



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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JULY 2021



**We are all doing the happy
dance to celebrate the removal
of more and more restrictions.**

LET EVERYONE ENJOY SUMMER!

The first two community events that are starting:

- ❖ A six-game slow-pitch season. Schedule is printed further on in this issue.
- ❖ Church services are starting up, more information also included in this issue.



**CANADA DAY
JULY 1ST**

UNION BAY



BOAT RAMP NEWS

**Boat Ramp Fees support maintenance and
Improvements**

\$5 per use

\$75 commercial

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Barbeque Awareness Message

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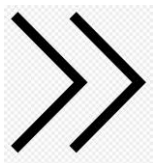
Union Bay Fire Rescue

BBQ safety:

- Never leave a hot grill unattended.
- Clean the grill's grease tray regularly to avoid it catching on fire.
- Never pour water on a BBQ grease fire! Use a fire extinguisher or baking soda, or check the BBQ manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use propane, charcoal and wood pellet BBQs outside. Using them indoors can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Only grill outdoors, away from siding and deck railings, and away from eaves and branches.



Join or renew your membership to the Historical Society.



Memberships help us qualify for necessary grants.
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PO Box 269, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0
Single \$10 Family \$20



The Museum and Gaol is now open – 9 am-5 pm Wednesday to Sunday

STORIES OF HOMES IN UNION BAY: Cont.



The saloon that is in Union Bay today was built in 1924 by Mrs. Willis. She with her husband had operated the Island Rooms in Courtenay on 5th Street. Mrs. Willis was known in the district for her excellent cuisine. After her husband died in No. 6 mine in Cumberland, she leased land from the Coal Company and hired carpenter Paul St Alben to build the hotel.

The beautiful hotel had a large lounge and dining room on the main floor, with verandas across the front and down the south side. Upstairs were guest rooms, with a patio at front overlooking the bay. Local dignitaries were invited to the grand opening and sat down to a sumptuous feast served by young girls of the town. Not long into the evening the lights went out, and guest, truly dined in style by candlelight.

For the first six months, loggers and the boom gang from Bloedel Stewart & Welch boarded at the Hotel and walked the 1 ½ miles to and from work every day. When the logging company moved on, business was scarce. Mrs. Willis never planned to have a beer parlour, as they were called in those days, but she was urged to apply for a liquor license. As Union Bay already had one beer parlour, she had a lawyer friend pull some strings for her to get the license. At first just bottled beer was served.

Logs were being shipped from Fanny Bay to Japan. When a boat came to load, fifty longshoremen came up from Chemanius and boarded at the hotel. Oscar Stenback, a big burly Swede with a handsome, twisted moustache, lived at the hotel, and helped. "King Oscar" took apart a partially burned house on Company Hill, he one by one carried the lumber down the Spring Hill and built a laundry room onto the hotel. In it were shower stalls, an auxiliary cook stove, and a little living room for Mrs. Willis and her young daughter, Alice.

Mrs. Willis hired someone to run the hotel and took Alice to England. When they came home, the people were gone along with all the groceries. Mrs. Willis had left gold coins in the Royal Bank at the Bay, and they were gone. She suspected that one of the employees had stolen them. Mrs. Willis was feeling so low when the butcher shop next door caught on fire and it spread to the hotel. Volunteers rushed to the rescue and put it out, but they threw a lot of the furniture out the window, and it smashed. Then they decided the beer would be no good, so they smashed open the kegs and drank the beer.

Mrs. Willis died in 1937 after a long bout with cancer, during which time Alice quit school to nurse her mother. As Alice was underage, she had to hire a bartender, and was able to struggle on for another year. She then leased the hotel to Joe and Annie Hastings. The following year Alice married Walter Parkin, and the Hastings graciously hosted the wedding breakfast for sixty guests. It was a losing proposition though so after 3 years the Hastings left. Alice and Walter came back to manage the establishment, at which time they bought the property from the Coal Company.

The war years were good, especially when the Greek boats were anchored in the bay. Then, as fewer boats came for the coal, the couple with a baby and a big mortgage sold at a loss to the bootlegger Joe Damonte. With help from his daughter Tina and husband Toots Plump, the doors were kept open. With few permanent boarders the dining room was closed. The profits mainly coming from beer sales, legal and after hours. Liquor laws were very restrictive at this time. Sales were not allowed on Sundays, and every day at 5:00 the place had to close for one hour to force the patrons to go home for supper. Blinds had to be always open so that inspectors and police could see in. Joe sat at the counter next to the side door where he could easily serve the unlawful customers. It kept Constable Ennals busy patrolling the business.

