

Union Bay Community Club News Letter
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Please take time this summer to enjoy all the good that we are surrounded by in Union Bay



HAPPY CANADA DAY

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

- Union Bay church is suspending services, though they are now reviewing the public health rules to see when they may open.
- Community Club's monthly meeting is cancelled.
- All current events are suspended.



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- I guess I will never be able to lie to myself again about all the stuff I would do if I just had the time.
- Some Americans are bored with Covid so have decided it is over.
- Painted on the side of a van, "You lied, my kids are not a joy to have in class!"
- The longer this goes on, the harder it will be to return to a society where bras and pants are required.



Congratulations to **Ann Pratt** who celebrated her 90th birthday this June. Ann is a big part of the Union Bay community living her entire life here. She has always stayed involved in the community.

Many of you see Ann:

- walking to Courtenay and back on Wednesdays all year around
- selling tickets at the Highwayman Saloon for the Pythian sisters
- supporting the ball teams at the community hall
- weeding the gardens at Seaview Village
- attending Lions meetings.

Please enjoy this picture of her as the May Queen in Cumberland 75 years ago.

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SEAVIEW VILLAGE SENIORS HOUSING

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Did you know that Union Bay has its own senior's community? Seaview Village consists of 8 studio apartments and 4 one-bedroom apartments on Third Street. There is a common building for use by residence and coin operated laundry facilities. We are sorry to say the property is not wheelchair accessible. You must be 55+ years to rent, and there is always a waiting list.

Seaview was created by the Baynes Sound Lions in 1976. Then due to government changes the governance was turned over to the Baynes Sound Lions Senior Citizens Building Society. The Village still benefits from the Lions' club involvement. Like so many societies, clubs, etc. this society is in search of some new board members.

This job is not an onerous one but it helps to keep this important community service alive. There are nine meetings a year where the Board goes over the finances, maintenance schedule and upkeep requirements of the site. The Board also hosts a tenant meeting, tenant BBQ and a cleanup day once a year.

New Board members need to be a paid-up member of the Society (\$10 per year) and to send in a letter of intent by August 23rd, 30 days prior to the AGM (this year September 23rd).

If you are able/interested in joining to support the Village and our local seniors it houses please contact the Board through Brenda Dane at 250-335-1505 or bpoje@yahoo.ca.



Committed to community as ever through bursaries and non-profit support

Connecting with grads

Even though the pandemic sidelined commencement ceremonies, Union Bay Credit Union would like to give a shout-out to 2020's grad class. This year's celebrations may have been different – though no less memorable – but you can still take pride in all you've achieved so far. We applaud your accomplishments.

UBCU offers student bursaries annually to help our members (or their children/dependents) pursue educational goals. This year, three bursaries of \$750 each went to deserving grads. Congratulations to Vanier's Taylor Kennelly and Logan Keltie, and Isfeld's Kyra Hagel!

Connecting with community

The bursary program is but one branch of our Community Connect Program that annually donates over \$20,000 to support local non-profits. We feel fortunate to be able to help deserving groups in these uncertain times. Following are some recent contributions:

- A “matched” donation of \$2,500 meant \$5,000 went to “The Kitchen” on Hornby Island, which provides food hampers and hundreds of prepared meals a week.
- Likewise, \$2,000 in matched donations for the Union Bay Community Club meant \$4,000 was raised for a new security and camera system at the Union Bay Hall.
- A \$1,000 donation to the Hornby Island Farmer's Market allows the market to continue this summer with COVID-19 restrictions in place, thereby providing locals with economic opportunities and access to fresh, healthy food.
- \$500 went to Joe King Park to support this important community asset.

The Community Connect program is open; any non-profits needing assistance are encouraged to apply.

No matter what the future holds, UBCU is committed to building a better one.

The **Baynes Sound Lions** have once again reinserted monies into our small but mighty communities.

Examples include:

- the Fanny Bay Community Hall
- the OAP Hall
- Union Bay Community Hall
- three Fire Departments (Fanny Bay, Ships Point and Union Bay)
- and the ever important Salmonids.

Also,

- the Wheels for Wellness children's parties,
- therapeutic riding association
- as well as giving a helping hand to people throughout the community by way of food hampers and cash in times of need.



The Baynes Sound Lions have put over \$16,000 back into the local communities including broader initiatives with the Easter Seal Camps and Seeing Guide Dog program. Most cheques this year had to be mailed due to social distancing but we did manage to give out a few in person.

Picture of Lion President Cliff Helps presenting Fire Chief Ian Ham with a cheque towards a new Thermal Imaging Device.

May the crazy year of 2020 just continue to get better and better.



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The Union Bay Streamkeepers Need Help!

The Union Bay Streamkeepers, part of the Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society (<http://www.fbses.ca/>), have been working to preserve Coho salmon in streams in Union Bay for many years.

