

Union Bay Community Club News Letter

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SEPTEMBER 2019



Union Bay Community Club Annual Fall Craft Sale

Sunday, September 8th,
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
No admission charge.

- ❖ Come, join the fun
- ❖ Meet great people
- ❖ See works by our very talented crafters

There is something for everyone. Come and find that special gift for that once in a life time occasion.

**‘Souper’ Lunch is available.
The price is right!**

**For more information,
call Dave at 250-335-2317.**





Sunday, September 15th
from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

All proceeds will be donated to the Tour de Rock Cancer Cycling Tour and priority projects on behalf of the Baynes Sound Lions Club. Donated items can be dropped off at the Community Hall for storage. Please call Jacquie Miller (250-898-7515) or Leanne Baird (250-897-2092) or email leannebaird1234@gmail.com for more information.

***The Tour stops at our Community Hall, Thurs., Sep 26th
@ approximately 10:30 a.m. Come and share in welcoming them!***



News from the Pythian Sisters

For those of you who still haven't joined us on **Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.**
at the Highwayman Saloon you are missing fun and great meat prizes from
our supplier Courtenay's Butcher Block.



Union Bay United Community Church News

Please note:

Services have now returned to 11:00 a.m.

Refreshments following the service.
Join us for the hour.



On September 15th, our church service will encompass a memorial to Noreen Darling. She was a long time faithful volunteer in the Union Bay Community. Lunch will be served at the service.



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LADIES CRIB EVENING

Starting **Tuesday, September 10th** Ladies Crib Evening will start up at Seaview Village from 7:00 p.m. until approximately 9:30 p.m. This is a drop-in game for all levels of players. Cost to play is **\$2** with beverages and 50/50 draws being optional costs. Drop in, have some fun while meeting great ladies.

WATER:

Before there was any sort of piped water supply, wells provided the only fresh water. On Colliery property, springs ran along the hill from Jones Rd. to McLeod Rd., so any well dug was sure to hit fresh water.



The Spring Hill trail wound from the Wilson Hotel through swampy ground to the Company Hill. Half way up was a well, always full of clear cold water. For over fifty years, a Chinese worker with two buckets hanging from a pole over his shoulders, walked there several times a day from the Colliery yards. He brought back fresh sweet drinking water to fill the pails in the shops and offices. The men drank from a dipper tied to the bucket.

There was another community well between the middle and front row of houses. This well had a boom to help draw the water up, and served most of the company houses. Everyone went to the wells for water. It was a great place to catch up on gossip. Saturday was washing day for most of the housewives because the kids were home and could fetch the water. Two pails a trip, and maybe three trips. It helped to have lots of brothers and sisters to share the load. Water was precious so none was wasted. After heating the water and washing the clothes, the water could then be used to wash floors, and the left over put on the garden. Then on Sunday it was back to the well with buckets to heat and fill the big tub for a weekly bath.

Behind the big general store, Mr. Fraser built a huge water tank supported on high timbers. Fed by a spring, it supplied the store and Hotel with water so that water jugs in each room could be kept full.

Around the turn of the century, Langley Lake, at 500 feet, was dammed to supply the coal washer with 200 pounds water pressure. An earth filled dam was built, with large timbers facing the toe side. Then a 10 inch pipeline was laid to the washer. In 1912 the dam burst, flooding Chinatown, Japtown and the Colliery yards. The dam was rebuilt stronger and is still in use today.

Just after this, a group of local men put in a water system. A 2-inch galvanized pipe was run off the 10-inch main at Chinatown to the Company houses, and continued behind the homes to service those on the highway to McLeod Road. When the system was complete, every house had one cold tap into a kitchen sink, which was a luxury at \$1 a month. Gradually, hot water jackets were installed in the coal burning stoves to heat water tanks. Wash day was no longer such a burden; then came flush toilets. The company bosses got them first!

In the early 1940's the main supply line was replaced, and extended up McLeod Rd. and up Washer Hill. A crew of Chinese workers installed 4-inch wooden stave pipes, and in 1947 a line was installed south of McLeod Road.

