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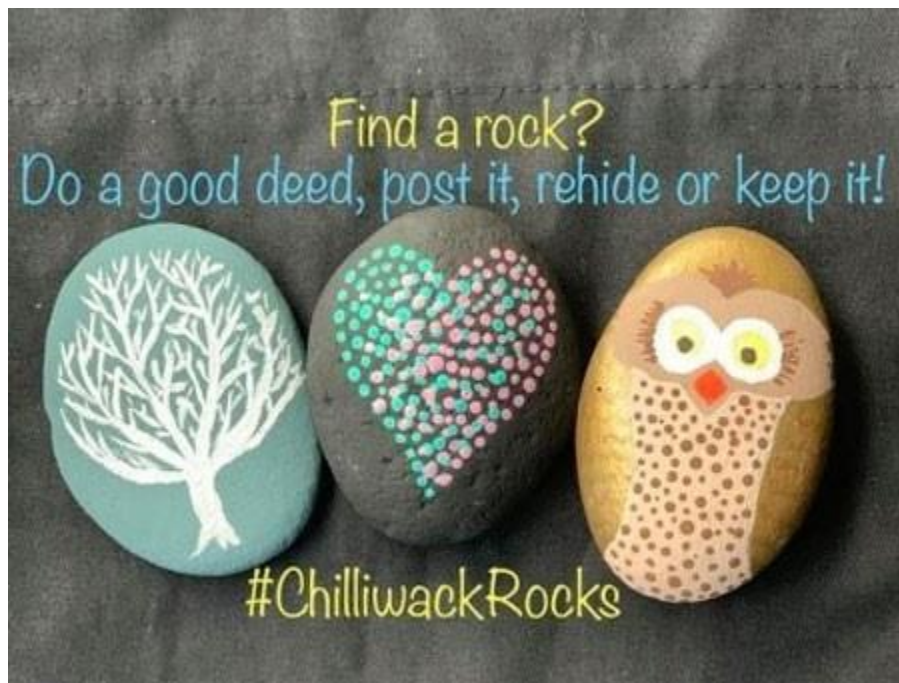
Sardis was recently chosen as one of 10 communities across the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley where United Way will be engaging residents in our [Hi Neighbour Initiative](#). We're helping support residents who have ideas for making their neighbourhood a more caring, supportive, and inclusive place to live. **Your favourite places**



For the past couple of months, I've been speaking with Sardis residents and learning what they love about their community. Nearly half of the people I've talked to have mentioned Vedder River's incredible green corridor as one of their favourite places.

Earlier this summer, I met with a number of folks—including a youngster named Ryan—who had created a "Fairy Village" along the river near Peach Park. This village had been vandalized, but these resilient residents vowed to rebuild. With support from United Way's [Hi Neighbour Initiative](#), along with a grant from the City of Chilliwack, they organized [a community celebration](#) that brought out over 300 people!

Chilliwick Rocks!



We've also teamed up with a Sardis resident pairing her passion for helping youth develop leadership skills with her desire to spread kindness throughout her neighbourhood. The "Chilliwick Rocks" group is for youth aged 12-18 and takes place at the Sardis Library. They'll be painting rocks and hiding them throughout the city. Find a rock? You've just been challenged by these youth to do an act of kindness for a neighbour!

Find out more about Chilliwick Rocks [here!](#)

Passionate about Sardis? We want to hear more!



Our team is really enjoying our conversations with people in Sardis – hearing your stories and ideas and helping bring your projects to life. We've met several people who are very keen to build community and make Sardis stronger and more connected. While we've only just started to get to know you, we're already feeling inspired!

Do you have an idea for bringing neighbours together? It could be a one-time event or something that happens on an ongoing basis. Maybe you've had an idea brewing for a while now, but you're not sure where to start, or perhaps you need a bit of extra support or funding. If so, we'd love to hear from you! You can contact me at andread@uwlm.ca, or visit our Sardis website: www.uwlm.ca/sardis.

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See you soon,



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