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Texada's Calendar of Events

May 2022

TEXADA ISLAND FARMERS' MARKET

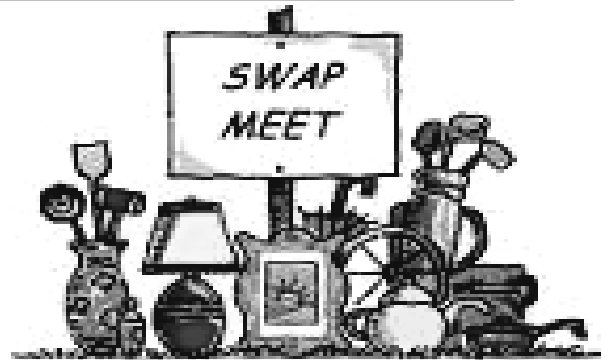
Here we go!! May 29th will be our first market, held at the Gillies Bay ball field, 12 noon – 1:30 pm every Sunday until further notice.

Anyone wanting to be a vendor at the Market **must** contact me before showing up.

If you are a vendor who will be selling high risk foods, a Letter of Confirmation from the Health Inspector will have to be provided. You can find more info on low risk/high risk foods at www.vch.ca/Documents/Guidelines-for-sale-of-foods-at-temporary-food-markets.pdf

Any questions you may have please don't hesitate to call.

*Your Market Coordinator,
Dawn Hughes
604-486-7529*



**TICS Swap Meet
May 29, 2022
11 am—2 pm
Community Hall**

**WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE
TREASURES AND BARGAINS GALORE
LUNCH KITCHEN
DRAWS**

TICS will be holding its Annual Swap Meet on May 29. To book a table, please call Ruth at 604-414-4111 or email ruthbarton48@gmail.com. Tables are \$10 each.

Doors will open for customers at 11 am and will continue till 2 pm. Come down and see what treasures you can find!

Donations for the white elephant table gratefully accepted!!



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.

Texada Breast Cancer Support



Contact: Joan Martisca
604-483-6438

Udith Teuner
604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained
Peer Facilitators

LIVE - LOVE- LAUGHTER

Gillies Bay Volunteer
Fire Department
GILLIES BAY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT

OPEN BURNING BAN – 2022

An Open Burning Ban within the Gillies Bay Fire Protection District goes into effect **May 15, 2022** until **October 15, 2022**.

Burning Barrels included.

Campfires are allowed within the Gillies Bay Fire Protection District until a total fire ban is implemented.

These regulations stay in effect regardless of what is posted on the **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BRANCH WEBSITE**.

Texada Island does not usually experience the same conditions as Vancouver Island or the Mainland.

GILLIES BAY RESIDENTS

If you hear the fire siren:

Please shut off any open taps until the fire emergency has been rectified.



Rob McWilliam -
Fire Chief
www.gilliesbayvfd.ca
604-414-5121



BINGO

Well, we're still here!! And having lots of fun! Come join us for fun and laughs and goodies and games. What else could you ask for? What's keeping you away?

We'll be playing on May 6th at the Community Hall. Doors open at 6:30 pm and games start at 7 pm. Grab a friend and come out for an evening of fun.

MEETING

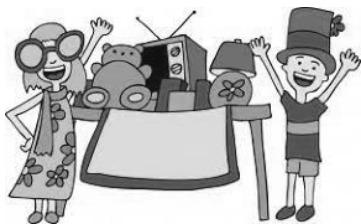
The next TICS Meeting will be on May 9 at noon at the Legion. Lunch at noon, meeting will start about 12:45 pm. Members will be called. Anyone wanting to join us is asked to call Elayne at 604-486-7457.

SWAP MEET

It's back!! The Annual TICS Swap-meet is here again. May 29th at the Community Hall. It's your chance to do your spring cleaning and get rid of all your gently used treasures and make a couple of bucks to buy some more!

If you want to rent a table, please call Ruth at 604-414-4111 or email her at ruthbarton48@gmail.com - tables are \$10.

Doors will open at 11 am and we'll go until 2 pm. There will be lunch available as well as coffee, tea and goodies. There will be a true white elephant table—make an offer, no reasonable offer refused! And a table full of draws.



TICS BURSARY

Needing money for school? Planning to enroll this fall in a trades program? Health care? Childcare? University? TICS has two bursaries of \$750 each to help out with costs. This is not just for recent high school graduates but for anyone returning to school for further education in any post-secondary program. We only require three things:

- You must be a Texada resident
- You must provide proof of enrollment
- You must provide a short one page essay about yourself and your educational plans

Please apply to:

TICS
PO Box 233
Van Anda, BC
V0N 3K0

Deadline for applications is May 31st, 2022.

