



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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Our Future IS LOOKING brighter.

- You must keep care only for a few more months.
- The vaccines are coming, and we will be taking our turns.
- We live on a lovely island that we have been careful to keep under control, thank you everyone



Keep the MASKS, Keep the distances, WASH your HANDS often and We WILL WIN.



CANCELLED DUE TO COVID PROTOCOLS STILL STATING 'NO LARGE GATHERING'

SPRING CRAFT AND PLANT SALE

Sunday, April 18th, 2021

To be held at the Union Bay Community Hall ballfield

Covid protocols will be expected



The “Down By The Bay” newsletter is available on the web at www.ubcc.ca. Previous issues can also be found there.

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

Ideas for new articles are always appreciated. Is there a Union Bay citizen you would like to highlight or a story to be told? Please submit to ub.dbtb@gmail.com.

Advertising and Articles in the Down By The Bay

Submission may be mailed to Box 335, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0 or emailed to ub.dbtb@gmail.com. The order form with instructions, costs and payment options is on the Community Club’s website (WWW.UBCC.CA). Click on newsletter and then on ‘Advertising in the Newsletter’. Ads must be prepaid. Contact Brenda Dane 250-335-1505 or bpoje@yahoo.ca if you have questions.

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UBCU and First Credit Union have proposed a merger. What this means to you – and us!

Our October announcement that Union Bay Credit Union and First Credit Union have proposed to merge has garnered a lot of positive response. This amalgamation of likeminded organizations allows us to leverage our combined strengths and formalizes our long-standing excellent relationship.

Of course, such a merger means many moving parts . . . and questions. Following are some FAQs:

When will it occur? If approved, the merger is expected to come into effect July 1, 2021.

What will the merged organization be called? It will operate under the name “First Credit Union.”

What will happen to my account(s)? We intend to minimize member impact and make the transition as seamless as possible. Members will continue to have full access to their accounts; cheques, debit cards, online banking will operate without interruption. Our teams are working diligently on plans to provide further access across the new network of eight branches. Members will be made aware of any changes with detailed, timely communication.

Will any branches close or employees be lost? No closures are planned as our branch networks complement each other geographically. The proposed merger doesn’t include any loss of employment and will offer present employees new opportunities, such as increased educational development, employee-run committees and leadership training.

How will members be informed of changes and engaged for feedback? As cooperatives, member feedback is important. We’ll keep you informed through our sharedvisionsharedfuture.ca website, media releases, social media and in-branch materials. We welcome all member comments and questions in-branch, by phone or online at hello@sharedvisionsharedfuture.ca.

Share our vision and our future!

A repeat article from March 2018, prior to the pandemic we are experiencing now. It talks about a major flu outbreak in 2018 and about the Spanish Flu epidemic.



Oh, that darned flu!

It has touched so many in our community with its icy finger. Parties cancelled. Even, for the first time ever, a show put on by the "Just For (cough) Joy" group. Slated for December 17 it fell victim to the flu with so many cast members taken ill including (cough, cough, cough) our director. Sandra made the unhappy decision to cancel two days before performance. Emails to all members and dozens of phone calls were made, posters altered or taken down, weeks of planning on hold. And sadly, Janette Glover-Geidt's lovely vignettes of winter and Christmas in Union Bay were not to be told this year. We have packed them carefully and will return next December. Hale and Hearty and Full of Song!

Janette has sent the first in a series of articles on **Women in Union Bay**.

"Women played a big role in the life of the early settlers. The housewife who kept the family clean, fed and happy, women who served the community, women who found time to volunteer for the good of the community, women who were forward thinking, adventuresome. We'll visit them all.

MEDICAL HELP: Ellen McKay's desire to become a nurse was fulfilled when she became the town's midwife. In 1894 she attended her sister-in-law Mrs. McCartney when Greta, the first white child in Union Bay, came into the world. Mrs. McKay was ready to help whenever the call came. She'd hitch up the horses, give a few instructions to her older children, often taking the young ones with her, to attend a birth. She stayed as long as needed, sometimes sending home for food for a poor family with another mouth to feed and no food in the cupboards.

During the Spanish 'Flu epidemic she walked miles to Logging Camps to bring order out of chaos. She calmed down the terrified loggers by telling them to stay in bed and drink all the whiskey they could get their hands on. With an odd harsh word, she made mustard plasters, and advised them to get in bed and stay there until the 'flu had been sweated out.

After the flood in 1912 which swept through Chinatown and Japtown a temporary hospital was set up at the two houses next to Jones Street. Mrs. D. Renwick and Mrs. Marshall attended to the injured and were awarded handsomely with food and silk material the next Chinese New Year.

In 1915 Agnes Matheson, the Matron at Cumberland Hospital, married her patient Pete Reid and moved with him to Union Bay. She became the Company Nurse and had a clinic set up in their house, where Cumberland doctors saw patients twice a week. Although only paid to treat the families of the CC(D) Ltd., everyone was attended by this kind, skillful lady. For thirty years she walked around town making house calls. She was still caring for patients after WW2, and administering the new drug Penicillin by injections."

by Janette Glover-Geidt



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?

Ideas for new programs are encouraged. Put your thoughts together and present your plan or idea at a monthly meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Community Club contact is Dave Davidson at 250-335-2317 or leave a message at 250/335-2500 or ubcc.ca



Union Bay Community Club Membership is \$10 for each year.

***Your membership helps to support the hall and grounds.
Contact Treasure @ 1-587-598-5648 or mail to PO Box 335, Union Bay, V0R 3B0***

UNION BAY



BOAT RAMP NEWS

**Boat Ramp Fees support maintenance and
Improvements**

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Union Bay
CREDIT UNION

Serving our members, our communities.

