JUNE 2026

DOWN BY THE BAY NEWSLETTER

Issued By The Union Bay Community Club

Welcome JUNE

June has our UBCC directors & team working hard to plan a memorable Bay Day event welcoming the community for some fun, while fundraising for future projects. Let's hope the sun decides to shine. Meanwhile kids are counting down the days until school is out for summer. Don't forget Father's Day is on the 21st. Give your Dad a laugh with some silly Dad jokes from the newsletter. A friendly reminder that full fire ban is in effect due to dry conditions.

Volunteers needed

We're getting ready for a full day of community fun, and we're looking for some amazing volunteers to help make the magic happen! Any students? This is a fun way to fulfill some volunteer credits!

Whether you have a few hours or the whole day, we'd love to have you on our team! It's a great way to meet new people, support the community, and be part of an annual tradition. Sound like fun? Contact us via email: info@ubcc.ca or call 250-335-2500

SUPPORT

Upcoming Events

In the Union Bay Community

FBCC Event	**Tuesday, June 2nd 7:00pm start** *Keith Alessi ~ Tomatoes tried to kill me... (p. 5)*
Slo Pitch	**Wednesday, June 3rd 6:15pm** *Watch a Slo Pitch game at the hall and grab dinner at the concession!*
Time Together Club	**Every Friday, 10 - 11:30am** *Drop in group for seniors, caregivers & children to play together (p. 8)*
CVRD Event	**Friday, June 12th 11:30am - 8:00pm** *FIFA Soccer watching at the CVRD Exhibition Grounds (p. 2)*
UBCC Event	**Sunday, June 14th 9am - 5:00pm** *Car Show & Bay Day ~ Annual Family Event! (schedule p. 3)*
Slo Pitch	**Sunday, June 14th 3:00pm Start** *Come for Bay Day, linger to watch a game! (p. 12)*
Holiday	**Sunday, June 21st All Day** *Happy Father's Day (see p. 7 for jokes & gifts)*
Slo Pitch	**Friday, June 19th-21st** *Playoff Weekend*

All hall activities require a club membership and a drop in fee

Areobics
Mon/Wed/Fri
9:30am-10:30am
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Contact Lucie Fast
250-335-1607

Pickle Ball
Intermediate
Mon 6pm-8pm

Contact: Melina Shepherd
cleangreenspace@gmail.com

Pickle Ball
Advanced
Monday 4pm-6pm

Contact: Sue Twose
250-207-7164 suetwose0@gmail.com

Pickle Ball
Intermediate
Tues/Thur 1pm-3pm

Contact: Janice Foster
250-335-0686

Pickle Ball
Intermediate/Advanced
Wednesday 4pm-5:30pm

Contact: Michelle Borden
250-218-2153

Pickle Ball
Intermediate/Advanced
Tues/Thurs 6pm-8pm

Contact: Dylan Harris
250-703-6760

Crib
Mondays 1:30pm

Contact: Mary Bowen
250-335-1748

Line Dancing
Wednesdays
1:30pm

Contact: Mary Bowen
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***Please contact the Pickle Ball host to confirm availability ***

Comox Valley Kick Off!

Live FIFA World Cup match viewing Friday, June 12, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the CVRD Exhibition Grounds (Rotary Bowl).

12:00pm Canada v Bosnia Herzegovina
6:00 pm USA v Paraguay
Accessible public viewing areas, amenities. Family-friendly activities throughout the entire day – skills competitions, bouncy castles and more! Local live music and entertainment between matches. Food trucks and vendors
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Schedule

Bay Day Music & MC Paul Skinner	10:30am - 3:30pm
Concession	9am - 3pm
Car Show	10am - 2pm Ball Field
Fire Rescue Display & Train Display	11am - 3pm
Kids Parade (*Dress up or decorate your bike, scooter or wagon, in a sports theme*)	10:45 Gather at the electric sign 11am Start
Ticket Table (*purchase tickets for kids games*)	11am - 3pm
Raffles	11am - 3pm
Kids Games, Face Paint & Bouncy Castle	11am - 3pm
Petting Farm & Dunk Tank	11am - 3pm
Beer Garden	11am - 5pm (Tennis court)
Silent Auction	11am - 3pm
Historical Society & Lions Tables	11am - 3pm
Cornhole: In Beer Gardens	11am -12pm Sign up / Tournament 12:30-3pm
50/50 Raffle	Draw at 12pm and 3pm
Kids Races	12pm-1pm (ball field)
Oysters & Clams	12pm - 3pm
Pie Tent Sales	12pm-3pm
Pipe Band	1:30pm
Slo Pitch Games	3pm - 6pm

DON'T FORGET!

