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Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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NOVEMBER 2023



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19th

UNION BAY HALL

10:00 - 3:00



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

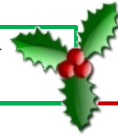
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

UNION BAY HALL

10:45am



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR INFORMATION



The Community Club Christmas craft fair held every November is very popular. A great place to buy quality handmade gifts to put under your tree! A luncheon of homemade soups and sandwiches are served all day! The crafters will be in the main hall and downstairs. Hope to see you there!



Remembrance Day Service

Saturday, November 11th
Union Bay Community Hall
10:45am

Janette Glover Geidt will be presenting an overview on WW1. If you are presenting a wreath, we need to know the name of the organization, name in memory of and the presenter.

Please call Dave Davidson @ 250-335-2317 or email him at [dadavidson34@hotmail.com](mailto:davidson34@hotmail.com)
The UB Historical Society & The UB Community Club together will be hosting a chili and bun lunch by donation after the service.

A raffle for a poppy water bottle and poppy Christmas decoration for a donation of \$2.00 or more.



The Baynes Sound Lions Club Annual Walk For The Kids

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

Meeting at the Fanny Bay Hall at 8:00 AM
Walk starts at 9:00 am

Anyone can join in this walk from the start or along the way!

For safety reasons, please no pets or children.

The Lions accept donations along the way to donate at the Sid Williams Theater to the Child Development Telethon.

Last year the Lions Club donated \$12,000.00

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Beaufort Watershed Stewards

The Importance of Barometric Pressure

The life of a Beaufort Watershed Steward is filled with pressure. Specifically, barometric pressure. Changes in barometric pressure were the default weather forecast for generations. Now there is a sophisticated network of satellites, radar, and computer simulations at our disposal. BWS doesn't use barometric data for predicting the weather, but we do depend on it for water level data.

BWS has sensors in various local wells and creeks that record water level. The sensors determine the water level by sensing the weight of the water above them. But that weight includes the weight of the atmosphere, also known as barometric pressure. At sea level, barometric pressure varies between 10.2 to 10.4 metres of water. If we have a sensor that reads 12.8m and the barometric pressure is 10.35m then our water level is 2.45m. So, when we harvest data from our sensors, it's critical to know the barometric pressure for that area and that time period. To get accurate water level data, we line up our sensor data with the barometric data, apply a little Excel magic, and voila! Accurate water level data!

Initially, we used barometric data we found online. But there were often random periods with missing records. This correction is done on all of our sensors so missing barometric data meant data gaps in all our water level datasets. Eventually, we acquired a dedicated barometric sensor of our own which somewhat alleviated the problem. But a sole source for such critical data is not enough. Thankfully, I was gifted the solution! A birthday present in the form of a home weather station solved the problem. It's a great little unit. Yes, it tracks barometric pressure, but it also tracks wind speed and direction, humidity, inside and outside temperature, solar radiation, and rainfall. It connects to our Wi-Fi and automatically uploads data to an online platform. In addition, the website allows you to view data from other stations throughout the world. Indeed, we found another station here in Fanny Bay, enriching our local data possibilities.

While our home station confirms BWS barometric data, it turns out that its real strength is rainfall data. Rainfall is much more varied, locally, than barometric pressure. BWS matches rainfall data to rises in creeks and wells which gives us insight into the hydrology of those systems. Finding accurate rainfall data has always been hit-or-miss. But now we know how much rain fell, last night, right in our backyard! That's much more useful information than how much rain fell in Qualicum Beach or at the Comox Base. (If you're a gardener, you might find that feature handy.) In fact, there are many reasons why someone might find a weather station a handy addition to their home. One big reason is that it would help add to the local knowledge base. Imagine a network of stations, up and down the highway between Royston and Bowser.

This is a great opportunity to satisfy your inner meteorologist and add to the local data community. And it would definitely help take the pressure off those who need data! Mike Mesford mike@mesford.com



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The Bays Bouquets



Ernie Anderson

Many of Ernie's friends and family gathered at the Union Bay Church to celebrate Ernie's life of friendship and unselfish community service. He will be missed by so many.

