

DOWN BY THE BAY NEWSLETTER

Issued By The Union Bay Community Club

Welcome September

Beach days wind down and routines set in. Fruit trees are laden this year and ready for harvesting. Everyone is hopeful for bright days to linger while the leaves fall from the trees with autumnal flair.



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UBCC PRESENTS Fall Craft Fair & Souper Luncheon

Sunday, September 20th

10:00AM - 3:00PM

Join us at the
Union Bay Community Hall
to explore **40 vendors** worth of artisan and
crafted wares. Stay and enjoy a homemade
soup and sandwich lunch.

It's the time of year to VOLUNTEER

The fall signals the start of the busy season at the UBCC. Annual events that bring the community together need many hands to keep it fun and get the jobs done. We would love your help.

- Event Set Up & Take Down
 - tables, chairs, decor etc
- Kitchen Prep & Baking
- Greeting & Sign In

All skill sets welcome to create fun & successful events!

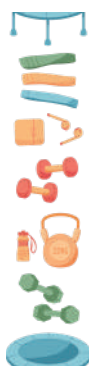
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Upcoming Events

In the Union Bay Community

Fanny Bay Hall Concert	Sunday, Sept 13th 7pm <i>Schmaltz & Pepper ~ chamber music and jazz infused with schmaltz! (p.12)</i>
Route 19 A Concert At the UB Hall	Friday, September 18th 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm <i>Oktiv6 and Funkyard ~ with Barry's Fault. Lively, funky Island-inspired music that is accessible to all audiences. TICKETS \$25 – Available online www.route19a.com</i>
Annual Fall Fair & Souper Luncheon	Sunday, Sept 20th 10am - 3pm <i>Annual Fall Craft Fair ~ shop & support local artists (p. cover)</i>
Tour de Rock	Thursday, Sept 24th 10:00pm <i>Come down to the hall & support the cyclists on tour!</i>
Fire Prevention Week	Sunday, Oct 4th 10am-1pm <i>Family Pancake Breakfast kick off at the UB Fire Hall ~ by donation</i>
Annual Fall Supper	Sunday, October 19th Doors 5:00pm Dinner at 5:30pm <i>Tickets will be available at the Fall Craft Fair. The UB Market has tickets after Sept 20th. Email info@ubcc.ca or call 250 335 2500</i>
Kids Halloween Party	Saturday, Oct 31st 4pm - 5:30pm <i>Dress up for games and snacks with your friends</i>
Halloween Fireworks	Saturday, Oct 31st 7:30pm <i>At the UB Hall ball field (pending fire restrictions) (p.12)</i>
Christmas Craft Fair & Souper Luncheon	Sunday, November 29th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm <i>Start your Christmas shopping!</i>



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Sami

Sami is a standard Dachsund who lives on the hill in Union Bay. He's almost 15, a centenarian in people years. He's a very people oriented dog who's always happy to roll over for a belly rub. Sami isn't into going for walks anymore but is happy to patrol his yard and keep an eye on his neighbourhood from up on his deck. A lifetime foodie, his favourite food is everything.