By: Janette Glover-Geidt

Union Bay United Community Church News

**Sunday Services are resuming
on July 4th at 10:00 a.m.**

July 4th Sunday is a communion service.



Presently Covid protocols of masks and distance spacing will be followed.

SLO PITCH SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY	UMPIRE
Wednesday	June 16, 2021	7pm	Misfits	The Kids	T&B
Thursday	June 17, 2021	7pm	Slushbuckets	Bulldogs	Solutions
Sunday	June 20, 2021	9:30am	T&B	Solutions	Bulldogs
Sunday	June 20, 2021	10:45am	Bulldogs	The Kids	Denman
Sunday	June 20, 2021	1pm	The Kids	Denman	Slushbuckets
Sunday	June 20, 2021	2:45pm	Slushbuckets	Denman	Misfits
Tuesday	June 22, 2021	7pm	Misfits	T&B	Bulldogs
Wednesday	June 23, 2021	7pm	Solutions	Slushbuckets	The Kids
Sunday	June 27, 2021	9am	Denman	Bulldogs	T&B
Sunday	June 27, 2021	10:45am	Bulldogs	T&B	Denman
Sunday	June 27, 2021	12:30pm	T&B	The Kids	Slushbuckets
Sunday	June 27, 2021	2:15pm	Misfits	Slushbuckets	Solutions
Sunday	June 27, 2021	4pm	Solutions	Misfits	The Kids
Tuesday	June 29, 2021	6:30pm	Denman	Solutions	Misfits
July Long Weekend					
Tuesday	July 6, 2021	7pm	Bulldogs	Misfits	Solutions
Wednesday	July 7, 2021	7pm	The Kids	Slushbuckets	T&B
Sunday	July 11, 2021	9am	Slushbuckets	T&B	Denman
Sunday	July 11, 2021	10:45am	T&B	Denman	Slushbuckets
Sunday	July 11, 2021	12:30pm	Denman	Misfits	The Kids
Sunday	July 11, 2021	2:15pm	Solutions	Bulldogs	Misfits
Sunday	July 11, 2021	4pm	The Kids	Solutions	Bulldogs



Credit union merger an alliance of vision and principles

July 1, 2021, marked the official amalgamation of Union Bay Credit Union and First Credit Union.

Following a May vote that saw 84 per cent of UBCU members cast ballots in favour of the merger, the two credit unions have joined forces. This union not only formalizes the credit unions' long history of cooperation but also provides the opportunity to leverage our combined strengths and keep up with an ever-evolving financial services industry.

Different name, same commitment

The biggest change for UBCU members is in name. United together under the First Credit Union banner, our dedication to local and personal service and commitment to rural and remote communities endures.

While the signage has changed, the UBCU branches and staff remain. All forms of banking access continue in place for Union Bay Credit Union members. And three of the UBCU Directors have joined the new Board.

Like UBCU, First Credit Union is a member-owned cooperative financial institution with a strong history. The longest-running credit union in BC, it incorporated in 1939. The merged entity now has eight branches, over \$600 million in assets and a combined membership of more than 15,500.

The new credit union is still autonomous and independent and continues to be guided by principles founded on equity, equality and mutual support.

While our histories are distinct, we're united in our vision for the future. We look forward to your support as you join us on this journey.



MORE INFORMATION AT
firstcu.ca



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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Formerly Union Bay
Credit Union

UBCU is now First Credit Union

Union Bay Credit Union and First Credit Union have merged. United together under the First Credit Union banner on July 1st, our devotion to personal service and commitment to rural and remote communities endures. Different name, same dedication.

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Lighthouse Branch
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Hornby Island Branch
t 250.335.2326 | f 250.335.2370




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.

We will be keeping the community up to date as we learn of classes, services and meetings starting. If you belong to a club or group, please let us know as soon as possible of your plans so we can add them to this newsletter.

 <p>First CREDIT UNION</p> <p><i>Formerly Union Bay Credit Union</i></p>	<p>FIRST CREDIT UNION PROUDLY SUPPORTS YOUR CALENDAR OF CURRENT EVENTS</p>		
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**Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.**

Author Unknown



Beaufort Watershed Nature Walk Waterloo Creek – by Dave Weaver

What a “Grand” idea to celebrate Earth Day 2021 with a community nature walk in an old growth stand in a local Beaufort Watershed.

