

# Express Lines

Texada's Calendar of Events

February 2022

## PURDY'S EASTER CHOCOLATES

Did you enjoy your Purdys Christmas Chocolates? They're all gone, aren't they? Missing them, aren't you?? Well don't despair! We've started an Easter Chocolate Campaign. Lots of goodies for that sweet tooth.

You can place your order online, call Elayne at 604-486-7457, or go to Mary Mary Café to see a catalogue (catalogues have been ordered—they should be here soon).

Please consider buying your Easter chocolates (and maybe some gifts) from Purdy's and support TICS. Purdy's donates back 25% of purchases. It's a win-win.

Last day to place orders is March 16. Delivery is scheduled for March 31.



To order online under the Texada Island Community Society campaign, please follow these steps:

- Go to [fundraising.purdys.com](http://fundraising.purdys.com)
- Click on Register (or sign in if you've supported us previously)—top right side of the screen.
- Register as a supporter—our customer number is 28828 — then choose Join A Campaign.
- Choose Shop Online from the tool bar across the top.
- Shop away!! Marketplace will show you everything available, with pictures.

## THE NEW PHONEBOOK IS COMING!!

We are in the process of compiling names, numbers (including cell phones!), fax numbers, addresses, box numbers, email addresses, and pretty much any other contact information you would like people on the island to have access to.

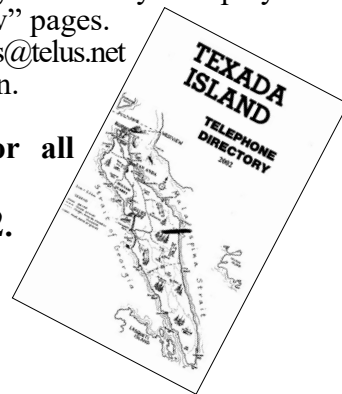
If you are new and would like to be listed, or you've been here for a while and have changes to your information, please fill out the insert in this month's *Express Lines* and drop it at the gas station, email it to [brakes@telus.net](mailto:brakes@telus.net), or fax it to 604-486-6703.

You are welcome to have as many listings as necessary, under as many names as necessary — that is to say that if there are two of you at a number with different names, you can list the number under both names. Or if you have multiple numbers, you can list them all.

Businesses get a free bold listing in the white pages, or you can buy a display ad in the "not so yellow" pages. Please email [brakes@telus.net](mailto:brakes@telus.net) for more information.

**Deadline for all submissions is**

**March 20, 2022.**





# TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE

## Hours of operation

Monday to Thursday

8:30 am to 11:45 am, 1:15 pm to 4 pm

Friday 8:30 am to 11:45 am

Phone Number: 604-486-7525

If there's no reply, please leave a message.

Emergencies: 604-414-9638. If there's no reply within 10 minutes, please phone 911.

Information – Nurses Hotline: 811

### 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.

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# GET READY STAY READY

## Create a network of support

If you or someone you love lives with **diverse abilities**, consider their unique needs when emergency planning so both you and they can confidently respond during a disaster.

- Plan and share where you will keep your personal emergency plan and 'Grab & Go' supplies.
- Plan how you will evacuate with any assistive devices, such as lifts, wheelchairs or scooters, including batteries and chargers.
- Consider building a trusted support network of at least three people to assist you during an emergency.

More inclusive emergency planning and response information can be found at [www.disabilityalliancebc.org](http://www.disabilityalliancebc.org)

Don't wait until it's too late  
[emergency@qathet.ca](mailto:emergency@qathet.ca)





Although we do not seem to be doing anything (due to the pandemic), rest assured that we are still functioning in the background with email motions and discussions. If you have anything you would like to bring to TICS, please email ([brakes@telus.net](mailto:brakes@telus.net)) or call (604-486-7457) Elayne and we will be happy to address it.

### TEXADA ISLAND MUSEUM

Due to the ongoing uncertainties of the pandemic, we will not be opening to the public until further notice.

### Personal Income Tax Service

Sole Proprietors are welcome!  
By appointment only please.  
Call or email Danielle  
604-578-8214  
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\$45 Single or \$80 Couple filed together.  
Returns include electronic filing (if eligible)

\*Additional fees apply for special & business schedules - call for details



COVID protocols in place.

### DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICE COMES TO TEXADA!

Dental Hygiene Practitioner Heather Dekezel will be holding clinic at a local accessible Van Anda studio on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and will continue with monthly visits throughout the calendar year.