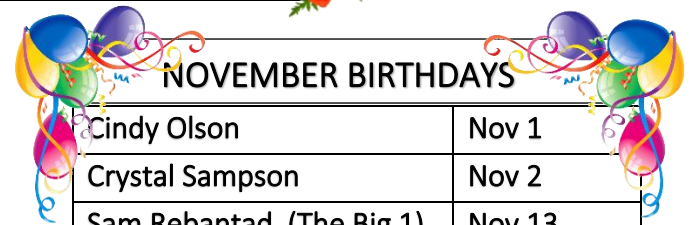
Ernie joined the Union bay Community Club board as a director, volunteering for 20 years before resigning in 2020. During this time he worked at our many community events. Cooking and carving turkeys at our Fall Supper, washing dishes and selling tickets. His favourite event was to make and flip pancakes at our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. He flipped roughly 3000 pancakes over the 20 years as a volunteer. Even after he retired as a director, he still worked at functions up until last year. Ernie worked along side Dave Davidson, maintaining the hall. He was extremely knowledgeable and talented in working with wood and fixing anything that needed attention in our hall.

Even after leaving the board he was just a phone call away to answer any questions.

His other volunteer work for our community was with the Stream Keepers and our Community Church. The beautiful stained glass windows at our church were framed & installed by him.

Our community was so fortunate to have such a giving, dedicated volunteer and friend.

Ernie made Union Bay a better place to live.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Olson	Nov 1
Crystal Sampson	Nov 2
Sam Rebantad (The Big 1)	Nov 13
Addison Flawse	Nov 14
Chris McKay	Nov 14
Francesca Krickler	Nov 17
Jesse Friel	Nov 18
Millie McKay	Nov 27
Alexis Royer	Nov 28

Happy 11th Birthday to Sophie - Lyn



Happy 36th Anniversary
Wade & Linda Friel
Nov 6th

Happy
Anniversary
To
Brian & Terri
McKay
Nov 19th



Happy Birthday
To
Donna McKay
Nov 15th

Happy
Anniversary
To
Brent & Jody
McKay
Nov 20th



Happy Birthday
Cindy Cooper Milligan
November 9th



A quick stop at one of their favourite resting places. Volunteers served the riders sweets and refreshments. The picture above is of the Pythian Sisters making a donation of \$500.00.



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**Just a reminder to turn your
clocks back on Nov 5th**



**Unfortunately only one hour,
not 20 years**



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK/ OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

From your Fire Chief

Thank You to all the community members who came out to learn more about our emergency fire services... and enjoy our delicious pancake breakfast. We collected just under \$800 in donations which will go a long way with purchasing needed equipment. Thanks so much! It was great to see everyone!



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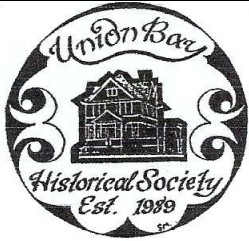
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THE GREAT WAR: 1914 TO 1918 at Union Bay. Janette Glover Geidt



This November 11 will be 105 years since WW1 ended.

The small village of Union Bay's citizens played a large roll in it. Union Bay was the port where Cumberland coal was shipped by ships, from all over the world. Ships like the Red Jacket, the first German ship taken by United States, now painted battleship grey with gun replacements on the stern. It was a reminder that Canada was at war.

On August 4 Fred Brown, the Post Master and telegrapher, received the declarations of War over the wireless. He phoned the Coal Company office across the Bay and immediately the engine whistles began to wail. The Community had been expecting the news so knew that Canada had joined England in the fight against the Kaiser and his army.

There was already a battalion of soldiers stationed at the Bay guarding the shipping facilities in connection with the long running strike by Cumberland miners. They were the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders. The officers took over the Shipping Agent's house at Russell Street and Island Highway. With a recruitment office in town many men joined up, at first living in tents on the ball field. In total 30 names are recorded on the Honour Roll in the U.B. Church. Jack Glover, 18 years old, one of the six Glover cousins that went to war, was the only one killed. His name is on the Cairn erected by the Union Bay Historical Society in 2007.

