

Union Bay Community Club News Letter

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The Community Club would like to confirm their commitment to keeping the Covid 19 protocols.

PLEASE

Hand wash often for 20 second Distance – 6 feet/2 meters apart Avoid attending or hosting large indoor gatherings Wear masks when needed

KEEP OUR CURVE FLAT DURING THE SECOND WAVE



The same as the last few issues of Down by the Bay it is going to be put on the Community Club's web page and emailed out to our mailing list. Some hard copies will be 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.



The community hall is the home of a number of activities and meetings.

For more information about renting space, contact Jody 250/335-1474. Meeting rooms, Dining Room, Kitchen facilities, large auditorium with stage available.

Some winter programs are starting up!!!

Aerobics: Toning exercise to music. Meet three times a week.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Inquiries: Lucie 250-335-160

Crib: Alternate Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

Inquiries: Mary 250-335-1748

Line dancing: Every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Inquiries: Mary 250-335-1748

Some events are still cancelled until further notice but some are starting up:

- Union Bay United Church is starting up with a number of conditions. Contact Dave 250-335-2371 for more information.
- Community Club's monthly meeting is being held with Directors only.

MORE NEWS OF PROGRAM CONCELLATIONS:

The **Fall Supper** will not be happening. It will be great to all get back together in 2021.



Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions and issues with social distancing, the Union Bay Historical Society has decided to cancel their **Remembrance Day Service** and entertainment program. We hope citizens will respect and honour our veterans and feel comfortable to lay a personal wreath at our community cairn. Options for in-person services may be available elsewhere in the valley.



UNION BAY CREDIT UNION PROUDLY SUPPORTS YOUR CALENDAR OF CURRENT EVENTS

- Mortgages & Loans
- · e-Transfers
- Online Banking
- · e-Statements



Daniel Arbour Area A Director Reachme@danielarbour.ca 250-650-8480 Flu Shots are coming to the Community Hall on October 19th starting at 11:00 a.m.

Sign up at the store.



UNION BAY



BOAT RAMP NEWS Boat Ramp Fees support maintenance and Improvements

\$5 per use

\$30 yearly pass

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\$25 Seniors (65 & over)

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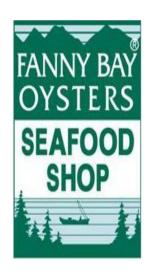
Time for a 6-month check-up?

Half a year into the pandemic, how has your financial situation changed? Whether it's time to review debts and investments or make a new plan for the future, our experts can help.

Get in touch with one of our representatives today.

Union Bay Branch t 250.335.2122 | f 250.335.2131 **Lighthouse Branch** t 250.757.8146 | f 250.757.8185

Hornby Island Branch t 250.335,2326 | f 250.335,2370



Located below the Buckley Bay Petro-Can at the Buckley Bay Ferry Terminal. 250-335-1198

**Fresh seafood and specialty items.







DUE TO COVID 19 THERE WILL BE NO BONFIRE THIS YEAR COME OUT AND PARK AT THE BOAT LAUNCH AND ENJOY THIS SPECTACULAR SHOW FROM YOUR CAR!

STORIES OF HOMES IN UNION BAY cont'd:

Four houses past the Post Office, the Coal Company built a new house for District Superintendent Alexander Auchinvole. In 1915 he and his family of three boys, Harry, Bill and Alex moved in. By 1928 the company had gained control of more fuel companies, so Mr. Auchinvole's responsibilities included all railways, wharves, shops, washeries, and power plants in Ladysmith, Nanaimo, and the Comox District.



The property was a showplace which reflected the importance of its residents. The community was always welcome. Built in the Samuel Maclure style the path from the front gate had wide steps made of huge rocks like those used in the foundations of the coke ovens. A wide veranda lead into an imposing living room and dining room finished with tall walnut wallboard, ending in a plate rail.

On the north side of the house was another long veranda, and a room where Sam, a young, handsome Chinese man lived. Sam cooked for the family and their many guests. He wore western clothes, cooked western meals, and was chauffeur for the family, He became so much a part of the family that he was known as Sam Auchinvole.

Surrounding the house was a beautiful garden tended by Chinese workers led by Slew. In the south corner between the neighbour and the creek, which was accessed by two bridges, was the tennis court. Overlooking the bay was a beautiful fountain surrounded by a large pool.

At the back was a big vegetable garden. In the 20's Cos lettuce, a butter lettuce said to have originated on the Greek Island of Kos, was planted. The seed was given to Mr. Auchinvole by an Australian captain. The crunchy lettuce became popular, and the seeds were saved by gardeners year after year.

As chatelaine of the beautiful house and grounds, Mrs. Auchinvole welcomed everyone. She held fancy dress balls for children who dressed in national costumes, princes, princesses, butterflies, and kewpies. One year the ball brought in \$100 for the Cumberland Hospital to buy linens. As member of the District Horticultural Society she hosted flower shows. During WW11 garden parties, bazaars and teas were held with proceeds going to the Red Cross. The family, with three teenaged boys, became very involved in the community, and helped form many music, social and sports clubs.

In the late 40's as the company became smaller, Alexander Auchinvole retired and George Dickson took over. He moved from Nanaimo with his wife, two sons Ronald and David, and a daughter Elsa. Later still the company chemist, Paul Grundy, his wife and son Martin lived in the house.

By Janette Glover-Geidt

Reminder to members that your miniscule dues for 2021 can be paid now. Dues are only \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family.

Since we are not having our Remembrance Day service, collecting dues will not be possible in person. They can be mailed to Box 269, Union Bay, V0R 3B0 or given to any board member of the society.

Also, since we are not having our usual Remembrance Day ceremony, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year, we would appreciate any additional contributions. Tax receipts can be issued for donations if needed. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Down By The Bay Newsletter

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 <u>ub.dbtb@gmail.com</u>. Alternately, articles can be dropped off with Dave Davidson. To make arrangements or if you have questions please call Dave at 250-335-2317.

Advertising Rates	
Business card size 3 ½" x 2 ½"	\$10.00 per issue
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Full page 8" x 10"	80.00 per issue

Ad copy can be sent to <u>ub.dbtb@gmail.com</u>.

Go Paperless!! Sign up to the mailing list 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".

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

Union Bay is a great community!!!! — get involved —

COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP is 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



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Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires and home fire injuries in British Columbia. This year, Fire Prevention Week™ (October 4 to 10, 2020) aims to educate people about the simple but important things they can do to keep themselves and those around them safe from fire in their kitchens and homes.

As Fire Prevention Week™ approaches, Union Bay Fire Rescue reminds residents:

"Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™

Oct 4 to 10, 2020 – Union Bay Fire Rescue is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years —to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe. According to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires and home fire injuries in British Columbia.

Safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire.

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain at home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small
 grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the
 burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 1 meter around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Keep an eye on what you fry. Most fires start when someone is frying food.
- Watch what you are cooking. Fires start when the heat is too high. If you see any smoke or the grease starts to boil, turn the burner off
- Make sure you are awake and alert while cooking. Alcohol and some drugs can make you sleepy.