

MAY 2024



MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY MAY 12th 8am - 11:00am UNION BAY HALL



\$10.00 per adult \$8.00 10 & under 3 & under free

PAY AT THE DOOR! We welcome walk ins! To reserve a family table call Rick 778.427.3119



BAY DAY & CAR SHOW SUNDAY, JUNE 9th

10am - 6pm

Christmas in June theme!



The origins of Mother's Day in America are linked to Anna Jarvis, who is seen as the creator of the modern Mother's Day holiday. Originally, her mother put together a women's group to promote health and friendship. Following her mother's death in 1907, Jarvis held a memorial service at her mother's church. However, this celebration didn't stop at this church, and within five years, it had become a popular holiday, until in 1914, President Wilson made it a national holiday. This holiday is celebrated by wearing a pink carnation as a tribute to one's maternal figure, and over time, the aspect of sending gifts and cards was incorporated, as was celebrating a wider variety of women in the family, such as grandmothers and aunts. However, due to the mass commercialisation of this holiday, Jarvis spent the latter years of her life attempting to abolish the holiday. In Australia, the holiday was first celebrated in 1924. A Sydney woman, Janet Heyden, frequented a hospital where she discovered many elderly, lonely mothers. Heyden sought to help them and gift them with tokens of thanks and celebration of their role as mothers. To do this, Heyden invited a variety of schools and businesses to donate gifts to these women. This was a sensitive issue that many agreed to help with, as a lot of these women had lost their sons and husbands in World War I or, as a consequence of the war, had never been a wife or mother. Because of the actions of Janet Heyden, Mother's Day is typically celebrated on the second Sunday of May. Although it's not recognised as an official holiday, many still celebrate it with their maternal figures.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Mother's Day breakfast. We need male servers, cooks, hall set up (male or female) and clean up. Below is the schedule if you would like to join our team. Please contact Rick Weaver at 604-309-1571 or call the hall at 250-335-2500 & leave a message.

- Cooks start at 6:30 am
- Workers eat at 7:00 am
- Doors open at 8:00 am
- Serving breakfast until 11:00 am
- Clean up is from 11:00 am until 12:30

Hall Set Up Saturday, May 11th 12pm - 4pm



BAY DAY & CAR SHOW

KIDS PARADE 11:00 am Kids races start at 11:30 am Kids parade theme is Christmas in June! SUNDAY JUNE 9th



Pies, Horseshoes, Beer Garden, Pipe Band, Car Show, Chil Contest, Kids Races & Games Concession, 50/50 Draws, Bay Day Raffle, Fire Rescue Display & Tons of Fun!

CAR SHOW 10am



Bay Day Raffle 1st prize \$300.00 2nd prize \$150.00 3rd prize \$50.00 \$2.00 each



Sold at the Mothers Day Breakfast, on Bay Day or from any UBCC Director

Bay Day is fast approaching and this event is already in the planning stages. Leanne Lindstrom is looking for donations and volunteers! Also looking for kids raffle basket donations. If you can help, give Leanne a call 778-427-2206 or email*leannebaird1234@amail.com*.

If you can help in the concession please get in contact with Laura Agnew @ 250-703-3828 or email her at chefagnew@telus.net

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COMOX COAL, as it was called, was shipped all over the world, even to Newcastle, when a miner's strike there in 1939 caused a shortage in Britain. The high-grade bituminous coal, with fine coking properties, had a reputation as the best steam coal on the west side of North America. In 1893 a huge lump was sent to be displayed at the World's Fair in Chicago.

The loading wharf and railroad to the mines in Cumberland was started in March 1888. All of the men and equipment had to be loaded off the steamers, like Dunsmuir's ship the Wellington, onto barges, rowboats and rafts then beached and unloaded. Two hundred Chinese labourers were put to work clearing and building the 13 miles of railroad. These workers lived in shacks at the mouth of Washer Creek where later the Coal Hills were created. The first locomotive arrived, and was unloaded onto the beach. Next came the wooden ties and steel rails which were put onto a flatbed which the locomotive pushed ahead of it as the ties and rails were laid. Six miles were completed in two months. Fittings for the first fifty cars with a pattern car imported from Pennsylvania arrived. Built of Douglas fir and lined with sheet iron they had a capacity of 25 tons. The box is built with sloping ends, with a hopper bottom that opens by a lever to start the coal running out. By summer work stared on the trestle and loading wharf which stretched 560 feet out into the bay. Much of the equipment was shipped on the San Mateo which was built in England only a year earlier. The all steel freight ship was built for hauling coal. She was 340 feet with a 40foot beam and 25 foot hold which could hold 4, 500 tons of coal.

