

# DOWN BY THE BAY



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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&  
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AGM  
FEB 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00  
UNION BAY HALL**

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There is a compound used in the manufacturing of tires that keeps the rubber soft and prevents UV damage. It is also extremely toxic to Coho salmon. (Why only Coho is one of the mysteries). The compound is 6-PPD-Q and researchers have only begun to be aware of it in the last three years.

One could be forgiven for thinking this is a small problem. Just keep the tires out of the creeks, right? But the reality is that when your mechanic tells you your tire tread is low and you need new tires, it's because the surface of your tires has worn away and the microscopic bits of rubber were washed by the rain into the nearest creek.

BWS is taking part in an Island-wide effort to understand just how pervasive this pollutant is. The organization leading the project is BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) in collaboration with Vancouver Island University. (You can learn more at [www.tireweartoxins.com](http://www.tireweartoxins.com).) We already work with BCCF, studying flow rates at Cook Creek and Wilfred Creek. Now, several of our volunteers have taken the training for 6-PPD-Q sampling.

Last fall we took the first set of these tire toxin samples from Wilfred Creek, just downstream of the bridge on the lower highway. One sample was taken just before a big rain was predicted; another sample was taken during the rain event itself; and the third sample was taken after the rains had mostly subsided. This year we are sampling more creeks, more frequently and at different times as the researchers fine tune how to get the best data. In some parts of the Island, where there are more people and more cars, volunteers are sampling hourly. We look forward to seeing the results once the samples have been analyzed and validated and the final report is released.

BWS is not a fish-centric organization. Our focus is drinking water and things that affect its quality or quantity. However, the effects of 6-PPD-Q are still being studied. It has shown toxicity in mice. Its effects on human health are not yet known. The persistence of this pollutant in the environment and its ability to migrate into groundwater are all questions that have not been answered. We're happy to help with this kind of basic science and we're proud that we have the dedicated volunteers who are willing to head into the creeks in the rainiest of weather.

Mike Mesford



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Laurie Pratt	Feb 14
Caleb Overbye	Feb 14
Leanne Lindstrom	Feb 15
Dave Godfrey	Feb 27
Craig Lafountain	Feb 28



Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Rick & Jan Weaver  
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We cut them into slabs with Alaskan chainsaw mills or a portable Wood-Mizer mill and begin a drying process that takes one to three years. We eventually end up with kiln dried wood that is flat and sanded, ready to start a project.

We sell our wood from home and on consignment at Industrial Plastics and Paints in Courtenay, Victoria, and Nanaimo. As time and their regular day jobs allow, family members are active in the search for wood and help with the processing thereof. Ours is an all-hands-on deck approach when a tree is down, or wet 10-foot slabs need to be relocated or stacked.

We also produce handmade "Record Totty" record crates for vinyl LP's. Salvaged cedar, fir, hemlock, and most other useful wood is utilized. What began as a

hobby 15 years ago has morphed into full on crate construction. One box at a time. A half dozen years ago we were contacted by Ditch Records and CDs in Victoria for a continuous supply of crates to sell at their music store. Now we build 200 or so Totty's a year. We are big time local business supporters and acquire virtually all our supplies in the Comox Valley.

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Courtenay



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# Union Bay/Fanny Bay Awards Banquet



Union Bay/Fanny Bay Fire Rescue gathered to honour its members in the Inaugural Combined Department Awards Banquet. Such an amazing celebration.

A special thank you to Alexis Royer and her team from the Union Bay Volunteer Fire Fighters Association (UBVFFA) for arranging the event. It was no small undertaking, however the hard work paid off— it was the best yet.

This years Department award recipients are as follows,

Fire Fighter of the Year UB—Capt. Martin McRae

Fire Fighter of the Year FB—AC Max Mielke

Rookie of the Year UB—FF Brayden Cristiano

Rookie of the Year FB—FF Mike Smith (Yes, there is a story)

Chief's Award FB—Capt. Stephen Strachan

First Responder Award FB—Capt. Ken Morgan

High Water Award FB—FF Mike Smith

Productivity Award FB—FF Michael Francetic

Financial Award FB—FF Marty Adams

Community recognition,

Anna Hay, Union Bay Market (Accepted by Dan & Diane Jager)

Brenda Bitten, Down by the Bay and Union Bay Community Hall

Nik Jovicic, First Credit Union UB

Roxanne Milligan, Fanny Bay Inn (Accepted by AC Max Mielke)

Fire Fighter and Rookie of the Year: Martin McRae, Max Mielke, Mike Smith, Braydon Cristiano



Fanny Bay Awards : Ken Morgan, Stephen Strachan, Mike Smith, Michael Francetic, Marty Adams (not pictured)



## Union Bay / Fanny Bay Fire Rescue Food Drive 2023

Union Bay /Fanny Bay Fire Rescue would like to thank the members of the community who braved the terrible weather on Dec 9th lining the streets of Union Bay to wave at Santa and donate food for the Comox Valley Food Bank in Courtenay.

A special thank you to Assistant Chief D'Arcy Rainey for organizing the Food Drive. As well, much appreciation to all the Fire Fighters that came out to participate.

