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Union Bay Fire Rescue
PO Box 70 Union Bay, BC VOR 3B0

Message From Union Bay Fire Rescue:

- **OPEN BURNING INCLUDING CAMPFIRE ARE PROHIBITED** within the Fire Service Protection Area of Union Bay
- In making the decision to close burning, we consider the weather forecasts, the current fire hazard conditions for areas around us, in-person assessments of local forest conditions and restrictions set by the Coastal Fire Centre.

Please feel free to contact the fire hall for further information
(250) 335-2345 or visit our new website at <https://unionbayfirerescue.ca/>

Stay Safe - Fire Chief, Ian W Ham

UNION BAY COMMUNITY CLUB CRAFT FAIR

Date: Sunday, September 12th
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Place: Community Club ball field

To book a space please go to ubcc.ca
Spaces are a 12' x 12' area
Bring your own cover if needed.



For more information please contact Marilyn@mamanning@shaw.ca or 250-335-3432

Check out all the great crafts and ideas.

- No admission charge
- Spacing will be prearranged.
- BC Coronavirus guidelines will be followed
- Snacks will be available.
- Masks are optional

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO COMMUNITY CLUB REGISTRATION

\$15 PER PERSON, \$35 PER FAMILY

Membership now runs the calendar year, January to December

Current members will be honoured until December 2021.


Cat 301.7 Excavator and Dump Trailer for Hire.



Need Help getting some yard work done? We are a local company and would be happy to assist you. Please give us a call if you have a job you would like us to look at!

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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.

Union Bay Branch
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Lighthouse Branch
t 250.757.8146 | f 250.757.8185

Hornby Island Branch
t 250.335.2326 | f 250.335.2370

UNION BAY



BOAT RAMP NEWS

Boat Ramp Fees support maintenance and Improvements

\$5 per use	\$30 yearly pass
\$75 commercial	\$25 Seniors (65 & over)

Yearly permits available at the Union Bay Market, on
line at ubcc.ca or call Rick Weaver at 778-427-3119

PAY THE FEE OR PAY THE TOW TRUCK

UNION BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY- August 28th, 9:00am – 1:00pm

In the parking area behind the Post Office

Many treasures consisting of:

Collectables, household items, toys, books and decorative items, including Christmas decorations.

There will be a Membership Table.

Because of Covid we have been unable to hold regular meetings or an AGM so unfortunately membership has fallen off. Any grants we apply for are based on our paid membership. We {Volunteers to the Historical Society} encourage all previous Members, new and old residents, to support the Historical Society. Help keep the Post Office, Library and Gaol/Museum in good repair.



Union Bay Historical Gaolhouse



Located next to the Heritage Post office the Gaolhouse is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm. Wednesday thru Sunday.

Our summer student Michael Robert is there. Stop by and have a tour.



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STORIES OF BUILDINGS IN UNION BAY: Cont.



North from the Pub was a large swampy area. The boardwalk, which stretched from McLeod Road to Jones Street, kept you dry. On the next property, in the early 1930's, the Home Garage was built by Geoff Kirk and leased by Ernie Chandler. The last to live and operate the garage were Gordon and Lil Murdock. It closed in the 60's and was demolished.

The big red house next to Russell Street was built by the coal company for the Wharfinger, who oversaw all loading. He decided where ships were to berth, which coal chutes were used, and gave orders to the train crew regarding emptying of coal cars. In 1907 Mike Manson came up from Nanaimo to take over the job, and with his large family lived in the new house. Michael, born on the Shetland Islands, came to Canada at age sixteen to work on his uncle Oliver Duncan's farm in Sandwick. He then moved to Nanaimo where he met, courted, and gave a ring to Jenny Renwick. Her religious father did not approve of Mike, and he beat her over the hands and broke the ring. This only made the couple more determined.

In 1878 Mike hired a canoe and six natives for an elopement. The husky canoers paddled all night, and when they arrived at Sidney Mr. Manson hired a team and wagon to take them to Victoria where they were married.

Mike prospered as he served the Island with his steamer, first the Rustler, then the Thistle, which could sleep thirty-two. With a crew of ten he transported fish, seals, copper, and furs up and down the Island. While in Nanaimo the couple had five children, then tragedy struck and four of the little ones died of diphtheria. After that, before leaving Nanaimo, the couple had two more children then a set of twins. At Union Bay, another set of twins and a daughter were born. Mike was very community minded. He was on the school board, and the main driving force to build the church at the Bay. Every summer the family went by rowboat to Cortez Island, where they moved in 1907.

Long interested in politics, Mike ran as a Conservative, and for seven years was MLA for Comox District. Fred Brown was the next Wharfinger for a couple of years before he became Union Bay's Postmaster in 1913.

During the first world war the house was seconded by the army and billeted to the Officers, while the noncommissioned men lived in tents on the ball field. In its collection the UBHS has two pictures of when the Army occupied the house. One has "72nd Seaforth Highlanders" spelled out in white-washed rocks on the slope in front of the house; the other photo features thirty of the officers in front of the house. Before the second world war John Moore became Wharfinger, and as the big red house was getting run down a new house was built for him at the top of Russell Hill. The old red house was rented out and eventually sold when the company closed.

