

DOWN BY THE BAY



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER 2023



FALL CRAFT FAIR

UNION BAY
HALL

SUN SEPT 10th

More information inside

FALL CRAFT FAIR

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Or contact Starr at craftfairs@ubcc.ca

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL SUPPER OCTOBER 22nd

HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 31st 4:00 PM

HALLOWEEN FIREWORKS 31st UB BOAT LAUNCH 7:30 pm

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE NOV 11th 10:45

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR NOV 19th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



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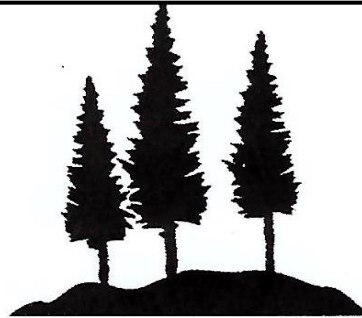
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UNION BAY GARDENERS

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.

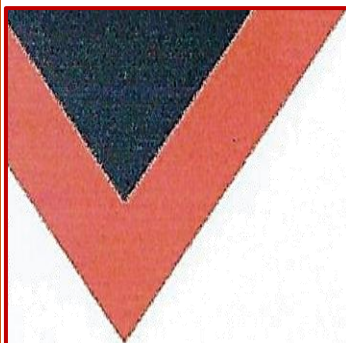
We were able to mulch the beds again this year but were a bit late as the hot weather was earlier this year. With summers getting hotter and longer we are limited to replacing plants and shrubs that do not survive with those that are more drought resistant

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:
Mike Robson, Coordinator
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WINTER ACTIVITIES ARE STARTING UP!

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More guests from away, this time Germany. Started their adventure in Halifax and have travel to Alaska, Yukon and British Columbia to name a few places.

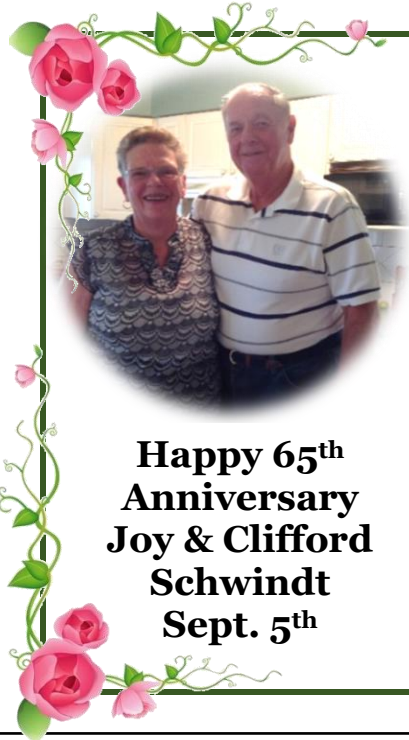


Thank you to James Barth for the pictures and information!

The Bays Bouquets



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south side of the hall.



**Happy 65th
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Happy September Birthdays

Theresa James	Sept 11
Jenn Royer	Sept 13
Rienna Blare Davey	Sept 19
John Reid	Sept 20
Dwayne Cullen	Sept 22
Noni Godfrey	Sept 23
Cheri Loxam	Sept 25
Glenn Loxam	Sept 26
Lucy Conway	Sept 29



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Janice Aitken
Jim Aitken
&
Sandy Aitken**



OUR NEW SIGN

It was decided by the club to advertise 1 Down By the Bay advertiser for 10 days in a rotating schedule in hopes of promoting more businesses to place ads in our newsletter. So if you're a business who would like to have an ad on our new digital sign, go to ubcc.ca, then to advertising, and buy a 1 year ad.

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THE LAZY HAZY DAYS OF SUMMER:

Janette Glover Geidt

The first settler's children all had chores – digging and tending the garden, picking berries and fruit, and help canning it, also help with washing, drying and ironing the clothes before they could enjoy the lazy hazy days of summer. When the chores were finished, they headed to the beach, many with bathing suits made out of flour sacks.

Two beaches were popular:

Coal Beach in the bay was created by the wharf (where the boat launch is now). The bottom was completely made of soft coal fines. When the swimmer came out they usually had a black mustache. Beached part way up was an old scow, perfect to swim to and dive off. There was always lots of driftwood for making boats and rafts to sail off to the South Seas. Also, plenty of wood to build a roaring bonfire to warm up by. It was also the location for the annual Guy Fox bonfire in November.

Sandy Beach was beside the Government wharf which extended out from McLeod Road. Just south of the wharf was the original old jetty made of huge rocks. The rocks made a containment for the sand. In the 30's, for the enjoyment of all, the coal company brought in scow loads of sand from the Sandy Islands to create Sandy Beach. For years Sandy Beach was where families came to swim and picnic. In 1948 Maxine Stokes and the Glover twins attended the first Red Cross Swimming Instructors School on Vancouver Island, at the Crystal Pool in Victoria. The certified instructors came home and taught swimming at the Government Wharf and Sandy Beach. They read the tide table and created a weekly-lesson time table near to high tide each day. The water was warmish which the little girls loved, but with chattering teeth, the skinny boys froze. The instructors volunteered their time. In order to participate in the lessons, the kids had to clear the sand of rocks which had turned up during the winter storms. Each swimmer had to collect three buckets of rocks. The Nelson Hotel was across the highway from the beach, and the owner gave the instructors a room on the second floor to store their equipment: balls, ropes, paddle boards all donated by the Coal Company. Later, in the sixties, Donna McKay joined Janette Geidt teaching the kids. At the end of the course an official came from Vancouver to test the kids.