Originally advertised as two walks with ten people each. Not sure we’d be able to fill both sessions, we were overwhelmed with over 35 requests. Unfortunately, provincial Covid health orders, made us scale back to only one group of ten in total including myself. So, the nine winners of the nature walk lottery were selected by a first-come-first-get-to-go process.

The weather cooperated and we gathered at the Hall at 1:45 pm. Everyone kept proper social distance as they signed in and previewed the display boards I had prepared. One was a map showing the location of the Beaufort Watersheds where BWS is active, and specifically Waterloo Creek, our destination. The other display was for those keen “ecosystem folks” who were interested in the various mapped ecosystems within the Waterloo Creek area.

These eighteen hectares of “older growth” was missed by the loggers of the 40’s and 50’s, and contains some of the biggest Grand Fir trees left standing on the east side of Vancouver Island. Concerned scientists who specialize in forest genetics have been advocating for this area to be protected by the BC Government. The Province has informally agreed but the paperwork that would dedicate it as an “Old Growth Management Area” has not yet been signed.

At 2 pm sharp we headed out in a “Covid Convoy” of 7 vehicles traveling 1.5 km up the Rosewall Forest Service Road. We parked at the Waterloo bridge and headed up the quad trail. The first stop was a group of immature trees where we began honing our identification skills for the four conifers we would see - specifically Douglas-fir, Red Cedar, Western Hemlock, and Grand Fir.

The second stop was the “Grand Mamma”, the biggest Grand Fir in the Waterloo watershed, at 68 meters tall and 75 cm in diameter. The largest Grand Fir in BC, along the Chilliwack River, is 75 m. So, the Waterloo Mamma is in an exclusive club indeed. Her roots are in some of the richest and most productive growing sites in Canada. We noted some of the plants that indicate this rich ecosystem: salmonberry, devils club, lady fern and pacific leafy mosses.

The next ecosystem stop was above the quad trail, on higher ground, where Douglas-fir and Western Hemlock trees dominate. Grand Fir was not found. I highlighted the different plants associated with this less rich ecosystem, specifically plants indicative of drier conditions such as salal, Oregon grape and step mosses. However, I shared the fact that this was the best ground for Chanterelle mushrooms. This piqued a few folks’ interest!

The next stop on the tour was below the quad trail in the same rich ecosystem as the Grand Mamma. Here we found the “Three Grand Daughters”, a tight grouping of 3 huge Grand firs, just a bit smaller than the Mamma, at about 60 meters in height. We focused on the Grand fir’s unique remanent male flowers (in white clusters) still clinging to dropped branches around the base of the daughters. This is a tell-tale sign of Grand fir overhead. A discussion of the unique biology of Grand fir reproduction ensued.

Finally, after heading east on the quad trail we veered off to wander through a meadow of continuous sword fern, finally reaching the “Grand Grove”. This is a remarkable linear formation of eight huge Grand fir trees all in a row. Not as big as the Grand Mamma, but still impressive. It is a mystery why they are growing in such a neat row. We discussed various theories, but the mystery remains unsolved. The “Grand Grove” is in a medium rich ecosystem - part way between the richness of the Grand Mamma site and the poorer Douglas fir site. Here the beautiful knee-high “shag carpet” of sword fern is mixed with small amounts of other herbs like vanilla leaf and lady fern and is typical of these medium rich ecosystems.

We had run out of time – in fact, we had gone an hour longer than planned! But I was pleased that the group’s interest remained high, and the questions just kept coming. We had learned about the four conifers and how to identify them, and why they were each in the different natural ecosystems which we had learned to identify.

All in all, a good day in a gem of an old growth forest in our own Waterloo Creek back yard. I think everyone came away feeling that it is definitely worth protecting, for all to enjoy, today and tomorrow, and for our “Grand fir”-children too!!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Plans are being made for a craft fair to be held at the Union Bay Community Hall

More information will follow

For questions, please contact Marilynne at 250-335-3432 or mamanning@shaw.ca



Weekend work party at the Union Bay Firehall

Firemen (no order) Reg Hudson, Stewart brothers, Sam Shilito,
George Cooper, Ken Peters and Jake Campbell.