

DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Bingo: 7 pm, Comm Hall COC Mtg: 6:30 pm, Tex- ada Island Inn	3 Sagittarian party: 7 pm, Legion
4	5	6	7 Transfer Sta- tion: 10 am - 4 pm Full Moon	8 TWIN Mtg: 11:30 am, Texada Island Inn Pub Comm. Policing: 6:30 pm, Legion	9 Legion Mtg: 7 pm & Elections	10 Transfer Sta- tion: 10 am - 4 pm
11 Breakfast with Santa, 10 am, Legion	12 Fire Truck Parade, 6:30	13	14 Virtual TIRC Meeting 5 pm TING Mtg: 7 pm, 3021 Ash St VAID 1:30 VA Firehall	15	16 Last Quarter Legion Bingo: 7 pm	17
18 Christmas Carolling, 1:30 Community Hall	19 RC/ESS Mtg: 10 am, Community Hall Hannuka	20 Express Lines Deadline	21 Transfer Sta- tion: 10 am - 4 pm	22	23 New Moon	24 Transfer Sta- tion: 10 am - 4 pm
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29 Last Quarter Community Bingo: 1 pm, Srs Ctr	30	31 New Years Eve

EVERY:

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

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

SATURDAY: Tai Chi, Community Hall, 9:30 am
Meat Draw, Legion, 3:30

SUNDAY: Trivia Meat Draw, Legion, 4 pm

Express Lines

Texada's Calendar of Events

December 2022



DINNER MEETING

Friday December 2nd
At the Texada Island Inn, Van Anda
5:30pm

Registration (contact info update and 2023 dues collected)

\$10 for an individual
\$15 for two living in the same household
\$35 for a business

6:00pm Dinner
(prior reservation required)

* Keep safe * Be kind *

Let's get ready to welcome 2023

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

JOIN US IN AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS
CAROL SINGING .

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, FROM 1:30-3:00 PM
IN THE GILLIES BAY COMMUNITY HALL.

COME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS TO
SING SOME OF THE BEST KNOWN AND LOVED
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REFRESHMENTS AND CHRISTMAS GOODIES.

ADMISSION IS FREE, BUT WE WOULD APPRECI-
ATE IT IF PEOPLE WOULD BRING

SOME CHRISTMAS COOKIES TO
SHARE AFTER WE SING. WE WILL
PROVIDE TEA AND HOT CHOCOLATE.

WE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING
DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK
(CASH AND NONPERISHABLE
ITEMS PLEASE).



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Christmas Fire Truck Parade

Gillies Bay and Van Anda Fire Departments will once again be doing a Truck parade. Decorated Fire trucks will start from the Gillies Bay Fire Hall at 6:30 on December 12th. We will travel through the Gillies Bay and Van Anda Fire Districts to help spread Christmas cheer!



SAGITTARIAN BDAY PARTY!

Saturday, December 3, at the Legion. Doors open at 7pm. Live music. Dancing! Bar will be open. Bring some friends, scoop a table. Come on Texada - let's have a party! Open mic. Call Karen for information 604-413-0994 This event is a fundraiser for the Food Bank and for Bob Mills. Admission is by donation. And by the way: wear RED and/or SPARKLY! **See you there!**



Breakfast with Santa

Sunday December 11th

Breakfast 10:00

Santa arrives 10:30 am

At the
Texada Royal Canadian Legion

Sponsored By the Legion and Mary Mary Cafe

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

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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 WATCH FOR SPECIAL NOTICES ON SOCIAL MEDIA THANK YOU.

Donations to Texada Medical 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, V0N 1W0.

Texada Breast Cancer Support

Contact: Joan Martisca
604-483-6438

Udith Teuner
604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained Peer Facilitators

LIVE - LOVE- LAUGHTER



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.

Please do not leave alcoholic beverages!



BC FERRY SCHEDULE

TEXADA ISLAND TO POWELL RIVER				POWELL RIVER - SECHLT		GIBSON - VANCOUVER	
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	3:50 pm	4:55 pm	3:15 pm	4:20 pm
5:05 pm	6 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm	6 pm	7 pm	5:25 pm	5:30 pm
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm	7:55 pm	8:50 pm	6:40 pm	7:50 pm
8:35 pm	9:20 pm	9 pm	9:45 pm	9:45 pm	10:40 pm	8:55 pm	10:55 pm
*Dangerous Cargo Wednesdays Only—no passengers				*Daily except Sunday			

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

Express Lines is a TICS Publication.

