



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER 2022

**Union Bay Community Club
AGM**

Wednesday September 14th

Main Hall at 7:00pm

Everyone Welcome!

Fall Craft Fair

Union Bay Hall

September 11th

10am - 3:00pm

UNION BAY GARDENERS



We are a small group of volunteers who maintain the Boulevard Gardens along the Coastal Highway stretching from south of McLeod Road to the Old School and Church. For flexibility members have adopted their own beds and usually attend to their gardens monthly to suit their own work and time schedules. Gardening is normally needed from mid March to mid October with 2 to 3 hours each month.

This year we were able to mulch the beds. It had been postponed for two years due to Covid restrictions so hopefully will reduce our future weeding work. Mulch was again donated by Brian Moore Contracting who works locally. Steve Gray of Union Bay and owner of Monarch Irrigation has also offered to keep his eye on our sprinkler system when it operates in the summer. We still need new volunteers to spread the workload of tending to the Gardens even if they can only spare an hour or two periodically. All you need is your own gardening tools and a bright shirt or reflective vest. We have a few vests on hand and have cones we can use when working close to the highway.

For more information or to join us in a worthwhile cause, please call:

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Current Events

The hall is home of many activities and meetings. For information about renting space, contact Trina Gable at rentals@ubcc.ca. Outdoor space, concession stand, meeting rooms, dining room, kitchen facilities, and large hall, with stage are available.

Craft Fairs contact is Starr McFadyen at craftfairs@ubcc.ca

Hall activities contact Jen Balcke at activities@ubcc.ca

Membership January to December

\$15 per person \$35 per family

ATTENTION FRIENDLY PORT CRIBBAGE GROUP!

Crib will be starting up again on
Tuesday September 20th
1:00pm in the Kovar Room
FMI call Susan Hargreaves at 250-335-3124
EVERYONE WELCOME!

GREAT COMMUNITY HALL SUPPORT!

A big thank you to Ray at The Fix It Shop!
He repaired 2 push mowers with parts and
labour at no charge.



Daniel Arbour, Director

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line at ubcc.ca or call Rick Weaver at 778-427-3119

PAY THE FEE OR PAY THE TOW TRUCK



Boat launch is very busy these days. I counted 33 boat trailers.



Fat Tiger at the boat launch last month



Visitors stopped overnight after visiting Alaska



Overnighters from Australia

A huge thank you to James Barth for greeting our overnight campers and making sure they are self-contained. James has also put together a few guidelines for them to follow.

Hats off to our boat launch crew who not only collect the fees every night but empty the garbage and keep the boat launch area clean. They also mow and weed eat the boat launch and the boulevards in front of the store. Thank you to Peter Jacques, David Kalaski, Glenn Loxam, Simone Sando, Jenny Sagan, Jim Aitken, Dennis Purdon, Howard Walker, Rick Bitten, Roy Storey and Rick Weaver.

THEY ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!



There are many ways to measure stream flow. Have you got an orange? The classic method is to throw an orange into the stream and time how long it takes to float from point A to point B. You then measure the average width and average depth of the stream, do some math and voila! you have a flow measurement. Obviously, this isn't the most accurate method. For one thing, the flow at the surface isn't the same as the flow along the bottom or in the middle or along the banks of the stream

If you want to refine your measurement you can use a propeller. The speed of the propeller is proportional to the flow. This method is very accurate when the propeller is installed in a pipe. Used in a stream, you take readings below the surface at multiple locations across the stream. You write down all your readings, do some math and you get a more accurate flow measurement than by using an orange.

But propellers can be cranky. The bearings get sticky, the blades get dinged. Or maybe you don't hold it exactly perpendicular to flow at each point of measurement. And each reading must be recorded in a notebook which creates the possibilities of transcription errors. And then there's the math. Lots of room for error there!

The next level of accuracy is an acoustic doppler current profiler (ADCP). This is a device that sends out an ultrasonic audio signal into the water and listens for the echo. The echo will be slightly lower or higher in pitch depending on the flow of the water. Imagine the example of a car approaching you with its horn blaring. As it gets closer the horn seems to increase in pitch. As it passes you and then drives off the horn seems to lower in pitch. The ADCP does this on a very small scale.

