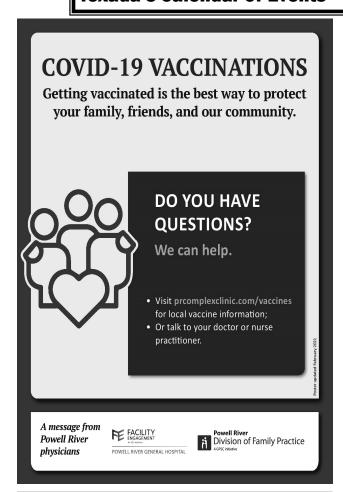


**Texada's Calendar of Events** 

**March 2021** 



#### PURDY'S EASTER CANDY

Don't forget to order your Purdy's Easter Candy. See last month's *Express Lines* for instructions on how to find and order your goodies. Proceeds to TICS.

#### SIREN ON, WATER TAPS OFF

Whenever the Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department posts a notice we always have a banner running across the bottom that says "If you hear a siren please shut off water taps...". So most people know we have water pressure challenges in parts of Gillies Bay.

We had a reminder of that reality on February 3<sup>rd</sup> when we were struggling to maintain enough pressure to run two hoses at a house fire. The fire happened when most people were busy with their morning routines. Maybe you are new to the community, or didn't hear the fire siren, or just forgot since structure fires don't happen that often. Whatever the reason the Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department wants to remind everyone that if you hear the siren, at any time other than Monday at 6:30 pm when we test the siren at practice, please shut off water taps until after the emergency is over. That shower can wait!

> — Rob McWilliam Fire Chief





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**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.
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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.



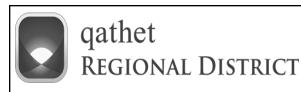
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Nancy Schmeister qRD Manager of Technical Services 604 485-2260

#### 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."

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We'll be open weekends — Saturdays 3:30-7 pm and Sundays 4 pm -7 pm. Meat draws (considered events) have been cancelled until further notice.

Please watch the Texada Message Board on Facebook for updates to our hours,

We have a safety plan in place and look forward to seeing everyone again! Stay safe everyone!

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Texada Home & Garden will be opening the beginning of March, offering a destination shopping experience. We are very excited to be part of your community!



#### HEAVEN IS STILL CELEBRATING

On January 4th, our "First Lady," Gladys Fielkowich, left us for a better place.

Always beautifully dressed, laughing, teasing, leaving everyone smiling. She is, and will be, forever missed.

A light has gone out but a new star shines above, watching over us on Texada. She had to leave her dancing shoes behind. No doubt a new pair was waiting for her, purple one or red.

She is now celebrating with those gone before her. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Thank you for the laughs, Gladys, and for your friendship.

Till we meet again, keep on dancing!

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#### March 2021



# TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH NOTES



#### An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His
hand.

#### Focus on Spirit!

We are taking a Lenten journey and meeting people along the way (past and present); come along and see who you meet. A 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.

#### Church Reopening

With the recent restrictions put on gatherings because of COVID, all church gatherings are suspended until we can do so safely. If there is anything that we can do for you, please contact Rev. Gayle Chouinard.

#### Prayer Group

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

Weekly Services: 10:30 Sundays... are suspended until further notice.

**Please note** that your donations or tithes are more important than ever right now, and can be mailed to "Texada United Church, Box 23, Gillies Bay, BC V0N 1W0.

Minister's Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursdays, at the church, 1- 3 pm. The church is open at these times for private individual prayer or meditation. Offering envelopes and Our Daily Bread booklets can be picked up during these hours.