Editors: **TEXADA ISLAND COMMUNITY SOCIETY EXEC.**

DEADLINE: The 20th 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 233, VAN ANDA, V0N3K0**
- E-mail to: ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com
- **Phone : 604-414-7764**

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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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Recently heard:

*"They *%\$#ed us again!"*

W. Kiland Dec. 2022

EXPRESS LINES SUBSCRIPTION

FOR A 12-MONTH OFF-ISLAND SUBSCRIPTION TO THE EXPRESS LINES, PLEASE SEND \$30 TO PO BOX 233, VAN ANDA, BC, V0N 3K0.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____



Our dear ELAYNE BOLOTEN, you were the heartbeat of Texada Island. You have touched so many people with bringing fun, joy, laughter and love. Hopefully we can fill your shoes. YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY ALL.

As we move forward, there will be many changes. Our next meeting will be on 9 January 2023. Members will be contacted by email with lunch details. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are intending to join us for lunch, the deadline for responding is firm. It is not fair to the caterers for us to continue to add meals after their deadline. If you do not show and have ordered, we still have to pay for your meal. Please keep that in mind.

BINGO

November's Bingo was a blast. The power went out with Rolly Thorpe calling. No power outage was going to stop him. Out came his cell phone, he clicked on his light and with a few changes the bingo games continued. Way to go Rolly. Come on down 2 December, you may WIN a TURKEY. Doors will be open 6:30 PM and the games start 7:00 sharp---ish. Grab a friend and join us for an evening of fun and prizes and help fund the TICS Bursaries (2 X \$750).

SPIRIT BREAKFAST

The season kicks off with the Spirit Breakfast held at Mary Mary Café Dec 2 from 7:00 to 11:00 AM. This fundraiser is for the Food Bank. Bring food items or donate money and a breakfast will be provided by Mary Mary's wonderful cooks. **ON BEHALF OF TICS, WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! SEE YOU ALL AT CHRISTMAS TURKEY BINGO - WONDER WHO'S GOING TO WIN!!!**

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Thanks to our ferry crew for staying late and taking me over after hours...

Thanks to the Powell River Hospital, the Doctors and Nurses in ICU and also to the Doctors and Nurses at Vancouver General Hospital for saving my life.

Thanks to my family and friends for always being there...

Love to you all...

Patti Beauregard.

ORG NEWS

TEXADA AGRICULTURAL GROUP & FOOD HUB

The Texada Food Hub is available to all and is located inside Texada School. The 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.

Anyone can join the Texada Agriculture Group 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 (but not for commercial catering). For more information please contact Tom Read, home phone 604 483-1471 or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.

If you are already a TAG member and would like to schedule time at the HUB please contact: Breanne Percy by email at: breanne@why-health.com

Texada Island Recreation Commission

The Texada Recreation Commission (TIRC) will be meeting virtually on December 14th, starting at 5 pm. TIRC has openings for new commissioners. Those interested in becoming a commissioner, attending the meeting or making a submission to TIRC should contact Ron Smith by : Email : (ronsmith@tru.ca)

Phone : 604-578-1989.



TWIN

December Luncheon
Thursday December 8, 2022 at the Texada Island Inn Pub

Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon
There will be no guest speaker: this is our Christmas party!

To reserve, please phone Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than December 1, 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. If you wish to take part in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (\$10-ish) with your name on it. If you have a game to play, please bring a prize.

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 next month..... Good luck!!!

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. Currently we offer limited transportation, friendly visits and light yard work.

For more information please contact Tom Read (Texada volunteer coordinator) at 604-483-1471 or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com. Better at Home is administered by Inclusion Powell River and BC United Way, with funding from the Province of BC.

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R.C.M.P

As of a few weeks ago we now have two RCMP members on Texada Island, Cst Micha Yakonowsky and Cst Josh Fralick. We both would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for the warm welcome that we have received.

As the weather/season is changing, we would like to remind all drivers to check their vehicle for tire wear and functioning lights. Don't forget your trailer, it needs to have functioning lights. Are your windshield wiper blades in good shape, now is a good time to replace them.