A sophisticated ADCP also tells you where to place the probe, records the results, then does the math for you! Brilliant. But as you might imagine just by the name, these things are pricey. Fortunately for BWS, stream flow is an important parameter to the BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF). The Tsolum River Restoration Society made a successful grant application to the Pacific Salmon Foundation to purchase a Flow Tracker, a commercial ADCP. The intent was to have it available to other stream keeper groups. BWS has taken full advantage of this arrangement.

Recently, two BWS members joined Thea Rodgers from BCCF and two Ministry of Environment hydrologists at Cook Creek and Wilfred Creek for some training. The Flow Tracker is a super sensitive instrument, but accurate measurements still involve a lot of human input. You must still choose a good site (with minimal turbulence, no backwash, no eddies, as few big rocks as possible). You must learn to read the currents. You hear it often when hanging out with hydrologists: flow measurement is as much art as science. Spending the day with experts really emphasized the limits of fancy technology and the importance of training and experience. The trick is to eliminate as many external variables as possible. We want consistent readings from one visit to the next, from one creek to another.

We want to be able to compare apples to apples and oranges to oranges.

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UNION BAY HALL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

10:00am - 3:00pm

SOUPER LUNCHEON

THERE ARE STILL TABLES AVAILABLE!

Go online at ubcc.ca for an application

Or contact Starr at craftfairs@ubcc.ca

Tickets for The Fall Supper will be sold at this event!

Fall Supper will be held on

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

More info to follow

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Fire Prevention Week

October 9 – 15, 2022



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Learn about the simple but important things you can do to keep yourself and those around you safe from fire.


Union Bay Fire Rescue would like to invite you to their **OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

AT THE FIREHALL

OCTOBER, 15th

9am - 12pm

For more information please contact the Fire Hall at 250 335-2345
or email firechief@unionbayfirerescue.ca



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS ARE SATURDAY OCTOBER 15

Vote on October 15 and make our region a better place to live. And we make it easy for you via options for mail-in ballots, advance polls or election day polling stations. Be part of the process.

FOR VOTING INFORMATION VISIT COMOXVALLEYRD.CA

The Bays Bouquets

Do you have a loved one's Anniversary, Birthday or just want to say a big Thank You to someone? Our newsletter will post it free. Please email bmbitten@gmail.com with your well wishes by the 15th of each month.

READ THIS IN THE COMOX VALLEY RECORD IN THEIR BOUQUETS



A huge bouquet of roses to the Union Bay Fire Rescue team. On July 2, I hit a deer down in their community and their quick response and handling of the situation helped in a positive result for me. They stabilized me at the scene. Then my girlfriend on her bike behind me only had her learners license so she could not ride and did not want to ride her bike home. One of the members went home and got a trailer for her bike, loaded it and delivered it to my house in Courtenay. This is the community spirit and dedication they bring to the area.

Thank you to Steve Gray of Monarch Irrigation of Union Bay. He kindly volunteered his time and some parts to keep our boulevard and gardens looking well watered. Mike Robson and Howard Walker, community club members used to do it for us for many years. Mike still keeps an eye on the sprinklers and the gardens and now we call Steve when required. From time to time there may be more significant work involved which UBCC will be paying him. It's awesome when a local business offers to help out the community hall with their expertise.

Happy September Birthday

To

Theresa James

Cheri Loxam

John Reid

Lucy Conway

Glenn Loxam

Dwayne Cullen

Autumn Grace

Carrera Wiesselmann

Happy Belated 60th

to Jim Hargreaves

Love Peggi



Happy Birthday

Janice Aitken

Jim Aitken

&

Sandy Aitken



The Union Bay Community Club and the residents of Union Bay would like to thank Brenda Dane for her many years of creating the Down By The bay Newsletter. Brenda spent countless hours putting together the newsletter to keep our community informed of the current and upcoming events.

Once again Thank You Brenda!

Planning and investing for the future in Union Bay, by Daniel Arbour

As we approach the municipal election this October, it seems an appropriate time to share some thoughts on planning and investing for the future of Union Bay. First off, you should know that I truly enjoy the work and challenges of being the Area A Director. I believe that municipal government has the most direct impact in our daily lives, whether it be through the provision of recreation, parks, water and sewage systems, zoning bylaws and community planning, and many other essential services.



