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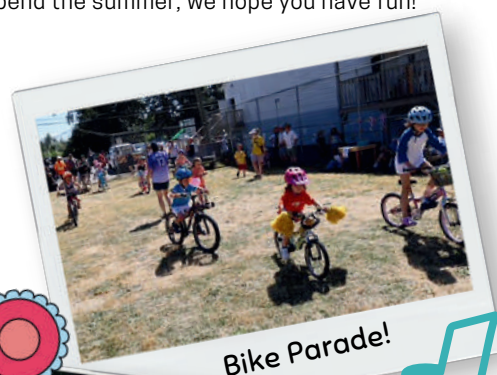


Another year of blue skies and summer heat for Bay Day! Thank you to the community for coming out to support this important yearly fundraiser. It couldn't have happened without the time and effort of many volunteers. A lot of fun was had!

July 1st Canada Day celebrations kick off the beginning of summer holidays. Time for meeting friends at the beach, lake or river to enjoy long bright days and a slower pace. Time for family adventures or just enjoying more ice cream while trying to catch a cool ocean breeze. However you spend the summer, we hope you have fun!



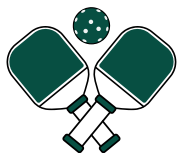
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Upcoming Events In the Union Bay Community

Holiday	Wednesday, July 1st Canada Day!
Event	Wednesday, July 1st Grand Opening! <i>Union Bay Pharmacy 313 McLeod Rd (p.3)</i>
Time Together Club	Every Friday, 10 - 11:30am <i>Drop in group for seniors, caregivers & children at FB Little Hall (p. 11)</i>
UBHS	Saturday, July 18th 1:00pm <i>Summer Seaside Soiree at the Goal House Museum (p.11)</i>
UBCC Event	Sunday, September 20th 10:00am - 3:00pm <i>Fall Craft Fair</i>



Pickle Ball

Intermediate
Tues/Thur 1pm-3pm

Contact: Janice Foster
250-335-0686

*** Please contact the Pickle Ball host to confirm availability ***



Activities to resume
in the fall!

If you have an activity
you'd like to start, email
activities@ubcc.ca to find a
day and time.

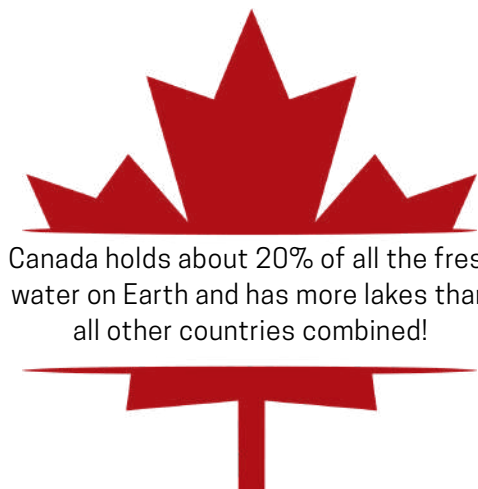
Union Bay Watering Schedule

Residential lawn and garden watering is permitted with a sprinkler during the specified days and hours as follows:

Stage	Starts	Hours	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	May 1 st	5-8 am & 7-10 pm	No Watering	Even Address	Odd Address	Even Address	Odd Address	Even Address	Odd Address
2	July 1 st	6-8 am & 8-10 pm	No Watering	Even Address	Odd Address	No Watering	No Watering	Even Address	Odd Address
3	When Notified	Any day or time	No lawn watering permitted. Hand watering or micro/drip irrigation of trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetables only						
4	When Notified	N/A	No Watering						

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Stevie & Stella

Stevie and Stella are Nigerian Dwarf goats that live in Union Bay. They are almost a year old and love to kid around! They love playing on their jungle gym, eating anything they can get their hooves on and basking in our warm summer weather. They are also both very curious and mischievous so don't turn a blind eye to them!



