NOVEMBER 2026

DOWN BY THE BAY NEWSLETTER

Issued By The Union Bay Community Club

Welcome November

Autumn went by in a blink of an eye. Beautifully warm days and landscapes of trees showing off all their colours. Did we ever think that by November we would be missing the rain? Let us hope this month time is on our side to take a pause and remember those who have and continue to sacrifice for our country. Practicing a little gratitude before the season of merrymaking is never a waste of time.





In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Baynes Sound Lions Gear Up for Annual Wheelbarrow Walk

This lively community tradition raises funds directly donated to support the Comox Valley Child Development Centre.

Join us along our wheelbarrow route to cheer us on from Fanny Bay to Courtenay's Sid Williams Theatre!

(Come join us walking but no pets or kids allowed due to liability)

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

With stops at the FBI, Buckley Bay General Store, UB Market and Roys Pub.
Listen for the sirens as the Fanny Bay & Union Bay fire departments escort us.

Show your support by making donations or pledges and buying raffle tickets - now available with great prizes generously donated by local businesses.

Contact Baynessoundlions55@gmail.com to donate or use the Baynes Sound Lions Facebook page

Remembrance Day Service at UB Hall is pending.

Please see online UBCC Facebook page and hall sign for updates and information

Mushroom Hunt

Find the different mushrooms hidden within the newsletter



Upcoming Events

In the Union Bay Community

Lions Wheelbarrow Walk	**Sunday, Nov. 1st 9:00 am** *Start at the FB Hall, support along the way to the Sid Williams Theatre! (p. 1)*
Remembrance Day	**Wednesday, Nov. 11th** *UBCC Remembrance Day Service TBA*
Christmas Craft Fair & Souper Luncheon	**Sunday, November 29th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm** *Start or finish your Christmas shopping! (p. 3)*
FB Concert	**Sunday, Dec. 6h 2:00pm** *The Sharp Seven - 7 of Vancouver Islands finest musicians! (p. 12)*
Carolling & Food Drive	**Sunday, Dec. 13h 4:00pm - 5:00pm** *Gaolhouse Museum garden, bring a food drive donation. (p. 11)*

The winter 2027 Comox Valley Recreation Guide will be available online beginning November 10, with printed copies available at local recreation centres. Registration for Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Recreation Services winter programs **opens at 8 am on Monday, November 16**







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Contact: Sue Twose
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Mondays 6pm-8pm

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Intermediate
Tues/Thur 1pm-3pm

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



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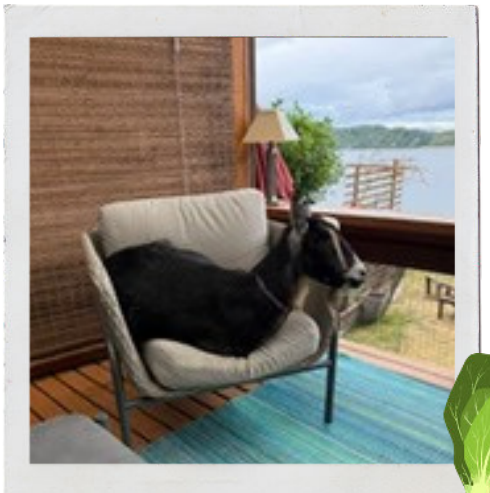
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SAM



Sam likes walks in his neighbourhood, lots of scratches, lots of attention and one of his favourite places is lounging at the family cabin at Horne Lake. He also loves fresh veggies for dinner, sliced apples and chips or crackers of any kind! Once he hears that bag open he comes running! He gets along with most the dogs he meets and even tolerates his fur sibling Harvey the cat. He also has a new little brother called Wilbur who he's enjoying showing around his farm on McLeod

Happy Birthday

November Birthdays

Cindy Olson Nov 1
Chris McKay Nov 14
Addison Flawse Nov 14
Francesca Krickler Nov 17
Jesse Friel Nov 18
Alexis Barents Nov 28



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

Walk in clinic open every Thursday at UB Pharmacy
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Please call (236) 884-0701 or (236) 884-0702 for appointments.
Limited spots available for walk in.
Phone lines are answered Tuesdays to Thursdays

Thank You

Union Bay Pharmacy
for a successful Immunization Clinic
at the
Union Bay Community Club

Beegee and Dev from UB Pharmacy had a very successful, well timed day. They vaccinated a total of 53 people. Both flu and Covid vaccinations were available and the majority received both immunizations. The support from the UB Pharmacy is appreciated and we hope to duplicate it next year the same way. A local pharmacy is a great addition to the community!