Heather is highly experienced, affordable, and very gentle with children and elders. She 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](mailto: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 to underserved communities.

### Thanks...

A heartfelt thank you to those who were on hand to get me out of my dilemma at the bottom of Spragge hill last month. A double axel followed by a loop got me and the Buick an assessment of 100% my fault from ICBC – a perfect 10 for the combination? To Susan who called Sid who called Elayne who, with Ed, quickly came out to help. Meanwhile Breezy had started the rescue and Mark was guarding the process. The only vehicle to come along was the highways truck – a half hour late. Fortunately no physical damage. I was able to limp home and position the car for Sy to tow to Pinetree. Pete and his crew did a great job on the repair. I wish to thank ICBC for repairing the old girl. Only on Texada!!

— Pete Stiles

## **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR Gillies Bay Improvement District (GBID)**

To all the workers and volunteers that helped the Texada Community get through the recent weather related events... **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to the GBID Volunteer Fire Department members and others who showed up to help deal with the flood at the clinic. Thanks also to GBID water operator Ken Taylor for his part in getting the sandbags in motion.

The flooding pointed out that there is some confusion around ditches, culverts and drainage on Texada. Some think that GBID is responsible for culverts and culvert maintenance in Gillies Bay. The only culverts that are GBID culverts are the one in front of the Thrift Store/works yard, and the one along Gillies Bay Road under the access road to the Chlorinator site. General rule of thumb on Texada... If the culvert crosses under a street or public road, the Highways contractor looks after it. If a culvert crosses under a driveway or access road, then the owner of the property it fronts on is responsible for installation and maintenance. In the case of the culvert on the driveway into the tennis court/clinic, the landowner is the Regional District. It appears that this culvert, several other "driveway culverts", and some highway culverts are undersized for severe weather events.

Texada has a long history of excellent local employees and volunteers stepping up and doing a great job. We often take them

for granted, be it the clinic, ambulance service, fire departments, road rescue, waterworks, snow removal, and ferry. We are also blessed with great local businesses.

On the negative side, some on Texada are always on about "they" are doing it wrong, or even expecting someone called "they" to do everything for them. Please try focusing on the "we" instead. Small communities like Texada work and feel best when we all pull together. Texada moves quickly past storm events, ferry disruptions, and power outages. We on Texada are blessed with being able to turn on the TV after a flood, snow, or storm event and, seeing how the rest of the world is faring, think out loud "How lucky we are." That is Texada.

— *Chuck Childress,  
Chair GBID*


**SD47 O.R.C.A. OUTREACH**  
(On THE Road WITH Children's Activities)  
**STRONGSTART OUTREACH**

StrongStart Outreach will visit  
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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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See [firstcu.ca](http://firstcu.ca) for nomination information.



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## NEW GBIS DATA PLANS

Last year, GBIS obtained Provincial funding to upgrade the GBTV cable system, and the funded part of the project is now complete. There were challenges along the way partly because of the tight timelines and supply-chain issues.

Adding Internet to the cable system will help GBIS offer better service both directly through the cable and by reduced congestion of the Wi-Fi bandwidth available. The Connected Coast Submarine Cable should arrive in Gillies Bay in about two years and then everyone can expect faster speeds. The underwater cable will feed directly into the GB cable system and will also connect by radio link to the Pocahontas tower for the Wi-Fi clients.

With more stable and faster connections, we can increase the data limits for all plans. Here are the new (*pre-tax*) rates for annual plans.

plan	GiB/month	\$/month
Standard	80	\$30
Medium	130	\$41
High	250	\$67
Ultra	400	\$94

More details on the new rates can be found here: [gilliesbay.ca/wireless/SubscriptionRates.pdf](http://gilliesbay.ca/wireless/SubscriptionRates.pdf)

Please send inquiries to [GBISoc@Shaw.ca](mailto:GBISoc@Shaw.ca).

*The GBIS Board*

## Gillies Bay Internet Society

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or email [GBISoc@shaw.ca](mailto:GBISoc@shaw.ca)

[www.gilliesbay.ca/wireless](http://www.gilliesbay.ca/wireless)

# Texada Island United Church

*Not everything that is faced can be changed*

**BUT**

*Nothing can be changed until it is faced.*

*James Baldwin*

New York Times article Jan 14, 1962  
"As Much Truth As One Can Bear"

### Worship Services

Sundays 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited and welcome to come and be a part of our congregation. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> is Communion Sunday. Everyone is welcome at our communion table.