Happy Birthday September Birthdays

Janice Aitken Sept 2

Sandy Aitken

Jenn Royer Sept 13

Linnaea Chirico Sept 14

Sharon Cooper Sept 15

John Reid Sept 20

Dwayne Cullen Sept 22

Noni Godfrey Sept 23

Cheri Loxam Sept 25

Glenn Loxam Sept 26

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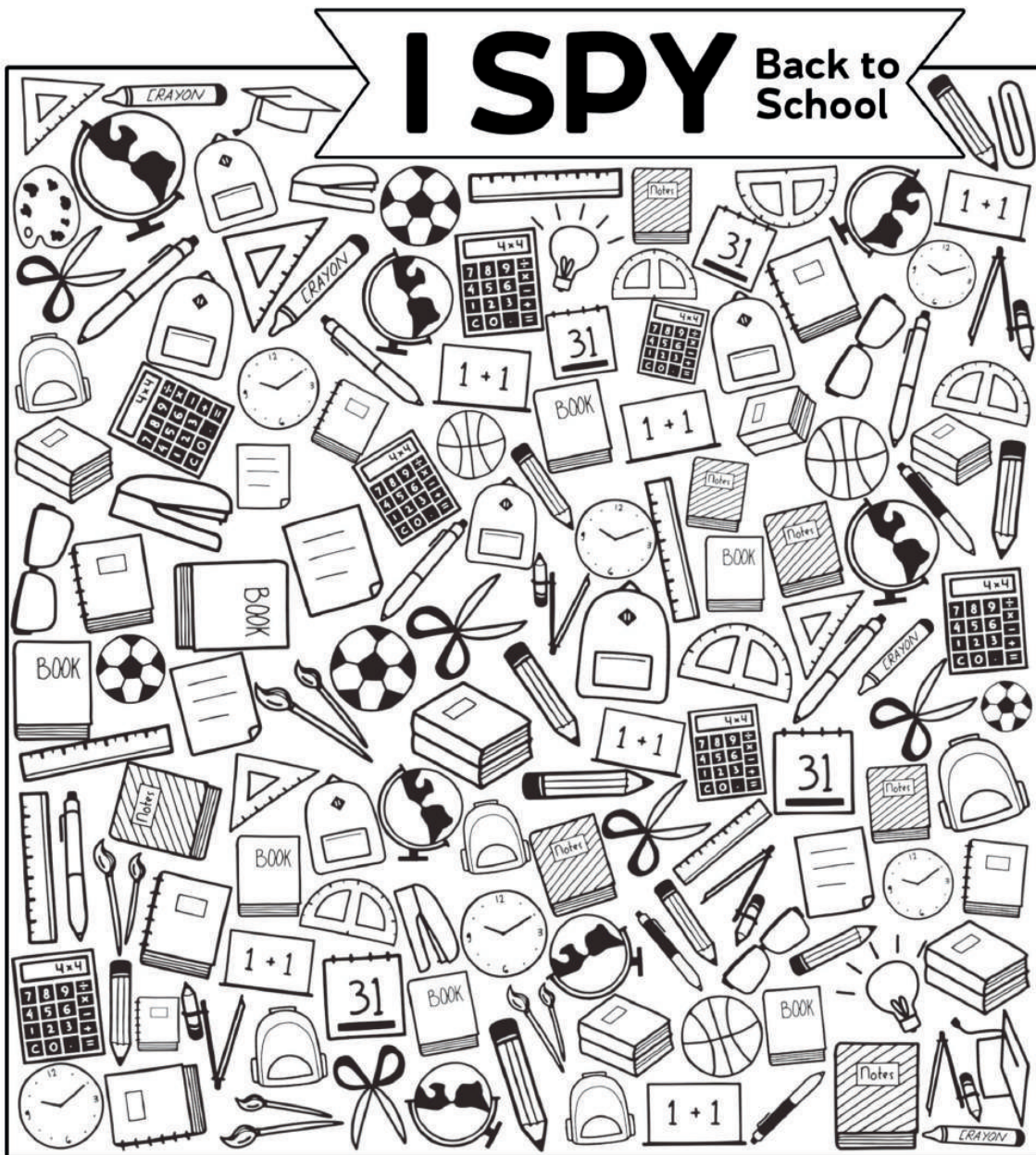
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- When the amber lights are flashing, drivers should prepare to stop. This includes drivers behind the bus or approaching from the opposite direction, unless there is a road median.
- Once the bus has stopped, the red lights will flash, and the stop sign will extend. All school buses across Canada are required to use flashing lights and stop signs.
 - Drivers behind and opposite a school bus must stop when the bus flashes its red lights and extends the stop sign. They must remain stopped until the flashing red lights are turned off and the stop sign is retracted.
 - BC requires drivers to stop 5 metres behind a stopped bus
- Once it's safely stopped, the bus will let students on or off. Some students may cross the road at this time. That's why traffic in both directions must stop – and remain stopped until the bus driver has shut off the flashing lights and retracted the stop sign. Drivers may then proceed, but need to pay extra attention to students who may still be in the area.

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UBCC KITCHEN RENO



The newsletter got an August break, but things kept happening at the UBCC. The Hall's lower kitchen was in full reno swing. Habitat for Humanity removed what they could use, then an all-star team of Jen, Aaron, Starr, Riley, Caleb, Mike, Howard and Rick W did the final demo and cleanup. The UBCC hopes the updates to this space will provide new rental opportunities, support the daycare tenant and create better flow for the space. The renovations are supposed to wrap up on August 28. We will have the finished renovation reveal in the October newsletter.