**Grand
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July & August Birthdays

Darcy Rainey July 6

Edie Haadvadt July 10

Diane Tanaka July 11

Kat Johnson July 12

Caleb McFadyen July 13

Ken Dysserinch July 14

Jen Balcke July 19

Dawn Ramsey July 22

Karen Wheeldon July 31

Emelia Haadvadt Aug 26

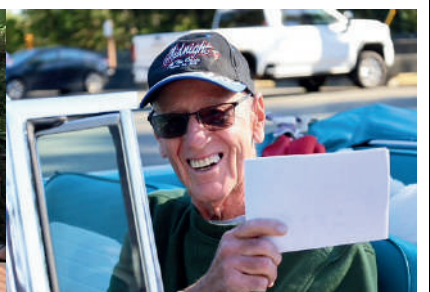
Add a birthday or special anniversary email : ub.dbtb@gmail.com

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION for Adam Milwater

A Heartfelt Thank You to Adam The Union Bay Community Club would like to extend a sincere thank you to Adam Millwater for his outstanding volunteer efforts over the past month.

Adam has taken it upon himself to spend several hours weed whacking and maintaining the grounds around our community club. His hard work, dedication, and pride in keeping our shared space looking its best have not gone unnoticed. Volunteers like Adam are what make our community special. His willingness to give his time and energy helps create a welcoming and enjoyable environment for everyone who uses and visits the club grounds.

On behalf of the Union Bay Community Club and all of our members, thank you, Adam, for your commitment to our community. Your efforts are greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for everything you do. Well done, and thank you for making a difference!





Wow! This year at Bay Day the community helped raise **\$13,700** for the Union Bay Community Club!

THANK YOU! Thank you to the dunk tank participants willing to take the plunge in the name of fundraising! Daniel Arbour, Susan Hargreaves & Jen Balcke

BAY DAY TICKETS		
1st	\$300	Jon Barents
2nd	\$150	Jess Friel
3rd	\$50	Margaret Siebring

BOYS' RAFFLE BASKET

WINNER: Hunter H.

GIRLS' RAFFLE BASKET

WINNER: Ruby F.

50/50 50/50 DRAW

WINNER: Starr McFadyen

★ Congratulations to all our winners! ★
 Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, volunteered, donated, and helped make Bay Day a success. Your support helps the Union Bay Community Club continue to serve our community.
Thank you, Union Bay!



Talented Sadie Smyth from Union Bay was given an appreciation award for her volunteer time as a face painter at our Bay Day celebrations. It is always a favoured station among the kids!



This year marked the 10th anniversary of the car show at Bay Day. In 2016 the Bitten family invited car clubs to join in the Bay Day celebration and 30 showed up. Over the years word has spread and Bay Day has become one of the most popular shows to attend. They have made it a family event, bringing grandkids to enjoy the day. This year 115 attended and overflowed into the back camping area!



Peoples Choice

The Peoples Choice award went to Dan and Laura Dertien of Nanaimo with his 1971 Acadian.

A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OUR **AMAZING BAY DAY VOLUNTEERS**

Laura & Rob Agnew	Steve & Kristin Balogh	Jan Aitken	Jon & Alexis Barents	Brooklyn
Julie Anne Davies	Dianna Hay	Rick Jeffery	Heather Pentland	Addison
Riley & Starr McFadyen	Sharron Cooper	Jen Balcke	Myra Inglis	Jaycee
Paul & Karen Skinner	Brendan Mathieu	Union Bay Historical Society	Darren Kardynal	Caleb
Dianne Jager	Holly McKay	Susan Hargreaves	Travis Mephram	Jasmine
Kathy Warriner	Lori Teasedale	Wyatt & Hailey Meiers	Slushbuckets	Sadie
Brent and Judy McKay	Union Bay & Fanny Bay Fire Departments	Comox Strathcona Waste Management	Daniel Arbour	Olivia
Mike Jager	Rick & Brenda Bitten	Dieter Lehnart & Michael	Dawson Jager	
Diane Hawkins	Mackenzie Phaneuf	Michelle Craig	Katrina Gillies	
Ginny Coverdale	Alaysha Michalenko	Danielle Weiman	Aaron Flawse	
Wendy Ham	Dianne Jager	Gloria Royer	Austin Bitten	
Diana Johnstone	Rod & Megan Bitten		James & Coralee Ford	
Simone Sando			Adam Millwater	

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL AMAZING
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AND COUNTLESS OTHERS WHO PUT IN TIME TO
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Dennis Lilgert

Local Weather Report

If you have scrolled through the Union Bay Bulletin Facebook page you are bound to come across one of Dennis Lilgert's delightfully detailed weather posts. No detail is spared - wind, moon phases, tides and more. It is a great post to check before planning an outing for the day. Dennis also leaves his readers with fun facts or some sound advice. This positive daily post is appreciated by many in the community.



