

November 18-25 is Restorative Justice Week in Parksville

The City of Parksville has declared November 18-25, 2012, as “Restorative Justice Week” in the City.

Restorative Justice Week 2012 will be held in Canada and throughout the world for the purpose of sharing the concrete learning and results that have come from the growing experience of practitioners and stakeholders in the application of restorative justice approach and processes. Information and resources are available from www.csc-scc.qc.ca/text/rj/index-eng.shtml. Restorative justice is a non-adversarial, non-retributive approach to justice that emphasizes healing in victims, meaningful accountability of offenders and the involvement of citizens in creating healthier, safer communities.

This year’s theme, “Diverse Needs: Unique Responses” recognizes that restorative justice is an approach that addresses the various needs of people impacted by crime and conflict that are created when a person has been harmed or treated unfairly. Restorative justice processes, in response to crime and conflict, are highly adaptable to different people, environments and systems as the identified needs of the people involved help formulate the unique response that can contribute to a person’s sense of safety, justice and well-being.

Arrowsmith Community Justice Society

District 69 has an active and flourishing restorative justice program. Arrowsmith Community Justice Society (ACJS) is a non-profit society managing two programs in our community; a restorative justice program which takes referrals from the RCMP and a community dispute resolution program which takes referrals from the public.

In order to provide more information about the restorative justice process, ACJS will host an open house on November 18. A short video of an actual conference will be shown, followed by a question and answer session. ACJS has extended an invitation to Parksville residents:

When: Sunday, November 18 at 6.30 pm
Where: Knox United Church, 345 Pym Street, Parksville
Hosted by: Arrowsmith Community Justice Society
More info: www.acjs.ca; 250 954-2968

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