INVITATION TO TENDER – SHELTER POINT PARK CONCESSION

The qathet Regional District is seeking tenders to operate a food concession at Shelter Point Park for the 2022 camping season. View and download the Invitation to Tender online at BC Bid (bcbid.gov.bc.ca) and on qathet.ca under Projects - Bid Opportunities. Please submit Appendix C: the Registration of Intent to Respond form as soon as possible. Direct inquiries to Patrick Devereaux at 604 485-2260 or operations@qathet.ca.

Tenders must be received no later than 4 pm on Friday, May 20, 2022.



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TEXADA DRAGON BOAT CLUB



CARNIVAL & DANCE


Saturday, June 4TH
TEXADA LEGION
Doors open 7 pm

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John Wick

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for servicing next time I am on the island.



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GBID 2022 SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

In effect from May 15th until October 15th

- **Odd** numbered houses may water their lawns/garden on **Odd** numbered days.
- **Even** numbered houses may water their lawns/gardens on **Even** numbered days.

Watering is allowed from 5 am until 9 am and 5 pm until 9 pm on those days.

*Thank you for your cooperation,
Gillies Bay Board of Trustees*

BC AMBULANCE

BCEHS (BC Ambulance) is looking for anyone with an interest in first aid who would like to join us. You can either be a driver only (class 4 or equivalent needed) or an emergency medical responder (EMR license needed). If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to Unit Chief for Texada Mike Craggs at 604-414-3601.

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GOT INVASIVES?



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Broom



Morning Glory

MAY IS INVASIVE PLANTS FREE DROP OFF MONTH

**EVERY Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
MAY 4-28 - 10am-4pm
SUNSHINE DISPOSAL 4484 Franklin Ave.**

Only clean invasive plant material, no other yard waste! *Please make sure to transport your load securely to avoid the spread of plant material.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
604-487-1380**

AVOID CUTTING or TRANSPORTING KNOTWEED! It reproduces vegetatively through root and stem. Management options must be carefully evaluated on a site-by-site basis to avoid further spread. Contact the Regional District for more information.



**qathet
REGIONAL DISTRICT**



GARDEN CLUB NOTES

Everyone is invited to the Texada Garden Club's first in-person gathering since the start of COVID.

**Wednesday, May 4, 2 - 4 pm
at the Community Hall**

We will be talking about what has worked well in our gardens during the last two years, what hasn't, and what we're doing differently this year. Some interesting ideas also will be presented. BYO refreshments and any extra seeds or seedlings you may have for a "seed exchange". Membership cards will be available at no charge due to missed meetings, valid until October. Card holders receive discounts at numerous nurseries.

This month's column is written by longtime TGC member Sandy McCormick about a local, edible wild delicacy, sea asparagus, which is only available during May and June.

Also called *salicornia*, which means salty horn in Latin, sea asparagus can be found in intertidal zones along North America's west coast including Texada. It looks like mini-asparagus spears and is large enough to pick by early May. Harvest by late June, after which the stalks turn thick and woody and are not good to eat.

When picking, always cut the spears to not damage the roots. The spears will grow back quickly. However if you do remove some roots, they can be replanted at home in pots with sandy, well-drained soil. Water with ocean water.

Sea asparagus offers deliciously salty plant nutrients (such as vitamins A, B, calcium, and iron) without the ill effects of salty condiments. Its vivid green color and light crunch make sea asparagus a great addition

to salads or snacks, cooked like beans or asparagus, in pastas, soups, stir-fries, frittatas or stews, as an accompaniment to fish, beef, pork, or chicken, deep fried in tempura batter or even pickled.

Because sea asparagus is naturally salty, after picking always soak for a minimum of two hours in fresh water which allows excess salt to leach out. Except when you're eating it raw, blanch for 30-45 seconds after soaking but before cooking. My favorite sea asparagus recipe is below.

Sandy's Stir-Fried Sea Asparagus

4 C sea asparagus, soaked and blanched
2 tbsp butter
3/4 C diced red pepper
1 C almonds
1/4 C diced garlic
2 mandarin oranges in sections
1/2 C maple syrup

Lightly brown garlic, red pepper and almonds in butter in a wok.