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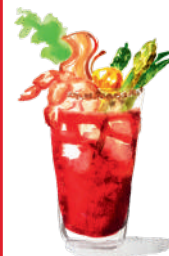
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2 POINTS If you've eaten maple syrup in the last 7 days

1 POINT If you own clothing with the word Canada on it

2 POINTS If you have ever played hockey

1 POINT For every Canadian province capital to can name

3 POINTS If you have a photo of a Canada Goose on your phone

1 POINT For every Canadian province you have visited

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Proposed New Forest Act: Your Input Matters

The B.C. logging industry has a problem: we're running out of trees. In the last twenty years, at least forty-four mills have closed with the standard explanation being a reduction in the supply of "fibre" - otherwise known as trees. This isn't simply due to the export of raw logs, although that is a big factor. The problem is a decline in economically harvestable trees. The timber harvest in BC dropped from 68 million cubic metres in 2015 to 35 million cubic metres in 2025. This was one of the many troublesome statistics presented at the New Forest Act Roadshow event held at the Stan Hagen Theatre on June 15th.

Jennifer Houghton, the Campaign Director for the Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society (BFWSS), was the main presenter at the event. Houghton lost everything in the Grand Forks flood of 2018. In the aftermath, she began asking questions about the causes of the flood. She needed to understand what had happened and why it had happened. What she discovered, in a nutshell, is that provincial forest legislation is designed to facilitate the flow of timber. It is not designed to protect watersheds or the property, people and ecosystems within those watersheds. Houghton and a group of dedicated volunteers set about to change that.

They quickly realized that tweaking and trying to fine tune the existing patchwork of legislation related to logging was not going to work. So, they sat down and wrote a comprehensive and detailed piece of proposed legislation. They are calling it The New Forest Act. They believe that if they can create enough support in the public sphere to get the legislation passed, that it would be the answer to both our declining forests and the devastating loss of jobs in the industry.

The New Forest Act proposes a forestry framework called PRH: Protect, Restore, and Harvest. The first component is simple: PROTECT old growth trees. Stop all logging of primary (old growth) forest. Period. No exceptions. The RESTORE piece addresses damage done by current logging practices and in the process creates jobs. These new jobs will entail removing roads, hydrological repair, watershed restoration, etc. And finally, HARVEST will mean selection-based logging on previously logged lands.

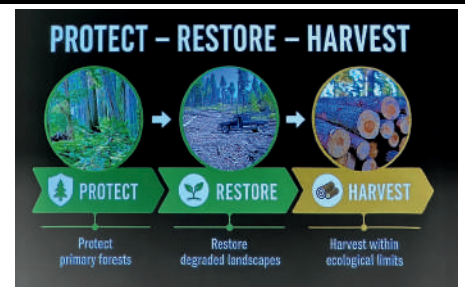
A new Ministry of Ecosystem Integrity (MOEI) would administer the Act with Indigenous and public leadership. Community Forest Boards would make local decisions. A key component of the proposed legislation is the introduction of community log sorts. Logs will be made available at market rates to stimulate the creation of small local mills and manufacturing. This will end the current process that favours exporting logs as opposed to keeping them, and the value they represent, here in BC.

The proposed Act is a turn-key package that, once passed by the legislature, could be put into effect immediately. BFWSS has developed far reaching and detailed plans to support implementation. Plans include transition strategies, training programs, ministry reorganization, and oversight schemes. What is needed now is to get as much citizen support as possible.