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Recipe

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Ingredients:

- 2 ½ Cups Old-Fashioned Oats
- 2 Cup All Purpose Flour
- 1 Cup Light Brown Sugar
- ½ Cup Granulated Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
- 1 Cup Unsalted Butter Melted
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Tablespoon Vanilla Extract
- 1 ½ Cups Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips

Notes:

- Don't over bake - the middle should still remain soft to keep chewy texture.
- Store in air tight container for a week or pop some in the freezer.

Method:

1. Set your oven to 350 degrees F and grease and line a 9x13 baking pan with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, combine the oats, flour, light brown sugar, granulated sugar, baking soda, salt and cinnamon; mix to combine.
3. Add the melted butter, eggs and vanilla extract to the dry ingredients and mix until all ingredients are fully combined.
4. Fold the chocolate chips into the batter(or nuts, coconut flakes and dried fruit)
5. Spread the dough evenly into the prepared baking pan. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until the bars are a light golden colour and set in the middle.
6. Once the bars come out of the oven, sprinkle the top of the bars with coarse sea salt. Allow the bars to cool completely before cutting into squares. Serve and enjoy!



Recipe & Image by: Kristin Massad
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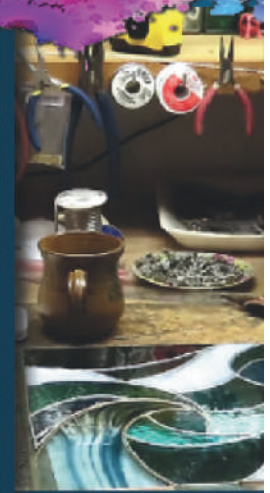
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Beaufort Watershed Stewards

On a scale of one to five, how thirsty is Vancouver Island? You can find the answer at the Province's drought portal (droughtportal.gov.bc.ca) which tracks drought severity across BC. Currently, the rating for our half of the Island has climbed to Level 4: extremely dry conditions, where water supply isn't enough to meet both our needs and the needs of the ecosystem.

We don't need a website to tell us that. We've watched creeks shrink and wells drop all summer. But it's helpful to see the Province's data confirming what we're seeing on the ground. It turns out this relationship can go both ways: the Province is very interested in collecting data – what we're seeing on the ground – from stewardship groups like ours.

To make that easier, the Province recently rolled out a tool that allows stewardship groups to report "stream connectivity" ratings directly from the field. "Stream connectivity" sounds abstract until you're standing in a creek bed watching it happen. A stream at full connectivity flows freely from headwater to estuary and is rated Category 4. In the early stages of drought there is minimal flow and there may be dry stretches. This is Category 3. As drought tightens its grip, that mostly continuous ribbon of water can break into a chain of isolated pools, Category 2, then, eventually, into a scatter of damp gravel with nothing moving at all. This is Category 1. Each break in the chain is a problem for the fish and bugs that depend on getting from one pool to the next, and it's exactly the kind of boots-in-the-creek detail that satellite imagery and rain gauges can't capture on their own.



BWS has 21 creeks under regular observation, stretching from Bowser to Royston. We are well positioned to help fill in that picture. There is just one hitch. The Province is asking stewards to use a dedicated phone app to upload observations and data. BWS already has an app, custom-built last year, that our samplers use every week to record water quality parameters. Asking our volunteers to juggle two apps in the field, one hand on a probe and the other on a phone, felt like a recipe for dropped data or dropped phones. We're doing the sensible thing instead. We're adding a connectivity rating field to our own app. Our samplers will keep doing exactly what they are doing already and behind the scenes we'll package up the data, including the new connectivity rating, and send it to the Province's Drought Portal.

It's a win-win. The Province gets current and reliable data from our stretch of the Beaufort Range. We get the quiet satisfaction of knowing our data is doing double duty, informing decisions well beyond our own watershed.