Add sea asparagus and mix. Add all other ingredients and mix well. Stir-fry on high for 2-3 minutes. Enjoy!



Gillies Bay Internet Society

For Wireless Internet from Spragge Road
to Shelter Point and up to Bell Road.

Call **1-855-767-4247**

or email **GBISoc@shaw.ca**

www.gilliesbay.ca/wireless



POWELL RIVER REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

NAME CHANGE

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Powell River Regional Hospital District is seeking public feedback regarding changing its name to qathet Regional Hospital District.

Members of the public who live or own property within the Powell River Regional Hospital District boundaries are invited to submit feedback on the proposed name change. Please ensure all feedback submitted includes your full name and mailing address. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted or considered.

You may send your feedback in the following ways:

- BY MAIL OR IN PERSON:** Regional Hospital District Board of Directors
#202-4675 Marine Ave
Powell River, BC V0N 2L2
- BY EMAIL:** administration@qathet.ca
- BY FAX:** 604-485-2216

The deadline for receiving feedback is June 15, 2022. Please ensure all feedback is received by the deadline in order to be included for consideration.

Personal information provided along with feedback is collected pursuant to section 26 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the purpose of enabling members of the public to provide feedback on the proposed name change and to enable the consideration of that feedback. Any personal information you provide in your feedback, as well as all content of feedback will become part of the public record, be made available for public inspection, be published on a public agenda, and forwarded to the Province of BC.

To view the project timeline, staff reports and other background information, please visit qathet.ca/hospital-district-name-change/ or contact the qathet Regional District Administration Department at 604-485-2260 or administration@qathet.ca.

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children, wives, husbands, lovers,
cousins, nephews, nieces,
aunts, uncles, friends.
We pray for our world.
We pray for peace.*

Worship Services

Please check the website for when Sunday morning services will resume. I will also put a notice on Texada Message Board.

Prayer Group

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

Minister's Office Hours

There will be no office during the month of May. For emergencies, just give me a call.

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

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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.

TIRC GRANTS IN AID

TIRC would like to remind everyone that it awards Grant in Aid funds supporting recreational projects on Texada Island. The Commission has \$1250 (out of \$1750) left to distribute. To apply, send an email to Ron Smith (ronsmith@tru.ca).



**TEXADA
ISLAND
INN**

Hello, Texada,
April showers bring more May flowers and sun! As we move forward on this road to wherever it's going, let us remember to be kind and respectful to all. Stay safe!

- May 15 is our 5 year anniversary at the Texada Island Inn and I would like to thank EVERYONE for their love and support during these last couple of very hard years. Oh My God, Thanks!! But I would like to especially thank five very special gentlemen, our *Rocks Of The Inn*, our every single day, rain or shine guys: Stan Smith, Gordy Earl, Mario Murakami, Carl Hagman, and Larry Rouse. You guys rock. Thank you for your continued patronage. Come in for free coffee and say hi!
- Don't forget we make take & bake pizza, large sizes only.
- Karaoke starts up Friday, May 6 at 7 pm. Bring your voices!!

Looking for Cooks and Wait Staff. Apply at the Inn.

**YOUR ISLAND HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
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604-486-7711**

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- Bagged Ice
- Island Information

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- ATM

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 - Sat:
Noon - 7 pm
Sun: 8 am breakfasts



Van Anda Improvement District Trustees would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting on April 9 at the Legion. There was a lot of good input; we appreciate the concerns and are following up on suggestions.

Minutes are available on the website for those who were unable to attend. Find them at vananda-id.ca/meetings-minutes.

Would you like to be emailed with updates? Subscribe for emails about outages, meetings, and other public announcements by entering your email address on the webpage vananda-id.ca/subscribe.

Next regular Board meeting is on Wednesday May 18th, 1:30 at the Firehall, upstairs.



Anastasia Bott
Hairstylist

(604) 486-HAIR

TACT AGM
Saturday, May 14th
10 AM at the Legion
(Legion COVID protocols apply)

Come on out and get involved in Texada Arts, Culture & Tourism! We always welcome participation of old and new members, and several Director positions (including Secretary and Treasurer) will be open for election. Hope to see you there!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Were you as disappointed as I was at the responses from officials at the recent **Highways meeting**? Whether it's road grading, snow clearing, line painting, or removal of slashed plant materials, they said everything comes down to money. There just isn't enough to do the quality of work we'd like done.

