

2019: We Pumped Up the Payoff!

Thanks to your support, things got even lighter and brighter around RVCC this year, while we further reduced our carbon footprint through our “Green Initiative, Too” projects. Some highlights:

- ✓ Completion of the planning, fundraising and wholesale **renovation of the RVCC Kitchen**, paving the way for a brand-new tenant, thanks to the incredible volunteer crew of the Building & Grounds Committee;
- ✓ A re-configured and re-graveled **parking lot and service road, and a new paved walk path** in the Wildflower Meadow, all parts of our “Accessibility Improvement” project finished this summer;
- ✓ Brand-new **lighting for the parking lot, hoops court and skate ramp**, improving safety and extending rec hours at the Rock, as the final task of our “Green Initiative, Too” projects;
- ✓ Another whirlwind year packed with **events, meetings and classes**, including House Concerts, pancake breakfasts, orchestra practices, rehearsals and performances, art exhibits, Winter Markets, dance, exercise and educational classes and public meetings, all filling our public spaces with non-stop activities;
- ✓ Re-mulching of the walking trail, grooming of the wildflower meadow, trimming of foundation plantings and new paint for the East hallway, the Green Screen and the kitchen exterior, thanks to over 30 volunteers from **United Way “Day of Caring”**;
- ✓ Another jaw-dropping unrestricted gift from **John Stewart**, along with other financial and in-kind gifts that swelled the ranks of our *Rock Legends* to ten donors;
- ✓ **Wonderful fundraising events** that helped us fill the coffers, including Rescue Runway, Celebrate Rockfish, SK8 Nelson and Rockfish Nights, despite monsoons & heat waves;
- ✓ The **best-ever year-to-date sales** for the Treasure Chest, under the leadership of new manager Catherine Dunne and her awesome staff and volunteers;
- ✓ New **picnic tables and benches** for the fields and creek-side walking path, thanks to the talents of the Nelson High School Building Trades class;
- ✓ Sad goodbyes to long-time tenants Old Orchard Farm, Digital ReLab and Claudia’s Catering, and warm welcomes for **new tenants The Artist Collective, Odeene, LLC, Halal Kitchen** and an expanded **Trager Bros Coffee** in the Concession Stand, Room 7, the Kitchen and Room 12;
- ✓ A fresh **update to our Strategic Plan**, promising new surveys of our membership and community and new strategies for expanding outreach and inclusion, beginning with the hiring of an Outreach Coordinator/Event Planner in 2020;
- ✓ The exploration of a **new partnership with the Piedmont Family YMCA** to explore and implement kids programming beginning next summer; and
- ✓ The kickoff of our **“Reduce the Refuse” fundraising campaign** to fund our recycling effort and to help raise funds for central air conditioning in four more rooms in the main building.