After just sixteen months, and an expenditure of over half a million dollars, the first coal was ready to be hauled over the new line and loaded from the new dock onto the San Mateo, which returned for the historic shipment in 1889. The crew gave a glowing report of the new shipping facility.

The Shipping Agent took orders via telegrams, and arranged schedules for boats coming for coal. He had personal contact with the officers and was in charge of paying them a "commission" (payola) for choosing to coal at Union Bay. The Shipping Agent often entertained the Captain and Engineer and drove them into town for business or lunch. John Moore was last to hold this position and with Mary, his wife, entertained the officers in their home.

Many of the ships were like old friends, returning again and again. Their captains and crews formed part of the social life at the little port. Several of Ellen McKay's brothers and cousins were sailors and captained ships that came for coal. Family and friends were always welcome aboard. The Pilot. a ship delivering coal along the Pacific coast came in often. Everyone knew the sound of its whistle. Even the kids in school when they heard the whistle would yell "there's the Pilot." Captain Scarf was a favourite in town.

The Coast Guard ships: Quadra, Estevan, and Stewart, that serviced the lighthouses came often for coal. Their crews were almost part of the town.



COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

The UB Community Club, and the UB Fire Rescue, hosted this community event. The Easter Bunny arrived at noon on the fire truck and was escorted to the field by his firefighter helpers. The excited children greeted, talked, and had pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. They were filled with excitement as they hunted and filled their baskets with the chocolate eggs. 13 kids won egg decorating kits and movie passes that were given to the children who found the lucky eggs. Next year again, the hunt will be Easter Sunday, outside or inside, rain or shine!





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As promised the Baynes Sound Lions presented a cheque for \$3,140.00 to the OAP Save Our Hall go fund me! The money was raised over February and March meat draws held at the FBI. Cliff Helps and Jacqueline Miller presented OAP President Joan Johnsen a cheque in early April. Thank you Lions, you do such good work for our communities. The Lions hold a meat draw every Saturday at 6:00 at the FBI



Valley Wide Category 2 & 3 Fire Ban



Given our unseasonal dry fall/winter and current warm dry weather there is an Increased risk of wildfire. Union Bay/Fanny Bay Fire rescue will be joining other CVRD Departments as well as Courtenay, Comox, and Cumberland Fire Departments in implementing a category 2 (including yard waste) and 3 Fire Ban. Starting April 30, 2024 at noon. Category 1 (campfires) are not included in this ban at this time.

All issued permits will be void April 30^{th} at noon. Thank You, UB/FB Fire Rescue

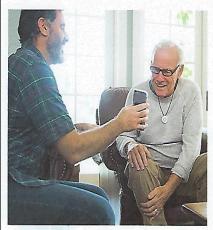
Daniel Arbour, Director Comox Valley Regional District Baynes Sound/Denman/Hornby

Always willing to answer your questions, assist with concerns, and support community initiatives in Area A

Email: reachme@danielarbour.ca / Cell 250.650.8480 www.danielarbour.ca/ffacebook.com/danielarbour.ca



HELP at the Push of a Button



On February 23, 1988, the local Lions clubs gave life to Lifeline in the Comox Valley with the first 10 units of the emergency response network. This Lions Club Zone Project proved to be so valuable that in 1990 the Comox Valley Lifeline Society was officially registered as a non-profit organization.

Over thirty years later, the Comox Valley Lifeline Society is stronger than ever, serving almost 1,300 subscribers from many locations across Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast.

The society provides personal emergency response systems to a variety of individuals who may feel reassured that help is available to them twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

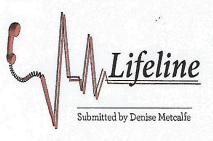
Subscribers of Lifeline wear a personal help button and when they need help of any kind they push the button. The button sends a signal to the in-home Lifeline unit and the unit dials out to the emergency response centre located in the Nanaimo Lifeline program office, a dedicated Lifeline response centre that is also non-profit. When the Lifeline call is received, a personal response associate works with the client through the two-way voice communicator OVER THIRTY YEARS LATER, THE COMOX VALLEY LIFELINE SOCIETY IS STRONGER THAN EVER, SERVING ALMOST 1,500 SUBSCRIBERS FROM MANY LOCATIONS ACROSS VANCOUVER ISLAND AND THE SUNSHINE COAST.

to determine what type of help is needed. The response associate then sends the appropriate help.

