

feature

# greening of your THUMBS



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**E**very gardener has to start somewhere, and some things are easier to grow than others. So if you're a beginner, keep it simple, learn patience, and dig in.

## CHOOSING YOUR CROPS

If you're reading this, chances are that you live in this lush rainforest we call home. Yes, the Lower Mainland gets a lot of precipitation. Vancouver Island is less wet, but both areas are better suited to growing lettuces than tomatoes. So make life easier on yourself by choosing to grow things that do well in your micro-climate and soil conditions. And if you're determined to plant heat-loving members of the nightshade family, use every trick in the book.

## EASY PEASY

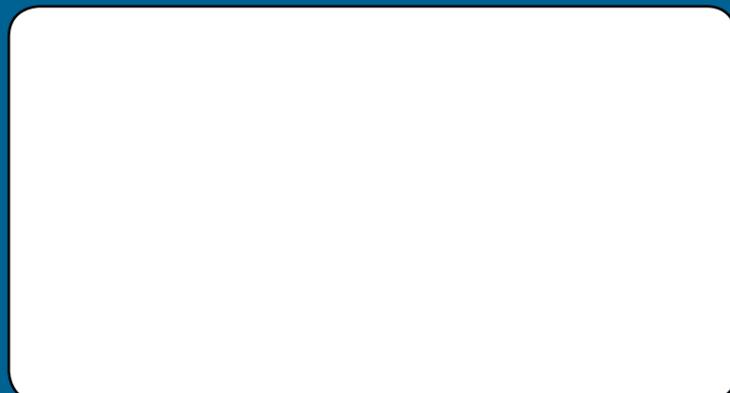
Peas are so easy that they're often the first crop children learn to grow. They don't like too much heat, so plant them in early spring. Because they're climbers, they won't take up too much square footage in your plot. Other easy crops include beans, swiss chard, kale, salad greens, sage, rosemary, parsley, potatoes, and radishes.

## BUT EVERYONE LOVES TOMATOES

It's true. Almost everyone loves them and most gardeners (and cooks) long to pluck them fresh from their own vines. So choose your sunniest spot—against a south-facing wall is ideal. The rage recently has been for heirloom varieties, but be sure to choose one that does well in your climate. Consider the Sungold; it's not an heirloom, but it's cherry-sized, bright gold in colour, full of flavour, and tends to produce even during an iffy summer.

## THE SQUARE FOOT GARDEN

A good option for those without a lot of space is to garden in square sections instead of rows. Divide your plot into 12 x 12" squares and plant one crop in each. Several small plants like radishes will go in one square, but with larger plants, allow just one per square. This will give you a great mix of herbs, vegetables, and salad greens throughout the season.



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**THE GROVE**  
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# get your GREEN

**T**HE GROVE IS NOW OFFICIALLY OPEN. LOCATED JUST ACROSS FROM THE SUCCESSFUL CLAYTON RISE, THIS NEW COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DESIGNED AROUND A CENTRAL GROVE OF TREES, CREATING A WOOSY ATMOSPHERE THAT'S ENTIRELY UNIQUE. THE COMMUNITY IS ALSO SURROUNDED BY PARKS AND GREEN SPACE ON THREE SIDES. YOU'LL DEFINITELY WANT TO COME OUT AND SEE IT IN PERSON, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, TAKE OUR VIRTUAL TOUR THAT SHOWS THE SITE PLAN, SURROUNDING GREEN SPACE, AND INSPIRED INTERIORS AT [WWW.THEGROVEATCLAYTON.CA](http://WWW.THEGROVEATCLAYTON.CA)

## FRESH INTERIORS

Townline worked closely with Gannon Ross Designs on The Grove's interiors, and project lead Caitlin Nordin says she drew her inspiration from the neighbourhood itself, so the finishings reflect the area's natural, outdoorsy character. For example, the laminate cabinet doors are heavily grained, and the quartz countertops have a texture that's clean and modern, but not as stark as you might see downtown Vancouver. "The style is very friendly and family-oriented," she says.

The Grove offers buyers two distinctly different palettes to choose from, and the display homes express these extremes of the spectrum.

## ONE: NEUTRAL AND NATURAL

Nordin says she based one palette around neutrals to make it easy for people to imagine their own furniture and accessories in place. "This is an example of how to create a warm, soft, inviting environment using virtually no colour," she says. With soft greys and a dark backsplash, it's an option she thinks will appeal to people who enjoy going for walks and are attracted to the aesthetic of Restoration Hardware.

## TWO: BRIGHT AND BOLD

The other display home has been designed for buyers who would describe themselves as fun, trendy, and outgoing—people who might work in a creative industry like fashion or graphic design. "It's basically white walls everywhere, with huge pops of colour in furniture, textiles, and artwork. If you're colour-oriented, this one shows how easily you can change a room by swapping out one colour for another." With white counters and backsplash, Nordin expects this one to appeal to couples who love to entertain—who enjoy making seasonal updates to their home and then inviting friends over to see what they've created.

## RECAP

The Grove:

- Is 141 forest-inspired, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom parkhomes.
- Has fantastic amenities, including a floor hockey court, fireside lounge and theatre room.
- Shares the heated outdoor pool and other amenities at Clayton Rise across the street—a combined 9,000 square feet of amenity space!
- Is priced from \$275,900.

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DISPLAY HOME TWO:  
Bright and Bold



Artist's interpretation only.

