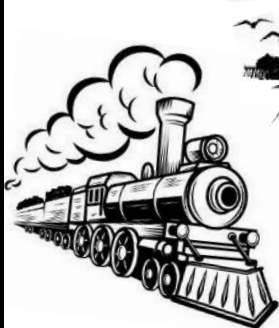


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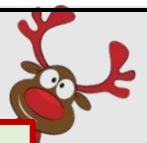
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Merry Christmas From your Community Club Directors





OUR UB VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!

An open invitation to all our volunteers and advertisers!

The Community Club would like to show their appreciation to all our volunteers & newsletter supporters on December, 13th at 7:00 pm. in the UB hall dining room. Games, Appy's and refreshments will be served.

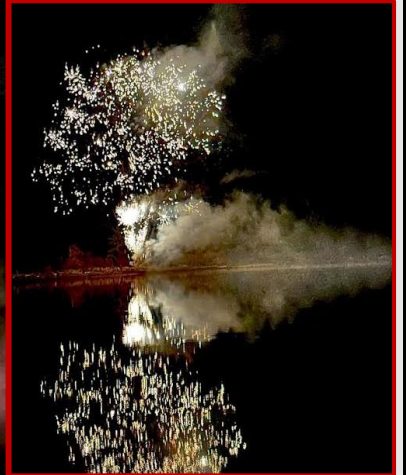
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UGLY SWEATER THEME

Our supporters will be entered in draws for awesome prizes!

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BAYNES SOUND LIONS WALK FOR THE KIDS



The Baynes Sound Lions Club walked 32 kms on Sunday, November 5th raising money along the way for the local Child Development Center. They start their walk from the Fanny Bay hall ending at the Sid Williams Theater where the annual telethon is held. Many businesses welcome them along the way, Fanny Bay Inn for coffee & muffins. Buckley Bay Store, Just Like Moms delivered cookies to them at the rest stop, Union Bay Market prepared & served a delicious lunch & to Roystown Pub. Their final stop was the Whistle stop before presenting their donations at the Telethon. This year the Club raised and donated \$11,262.00. Well done! They would like to thank everyone who donated and to the businesses who welcomed them in for a much needed break!



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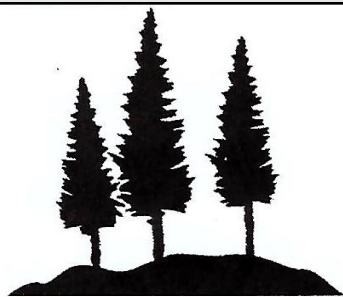
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UNION BAY COMMUNITY CLUB'S HALLOWEEN DANCE



On October 28th 140 people attended a Halloween dance at the Union Bay Hall. Everyone danced until well after midnight to the band "The Real Deal." Prizes for best costumes were given out, and snacks were served all night. A big thanks goes to Jody McKay for organizing this event and to volunteers Jen Balcke, Brent McKay, Paul Baal, Holly McKay, Katrina Gilles, Starr & Rilie McFadyen, Darcy Rainey, Julie Anne Nielson & Devon, Chelsea McCannel Keene and Kelton Walton. Thank you to Union Bay Market for selling tickets and your donation of money towards the party, Tidemark Theater for tickets for prizes, Quality Foods for a gift card and Papa Johns.



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Current Events

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

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Jan Weaver	Dec 8
Micah Prowse	Dec 9
Joost Buijs	Dec 9
Anna Hay	Dec 10
Steph Buijs	Dec 10
Trish Campbell	Dec 14
Sinny Pahl	Dec 15
Sally Granger	Dec 16
Stacey Royer-Giguere	Dec 16
Scott Paterson	Dec 20
Renate Kolzig	Dec 22
Matt Welsh	Dec 22
Dylan Harris	Dec 22
Lisa Eccleston Gawryluk	Dec 23
Debora McMahon	Dec 31

January Birthdays

Gracie Chapman	Jan 4
Jess Cooper	Jan 12
Robyn Miller - Gordon	Jan 19
Megan Bitten	Jan 19
Jody McKay	Jan 21



A big thank you
To
Janette Glover Geidt
for her very interesting
presentation of slides
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Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS)

There are lots of ways to measure things. As discussed last month, you can measure the height of water with a pressure gauge. You can also measure salinity with an electric current.

Living so close to the ocean, we worry about salt water seeping into wells. Indeed, we have data that shows well levels rising and falling slightly, in sync with the tides. It's easy to imagine such wells increasing in salinity.

Salinity is not easily measured outside of the lab. But salinity is closely related to Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and TDS is directly related to conductivity, the ability of a substance to pass a current. So we take monthly samples from most of the wells in our groundwater monitoring program. A small handheld instrument measures the conductivity of each sample and, over time, gives us an idea of whether or not conductivity, and therefore salinity, is increasing.

Conductivity is one of the parameters we measure in our stream sampling program. In different creeks we see between 16 and 340 $\mu\text{S}/\text{Cm}$. This range represents normal seasonal variation. But in this context – surface water - conductivity tells us nothing about salt water incursion. The conductivity of ground water, on the other hand, is the main parameter for assessing salt water incursion. In the wells we monitor, conductivity varies between 50 and 200 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ with no obvious seasonal patterns. The Province considers well water with levels above 1000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to be affected by salt water incursion. None of our wells, no matter how close to the ocean, gets anywhere near this level. More importantly, we've seen no rising trends. Conductivity doesn't seem to be increasing in any of our monitored wells.

