



Bring Lawn Chairs to *Splash*, But Not Before Sunday Please

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VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria and Greater Victoria Harbour Authority remind *Bayview Residences Victoria Symphony Splash* concert go-ers that the chaining of lawn chairs is a safety concern and is prohibited on public property and the lower causeway.

“Victoria’s Inner Harbour is alive with thousands of people every August long weekend and we want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time,” said Katie Josephson, Director of Corporate Communications. “While we recognize the desire for reserved seating, over the years the chaining of lawn chairs to fencing along the harbour has been increasing in both duration and number, interfering with walkways and preventing everyone from having the same access to prime seating for a tremendous, community event.”

To maintain pedestrian access along walkways on days leading up to the event, lawn chairs are not to be set up on the upper and lower causeway until Sunday, August 2, starting at 8 a.m. Areas where seating is permitted during the event will be marked with tape. Once lawn chairs are set up, people must remain with their seats until the concert begins.

Through education efforts in 2008, not one chair had to be removed.

The 20th Annual *Bayview Residences Victoria Symphony Splash* will commence at 2 p.m. with children’s activities, local food vendors and live music. The opening act is scheduled at 4 p.m., with Tania Miller and the Victoria Symphony featured at 7:30 p.m. The event concludes at approximately 10 p.m. with fireworks and the *1812 Overture*.

Lawn chairs affixed to public property on the upper causeway, or on lower causeway property, will be removed. Signs will be posted in the area. Lawn chairs removed will be available for retrieval at Royal Athletic Park at 1014 Caledonia Avenue, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2009 and Wednesday, August 5, 2009.

A passenger drop-off zone will be available on Government Street, located across the road from the Fairmont Empress Hotel on Sunday, August 2, 2009, from 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

For more information about the 20th Annual *Bayview Residences Victoria Symphony Splash*, visit:
www.victoriasymphony.ca

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