

[UPDATE] What's happening in New West? Top weekend picks for Oct. 16 to 18

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Help pigment trees like these earlier renditions done in Vancouver. A pigmenting party is one of our top picks for the weekend. Photograph By Contributed

Shopping, learning and getting entertained - you can do it all in New West this weekend. Here are the **Record's** top picks for the Oct. 16 to 18 weekend in New Westminster.

1. Attend a pigmenting party on the lawn of city hall, Australian artist Konstantin Dimopolous drops by to launch the Blue Trees installation that's part of the Vancouver Biennale installation in New Westminster. Community members are invited to attend the pigmenting party on the front lawn of city hall, 511 Royal Ave., on Sunday, Oct. 18 from noon to 3 p.m.

2. Check out the city's offerings for seniors in New West at the Seniors Festival 2015. The event, taking place on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Century House, includes an information fair featuring more than 35 businesses and organizations, condensed sessions of some of the city's art, culture and recreation classes, and seminars by B.C.'s seniors advocate Isobel Mackenzie and Service Canada. Century House is located at 620 Eighth St.
3. Explore the city with Coun. Patrick Johnstone, who's leading a Building Stones of New West walking tour on Oct. 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. During the 90-minute tour you'll see some of the different stones used in the construction of some of the city's historic buildings, including granite, andesite, marble, sandstone. The tour coincides with the opening of Architectural Gems of the Royal City exhibit at the New Westminster Museum. Registration is required. Admission is by donation to the New Westminster Museum. Call 604-527-4640. (code 145322).
4. Enjoy a night of something a little different when the Damask Burlesk Troupe brings its Spooktacular Cabaret to the Columbia Theatre in New West on Saturday, Oct. 17. Spooktacular Cabaret features Luna Essence, Minnie Peron and Diamond Minx, as well as ghoulish juggling by Uki Ueda, creepy contortion by Vixen Von Flex, bizarre burlesque by Riannaconda and Donna Boss Rodgers and Wicked yo-yo by Mr. Yoyo Thrower. There's also a costume contest and prizes. Tickets are \$20 or \$30 for VIP and available at spooktacularcabaret.brownpapertickets.com or at the door. Doors open at 8 and the show is at 9. The Columbia is at 530 Columbia St.
5. Volunteer at the TD Tree Days and help plant 300 trees in lower Hume Park. It's taking place on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. The event runs rain or shine, so volunteers should dress appropriately. For information or to register go to tdtreedays.com.

Please note that the New West Craft event at River Market has been rescheduled to Saturday, Oct. 24. It's normally held on the first and third Saturday of the month, but has been moved to accommodate another event. An earlier version of the Top 5 featured New West Craft. The Record regrets any confusion this may have caused.

Email your Top 5 ideas to calendar@newwestrecord.ca or

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