

Express Lines

Texada's Calendar of Events

January 2022

again... hosted by
Welcome Harvest Farm Ltd.
come and join the polar bear swim
at Shelter Point Park on January 1st at noon
free warm-ups served: coffee, hot chocolate,
soups, sweets, hotdogs and other goodies

Polar Swim

Watch Facebook for possible cancellation due to adverse weather conditions



Once again, the Texada Dragon Boat Club is hosting Pickleball.

This is part of the club's winter fitness program and they would like to open it up to the community.

For those who have played before and have their own equipment, we meet at the Texada School Gym in Van Anda, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5 pm - 7 pm.

The fee is \$2 per drop in or \$50 per season. There are all fitness levels playing.

- **You must be double vaccinated and show proof at your first session.**
- **Please wear a mask while entering or exiting the school.**
- **The school fountain is off limits. Bring your own water bottle.**

If you are new to pickle ball and would like to learn, email Glenda Nikirk, gnikirk@gmail.com. We will be scheduling a beginner's clinic shortly.



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COVID changes:

- Visits strictly by appointment except for emergencies. We will try to deal with issues by phone as much as possible and give appointments when patients need to be seen in person.
- Lab tests by appointment only. Extended lab time: 8:30 am to 9:45 am.
- Masks and hand sanitizer compulsory on entering the health centre.
- If you are ill and suspect you may have COVID, please come to the back door marked COVID and follow the posted instructions.
- TAP forms can be picked up after 1:15 pm.

Please be patient with us. We have never been in this situation before either.

Texada Breast Cancer Support



Contact: Joan Martisca
604-483-6438

Udith Teuner
604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained
Peer Facilitators

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DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICE COMES TO TEXADA!

Dental Hygiene Practitioner Heather Dekezel will be holding clinic at a local accessible Van Anda studio January 14th and 28th and will continue with monthly visits throughout the calendar year.

She is highly experienced, affordable and very gentle with children and elders. Heather is up to date with her COVID vaccines but does not require her patients to be.

Heather is based in Powell River and recently served her first clients at their home on Texada; references available on request.

If you are interested, please send her an email at smilingcommunity@outlook.com.

Heather is owner and operator of Smiling Community Dental Hygiene Inc., established in 2013 with the intention of creating greater access to dental hygiene and oral health for under-served communities.

LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

Texada's own "little free pantries" are available to everyone on Texada with food insecurities. Please feel free to pick up or drop off some much needed food. Locations are at the Food Bank in Van Anda and in front of 4758 Cedar St. (between Oak and Ash) in Gillies Bay. Sponsored by the Community of Texada and the Texada Food Bank. "Take what you need; leave what you can."

THANK YOU for all the anonymous donations of food that have been left in the pantries! If you see a cooler under the pantries, you may take or leave produce, including excess from our gardens.





BINGO

With the latest Covid restrictions (and the increased infectivity of the Omicron variant) January's bingo has been cancelled. Hopefully we can restart in February, but your health and safety are most important, so we are not going to push it!!

MEETING

The January TICS Luncheon Meeting has been cancelled. Nothing outweighs our health, so let's be careful and meet again in March (maybe!). Members will be contacted. Interested in joining us? Call Elayne at 604-486-7457.

K-LUMET DRAW

Congratulations to the K-Lumet draw winners:

- First Prize: Sid Boloten
- Second Prize: Kathy Hanson
- Third Prize: Debra Gill

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To help you out we have come up with some simple resolutions, so you can sit back and boast to your friends and family that you accomplished your **resolutions** for the year.

- 1 Check and change batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detector
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- 3 Create or update your emergency household emergency plan and contacts
- 4 Take care of yourself – stay home when you are feeling ill
- 5 Sign up for or update your Community Notification System profile at qathet.ca


















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The New Year is a great time to start or revisit your plans!

Don't wait until it's too late

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for more information.

QATHET REGIONAL DISTRICT SECURES 30 YEAR LEASE FOR EMILY LAKE LANDS

The qathet Regional District (qRD) is pleased to announce the approval of a 30 year lease renewal for the Emily Lake trail and recreation area on Texada Island.



For 19 years, the qRD has maintained the Emily Lake recreation area and the surrounding 12.7 kilometer trail system. Emily Lake is famous for its historic and culturally significant camp, western painted turtles and warm lake waters.