Not everyone knows this but every vehicle built after December 1989 needs to have automatic daytime running lights. These lights (headlights or front side marker lights) should turn on automatically once your vehicle is put into drive. This will allow for your vehicle to be seen from a much longer distance away.

If you are out for a walk or biking on our roads please wear something reflective or at least bright in colour you want to be seen.

We have noticed that some drivers and passengers are not wearing seatbelts. Wearing your seatbelt is a very simple step to make your journey safer even if you are just travelling a short distance. In September, a vehicle lost control on Gillies Bay Road and flipped onto its roof before stopping 50 meters down the road. Thankfully the driver was wearing a seatbelt and only received a few bumps and scrapes. I don't want to imagine what injuries this person would have suffered without wearing a seatbelt. A violation ticket for not wearing your seatbelt is a \$167 fine under section 220(4) of the Motor vehicle act. Like they say, "SEATBELTS SAVE LIVES".



If you have any questions or if you haven't met us yet, please drop by the Detachment and say hello. Drive safe!
Cheers,

Micha, Josh and Pat

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Garden Club Notes



In keeping with the season, we are celebrating the colours red and green. This month we have Debra Gill writing about tomatoes. She conducted an interesting experiment with planting the same tomato plants in different areas.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION..... When we moved to our house on Texada Island seven years ago, I knew I wanted to grow tomatoes as I had in our previous location in Kamloops. But I'd also heard that the wet climate and the possibility of blight could make it difficult. Our new home had a glass greenhouse, a hot south-facing deck and a fenced vegetable garden, so the first full summer, I tried a few plants in each of the three locations. I expected the greenhouse to be the best location, but the tomato plants on the deck did much better. I suspected the greenhouse might have been too hot. The plants down in the vegetable garden really struggled. So, for the next five years, I only grew tomatoes on the deck. When in spring 2022 there were predictions of a cold, wet start to summer, through June and possibly even July, I decided to hedge my bets and grow tomatoes once again both in the greenhouse and on the deck, thinking they might do better in the greenhouse this year. Even with the cold, wet weather extending into mid-July, the deck location still won hands down, with 5 1/2 pounds of tomatoes per plant, compared to 2 1/2 pounds per plant in the greenhouse. (This was up to mid-September, and the plants were both mid-sized fruit and cherry size.) By the way, I also tried growing eggplant, sweet banana peppers, and melons in the greenhouse and on the deck this year. The melons have done about the same in the two places, while both the eggplants and peppers have done better on the deck. So maybe eggplants and peppers don't like it super-hot, either! Now if someone just has some advice as to how to avoid the blossom end rot that showed up on my tomatoes this year in both locations.....

To answer Debra's question = End rot is caused by lack of calcium. What I did to avoid end rot was ground up my egg shells and added it to my pots through the growing season (whenever I had an egg, do remove the membrane from the shell first, then grind to fine powder). I also bought a tomato fertilizer (18-10-30). I added a few grains of fertilizer to my watering can every time I watered. That worked for me. To deal with end rot at the time, remove affected fruit, then add powdered milk to the soil (a calcium source). Come to the Garden Club meetings and see what other advice our local gardeners have. Our next general meeting will be at the Seniors Center in Gillies Bay starting at 2 pm on Wednesday January 4, 2023. You don't have to be a member to attend and everyone is welcome!

HARVEST TOMATO TART

9 tomatoes(2 lb)
 3 Tbsp olive oil
 1/2 tsp salt
 1/2 pkg (397 g pkg) puff pastry
 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
 1 tube (4.5 oz) goat cheese, softened
 2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
 2 Tbsp chopped fresh basil or parsley
 1/4 tsp pepper
 1 tsp chopped fresh basil or parsley (for garnish)

Cut tomatoes into 1/4-inch thick slices; spread on parchment paper-lined rimmed baking sheet. Brush with 2 tbsp of the oil; sprinkle with salt. Bake at 400 F until slightly shrivelled, about 45 minutes. Let cool. On lightly floured surface, roll out thawed puff pastry 1 inch larger than a 14x4 inch rectangular or 9-inch round tart pan. Press into pan and prick bottom with fork. Brush with mustard and spread with cheese. Cover with tomatoes and tuck garlic among slices. Sprinkle with basil, pepper, then remaining oil. Bake in bottom third of 400 F oven until pastry is golden, about 30 minutes. Garnish with basil. Serves 4.

