

OCTOBER 2026

DOWN BY THE BAY NEWSLETTER

Issued By The Union Bay Community Club

Welcome October

Routines have settled in, sweaters are being worn, and soup is on the menu. October is a month to grab on and enjoy crisp sunny days, walking a local trail or stretch of beach. It's also a great time to attend one of many UBCC events. A night out with good food, community and music, or costumes and fun for the wee ones! Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you at the hall.

Union Bay Community Club's Annual

Fall Supper

Turkey Dinner with all the fixings and dessert!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

Doors at 5:00pm  Dinner at 5:30pm

Live Entertainment: *Easy Street* \$25 per adult
\$12.50 kids under 10

Only 200 Tickets!
Purchase tickets at the UB Market
or call 250 335 2500

UB Hall: 5401 South Island Highway



Halloween Kids Party

Saturday October 31st 3:30-5:00pm

A family fun event, come in costume to enjoy games with prizes, free hotdogs, snacks & juice. Have fun with friends at the Hall before you head out for trick -or - treating!



Halloween Fireworks

Saturday October 31st 7:30pm

Come down to the Union Bay Community Hall Ball field to take in the fireworks!



Calling All Bakers!

This year's Fall Supper is looking to the community for donated desserts. Pies, cakes, bars or brownies. If you can donate a baked good please contact:

Jan Aiken at 250 335 2571

Drop off your item in a single use container to the hall **Dining room,**
Sunday Oct 25th between
2pm and 4pm

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Upcoming Events

In the Union Bay Community

Fire Prevention Week	Sunday, Oct 4th 10:00am - 1:00pm <i>Family Pancake Breakfast kick off at the UB Fire Hall ~ by donation</i>
Local Elections	Saturday, Oct 17th 8:00am - 8:00pm <i>Union Bay Hall</i>
Annual Fall Supper	Sunday, Oct 25th Doors 5:00pm Dinner at 5:30pm <i>Tickets available at the UB Market or email info@ubcc.ca or call 250 335 2500</i>
Kids Halloween Party	Saturday, Oct 31st 3:30pm - 5:00pm <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)</i>
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, Nov. 11th 10:30am - 1:00pm <i>Remembrance Day Service at the UB Hall</i>
Christmas Craft Fair & Souper Luncheon	Sunday, November 29th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm <i>Start or finish your Christmas shopping!</i>



Areobics

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



Corn Hole

Tuesdays (Oct 5th start)
6:30pm-9pm
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250-650-1659

Pickle Ball

Intermediate
Tues/Thur 1pm-3pm

Contact: Janice Foster
250-335-0686

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



Pickle Ball

Mon 6pm-8pm

Contact: Melina/Dave
(778) 323-9164



FIREWORKS 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 (please put FIREWORKS in message)

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Local Paws



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Toad



This is Toad! He is a Boston Terrier, Pomeranian, pug, French bulldog mix! Short in stature but not in attitude. Toad loves going to "school" at Country Canine Care up the hill in Union Bay. He also loves to meet new people and is pretty good with other dogs as well. One thing about Toad is he loves to stand/sit between your feet or on them so you always know where he is!



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Happy Birthday October Birthdays

Elenor Siebring Oct 2
 Brian McKay Oct 3
 Dawson Milburn Oct 4
 Jo-anne Nelson Oct 4
 Allan Flawse Oct 6
 Barb Barkley Oct 8
 Naomi TeWinkel Oct 12
 Holly McKay Oct 14
 Riley McFadyen Oct 15
 Susan Hargreaves Oct 17
 Starr McFadyen Oct 18
 Gloria Royer Oct 20
 Paige McFadyen Oct 21
 Nicole Reid Oct 21
 Miles Sagan Oct 22
 Noah Miller Oct 23
 Sally Kew Oct 23
 Mary Bowen Oct 24
 Rikk Buijs Oct 24
 Frances Haraldson Oct 28



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



Fire Prevention Week Starts!

