionate about ensuring that diverse perspectives are represented and that those who are often missing from the table are ...

December Webinar program coming soon

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