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Subject: All Souls 2020 at Mountain View Cemetery

Dear Mayor and Council,

Over the past 15 years, Mountain View has hosted on-site programming and events for All Souls. In light of the public health measures currently in place for COVID-19, this year's All Souls will be primarily made up of online events.

As a reminder, All Souls at Mountain View Cemetery, an annual artist-led, sacred event to honour our dead, moves online this year to continue to provide the opportunity to remember those who have passed.

The need to remember and honour the dead, whether they are buried at Mountain View Cemetery or not, may be even more poignant for people in these extraordinary times, and All Souls organizers are working to create a beautiful and a safe environment for everyone.

The information below is a preview for Council. A public announcement will be issued shortly.

Key Dates

Starting October 20: Memorial box lanterns will be available outside Mountain View Cemetery's office to take home and personalize. A video with instructions and ideas will be posted on the All Souls website. Memorials may be brought back to the cemetery to be placed on one of the outdoor shrines starting October 28, or post a picture of your home shrine on the Mountain View Cemetery Facebook page. (Please remember to observe social distancing guidelines if visiting the cemetery.)

All Souls also invites everyone to send in the names of people they would like to honour, which will be written on the triptych that has anchored the event since the first year. E-mail info@nightforallsouls.com to send names.

October 28: Videos and photos of the lighting of the central fire, the writing of the names, the shrines and candle-lit spaces will be available at nightforallsouls.com and on Facebook from October 28 through November 2.

October 30 (evening) and October 31 (afternoon): Mourner's Tea, a community conversation about death and grieving through personal experience, will be hosted online. For details and to register, e-mail: info@nightforallsouls.com

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact General Manager Sandra Singh at Sandra.singh@vancouver.ca

Best,
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