



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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April 2021

There IS Light at the end of the tunnel

- The vaccines are coming; everyone now is hearing about friends and relatives getting the dates for their jabs.
- We will not forget all our front-line workers who have worked hard and kept our island safe.

**PLEASE Keep the MASKS, Keep the distances,
WASH your HANDS often and We WILL Win.**



**CANCELLED DUE TO COVID PROTOCOLS STILL STATING
'NO LARGE GATHERINGS'**

SPRING CRAFT AND PLANT SALE

Sunday, April 18th, 2021

To be held at the Union Bay Community Hall ballfield

Covid protocols will be expected



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UBCU members, vote and have a say

Voting on the proposed merger with First Credit Union will occur April 21 to May 5. Members can vote online, in-branch or by mail-in ballot. See our website www.ubcu.ca or call your local branch for more information. Ensure your opinion is heard and make a plan to vote!

Union Bay Branch

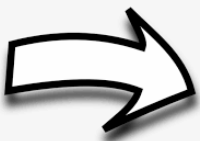
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The 2021 SlowPitch season has been cancelled. Let us keep our fingers crossed that there will be a short fall season. It will depend on the health order at the time.



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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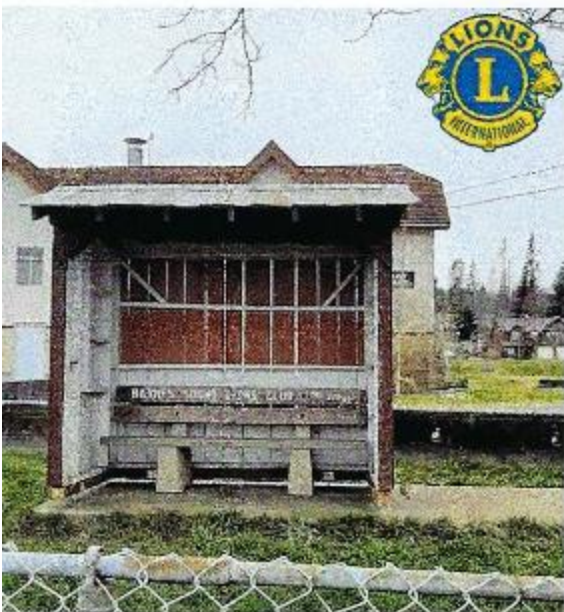


You will be missed!

Thank you **Treasure Ducharme** for donating so much time to our community. Our loss is another community's gain.

Health and happiness too you and great success in all your future endeavours.

Cheers!



Thank you Baynes Sound Lions Club!

Our local Lion's club do many good things for our and surrounding communities. They recently moved this school bus shelter from Fanny Bay and erected it at the old Union Bay school where our children catch the bus. With all of March's rainy days I am sure our kids appreciate it!

Thank you again and keep up the good work!

THE CREATION OF THE UNION BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (UBID)



Water:

In 1888 the town of Union Bay was created by the Union Coal Company to provide a shipping port for coal mined at their Cumberland mines. There were no amenities available to the early settlers; even after the homes were built it was wells with hand pumps and outhouses in the company town. A communal well was dug halfway up Russell Hill, between the two rows of houses. It, like the well on the Spring Hill, was cribbed and had a boom to draw the water up, both maintained by the company. Saturday was "wash day" because the kids were home and could fetch the water from the well, back and forth to fill the boilers on the coal stove. Water was very precious, so none was wasted. After washing the clothes, the water would then be used to wash the floors; what was left over was put on the garden.

Around the turn of the century Langley Lake was purchased and dammed by the company, and a 10-inch pipe was laid to provide water to the Washery. Not long after, a group of men ran a 2-inch pipe off the main line to serve the Company Hill and down as far as the Post Office and School. Every house had one cold water tap into the kitchen sink, a luxury at \$1.00 per month. Gradually, hot water jackets were installed in people's coal burning stoves to heat water tanks. Then came flush toilets. The Company bosses got them first. In the 40's, the main line was replaced and extended both south and north with 4-inch wooden stave pipes.

When the company closed in 1960, it sold the water system to the newly formed Union Bay Water Board for \$1.00. The Board also bought Langley Lake for \$1,000, one of the few lakes in B.C. which is privately owned. In the dying years of the company Harry Glover, the last man to work for the company, kept the water flowing so was a natural to head up the new board. The other volunteer trustees were Tom Campbell, Harold Dane, Herbert Glover and Bill Woods.

Fire Protection:

Fire fighting in the early days was a quick formation of a bucket brigade. Water from wells, creeks, and the ocean was used. After the spectacular blaze in 1926 which destroyed the Wilson Hotel and surrounding buildings, interest was generated by the company and local citizens to improve fire-fighting capabilities. A 1928 one-ton model A Ford truck owned by the company was stripped down in the machine shop and refitted with hose bed, reel, and tank. A lot next to the Willis Hotel and the old square fronted Butcher Shop was bought for \$300 and renovated to become the first Fire Hall. In 1935 the volunteer Fire Department was formed with Johnny Fulcher as Chief. During the 2nd World War the Department vastly improved its fire-fighting capabilities by the installation of a modern hydrant system throughout the business and residential section. As well, a large siren was installed on top of the school.

In the 1950's Ken Peters became Chief, and the firefighters took a more serious attitude to their job. They attended lectures and classes on fire protection and fighting. A new truck was needed, and like the first truck it was a Ford truck chassis which was stripped down and rebuilt by volunteers in the company machine shop. While it was still under construction in 1955, the big thirty room Nelson Hotel burned to the ground.

Now the fire hall was too small for the new truck, so a building project was embarked upon. Plans were drawn up by Wilf Glover to build a new hall behind the old one. Logs for lumber were donated by Rosewall Logging, with Harry Chapman supervising the volunteers.