Water bottle
Sun screen
Hat
Cash

BAY DAY parade READY

1. Choose what you want to decorate. Yourself, a bike, wagon or maybe a scooter!
2. Pick your favorite sport or team !
3. Get Creative! Wear your gear or favourite player jersey. Decorate with streamers, signs or equipment.

Prizes to be won!

Local Paws

Want to see your pet featured here? Submit a photo and a small write up to: ub.dbtb@gmail.com

Fergus

This is Fergus!

Fergus is our super friendly Scottish Fold kitten seen here in our blooming apple tree who is quite curious and friendly so much that you may think he is a dog at times by the way he plays. You might have even seen him being leash trained on the trails this past fall! No need for a lead anymore as he beats to his own drum and prefers to follow me and his canine brother Jerry on walks jumping from Bush to Bush with total freedom when he's not snoozing in the Sun or visiting his neighbor friends. He's proving to be quite the social butterfly! Good thing he's so adorable.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays

Randy Flawse June 7
Ann Pratt June 9
Brenda Bitten June 9
Saskia Knox TeWinkel June 16
Anne Carroll June 18
Doug Flawse June 19
Leona Katovic June 20
Wade Friel June 21
Ray Pojie June 21
Diane Hawkins June 22
Dan Jager June 27
Marjorie Walters June 30

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

HAPPY 70TH ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 16TH
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Live at Fanny Bay Hall

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by Keith Alessi

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- **Laughing Oyster Books, Courtenay**
- **Salish Sea Market, Bowser**

Online & At Door: $38
- ***fannybayhall.tickit.ca***

This project has been Keith Alessi's mission to raise money for causes close to his heart. Through donations, including 100% of all artist fees, the show has raised over $1.3 Million Dollars (CAD) as of March 2026 for various charities, now to include the Fanny Bay Community Association.

Presented by the Fanny Bay Community Association *with grateful support from* First Credit Union

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION *for James Barth*

The Union Bay Community Club (UBCC) would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to James Barth for his many years of dedication and service at the Union Bay Boat Launch.

For more than 10 years, James has warmly welcomed overnight guests and visitors to our community with kindness, generosity, and pride. Over the years, we have received numerous cards and messages from travelers expressing their appreciation for James's friendly and welcoming nature. His positive attitude and commitment truly leave a lasting impression on everyone he meets.

Beyond his work at the boat launch, James continuously gives back to our community by helping clean our beaches, shoreline, and illegal dumping areas. He does this selflessly, not for recognition, but because he genuinely cares about Union Bay and the surrounding environment.

Your passion, dedication, kindness, and hard work do not go unnoticed are deeply valued and appreciated by so many.
Thank you, James, for everything you do for Union Bay. Please keep up the incredible work.
From the Union Bay Community and the UBCC

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Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

What a wonderful Mother's Day morning at the Union Bay Community Hall Pancake Breakfast.

The hall was filled with smiles, laughter, and the smell of hot pancakes, fresh coffee, and delicious bacon was shared among friends, family, and neighbours.
Beautiful fresh flowers and decorated tables created such a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone who attended.
A very special Thank You goes out to Mary Bowen for generously providing the lovely Flowers that made the hall feel extra special for Mother's Day.

We would also like to thank all of our amazing volunteers who helped cook, serve, decorate, clean, and keep everything running smoothly. Events like this would not be possible without your hard work and community spirit.
And finally, thank you to everyone who came out to support this event. Your continued support means so much to the Community Hall and helps keep these wonderful community events going strong.

Thank you for making it a memorable and successful Mother's Day!

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BAY DAY PIE SALES

Selling pies on Bay Day is very popular and a good fundraiser for the UBCC.
If you can make a pie or 2 please contact Jen at 250-335-2500 or email her info@ubcc.ca
Deliver your pie Bay Day, June 14th morning to the upper hall kitchen.
Thank you!

Family Corner

Dad Jokes & DIY Gift Ideas

Happy Father's Day

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?
Nacho cheese!

How does a train eat?
It goes chew chew!

What do you call fake spaghetti?
An impasta!

Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use honeycombs!

Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants?
In case he got a hole in one!

Why did the scarecrow win an award?
Because he was outstanding in his field!

Change jar: Decorate with paint, collage with mod podge or stickers on a mason jar that Dad can throw his loose change into - Bonus: give the jar a goal - Dad & Daughter ice cream fund

Create the ultimate snack mix: pick out all of your Dads favourites - pretzels, M&Ms, sesame snacks, nuts, seeds etc fill a big jar and label it just for him.

