

Woodwards Squat - Come on Down, Stay the Weekend, Enjoy the Community Picnic!  
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Your presence on Saturday morning is essential.

An attempted police evacuation is expected at dawn on Saturday the 21st . The residents of the Woodward's Squat have resolved collectively to lock arms in the event of such a forced attempt and will continue their peaceful, non-violent occupation until their five demands are met. Your presence on Saturday morning is essential to keep the squat alive! Bring a blanket or sleeping bag and stay the weekend or just come up the ladder to talk with people about social housing issues throughout the day. Support outside of the Woodward's building is equally important all weekend long.

If you are unable to make it on Saturday, come down on Sunday the 22nd for a community picnic between 1 at 3pm. It's a potluck protest in support of the people inside & beside the Squat & a celebration of the first week of occupancy!

#### DEMANDS FROM THE WOODWARDS SQUAT

1. Develop Woodward's into social housing immediately.
2. Reverse the cuts to social housing and all social services.
3. Draft a civic anti-vacancy by-law to seize and convert empty buildings into social housing.
4. Full disclosure of all information regarding the proposed sale and development of Woodward's.
5. Decent and dignified immediate shelter for all homeless squatters asked to leave the building.

#### WAYS TO SUPPORT THE WOODWARD'S SQUAT

1. Join it. The more people inside, the better. There's plenty of room.
2. Stop by. Find out what's going on. Donate labour.
3. Donate supplies. The Squat needs: food, water, disposable containers & utensils, coffee, juice, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, mattresses, blankets, socks, shoes, plywood, hardhats, nails, hammers.

For more info call (604) 812-2663.

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#### LINKS

Photographs, video & audio files, and commentary at Vancouver Indymedia  
<http://vancouver.indymedia.org>

An Illustrated History of Vancouver Squatting  
<http://www.geocities.com/emithsilas/vansquat.html>

International Squatting News  
<http://www.squat.net>