

Union Bay Community Club News Letter

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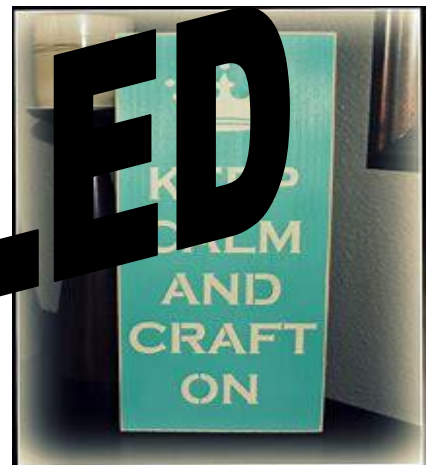
Spring Craft Fair

Sunday, April 12th

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At the Union Bay Community Hall

CANCELLED



Following health rules and suggestions due to COVID-19 the Spring Craft Fair is cancelled. Please follow all the regulations and safety steps put in place so that we can beat this virus!

Social media is full of inaccurate information. Unless you know it is a fact please do not pass information on.



This issue of Down By the Bay is going to be put on the web page and emailed out to our mailing list. There will not be hard copies produced. If you know of someone who would like a hard copy please (if you have the ability) print it for them or get them to contact Dave Davidson at 250-335-2317.

Many events are cancelled until further notice, along with monthly meetings:

- Union Bay church is suspending services.
- Community Club's monthly meeting is cancelled.
- All Current Events are suspended as the hall is closed.
- Historical Society is cancelling their April meeting and their Fashion Show is on hold.



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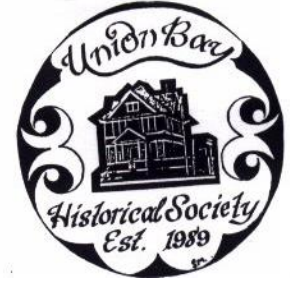


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Remembering the Spanish Flu'

With fears of the Corona virus on everyone's mind, here is a reminder of the Spanish Flu' epidemic starting in September 1918 and how it affected our community at the end of WW1.



Conferred upon all municipalities by Order in Council was the power to close places of public gatherings like theatres, schools, churches, pool rooms, etc. But this did not cover unincorporated areas like Union Bay. This worried Dr. Hicks, Medical Health Officer for the District, and Cumberland Mayor Harrison who sent a telegram to the Provincial Secretary stating that the dance at Union Bay should be closed as there was continuous travel from the port to Cumberland.

However, Union Bay could not be blamed for the 1st case. A soldier returning via Seattle brought the flu' to Cumberland where he was placed in isolation in the hospital. The passenger coach in which he travelled from the Bay, and fellow travelers were all fumigated. Unfortunately, this did not stop the spread of the virus as over 1,598 people caught it. It was not necessary to close public places as people were afraid to go out. Owners of camps thought they could escape by keeping the loggers in the bush, but they were soon infected. Emergency hospitals were set up in schools and hotels.

People of all nationalities, rich or poor, young or old, suffered greatly without the aid of medical knowledge and medicines of today. Even Dr. McNaughton's 1 ½ year old daughter died from it. The Chinese living in Chinatowns in Cumberland, Bevan and Union Bay, many in boarding houses in such close quarters with limited hygiene available, were hardest hit. A Chinese Doctor, Low Mong Yee came up from Victoria to treat them. Even so four Chinese at the Bay died.

Nettie Marshall at eleven years old was the first white person in town to catch the flu'. Then her mother, brother Dunc and little sister Jesse came down with it. Six months old baby Donald was in bed with his mother. They were very ill and in bed about two weeks. Mr. Marshall, who was a locomotive engineer, kept working. He and the oldest son Bill didn't get the flu'. So, it was left to Bill, a twelve-year old, to care for the family. He was wiping them down, emptying chamber pots, cooking as best he could. People were afraid to enter the house, but brought food: soup, muffins, casseroles and left them at the door.

The Coal Companies nurse, Mrs. Reid, came to help them. She made the children pneumonia jackets... a little vest of cotton batting that went next to their chests under their nighties to keep their lungs warm. It must have been successful as the whole family survived. In total there were 72 cases at the Bay.

By Janette Glover-Geidt



Nic Wiesselman stepped up again to help with clearing part of the community hall grounds by our Washer Creek area. This further enhances the work done by our Streamkeepers on improving the creek bed.

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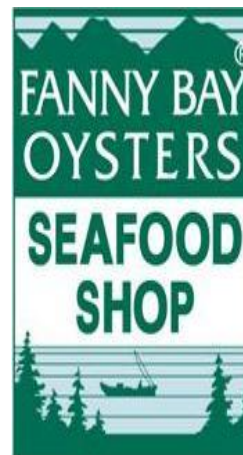
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