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December 24th 10-4, 25, 26 are closed.
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DIRECTORS REPORT

Thank you, Texada, for your confidence in returning me for a third term as our island's regional director on the qRD Board. I'll continue to work hard to further our community's goals and aspirations during the next four years. Kudos to **Tom Read** and **Rebecca Hathaway** for putting their names forward for election. **Terry Hollo** will continue to serve as our alternate regional director, as she has during the last eight years.

Community consultation before decisions are made will remain as a major theme for me this term. Already a public meeting has taken place re a **new parks and trails strategy** and another is being planned to consider updates to our **Watershed Protection Bylaw**.

One issue I plan to raise early in the new year is a community-wide discussion about **bike paths, aka "active transportation corridors."** The last time the community weighed in on this issue was with a survey in 2015, when a majority of respondents did not support a path between GB and the park. Have opinions changed since that time? That's what I'd like to know. There's a lot of potential grant funding out there for projects like this, and I'd like to direct some of that our way, if the community is supportive.

Nearing completion is a new program to **allow volunteers to work on RD parkland**, following requests from Texadans to do this work. It should be implemented by early next year.

On-going projects include **island-wide internet access, public electric vehicle charging stations**, protecting **Mt. Davies** from telecommunications towers and expanding **Emily Lake Park**.

As a new initiative, I'll be exploring ways to **increase our housing stock**.

In closing, I join many of you in saying how deeply saddened I am by the passing of our beloved **Elayne Boloten**. Thank you to Elayne, for everything you've done for the Texada community. Thank you to TICS for picking up the pieces and carrying on.

Happy holidays, everyone.

Sandy McCormick, area D director
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Hello, Texada, here comes December, cold & freezing, BURR! We are still needing cooks and wait staff. Please apply within.

- *Fun darts on Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Come play, all are welcome.
- *Karaoke on Fridays, 7:00 pm bring your voices, come have fun. lots of new arts and crafts coming in.
- * We are hosting the Chamber of Commerce Dinner on Friday Dec 2. We ask for your patience.
- * We will be CLOSED on Sunday Dec 18 for our staff party.
- * Christmas Dinner with Chef Smith's menu TBA, reservations recommended.
- * Christmas hours TBA. For the 24th we will be open.
- * Hotel CLOSED Dec 25. Boxing Day bar open noon—closing. Limited food service.
- Dec 31 New Years Eve Dinner. Menu to be announced.

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- Gift Certificates
- Bagged ice
- Island
- Information

- T-Shirts, Vests & Hoodies
- Local Art
- Ice Cream
- ATM

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Cymry, Evan, and Kaitlyn

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

Restaurant Hours
 Mon - Thurs: 3 pm—7 pm
 Fri - Sat: Sun Noon - 7 pm

MUSEUM MUSINGS



BOOMTOWN VAN ANDA 1900 - PART 2 (CONT. FROM OCT.)

The residents of Van Anda in 1900 no doubt found the *Coast Miner* newspaper a good source of local information, gossip and civic pride. To promote the “go-ahead settlement” the editors called for improved contact with the outside world. They argued that connection to “telegraphic communication” was possible as Van Anda was only 20 miles from the “end of the wire.”

In addition, the newspaper lamented the government decision to refuse requests for a jail and constable for the growing town.

Under the sarcastic headline “All Are Angels,” the paper commented that the authorities were “certainly complimentary” as their decision “implied confidence in our inhabitants.” In the meantime, though, “we do not even get a pair of handcuffs.”

In community news the *Coast Miner* reported that the teacher, Miss Parsons, enrolled 50 children in school on opening day. “Where all the children come from is a mystery,” pondered the editor.

Meanwhile, the flurry of construction continued. The Presbyterian Church was being erected and Mr McLeod had completed his “pretty cottage” at Myrtle Lake farm.

Alfred Raper was now living in his log “mansion” near the Cornell Mine. Ensnared in his “splendid specimen of a log cabin,” affable Alfred - “the soul of hospitality” - was “always glad to welcome friends.”

