



Hi,

In Sardis, rocks, mountain-bike trails, and a 400-pound pumpkin all have something important in common: they're bringing people together in ways that build community!

Chilliwack Rocks!



On alternating Mondays at the Sardis Community Library, rocks are bringing youth together through an initiative spearheaded by Christy, a local resident. If you find a painted rock in your neighbourhood, you've been challenged to do a random act of kindness. We'd also love it if you'd take a photo and share it with the "Chilliwack Rocks" Facebook group before re-hiding the rock for someone else to discover!

You can find more about Chilliwack Rocks [here](#)!

Trail-building at the Chilliwack Community Forest



It's been said that many hands make light work, and when Chilliwack residents put together 50 sets of hands for a trail-building day at the Community Forest, dirt went flying! In just a couple of hours, the group put together a wood picnic table, built rolling jumps and berms on the bicycle pump track circuit, raked leaves, and dug drainage ditches to prepare for the winter rainy season.

Kudos to Mark and Kylie, Graham, Jeff, and Chrystal for mobilizing residents and providing mentoring and guidance to rookie trail-builders like myself!

Pumpkins in the Park



Sheryl and Shelley are both residents of Sardis who care deeply about their neighbourhood. When United Way heard they were planning a "Pumpkins in the Park" event for the folks in their community, we happily joined in the celebration. And what a party it was!

The event featured dozens of intricately carved pumpkins, food, hot drinks, and, of course, our United Way button-maker with Halloween-themed buttons for the kids! Residents even sold raffle tickets for a 400-pound pumpkin, with all proceeds going to the Chilliwack Animal Safe Haven shelter.

Congratulations, Sheryl and Shelley, on an incredible community event!

Inspired?

We'd love to hear your ideas for bringing people together and building connections in your neighbourhood! United Way is offering funding for residents in Sardis who are passionate about making their community a more welcoming, connected place to live. Want to start a community garden? Passionate about literacy? Thinking of developing the local arts scene? Have an idea? [Apply for funding today](#). Still mulling the possibilities? Let's talk.

You can contact me at andread@uwlm.ca, or visit our Sardis website: www.uwlm.ca/sardis. Or add me on Facebook - [Andrea Nicole](#).

Looking forward to connecting!



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