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Uniting with a common goal

UBCU and First Credit Union have proposed a merger. As credit unions, a dedication to members and community is what sets us apart from other financial institutions. And this dedication is what has brought us together. Our proposed merger will both formalize our cooperation and leverage the strengths of our organizations.

Find out more at sharedvisionssharedfuture.ca.

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CURRENT EVENTS

The community hall is the home of several activities and meetings. Hopefully more of these activities etc. will start up later this year.

Please note new contact name. Thank you **Jody McKay** for your past service and welcome **Lindee**. We appreciate past and new volunteers; it takes a village!

For more information about renting space, contact Lindee Ziefflie at lindeez@shaw.ca. Meeting rooms, dining room, kitchen facilities, large auditorium with stage are all available.

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

- Union Bay United Church is suspending services
- Community Club's monthly meeting are cancelled or controlled as per covid protocol.
- All current events are suspended as the hall is closed.
- Historical Society is cancelling their meetings.

The above three volunteer community organizations will hold their annual general meetings later, likely about September 2021.



Other dates to note:

~~Sunday, April 19th~~

~~SPRING CRAFT & PLANT SALE~~

~~10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.~~

~~Call Dave 250-335-2317 or go to UBCC.ca to book a table – cost \$20~~

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Serving our members, our communities.

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CALENDAR OF CURRENT EVENTS

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LUSH Valley Food Action Society

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Dear Friends of LUSH Valley Food Action Society

Last year was our Society's 20th Anniversary year. It was NOT what we had anticipated!.

We had hoped to celebrate with a gathering to reflect and honour our first two decades. Instead, we quickly pivoted our programs to meet the gaps that the pandemic widened in terms of healthy food access.

In late March, when some agencies that provided various food support programs shut down, we launched an Emergency Food Share Program while continuing to adapt and run other important initiatives. Within two weeks of the pandemic announcement, we were able to expand our services to include the Good Food Box program (healthy food hampers) and add a Hot Meal program. (Program highlights are listed below.)

Our success in 2020 was only possible due to the generous support of a caring and supportive community. Working with the newly formed Comox Valley Food Policy Council, social service agency partners, housing providers, School District 71, local farmers and all levels of government, we were able to provide healthy, mostly local food, in a dignified manner directly to people's homes and through various street meal programs.

As we move forward into 2021, we will need your on-going support -- in terms of both financial and volunteer resources -- to help us to sustain this vital community work.

*It is now important that we take the 'emergency'
 out of our programs and work towards 'healthy local food access for all'
 in an ongoing, equitable and sustainable way.
 This is the work ahead of us.*

Maurita Prato, Executive Director

**GO TO THE LUSH VALLEY
 WEBSITE TO RECEIVE
 REGULAR NEWSLETTERS.
 YOU WILL LEARN OF ALL
 THE GREAT PROGRAMS AND
 INFORMATION THEY HAVE.**

SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH.

Do not forget to advance your clock one hour.

Also, a particularly good reminder to check all the batteries in your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. **Keep your family safe.**



Article from the Nanaimo Daily News – July 1969

Streets Named In Honor Of Union Bay Pioneers

UNION BAY (Special) — The placing of street signs on the subdivision known as Company Hill, has completed a project which began two years ago.

It was in the summer of 1967 that Weldwood of Canada, Ltd., released this large block of land for sale to the 30 families living there. Work went ahead immediately under supervision of a committee from the land-owners in the area. The land was surveyed, lots were marked, and the three existing roads were cleared and widened. This new subdivision was named Dogwood Heights.

Naming of the three streets was turned into a contest for students of Union Bay Elementary School. Great interest was shown, and many names were submitted. Winners were three girls who had chosen the names, Tappin, Jones and Russell.

The road running along the top of the hill has been named Tappin street, in honor of Harry S. Tappin, who lived in this area for over 40 years, and with his

wife and son, had his home bordering this road. He was weighman at the wharf, and was active in lodge and community affairs until his death in 1966.

The short, steep hill at the northern approach to Dogwood Heights was named Jones street, honoring pioneer Albert Jones. He was foreman carpenter for the Canadian Collieries for many years before his retirement, and lived in the large home now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chapman.

The second and longer approach at the south end of the new subdivision was named Russell street, in honor of another pioneer, George Russell. He lived in a house where the Moore home now stands. It was one of the oldest houses in the community, and was burned down in 1940 to make room for the building of the present house.

The installation of these signs will perpetuate the memory of these early pioneers and their contribution to a growing community.



Union Bay Fire Rescue PO Box 70 Union Bay BC V0R3B0

Fanny Bay Inn Donation:

A Reflection of our Communities Island Spirit

Local Restaurateur **Roxanne O'Brien**, owner and operator of the historical landmark Fanny Bay Inn Pub made a \$1500 donation to Union Bay Fire Rescue.

This sizable donation is part of the pub's regular charitable contributions resulting from their Toonie Draw. The 50/50 Toonie draws are held Thursday evenings with a total of \$30,000 being raised to date in the support of the local community. Union Bay Fire Fighter Association Chair, Alexis Royer informed Roxanne that the donation will be targeted towards essential equipment and training.

Fire Chief Ian Ham stated, "he is deeply touched by the significance of this donation especially given the challenges of the pandemic." Chief Ham thanked Roxanne and her staff and the FBI patronage for their outstanding generosity.

Pictured here: L-R
Alexis Royer, Roxanne O'Brien and Fire Chief Ian Ham



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