The technology of Lifeline buttons has change tremendously over the years. The society now offers three types of personal help buttons: regular, Fall Detection and On The Go. Both the Fall Detection and On The Go buttons are able to detect falls and call for help when the client is unable to do so. In addition to fall detection, the On The Go button has GPS technology that can be used to pin point your location when a help alarm is received.

The Comox Valley Lifeline Society's Lifeline program is a 'user fee' program and receives no government funding. Because of this the society depends greatly on the use of volunteers, who are the backbone of the society. They work diligently to provide Lifeline clients with high quality service that includes equipment installations, service calls, maintenance calls and more. Without the use of Volunteers, the Comox Valley Lifeline Society program would not exist.

The Comox Valley Lifeline Society works to deliver a world of care in saving lives one push of a button at a time. Contact us at 250-338-4255.





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HELPat the push of a button

She fell in the bath two nights ago.

Fortunately she wasn't alone.

24 HR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS Comox Valley Lifeline Society

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UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast	Sunday, May 12 th	8am - 11am
Bay Day & Car Show	Sunday, June 9 th	10am - 6pm
Fall Craft Fair	Sunday, September 8 th	10am - 3pm
Fall Supper	Sunday October 20 th	5pm
Kids Halloween Party/ Fireworks	Thursday, October 31 st	4pm & 7:30pm
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11 th	10:45am
Christmas Craft Fair	Sunday November 24 th	10am - 3pm

HALL ACTIVITIES

CRIBBAGE	Every 2 nd Tuesday Contact Mary Bowden 250.335.1748
PICKLE BALL	Tues & Thurs 12:30 & 4:30 Contact Janice Foster 250.335.0686
AEROBICS	Mon, Wed, & Fri 9:30 – 10:30 Contact Lucie Fast at 250.335.1607
CURCUIT TRAINING	Mondays 5:30 – 6:30 Jody McKay 250.335.1420
LINE DANCING	Weds 2:00 Contact Mary Bowen 250.335.174
PING PONG	Wed 7:00 Contact Mary Bowen 250.335.174
SLO PITCH	Starting April 28 th UB field Schedule on Back page
memberships@ubcc.ca	Membership and 3.00 drop in fee required for all activities

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR NEWSLETTER SUPPORTERS!

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Supreme Visual Signs	604.698.9011	Sacha Moore (Massage Therapist)	250.898.7717
Teresa Knight (Artist)	www.teresaknight.com	Travis Nelson (Realtor)	250.897.4560
SignWave Graphics	250.444.sign	Daniel Arbour (Area a director)	250.650.8480
Sarah Johnson (Mortgage)	250.218.1530	CVRD	250.334.6068





	May Birthdays		
	Gary Hargreaves	May 1	
COST -	Nicholas Lafountain	May 4	
	Paul Skinner	May 5	
SULINS	Susan Lindstrom	May 6	
	Dan Jager	May 11	
Happy 32 nd Anníversary	Jim Elgie	May 22	
Nico & Naomi TeWinkle	Dawson Jager	May 22	
May 2nd	Cheryl McCaffrey	May 26	
	Rick Bitten	May 26	



HELP! Looking for Bay Day donations for the kids raffle baskets...toys, puzzles, candy and drinks. Boys and girls items! If you can help email or call Leanne Lindstrom @ 778.427.2206 Leannebaird1234@gmail.com



Kerry Etherington Celebration Of Lífe May 25, 2024 1 - 4 623 McLeod Rd. Union Bay



Home Made Baking

OPEN 10 - 5

Tuesday to Sunday

265 Muschamp Rd. 250-335-0239



Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS)



It's officially spring, buds are bursting forth, new growth is expanding, and everything is turning green. In the spirit of spring, BWS is expanding as well. Not satisfied with sampling just thirteen creeks, we are bursting forth into Bowser.