"The Emily Lake lease renewal is welcome news for residents of Texada Island who are enjoying Emily Lake in record numbers," said Electoral Area D Director, Sandy McCormick. "The 30 year lease will ensure this culturally and historically significant area of natural beauty will continue to be preserved and maintained for the recreational pleasure of residents and visitors alike."

The Emily Lake trail system and recreation area are managed by volunteers serving on the Texada Island Recreation Commission (TIRC). TIRC requested the qRD renew the lease for this area. To learn more about the important role of TIRC as well as other qRD committees and commissions, please visit qathet.ca/committees-and-commissions/

The qRD serves the rural areas from Lund to Saltery Bay including the City of Powell River, Texada, Savary and Lasqueti Islands and provides some services, through contract, to Tla'amin Nation. To learn more please visit qathet.ca.

Thanks...

The first ever Winter Artisan Market was a huge success!!

Thanks to Maureen, Dave, Ruth, Doriana, Warren, Ed, Larry and of course Steve, who proposed the concept and was the driving force behind the market! Well done, everyone!! And huge thanks to the 25+ vendors who presented a huge assortment of goods and treats.

We had two door prizes (one a day) of goods donated by our vendors. The winners were Mike Parsons on Saturday and Calie Corbin on Sunday.

Thanks to the people that donated to the TICS Pick-a-Prize table:

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Mary Mary Café | Doriana Kiland |
| Texada Island Inn | Debra Gill |
| Imperial Quarry | Ruth Barton |
| Monster Garage | Maureen Northrop |
| Evelyn Seymour | Dave Northrop |
| Benita Giesbrecht | Frances Bowman |
| Katie Benjamin | Pacific Brake Factory |

Van Anda Custom Works
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The proceeds of these draws went to the TICS Bursary Fund (two \$750 bursaries awarded to Texada Islanders continuing on to post-secondary studies).

Lots of fun was had and many, many Christmas gifts were found – we kicked the season off right! Watch for us again next year.

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TEXADA COMMUNITY POLICING
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LOCATION CHANGE FOR OUR
JANUARY MEETING

To be held in the community room at the First Credit Union on Thursday January 6, 2022 at 6 pm. Agenda is flexible and will include RCMP and Victim Service updates. Provincial COVID protocols apply. The meeting will be cancelled if necessary in compliance with our health authority direction.

Contact – Box 48, Van Anda, BC
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TEXADA FOOD BANK

Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made at the First Credit Union or by mail to PO Box 233, Van Anda, B.C. V0N 3K0.

Non-perishable food donations may be put in the baskets at the Gillies Bay General Store, the Texada Market, and the First Credit Union in Van Anda.

Thank you so much. Donation tins for cash are available at both stores (Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in Van Anda) and the First Credit Union.

If you have any questions regarding contributions to the Food Bank please call Pauline Fleming at 604-414-9590.

2021 was another difficult year for many but the Texada Food Bank has done well because of our amazing Community, including Powell River and even some individuals far away!! We can't THANK all of you enough. YOU ROCK is an understatement! We wish everyone a very healthy and prosperous 2022.

Our December was filled with generous donations. Thank you goes to Linda Johnson and Elsie Paddock for the beautiful hand-made gifts, Maureen Northrop for the home-

made jams, attendees of the Sagittarius Party for the donations of food, cash and warm accessories, The Texada Market for carrots. We are so grateful for all the financial donations: Thanks goes to The Royal Canadian Legion Texada branch, Dan and Rhoda Stuart, Brian Seymour, Texada Home and Garden, Jeff Nelmes, TwinComm, Joanne Flowerdew in remembrance of Yvonne Halvorsen, Urbie and Sylvia Robillard, Maureen Edler, Neale Berjer and Shelley Moberg.

We are also grateful to everyone that make regular anonymous financial deposits at the First Credit Union and to everyone for all the anonymous cash and food donations that are dropped off at the Gillies Bay Store, Texada Market and Credit Union; our only request is that all food donations be intact and not previously opened.

Additional to the face of The Texada Food Bank building, the CARE (Compassionate Access to Resources for Everyone) cabinet is supported by LIFT Community Services qathet Regional District. The bottom compartment is for books and magazines; please feel free to give and take. The top compartment is for hygiene kits, harm reduction kits, and Naloxone; take as needed. If the box needs fixing, refills, or has issues, please contact 604-223-9487 or email on the signs.