In local gossip, the newspaper celebrated the return of Charlie Rabson, the “prodigal son.” His “beaming smile” and “whole-hog-or-none intrepidity” should be “quite a hit at social functions.” No doubt Charlie would have been wel-

come at the Bachelors’ Dance advertised for Friday at the Marble Bay Opera House. In other news, Master Willie Scott (16), while visiting the *Coast Miner* offices, inquired if it was better to let one’s moustache grow to please the girls or shave it off and look “as ugly as a hedge fence.”

Other articles included:

HOME REMEDIES: “Disagreeable onion breath can be got rid of by swallowing a mouthful of vinegar.”

HOME DECOR: Ladies might appreciate that “paper doilies have reached high art in texture and beauty of design.”

WEATHER: “We have had more than average mortals’ share of nature’s showers of blessings.”

It is fortunate that these few pages of the *Coast Miner* have survived to afford us a glimpse into daily life on Texada 122 years ago.

Peter Lock

Texada Island Heritage Society



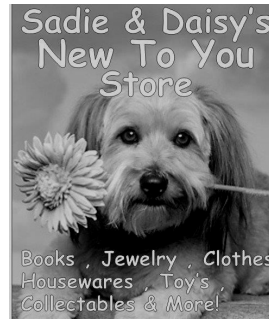
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Texada Food Bank is offered on the
Second Wednesday of the month ONLY

Call on the second Tuesday between 10am and 3pm

Pick up on the second Wednesday between 12 and 12:30

Call in December 13 – Pick up December 14

Call in January 10 – Pick up January 11

Call in February 7 – Pick up February 8

(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

Take what you Need, Leave what you Can

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made at the First Credit Union or by mail to PO Box 233, Van Anda, B.C. V0N 3K0. Non-perishable food donations may be put in the baskets at the Gillies Bay General store, the Texada Market and the First Credit Union in Van Anda. Thank you so much. Donation tins for cash are available at both stores (Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in Van Anda) and the 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 to everyone for all the anonymous cash and food donations that are dropped off at the Gillies Bay store, Texada Market and Credit Union. Our on-request is that all food donations be intact and not previously opened.

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 Vancouver Coastal Health Services. The bottom compartment is for books and magazines; please feel free to give and take. The top compartment is for hygiene kits, harm reduction kits, and Naloxone; take as needed. If the box needs filling, refills, or has issues, please contact 604-223-9487 or the email on the signs.



TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH NOTES



I will light candles this Christmas, Candles of joy, despite all sadness, Candles of hope where despair keeps watch. Candles of courage where fear is ever present. Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days. Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens. Candles of love to inspire all my living. Candles that will burn all the year long. Howard Thurman

Worship Services: Sundays 10:30 a.m. Communion will be celebrated on Dec. 4, 2022. Everyone is welcome at our communion table. Please note that we will not be holding a Christmas Music service this Advent.

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

Minister's Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursdays, at the church, 1:30 -3:30

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



Fun Fact: In 1930, Addis Housewares made the first artificial Christmas trees using the same brush bristle machinery it used to make toilet brushes.

...is it spring yet ?



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

*Season's Greetings and
a Happy New Year Everyone,*



December's column will be a memoir about Christmas, nostalgia, books and reading, entitled "Books for Christmas".

As a small child born just after WWII, paper was still scarce and paper quality not up to today's standards. Despite the quality, children's books were still produced. My parents read to me, until I learned to read by myself. I became an avid lifetime reader.

It was a great joy to me to receive books for Christmas. I had several great aunts and an aunt that lived overseas. They regularly sent me books. In those days, people wrote inscriptions on the flyleaf, the first blank page of the book. The inscription included the date, the occasion, and a to: and from:

Some of the gifts of books that I remember were: Heidi by Johanna Spyri; Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame; Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer; Barnaby Ransome by Racey Helps; and a beautifully illustrated picture book about a Mother Duck who takes her ducklings to the fairground. When I became a Girl Guide, I was given a Girl Guide's annual with fictional stories about guiding adventures at camp. As a pre-teen, I was besotted with Nancy Drew. My two Grannies would either give me money to buy one or ask which ones that I didn't have. This was a book series that I read after lights out with a flashlight. I was anxious to see how Nancy Drew solved the mystery and went onto her next case.

In between shovelling snow and eating treats from my stocking, reading my new books on Christmas Day was a priority.

In the spirit of the season of giving, I wish you happy reading. I hope that this column takes you on a trip down memory lane.