The Coal Company owned and maintained the water system until it closed in 1960, when it sold it to the newly formed Union Bay Water Board for \$1. The Board also bought Langley Lake for \$1,000, one of the few lakes in B.C. which is privately owned. The new board of trustees were Tom Campbell, Harold Dane, Harry Glover, Herbert Glover and Bill Woods.

Submitted by Janette Glover-Geidt

The Historical Society would like to thank Michael Robert, the great student who is minding the Gaol Museum this summer. If you haven't read his Facebook posts for the Union Bay Historical Society, please do.

Also - a reminder our September meeting will NOT be on Labour Day, but September 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the Gaol.



CURRENT EVENTS

The community hall is the home of a number of activities and meetings. **For more information about renting space, contact 250/335-1275 or 250/335-2500 to leave a message. Meeting rooms, Dining Room, Kitchen facilities, large auditorium with stage available.**

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| Aerobics: | Toning exercise to music. Meet three times a week. ‣ Every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. *** CANCELLED FOR SEPTEMBER | Inquiries: Lucie 250-335-1607 |
| Cinch: | ‣ Every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. ‣ Starting October 19th | Inquiries: Karen 250-335-2594 |
| Community Club Meeting: | ‣ 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. ‣ September 4 th (note change of date), October 9 th | Inquiries: Dave 250-335-2317 |
| Crib: | ‣ Every second Friday at 7:30 p.m. ‣ Starting October 12 th | Inquiries: Mildred 250-335-2894 |
| Line Dancing | ‣ Every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. ‣ Starting September 25 th | Inquiries: Mary 250-335-1748 |
| Pickleball: | ‣ Every Tuesday, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. ‣ Starting September 10 th | Inquiries: Janice 250-335-0686 |
| Whist: | ‣ Every second Monday at 1:30 p.m. ‣ Starting October 7 th | Inquiries: Donna 250-335-2147 |
| Friendly Port Seniors: | ‣ For dates call Mildred 250-335-2894. | |

******All activities require a current membership to the Union Bay Community Club (\$10 per year) and a fee of \$3 per person is charged each time you attend one of the above.**



Other dates to note:

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| → Sun., Sept. 8 th , 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Fall Craft Fair and Plant Sale |
| → Sun., Sept. 15 th , 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Baynes Sound Lions Club and Tour de Rock Fundraiser |
| → Thurs., Sept. 26 th , (approx. 10:30 a.m.) | Tour de Rock stops at the Community Hall ALL WELCOME TO JOIN! |
| → Sun. Oct. 20 th , 5:30 p.m. | Fall Supper |
| → Sat. Oct. 31 st , 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Children's Hallowe'en Party Volunteers required |

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Thanks to all contributors to our Union Bay newsletter. Local interest articles or ads for the ***Down by The Bay*** are welcomed. ***Thank you to all our advertisers for supporting this publication!***

Submissions may be mailed to Box 335, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0 or emailed to ub.dbtb@gmail.com. Alternately, articles can be dropped off with Dave Davidson. To make arrangements or if you have questions please call Dave at 250-335-2317 prior to the 20th of each month.

| Advertising Rates | |
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| Business card size 3 ½" x 2 ½" | \$9.00 per issue |
| ¼ page 8" x 2 ½" | 18.00 per issue |
| ½ page 8" x 5" | 36.00 per issue |
| Full page 8" x 10" | 72.00 per issue |

Ad copy can be sent to ub.dbtb@gmail.com.

Please submit pictures (JPEG format) that you agree to let us use in issues of DBTB. Residents enjoy seeing Union Bay as it was and the 'old timers' we all have heard of.

Remember it is volunteers that keep the Community Club up and running.

They constantly:

- *keep the building and grounds in good shape*
- *organize special events such as Union Bay Family Day, Craft Fairs and many more*
- *keep track of hall and field bookings.*

Please consider joining the

Union Bay is a great community!!!!