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Hello, Texada,

A very special and happy New Year 2022 to all! We have been blessed with a white Christmas, food, friends and family. And now a new year to do good things for all!

- All our sanitizing and safety protocols are in place. Proof of vaccinations needed for dine-in only. 6 people per table, no mingling, and masks must be on except when eating or drinking. Let's do this with grace and a smile.
- Thank you to Ken and Dave for a bump-free entrance—Cheers!
- Lots of new artists and artist stuff coming in. Check it out. Shop local, buy beautiful.
- Fun darts every other Thursday.

- Full Lotto Center
- Gift Certificates
- Bagged Ice
- Island Information
- T-Shirts, Vests & Hoodies
- Local Art
- Ice Cream

Thank you,
Texada, for all
your love and
support,
*Cymry, Evan,
and Kaithyn*

Bar Hours	Restaurant Hours
Fri - Sun: noon - 8 pm	Mon - Sun:
Mon - Thurs: 3 - 8 pm	Noon - 7 pm

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 232 - TEXADA ISLAND

Due to the new COVID restrictions (specifically, bars cannot be open if they do not have meal service), the Legion is closed until further notice. Please watch the *Express Lines* and Facebook for updates.

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If you or someone you know is making a donation to the Texada Clinic please make the cheque out to **Texada Health Services Society** and mail to Box 84, Gillies Bay, V0N 1W0.

Thank you in advance.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group has readily available funds for individuals on Texada Island needing additional financial support while obtaining treatment for their cancer. We are here to help and can provide up to \$500 per year per patient.

Forms can be picked up at either the Texada Island Health Center or my home in Van Anda. I can be reached at 604-486-7494. All inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence.

Barb Egglestone

TEXADA FOOD HUB

Texada’s own VCH-approved community food preservation kitchen, the Texada Food Hub, is equipped with commercial equipment for flash-freezing, dehydrating, freeze-drying, baking, juicing, fermenting and canning all kinds of foods. COVID restrictions apply, but the Hub is available to all – we are located inside Texada School.

All are welcome to join Texada Agriculture Group (TAG) and use the Hub. Life membership in TAG costs a one-time fee of \$10 for individuals or \$15 for a household with two adults. For a nominal usage fee, Hub members can use the kitchen for stocking up a personal household food supply and for making commercial food products. For more information please contact Tom Read, home phone 604-483-1471 or text 604-414-9998 or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.



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Texada Food Bank

is ONLY offered on the second Wednesday of the month. Call on the second Tuesday between 10 am and 3 pm. Pick up on the second Wednesday between 12 and 12:30.

Call in January 11 – Pick up January 12
Call in February 8 – Pick up February 9
Call in March 8 – Pick up March 9

(604) 483-1219

The Little Free Pantries are always available for anyone with food insecurities. They are located at the Food Bank porch and in front of 4758 Cedar St., Gillies Bay.

Take what you need, leave what you can.



TEXADA

HOME & GARDEN

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TIRC

Happy New Year Texada! At its December 2020 meeting, the Texada Island Recreation Commission (TIRC) recommended to qRD that the bleachers at the Gillies Bay and Van Anda ball fields be removed before they become hazardous. This recommendation was adopted by qRD and reaffirmed at TIRC's March 2021 meeting. It is expected that the Gillies Bay bleachers may last another year whereas the Van Anda bleachers may last another two years. After the bleachers are removed, other structures could be built or installed to increase the functionality of the ball field recreational sites. TIRC welcomes the community's suggestions in this regard and will be putting a survey out in January to get community input. Surveys will be located at the Van Anda Store, Gillies Bay Store and Recycling Depot. Keep your eye out, fill out a survey, and let us know what you would like to see at these locations.

TIRC@qathet.ca

Drop the last year into the silent limbo of the past. Let it go, for it was imperfect, and thank God that it can go.

~Author unknown

Thanks...

We had to change the format a bit, but the Christmas Breakfast to raise funds and collect food for the food bank was back!! And very successful!

Thanks to Mary Mary Café for hosting the event. Thanks to Texada Market, Gillies Bay General Store, Pacific Brake Factory and Doriana and Warren Kiland for donating the food. Thanks to Terry Hollo, Carolyn Davie, Doriana Kiland, and Evelyn Seymour for taking care of the serving and bussing duties.