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

**Board Chair:** Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050 **Legion Chaplain:** Karen May, 604-413-0994

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- St Patrick's Day in the pub: come in for a shamrock. See what you get. Lots of fun stuff, green beer, too, if you dare!
- To any artists new to the island and looking to display your work or creations: Come see us for a spot in the lobby. You can leave business cards, pictures or your creations.
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#### **Bar Hours**

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#### Restaurant Hours

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#### TEXADA FOOD HUB

We're looking forward to a positive 2021! Texada's own community food preservation kitchen, the Texada Food Hub, is equipped with commercial equipment for flash-freezing, dehydrating, fermenting and canning all kinds of foods. COVID restrictions apply, but the Hub is available. For a nominal fee, Hub members can use the kitchen for stocking up a personal food supply, for making commercial food products, and for learning how to do food preservation using the above techniques. All are welcome to join; membership costs \$10 per year for individuals or \$15 per year for a household with two adults. For more information please contact Tom Read, phone/text 604-414-9998.



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#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

from Great news the province: protection was approved for the waters of our Northeast Bay. Several years ago, the Texada community raised loud concerns about a shellfish farm proposed for the bay. I took these concerns to the RD, which then lobbied the government at UBCM in 2019. The land around the bay is currently designated park reserve and now that reserve status (for the Use, Recreation and Enjoyment of the Public) is extended to include the water portion of the bay. Thanks to Nicholas Simons for helping to make this happen. That's one thing off the to-do list!

Work on the budget continues, to be finalized by month end, and no major changes are anticipated. As part of the budget, the RD Board has approved construction of a ninehole disc golf course this year at Shelter Point Park. The recommendation for the course came from our Rec Commission following a presentation from local disc golfers.

Last month I shared some insight into what I do in terms of RD responsibilities. This month's insight focuses on the Texada side of things.

As director, I make myself available to talk or listen to what you have to say. This includes questions about what the RD has done, is or will be doing. It could be a



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heads-up about a future project with queries about how to proceed. Two-way communication is an important aspect of the director's role. That includes sharing information through this column or at RD Discussion Nights and taking information back to the RD through monthly reports at Board meetings about happenings on the island. I also try to notify community groups about upcoming Board debate that could affect them.

Additionally, as director I advocate for Texada's interests to senior governments regarding issues such as protection of areas like Northeast Bay, improved road maintenance, and better access to high-speed internet. I try to "feel the pulse" of the island (not easy during social distancing) and to be respectful and fair. And when issues come to the Board for consideration, I try to see them all through Texada-coloured glasses.

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The Texada Recreation Commission (TIRC) will be holding a virtual meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5 pm. Those interested in attending or making requests to the commission should contact Ron Smith by email (ronsmith@tru.ca) or phone 604-578-1989. One item on our agenda will be the selection of new members to TIRC. Nominations should be directed to TIRC as above, thank you.

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This month Mary Lock explains the importance of keeping your mason bee houses clean. Just before we get started, here is some information about mason bees. They are called mason bees because they use mud or "masonry" products to construct their individual nests in naturally occurring cracks or small dark cavities. Mason bees, unlike honey bees, are non-aggressive, solitary bees. They do not have hives so all of the pollen they collect stays with them. Only the females have stingers and they only sting if trapped or squeezed. Mason bees are more effective pollinators than honey bees. You can "tame" these bees by providing a mason bee house that will attract them to your garden. Mary purchased both the mason bee cocoons and cleanable bee houses from West Coast Seeds.

#### A Hard Lesson: By Mary Lock

My relationship with mason bees has been one of trial and error. I first put up my mason bee chalet and was gratified when, that summer, the natural population filled the nesting tubes with mud walls enclosing precious eggs which would become adult bees inside cocoons.

However, in the fall, I was not sure when or how to clean the house. Before I knew it, spring had arrived and bees were already hatching and returning to lay in the same nests.

It wasn't until the following autumn I finally was able to open the nesting trays and was horrified at what I saw. Among the cocoons were cells swarming with thousands of pollen mites, cocoon-devouring caterpillars and tiny parasitic wasps which lay their own eggs on mason bee eggs.

I felt so guilty that I was actually breeding the pests that were going to destroy the very mason bees that I was trying to help!

