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October 2021

The Fall Craft Fair was a huge success!

The fair had many talented crafters displaying their wares. This year there were 55 tables inside and outside the hall. The concession was open, serving hamburgers and hot dogs grilled to perfection by **Everett Godfrey and Dave Lyttle**.



Thank you to Siefert's farm, Tim Hortons, Union Bay Market, Janis Weaver and the ladies who baked.

To have a successful fair it takes many volunteers, so a huge shout out to

- **Rick Weaver's Boat Launch Crew** who set up, tore down and assisted the crafters.
- To **Deb McKay** for coordinating and doing a wonderful job decorating.
- To **Baily Cullen** for helping the crafters carry their goods to their tables
- To **Marilynne Manning** our fair coordinator who did an amazing job.

This year the fair had live music that was enjoyed by everyone. The membership table was set up by Director Carly for folks to join. Membership money is one way to help with the upkeep of the grounds and hall. You can buy your membership for our website @ ubcc.ca.

****Watch for info on our Christmas Craft fair to be held on November 21st (depending on Covid).**

BAY COMMUNITY CLUB'S FIREWORKS SHOW

WITH SUPPORT FROM FIRST CREDIT UNION

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 31st
7:30 PM**

UNION BAY BOAT LAUNCH

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT AND CAN BE MADE VIA OUR WEBSITE UBCC.CA, ANY UBCC DIRECTOR, FIRST CREDIT UNION AND THE UNION BAY MARKET. ANY DONATION OF \$50.00 OR MORE IS ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX RECEIPT.

DUE TO COVID THERE WILL BE NO BONFIRE.

PARK AT THE BOAT LAUNCH AND ENJOY THE SPECTACULAR SHOW!

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UB HALL HAS BEEN CANCELLED**



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Union Bay Historical Society AGM

Monday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend at the Union Bay Community United Church

Now is the time to elect new Directors. All members are eligible to run for Board Positions. Please come out to support the unique historical buildings in Union Bay – the POST OFFICE/LIBRARY and GAOL/MUSEUM

 <p>Daniel Arbour, Director Comox Valley Regional District Baynes Sound/Denman/Hornby</p> <p><i>Always willing to answer your questions, assist with concerns, and support community initiatives in Area A.</i></p> <p>email: reachme@danielarbour.ca / cell: 250.650.8480 www.danielarbour.ca /  facebook.com/danielarbour.ca</p>	 <p>Re/max Ocean Pacific Realty </p> <p><i>Meta Wood</i></p> <p>Cell: 250-703-1151 Office: 250-334-9900 metawood@remax.net</p> <p>2230 Cliffe Avenue Courtenay V9N 2L1 <small>Each office independently owned and operated</small></p>
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Union Bay United Community Church News

Sunday Services return to 11:00 a.m.

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



Union Bay Community Club AGM

The Union Bay Community Club held their AGM on September 8th. President Darcy Rainey welcomed everyone and read his report for 2020. Due to Covid lack of hall rentals and other activities have definitely affected our income. Community support, the daycare and commercial kitchen rentals have kept us in the black.

Dave Davidson has retired after almost 30 years of dedication to our Club. He was honoured at the AGM with a wooden sign made and donated by Steven Pitman. This sign "**The Dave Davidson Room**" will be hung outside the board room for all to see. Dave has spent countless hours at the hall as President, maintenance man, putting together and distributing our newsletter. Boy will he be missed!

Thank you Dave for everything you do for our Community!



Guest speakers at our AGM were Baynes Sound Lion President Cliff Helps and Lion Jackie Miller also CVRD Area A Director Daniel Arbour. Thank You for attending!



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A huge thank you to

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Ky recently redesigned and made a whole new cash box for our boat launch after it was broken into and destroyed in August. Ky heard about this and offered his services free of charge. Looking for a good welder? Call him @ 778-992-0581 or check out his website. Thanks again Ky!

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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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STORIES OF BUILDINGS IN UNION BAY: Cont.



In 1897 the coal company built the first row of cottages facing the highway. These houses were small, with just four rooms and a pantry tacked on the back. Studs were not used in their construction. Instead, the 1" X 12" shiplap was vertically nailed on to 2" X 4" boards along the ceiling and floor. Outside, batten was put over the cracks where the shiplap met. There were no inside walls; felt paper was nailed over the shiplap and calcimined. The chimney did not go to the floor but was supported by a bracket on the wall, and had holes on two sides, one for the kitchen stove pipe and one for the living room heater. Both stoves would burn coal, but not enough warmth to heat the non-insulated homes in the cold winter. The Donaldson and Gibson families were some of the first occupants. William Marshall and family lived in the last house next to Jones Street, and next to them the Dave Renwick family.

The homes all looked across the highway to the coal loading trestle with locomotives shunting coal cars back and forth. In front of the trestle, the company hired Bob McKay with his team of horses to clear the large property for a big sports field. The cottage occupants could sit on their verandahs and watch a football or baseball game. Once a year, in the summer, all the workers and their families from Bevan and Cumberland were transported by the coal trains to Union Bay for a company picnic and sports day. A merry-go-round with horses, carved in the car shop, was set up to delight the children. Ice cream and pop was provided. Races, the three legged and sack races were enjoyed. Contests like catching the greasy pig were fun to watch or participate in.