Over \$800 and a trunkload of food was collected for the food bank and many breakfasts of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and a fruit bowl were enjoyed. Look for us again next year!!



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TEXADA WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK

January Luncheon and Jammie Day

**Thursday January 13, 2022
 at the Texada Island Inn Pub.**

Doors open at 11:30 am, lunch at 12 noon and the guest speaker at 1 pm.

Guest speaker: Tracey Jacquot

Topic: What's new at the Flower and the Bee

To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312 not later than Thursday January 6, 2022.

If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when making your reservation.

IT'S JAMMIE DAY... please wear your jammies... stuffy friends are welcome.

If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item.

Members not wearing their name tag will be fined a loonie. If you are wearing your name tag, you will have your name entered into our draw for a free lunch to be drawn in June. Good Luck!

POWELL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY AT A GLANCE!

Kids, szagwyn@prpl.ca

Preschool Storytime: Anne Woznow Children's Reading Room Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am. Storytime for toddlers, preschoolers, and family members. *Drop-in up to 20.*

Far-Out Storytime: Storytime outdoors in qathet with Family Place and ORCA Bus. Check PRPL.ca for location and time.

Portal to the Past: Time travel with the Powell River Historical Museum and Archives. PRPL YouTube.

Family Literacy Week - Scavenger Hunt: January 23rd to 30th. Hone your library skills with this family activity. Pick-up at the service desk. Complete and receive a sticker!

Teens, edgar@prpl.ca

Codespace: Youth 11+, In the Library Makerspace. Wednesdays, 4 pm, starting January 19th. Learn coding. *Drop in up to 8.*

Young Writers Group returns to the Library! Starting January 8th. Youth 11+. Fridays, 4 pm. Meeting Room A. Talk writing, learn new techniques, stretch your skillset. *Drop in up to 9.*

Chess Club: Fridays, 6-7:30 pm, starting January 28th. Learn about chess at January 28th's info session! All ages and levels welcome. Players 7 and under must come with an adult. *Drop in up to 12.*

First Dibs: Teens! Write reviews for publication in our library catalogue AND get volunteer credit!

Adults, mmerlino@prpl.ca

Kick the Clutter, Get Organized Workshop: Saturday January 8, 2 pm. In Library. Registration required. Ranka Burzan's workshop about how to live and work in an organized space.

A Writing Life with Loren Holloran: Friday January 14, 4 pm via Zoom. Registration required. Loren Halloran presents the story of being a songwriter, poet, memoir writer, and now author of two young reader novels.

Tech Savvy – Increasing Your Online Visibility: Friday January 21, 3 pm in Library. Registration required. Maximize the visibility of your website and social media posts with some simple strategies for optimizing content.

The Michif Language: Saturday January 29, 2 pm via Zoom. Registration required. Metis elder Marie Schoenthal provides an introduction to the heritage Michif language.

Write On! Fridays 2 pm. Via Zoom. To register contact edgar@prpl.ca. Get creative and share writing in this fun and informal group. Explore nonfiction, fiction, poetry and more.

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SD47 O.R.C.A. OUTREACH

(On THE Road WITH Children's Activities)
STRONGSTART OUTREACH

StrongStart Outreach will look different starting in January 2022.

The Powell River and District United Way has paused ORCA Bus operations effective December 31, 2021. The SD47 StrongStart Outreach program will continue to offer programming and is working on a new approach to providing outreach programming to families. We will still be **On the Road with Children's Activities**. We are excited to continue our program in a new way.

StrongStart Outreach will visit Texada School on January 24th from 11:30 am - 2 pm. Future dates will be announced in this paper.

Texada Market



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MUSEUM MUSINGS

CHARLIE KLEIN (1892 - 1960)

One colourful character in Texada's history was logger Charlie Klein. Margaret Woodhead saw him as a "Bull of the Woods" man. At 6 feet tall and powerfully-built, Charlie was renowned for being able to lift a full drum of gasoline onto a truck.

Noted as one of the "finest axemen around these parts", Charlie would test the sharpness of his axe on his arm hairs before making his undercuts, which turned out as smooth as if planed.