– get involved – share your skills and talents – volunteer

The Union Bay Community Club offers this opportunity to get to know your community and contribute to the cause. Would you consider offering a small portion of your time?

Volunteer jobs coming up that you may wish to lend your skills and help with:

- ☒ Intermittent odd jobs – two hours at a time.

Ideas for new programs are encouraged. Present your plan or idea at a monthly meeting. Community Club contact is Dave Davidson at 250-335-2317.

UNION BAY COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUE NOW!!!

\$10.00 per person

Your fee helps to support the hall and grounds
Contact Treasure at 1-587-598-5648
or mail to PO Box 335, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0



Boat Ramp News



Boat Ramp Fees for maintenance and to do improvements

\$5 per use

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\$75 commercial

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Yearly permits available at the Union Bay Store. Contact Rick @ 778-427-3119

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Help us keep our boat ramp area tidy & clean

UNION BAY GARDENERS



We are a small group of volunteers who maintain the Boulevard Gardens along the Coastal Highway. These stretch from south of McLeod to the Old School with parts in front of Union Bay Market and Union Bay Automotive.

The group normally meets on the second Tuesday every month (March – October) at 9.00 a.m. for a couple of hours. Timing is fairly flexible with gardeners often setting their own schedules. We have further improved flexibility by having some club members adopt their own garden beds which now stands at about 70%. “The Boat Ramp Crew” works cooperatively with us to look after the grass cutting,

fertilizing etc. Currently we have an automated sprinkler system in place which allows us to water every second day during the drier summer months.

We encourage any interested volunteers, even if they can only spare an hour or so, to work independently at any time or to get in touch with us. Bring along a reflective safety vest or wear bright shirt or coat plus your own gardening tools. We have a few spare reflective vests available and cones for when working close to the highway.

Our automatic sprinklers were purchased through donations from the community. In the past we have received donations from residents of Union Bay and outside areas plus businesses and governmental agencies which allows us to operate successfully. Any future donations no matter how small would be gratefully received.

For more information or to join us in a worthwhile cause, please call:

Mike Robson, Coordinator

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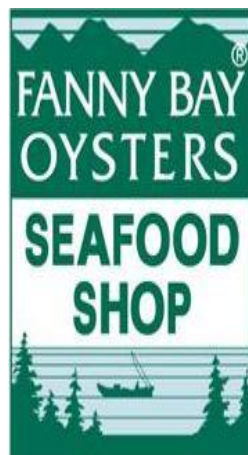
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Drop In Sessions
Tuesday and Thursday
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Wednesdays 9:00 –
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Congratulations UBCU student bursaries recipients!

At Union Bay Credit Union, supporting our members is at the heart of everything we do, so we are excited to announce the recipients of this year's student bursaries.

Congratulations to Kwalikum Secondary's Eliisa Belveal, Sequoiah Bevilacqua and Hannah Worthen, and from Vanier Secondary, Jacob Water, Mackenzie McLeod and Sky Smyrichinsky.

Every spring we award more than \$5,000 in bursaries to deserving UBCU members or their children/dependents pursuing post-secondary education. Recipients are chosen based on their community involvement, achievement and financial need.

"Rising costs of tuition and housing can be a challenge for many students in their pursuit of continued education, so hopefully this can help to lighten the load financially," notes CEO Mark Jones. "As the demand for post-secondary education in the workplace has risen over the years, the community need and the credit union's capacity to help out has also increased. These bursaries are just part of our continuing efforts to make a difference in our community."

The bursary program is a branch of our Community Connect Program, which annually donates more than \$20,000 in funding and donations to support local non-profit organizations.

In addition to awarding student and adult learner bursaries, Union Bay Credit Union supports students by offering RESP savings plans, student loans and financial planning to help members prepare fiscally for post-secondary learning. Get in touch at ubcu.ca to see how we can help you reach your education goals.

Union Bay Credit Union – building for the future by supporting our members now.

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