While the RD has no authority over highways, I have followed up in two ways. One was speaking to our MLA, Nicholas Simons, who agreed to pursue our concerns provincially. The other was to meet with regional highways boss Michael Braun who committed to look into the leaving of slashed plant debris in ditches. Additionally, MOTI will replace the culvert at the clinic with a larger one.

Also regarding transportation, we have no **electric vehicle charging stations** (EVCSs) on Texada. Thanks to John Zaikow for pointing this out. Taking this to the RD, the Board passed a motion for a staff report about establishing EVCSs in rural areas. Also, staff were directed to seek grant funding opportunities to install two EVCSs on Texada. **Where do you think they should be?**

Continuing efforts to help **improve-ment districts with water system up-**

grades, incremental progress is being made. The recent local government conference unanimously supported my motion to go to UBCM this fall, calling on Victoria for a new one-time fund to bring ID-operated water systems into compliance with health regulations. If there was ever an issue needing a silver bullet, it's this one.

Kudos to the group working to start a **"green arm band program"** for Texadans at Powell River Hospital. Numerous testimonials have come forward from residents being discharged from the Emergency Department in the middle of the night without proper resources or the means to get home. The program would clearly identify Texadans and provide some basic necessities including clothing, hotel, and taxi vouchers. The program works very successfully in the southern Gulf islands.

In the meantime, if you have a concern about the quality of patient care at the hospital, you can email the Patient Care Quality Office at pcqo@vch.ca.

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

TEXADA HIKING TRAILS

Since March, a number of Texada hikers have been doing much-needed trail maintenance. Recent efforts have focused on the Mt. Grant Loop and Priest Lake/Sword Fern Trails, both of which have been cleared of deadfall and remarked with flagging tape as needed. Other hiking trails will be receiving similar treatment and additional volunteer help would be welcome. It is hoped that a program can be set up whereby every trail

is cleared and marked (as required) each year. Additionally, we plan to create a central registry for Texada's trails so that hikers can report on conditions and let us know when maintenance is needed.

Interested in helping out?

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John Wood (johnwood8@gmail.com) or
Tom Brent (navyradiocom@gmail.com).



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TEXADA WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK May Luncheon

Thursday, May 12, 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: TBA

To reserve, please phone Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday May 5, 2022. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation. 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 tab, you will automatically be entered into our draw for a free lunch to be drawn in June. Good luck!

Time is closing quickly on our Mother's Day Draw. Tickets are available from TWIN members and at most stores.

Happy Mother's Day!



Jake Zaikow

Canadian Residential Appraiser

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Greetings, everyone.

This month I want to celebrate local and regional authors. Two authors, Lou McKee and Meg Tilly, had childhood ties to Texada.

Lou McKee spent summers on Texada as a child with a relative. She is the author of *Klee Wyck Journal: the making of a wilderness retreat*, c2017, 971.12 MCK. Lou returned to Texada in 2017 to give an author reading of her new book.

Meg Tilly is an actress, former ballet dancer, and writer, who spent her childhood on Texada Island. Meg wrote a young adults book *Porcupine*, c2007, YA FIC TIL.

Clement W. Yeo-West, a resident of Texada, is an author, musician and songwriter. His recent book is *Spirit Light*, c2021.

John Wood, our Van Anda Postmaster, and Alfred Muma, a local artist, released *Raven and the Salmonberry Rapture*, c2015, 398.2 RAV. The book contains 27 old Haida stories with paintings by Alfred Muma. Half the proceeds of the book went towards supporting Haida Language Programs.

Pat Buckna is a writer, musician and songwriter. In 2019, he released *Only Children: a family memoir*. A copy can be found in the Powell River Public Library, LOC 920 BUC.

In 2017, Terry Faubert, a local memoir writer, published her book *The Way Home: how a naïve single Mom built her house in the woods*, 920 FAU. Terry also came to Texada to give an author reading. She was also a contributing writer to *Slices: a memoir anthology*, c2013.

Sandra Tonn is the teacher and founder of at least eight regional Seniors Memoir Groups through the Powell River Public Library. Texada has two memoir writing groups taught by Sandra. Sandra was voted Best Teacher/Coach/Instructor in Pow-

ell River Living magazine's contest in 2020.

We have many talented writers in qathet Regional District. Check out these books written by our local authors.

Reminder: Our Annual Library Book Sale is July 31 – August 1. If you are planning on donating books to the Library, the volunteers request that you drop them off before the end of May. Thank You.

