

## New housing approved

The corner of 1st Avenue and Main Street in Vancouver will soon see award winning social housing rising to the skyline.

The site at 188 East 1st will be developed with an 11 1/2 storey mixed-use development with 129 Supportive Housing units. A third to a half of the 129 units will be for persons with barriers.

The building will be staffed at all times in order to provide the supports that tenants will require.

All units will be tenanted by core-need singles with a priority for those living in the shelters and SRO hotels in Mount Pleasant and the

Downtown Eastside.

The local architectural firm of Gomberoff Bell Lyon submitted their plan that meets the LEED Green Environmental standard.

Construction on the building is about to commence, with completion set for mid-2010, when residents will move into the building to be operated by the Lookout Emergency Aid Society. ☐



## Supportive Housing

Supportive housing is a successful, cost-effective combination of affordable housing with services and staff available to help people live more stable, productive lives. Supportive housing works well for people who face the most complex challenges—individuals and families who not only face homelessness,

but who also have very low incomes and serious, persistent issues that may include substance use, mental illness, and HIV/AIDS.

Supportive Housing is available to help these individuals meet three overall goals:

- achieve residential stability,
- increase their skill levels

and/or incomes, and

- assist people to make wise choices for themselves.

**Supportive housing is permanent housing.**

People who live in supportive housing sign leases and pay rent, just like their neighbors.

It is a long-term solution that produces positive results for people and communities. ☐



# More than street cleanup

If you travel at all in the Mt Pleasant area, you may see Tenant Support Worker Robert and a crew of Lookout volunteers tidying the community.

In two initiatives, Robert and his teams are taking a leadership role in the community, working with residents and local business, as well as with the City of Vancouver.

The Mount Pleasant Business Improvement Association (BIA), Kingsway

Corridor, is sponsoring a program to clean the backs of buildings, including graffiti.

Work shifts will be two days per week at the August start, soon increasing to three.

One of Yukon's tenants is the coordinator of the project, directing a team of three to four volunteers. He will send reports directly to the BIA.

**Another** volunteer initiative is in partnership with the Mount Pleasant Social Coordinating Group (SCG).

This will see a volunteer

workcrew of eight cleaning the area between 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Broadway, and Ontario to Cambie two days per week. Eventually this schedule will evolve to alternate Saturdays.

City Engineers have agreed to special garbage pick ups for the workgroup.

Volunteers are comprised of Lookout tenants, and members of other groups, including the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Alliance Church, a Mount Pleasant resident's group, and a group of homeless people. ☐

# LivingRoom Carwash Volunteers

*Vicki, LivingRoom Drop-In*



This year the goal of the \*LivingRoom Drop-In members Volunteer Carwash Team was to contribute to the Drop-In, to our community and to the world. We earned \$851.48 this year, surpassing last year's total, and used the money in the following ways.

- we are funding day-to-day activities at the Drop-In: we've purchased chess boards, crib boards, bought spot lights to complement last year's mirror ball (a big hit at our monthly dances) and other items for our

members to enjoy.

- we have donated \$155.52 (the monies earned at the Aug. 23 carwash) to B.C. Children's Hospital
- we are participating in a microfinance initiative, sponsoring businesses in four third world countries: Cambodia, Pakistan, Paraguay and Uganda. As these loans are paid back, we will reinvest in other parts of the world. "Our countries" are being tracked on a World map and the stories of people being

assisted are posted for our members to read.

When the report was made to the membership about how the monies were to be spent, the room erupted in applause. People who have had struggles in their lives relate so well to the suffering in the world and when asked are only too eager to help.

In the time honoured Lookout tradition, our people are making a difference. ☐

*\*"The LivingRoom Drop-In Activity Centre" is a safe hangout for the mentally ill.*



# Progress report



*Walton Hotel, Vancouver*  
Renovation projects in elderly buildings usually hold surprises, and the Walton was no exception.

Although some original beauty can be seen in unexpected corners, extensive work is needed for safety reasons, which is scheduled to take less than a full year. ☐

*College Place, New Westminster*  
This grande dame of 1908 has been found to need more extensive work to restore her than first thought.

Although that was disappointing news, the good news is that renovations will finish much sooner than originally predicted. ☐



Photos courtesy of Craig Carmichael

## New on the street

- Coming soon: washroom facilities available and lunch provided to those without other resources, Mount Pleasant
- Lookout is collaborating with three other organizations to produce a handout for the Mount Pleasant community. Information will include location of washing areas and restrooms, clinics, including mental health, and other items of interest to those without shelter

## Big Brolly Gala!

*2nd annual Big Brolly Gala*  
Bathed in music, cascading with cocktails, brimming with hors d'oeuvres, featuring live and silent auctions, and entertainment by the Dal Richards Orchestra, Cadillac Fairview invites you to another splashy evening

Wednesday, October 22  
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Tickets: \$175 each – host bar  
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## Resident featured issue

### “Ron”

Ron's warm smile and friendly greeting reflect the peace that he feels these day.

It has been a journey, he reflects, one that began some four years ago.

A Vancouver native, Ron lived the good life that so many people want. He rose to a management position at his job. Enjoyed partying with friends. But the partying started to get control of him. He found himself in a downward spiral, losing his job, and for 13 years, alternated between life on the streets or in cheap rooming houses.

One day he came to himself. Not wanting to talk too much about something so deeply personal, the 47 year old simply says, “Suddenly, I knew. I just knew that I would be dead within a year if I didn't make some changes.”

So he did. He asked for help. He took responsibility. He continues to work with his doctor towards good health. He studies his Bible. He attends night school, seeking and achieving his dream job.

He has been at Lookout in Transitional housing for over a year, and is building his life. ☐



# North Shore Training Kitchen

Lookout doesn't just provide housing, one of our goals is to deal with issues that contribute to homelessness. Of high concern is skills development and training. With this in mind, we are very pleased to announce a new employability skills training program that will be piloted this year at the North Shore Shelter.

This is only possible thanks to the generosity of Mayor Darrell Mussatto of the City of North Vancouver, Mayor Richard Walton of the District of North Vancouver and Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones of the District of West Vancouver,



and their fundraiser, the Inaugural North Shore Mayor's Golf Tournament.

This year they raised \$125,000, half going to the Shelter programming.

Many thanks also to organizers Don Youngson and

*Below, l-r : Don Youngson, Jo Ann Kalley, former Mayor Mark Sager, Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, Mayor Darrell Mussatta, Mayor Richard Walton.*

*Photo courtesy of Anne-Marie Godfrey of ishoot.ca*



Jo Ann Kalley, who tirelessly put in hours of work to plan a fun and important event on the North Shore. ☺

## Lawn bowlers raise funds

The rain held off as the Charity Community Challenge Tournament raised \$6,600 on Sunday June 1 to benefit the Lookout Emergency Aid Society's North Shore Shelter.

The fourth annual lawn bowling charity event, sponsored and ably run by the North Vancouver Lawn bowling Club was another huge success, and a great deal of fun! Twenty-two teams took up the corporate challenge. Most players, new to the game, leaned heavily on the welcome advice of Club coaches assigned to each team.

Organizer Ed Jackson credits much of the success of the event to the dedicated volunteers that allow the event to run so smoothly. Sixty-four volunteers took registrations, coached, provided BBQ, and generally made everyone feel welcome.

Funds raised will allow the North Shore Shelter to expand services that assist those facing homelessness towards independence. ☺



Interested in donating time, goods or funds?

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