By: Janette Glover-Geidt

Union Bay United Community Church News



Sunday Services for the month of August will be at 10:00 a.m. then adjusting to 11:00 a.m. in September.

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



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.

Set up	\$10.00 one time charge then
Business card size 3 ½” x 2 ½”	10.00 per issue
¼ page 8” x 2 ½”	20.00 per issue
½ page 8” x 5”	40.00 per issue
Full page 8” x 10”	80.00 per issue

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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 soon.

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. As we only print this newsletter once a month please visit our website to keep up with the classes as they begin.

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.

Wed. Sep 8th **COMMUNITY CLUB AGM**
7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall

Sun. Sep 12th **COMMUNITY CLUB CRAFT SALE**
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Community Hall



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FIRST CREDIT UNION PROUDLY SUPPORTS YOUR CALENDAR OF CURRENT EVENTS

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CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Sponsored by Comox Valley Senior Support Society

WHAT: Organizational Meeting

WHEN: September 8th, 2021

WHERE: Fanny Bay OAP Hall, 418 Ships Pt Rd

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

COST: Free

PURPOSE: To determine the interest in forming a support group for caregivers from Union Bay to Bowser. The intent of the group will be to share information, resources, and offer emotional support. Depending on the need, 2 groups may be formed - male and female.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ?

Call: 250-871-5940 (leave message if no answer)

E-mail: cvseniorsupport@shaw.ca

Fanny Bay and Bowser Caregiver Support Groups are Sponsored by Comox Valley Senior Peer Support

Union Bay Coal Wharf early 1900s



Beaufort Watershed

Geology can be electrifying. Especially if you carry a car battery into the field, pound metal stakes into the ground and connect them to the battery posts with cables. Why would you do such a thing? In order to “see” below the surface of the earth. Around here we have lots of sand, gravel, and rocks, deposited in layers by rivers, then glaciers, then rivers, then glaciers again. Below all that we have layers of clay and shale. The sand and gravel hold water, but the clay and shale act as a barrier. If we can map these layers, we will have a better understanding of the boundaries of our aquifers which are the source for all the wells in the area.

Well driller reports are one of the tools we can use to “see” below the surface. Drillers record the different geological layers encountered as they dig and the depths at which they occur. But to draw a useful aquifer map we need more data points. It turns out that running a current through the ground and then measuring the voltage at various points can give information that helps fill in some of the missing data. The technical term for this technique is Apparent Resistivity Sounding or ARS.

We wondered if this technique might be useful on the eastern slopes of the Beaufort Range, so we spent a week taking ARS measurements in various locations from Qualicum Bay to Union Bay. You may have seen us in the field at the Fanny Bay Hall as we laid out cables and set up the equipment under a shade-providing tent. Or perhaps you drove when we were on Ships Point Road stringing cables along the ditch bottom. You may have heard the tap-tap-tapping of hammer on steel on the rail bed behind Yake Rd or maybe you heard us yelling back and forth in the bush behind McCartney drive: “fifty is ready”, followed by, “okay, measuring”, and then, “move to eighty”.

What we were doing was the culmination of a lot of hard work by Mark Lake, a BWS member and retired geophysicist. Last year, he approached the University of Victoria with the idea of a pilot project to determine the viability of this technique for filling in the gaps in our dataset. Mike Wei, Adjunct Professor at the University of Victoria’s School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, liked the idea and enlisted the help of Dr. Lucinda Leonard, Assistant Professor in Geophysics, also at the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences. They selected Victoria Pereversoff, a fourth-year student majoring in Geophysics, to participate in the project as part of a Directed Studies program. Mark and Victoria spent countless hours of prep work: Zoom meetings with the UVic team, poring over well drillers’ reports, analyzing known lithology. Mark made scouting trips to many potential sites as they gradually narrowed the list to the best candidates from a geological perspective. Mark also managed the myriad small logistical details of hosting three people for a week.

Several BWS members helped during the actual measurement process, hauling the gear, laying out the cables and pounding in the stakes, followed by the tedious extraction of the stakes, and coiling up of the cables, then hauling the gear back to the vehicles. Over the course of five days this process was repeated as we gathered data at nine different locations and took twelve sets of measurements. We often worked ten-hour days.

The third and final phase of the project is Ms. Pereversoff, under the direction of Dr. Leonard, will analyze and interpret the data, write a detailed report, and finally, make a Zoom presentation of her findings to the BWS board of trustees. Our hope is that the project will confirm the technique is useful for further aquifer mapping.



It was a great experience working with the UVic team and, hopefully, we have begun adding to our knowledge of the local aquifers. As unprecedented weather patterns continue, this knowledge could be invaluable for the management of our water resources.

And as a bonus, we all learned more about the electrifying field of geophysics!

Submitted by Mike Mesford



Coastal Installations used the boat launch parking area July 26 to unload 6 units of 3 portable classrooms. One each for Cumberland, Courtenay and Comox. These classrooms came from Hornby Island school yard. These building moving companies are very good contributors to the Union Bay Community Hall.

This barge is also used by Nickel Brothers at our launch. Works great with the tides and our high bank. Thanks to Jamie Barth for the pictures and keeping an eye on the unload as well as the RV's not getting in the way. Also, thanks to Darcy Rainey for getting the barriers up to keep room clear for this delivery.

Pictures and article submitted by Rick Weaver