Pam Kenny



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
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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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qathet Regional
Emergency
Preparedness

GET READY STAY READY

**Emergency Preparedness
Week
May 1-7, 2022**


Being prepared for an emergency is important year-round but this week we encourage you to take action!

Together with community leaders, first responders, all levels of government and local organizations, we can create community resilience and help our community members who face disruptions return to their life and work sooner.

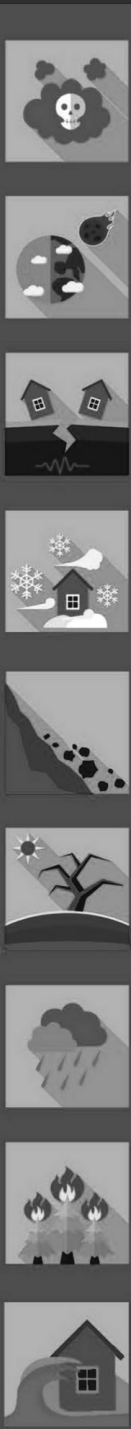
Get Ready
Know the risks
Make a plan
Get an emergency kit

Stay Ready
Request a free Emergency Preparedness Workshop for your community group or organization by calling 604-485-2260.

**We will be testing the
Community Notification System
on Tuesday, May 3, at 1:15 pm**
Not registered yet? Visit qathet.ca

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**HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY
APOLLO!!**

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



MUSEUM MUSINGS

CHARLES ANDERSON - TEXADA'S LUCKY SWEDE

Charlie Anderson was the most famous of Texada's gold seekers but his reputation was earned elsewhere and many details of his life remain a mystery.

Born in Sweden in 1859, Charlie left for America in 1887 and was drawn to the Klondike gold rush ten years later. Charlie made his "grubstake" working his claim at Forty Mile Bar in the Yukon.

One night, however, he took a chance and blew \$800 buying the "worthless" Eldorado #29 claim from a pair of down-and-out miners. The chance paid off. He "struck it rich" earning his nickname "Lucky Swede".

Charlie left the Yukon shortly after and toured Europe with a million dollars and his new wife, Grace Drummond, a Dawson City dance hall girl.

Details are sketchy but it appears that Charlie paid \$50,000 to either marry her or to get rid of her (?). Another rumour says that she demanded her weight in gold to seal the deal.

With 31/2 coal oil tins full of gold dust, Charlie returned to San Francisco in 1899 and invested his remaining fortune in real estate (a turreted mansion and hotels). Unfortunately, he lost it all when his properties were destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire.

Some say he relocated to Texada immediately after, perhaps lured by stories of the fabled "lost gold mine" which he never found. Others say that he worked at Britannia mine and in Sapperton first.

Henry Liebich remembered his house on Smelter Avenue. Others say Charlie lived at Blubber Bay in a cabin on the Fogh prop-

erty and took meals at Mrs Blanchard's. Joe Pillat remembered him working as a bull cook at the Alberta Logging camp in Gillies Bay in 1920.

A *Province* interview in 1925 commented on Charlie's "unusual energy" when he visited Vancouver at age 65 to buy fruit trees for his "little ranch on Texada".

Charlie with his pointy beard was remembered as a "ladies' man" by Marion Little. Always optimistic, he claimed his facial hair was to "keep away the girls" and vowed not to shave until he struck it rich again.

He never did. Charlie died in 1939. On his deathbed he mused, "I've got many good miles ahead of me."

His gravestone in Texada's Woodland Cemetery reads "Klondyke Pioneer."

Peter Lock

Texada Island Heritage Society

Texada's Calendar of
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**ROYAL CANADIAN
LEGION, BRANCH 232
TEXADA ISLAND**

Due to the continued rise of COVID cases on the island, the Legion will remain closed until further notice. Unfortunately, this will include the cancellation of The Battle of the Atlantic Service and the next General Meeting.

Please watch the Texada Message Board (Facebook) for any updates.
Everyone please stay safe.

GILLIES BAY TV

The Gillies Bay Community TV Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, May 17th at 7 pm at the Seniors Centre in Gillies Bay.



5150 Gillies Bay Rd, Gillies Bay
TEL: 604-486-7208

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TEXADA COMMUNITY POLICING

**Next scheduled meeting:
5 pm, Thursday, May 5
Texada Island Community Hall**

Our agenda will include Sgt. Rod Wiebe to discuss the future of the Texada RCMP postings; Christine Schreiber (RCMP Victim Service Coordinator) and Ann Kurtz (Executive Director of Community Services Association) will discuss the status of Texada Victims Services and address concerns.