Over the last four years, there has been some fairly consequential changes in Union Bay. After many decades of operations, the community voted to merge the Union Bay Improvement District into the CVRD in 2021. This effort has taken a lot of time and attention from all involved, and we should give thanks to staff and past UBID trustees for their work on the conversion. From my perspective, things have gone fairly smoothly. One of the first things the CVRD board did after conversion was to complete a long term Water Master Plan for the Union Bay system. The report is pretty much ready and will be presented in mid-September. This comprehensive report will lay-out long-term strategic options to update, maintain, and grow the UB water system; address capacity constraints; prioritize core infrastructure and reservoir needs; and balance in the role of development in the cost/planning equation.

On the core services front, of course the planning of sewage has also continued this term and a historical opportunity to connect Union Bay and Royston into the municipal sewage system has been secured, after some heavy negotiations and I must admit a bit of sleepless nights on my end. As a result of this agreement, this summer we initiated the process of integrating the South area into an amendment to the Comox Valley Liquid Waste Management Plan, and a committee made up of Union Bay, Royston, and Craigdarroch residents will spend the next year advising and engaging the community on this opportunity. K'omoks First Nation and Union Bay Estates have been good partners and are committing funds to the project in anticipation of their own developments, which could really help with cost. This work will be a big focus next term, and I hope the community will value the effort we are making in resolving this historical issue.

Last but not least, something I think that is critical to rural communities is for the CVRD to continue to support and stay connected to local non-profits. The work of organizations like the Union Bay Community Club; the Union Bay Historical Society, Baynes Sound Lions, and many others is core to providing a great quality of life for all residents, and I am proud that the CVRD has been responsive in providing capital contributions and worked toward multi-year funding agreements as part of our revamped Rural Grants program. And yes, the CVRD will be at the table for the Union Bay Hall roof replacement :)

There is a lot more I could write, but for now thanks to all who have welcomed me in the community the last four years.

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CAMPFIRE PROHIBITION

Effective at noon Pacific Daylight Time on Thursday, August 04, 2022, campfires will be prohibited throughout the Union Bay Fire Protection Area. This prohibition is being enacted to help reduce wildfire risk and protect public safety. This prohibition covers all BC Parks, Crown lands and private lands within the Union Bay Fire Protection area.

This prohibition will be in place until October 28, 2022, or until the order is rescinded.

With the enactment of this prohibition, no campfires, category 2, or category 3 open fires are allowed within the Union Bay Fire Protection Area. The category 2 and 3 prohibition (which includes backyard and industrial burning) was enacted on July 15, 2022. Also prohibited in all areas of the Union Bay Fire Protection Area are the following activities:

- Fireworks;
- Sky Lanterns;
- Binary Exploding Targets;
- Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description; and,
- Air Curtain Burners

The campfire prohibition does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or portable campfire devices that use briquettes, liquid, or gaseous fuel, provided they are CSA or ULC approved, and the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres.

A poster explaining the different categories of open burning is available online: openburningregs_2022update.pdf

To report a wildfire, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cell phone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>