The Klein family (children of German immigrants) purchased an 80-acre property in Pender Harbour, allowing their 9 children to farm and later subdivide. In 1913, their sons (Klein Brothers Logging Company) started logging on the coast with teams of powerful Clydesdale horses (one weighing over a ton), dragging the logs to the beach on greased skids.

Kleins' horse logging came to Texada in the 1930's when they moved opera-

tions to Mouat Bay. Charlie built bunkhouses and sank the CP steamship *Princess Beatrice* to use as a breakwater.

In winter, Charlie would tend trap-lines, camping on beaches along Sabine Channel. He thought nothing of rowing to "Kleindale" (Pender Harbour) to cut firewood for his mom. Once he rowed to the hospital at Garden Bay to get treatment for a nasty thumb wound delivered by a dying raccoon.

"Charlie loved his horses," remarked Texada pioneer Joe Pillat. In fact, he had no appreciation for anything "mechanical".

Once at the Mouat Bay site, brother Pete attempted to show Charlie how to operate a cat. When it was time to stop, Charlie panicked and started pulling all the levers, shouting "Whoa!" The cat crashed through the walls of two bunkhouses, finally stopping just short of the water!

Despite appearances, Charlie had another side. He planted pansies. He wrote humorous songs and poems and was a great storyteller. In retirement, he enjoyed pub nights and was a hit with the ladies.

Charlie transferred his Texada properties to his son, Victor, who continued to live on the island. The logging operations were sold to Oke Nyvall and partners.

It is fitting that Charlie's gravesite at the Kleindale cemetery had to be expanded by dynamite to accommodate this "larger than life" character.

*Peter Lock
Texada Island Heritage Society*



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**TEXADA WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK
CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS**

1. Banksie - Christmas tree
2. Deniece Sulyma - wreath
3. Sue Russell - quilted place mats

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With the changing of the weather, roads can be more treacherous, so please plan extra time when travelling. Areas of this island are more prone to freezing road conditions due to environmental factors such as reduced sunlight exposure.

2021 continued to keep Cst. Snider and Cst. Swedberg busy and, as of the time of submitting this, there were 281 files generated on Texada Island.

We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday break and we look forward to continuing to serve the residents and visitors of Texada into 2022.

— *Happy New Year from
Chris, Jordan, and Pat*

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



2022! For someone born in the '50s that number sounds like science fiction. We have arrived in the future! The daily news reads like predictions of biblical proportion. It can leave one to despair and uncertainty. The rules and road conditions change daily.

The question arises, should I travel or stay put? Lots of trips have been postponed this season. If you have decided to stay close to home, why not consider obtaining a library card? Did you know that your Texada library card allows you access to materials from our library as well as the Powell River Library? You can go online to search out those titles you've been looking for and place a hold on them. You can even arrange to have them delivered to you by mail. While things are getting sorted out in the greater world, why not take some time to browse the collection of your own little library? We're small but we're large. You will find stories to cheer your heart. There are tales of intrigue and mystery. Maybe try some non fiction. Sometimes a story of adventure and heroism is so exciting you can't believe it's not fiction. If a little binge watching is more your style these cold winter nights, we have a wonderful collection of mini series and movies from near and far. Get out the popcorn and prepare to be transported. I have recently enjoyed *The Paradise* and *Dickensian*. I can't wait for TV time and the next episode.

Volunteers have kept the library open during the pandemic and we will increase our hours if there is a need. For now, thanks for wearing those masks when you come in and please check your DVD case before returning to make sure all the discs

are there for the next patron to enjoy.

Happy New Year everyone. See you at the library.

— *Barbara McLean*

The Texada Island Library is a volunteer-staffed community service located in the Gillies Bay Old School: phone 604-486-6728, during open hours.

Library Open Hours:


Wednesday	noon to 2 pm
Friday	noon to 2 pm
Saturday	noon to 2 pm
Sunday	noon to 2 pm

For more information about the library, or about becoming a volunteer, please phone Anne Carney, Library Coordinator, at 604-486-7117.

Nicholas Simons

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The January VAID Board Meeting is January 12th at 1:30 at the firehall.

Gillies Bay

Internet Society

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Ed and Elayne

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TINSHS

The Texada Island Non-profit Seniors Housing Society (TINSHS) extends our best wishes for a better new year in 2022! We are looking forward to being able to make announcements of positive progress soon!