There were no representatives of the logging industry in evidence at the presentation so we can only speculate what their reaction might be. But Cumberland mayor, Vicky Brown, who attended the roadshow event, pointed out the level of influence that logging industry has in government. She said her office meets with the Minister of Forests once a year, but industry representatives meet with the Ministry ONCE A WEEK. Brown suggests that everyone who supports the new Act should personally call the Minister's office once a week to ensure our voices are heard over the corporate interests.

I would encourage everyone to have a look at the proposed Act. (<https://boundaryforest.org>). If you feel, as I do, that this is a timely fix to the problems with BC's forests, then by all means, pick up the phone!

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Water Conservation Tips:



Replace your broken or old showerheads, faucets and toilets with improved, low-flow versions.



Avoid wasting running water when possible. Simple everyday steps like turning the tap off when brushing your teeth or shaving can have big impacts.



Save time and water by planting native species that can adapt to the long and dry summers.



Lawns only need a maximum of one inch of water each week, including rainfall. Deep, infrequent watering promotes a strong root system.



Install smart control systems that have been shown to reduce outdoor water usage by up to 40% annually while maintaining landscape health.



Water early in the morning and late in the evening for ideal absorption, or as outlined in water restriction requirements.



Residential property owners are eligible for a rebate for purchasing soil to improve the water-holding capacity of your lawn or garden.



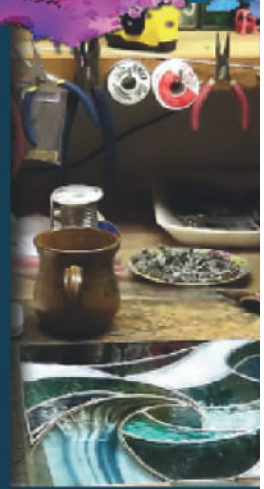
Mow grass to a height of 5-6 cm to keep roots shaded and better able to retain water. Leave grass clippings on the lawn as mini-mulch to reduce evaporation.

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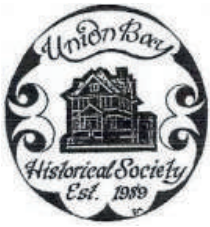


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Sports Day

By: Janette Glover-Geidt

Originally started as a Dominion Day celebration, the Company picnic evolved into a big annual sports day. It was held in July at Comox Lake, Royston, or Union Bay. And Union Bay proved to be the popular choice. Headed up by the Colliery superintendents. The company carpenters were put to work at the Carshop building grandstands sufficient to seat 2,000 spectators. Swings, teeter-totters, shoot the shutes and a beautiful ten horse merry-go-round were crafted by Pete Reid and his carpenters. A big diamond drill boiler on wheels provided lots of hot water and was also used to run the merry-go-round.

Free trains brought thousands of picnickers from the Company towns: Cumberland, Bevan, and Royston. Every year the Cumberland Band provided music until 1934 when the Fletcher Music Co installed a loud speaker and broadcast all the latest tunes. Great quantities of food were dispensed free to the picnickers: 1,507 gallons of ice cream 15,000 cones, 6 cases of oranges, 2,000 sacks of peanuts and 25 barrels of soft drinks. Added to the goodies was a free "Giant Draw" with over 75 prizes provided by local merchants who did business with the company. It was an exciting time when names were drawn for lamps, fishing rods, cameras, cushions etc.

With monetary prizes, track and field took most of the day. Footraces, relays, jumping and throwing included everyone from children to old men with separate races for the Chinese and Japanese. Skipping, three -legged, wheelbarrow and sack races were enjoyed by the children. Novelty contests such as pillow fights, cracker eating, milk drinking and nail driving, climbing the greasy pole, sometimes out over the water, provided contestants and onlookers with lots of laughs. The events ended with tug-of-wars pitting Japanese against Chinese and Bevan against the Bay. Competitions in Quoit and Bocce were carried out throughout the day by some of the ethnic groups. The highlight was always the baseball game between Union Bay and Cumberland., with lots of friendly rivalry and fan support of both sides. At the end of the day, the out-of-towners climbed aboard the Colliery passenger train for home with lots of memories, tired but happy.



Union Bay Historical Society's Summer Seaside Soiree

July 18th, 2026

1:00 pm at Gaolhouse Museum



Bring your voices and summer hats to
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