The first house, now a vacant lot, was occupied right away and designated as the school. The B.C. government required a minimum of 15 pupils to establish a school in a community. After the Cook family of three grown sons and five young daughters arrived, the grand total of 14 children was reached. They needed one more student, so little Mary McKay, four years old, was sent; she said she slept half of the day. Miss E. Dalby took charge of the children, aged five to sixteen. The next year a young man with an MA took over. Mr. McKinnon set a high standard. At the closing exercise he took advantage of several dignitaries passing through the town: Lt. Gov. McGinnis, Post Officer Inspector Fletcher, Mayors of Victoria, and Nanaimo. They gave speeches, dwelling on the evils of the cramming system of education and the necessity of obedience to supervisors. They passed out awards to the students. After such a glorious end to the school year, the parents decided to build a real school. Then the little cottage became a home for the workers.

By: Janette Glover-Geidt



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.

Aerobics:	Toning exercise to music. Meets three times a week. ‣ Every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Inquiries: Lucie 250-335-1607
Line Dancing:	‣ Watch for the start date ‣ Suitable for all levels Inquiries: Mary 250-335-1748

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.



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Beaufort Watershed Stewards: What's a nice group like you doing with a new volunteer like me?

I'm a city boy, raised in, and former resident of, a once-large city in the US rust belt. What I knew then about water was that if you turned a tap, it came out. Having aged out the work world, and having arrived here in Fanny Bay, I had enough uncommitted time on hand that I needed something more to do to engage in a meaningful life, or to at least keep out of my long-suffering wife's hair, and possibly away from our collection of household cleaners and domestic implements. Well, it came to me.volunteering.....that's the thing.

With whom? That was easy, just ask the neighbors. My local sage immediately recommended the Beaufort Watershed Stewards and gave an email and contact name. I wrote off to Mike Mesford, volunteering my services, and darn if he didn't reply right back. While just an email, I'm sure I heard patriotic and noble music playing in the background as I read it:

“Yes, Tom, we can use your help. Water is the lifeblood of our planet and ourselves. We are doing all we can to ensure our local watersheds are safe and resilient. We monitor the water flow coming down from the Beauforts and into the Sound, passing into our water systems along the way. We need to know if pollutants are leaching into our waters, if drought or floods trigger sediment flows, or threaten the aquatic life. We want to understand the risks, and plan for the future. This means we have creeks to climb, streams to wade, and measurements to take. It's into the woods we go. By the way, we always go out in pairs, for safety reasons.”

Great, I thought. It's one person to go back and report the bear, and the other to serve as an appetizer while the first one gets away. Who could resist? How soon can I start?

Two days later, Mike takes me to meet my Waterloo (as it turns out, the name of one of the eleven creeks and rivers the BWS covers). We drive up a small road, which turns into a gravel path, which in turn becomes a goat trail. Throughout our increasingly bouncing journey, Mike explains to me the goals and purpose of BWS, how today's tasks work towards these objectives, and who will be carrying what into the boonies.

Here's what I take from it. Is the water shallow or deep today? Clean or dirty? With enough data points on enough days and from enough streams, we can know whether the overall water flow is drying up or threatening flood, whether natural or man-made particulates or chemicals are being introduced, whether trends suggest all is going ducky, or its time to take action.

So how did things come out? Well, you'll have to see if BWS will let me continue this saga in the next newsletter. I will say that a bear was involved. Although truth probably requires, that I also note it was a Wooly Bear caterpillar. Still, they can be dangerous.



Thank you to Tom Trainer a noted blogger and humorist who is a also volunteering as a guest columnist for the Beauford Water Shed Stewards.

Mark Your
Calendar

Fire Prevention **Week**

Oct 3 to 9

Meet & Greet

October starts fire prevention week and Union Bay Fire Rescue would like to invite the community to stop by the hall for a coffee and doughnut on Sunday Oct 3 10:00am to 1:00pm. Outside of the hall, members will be happy to discuss fire prevention and tour the trucks.

Please come down and meet the department

Colouring Contest

Union Bay Fire Rescue is also inviting younger residents to email the fire hall pictures of their coloured Fire Prevention posters or their own illustrations showing the importance of working smoke alarms

- Fire Prevention colouring posters can be down loaded off of the departments website www.unionbayfirerescue.ca
- Completed pictures can be emailed to firechief@unionbayfirerescue.ca
- Pictures will be posted to the fire department website
- 3 lucky winners will be drawn on Friday Oct 8





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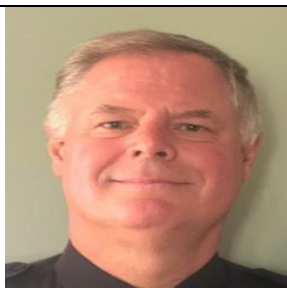
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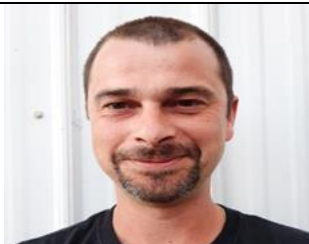
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 <p>Colin Barnes Fire Fighter 2 Years of Service</p>	 <p>Glenn Calderwood Fire Fighter 1 Years of Service</p>	 <p>Joe Tarnowski Fire Fighter 16 Years of Service</p>	

Some amusing facts...

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times.
Oh, go ahead.....I'll wait.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks.
(So, watch your ass!)

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why?