Determined to do a better job, I carefully cleaned the cocoons and house and set them back out for the winter. That spring alone, no bees returned and I was very discouraged.

I read that if mason bees hatched too early in the spring before there are enough blossoms to feed them they can starve. I decided to give it one more try. I ordered new cocoons, cleaned them in the fall, and in the early spring stored them in the fridge to keep them dormant until there were enough blossoms. It was very successful.

But there was still one more catch. After the bees hatched in the spring, there were cocoons left that hatched much later. When I opened these, I was amazed to find that at least half were filled with parasitic wasp maggots. By destroying these each year, I have reduced them from 50% to 2%.

I think I've finally got it down. I clean nests, chill cocoons until there are blossoms, and destroy all late-hatching cocoons. Let's hope there are no more surprises!

This recipe has been adapted from one by an original Texada gardener, Mary Kucharsky.

#### **Dill Beans**

Makes approx 7 quarts (one canner load).

Place 2 seed heads of fresh dill in each quart jar. Pack jars vertically and tightly with fresh green beans (straight beans pack the best). Snip off ends to 1" below rim.

Brine: boil 4 quarts water

1 1/2 cups pickling vinegar 1 cup pickling salt

Cover beans with hot brine leaving 3/4" head space to rim.

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Thursday March 11, 2021 in the Pub at the Texada Island Inn. Doors open at 11:30 am

Lunch at 12 noon Guest speaker at 1 pm. Guest speaker: TBA

To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday March 4, 2021. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when making your reservation.

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

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

#### **News From the Library**

Greetings, everyone.

First of all, we, the Library Volunteer Group, would like to thank TWIN for their donation to us in the memory of John Guthrie. We are very grateful.

This last month has brought us substantial donations from the community and deliveries of material from our regular supplier. Following are a few samples for your delectation.

The Innocents (FIC CRU) by Michael Crummey and this is what the blurb says: "Ada and Evered Best are orphaned in an isolated cove on Newfoundland's northern coastline. Still children, with only the barest notion of the outside world, they have nothing but the family's boat and the little knowledge passed on haphazardly by their mother and father."

How to Pronounce Knife (FIC SS THA) by Souvankham Thammavongsa is a collection of short stories. I know there are some readers awaiting this title; so, here we are. From the blurb: "She [the author] focuses on characters struggling to find their bearings in unfamiliar territory, illuminating their hopes, disappointments, love affairs, acts of defiance, and, above all, their pursuit of a place to belong." One of her character says, "All we wanted was to live."

The third title is the latest by Jane Harper. Her three previous titles have attracted much interest and I suspect this one will, too: *The Survivors* (FIC HAR). The blurb says: "Kieran Elliott's [the character's] life changed forever on the day a reckless mistake led to devastating consequences. The guilt that still haunts him resurfaces during a visit with his young family to the small

coastal community he once called home."

Here's the last one I want to preview: *The Com*-



plete Book of Garlic: a guide for gardeners, growers, and serious cooks (635 MER) by Ted Jordan Meredith. I think the sub-title says it all.

Please drop in whenever you can and have a nice browse.

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 Sunday noon to 2 pm

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—Dick Turner

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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, BC 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.

# The Texada Food Bank acknowledges all of our contributors:

Big thank you to everyone that makes regular anonymous financial deposits at the First Credit Union. We are so grateful.

We are always grateful to Jake and The Gillies Bay Store for their continued support with donations of cases of food and to everyone at the Texada Market for your help every month. We are very grateful to everyone for all the anonymous cash and food donations that are dropped off at the Gillies Bay Store, Texada Market, and First Credit Union.



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#### **MUSEUM MUSINGS** SPANISH GOLD BURIED ON TEXADA?

Just imagine — a gold and silver treasure, hidden from

early British explorers by the Spanish, buried in an extinct Texada volcano with the help of

Tla'amin chiefs!

