

# AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Circ of Light 2pm Tex Church Tex B&R Gb Ballpark
4 Tex B&R Gb Ballpark Book Sale Library 11-4pm Farmers Mkt. Noon GBBallPk. New Moon	5 BC Day Book Sale Library 11-4pm	6	7 Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm	8	9 Comm Lunch Noon Sen Ctr	10 Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm TCOTR 5pm SCR
11 FarmersMkt. Noon GB BallPk.	12 1st Qtr	13 Food Bank Call In Rock/Body Dance 6:30 TexCommHall	14 Food Bank Pick Up	15	16 Legion Bingo: 5:30pm	17
18 FarmersMkt. Noon GB BallPk.	19 Full Moon	20 <i>Express Lines Deadline Strict</i>	21 Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm	22	23 Comm Lunch Noon Sen Ctr	24 TransStation: 10 am - 4 pm TCOTR 5pm Sen Cntr
25 Farmers Mkt. Noon GBBallPk.	26 Last Qtr.	27 Rock/Body Dance 6:30 TexCommHall	28 Legion Potluck 5 pm	29	30	31

**EXPRESS LINES SUBMISSIONS BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH PLEASE!!!**

**EVERY:**

**MONDAY:** Tai Chi, Tennis Court, 9:30 am  
Fire Dept Practice GB & VA Fire Halls 6:30 pm  
**WEDNESDAY:** Tai Chi, Tennis Court, 9:30 am, Scrabble  
**THURSDAY:** Fun Darts, Tex Inn, 7 pm  
**FRIDAY:** KARAOKE, Tex Inn, 7 pm

**SATURDAY:** Tai Chi, Tennis Court, 9:30 am  
Meat Draw, Legion, 3:30 pm  
**SUNDAY:** Trivia Meat Draw, Legion 4 pm  
Church Services, United Church, 10:30 am  
Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6:30 pm

# Express Lines

**Texada's Calendar of Events**

**August 2024**

**TYG** FREE

TEXADA YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER LOCATION @ THE OLD SCHOOL, GILLIES BAY

**EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY 4.45-6.30PM**

texadayouth@gmail.com

**FULL FIRE BAN IN EFFECT!**



Check the local regulations for current ban status.

**Circle of Light**  
A Meditation for us all.

2 -3 pm Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, meet at the Texada United Church in Van Anda All Welcome! Please join us.

**SANDPIPERS**  
PLAYCENTER

**THE OLD SCHOOL IN GILLIES BAY**

**DROP IN PLAYSCHOOL EVERY WEDNESDAY 10AM - 1PM**

**SNACKS AND ACTIVITIES,**

Thank you to the healthy community of Texada Island for the opportunity to have edited and produced this fine publication for the community and the memory of E.B. I will be taking a leave of absence for the time being. This marks 2 years of as much volunteering in the community as I could manage as miniscule payback for the incredible help afforded me by the great many friends and business associates I have here. Thank you, Steve



# 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:** 911.

**Information** – B.C. Health 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.

## MAKING DONATIONS TO THE TEXADA HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY

When donating, please make the cheque out to **Texada Health Services Society** at **OUR NEW ADDRESS: P.O. Box 249, Van Anda, B.C., V0N 3K0.**

Please indicate on your cheque or attach a note to your cheque, whether you wish your donation to go to either of the following: **Cancer Support Group; Green Armband Fund; or General Fund (to be used for equipment for clinic, etc.).**

Currently, we have a greater need for funds for our Cancer Support Group and would appreciate any funds that we receive to help our residents who are affected by Cancer. We are reviewing ways in which we can raise funds so we can increase the current \$500 per year per person. As you can appreciate \$500 does not cover much these days.