Sunday Oct 4th
Pancake Breakfast Kick-off

10:00am-1:00pm
at the UB Fire Hall
 5471 S. Island Hwy,

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



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Fall Craft Fair



Another UBCC Fall Craft Fair full of interesting vendors set up for success! A big shout out to the community and board volunteers that get the hall ready to receive all the vendors - even helping them load in & out. To the kitchen volunteers making sure the lunch is ready for hungry shoppers and vendors. To Starr for her impressive ability to pull off multiple fairs a year. Thank you!
See you at the Christmas Craft Fair Sunday, Nov. 29th



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UBCC KITCHEN RENO

After a few design modifications, the lower kitchen renovation is complete on time and under budget even with the addition of the wash/dryer install and added replacement LED lighting! A big thank you to our contractors: Brian of Baynes Sound Wood Designs, Kyle of Blackwater Plumbing, and Wade of Eagle Coast Electric.

- New LED lighting
- Dishwasher (moved the commercial one from the upper kitchen)
- New stove with hood fan
- All new cabinets and countertops
- Big washtub sink and kitchen sink
- New hot water tank
- New stackable washer dryer located upstairs

Our volunteer support team was Jen Balcke, Dianne Jager, Mike Jager, Rick Bitten, Rod Bitten, Starr Riley and Caleb McFadyen, Paul Skinner, Janice Aitken, Mary Bowen, Gloria Royer. It was a group effort and we do apologize if anyone was missed. It was a much needed improvement to the hall.

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Beaufort Watershed Stewards

Our Refundables Program has a New Home

While an army may march upon its stomach, the Beaufort Watershed Stewards ambles along on its volunteers. We come in all sizes, shapes and abilities. Me? My abilities fall between “few” and “not many,” but I help. You can too. Join up.

Now, the Beaufort Watershed Stewards raise a large portion of the money we need to protect our watershed from our deposit bottle recycling program. The items you donate ultimately end up at our military/industrial recycling collection complex – or, as some people might see it – a 24-foot ShelterLogic fabric garage/car shelter. I will just call it Bob (“Bring Over Bottles”) here, as I’m on a limited word count.

We recently needed to move Bob to a new location, and, since Bob’s old fabric cover was sun-rotted, holed and otherwise not up to snuff, we also needed to put a new shell over its frame. A crack team of four experts, Pam Lengyel, Lise Lague, Paul Anders, and Steve Bradshaw, plus our designated go-fer, me, mounted up and headed out to the job.

Our first stop was Bob’s then-current home. Time for dismantling. Removing the old fabric was easy—a slight tug could tear it free. This exposed its pipe skeleton. Just like my childhood Erector set. Nothing but different lengths of pipe, a few clamps, nuts and bolts. A 3/8th inch socket wrench took the whole frame apart. Finished in 40 minutes flat, with all the parts loaded into a small pickup truck and driven to the new location of our recycling collection complex, provided by a very gracious community member.



Reassembly was even easier—we just did the same thing backwards. Adding the fabric cover took a minute or two, and then we just had to drive the stakes deep into the ground to cinch the shelter down. Of course, since Vancouver Island is the home of “large rocks hiding 7 or 8 inches underground,” a distinct subspecies of annoying mineral, this last activity took a lengthy period of time. Ultimately, we got all the stakes in, Bob was up and better than ever, and our job was done. Coffee and chocolate for all.

So, put your refundables to good use. Donate your refundables for Beaufort Watershed Stewards. You can drop them off at Lighthouse Feed & Garden in Bowser. Ultimately, they’ll end up at Bob, before transforming themselves into money to pay for the continuing support of the creeks and rivers that make our lives so much better.

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Daniel Arbour acclaimed at CVRD, and a referendum for you to vote on!

Dear Union Bay residents, I am excited to return as your representative for Area A at the CVRD following the close of nominations, after no other candidates filed for the position.