This imaginary tale grew wilder as 14-year old Bruce McKelvie invented it on the spot to entertain his friends in his Van Anda woodshed. He had conned them (Tom Sawyer style) into doing his weekly chore — sawing and splitting the family's firewood — in exchange for relating this tantalizing tale. He was so convincing that, over the years, several friends actually searched for the fabled gold, to no avail!

Bruce Alistair ("Pinkie") McKelvie (1889-1960) moved to Texada in 1898 when his father, legendary master mechanic and blacksmith Alex McKelvie, was hired to set up and operate the furnace in Van Anda's smelter.

Young Bruce's newspaper career started in January 1900 at the age of 10 when the two major mining companies in Van Anda decided to sponsor a town newspaper, the Coast Miner. Bruce "helped" the adults set up the huge press and was eager to hawk the newspaper on the streets of Van Anda, often being given a dime and told to "keep the change." He also substituted as "printer's devil" (apprentice) when young Will Raper was sick.

When the smelter furnace was sold and sent to Ladysmith in 1903, the McKelvies moved with it.

By now Bruce had caught the journalism bug and continued his career at various BC newspapers. In 1913, the Vancouver Province



hired him as a reporter to cover the police and city hall beats. After 30 years in Vancouver, Bruce became the managing editor of the Victoria Colonist. He later served on various BC government delegations and was director of the BC Historical Association.

As evidenced by the "Spanish gold" story, Bruce's creativity and imagination inspired him to write several novels and non-fiction books based on BC history themes.

"He was seldom averse to sensationalizing the past... if it meant getting more people to pay attention," wrote BC Bookworld.

In a 1941 article, Bruce expressed surprise when, after

more than 30 years, a stranger on Vancouver Island whispered to him about the "secret" stash of Spanish gold buried on Texada.

It seems that the magic of a well-told tale lives forever!

> — Peter Lock Texada Island Heritage Society



Drop your fire extinguishers at Pacific Brake Factory for servicing next time I am on the island.

# TEXADA COMMUNITY POLICING

This committee endeavors to develop a working partnership with the RCMP members and the citizens of Texada. We work with the RCMP to maintain a safe, pleasant environment for all residents and provide a forum for the RCMP to report and inquire about issues affecting residents.

Please use the contact information below for your concerns and feedback.

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#### **Express Lines**

#### March 2021





February was a busy month for students and staff at Texada Ele-

mentary School. Division 1 has been immersed in some pretty cool looking science experiments while also working toward "Walking a Marathon" by walking a combined 50 km. Division 2 celebrated the 100th day of school with fun, 100-themed activities. Both divisions participated in "Random Acts of Caring" week starting February 16<sup>th</sup>. We did our best to commit random acts of caring for our school, families and community, but more than anything we seemed to be the recipients of others' random acts of caring. Rob McWilliam kindly donated a box of Run the Rock t-shirts one for each student. Diana Robert and Shelly Moberg knitted us some ear savers for those who need them, and George and Gerry from Mary-Mary Café generously made us breakfast to kick off our week of caring!

Of course, February also brought Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day as well, so the entire month, really, had a focus on kindness and friendship. We also attended a virtual concert on the history of Motown, presented by Kristle Dos Santos and the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

As some may recall, we have previously hosted a March Madness concert, where students have the opportunity to show off their many talents. This year we still plan to create a concert for everyone (a little different than previous years, and virtual, of course), so watch for information on how and where to view — I'll post on the community Facebook page. The last two weeks of March are spring break, so you may see more children than usual riding their bikes around town!

Have a wonderful March!

— Rhonda Gordon

# Attention Texada Food Bank Notification

Texada Food Bank will **only** be offered on the **second Wednesday of the month.** We hope the change will avoid any families missing the day. Call on the second Tuesday between 10 am and 3 pm. Pick up on the second Wednesday between 12 and 12:30.

Call in March 9 – Pick up March 10 Call in April 13 – Pick up April 14 Call in May 11—Pickup May 12 (604) 483-1219

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

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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

May the Irish hills caress you. May her lakes and rivers bless you. May the luck of the Irish enfold you. May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.