On April 7, Conservation Officer Leyland Klassen and 20 residents attended the meeting in Gillies Bay. He has offered to work with a group of island residents to address hunting problems. Currently living on the Sunshine Coast, his jurisdiction includes Powell River and Texada. **Thank you to all**

who called in problems, you have made us a higher priority.

As I will be stepping away from heading Community Policing in the fall, I asked for and received some great suggestions for the distribution of Victim Services funds. The funds will continue to be held in V/S if this committee endures.

If you are interested in volunteering on either the hunting group or the policing committee, or you are unable to attend a meeting and have concerns, please contact Leslie.

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Chess 101: In the Library. Saturday May 14th, 1 - 2 pm. All ages/levels. For info contact edgar@prpl.ca.

KIDS

szagwyn@prpl.ca

Preschool Storytime: Anne Woznow Reading Room, Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am. *Drop-in*.

Market Storytime: Powell River Farmer's Market, 4365 McLeod Rd, May 28, 11 - 1:30 am, June 25, 11 -11:30 am. *Drop-in*.

Far-Out Storytime: May 10 – Sea Wall, Westview. Contact familyplace@liftcommunityservices.org to register.

Read to Dogs: May 11, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, First Credit Union Community Room. Read to child-certified dogs. Sign up to book your spot.

Drawn Together: Kids 8 - 12, Thursdays, 3:45 - 4:30 pm, until May 26. Zoom virtual sessions with prompts and space for ideas.

More to Explore - on Saturdays! Crazy Forts, and more, available with your library card At Children's Services Office Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm, from May 14th.

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

Preschool StoryBytes: PRPL YouTube Virtual storytime slices.

TEENS

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Codespace: Youth 11 +, in Library. Wednesdays, 4 pm. Learn coding.

Paws to De-stress: PRPL Teen Room. Thursdays, 4 - 4:45 pm, May 12th and 19th. Teens de-stress with a certified therapy dog.

Teen Advisory Board: Teens 13-18.

Young Writers Group: Youth 11+. In Library. Fridays, 4 pm.

First Dibs: Write reviews - get volunteer credit.

ADULTS

mmerlino@prpl.ca

Write On: Fridays 2 pm. Via Zoom. To register contact edgar@prpl.ca. Fun creative writing group.

Painting Coastal Landscapes: Wednesday May 4, 4 pm, Zoom. Join Joy Davis for landscape painting. *Registration Required*.

The Science and Spirit of Seaweed: Friday May 13, 4 pm, Zoom. Amanda Swinimer on how seaweed heals. *Registration Required*.

Coastal Wildfires – Hazards and Preparation: Friday May 20, 5 pm, in Library. Review factors influencing coastal wildfires and how to reduce fire risk at home.

Living with Multiple Sclerosis: Tuesday May 31, 7 pm, in Library. Susan Simmons' MS journey – and becoming an ultra marathon swimmer. *Registration required*.

See prpl.ca for detailed listings, or email info@prpl.ca.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR Gillies Bay Improvement District (GBID)

We may have had a cool and wet spring, but that does not mean we should not be using our community water wisely.

Last year we saw record drought conditions. Those conditions enabled us to collect a lot of “worst case” data that will be invaluable in planning and predicting water usage. The data shows that our daily usage ranged between 162,000 and 543,000 liters per day during the summer.

We are currently finalizing plans for a new water treatment plan that will enable GBID to meet Canadian drinking water standards. It is much easier to properly treat the water if the water flow is fairly constant, and an even daily usage requires less treatment equipment. In theory, if we can even out the flow, we can lower the capital costs and the treatment costs.

Most residents understand good water management when watering. Stuff like watering only when it is cool, watering early in the morning or in the evening, and using soaker hoses or hand watering. In general, watering the plants and not losing our valuable water to evaporation.

In order to see if we, as a community, can even out the water flow rates and keep


water pressure stable, we are restricting watering a bit between May 15 and Oct 15 and attempting to keep it simple.

Watering hours are restricted to between 5 am and 9 am and 5 pm and 9 pm. So no sprinkling or watering between 9 and 5, day or night. Also new this year, we are asking even numbered properties to water only on even numbered days and odd numbered properties to only water on odd numbered days. This should be simple for us all to remember... Have a great summer, and we will let you know how it worked in the fall.