Cheers!

Garden Club Notes

"Eat your greens." We certainly heard that one growing up and maybe you even said it to your own kids. Well, it really is sage advice. Jocelyn Fournier's article is all about green goodness.

Dark green vegetables are a great heart health food and a must in the winter months. Spinach, kale, romaine lettuce, collard greens, Swiss chard, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts are high in fiber, iron, magnesium, calcium, potassium, folate, and Vitamin C which will also help our immune system keep those winter ailments down. They are also low in carbohydrates and calories, so don't be afraid to eat a healthy portion; at least half of your plate should consist of dark green steamed vegetables or a kale or spinach salad.

The best part is you don't have to necessarily shop for them as they are easy to grow and a lot of us have them in our gardens right now. If you don't, I'll bet a neighbour or friend has enough and will gladly share.

If you have never created a winter garden, perhaps it is something to consider late next summer when it is time to think of what you would like to see grow for your winter eating pleasure. Some of these dark green vegetables need to be started in the summer to get your winter and spring crop, albeit it's hard to think of a winter garden when we are in the midst of a heat wave! But trust me, it is so worth planning for winter food and you do need to plan. Brussels sprouts in January taste sweet and delicious!

Sprouting broccoli may appear to freeze over the winter. Be patient, they will spring back as soon as the weather changes and you'll have abundant broccoli to eat in early spring while you wait for your late

spring and early summer crops.

Warm Caesar Salad

- 1-2 Romaine hearts
- High heat cooking oil
- Olive oil
- Balsamic vinegar
- S&P
- Parmesan cheese (optional)

Slice lettuce hearts in half lengthwise. Brush cut side with high heat oil and grill in pan on medium heat until it softens and browns slightly. Turn open-faced on a plate and sprinkle with olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper and cheese if desired. Experiment with other seasonings or herbs and enjoy!

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*May all your troubles last as long as
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Thanks...

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding when the Purdy's order went awry. We did eventually find it in Prince George (really?? Prince George??) but in the meantime Purdy's went above and beyond to make sure we got our order and Texada Transfer went even further to make sure we had the order in time for mailing. Huge thanks to Gordie, AnnMarie, Marion, and Larry!! Thanks also to Doriana, Lee, and Linda for stepping up and helping to sort and distribute the 21 boxes of chocolates. Almost \$2000 was raised for the food bank.

Look for our next Purdy's Fundraiser at Easter.

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Thanks...

Thank you to the "Everyone Deserves A Smile" program in Powell River for including Texada Island in their donation area. In the interest of helping to make Christmas inclusive and to help battle the stigma around poverty and homelessness, a number of care packages assembled by the students at Henderson School were sent over and were distributed to those who were alone and/or with insecurities.

Thank you to the TICS volunteers, headed up by Pauline Fleming, who distributed the packages on the Island.



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FRIDAY: BEEF BURRITO
SATURDAY: PORK RIBS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Happy New Year!

Every year there is \$8,000 in the area D grant-in-aid budget for Texada community groups and organizations who need a financial boost during the year. Typically, grants-in-aid cover 25 per cent of the cost of an event or project. The first intake for applications for grants-in-aid is March 31 and the second is August 31.

Everyone who plans to apply for this grant money is encouraged to do so early as funds are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

In 2021, the following received area D grant-in-aid funding: TIC (\$3,000), TAG (\$237.25), TACT Ceramic Studio (\$1130.64), VAID (\$500), K-Lumet (\$1170), and our share of ORCA Bus costs (\$1,654.11). There was \$308 left over, which will be rolled into the 2022 grant-in-aid budget.

Additionally, TACT received \$12,000 in economic development funding, and \$100,000 of Community Works money is earmarked for deer fencing at our airport, a requirement of Transport Canada.

Development of the 2022 Financial Plan (budget) is now underway and we will likely face a property tax increase this year. The main driver of the increase is in waste management with \$10.40 being added to every property tax bill in the region includ-

ing the City, to pay for debt financing for the new Resource Recovery Centre. Insurance rates are also up by 10 per cent. I've argued that with COVID curtailment of activities many people can't afford to pay more taxes and that a property tax increase creates hardship for many residents. I've asked the RD finance team to sharpen their pencils to try to reduce proposed taxes. Stay tuned.