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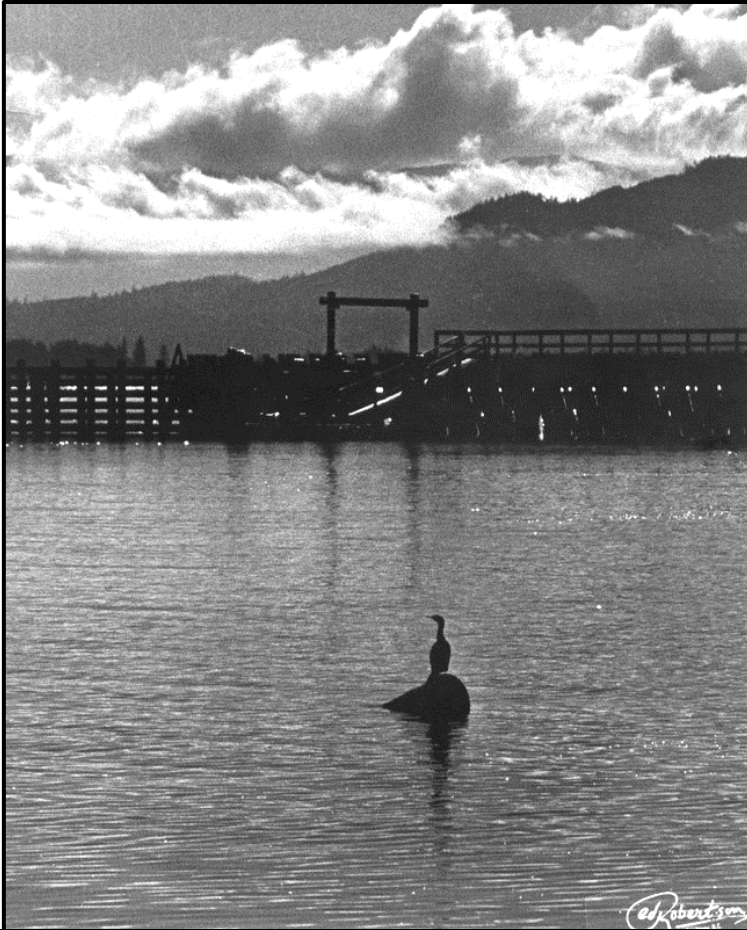
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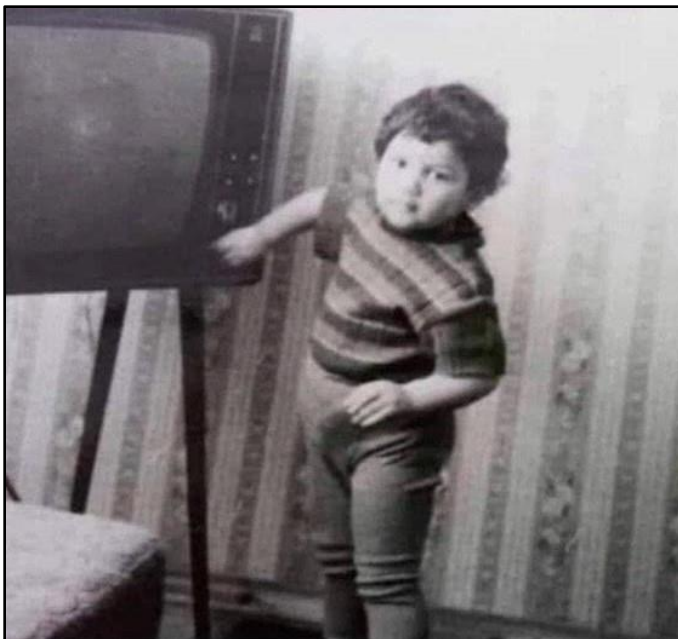
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Blast from the Past



A picture of the old government wharf taken in the 50's.
I love this shot with the heron in the foreground.

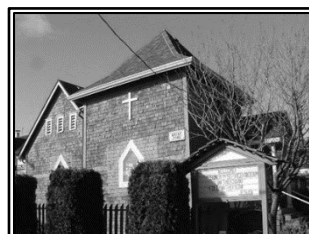


A rare photo of a TV remote control from the 70's

RAILWAY TO COURTENAY

The east coast extension of the E. & N. Railway to Courtenay is expected to open for passenger and freight traffic by the middle of July. At present a construction train of fifteen cars is standing on the siding opposite the railway station which is being erected at Union Bay. The rails are now laid to Trent River where the Dominion Bridge Co. is engaged in the construction of the final steel viaduct before reaching Courtenay. Railway officials are unable as yet to set a definite date for the opening of a regular train service between Courtenay and Victoria. They give the assurance, however, that it will be sometime during the month of July. One permanent passenger station at Qualicum Beach has been completed, also at Union Bay and Courtenay large commodious stations are nearing completion.

Roadmen are now at work building a wagon road from the entrance to the Dominion Government wharf at Union Bay to the railway station at the rear of Fraser and Bishops Hotel. Union Bay is now lighted up with electric light supplied by the Canadian Collieries' hydro electric plant.



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At the FBI

5:00 - 8:00



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Tickets are 3 for \$5.00

Thanks again Valley Septic!