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Well levels were unusually low in 2015. That summer, Ships Point Improvement District and Fanny Bay Waterworks hosted a community forum at the Fanny Bay Hall to discuss the water scarcity and how the community might navigate it. At that point, my sweetie and I had lived here full-time for just over a year. It was a real eye-opener for this city boy.

The following year (ten years ago this month!) I put a note on the Fanny Bay Community Facebook page proposing a meeting to discuss the idea of a water protection committee. The group I had in mind would mirror CoalWatch, the community organization that had played a critical role in defeating the Raven Coal Mine or the ad hoc committee that formed after the Stelling Creek smolt hatchery caused nearby wells to go dry in the '90s.


Fanny Bay Community Bulletin Board
Mike Mesford · November 15, 2016 ·

Hi everyone. There will be a meeting at the Fanny Bay Community Hall this Thursday at 7 pm. We will be discussing the formation of a watershed protection committee to monitor threats to our water supply. We will meet in the kitchen and there will be coffee. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors from the community. This is for folks served by Ships Point Improvement District, Fanny Bay Waterworks and those on private wells. PM me if you have questions.

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To my great surprise and pleasure Carol McPherson and John Synder, key figures in the Coal Creek Watershed Protection Committee and CoalWatch, respectively, both attended that first meeting. Other important community leaders included Suzanne Murray, who graciously agreed to take notes, Rodney Jones, Rosemary Sparham, Roger Chayer, Dave Shepherd, Judy Starr, Alan Robb, Jim Wahl, Bill Trussler, and Travis Peterson.

Over the next few years, a core group developed. It took us a while to settle on a name. We didn't know at the time what the sources were for our groundwater, but Heather MacLean pointed out that all possible sources would flow down from the Beaufort Range. This inspired the name we finally settled on: the Beaufort Watershed Stewards.

We started with Fanny Bay concerns, but this name seemed to imply permission to expand in either direction.

Our first opportunity grew out of a Mosaic plan to log the area around Langley Lake, the source of drinking water for Union Bay. It seemed important to collect as much baseline data as possible before logging began. To support the opposition group that formed in Union Bay, BWS began sampling Hart Creek. When we realized no one was monitoring the Tsable River, Emily Creek, or Hindoo Creek we jumped in to fill the gap.

We bought our first set of sampling gear with financial support from Ships Point Improvement District. After starting with creeks north of Buckley Bay, we decided to divide the work between two 'Pods' or sampling teams. We received a grant from Pacific Salmon Foundation and added creeks all the way north to the Trent River. A few years later, the Regional District of Nanaimo agreed to provide equipment and BWS added a third 'Pod' and began sampling creeks in the Bowser area. This took us all the way south to Annie Creek.

Along the way, we added other programs besides the initial creek sampling program. We set up gauging stations to monitor flow in selected creeks, we placed sensors in wells to monitor groundwater levels, we did watershed health assessments using provincial protocols, and probed the earth with electricity to map bedrock, the layer that helps define an aquifer. We counted bugs, mapped streams, attended fairs, and hung from the side of bridges to measure tire-wear toxins. We've sponsored three 'Town Hall' presentations, twice presented study findings to the CVRD and other groups, and collaborated numerous times with the University of Victoria, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences (UVic, SEOS). Our geophysical research has been used in one paper published in the BC Water Series, a scientific journal, and another paper is in the works.

Our most recent collaboration, again with UVic, SEOS, involved a grad student, Kate McMillan. Kate used some of our data and some she collected herself to estimate the amount of water in the Fanny Bay aquifer, the direction of flow, the connectivity of neighbouring creeks, and, most importantly, the maximum amount of water, per person, that can be withdrawn from aquifer 419 without affecting environmental flows

That was the first ten years. There's still much more to be done. We need to continue our ongoing programs, of course, and we need to deepen our understanding of Aquifer 419. And other communities need mapping and assessment of their aquifers.
But that's all for the next ten years!

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All information is held in the strictness of Confidence.
Please email baynessoundlions55@gmail.com to get yourself or someone you know in need on the list.
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Fall Supper

Another sold out Fall Supper in the books. A big thank you to all the volunteers who came out to pull this annual dinner off from start to finish. Thank you to the community that was able to come out and support this annual event and enjoy delicious food, fun entertainment and great conversation. See you next year!













A special guest who started the Fall Supper 41 years ago was honoured at this year's event.