Coho are a threatened species (see <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/.../prof.../salmon-coho-saumon-eng.html>). The streamkeepers help preserve the Coho by collecting fry from the local streams before the streams dry up for the summer. The collected fry are put in holding tanks at the Rosewall Creek Hatchery until the streams have water again, usually about mid-October.

Collecting the fry involves setting small fish traps in the creeks, leaving them for an hour or so, then taking any fish caught to the hatchery. It is easy and fun and the whole family can take part. The hatchery is a fascinating place to visit and the folks that run it are very knowledgeable and friendly.

If you have a few extra hours a week to help collect the Coho fry please contact Ray Kraft in Union Bay at (778) 427-2777.





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Sign up and you can get the “Down By the Bay” newsletter emailed to you. Send an email to ub.dbtb@gmail.com with the subject line ‘sign me up’.

Local interest articles or ads for the Down by The Bay are welcomed. Ideas for new articles are always appreciated. Is there a Union Bay citizen you would like highlighted? A story to be told? Submissions can be emailed to ub.dbtb@gmail.com or dropped off to Dave Davidson (250-335-2317). Cut off is the 15th of each month.

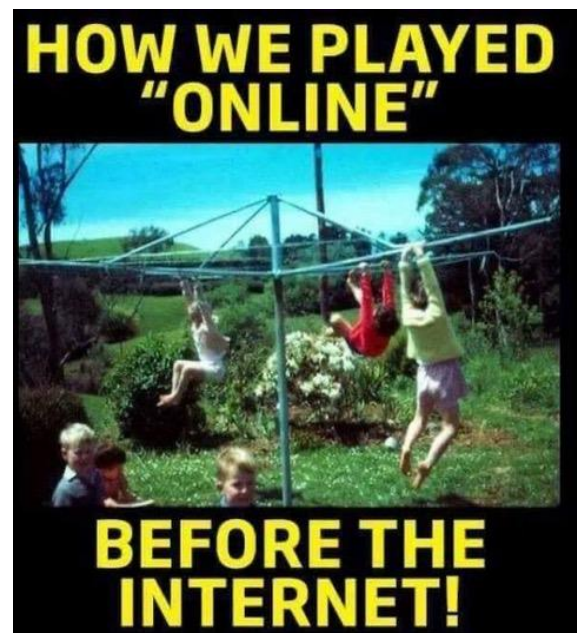
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THE SECOND WORLD WAR (Cont.)



In 1892, under contract to the Union Coal Co. 100 Japanese men arrived at the port. Most went to Cumberland where they were employed above and below ground. They were equally discriminated against by the Chinese and Whites. In 1896 a group of Japanese were employed grading for the Coke Ovens where they later worked. The small group of about 10 families built proper houses on the north side of Washer Creek, known as "Japtown".

Unlike the Chinese they brought their wives, and soon Japanese children were attending Union Bay school. They were smart, athletic and popular with the kids.

Then in, December 1941, Pearl Harbour happened and Canada was at war with Japan. Along with families from Cumberland, Fanny Bay and Royston, the Union Bay families prepared to leave their homes, only being allowed to bring one suitcase each. Some sold large items like cars but most left everything in their homes. Mrs. Renwick was entrusted with Scutta Nakamura's gramophone, which he never reclaimed. At 5:30 a.m. on April 18, 1942 eight Island Coach Line buses shuttled back and forth the Japanese, many who were born in Canada, to the CN steamship Prince George waiting at the Government Wharf at Union Bay. It was a tearful scene as the Bay students parted with their friends.

Of the more than 50 boys from Union Bay that signed up in the Army, Navy, Airforce and Merchant Marines, only two never came home. In September 1942 the HMCS Ottawa was torpedoed in the North Atlantic, going down with 113 men, including **George Shillito**, the oldest son of the Shillito family at the Bay. He was listed "missing" so the family always had hope that he would be found.

At the age of 18 Ian Pollock joined the RCAF and became a bomb aimer. In 1944 his plane crashed in Scotland as they were returning from a mine-laying expedition over the North Sea. Ian, an only child, was sorely missed by his aging Scottish parents and was buried in Scotland. In 1972 Nelson McInnis, an instructor of Ian's, had his student's memory honoured when a mountain peak, located in the Jervis Inlet area, was named Mt. Pollock.

The town was proud of its fighting sons. Flying Officer Leroy Richardson completed an Operational Tour over Germany and received the Distinguished Flying Cross from the Governor General of Canada.

On August 14, 1945 at 4:20 the air raid siren on top of the school announced V-J Day. A free dance led by the Country Club Orchestra at the Community Hall, attended by 400 revelers, celebrated the Victory!

By Janette Glover-Geidt

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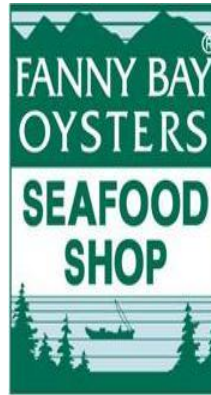
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