## Texada Breast Cancer Support



Contact: Joan Martischa  
604-483-6438

Udith Teuner  
604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained  
Peer Facilitators

**LIVE - LOVE- LAUGHTER**

## 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 the Texada Island Health Centre or from **Amber Brewer** who lives in Van Anda and can be reached at 1-250-644-6024 (toll free). All inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence.  
Barb Egglestone

# 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
1:00	1:50	3:30	4:15
3 pm *	3:45 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm
5:05 pm	6 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	9 pm	9:45 pm
8:35 pm	9:20 pm		

*\*Dangerous Cargo Wednesdays Only—no passengers*

POWELL RIVER - SECHLT	
Leave Saltery Bay	Leave Earls Cove
5:35 am*	6:30 am*
7:25 am	8:20 am
9:25 am	10:35 am
11:45 am	12:55 pm
2:30 pm	3:40 pm
4:55 pm	6:00 pm
7:05 pm	8:05 pm
9:00 pm	10:00 pm

*\*Daily except Sunday*

GIBSON - VANCOUVER	
Leave Langdale	Leave Horseshoe Bay
6:20 am	7:30 am
8:40 am	9:50 am
11:00 am	12:10 am
1:15 am	2:25 pm
3:35 am	4:45 pm
5:55 pm	5:30 pm
8:15 pm	7:05 pm
10:30 pm	9:25 pm

*Always call to check sailing times!*

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

**ALWAYS CALL OR VISIT THE WEBSITE TO CONFIRM YOUR SAILING TIMES !!!!!!!!!!!**

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

## NEW 2024/2026 PHONE BOOK INFO

ALL LISTING INFO, personal & business related, MUST go to this email:

**texadaphonebook@gmail.com**

**Phone books are out there!**

# Classified Ads

## Texada Vacation Rental

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## TEXADA ISLAND PHONE BOOKS

PHONE BOOKS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE  
 FOR A \$5.00 FEE AT:  
 THE GILLIES BAY STORE, TEXADA MARKET  
 & THE GAS STATION.  
**NEW PHONE BOOKS COMING!!**  
**NEW LISTINGS & INQUIRIES:**  
[texadaphonebook@gmail.com](mailto:texadaphonebook@gmail.com)

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## YARD SALE!

Aug 11th 10am - 1pm 6895 Sienna Road  
 Tools, garden, household, Plus More!

## KAYAK RENTAL

604-618-2304

## Express Lines

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 Society Executive.

**DEADLINE:** The 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to  
 publication. Send announcements (max.  
 350 words) or ads to:

TICS PO Box 233,  
 Van Anda , V0N3K0

- E-mail to : [ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com](mailto:ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com)
- Phone : 604-414-5619

## EXPRESS LINES SUBSCRIPTION

FOR A 12-MONTH OFF-ISLAND SUBSCRIPTION  
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POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

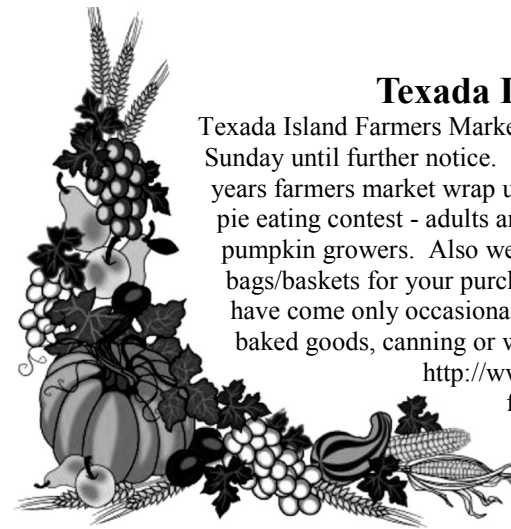
## Texada Island Farmers Market

Texada Island Farmers Markets are held at the Gillies Bay ball park, 12 noon - 1:30pm every Sunday until further notice. Our mini Fall Fair was a huge success and we are hoping that this years farmers market wrap up will be even better. Of note, we will have two categories for the pie eating contest - adults and youth. The giant zucchini contest will carry on - sorry you pumpkin growers. Also we will have more kid events. Please remember to bring your own bags/baskets for your purchases. If you are wanting to be part of our market (new vendor) or have come only occasionally in the past please contact me before coming. If you are selling baked goods, canning or will be cooking food to check out this site for low/high risk foods.

<http://www.vch.ca/Documents/Guidelines-for-sale-of-foods-at-temporary-food-markets.pdf>

The selling of high risk foods needs to be approved by the health inspector first. Any questions you may have please don't hesitate to call.

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



## The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Texada Island Blues & Roots Festival August 3 & 4 2024

Featuring Ryder Bachman, David Essig and Gitta Mae and the Hatfield Union. Local musicians Wen and the Island Boyz,, Evan Symons and more. There will be Blues, Country, Jazz, Folk and much more. For more info:

[texadabluesfestival.com](http://texadabluesfestival.com)

## Join the excitement at Run the Rock!

Run the Rock marathon, half marathon and 8k is coming up fast on August 18 and we're inviting everyone to come and join the excitement on race day!