*Chuck Childress,
Chair GBID*



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AVIATION WEEK 2022

Texada Arts, Culture & Tourism Society once again will host Aviation Week. The mid-summer event is back after two years of waiting to resume its three part experience!

Texada AeroSpace Camp



The first of the events during the last week of July will be the Texada AeroSpace Camp. Youth 10 years old to mid-teens will be involved in the program, learning about different forms of flight, from gliders to rockets! They also will learn how to operate the computerized wind tunnel, perform some aircraft repair procedures, and are taught basic astrophysics, fire safety, radio use, and some workshop tool use.

The most exciting feature of the four day course has proven to be in learning to “fly” the AirBuzz Flight Simulator. The youth learn takeoff, inflight and landing procedures... hands on! They also get to fly in a real airplane.

Registration forms are on line at www.texada.org. The Camp runs from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm from July 27th until Saturday, July 30th.

The Fly-In Fling

The Royal Canadian Legion will host the Fly-In Fling BBQ and dance party on Saturday evening, 30th of July. The doors open at 4:30 pm, and featured foods are (of course) wings and burgers. The bar opens 4:30 pm, kitchen at 5 pm, and dancing starts at 7 pm. The theme? Aviation of course...

everyone is asked to wear aviation style clothing from flight suits to flight attendant gear.

Texada Annual Fly-In (TAFI)



2022 is the fifteenth anniversary of the first Texada Annual Fly In! Our weather at the peak of summer promises to be clear, guaranteeing a great gaggle of planes and ground traffic will arrive at the Texada Airport for the event. Breakfast is served from 9:30 until noon, and then the delicious BBQ Burgers make their debut.

A “wings and wheels” show and shine, sky-divers, flying demos, and fun contests always keep people entertained. The Aviation Museum staff will give tours and the AirBuzz Flight simulator will be set up for demonstration flights.

Volunteers are welcome to apply to help out at any or all events. Call 604-223-2588 or e-mail dgart@telus.net.



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TEXADA FOOD HUB

The Hub is available to all – we are located inside the Texada School. 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.

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.



The CARE cupboard can be found on the front of The Texada Food Bank building in Van Anda. The CARE (Compassionate Access to Resources for Everyone) cupboard 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.

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The Powell River Early Years Planning Table is made up of early years service providers. Representatives from the committee have arranged outreach for Texada on Mondays for May and June. Watch the Sandpiper Preschool Facebook message board for details on programming offered. Programming will be offered in the Texada school in the new childcare room. The timing of programs will vary slightly.



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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.

We are very grateful to everyone that makes regular anonymous financial deposits at the First Credit Union and 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.

*Spring is nature's way of saying,
 "Let's party!"*
 ~Robin Williams

DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICE COMES TO TEXADA!

Dental Hygiene Practitioner Heather Dekezel will be holding clinic at a local accessible Van Anda studio May 20th, 27th and 28th and will continue with monthly visits throughout the calendar year. If mobility is an issue for you, home dental hygiene visits are also available.

Heather is highly experienced, affordable, and very gentle with children and elders. Cost of treatment is determined through the BC Dental Hygiene Fee Guide which is based on treatment delivered and the time that it takes. It is customizable to individual needs. Insurance, cash, etransfer, and cheque are accepted as payment.

Heather is up to date with her COVID vaccines but does not require her patients to be. 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 intension of creating greater access to dental hygiene and oral health to underserved communities.

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Ronald Bruce Critchley August 14, 1957 - April 1, 2022

Ron was born in Salmon Arm, BC, just minutes after his twin brother, Rick. Ron's other siblings were Bob and Wayne, the oldest, and Ray, the youngest. Frank and Grace, both devout and loving parents, took a keen interest in teaching Ron at a young age to love God.

Ron loved to read the Bible and enjoyed sharing what he learned with others. He always strived to show respect to others by not putting anyone down. He was generous and soft-hearted, willing to go a long way to help others.

Darla was touched by Ron's positive and optimistic outlook on life and how he could always see the funny side of things. He captured her heart, so they married on January 17, 1998. He was a loving husband and father as they raised her two children together; Amber (12 years old) and Malhon (10 years old). Two years later, Keira and Janelle, twins, were born.

Their daughters and son will remember their dad as reasonable, positive, kind, patient, funny, level-headed and cute. Also, he very much enjoyed Kristy's baking and working around the house with Johiah. He appreciated working many years for Rick Jones as a Faller, where he enjoyed interesting and varied jobs with good friends. Ron loved working in the bush.