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604-414-5232  
Meetings: Wednesdays & Sundays at 6:30 pm  
at the United Church

### 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.



### 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 the Texada Message Board.

### Prayer Group:

Please call Rikki Kooy 604-243-8097 for prayers or information.

### Minister's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursdays, at the church, 1-3 pm.  
Please note: No office hours from Jan. 24 – Feb 8, 2022.

**Minister:** Rev. Gayle Chouinard, 604-414-7309  
trollhollow123@gmail.com

**Board Chair:** Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

**Legion Chaplain:** Karen May, 604-413-0994

**Website:** www.texadaunited.ca

**Facebook page:** Texada Island United Church

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## BETTER AT HOME

Better At Home on Texada Island matches volunteers with seniors to provide non-medical support so seniors can continue living independently in their own homes. B@H services may be limited during the COVID-19 pandemic, but currently we offer limited transportation (including grocery delivery) plus friendly visits by phone and light yard work.

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.



P.O. Box 160  
 Van Anda, B.C. V0N 3K0  
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## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 232

The Legion remains closed to all events until further notice — please follow the message board for any changes.

### *Texada Breast Cancer Support*

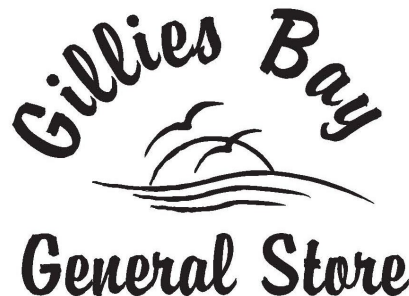


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### LUNCH IN THE DELI

- SUNDAY: FRIED RICE**
- MONDAY: CHICKEN TERIYAKI**
- TUESDAY: STIRFRY**
- WEDNESDAY: PIZZA**
- THURSDAY: CURRY CHICKEN OR CHICKEN FAJITA**
- FRIDAY: BEEF BURRITO**
- SATURDAY: PORK RIBS**



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**There's a changing attitude at the Regional District (RD) regarding Improvement Districts (IDs), particularly where water systems are concerned.**

In the past, IDs were considered "outside agencies" when applying for limited grant funding from senior governments. As such, grant applications from IDs were only considered if there were no RD projects needing funds.

And if an ID folded, the RD had a policy of refusing to take over any water system that was not upgraded. That left IDs in a Catch-22 situation: health standards required the upgrading but IDs had no means to raise the funds to do the work.

The recent experience with the Lund ID has changed all that. The Lund ID has dissolved due to a lack of willing trustees and is now in receivership. Like it or not, ownership of the not-upgraded water system has landed with the qRD.

Recently, both VAID and GBID applied for Community Works (CW) funds to do needed work on their water systems. While VAID did receive grant money a few years ago to bring its water to potable standards, more work is needed to replace old, leaky pipes. GBID needs funds to bring its water quality up to current health standards. Staff recommended denying both applications due to competing RD projects. However, **I was able to convince a majority of directors that ID residents are RD citizens too, and the recommendations to deny funds to the IDs were defeated.**

Two things have happened since. One, **the RD will do a review of its policy regarding allocation of CW funds**, and two, directors passed a motion I introduced to go to UBCM later this year. The motion reads:

*WHEREAS competition for limited Community Works funds allocated to regional districts is very strong,*

*AND WHEREAS water improvement districts have minimal options for grant funding to upgrade aging water systems and costs to upgrade aging water systems would be borne by regional districts if water improvement districts dissolve,*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the province for a one-time fund to bring all rural water systems operated by improvement districts into compliance with health regulations.***

No decisions have been made regarding VAID's and GBID's funding applications so there remains the possibility that some funds can be allocated to our IDs over the next few months.

*Sandy McCormick, area D director  
sandyneleeti@gmail.com  
604-414-3525*

# Texada Market



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- New items arriving weekly

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## 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



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## DONATIONS TO TEXADA CLINIC

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, BC V0N 1W0.

Thank you in advance.

## GARDEN CLUB

*Gardens are not always a simple matter of planting seeds and watching them grow. This month, Shirley McCune shares her experiences.*

My garden still has seed stocks for birds; that's how I feed them.

Lots of blooming Hellebores for colour, lime green lemon Cypress, Cyclamen and fat buds giving promise to spring! I love winter gardens at a time when we need a little cheer. I intersperse my edibles in-between evergreen miniature forest. Shades of blue grey from lavender and Pinus Cembre. Yellows from cypress, column boxwood, darks from yew and cedar. Heather mounds for early blooming. Kale and Swiss chard feed me through the winter.