We collected and delivered +-1000 pounds of food items along with \$940 in cash donations to the Food Bank





# Union Bay

## A Journey through its Railway History

The discovery of coal deposits in today's Cumberland area led to the construction of a railway line to a wharf at today's Royston. However, when Robert Dunsmuir acquired the operation in 1887 and formed the Union Colliery Co., the track surveyors were redirected to Union Bay. The deep-water bay was better suited than Royston's shallow harbour. The railway line, completed in 1889, included a long howe truss across the Trent River. In 1914, the railhead for the northward extension of the E&N Railway reached Union Bay. Union Bay was a flag stop when Via Rail on Vancouver Island ceased in 2011.

## The Tale of its Former Wharves

Opened in 1889, the wharves in Union Bay were the largest constructed in BC. The principal wharf could load four colliers simultaneously, while the other handled general freight and coal if required. The wharves played a significant role during the two world wars, supplying fuel for allied freighters. The final freighter was the M.S. Hikawa Maru in 1951, but coal barges continued calling during that decade.

## Remnants of its Coal Infrastructure

In 1896, the colliery erected a "Luhrig" coal washer and completed 100 beehive coke ovens. The coal gas byproduct powered boilers operating in the locality, which included a brickyard. All the structures were demolished between 1966–1968.

## Echoes of its Hotels & Retail

Union Bay was known for its hotels and retail establishments. George Howe, who built the Nelson Hotel in 1893, erected a store on the beach in 1886. The community was initially named Union Wharf, but by 1893, Union Bay was used interchangeably, before gaining predominance.

There is no date, but very interesting.

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## Regional Parks & Trails Strategic Plan

Our Region, Our Future Parks

## Share Your Input

The Comox Valley Regional District is seeking input from the community to review emerging directions for the Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan process.

### Ways to Get Involved

- Attend an open house (Jan 24 - Feb 7)
- Participate in an online session (Feb 8)
- Provide your feedback through the community survey (until Feb 19)

Visit: [engagecomoxvalley.ca/RegionalParksPlan](http://engagecomoxvalley.ca/RegionalParksPlan)

For more information, call: **250-334-6000**







## VOLUNTEERING ISN'T ALWAYS ALL WORK AND NO PLAY



A Christmas get together was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> by the Union Bay Community Club to show appreciation to all their volunteers. Snacks and refreshments were served before Leanne Lindstrom, one of our board members, ran a number of hilarious games, which brought a lot of laughter to everyone who participated. Our volunteers are a very important part of our community hall and clubs success. A big thank you to them all!



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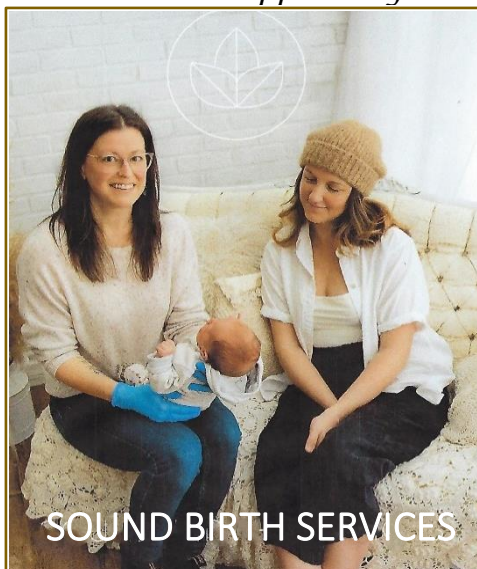
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## 2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

UB Community Club AGM	Wednesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	7pm
Spring Craft Fair	Sunday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 3pm
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Noon (rain or shine)
Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast	Sunday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	8am - 11am
Bay Day & Car Show	Sunday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 6pm
Fall Craft Fair	Sunday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 3pm
Fall Supper	Sunday October 20 <sup>th</sup>	5pm
Kids Halloween Party/ Fireworks	Thursday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	4pm & 7:30pm
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am
Christmas Craft Fair	Sunday November 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 3pm



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### HALL ACTIVITIES



**CRIBBAGE**

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## COMMUNITY HALL LED LIGHTING



Dining Room

We had money left over from the roof contingency fund through the BC Capital Gaming grant. We could keep it but needed to do an approved renovation to the hall with the funds. We presented a quote for an LED lighting retrofit designed by EB Horsman through Daeco Installations, our annual electrical permit contractor. The presentation was accepted and approved as a good use of the money. We now have LED strip lighting in the kitchen, LED disc lights in the dining room which are dimmable and all new LED outside wall packs. The final part was new LED high bays in the gym to replace the old fluorescent fixtures. You can see Jen having fun on the scaffolding cleaning the dust and spider webs off of the ceiling and upper walls before that portion of the lighting retrofit started. The high bays are dimmable as well as we can shut off the front 4, middle 2 and back 4 independently for multi area lighting options. Two blacklights have been installed above the stage. Upper washrooms also have new LED lights. Thanks to the contingency fund, a \$4000 grant from the CVRD and the balance of the flood relief fund we were able to pay for this much needed improvement. We are very happy with the results of the lighting project.

Rick Weaver and the UBCC board of directors.



Old lighting in the main hall



New lights in main hall



Kitchen

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