Coupons: Make "coupons" your dad can cash in for help and or fun with you. Car Wash, mowing the lawn, polish golf clubs, game of catch or a movie night together.

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Watershed Stewards

Full Hall for "Local Aquifers: What Our Data Reveal"

The Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS) want to promote the health and ecological integrity of watersheds on the east side of the Beaufort Range. They value evidence-based decision making, scientific rigour, and open collaboration. Who are they? They are your neighbours and your friends. With help from university students and their professors and advisors, and support from the CVRD, the RDN, and local businesses, they work to understand the land and the water that flows through it. Most residents in the Beaufort watershed depend on well water. Our ability to turn on the tap and see water flowing is of vital importance to us all. BWS is trying to address this concern. On April 26 the Fanny Bay Hall was packed for the presentation "Local Aquifers: What Our Data Reveal". A kind and generous blessing by **Elder Tami Compton** of the K'ómoks First Nation opened the meeting and Lynne Ray served as emcee.

The first speaker, **Mike Wei**, is a physical hydrogeologist and was the technical expert for the province when the Water Sustainability Act was being developed. He presented a plexiglass model of an aquifer in cross section that showed how deep wells, shallow wells, pollution (i.e. failed septic systems) all interact within the various layers of the aquifer. The model gave a visual representation of the underground world showing how water moves through the layers of sand, gravel, clay and fractured rock. He also explained that well drillers submit reports to the Province detailing these different layers encountered while drilling. These records are important for developing a picture of the geological layers that make up the aquifer. Dr. Wei was one of Kate McMillan's advisors on this project.

Next, **Mark Lake** discussed sounding techniques that allow us to explore the geological layers below our feet. Mark attended school in the UK and graduated in Earth sciences with a background in Geology, Geography and Applied Geophysics. He started volunteering with BWS in 2020 and in 2021 launched the aquifer mapping project that he went on to describe. He showed bedrock maps that have been developed by this technique and will be submitted to the Canadian Water Resources Journal for publication. His team's work in the Fanny Bay area has greatly refined our knowledge of Aquifer 419, but also many other areas up and down the eastern side of the Beauforts.

Kate McMillan gave the presentation that we all came for. She has just graduated from the University of Victoria and is obtaining an honours baccalaureate in Physical Geography from the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences. She presented her work characterizing the ground water in Fanny Bay and Aquifer 419 in particular. She explained the mapping process and thanked the well owners who allowed their wells to be measured. Her work estimates an upper limit of one thousand cubic metres (one million litres) per day. With a population of one thousand people, this works out to a thousand litres per day available per person, five times what the average Canadian uses. She noted that many people use water for irrigation but also pointed out that much of the water used in irrigation is returned to aquifer. Kate reported that the data collected so far show no signs of saltwater intrusion in our area.

Mike Mesford, the president of BWS, spoke about the implications of Kate's work and what needs to be done next. The seemingly good news is offset by uncertainty. All three presenters noted the need for more studies, however, BWS does not have the capacity to do more research without an influx of volunteers. The other point Mike made is that while we may have enough water, it may not be accessible to everyone. Shallow wells can still run dry at the end of a long drought and climate change may make things worse. Conservation is still very important.

Author: Brenda Timbers www.beaufortwater.org

Water Conservation

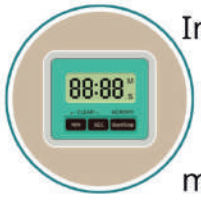
Simple Ways to Reduce your Water Consumption

As we continue to see reduced rain and higher average temperatures in the summer, fresh water becomes an even more limited and precious resource. Water conservation is extremely important to ensure supply for domestic use and emergency fire protection.

Water Conservation Tips:

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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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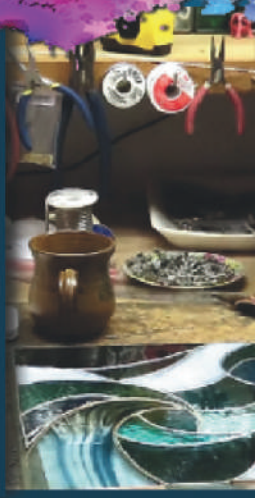