However, not all is rosy in the garden. 2021 was the Battle of the Bamboo. Fifteen years ago it was a quick deer-proof, privacy, a Zen feel. But... it turned into a bully! Creeping towards and into my neighbours' yards. A hoe worked in the front to rid this invasive plant, but in the back it was all manual labour. There was so much destruction. I lost so many mature plants and had to start over.

As gardeners we are always redesigning and rethinking what we want in our world. Low maintenance and heat resistant plants using less water is what I am thinking now.

### My Tourtiere

- 3 lbs ground pork or lamb
- 3 lbs ground beef
- 2 big onions
- 1 lg yam or potato
- garlic to your taste
- big red sweet pepper

*All minced, grated or chopped fine.*

- 1 teaspoon each: ground cloves, cinnamon, 5-spice or allspice, nutmeg, then add a little more of what you like
- 3/4 liter of chicken broth
- salt and pepper to taste

Combine and simmer for about 2 hrs. Add 2 tbsp chia seeds or 1 tbsp of cornstarch to thicken.

Roll pastry and cut circles for 5" aluminum pie forms.

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## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

**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. Donation tins for cash are also available at these locations.

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

**We are very grateful to everyone** who makes 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 the First Credit Union. Our only request is that all food donations be intact and not previously opened.

**Addition to the face of The Texada Food Bank building:**  
The **CARE** (Compassionate Access to

Resources for Everyone) **cabinet** is supported by **LIFT Community Services gathet 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 / Naloxone; take as needed.

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# NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

As we move slowly through another COVID winter, I find that books are a great comfort whether I want to lose myself in a good mystery or use them as a tool to plan future projects. My mind goes to gardening; Spring can't be far away, can it? On our library shelves you will find numerous books to help you plan a garden, plan projects to build, or to help with problem solving. E.g. Strawbale Gardens (635 KAR), or perhaps a shed is in your future, see Sheds (690 STI). There are several books on raising chickens, see 636.5 on the shelf.

You can also unwind after a hard day of reading by watching DVDs. Our library has many for you to enjoy. I particularly like the mysteries from Great Britain; have you watched *The Unforgotten*? Another favourite of mine is the New Zealand series *Brokenwood Mysteries*. We also have interesting documentaries e.g. *Earth: One Amazing Day*. There is something for all tastes.

I want to welcome all the newcomers to Texada; I see so many new faces on the ferry and in the stores. Have you checked out the library in Gillies Bay yet? You can stroll through our catalogue at [prpl.ent.sirsidynix.net/client/en\\_US/texada/](http://prpl.ent.sirsidynix.net/client/en_US/texada/) and then come in to find titles on the shelves.

Lastly I want to mention that in the past year we have lost books and DVDs that have simply disappeared. Our budget is small; every penny counts when it comes to purchasing

new materials so it hurts when items that we have chosen to enhance our collection go missing. The materials in the library are for sharing with everyone; please return items in a timely fashion.



— Anne Carney

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.


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## Texada Women's Island Network FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 10, 2022  
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Doors open 11:30 am, lunch 12 noon,  
guest speaker 1 pm.

Guest speaker: Elke Sager  
Topic: TBA

To reserve, please phone Linda at 604-486-7682 no later than February 3, 2022. If you have food allergies, please let Linda know when you make your reservation.

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

Please wear pink or red.

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



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## MUSEUM MUSINGS

### JOHN ANTLE AND TEXADA’S COLUMBIA HOSPITAL



When Tacoma Steel ceased its Marble Bay operations in 1907 Texada City’s opera house was donated to Reverend John Antle’s newly-established Columbia Coast Mission for use as a hospital.

Antle (1865-1949) was a rough and ready Newfoundlander ordained in the Church of England and serving as a priest in Vancouver. He was alerted to the unmet needs of the people on BC’s remote coast when, in 1904, the Union Steamship *Cassiar* arrived in Vancouver with four dead loggers aboard.

With a donation of \$100 from the Anglican diocese, Antle and his 9-year old son outfitted a 16-foot racing dinghy (the *Laverock*) with a “new-fangled” 3/4 horsepower gas engine. They embarked on a daring 800 km journey to assess the needs of the logging and mining camps, canneries, lighthouses, and First Nations villages upcoast.