Marjorie Walters, a longtime resident and former board member, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. UBCC President Jen Balcke also gave a heartfelt speech recognizing Marjorie's many accomplishments and contributions during her time on the board.

From 1985 to 2003, Marjorie was instrumental in many major projects and grant initiatives that helped make a lasting difference in the community. Thank you, Marjorie, for your dedication, hard work, and lasting contributions to the UBCC and our community. Your efforts are truly appreciated!



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4	6	9	8	5	2	3	7	1
2	8	1	9	7	3	6	4	5
7	5	3	1	6	4	8	9	2
5	2	4	6	8	1	9	3	7
1	3	8	4	9	7	5	2	6
6	9	7	2	3	5	4	1	8







Schools: Teachers

By: Janette Glover-Geidt

"An Eagle flying through the air
Caught Miss De Beau by the hair.
When he found she was a fool,
He dropped her into Union Bay School.
Poem by Jim McKay

Unfortunately, many of the early records were not kept, but over the years many teachers have come and gone. The School Board was originally given $20 per student per year. Out of this had to come all the school expenses, including the teacher's salary. By the 20's, teachers at the Bay were making $96, with the principal receiving $120. It was not until amalgamation that the principal made over $200 a month. According to Principal Donald McDonald, in the thirty's "the best part of coming to Union Bay School was the hand-driven Gestetner machine. We could buy one work book and take it off for the whole class, and it sure beat the old Jelly pad". The first teacher at the Bay was Miss E. Dalby. As most of the teachers were single women, room and board had to be found for them. Although a few of them stayed at the Nelson Hotel, through the years Mrs. Fulcher, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Searle, Fanny Auchinvole, Emily McKinnel and Ruby Treloar boarded teachers in their homes. One problem in keeping teachers was the rule that when a lady teacher married she could no longer teach. Two such teachers were the two Mrs. Campbells. Annie Baillie from Ladysmith taught four years then married a returning veteran, Tom Campbell. She stayed home to raise a family of two girls and a boy, all of whom became teachers, Margaret McIntyre of Cumberland married Tom's youngest brother, Jake Campbell and they had two sons, Douglas and Bruce. Both teachers became faithful substitutes. Later Annie went back to teaching and was teaching children of her first students. She was loved by them as much as she was by their parents. The home-grown Jones sister daughters of "Putt-Jones" who was brought over by the company, and given a job as he was an excellent football referee. Florence and Irene Jones each taught 6 years. Florence married Syd Waterfield and Irene captured the heart of Donald McDonald. It was a romance not lost on the pupils.

Any teacher with doubtful control was taken advantage of by the boys who were always up for a holiday: Miss Russell was supposed to have a weak heart and often fainted. When the class saw this, one of the boys would run to the swamp behind the school and get a cup of slimy water to revive her. When she came to and saw the cup she fainted again. After WW1 many of the veterans looking for work became teachers. Mr. Hill, who had one arm, used to pull the kids around by their sweaters, with his hook, did not last long. One day a drunk sailor came roaring into the school yard and asked the kids if they wanted a holiday. The sailor beat the teacher up and shoved him out of the window. One of the kids ran off and got Jimmy McNeil who also had only one arm and he hauled off and beat the sailor. That was good for a holiday. The teacher never came back. Another rather aggressive teacher was Mr. Struthers, who was fresh out of the British army and ran the school like a general. Needless to say, the boys met him head-on. Mr. Anderson was very athletic and boasted of being the broad jump champion of the Maritimes. He would jump over a row of desks to reprimand a student, and was a deadly shot with a piece of chalk.

Union Bay School board was in the vanguard of employing females as principals. Grace Davis served for one year in 1920. There were very few women in administration at that time. It remained that way for years, and even in 1944 when Mrs Marye Reynolds held the position. A very British little lady with lots of talents was an artist who had the class doing many craft-projects, taught the girls English country dancing, and had the students listening to Symphony music. She always brought her dog Wogsy to school. Two other Principals were dog lovers: Mr. Anderson fancied bulldogs, one named Tulip, Mr. Stacey bred springer spaniels which the kids loved.

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Around the Bay



The Tour de Rock stop at the hall would not be concluded without the group photo on the steps outside. Complete with Anne Pratt!



The Baynes Sound Lions always up to something good! A wonderful refresh of the bus stop at the old school which is still an active pick up and drop off spot for local school kids. Look, there is Ann Pratt again, Thank you Lions!