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a new
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Darcy and Gina Rainey, long-time Union Bay residents, were very involved in our community for many years. Darcy joined the Union Bay Community Club, and became President after Dave Davidson stepped down. Darcy's knowledge and expertise lead to the club's success for 25 years. He was also a dedicated 22-year member of the UB Fire Department, going through the ranks and retiring this year as a training officer. He was also awarded the Fire Service Exemplary Medal of Honour in 2025. Darcy's commitment and love for our community will always be remembered as extraordinary, and we can't thank him enough!

Gina, an amazing cook and baker, has worked in upscale kitchens and baked like no other. Her Hot Chocolate cakes were the best! Before moving, she worked preparing meals in a local nursing home. I am sure her talent is greatly missed. Her support of Darcy and his community volunteering was always evident, and she assisted wherever she was needed.

In May they sold their home on Tappin St and moved to the Philippines, where Gina's family is from. They were staying in temporary accommodations while searching for the perfect place to reside. A month into searching, they found a beautiful home on the beach with an incredible view. Another community halfway around the world will benefit by their move, and we wish them the best luck in their new ventures!

Thank you Darcy and Gina!



Contribute!

Is there a special feature you would like to see in the Down By The Bay Newsletter? If you have a feature that positively promotes a community member, activity, business or life in Union Bay please let us know!

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Schools

By: Janette Glover-Geidt



*SCHOOL DAYS. SCHOOL DAYS.
Good old-fashioned school days.
Reading and writing, and
arithmetic. Taught to the tune of the
Hickory stick!*

In the 1800's the B.C. Government required a minimum of fifteen students before a school could be established and provided with a teacher in a community. When the port of Union Bay started operating in 1889 most of the workers were single men. Then some families joined the men who wanted their children educated. The Cook family arrived by steamer from Tacoma with their horse Jack, three grown sons and five young daughters. The town was now one child short for a school, so they cheated and little four-year-old Mary McKay was sent to make up the numbers, although she said she slept most of the days. The Coal company loaned a house (second house north of Russell Street, now torn down). Miss E. Dalby was the first teacher, followed the next year by Mr. McKinnon who had an MA!

At the closing of school in June the Wharf School was honoured with a number of celebrities: Lt Gov. Mc Innis, Post Office Inspector Fletcher, Mayor of Victoria and several others. The Role of Honour was presented with prizes for: General Progress, Punctuality, Deportment, Best Speller, Gentlemanly Conduct and Ladylike Conduct. Then His Honour addressed the children, dwelling on the evils of the cramming system. After such a glorious end to the school year the parents were stuck with the need to build a proper school house. The main driving force was secretary of the Trustees Michael Manson who advertised for tenders to construct a frame schoolhouse. James Carthew won the \$600 contract and in sixteen days, built on land donated by the Union Coal Company, it was finished by October 15, 1899. Painted the same red oxide as the company houses and boxcars, it became known as the Little Red School House. The enrollment was now up to 31 pupils, so Miss M. E. Nickolson was hired. The School was one big room with the primary children sitting two to a bench facing the blackboard on one wall, and the older students facing the other end. The pot-bellied stove sat in the middle. To keep the school clean and warm two boys were appointed janitors; they got \$2.00 per month. They brought in fresh kindling wood and coal in a big coal scuttle, took out the ashes, cleaned the boards and dusted. The outhouse was in a separate little building which the lucky janitors put lime down. Even with smaller classes in two rooms it was not always easy to find teachers. Some years one teacher taught both classes from a position in the doorway between the two rooms. In 1915, with an enrollment of sixty-five, the town had outgrown the L.R.S.H. and the decision was made to build a new school. After serving the children faithfully for sixteen years the little building was put on skids and moved back to make room for the new one.

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Firework Donations!

Please help the Community Club with purchasing fireworks for this year's Halloween celebration. You can easily donate on our website, ubcc.ca by credit card OR e-transfer funds to us at treasurer@ubcc.ca. The Union Bay Market will also accept cash donations from September 15th until October 31st.

Halloween fireworks tradition generously hosted & supported by the UB Fire Department.

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Sunday Oct 4th
Pancake Breakfast Kick-off
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at the UB Fire Hall

The UB Fire department is dedicating a week to fire prevention education.



The 1st Street Block Party had another beautiful day for neighbours and friends to gather, share snacks and chat over a game of cornhole. Kids had fun with nerf blasters and generously prepared water balloons. A great reminder that getting to know your neighbours doesn't have to be complicated, just welcoming!