Pam Kenny

Please Note: The Library will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th and New Year's Day, January 1, 2023.

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 2:00 pm	Thursday	6 pm to 8 pm
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MORE ORG NEWS

TRIANGLE NONE

The Triangle or Texada – Comox Run has been crushed by a wave of stupidity.

After 8 long years of hard work by our Texada Island Ferry Advisory Committee, the BC Ferry Corporation has failed Texada again. The Community gave BC Ferries a very strong message, we wanted and needed a direct route to Vancouver Island. We gave them ideas, offered to change vessels, offered to supplement the fares, to have the new route..... and what did they give us, a Crock!!

The cavalier way they dismissed our Committee and the Texada Island Community was disgraceful.

BC Ferries came to the island with a BIG Show, but instead of helping, they just put forward unworkable scenarios that divided the island and caused even more controversy.

BC Ferries could not see the help they could have provided to the Seniors on Texada, by shortening the distance and time to the hospital in Comox, let alone the opportunity to grow the community, with jobs and tourism. In other words, an increase of PROFITS. BC Ferries fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 with a profit of \$34.1 million. Don't you think they could have spent \$250,000 to help Texada?

Written by :
Warren Kiland & Doug Nikirk
Texada Island Rep's on NSCFAC

TINSHS

Congratulations to the winners of the three \$50 groceries and gas survey prize draws: K. Kirk (Texada Market), M. Meacham (Sunshine Coast Fuels) and B. Nyval (Gillies Bay Store). These local businesses proudly support our community and we encourage everyone to support local businesses!

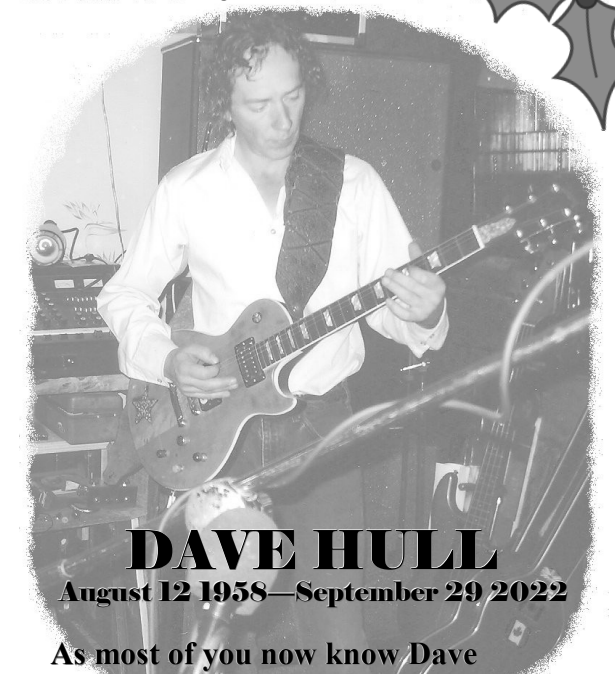
On behalf of the TINSHS Board, I would like to heartily thank everyone who participated in our Texada housing survey and those who attended the first of a series of community engagement open houses! We appreciate your input, which will guide the direction this housing organization takes. Special thank you to our volunteers, Rodger Hort for photographing the event, as well as Fran and Barb. We have posted results from the survey and information from our November meeting to our website: www.texadahousing.com .

Please take a look! There are many ways our community can support and further seniors housing on Texada: Ask questions, share your ideas --- become involved! Become a member (\$10 for an individual / \$15 for a family of two adults). Make a tax-deductible donation. Look for our mini "Art 'n' Stuff" fundraiser online through out this month.

Be well and we look forward to what the New Year will bring!

Cathy Brown, President, TINSHS
info.tinshs@gmail.com

In Memory of.....



DAVE HULL

August 12 1958—September 29 2022

As most of you now know Dave passed away on September 29th.

On November 11 there was a Community gathering at Shelter Point.

It was beautiful to see and be with all of those who came. To feel all the love and support , not only for myself , but for each other...

We have all lost someone or something that we have expressed grief for. This setting allowed us to share in that. Thank you to all who brought the wonderful food and played music.

This is what Dave loved most - music and friends.
Born August 12, 1958 in Sydney, Nova Scotia .