Either Beginner, Junior, Intermediate or Senior. The badges were handed out at a Hot Dog Roast at Sandy Beach, put on by the proud parents.

The older kids spent every summer day out on the wharf, swimming off the float, jumping or diving off the pilings or off the extended diving board built out from the high roof of the freight shed by the swimmers. In the 1910's the older boys formed a swim team and competed against teams from Cumberland. Competitions were held at the Bay or at Comox Lake. Long distance races were held: swimming to Denman and teams rowing to the Comox Bar. There was great interest also in the high diving competition, the jack-knife and swan dives.

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Beaufort Watershed Stewards

The drought drags on and things continue to get drier and drier and drier. It's the first week of August and it's a welcome treat to visit our stream sampling sites. Shady little oases of resilience, they provide respite. The air feels moist, the bushes and vines have exploded in new growth. Everything is green. The ground feels a bit spongy here, unlike the baked, hard paths leading into these sanctums. We even saw a few frogs! It's amazing what tree cover does for a creek.

True, the creeks are lower than normal. Some are just a trickle. Stretches without trees often have stagnant pools with long strings of green or yellow algae, gently swaying in the slow current. Several of our North Pod creeks have dried up completely, but they do that every year.

But what about those six millimetres of rain that had us all dancing with joy at the end of July? Did it have any effect on our local creeks? Turns out it did have a measurable effect, albeit small and transitory. Our steady, little rock-star of a creek, Mud Bay, showed a brief blip of slightly higher water and then almost immediately returned to its previous level. This makes sense since Mud Bay Creek drains a fairly small area. The total amount of water (6mm times the surface area of the watershed) is not a lot in hydrological terms, and most of it is absorbed by the dry ground rather than being channeled past our sensor. Cowie Creek, on the other hand, which had been trending downward over the course of the summer, saw a slightly larger spike in water level than Mud Bay Creek. It took almost a week before it returned to its previous level. Cowie Creek, and its tributary, Cougar Creek, drain a far larger area than Mud Bay Creek. That larger volume of water not only caused the larger spike, but it also took longer for all of the rain that fell way up in the headwaters to make its way down to our gauging station. Additionally, the headwaters of Cowie/Cougar are at a higher elevation than Mud Bay's headwaters. It's quite likely that there was more rainfall at the higher elevations.

We don't currently have gauging stations on any of our North Pod creeks so we can't say what effect the rain might have had on them. Hopefully we will install a few sensors next year. As always, we are happy to have volunteers to help with this kind of installation and maintenance work.

In the meantime, all we can do is continue to collect data, watch the tinder-dry hills with trepidation, and look forward to our next joyous dance of rain celebration.

Mike Mesford

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34 YEAR OLD QUILT DONATED BACK TO THE COMMUNITY CLUB

A quilt made and designed by 17 members of the community has been donated back to the Community Club. This embroidered quilt was made by hand and is made of antique Irish linen. It was won in a raffle in 1989 by Jess and Connie Cooper. Connie had it vacuumed sealed, so it is in the same condition as the day it was made. They have just donated it back to the Club. Each square has been identified by the person who made it. We will have it on display at the Fall Craft Fair and Fall Dinner. Thank you to Connie and Jess Cooper for preserving such a beautiful piece of club history!

Handmade by

Marjorie Walters

Robin Shirling

Lea Trobak

John Trobak

Terry Kovar

Hilda Keenan

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For more information and updates, visit: www.unionbayfirerescue.ca



Weigh In On Waste

Help Us Shape a Better Future for Solid Waste

Join the Conversation

Comox Strathcona Waste Management is renewing its Solid Waste Management Plan and we want to hear from you about how we should manage recycling, composting and garbage over the next ten years.

Join us at a virtual or in-person open house.

Virtual Open House

September 12 from 6 – 8 pm
Pre-register: cswm.ca/swmp

Maritime Heritage Centre Drop-In Open House

September 19 from 5 – 8 pm
621 Island Highway
Campbell River

Participate & Win!

Two \$100 gift certificates, valid at either ReStore locations with Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North, will be awarded to randomly selected winners from those who complete the survey or attend an open house.



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The TNB team - hosts!!! Joel Stevens, Christy Marinus, Daryl Grant Marinus, Samantha Kennedy, Steven Kennedy, Jessica Williams, Sheri Roffey, Sonia Wadland-Buckingham, By Frain, Emma & Cody Love

The 8 teams who played, supported - AND DONATED ALL THEIR WINNINGS BACK!

Bando Beach, Sauced, Bandits, Weavers Beavers, Solutions , The Kids, Team Caution & Wimpy's Warriors.

Thank You To:

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Union Bay Community Club - the field rental, A&W Ryan Rd - donated burger patties, GFS - donated burger buns, Danika Sabiston, Ashlin Speed, Chops Woods - beer gardens, Associated Tire - slushie machine and tents & Mid Island Liquor Timberline.

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