The opposite of conductivity is resistivity. One of our big projects has been working with University of Victoria students in the Earth and Ocean Sciences Department to map local aquifers. Using a technique called Vertical Electrical Sounding, the resistivity of geological layers is measured. (See <https://beaufortwater.org/index.php/2023/03/03/mapping-beaufort-groundwater-with-geophysics/> for more information.) This work has allowed us, in a few small areas, to show where the saltwater/freshwater boundary actually lies. Our plans include monitoring these areas for changes in the boundary's location.

Rising sea levels and changing rainfall patterns have the potential to throw a salty wrench in things, but for the moment, our studies show no reason for concern. You can thank electricity – both conductivity and resistivity - for helping us bring you this welcome news.

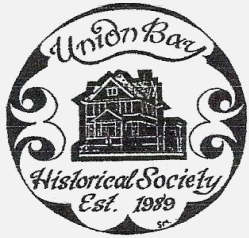
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CATALOGUE SHOPPING:

Janette Glover-Geidt

Great excitement when the Fall & Winter catalogue arrived in the mail. Everyone vied for time to pour over it and dream of the many items they would love to have. It was passed from one to the other.

Eaton's was popular with a new "Eaton's Beauty" on the cover every year. A lovely doll, dressed so elegantly, with beautiful hair to comb. Every little girl dreamed of having her. But very few families in Union Bay could afford to buy her.

For the early pioneers there were catalogues put out by Timothy Eaton in Winnipeg and Robert Simpson in Regina. By the end of the nineteenth century, David Spencer of Victoria and Charles Woodward of Vancouver were also competing for the settlers' dollar by issuing two catalogues a year, Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter. Each new edition sported a new cover, often just a different view of the department store. Then a couple of years before the 1st World War, Woodwards issued a separate grocery list. These were sent out every three months to keep up with the changing prices and seasonal merchandise. The goods were shipped on the CPR or Union Steamships that called once a week. Everything arrived in big boxes that were unloaded off the ship onto the wharf. People went down to the Government wharf with their wheelbarrows to take them home.

Catalogues, which were thin at first and gradually became thicker, contained these departments: Clothing with boots, bonnets and long johns; Linens with blankets, towels and yard goods; Hardware with bird cages, tea strainers, and screen doors; Furniture with wallpaper, linoleum, and baby carriages; Stationery with fountain pens, visiting cards and bibles; Drugs and Patent Medicines with everything from Absorbine Jr. to Zam Buk ointment.

Soon a Sports department was added with boxing gloves and playing cards, as well as a music section with all the latest hits in sheet music. Gramophones and Cameras appeared in the war years, and in the 1920's radios were featured. The B.C. catalogues advertised special items peculiar to the men working in the logging, mining and fishing industries. They also took into account the coastal weather and featured raincoats, capes, gumboots and rubbers, with a section of umbrellas. Every style was shown, from a school girl's umbrella for 50c, to a black silk umbrella with a sterling handle for \$9. 25. The mail order houses promised careful, prompt delivery. Occasionally, problems did occur. "Gertie Glover sent to Eaton's for her wedding gown and it never came until after the wedding. So, she wore a dress she had made for her trousseau.

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Did you know?

Food and yard waste currently make up about 30% of the total waste in Comox Valley and Campbell River landfills.

For more information, visit: www.cswm.ca/fees



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Remembrance Day Service

The UB Historical Society and UBCC worked together on the Remembrance Day service. The service was very well attended, with Darcy Rainey emceeing & introducing guest speakers Peter Jacques and Janette Glover Geidt. Wreaths were laid, and a hearty lunch of chili and buns served.



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Every Sunday we light another candle on a wreath, symbolizing more and more light coming into the dark of winter until the brightest Light is born on Christmas Day.

December 3, Advent week 1 – Hope: Prophecy Candle (purple)

December 10, Advent week 2 – Peace: Bethlehem Candle (purple)

December 17, Advent week 3 – Joy: Shepherd's Candle (pink)

December 24, Advent week 4 – Love: Angel's Candle (purple)

As we move into this Christmas season, you may be feeling the pressure of the busyness and the business of the season. Expectations are often high and hard to meet. Perhaps there are painful memories or loneliness, or you are just plain tired from your chores, shopping, crowded stores, driving and crowded parking. Perhaps this is the year you take some time out, relive old pleasures of Christmas past or make pleasant new memories.



BAYNES SOUND LIONS CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

The Lions Club are once again collecting names for the Christmas Hamper Program. We are looking for families who might need a little boost in the holiday season in the Fanny Bay to Union Bay, Denman and Hornby area. All information is held in the strictest confidants. Please email crazymom63@hotmail.com to get yourself or someone you know in need on the list. Dead Line is Dec 10th. Please include their name, phone number, email address & number of family members and if they are children or adults.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Our Community Christmas Craft Fair had a great turn out on November, 19th, with over 40 tables of crafters. Our popular Souper Luncheon was available from 10am until 3pm. Santa arrived at noon to put everyone in the Christmas spirit! This event would not be possible without our many volunteers! Thank you to them and to Starr McFadyen for all her hard work in planning this Community Club event!



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