Over the years the firemen attended many house, car, boat, and bush fires. It seemed that every few months one of the houses at Chinatown caught fire from an overheated stove, faulty chimney, or sparks on the roof. Luckily, they were all extinguished with no loss of life.

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.
Mail to PO Box 335, Union Bay, V0R 3B0***

UNION BAY



BOAT RAMP NEWS

**Boat Ramp Fees support maintenance and
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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.

For more information about renting space, contact Lindee Ziefflie @ rentals@ubcc.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.

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Covid Quips:

Whose idea was to sing "Happy Birthday" while washing your hands? Now every time I go the bathroom, my kids expect me to walk out with a cake.

Nothing like relaxing on the couch after a long day of being tense on the couch.

How did the health experts lie? They said a mask and gloves was enough to go to the grocery store. When I got there, everyone else had clothes on.

What does eating raw garlic have to do with preventing COVID-19? It helps keep everyone at a safe distance.

Streamkeepers

Every year volunteers rescue the Coho fry from Hart (Washer) Creek before it dries up in July and house them at Rosewall Creek Hatchery. If you would like to help, please contact Judy Ackinclose at (250) 335-0010. Judy oversees the Rosewall Creek Hatchery. Check out their website at fbsses.ca.

Hello Union Bay! The Beaufort Watershed Stewards have been gathering baseline data on several streams in the Fanny Bay area for three years now. Last year, we added Hart Creek to our water sampling program and this year we plan to add several more sites in streams from Buckley Bay to Royston.

Our Mission Statement is:

to promote the health and resilience of local watersheds in the Beaufort Range and to ensure the quality and quantity of fresh water for the future.

We are entirely dependent on volunteers for everything we do. So, if you are looking for an opportunity to participate in citizen-science, this is your chance!

We write a monthly article for the Fanny Bay Flyer and we plan to submit these articles to Down By the Bay from now on. You can find out more about us and our work at our website www.beaufortwater.org.



You can't see the specific conductivity of water but you can measure it. Can you taste it? Our YSI meter measures specific conductivity and gives us a precise number (microSiemens per centimetre). Specific Conductivity is useful as an indication of mineral content. Are there other ways to determine specific conductivity? Maybe. Dave Weaver, for instance, brings a cup.

When I first saw Dave "sampling" water from Waterloo Creek I expressed concerns about Giardia, or "Beaver Fever". Dave wasn't worried. The streams flow swift and clean above our sampling points with little in the way of broad, quiet pools where Giardia flourishes. Dave is a retired Professional Forester who spent lots of his career in the bush. If he's comfortable drinking from Waterloo Creek, I'm willing to give it a go.

Of course, Dave brings much more to the Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS) than a sampling cup and a taste for clean, fresh water. When we first set up our program, we spent some time getting permission from property owners. Dave seemed to know everyone we contacted: the manager at Island Timberlands (now Mosaic), the manager at the K'omoks First Nation (even if only through email), and all the various industry names that came up in those conversations. This is hardly surprising as Dave spent twelve years working for the Province in the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. This experience means he has a deep understanding of the regulations around logging and also a keen awareness of how these regulations are administered. But his knowledge is not all theoretical and administrative. Dave has also worked for timber companies, managing sections of forest in the area around Smithers as well as operating his own Wood Lot License for ten years.

Dave's experience is invaluable in helping understand the impacts of logging practices on watershed health. His perspective helps avoid knee-jerk opposition to logging in general while at the same time helps us understand the deep structural flaws in the current system of regulation and what it means for our watersheds.

His understanding of the logging industry, as well as his energy and work ethic, are critical contributions to BWS. The most entertaining aspect of Dave's contribution is when we walk through the woods with him to our sampling sites. He has a wealth of knowledge on all things related to trees, from Provincial legislation regarding log exports to methods for avoiding a particular pathogen that attacks white pines. He shares this knowledge cheerfully with the air of a professor who is passionate about his field. One is not surprised to learn that Dave not only taught Forestry for ten years but also developed and administered forestry programs at Northwest Community College in Smithers.

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Can you really tell that the mineral content (as measured by Specific Conductivity) is 20 microSiemens per centimetre higher for Waterloo Creek than it is for Mud Bay Creek simply by taking a sip? Well, we think we can taste a slight difference. Not that it is the kind of data we would submit to the Province. But while we DON'T encourage you to ignore public health warnings about Giardia and drink from the creek, as we sometimes do, we DO encourage you to take advantage of a great opportunity to hear some of Dave's woodland knowledge. In honour of Earth Day this year, Dave has agreed to host two nature walks through a small but beautiful section of Waterloo Creek that is graced with a rare stand of mature Grand Fir. Look for the advertisement below.

And no, you do not need to bring a cup!



Guided Nature Walks along Waterloo Creek

Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS) are sponsoring two guided nature walks to celebrate Earth Day. This is your opportunity to see an unusual stand of mature Grand Fir in the Waterloo Creek watershed and examples of three different ecosystems, all located in one small area. The tours will be led by BWS's own Dave Weaver, a retired Professional Forester.

(For more on Dave see this month's BWS article in this issue)



SATURDAY, APRIL 24th 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

- *We will meet at the Fanny Bay Community Hall 15 minutes prior to the walk time. Rain or shine!
- *We will take our own vehicles up Hastings Road to the starting point for the walk.
Much of Hastings Road is gravel but should be fine for most cars.
- *Please wear sensible shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather.
- *Each walk will last about an hour.
- *The route is not overly steep or strenuous but some portions may be off-trail.

To reserve your spot send an email to info@beaufortwater.org.

If you have any questions, please call Dave at 250.335.1345