Thank you , Joyce Hull



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Notice of Employment Opportunity Water Treatment Operator – Small Water System Operator

The Van Anda Improvement District (VAID) has an employment opportunity for a Water Treatment Operator.

Reporting to the VAID Trustees, the operator is responsible, in conjunction with a co-worker, for: -overseeing the activities and processes that go into treating and distributing VAID drinking water, performing skilled and semi-skilled maintenance work, operating a variety of equipment in the operation, repair and maintenance of Van Anda water facilities & system, taking samples to be sent to Vancouver Coastal Health, responding to call outs.

Applicant requirements:
Secondary School Graduate, possess or be willing to obtain, a Small Water System Certificate within a year of being hired. (Training and education provided). Have a valid Class 5 BC Drivers license and reliable vehicle. The position requires residency on Texada Island.

This is a permanent part time position (minimum 10 hours a week) that will, in time, increase in the hours worked per week. The rate of pay for this position commensurate with experience. Please send your cover letter and resume, including a list of 3 references, by mail or email to Van Anda Improvement District, PO Box 115, Van Anda, BC, V0N 3K0; email: contact@vananda-id.ca

Applications will be reviewed starting on December 1, 2022. Thank you for your interest in this position. Only those under consideration will be contacted.

VAID Water Operator Update

Ken Soles has announced that he is retiring as Van Anda Improvement District's Senior water operator as of Jan 1, 2023. VAID wishes to thank Ken for all his years of exemplary service and for providing the residents of Van Anda with great drinking water with very few boil water advisories. We would also like to acknowledge Ken's diligence and efforts in bringing our new water system on-line.

To help ease Ken into retirement, please contact Austin Rycroft at 604 413-1402 if you have any issues with our water service.

Thanks,
Sandra Haszard
Administrator
Van Anda Improvement District
604-486-7035



EVEN MORE ORG NEWS

GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Report from the Chair

Taxes and tolls, taxes and tolls. We all love to hate them, but most of us understand why they are necessary. Every year at this time the GBID has to prepare budgets and set tolls and taxes for the upcoming year. I thought it might be a good exercise to look at other taxes and tolls in this area, and started by looking at water tolls alone comparing Gillies Bay, VanAnda and the regional district's water system just south of Powell River at Myrtle Point. Here are the results from my first look:

2022 Water Toll Rates Comparison						
Water System	Basic Rate	1 Extra Unit	2 Extra Units	Minimum (Metered)	Minimum Commercial	Min. for 2 Houses on Same Property
	(Unmetered)	(Unmetered)	(Unmetered)			
Gillies Bay	\$430.00	\$880.00	\$1,330.00	\$430.00	\$430.00	\$430.00
Van Anda	\$650.00	\$1,137.50	\$1,625.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,300.00
qRD Myrtle Pond	\$716.04	\$1,288.86	\$1,861.68	\$716.04	\$4,582.50	\$1,288.86

NOTES: All rates shown are minimum rates. Metered rates may be higher if there is excess usage. The qathet Regional District's Myrtle Pond system has no unmetered connections.

Water tolls alone are not the only fees that property owners have to pay to local improvement districts. There are also parcel taxes and taxes for fire protection. I am working on providing a detailed comparison for next month. Just as a bit of a teaser: I did some preliminary work based on a single family dwelling on less than an acre with an assessed value of \$400,000 and came up with a total cost comparing Improvement District tolls and taxes for water and fire protection in Gillies Bay and VanAnda. Gillies Bay = \$1266.30 and VanAnda= \$1757.70 More details and variables for different types of properties coming soon.

Chuck Childress, Chair GBID

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TEXADA NatureKids

June 2022, Texada was granted permission to start the 'Texada NatureKids' club. NatureKids BC, is a Vancouver-based nature discovery and environmental action organization (<https://naturekidsbc.ca>). NatureKids BC mission is to "help children get outside with their families to explore, play, learn about and take action for nature."

NatureKids BC invests an annual amount of \$500 financial support to our Texada NatureKids club, as well as mentorship, tool kits (e.g. salmon cycle activity kit and games and nature exploration guides) and administrative resources and support. Texada Naturekids in return has a commitment to host 8 exploration days annually and report activities back to NatureKids BC. Thank you to NatureKids BC for this amazing gift to our community!