The last time we expanded, we created two separate sampling teams, which we christened the North Pod (Buckley Bay to Royston) and the South Pod (Buckley Bay to Mud Bay). But our new Bowser creeks will be to the south of our South Pod. What to name it?! We toyed with the idea of having a North Pod, a South Pod, and a Mother Pod, but we opted to switch to more geographically useful names: the Royston Pod, the Fanny Bay Pod, and now the Bowser Pod.

This is not just an expansion, it's also a new collaboration. We have always enjoyed a good relationship with the Regional District of Nanaimo's Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program. We modelled our sampling program on theirs and they have generously allowed us to attend their training programs over the years. They were an important source of advice and mentorship as we established ourselves. Now, we're actually sampling IN the RDN, using equipment provided by their program. We will continue our practice of sampling year-round even though their program only calls for sampling ten weeks: a five-week period during the low flows of summer and a five-week period during the "fall flush".

It will take some time to get to know our new creeks. For most of us they are still just names on a map. Chef Creek, Sandy Creek, Thames Creek, Nash Creek, Hunts Creek, and Annie Creek. Our Bowser team who did all the preliminary work – scouting, brushing, flagging, etc. – already know them a bit. The team, headed by Bowser residents Manfred Winter and Sharon Waugh, will be working directly with the RDN's. Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program. Until they recruit a few more Bowser volunteers, we will be filling in the schedule with folks from the Royston Pod and the Fanny Bay Pod. For my part, I'm looking forward to being introduced to these new creeks and seeing what they have to tell us about the Bowser area.

By Mike Mesford



HALL RENTAL INFORMATION

Great for weddings, family reunions, and big meetings.



Dining Room & Kitchen Capacity 80

The dining room and kitchen may be added to support your main hall or rented separately.

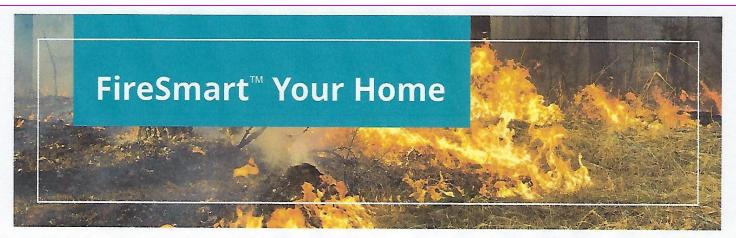


Outside Field areaA ball field along with viewing stands, picnic tables and children's playground.Concession BoothGive your ball tournament the "ball game" feel by offering hamburgers and hot



Main Hall Capacity 225 For more info go to our website at ubcc.ca or email

rentals@ubcc.ca



FireSmart™ Program Helps Protect Your Home

The Comox Valley Regional FireSmart Resilience Committee is encouraging all residents to FireSmart their properties. Forest fires are a natural part of our ecosystem. You can reduce the risk of losing buildings and properties in a wildfire event by using simple FireSmart Tips.

FireSmart Tips For Your Home

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Have a wildfire evacuation plan and make sure everyone in your household knows what to do.



A mowed lawn is a fire-resistant lawn. Grasses shorter than 10 centimetres in height are less likely to burn intensely.



Clean and maintain gutters and roofs. Keep decks and balconies clear of leaves and debris.



Clean under your deck to remove any combustible material. Establish a 1.5 metre non-combustible zone around the perimeter of the house and deck.



Add non-combustible 3 millimetre screens to external vents (except dryer vents).



Hold sheds and other structures to the same standards as your home.



Relocate propane tanks 10 - 30 metres from your home, and keep combustible vegetation a minimum of 10 metres from propane tanks.



Move firewood and lumber 10-30 metres away from home.



FireSmart doesn't mean that your trees have to be cut down. Keeping them spaced and pruned is often sufficient.



Reduce the flammability of your landscaping and plant wildfire resistant vegetation.

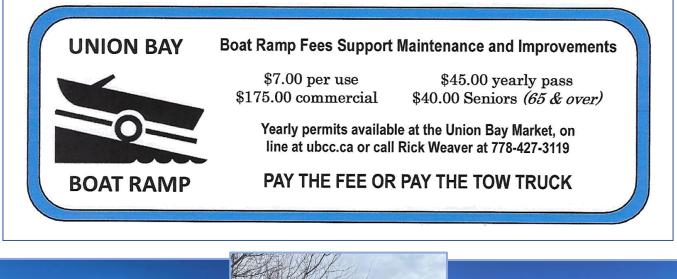
To register for local emergency notifications delivered to registered users mobile or landline phones, visit: **www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/getnotified**

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UNION BAY BOAT LAUNCH NEWS





First expedition vehicle of the season. These travelers are from the Netherlands. This part of their journey started out in Whitehorse and are heading to Ucluelet.