# *I live in* *harmony*

*WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS*

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**A: PLEASING OR CONGRUENT ARRANGEMENT OF PARTS**

**B: CORRESPONDENCE, ACCORD “LIVES IN HARMONY  
WITH HER NEIGHBOURS”**

**C: INTERNAL CALM : TRANQUILLITY**

## **INSPIRED ARCHITECTURE**

Yin and yang, feng shui, Chinese paper cutting ... Harmony's graceful tower has been inspired by these pillars of Chinese culture. Townline, Peterson Group, and architect, Foad Rafii of Rafii Architects Inc., wanted to bring something unique to Richmond. And they have.

## **PUBLIC ART**

Long screens resembling paper cuttings will embellish the sides of this head-turning tower. After reviewing proposals from more than a dozen local artists, a committee has selected three who have been commissioned to create the designs.

## **GOOD FENG SHUI**

The architecture is eye-catching and unusual. “The building is rotated 8° from the grid of Granville Avenue, but the balcony edges are parallel to the street. So the balconies themselves are slightly angled,” Rafii explains. Designed with input from a feng shui expert, the building's amenities include an on site concierge, an overheight fitness area and fireside lounge on the main floor, and a richly landscaped roof garden oasis above the podium level.

## **PAPER CUTTING: AN ANCIENT ART**

Chinese paper cutting, or Jianzhi, is an elaborate art that goes back to about the 6th century AD. Paper is folded and cut, using either scissors or knives, and then opened out to reveal a symmetrical image. It has a time-honoured link to architecture; traditionally used to decorate windows and doors, it was thought to bring good luck when displayed at the entrance of a building. Because of its well-established history, paper cutting made UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List in 2009.

## **RECAP**

Harmony is

- Located at 8288 Granville Avenue, Richmond.
- Close to the Canada Line, Richmond Centre, parks, schools, and recreation.
- Previews and sales starting in Spring 2013.
- One-bedroom + workstation homes start at \$288,800.

To receive regular updates, please register at [harmonyrichmond.com](http://harmonyrichmond.com), or call 604.278.3939 for more information.

# to market to MARKET

**F**ROM THE ONSET, TOWNLINE KNEW THE HUDSON WAS DESTINED TO BE SOMETHING SPECIAL. IT BEGAN WITH THE TASTEFUL RESTORATION OF AN ICONIC CANADIAN HERITAGE BUILDING. FROM THERE, A THOUGHTFUL MIX OF RETAIL TENANTS QUICKLY EARNED IT A REPUTATION AS BEING THE NEW HEART AND SOUL OF DOWNTOWN VICTORIA. BUT THE ULTIMATE PIECE OF THE PUZZLE HAD YET TO FALL INTO PLACE.

## THE VICTORIA PUBLIC MARKET AT THE HUDSON COMING SOON

This spring, downtown Victoria will get its own public market at The Hudson—the result of extensive dreaming, planning, and collaboration. For years Phillippe Lucas, Chair of the Victoria Downtown Public Market Society, has been travelling to cities throughout North America and visiting their public markets with envy. He's always felt they brought something special to urban centres—and considering the food culture throughout Vancouver Island, Victoria's lack of public market didn't make a lot of sense.

For the past nine years he's been actively working to change that, and his efforts will come to fruition this year. Lucas says he couldn't be more excited about the new market, an undertaking that wouldn't have been possible without Townline and The Hudson sharing his vision. "We really appreciate their taking a chance on us," he says.

## VENDOR VARIETY

About 70% of the space is already committed, and confirmed vendors include a butcher, baker, greengrocer,

and fishmonger. "Those businesses are the cornerstones of a public market," he explains. "They make it a one-stop shop for consumers." In addition, some of the region's best-loved brands will have storefronts at the market: Silk Road Tea, Salt Spring Island Cheese, and Wildfire Bakery.

## FOOD-FOCUSED

Like the world-famous Granville Island Public Market in Vancouver, this one will feature a mix of permanent shops and day tables for small-scale vendors. But Lucas says The Hudson market will be different from many he's encountered, because the focus will be on local businesses and local food, without the potters, jewellers, and artists he often sees in other markets. "Our vendors are all committed to food," he says. That helps make it more than an interesting tourist attraction; local residents can count on it as a place to do their grocery shopping.

The market will be open Tuesday through Sunday, closed Mondays. Seasonal farmers' markets will take place on Wednesdays and Saturdays.



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# service with a *smile* & MORE

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# happy homeowners GET *\$2500 cash*

## MEET THE LUCKY WINNERS OF OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY DRAW

Amy Kurashashi and Brent Brown completed a simple survey and have won \$2,500 as a result. Answering the survey questions was easy. "We were super impressed with Elise in the sales office at Clayton Rise," says Brown. "We told her what we were looking for, she pointed it out to us, and we bought." He says they were happy with everything they experienced, from the sales process to walk-through. "We would definitely look to Townline for a future purchase."

## MAKING FRIENDS AT CLAYTON RISE

The couple moved in last December and they're finding a lot to love at Clayton Rise. "Life here is excellent!" Brown says. "It's close to everything: shopping and walking trails. It's quiet and the neighbours are friendly." They're looking forward to summer and spending time around the pool.

As for the \$2,500 cheque, they're undecided as to just how they'll spend it, but plan to use some for a vacation and some on decorating their new house. Since it's their first home, they expect to have fun shopping for those little extras.



Amy, Brent and furry friends at Clayton Rise.



Some of Townline's customer service team.

## RESIDENTIAL UPDATE

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