With the help of the Texada community, our club has hosted 8 events so far. Thank you to Carolanne White, Becca Hathaway and John Whitehead who attend regular events to lend extra adult hands and to all the families who have participated so far. Each event has been led by a different community member who has shared their skills, passion, and interests with a lovely collaborative energy, supported by our volunteers and parents in attendance. If you have a nature skill or passion you would like to share with us, please email us at texada@naturekidsbc.ca. We hope to keep this lovely collaborative, inclusive, community feel alive and are truly thankful to all involved.

2022 Thank you's to leaders who have stepped forward thus far:

1. Aimee Mitchell shared about the Coastal Painted Turtle Project, Priest Lake, June 3rd
2. Texada Butterflyway Rangers coordinated planting the boat, Lafarge Park June 17th
3. Charlotte Dawe coordinated a tour and crafting along the Gnome Home trail, July 13th
4. Kaylee Griffith led us through a low tide treasure hunt at Cox Lagoon, July 23rd
5. Ravyn Godwin shared her passion with a geology explore at Shelter Point, August 27th
6. Carolanne White invited participation with the Coastal Clean up Day, September 17th
7. Rhoda Stuart, Sea Dreams, held a garden tour and fall flower crafting session September 24th
8. Rob McWilliam and Gillies Bay Fire Department, led and coordinated a fire safety session, October 15th

Each event has been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all, we are grateful to live in such a diversely skilled and passionate, giving community. Save the date for our next Fire Building session with Tyler Danczak and John Whitehead December 3rd, at 1 pm, weather permitting. You can register for events at Texada@naturekidsbc.ca. When numbers are limited due to space or activity, sign up happens on a first come, first serve basis.

Look for 'Texada NatureKids' on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/outdoorcuriosity> to see pictures and shared details from past events. Our goal is to run events on average once or twice per month and engage as many different community nature-passions as possible. We have some exciting events coming for the New year, for example a tour at Welcome Harvest Farm and many more! Stay tuned!

By; Lisa Levez-Bordeleau



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Hello everyone as fall is here, we put our dragon boat to bed for the winter and out comes the Pickleball paddles. For the past five years the Texada Dragon Boat Club has offered

an off-season fitness program. This year we are going to be concentrating on both strength training and cardio. The sessions will run from 5- 7, Tuesday and Thursdays, at the school gym in Van Anda. **No early birds or stragglers.** Starting November 1, we added Circuit Training, back to our program. This will be a self paced workout, focusing on some strength training, as well as, all around limbering. This is great for improving your fitness and health. We will be supplying 2lb, 5lb, 8lb and 10 lb free weights, if you want anything heavier you must supply your own. Circuit Training will be 4 -5, Tuesday and Thursdays. **All adults from the community are welcome to join us,** for either or both. Anyone entering the gym must have non-marking gym shoes, loose, comfortable clothing and a water bottle. All of these sessions are on a drop-in basis. **New to either program?** No worries. There will always be someone there to confirm that everything is done safely and correctly. We look forward to welcoming new players, to our training sessions. Need more info, Contact Glenda Nikirks, at gnikirk@gmail.com.

Fee Structure:
PICKLEBALL: Racquet rentals are \$1.00 per session. (There are some racquets but players are expected to supply their own if continuing on a regular basis).

Non-Dragon Boat Club Members: \$65.00 for the season ; \$3.00 Drop-In

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Non-Dragon Boat Club Members: Circuit Training Only, Drop-in fee - \$2.00 ; Both Circuit Training and Pickleball drop-in is - \$5.00 ; Circuit Training Only for the season - \$50.00 ; Pickleball and Circuit training season - \$100.00

Last date before Christmas will be December 15 starting back on January 9 . Come and join the fun.

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If you want to stop ; That's ours

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Meetings: Wednesdays & Sundays at the United Church

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped us celebrate Remembrance Day, special thanks goes out to our MP Rachel Blaney and our MLA Nicolas Simons, also to both of our RCMP members.



A great time was had at our Grey Cup party thanks to all.

Thank you Judy Ferguson for the spaghetti dinner.

Upcoming events

December 9th general meeting and elections

December 16th Bingo

December 17th meat draw

December 18th Trivia meat draw

The Legion will be closed for the holidays December 19th and reopening January 7th.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New year

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