The 8k distance is friendly to runners and walkers alike, with a gentle course, affordable \$22 entry fee (until July 31) and finishers' snack-fest at Shelter Point. It's a great way to get some fresh air while supporting the community! (Did you know, Run the Rock donates proceeds to Texada Food Bank and Texada Cancer Support Group?)

For more ambitious runners and run/walkers, the half marathon provides a bit more of a challenge travelling from Van Anda to Shelter Point, but also comes with a runner's swag bag and unique finisher's medal.

To marathoners, we're throwing you a challenge: anyone who can complete the marathon in under 3 hours this year will earn free lifetime entry to future Run the Rock events! In the 10 years this race has run, only one competitor has ever managed to do it. We're wondering - can he be beat?

For everyone else, we'd love to have you join the volunteer team! Whether you're helping at a water station, as a course marshall, or at the finish line, you're a crucial member of the team and we need you! Plus, you'll never know how fun it is to volunteer at a race until you feel the excitement and goodwill for yourself. Email: [info@runtexada.ca](mailto:info@runtexada.ca) and we'll find you the perfect role!

Register online at: [runtexada.ca](http://runtexada.ca). (Prices go up August 1.)

**TEXADA SENIORS' COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY LUNCH**

The Friday Community Lunch will be at the Seniors' Centre in Gillies Bay starting at noon until 1pm.

**Friday August 9 and Friday August 23**

The menu will be homemade soup, your choice of sandwich and dessert, tea or coffee. It will start at noon and be open until 1 pm. The cost will be \$10.00 per

person. The lunch is open to all residents of Texada (not just seniors) and it is great place to socialize and meet people. We welcome all newcomers to our island. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are in need of volunteers for kitchen help.

Please contact Joyce at: **778-318-3359** For further information please call Dale Rinehart, Seniors Council President at: **604-486-0050**.

**\*\*\*SENIORS CENTRE BINGO CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER\*\*\***

*And to our ever-changing cavalcade of volunteers: Thank You!!!!!!*



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604-414-9811, 604-486-7180, 604-414-5232  
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**Texada Church  
 On The Rock**  
 Services held every Second  
 and Last Saturday of the  
 month starting at 5:00pm  
 At "The Old School"  
 5079 Gillies Bay Rd  
 Everyone is welcome


**TCOTR**



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 luremeinn4560@gmail.com

### Texada Island policing and public safety committee.

Happy August everyone! Hope you are all enjoying the summer months and taking advantage of our Kids Don't Float life jacket loan station down at Shelter Point. Keep the kids safe on the water.  
 Last month we had a presentation on Fraud from RCMP officer Cst Perry. We had some great take aways about keeping ourselves safe from Fraud including these points -  
 \* If they ask you to pay by Gift Card - it's 100% fraud. No government agency, including the CRA, police, hospital, utility company or anyone accepts gift cards as payment. Please do not comply. No matter how convincing, or urgent they make it sound!  
 \* If they claim to be someone you know who is in trouble, ask questions only they would know the answer to, to confirm who they are. Even if they claim to be abroad and need money urgently. Hang up and call them back. Nothing, even urgent hospital care needs payment immediately. Also, see point one!  
 \* If they pretend to be from a government agency or other, but threaten you or try and rush you. It's a fraud. Hang up. If you are concerned, call the relevant agency back directly, using a number you know to be real. Do not call them back on a number the caller provides. It would likely link back to the fraudsters.  
 \* If they are asking for personal info, especially when they cold call or cold email you, it's likely a fraud. Don't give over info such as your SIN, passport numbers, driving license number, health number or banking and credit card info.  
 \* If they are rushing you. If they are creating a sense of urgency to convince you into handing over money or info. It's likely fraud.  
 \* If they get angry with you for being cautious. It's fraud. A genuine caller will not mind you asking questions or taking your time.  
 In summary. If in any doubt. Hang up. You don't have to be polite. You can report these incidents to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) online or by calling 1-888-495-8501. And please report any fraud you have been victim to, to the local RCMP. Don't be shy. We won't stop them without reporting it!  
 For more info on recent scams visit [antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca](http://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca)  
 Stay safe, and if in doubt talk to someone you trust. Becca 604-765-5218