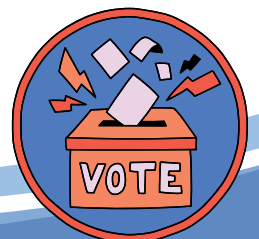
Over the last four years, the CVRD advanced many initiatives in Union Bay, including moving to construction for the Union Bay Fire Hall; completing the playground at Union Bay Community Club; acquiring the new Union Bay Nature Park behind the hall; supporting the Union Bay Heritage Society with upgrades at the Post Office; multiple upgrades at the Union Bay Hall; navigating the foreclosure of Union Bay Estates; collaborating with multiple partners including the Concerned Citizens of Baynes Sound to address non-compliances at the shipbreaking facility; and supporting many residents when they had issues with the CVRD regarding their properties or other concerns.

Looking ahead to the next four years, I anticipate working on important opportunities such as the Union Bay library renewal; working with the Union Bay Heritage Society to explore the concept of a "Union Bay heritage district" (including considering the feasibility to save/restore the school building rather than demolishing it); continue with upgrades to the UB water system; work on some community access to the gym that will be part of the new firehall; continue to advocate for road safety improvements along Highway 19A; and be responsive to other issues and opportunities that arise.

In the short term however, I would like to invite all of you to still come and vote on Saturday October 17 as we have an important referendum for Union Bay, Fanny Bay, and Royston residents on the ballot!

The referendum is the result of my work to repatriate your tax dollars and to create a community park service specific to Baynes Sound communities. This will allow for more local control over future park investment priorities and better value for the taxes you already pay. I very much encourage you to go to www.danielarbour.ca to find all the details and background on this and spread the word. Please come and cast your vote in favour at **Union Bay or Royston Hall all day on Saturday October 17**, or through advance voting on October 7 and 14 at the CVRD building.

Thanks again, it is a huge honour to represent you at CVRD – and I am always available at reachmw@danielarbour.ca to support you, your ideas, and hear your feedback.





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Sunday, Nov. 1st 9:00am start at the Fanny Bay Hall.

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Schools

By: Janette Glover-Geidt

The contract to build the new two rooms in 1915 was won by G. McWilliams of Victoria for the sum of \$6,300. Built with a full basement above ground, a wide stairway led up to the two rooms which had a cloakroom, three chalkboard walls, and eight drop cord lights. A large, cold-air duct coal furnace sat in the basement, along with washrooms: boys on the south side and girls on the north. The toilets cost \$35 each, two for the children 14" high and one for the teachers 16" high. (this important information reported in the local newspaper) Only a few lucky families had flush toilet so it was quite an experience for the kids who kept putting their hands up every five minutes. The first two Primary grades stayed in the Little Red Schoolhouse. Then, in 1922 a third room was added at the back.

This room looked exactly the same as the other two, with a row of tall windows that could be covered with green roller blinds. These touchy blinds were temperamental, whirring up like a rocket and sometimes knocking themselves off their hooks. The wooden floors were coated in black oil, making them indestructible to hob nails and caulk boots.

The next change came during the war, when stringent fire regulations came in. Fire escapes were built from each room, which served as a quick way in and out at recess. Fluorescent lights were installed and a large siren was mounted on the roof in case of an attack. It was used for years to call the Firemen to practice. In 1953 two more classrooms, an Office, and a staffroom were added, with an activity room and Kitchen under them. The oil floors were covered with battleship linoleum. In 1957 the Activity room was used as temporary quarters for two Fanny Bay classes, after their school burned down.

In 1949 the Coal Company donated 1 1/2 acres to provide additional playground space at the back of the school. When the changeover for the land title was made, some strange facts came to light. It turned out that in 1893 Robert Dunsmuir had vested this land in the person of Her Majesty Queen Victoria for "educational purposes", and the title remained unchanged. This is not the same as "crown land". So presumably the power to dispose of this land rested with King George V1.



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