A highlight in his life was when the family was privileged to sing at Seniors Homes and extended care, to cheer up the hearts of those present there.

His amazing sense of humour, happy smile, and how he put others at ease were

well known on Texada and will never be forgotten by all who knew him.

The family thanks the first responders who worked so hard to try to help Ron.



Ron's strong faith in the future hope is expressed in these words: "I have hope toward God...That there is going to be a resurrection..." (Acts 24:15). Until then he will be dearly missed.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

May 1 - 7 is Emergency Preparedness Week. There are activities happening all around the qRD.

Community Notification System Testing Tuesday, May 3 at 1:15 PM

All residents and visitors of the qathet region are encouraged to register at qathet.ca to receive important emergency alerts by voice, text, and email.

Note: If you have registered for the system prior to April 2021, please register again for this new system.

Get Ready Stay Ready - Thrift Shop May 1 - 7

- MCC Thrift Shop at 7050 Field St, open 10 am - 3 pm, Tuesday - Saturday.
 - Salvation Army Thrift Store at 1-7030 Alberni St, open 9 am – 5 pm, Tues. - Saturday.
- Budget-friendly emergency preparedness. Grab-and-Go Bag and household preparedness kit items will be on display and for purchase to help you prepare.

Gerry Grey Place – Senior Fire Safety and Household Preparedness Wednesday, May 4 at 12:30 pm

Trish Greenwood, Powell River Fire Rescue coordinator/public educator.

Open House - Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, May 7 from 11 am - 3 pm

Malaspina VFD #1 Hall - 9999 HWY 101. Free hotdogs and drinks! Fire extinguisher training.

Open House - Northside Volunteer Fire Department

Sunday, May 8 from 11 am - 3 pm

Northside VFD #2 Hall - 9574 Roots Way. Come out to see the new training facility. Free hotdogs and drinks! Fire extinguisher training.

Broom Buster Event

May 14 from 11 am - 1 pm

Manson Extension. For full details visit the Powell River Fire Rescue Facebook Page.

Texada Island - FireSmart Chipper Day at Gillies Bay

May 15 from 12 pm - 3:30 pm

Gillies Bay Fire Hall #1. Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

Coastal Wildfires - Hazards and Preparation May 20, 2022 5 – 6 pm

First Credit Union Community Room, Powell River Public Library. Join Fire Smart Coordinator Marc Albert and Evacuation Planning Assistant Jesse MacDonald for a look at the factors that influenced the severity of a recent major coastal wildfire and what can be done to reduce our own risk at home. To register email mmerlino@prpl.ca.



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Powell River Hospice Society's 2022 Walk, Run and Hike for Hospice takes place May 8 –

15. This event is PRHS's primary annual fundraiser, and all monies raised go towards society operations and delivery of programs and services to our entire community. Hospice doesn't receive any government funding, and all hospice programs are supported through the generous donations of community members.

"Keeping the Walk, Run and Hike for Hospice in a virtual format for another year gives our participants the opportunity to take part from the safety of their homes and in smaller social or work groups," says Cathy Fisher, President of the Powell River Hospice Society. "This is a great opportunity to help raise money for an organization which provides valuable services to the community and to get some exercise and fresh air in the process! Participants can walk when they want and where they want again this year rather than gathering in a large group as we've done in the past." This year's fundraising goal is \$20,000.

Participants can register to walk, run or hike any time during the week of May 8th. "We anticipate that many workplaces will once again form teams, and have heard rumours of a few teams offering a friendly challenge to other workplaces," says Fisher. "We encourage you to get together with your colleagues, your family or your friends

to walk together in support of Hospice."

One of Hospice's dedicated volunteers, Janet Kenmuir, is hiking the Sunshine Coast Trail to raise money for Hike for Hospice this year. "We could not function without our volunteers, and Janet is going above and beyond with her determination to raise both awareness of and funds for the operation of Hospice", says Fisher.

Powell River Hospice Society, a community-based, non-profit organization, offers social, emotional and spiritual support to individuals at the end of their life. They also support family and friends in grief and bereavement, and are committed to providing education and advocacy throughout the community. PRHS is a registered charity that provides these services free of charge to everyone in Powell River and qathet Regional District, including Tla'Amin Nation and Texada Island.

Those wishing to participate or make a donation can visit the PRHS website at www.prhospice.org for more information and to sign up for Walk, Run and Hike for Hospice.



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22	23 Victoria Day	24	25	26	27	28 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
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EVERY:

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