**Legion**  Thank-you to everyone who came out and enjoyed our beer garden at this year's Sandcastle weekend.

BRITISH COLUMBIA/YUKON COMMAND

A big thank-you to all the Legion volunteers who bartended ,sold tickets , provided security, sold 50/50 tickets and helped packed everything up at the end, your help was much appreciated.  
 Upcoming:  
 Next General Meeting September 13  
 Bingo Friday August 16th , doors open at 5:30 game starts at 7.  
 Potluck Wednesday August, 28th, doors open at 5 dinner at 6, bring your favorite dish and dishes.  
 Meatdraw Saturday and Sunday doors open at 3:30

- Scrabble & board games cancelled until September.
- The shuffle board has now been refinished and available to play.

Anyone wishing to book the Legion for an event must text or phone Fred at:  
**(604)-414-4113.**  
 Thank you.  
*...lest we forget.*

**BETTER AT HOME**

Better at Home helps B.C.'s older adults live safely and independently in their own homes by providing simple, non-medical support services for people aged 65 and older. The province of B.C. funds the Better at Home program, managed by United Way Healthy Aging, and provided by inclusion powell river society.

On Texada Island, we offer limited transportation to appointments, assistance with grocery shopping, and basic lawn care. Some services have a sliding-scale fee based on household income. Lawn care is full for this year. If you would like services next season, let us know. **Do you need help with light housekeeping?** In preparation for next year's funding applications, we ask you to contact us so we can estimate demand if this service is offered on Texada.

For information on costs, eligibility or to complete the required intake appointment, please call 604-485-4008 ext.101 or email [betterathome@inclusionpr.ca](mailto:betterathome@inclusionpr.ca).

We rely on volunteers! A variety of roles are available, including at Gerry Gray Place for the SOAR program (Supporting Older Adults through Recreation). If you are interested in volunteering, visit our website for more details and the online application: <https://inclusionpr.ca/pages/volunteer>.

Home of the Better at Home and SOAR programs, **Gerry Gray Place for Older Adults is moving this fall!** We are currently at 106-7075 Alberni Street, Powell River, and are moving into 7055 Alberni Street ARC Community Event Centre building.

**GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**SLOW SAND FILTRATION**

Our drinking water source, Cranby Lake, has unique features concerning water quality, especially turbidity and seasonal changes. We are proposing the slow sand filtration process to purify drinking water and comply with Coastal Health requirements.

Slow sand filtration works PRIMARILY through biological activity that takes place on the surface of the sand bed; this biological layer is called the SCHMUTZDECKE (a german word). It is used today in some large cities such as London and Copenhagen but is mostly found in smaller systems; attractive to places like Texada due to low construction costs, low operating costs, low maintenance costs, and low energy costs.

Long time Gillies Bay residents will remember that about ten years ago the improvement district ran a pilot project to prepare for slow sand filtration, unfortunately we have insufficient data, especially the crucial summertime data, to be confident of success. Pilot study is always recommended to test the source water. Our pilot project is expanding to test different sand characteristics, especially testing for local sand sources. It may take more time but we are making every effort to maximize performance and safety of this proposed system.

There is lots more information on the internet. The wikipedia site offers a good overview without most of the technical numbers.

On a more immediate note: the beaver that has been causing recent water turbidity has been trapped.  
Roger Kimmerly  
Chair, GBID



**Express Lines August 2024**  
**YOUR ISLAND HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE**  
**604-486-7711**

Hello Texada, A Amazing, Abundant, August Is Upon Us, Its Going To Be Grand. The Hotel Will Be Closed August 5th Monday Enjoy The Day, August 18th Is Raise The Rooms JAM 4PM Bring Your Voices, Instruments, & Musical Talent. Buy A Tile For The Wall, Donation Goes To Re Building A Room. Always Changing Art In The Lobby, Shop Local Buy Beautiful. The Patios, Are Open A C Is On ,Beverages Are Cold, Food Is Fantastic ,Flowers Are Blooming, Please Call For Room Availability. Bar Is Now Open Tuesday & Wednesdays, We Have Specials Both Sides. Karaoke All Summer Long Fridays 7 PM Come Check It Out...