~Irish Blessing

#### 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.

#### **PMR** Handyman Services

- ~Interior and Exterior painting
- ~ All manner of household repair
- ~ Fence and gate building and mending
- ~ Decks
- ~ Reasonable rates!

Free estimates
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#### Kel's Lawn, Yardwork and Handyman

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#### Hair on Blair

604-223-9800

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FOR A 12-MONTH OFF-ISLAND SUB-SCRIPTION TO THE EXPRESS LINES, PLEASE SEND \$30 TO PO BOX 233, VAN ANDA, BC, VON 3K0.

Name:	
Address:	
CITY:	
PROVINCE:	
POSTAL CODE:	

# Handyman Services Drake Fredericks

Need a third hand? I'm the man for the job!

No job too big or too small.

Have most tools for yard maintenance and carpentry.

References Available.

Call 604-486-7538 or 604-223-4460

#### **Personal Income Tax Service**

Sole Proprietors are welcome!
By appointment only please.
COVID protocols in place.
Call or email Danielle.
604-578-8214
booksbydc@gmail.com

#### **Fudge Contracting**



Home: 604-486-7364 Text: 604-483-1063

#### E mail: mrdanfudge@gmail.com

Excavator, Skidster & Dump Truck, Yard clearing, Septic installation

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# BC FERRY SCHEDULE

TEXADA ISLAND TO POWELL RIVER				
Monday to Friday		Saturday and Sunday		
Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River	Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River	
6 am	6:50 am	6 am	6:50 am	
7:50 am	8:35 am	7:50 am	8:35 am	
9:20 am	10:10*/ 10:20 am	9:20 am	10:20 am	
11:25 am	12:15 pm	11:25 am	12:15 pm	
3 pm *	3:45 pm	3:30 pm	4:15 pm	
5:05 pm	6 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm	
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm	
8:35 pm	9:20 pm	9 pm	9:45 pm	
*Dangerous Cargo Wednesdays Only—no passengers				

Powell River - Sechelt			
Leave Saltery Bay	Leave Earls Cove		
5:40 am*	6:35 am*		
7:30 am	8:25 am		
9:25 am	10:25 am		
11:20 am	12:25 pm		
3:50 pm	4:55 pm		
6 pm	7 pm		
7:55 pm	8:50 pm		
9:45 pm	10:40 pm		
*Daily except Sunday			

GIBSON - VANCOUVER			
Leave Horseshoe Bay			
7:30 am			
9:45 am			
11:55 am			
2:10 pm			
4:20 pm			
5:30 pm			
7:50 pm			
10:55 pm			

To Confirm Sailing Times Please Call 1-888-223-3779 or go to www.bcferries.com

#### **COMMUTER BUS: THURSDAYS**

Phone Wednesday before 3 pm to reserve a seat (604-483-2008).

Departs Gillies Bay Store at 8:25 am, and the Van Anda Market at about 8:50 am.

Departs the North entrance of Town Centre Mall at 3 pm.

Fare (each way): **\$8** and **\$2.25** for seniors **(65+)**.

#### **Recycling Stations Hours**

#### 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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**DEADLINE:** The 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. Please call for information on advertising or insert rates.

- Send announcements (max. 350 words) or ads to: PO Box 267, Gillies Bay, BC V0N 1W0
- E-mail to <u>brakes@telus.net</u> or <u>texadalines@hotmail.com</u>
- Fax to **604-486-6703**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	Transfer Station: 10t am - 4 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 TIRC Virtual Mtg: 5 pm	TWIN Mtg: 11:30 am Texada Island Inn Pub	12	13 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm St. Patrick's Day	18	19	<b>20</b> Express Lines Deadline
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
28 Palm Sunday Passover Starts	29	30	31			

#### **EVERY:**

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

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

SATURDAY: Tai Chi, Community Hall, 9:30 am