The Coal Company was very supportive, announcing that any employee who volunteered would have his job waiting on his return. They became involved with the soldiers and donated wood from their mill for the soldiers to build a dance pavilion on the lawn behind the Post Office, it even boasted a string of electric lights around it. The young girls partnered with the soldier boys to trip the light fantastic to the new war songs provided by a fiddle, drum and horn.

During three weeks in 1915 sixteen men were recruited. They trained under harsh winter conditions at Goose Spit which prepared them for days and nights in the trenches.

The new Post Office, built in 1914, became the centre of town from which world news came. Post Master Brown also manned the telegraph and sometimes sat night and day receiving bulletins with his assistant typing out the messages and passing them out to the people crowded into the building.

On Nov.11, 1918 when the telegram arrived announcing the end of war, the tooting of the Locomotives signaled to every man, women and child "Victory!" The Post Office was decked out with bunting and greens. A huge bonfire was built up McLeod Road and everyone turned out to celebrate.

See you at Remembrance Day with pictures and stories.

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Hall membership and \$3.00 drop in fee



CIRCUIT TRAINING

Mondays
5:30 – 6:30
Contact info
Jody
250-335-1420

LINE DANCING

Weds

2:00

Mary Bowen
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AEROBICS

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am – 10:30am
Contact Mary Cochran at 250-445-2128
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You can purchase a new or renew your membership by calling Jan Aitken at 250-335-2571. The membership fees allow us to continue maintenance to the post office, library and Gaol /Museum.

Thank You for your support!



Union Bay Church
Sunday Services
11:00 am

Everyone Welcome!

Union Bay Library Branch

250-335-2433

Thursday: 10:00 am - 12:00pm
1:00pm - 5:00 pm



Friday: 10:00am - 12:00pm
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 2:00pm



1 Public computer station
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This family is from Squamish. Rig is a converted BC ambulance. Their last trip was to Tuktoyaktuk.

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Info & pictures from James Barth



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HALL UPDATE

We are finally finished the metal roof, flat roof and gutter replacement project. It has been a long process but they did a great job on an old building. We are very fortunate that we have quite a bit of the contingency funds requested not spent. We are asking permission from the BC Gaming branch to use it to update the lighting at the hall to LED products. Our lighting is old and light levels are very low. It is required to get their approval on what building improvements we wish to do with the excess funds as they do not require the money to be returned. Thank you to all that helped us in the process.

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FALL SUPPER

The U.B. Community Club held its annual fall supper on October 22nd, with 200 people in attendance. The guests were greeted at the door by UB Fire Rescue Chief Ian Ham, and his Asst. Chiefs Darcy Rainey, Max Mielke & Sandy Pridmore. They were then welcomed by Club President Brenda Bitten, who also gave an update on the upgrades that the hall has undergone over the past year and future upgrades for 2024. Fire Chief Ian Ham then gave a very informative speech in regards to the amalgamation of the Union Bay and Fanny Bay departments. Susan Hargreaves gave grace before a delicious turkey dinner was served by the many volunteers, complete with a huge selection of homemade pies for dessert. The crowd was then entertained by the Triple Heat Dance Academy of Performing Arts Studio from Courtenay. The evening was a great success because of our wonderful volunteers, donations of door prizes and food. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered & donated!



Fire Chief Ian Ham Asst. Chief F.B. Max Mielke
Sue LaFontaine & Asst. Chief Darcy Rainey



A few Of our wonderful volunteers
Ralph, Laura, Anne & Barb



Crowd of 200 supper guests



Volunteers Susan, Sue & Gracie



Full hot turkey dinner was served



Just 1 of our 16 door prize winners



Pies.... Pies... & more Pies!



Entertainment Triple Heat Dance Academy