Ride-along Opportunity on Public Works Holiday Food Drive

Date: Friday, November 30, 2012

VICTORIA, BC — Starting Monday, City of Victoria Public Works crews will be collecting donated food items from Victoria households to support the Mustard Seed Food Bank. The City of Victoria is providing media with an opportunity to ride-along with the public works crew for the 13th Annual Public Works Holiday Food Drive.

What: Media Ride-along Opportunity for the 13th Annual Public Works Holiday Food Drive
When: Monday, December 3, 2012
Where: Victoria households

Please note: The City will require advance notice in order to arrange a ride-along. Please call Jon Hicks, Supervisor Building Services and Solid Waste, at 250.361.0417 to organize a time. Waiver forms will need to be signed in order to take part in the ride-along.

Over the past 12 years, the City of Victoria Public Works Food Drive has collected more than $350,000 worth of food for the Mustard Seed Food Bank. Last year, Victoria residents donated over 14,400 pounds of non-perishable food items with an approximate value of $36,000.

Victoria residents can participate by placing non-perishable food items in bags labelled “Food Drive” and setting them next to their garbage can on collection day between Monday, December 3 and Friday, December 7. The City of Victoria will then deliver all donations to the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

Here is the garbage and food drive collection schedule for next week:
- Blue Route: Monday, December 3
- Green Route: Tuesday, December 4
- Orange Route: Wednesday, December 5
- Yellow Route: Thursday, December 6
- Pink Route: Friday, December 7

Residents can look up their garbage collection route online at: www.victoria.ca/garbagecollection

Special thanks to CUPE Local 50 for making the annual food drive possible.

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