Antle’s forceful presentation of his findings resulted in the formation of the Columbia Coast Mission and the launching of the 60-foot ship *Columbia* in 1905. Captained by Antle, it was a floating dispensary, emergency ward, ambulance, chapel, and library.

The *Columbia* became a welcome visitor for upcoast residents who would step on board for ceremonies (weddings, christenings, funerals) or social events such as movies or visits with Santa.

CCM hospitals were established at Rock Bay, Alert Bay, Van Anda and (later) Garden Bay. Bishop Perrin of Vancouver opened Texada’s hospital, which employed doctors Keith and MacDermott, and nurses Beatty and Franklin.

Their first winter of 1907/08 was a challenge when temperatures plunged. The

thirteen patients shared three hot water bottles while Dr. MacDermott thawed the pipes.

Van Anda’s hospital often hosted Reverend Antle’s successor — the energetic but inexperienced Alan Greene. The nurses taught the student missionary to help as an anaesthetist when in port.

Greene loved a practical joke. He slept in any vacant hospital beds — even the morgue — and was once mistaken for a corpse when several men entered at night to measure the body for a coffin. Greene moaned and sat up suddenly, causing the shocked men to bolt for the door!

Van Anda’s hospital closed in 1920 and the CCM ceased its marine service in 1969.

A stained glass window in a Hamilton, Ontario church commemorates Antle’s life work — bringing companionship, medical help, and inspiration to the lonely men and women of BC’s coast.

— Peter Lock  
*Texada Island Heritage Society*

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Hello, Texada,  
A huge welcome to February. We have had enough rain, wind, ice, and snow. Spring's a coming. Can't wait!

- All our sanitizing and safety protocols are in place; proof of vaccination needed for dine in only, 6 people per table, NO mingling, and masks are mandatory except when seated. Let's do this with grace and a smile.
- If there are any new artists who would like to showcase their talent, call us. Always new things coming in. Shop Local, Buy Beautiful.
- **Superbowl Sunday:** the bar is open at noon. Munchies, 25% off all draft beer, chili, hotdogs, squares \$2 and \$5, fun and prizes. Appy and dinner specials.
- **Valentine's Day:** Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Menu TBA.

- Full Lotto Center
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- Ice Cream

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

**Bar Hours**  
Mon - Wed: closed  
Sun, Thurs: 3 pm - 8 pm  
Fri, Sat: noon - 8 pm

**Restaurant Hours**  
Mon - Sun:  
Noon - 7 pm

## A NOTE TO VAN ANDA RESIDENTS:

VAID recognizes that our tolls and taxes increased substantially this year. We did not make the decision to raise the tolls and taxes lightly. The increase was necessitated due to an increase in our anticipated costs of operations and repairs. Those wishing further details of their invoice or other aspects of VAID's operations should contact the office at 604-486-7035 or email [contact@vananda-id.ca](mailto:contact@vananda-id.ca).



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## **POWELL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE!**

### **Kids: [szagwyn@prpl.ca](mailto:szagwyn@prpl.ca)**

**Preschool Storytime:** Virtual PRPL's YouTube. Wednesday. A lively fare of puppetry, finger-plays, action rhymes, and singalong songs, and book-tales.

**Far-Out Storytime:** February 22 - Willingdon Beach Preschool Storytime visits outdoor locations with Family Place in qathet. To register: [familyplace@liftcommunityservices.org](mailto:familyplace@liftcommunityservices.org)

**Drawn Together:** Kids 8-12. Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm, starting February 10, Zoom. Join artist Luke Ramsey for an interactive drawing session with plenty of space to share ideas and creations.

**Garden Storywalks:** VCH Hospital Garden, February 24, 10:30-11:00 am. Join Sonia for a storywalk around the garden, ending with songs and activities in the gazebo. *Registration required.*

**Preschool StoryBytes:** PRPL YouTube. Released bi-weekly. A virtual storytime slice for anyone who loves rhymes, actions and singalong songs.

**Salmon in the Library!** February, during Library Open Hours, Anne Woznow Children's Reading Room. PRPL partners with Powell River Salmon Society to host a tank of Coho eggs that will hatch into alevin the library!

### **Teens: [edgar@prpl.ca](mailto:edgar@prpl.ca)**

**Codespace: Youth 11 +, Virtual. Wednesdays, 4 pm.** Coding and animation with Tech Wizard Kieran Fogarty.

**Young Writers Group:** Youth 11+. Virtual. Fridays, 4 pm. Talk writing, learn new techniques, stretch your skillset.

**Totally Mature Family Book Club:** Virtual. 11+. Date/Time TBD. Read, discuss, and connect.

**First Dibs:** Teens! Write reviews, get published AND get volunteer credit!

### **Adults: [mmerlino@prpl.ca](mailto:mmerlino@prpl.ca)**

**Old Growth Trees in the qathet Region:** Saturday February 5, 2pm, Zoom Learn about qathet's old growth forests with the qathet Climate Alliance.

