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December 2, 2024

## SHOP LOCAL

**BC Buy Local Week** runs from December 2nd - 9th, 2024. Again this year, the Business Improvement Association (BIA) is a sponsored partner so some businesses in Point Grey Village will be chosen by BC Buy Local and featured in their social media, video and photos promotions.



### A Tale of Two Westside Safeway sites

A proposal for the Safeway site re-development on 4th Avenue appeared in the [Daily Hive on November 26, 2024](#). It is not yet posted on the City's Shape your City site so we are unsure of

the status of the application and are relying on the information in the Daily Hive article.

This proposal has caught the interest and envy of Point Grey residents and businesses. The site in Kitsilano was bought by PCI in January 2024 for \$90 million. And here it is at development application stage already. If the article is correct, the Planning Department has determined that the proposed development is close enough to the intent of the current zoning that it does not require a lengthy rezoning process.



The Kitsilano site (above) is about 95,000 square feet in area, about 34,000 square feet smaller than the Point Grey site. 384 market rental units are proposed and no below rental market rentals are included in the project.

Contrast the Kitsilano site with the Point Grey site (below). [BGO](#), a Miami-based developer, bought the site in 2016. The Safeway permanently closed in 2018 and the building was demolished soon after. The proposal is for 571 units, with 114 moderate income units. The site required a lengthy soil remediation program which took ages to start and was completed about 18 months ago. For reasons we do not understand, the City and the developer chose to go through a lengthy rezoning process.



The zoning for both sites allows 3.7 FSR for rental projects and was enacted by Council in December 2021.

**Timelines aside, which design do you prefer? Let us know by sending your response to [jeanbaird@shaw.ca](mailto:jeanbaird@shaw.ca)**

**SHOP THE VILLAGE**

**Ame Toy Store 4416 West 10th—TREASURE**

Ame is packed from floor to ceiling with toys and collectibles. What is the most popular item? Pokemon cards! Here's the newest item in stock.

If you have someone on your gift list who is really presenting a challenge, why not go for the tried and true. **Liberty's Wine Merchant** 4583 West 10th carries an impressive selection of wines and spirits but also has an excellent selection of Scotch. And you can never go wrong with flowers from **Vanousha Flora** 4364 West 10th. Be festive and arrive at the door double

fisted—a bottle of wine in one hand and a bouquet in the other.

## **GIFT CERTIFICATES**

**Give the Gift of Wellness and Pampering.** Heaps and buckets of options in this category including massage, mani and pedi treatments, hair care, skin care and more.

Ovo Spa—4546 West 10th  
Massage Therapy in Point Grey—4544 West 10th  
Bedazzle Nail Spa—4521 West 10th  
Butterfly Beauty Salon—4385 West 10th  
Foxy Box Laser & Wax Bar—4383 West 10th  
Eau Collective—4356 West 10th  
Spring Hair Design—4384 West 10th  
Eliane Hair and Spa—4424 West 10th  
Point Grey Medical Aesthetics—4520 West 10th  
Nail Tasic—4526 West 10th  
Jessica's Hair & Beauty—4576 West 10th

**Gild & Co.** 4415 West 10th has a fabulous website full of TREASURES on display in the store and many other items that are tucked away in the warehouse, but for the best experience you really need to get into the space and soak up the designer atmosphere. Antiques of all sizes, vintage cushions and many items that are custom made for Gild. Also light fixtures and lamps, candles and seasonal brass bells. Furniture and some stunning mirrors recently arrived from France.

**Give the Gift of Learning** Winter is a good time to learn something new, like a language, an instrument or the joy of making things with your hands. The **Lyceum** encourages curiosity and creativity and has an impressive range of happenings and classes including one that will teach you how to make Granny Blake's Toffee (Christianne gave me a toffee too try--it was sooooo good). **Tapestry Music** says its best service is instrument rentals.

Christianne's Lyceum—4433 West 10th  
Urban Yarns—4437 West 10th  
Language Arts Base—4431 West 10th  
Ujia Education—4327 West 10th  
Tapestry Music—4440 West 10<sup>th</sup>

Canada Bright Orange Music Academy—2570 Tolmie

**EVENT OF THE WEEK**

The BIA shopping event is December 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 5:30. The Christmas Revelers will be singing carols around the village and inside some businesses. Home Hardware will be giving away popcorn. Christianne's Lyceum—4433 West 10th is offering 10% off all holiday program registrations.



HAPPY SHOPPING

**Please share this newsletter with neighbours.** Anyone wishing to join our mailing list and become a Friend of Point Grey Village can do so on our website  
<https://friendsofpointgreyvillage.ca/>

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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