Prior to the latest Covid restrictions, I invited our local highways manager, Rino Parise, to Texada to meet with residents regarding road maintenance issues. A meeting had been planned for Jan. 17 but this is now postponed until the current restrictions are lifted.

Finally, although local government elections are 10 months away, I'm already being asked if I will seek another term as Texada's regional director. The answer is yes, I will.

*Sandy McCormick, area D director
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Better at Home is administered by Inclusion Powell River and BC United Way, with funding from the Province of BC. For more information phone Tom Read (Texada program coordinator) at 604-483-1471 or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.

Many years ago I resolved never to bother with New Year's resolutions, and I've stuck with it ever since.

~David J. Beard (1947–2016), tweet, 2009 December 31st



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TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH NOTES



Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.

— Soren Kierkegaard

Worship Services

Sundays 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1 is Communion Sunday Everyone is welcome at our communion table. Everyone is invited and welcome to come and be a part of our congregation.

Focus on Spirit!

The weekly reflection is posted on the church website. Links can be found on the church's Facebook page (sometimes there are extra posts there so check it out) and Texada Message Board.

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~@thedeadauthor, 2015

Minister's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursdays, at the church, 1 pm - 3 pm. No appointment needed, just drop by if you want to talk. The church is open at these times for private individual prayer or meditation.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard, 604-414-7309

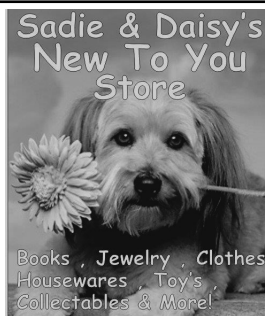
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Across from
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Market in
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We will be closing on Dec. 21, 2021 for the rest of the winter and opening again in the spring. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

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Your Local Government



qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT

qathet Regional District holds regularly scheduled Board and Standing Committee meetings at #103 – 4675 Marine Ave, Powell River. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings, virtually or in person. Closed meetings are conducted by resolution in accordance with the *Community Charter*.

Planning Committee 4:00 pm

January 11, 2022
February 15, 2022
March 8, 2022
April 12, 2022
May 10, 2022
June 14, 2022
July 12, 2022
August 16, 2022
September 6, 2022
November 08, 2022
December 6, 2022

Finance Committee 4:00 pm

January 19, 2022
February 16, 2022
March 16, 2022
April 20, 2022
May 11, 2022
May 18, 2022
June 22, 2022
July 13, 2022
August 17, 2022
September 21, 2022
November 16, 2022
December 7, 2022

Committee of the Whole 4:00 pm

January 13, 2022
February 17, 2022
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August 18, 2022
September 8, 2022
November 10, 2022
December 8, 2022

Regional Board 6:30 pm

January 27, 2022
February 24, 2022
March 30, 2022
April 28, 2022
May 26, 2022
June 30, 2022
July 28, 2022
August 25, 2022
September 29, 2022
November 1, 2022 *Inaugural Meeting*
November 24, 2022
December 20, 2022



POWELL RIVER REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Regional Hospital District Committee of the Whole 3:45 pm

January 13, 2022
March 10, 2022
April 14, 2022
September 8, 2022
December 8, 2022

Regional Hospital District Board 6:15 pm

January 27, 2022
March 30, 2022
April 28, 2022
September 29, 2022
December 20, 2022

Additional meetings may be scheduled.

For more information, please contact
Michelle Jones, Manager of Administrative Services

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9:20 am	10:10*/ 10:20 am	9:20 am	10:20 am	9:25 am	10:25 am	10:50 am	11:55 am
11:25 am	12:15 pm	11:25 am	12:15 pm	11:20 am	12:25 pm	1:05 pm	2:10 pm
3 pm *	3:45 pm	3:30 pm	4:15 pm	3:50 pm	4:55 pm	3:15 pm	4:20 pm
5:05 pm	6 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm	6 pm	7 pm	5:25 pm	5:30 pm
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm	7:55 pm	8:50 pm	6:40 pm	7:50 pm
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9	10	11	12 VAID Board Mtg: 1:30 pm, Fire hall	13 TWIN Mtg:11:30 am, Texada Island Inn Pub	14	15
16	17	18	19 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm	20 <i>Express Lines</i> Deadline	21	22 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
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30	31					

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