**Luschiim's Plants: Traditional Indigenous Foods, Materials and Medicines** Friday February 11, 4pm, Zoom Quw'utsun elder Luschiim and others present a new book documenting Luschiim's personal experiences and observations about local plants.

**Award Winning BC Poet and Author Gary Geddes** Saturday February 19, 2pm, Zoom Gary Geddes presents, *the Ventriloquist* – his latest book.

**Complicated Simplicity: Island Life in the Pacific Northwest** Saturday February 26, 2pm, Zoom Joy Davis presents her latest book, infused with insightful island-inspired reflections.

**Write On:** Fridays 2pm. Via Zoom. To register contact [edgar@prpl.ca](mailto:edgar@prpl.ca) Get creative and share writing in a fun and informal group.

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## TEXADA FOOD HUB ACCESS TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED

The Hub is available to all – we are located inside Texada School. But COVID restrictions imposed by School District 47 in January temporarily require that Hub access be allowed only outside school hours – thus, evenings and weekends. The Texada Food Hub is a Vancouver Coastal Health-approved community food preservation kitchen equipped with commercial equipment for flash-freezing, dehydrating, freeze-drying, baking, juicing, fermenting and canning all kinds of foods.

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A huge THANK YOU!!! to Cathy Brown, TAG’s Treasurer and stalwart Hub supporter for the past several years. She’s relinquishing her office so she can concentrate on her new responsibilities as President of Texada Island Non-profit Seniors Housing

Society, which is making great progress toward the goal of building and operating affordable seniors housing on our island. We couldn’t have come this far at the Hub without Cathy, and she will be sorely missed on our Board.

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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, text 604 414-9998, or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.

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**NOTICE OF 2022  
BUDGET MEETINGS**

The qathet Regional District will meet to consider the proposed 2022 budgets and 2022-2026 Financial Plan at the Finance Committee meetings on January 19 and February 16. The Regional Board will adopt the budget on February 24, 2022.

The 2022 Regional Hospital District budget will be considered at the Regional Hospital District Committee of the Whole meeting on January 13, 2022. The Regional Hospital Board will adopt the budget on March 30, 2022.

Meeting dates and times can be viewed on the Regional District website at qathet.ca. For more information, please contact Linda Greenan, Manager of Financial Services.

# Classified Ads

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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 February 8 – Pick up February 9  
Call in March 8 – Pick up March 9  
Call in April 12 – Pick up April 13*

**(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.*

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Monday to Friday		Saturday and Sunday		Leave Saltery Bay	Leave Earls Cove	Leave Langdale	Leave Horseshoe Bay
Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River	Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River				
6 am	6:50 am	6 am	6:50 am	5:40 am*	6:35 am*	6:20 am	7:30 am
7:50 am	8:35 am	7:50 am	8:35 am	7:30 am	8:25 am	8:40 am	9:45 am
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	2:30 pm	3:35 pm	3:15 pm	4:20 pm
5:05 pm	6 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm	4:40 pm	5:40 pm	5:25 pm	6:35 pm
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm	6:35 pm	7:50 pm	7:40 pm	8:45 pm
8:35 pm	9:20 pm	9 pm	9:45 pm	8:25 pm	9:20 pm	9:50 pm	10:55 pm
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### Van Anda:

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm

### Gillies Bay:

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

## POWELL RIVER— COMOX

Leave Powell River	Leave Comox
8:05 am	6:15 am
11:50 am	9:55 am
5:15 pm	3:25 pm
8:45 pm	7:10 pm


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<b>FEBRUARY 2022</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> TWIN Mtg: 11:30 am, Texada Island Inn Pub	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm  VAID Court of Revision
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Valentines Day</b> 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm  VAID Board Meeting: 1:30 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Express Lines Deadline	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>					

**EVERY:**

**MONDAY:** Tai Chi, Community Hall 9:30 am

**WEDNESDAY:** Tai Chi, Community hall, 9:30am  
Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6:30 pm

**SATURDAY:** Tai Chi, GB Tennis Courts, 9:30 am

**SUNDAY:** Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6:30 pm