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## Water Appreciation Day at Oliver Museum

Oliver, BC – Did you know that Oliver's irrigation system, also known as the Ditch, turns 100 this year? The Oliver Museum will be holding a Water Appreciation Day on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm to recognize the historical role of water in Oliver and its continued importance in this area.

Come learn about the Ditch's history and water conservation in the main Museum gallery, try your hand at a coloring sheet, share your thoughts on a comment wall, or attend one of the demonstrations and talks occurring every half-hour throughout the morning. Water walls built by the Museum's "Splash from the Past" campers will be on display in the Museum yard throughout the day.

The event schedule is as follows:

10:00 am:	Welcome and display viewing in main gallery
10:30 am:	Garden tour about plants and animals in riparian environments
11:30 am:	Gold panning in the Museum yard and talk on placer vs. hard rock mining
12:30 pm:	Water wall demonstration in Museum yard
1:00 pm:	Event ends, but Museum remains open

We welcome you to explore the ways in which we interact with this most important natural resource and its history in our area. For more information, please contact the Oliver Archives at 250-498-4027 or email us at <u>info@oliverheritage.ca</u>.

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