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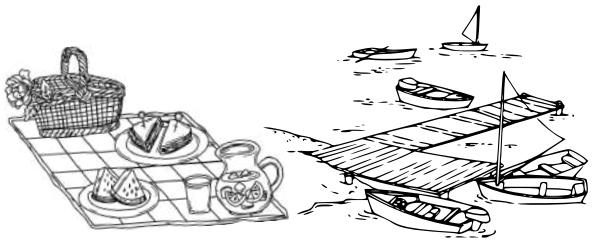

Ju June meant weather you could count on. Time to play outdoors. The evenings were long and the kids on Company Hill got together for Tag, British Bulldog, or Run Sheep Run until they were called in at dark. In the early days football (soccer) was always played by the men and boys, often competing with Cumberland or Bevan teams, or teams from crews of ships loading coal at the Bay. Then in the 1920's baseball became the sport of choice. A baseball diamond was created with help from the Coal Company, on their land at the bottom of Russell Street. A large Grandstand was built behind home plate where many fans turned up after supper to cheer on the Bay Boys in their smart white and black uniforms. Teams from Courtenay, Cumberland, Tsolum, Fanny Bay, and sometimes Nanaimo or Port Alberni came to play.

About the 1940's the B.C. government started to promote health for children, not only what their diets should be but also exercise, not just team sports for the athletic kids. So there were five or six physical items at each level which teachers had to promote for healthy children to be able to perform. A Sports Day was set aside where the kids were tested and awarded coloured ribbons for whichever level the student was at.

We all welcomed June. June meant the end of school, with report cards, hopefully with a "passed to the next grade" on it. Goodbyes to the teachers. Some of the girls brought presents to favourite teachers, usually bouquets of flowers from a relation's garden or from the forest, always tied with a beautiful bow, possibly saved from a funeral bouquet. The girls built playhouses, possibly in an old coal storage house or in the woods. Dolls, dishes, blankets were brought from home to furnish the playhouse. Most of the Company houses had large verandas where camp-cots could be set up, and the kids would sleep outside with a blanket hung to protect from the morning sun.

June meant summer holidays. Summer holidays meant swimming, hiking, biking, picnics, boating, fishing and going barefoot. All fun activities with maybe some help around home with gardening or picking berries. All activities done outdoors, always with the ocean beckoning. The ocean at Union Bay being protected by Denman and all the little Islands is one of the warmest places to swim on the Island. In the 1920's the Coal company brought scow loads of sand from Tree Island and dumped it beside the first rock pile used as an early wharf. Called Sandy Beach, families enjoyed swimming and picnics at the popular spot. Later in the 1940's, Red Cross swimming lessons were taught there.

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Did you find all 11 bumble bees in the newsletter?

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Union Bay Slo Pitch 2026 Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Home	Away	Umpire
Sunday	31-May	9:00am	Temprite	Misfits	Slushbuckets
Sunday	31-May	10:30am	Slushbuckets	Kids	Misfits
Sunday	31-May	Noon	Kids	Bulldogs	Temprite
Sunday	31-May	1:30pm	Solutions	Denman	Bulldogs
Sunday	31-May	3:00pm	Solutions	T&B	Denman
Sunday	31-May	4:30pm	T&B	Denman	Solutions
Monday	01-Jun	6:30pm	Kids	Temprite	T&B
Tuesday	02-Jun	6:30pm	Denman	Slushbuckets	Kids
Wednesday	03-Jun	6:15pm	Misfits	T&B	Solutions
Wednesday	03-Jun	7:30pm	Solutions	Misfits	T&B
Sunday	07-Jun	9:00am	Bulldogs	T&B	Slushbuckets
Sunday	07-Jun	10:30am	Slushbuckets	T&B	Bulldogs
Sunday	07-Jun	Noon	Solutions	Slushbuckets	T&B
Sunday	07-Jun	1:30pm	Misfits	Denman	Kids
Sunday	07-Jun	3:00pm	Misfits	Kids	Denman
Sunday	07-Jun	4:30pm	Denman	Kids	Misfits
Monday	08-Jun	*Available for makeup games*			
Tuesday	09-Jun	*Available for makeup games*			
Wednesday	10-Jun	6:15pm	Temprite	Bulldogs	T&B
Wednesday	10-Jun	7:30pm	Bulldogs	Solutions	Temprite
Thursday	11-Jun	*Available for makeup games*			
Bay Days - Come early to enjoy the fun!					
Sunday	14-Jun	3:00pm	Temprite	Denman	Solutions
Sunday	14-Jun	4:30pm	Solutions	Temprite	Denman
June 15-18 There is no ball, outside rental					
Playoff Weekend					
Friday	19-Jun				
Saturday	20-Jun				
Sunday	21-Jun				