The boat launch is already to go and the launch crew volunteers are ready for a busy season of grounds keeping & fee collections. Thank you to our volunteers! A special thanks to James Barth for supervising the overnight campers!





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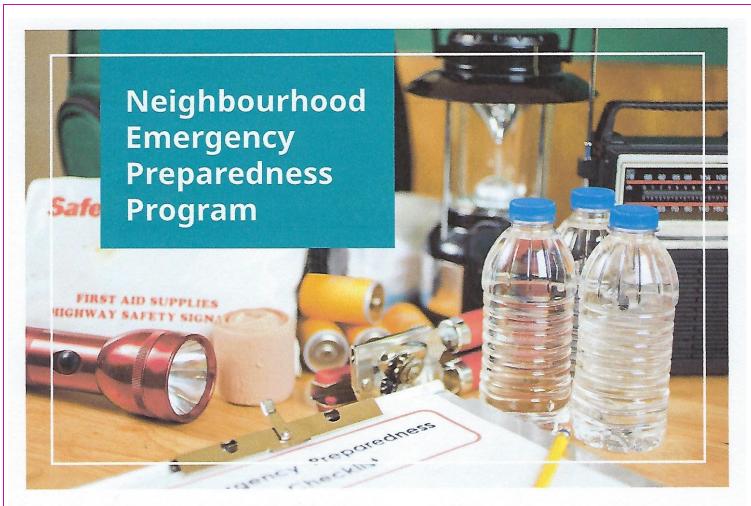
Baynes Sound Lions

Meat Draw Time Change

FBI at 6:00







Is Your Neighbourhood Prepared?

Helping your neighbours during an emergency is vital to having self-reliant communities.

Learn about the Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP) and how each household in your community can get involved. Disaster planning starts at the neighbourhood level!

Neighbourhoods that plan for disaster, recover faster.

For more information, call: 250-334-6000 or visit: comoxvalleyrd.ca/nepp

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MAY BALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY	UMPIRE
Wed May 1	6:30pm	Bulldogs	Temprite	Misfits
Thurs May 2	6:30pm	Kids	Slushies	Temprite
Sun May 5	10:30am	T&B	Slushies	Misfits
Sun May 5	Noon	Misfits	Solutions	T&B
Sun May 5	1:30pm	Bulldogs	Kids	Solutions
Sun May 5	3:00pm	Temprite	Hashers	Kids
Mon May 6	6:30pm	Kids	Misfits	T&B
Tues May 7	6:30pm	T&B	Temprite	Slushies
Wed May 8	6:30pm	Solutions	Slushies	Misfits
Thurs May 9	6:30pm	Hashers	Bulldogs	Kids
Sun May 12	1:00pm	Temprite	Misfits	Solutions
Sun May 12	2:30pm	Kids	Solutions	Temprite
Sun May 12	4:00pm	T&B	Hashers	Kids
Mon May 13	6:30pm	Bulldogs	Slushies	T&B
Tues May 14	6:30pm	Misfits	Hashers	Bulldogs
Wed May 15	6:30pm	Solutions	Temprite	Slushies
Thurs May 16	6:30pm	T&B	Kids	Hashers
Tues May 21	6:30pm	Misfits	Slushies	T&B
Wed may 22	6:30pm	T&B	Solutions	Misfits
Thurs May 23	6:30pm	Bulldogs	Misfits	Temprite
Sun May 26	10:30am	Kids	Hashers	Slushies
Sun May 26	Noon	Temprite	Slushies	Hashers
Sun May 26	1:30pm	Bulldogs	T&B	Solutions
Sun May 26	3:00pm	Solutions	Misfits	Bulldogs
Mon May 27	6:30pm	Kids	Temprite	Bulldogs
Tues May 28	6:30pm	Hashers	Slushies	Solutions
Wed May 29	6:30pm	Bulldogs	Solutions	T&B
Thurs May 30	6:30pm	T&B	Misfits	Slushies