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

- Bar Hours**  
Mon - Open 3pm  
Tues-Wed: closed  
Thurs: 3 - closing  
Fri, Sat, Sun: 12-8

- Restaurant Hours Weekly:**  
**11 am—7 pm**  
**Fri-Sat-Sun**  
**9 am—9 pm**

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# MUSEUM MUSINGS

TEXADA HISTORICAL FUN FACTS

**DID YOU KNOW .....**

The first forest fire lookout station in Canada (1924) was atop Mount Pocahontas. Jim McKimmie unloaded his horse cart and carried supplies up the rocky trail to the cabin, quite a feat for someone who had lost a leg in an industrial accident!

Texada’s first “water taxi” (1903) was the *Wood Nymph*, a steam-driven vessel operated by an Englishman named Walter Pinnock (Steamboat Bob). It was not unusual for Walter to pull up on beaches mid-voyage to collect enough driftwood fuel to complete the trip!

The huge bulk ore carrier *MV Texada* was specially built in 1966 at the Yokohama ship yards to transport Texada’s iron ore shipments to steel mills in Japan. It carried the largest cargo ever to be loaded at a BC port at that time.

Getting to Gillies Bay was not easy in the past. Travelling on the rough trail from Van Anda (later, a wagon road) took most of the day. Years later steamship travellers arrived at a simple float anchored in the bay, followed by a rowboat ride

ashore. Disembarking was not a pleasant event in stormy weather! In the 1960’s much of Van Anda was perpetually covered in fine white dust. The “Whiterock Mill” across from the government wharf was the culprit. The historic smelter site (1898 - 1919) had become a crushing plant producing rock for stucco.

Rail lines on Texada were once a common thing. Marble Bay tramway (1/2 km to Sturt Bay) rivalled Cornell Mines’ 2 km rail line from Emily Lake to the Van Anda dock. BC Cement later installed almost 5 km of rail line at its Blubber Bay operations. In the 1950’s Texada Mines used an extensive underground rail network as well.

Everyone woke up to a surprise one morning in December, 1956, when they discovered that Texada Mines’ 500-foot wharf and loading dock were missing! The pilings rested on slippery tailings mixed with clay and the tidal pressure of a 60mph gale was enough to push it under in the night.

Peter Lock

Texada Island Heritage Society



## TWIN

### SCHOLARSHIP

The Texada Women's Island Network is pleased to offer a \$250.00 scholarship to a woman who is a mature, returning student. The student should be a resident of Texada. Please apply for this scholarship by submitting a letter stating your future plans to:

Linn Rairie, Box 184, Van Anda, B.C., V0N 3K0. The deadline for submissions is September 15, 2024.

The scholarship will be presented once proof of registration to a post-secondary institution is received.

## THE RETREAT RYCROFT ART GALLERY

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## TEXADA AGRICULTURE GROUP & FOOD HUB

TAG will hold our 2024 Annual General Meeting on Sunday, August 11 (note the date change) under the big Spruce tree at the Texada Farmer’s Market. We’ll start the meeting at 1:30, after the market closes. Topics will include a discussion of the realities of producing local meat, a status report on the Texada Food Hub and election of directors for the coming year. Everyone welcome 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 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 catering). 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](mailto:breanne@why-health.com) For more information or to become a TAG member, please contact Tom Read, home phone 604 483-1471 or email: [ravenbaywoods@gmail.com](mailto:ravenbaywoods@gmail.com).

**VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Hello Texada! Here are some notes on recent events:**FIRE PROTECTION: DID YOU KNOW** that Forestry will not respond to fires outside the Improvement District Boundaries until the fire spreads to surrounding forest? Nor can the Fire Departments act until Forestry calls for assistance to act on forest fires. Fire Protection can be provided by Texada’s firefighters if an application is made to be included in the District. Time is of the essence when responding to fires so more properties with ID Fire Protection means improved fire safety for the whole Island. Contact the office or Fire Chief Mark Robert for more information. Application is available on our webpage [vananda-id.ca/fire-protection/](http://vananda-id.ca/fire-protection/) **CONGRATULATIONS!** Mark Robert has been appointed Fire Chief by the Board of Trustees. Mark has been Acting Fire Chief for 2 years.

**WATER CONSERVATION:** Consider setting up a rain collection system to avoid using treated water for gardening and other activities where treated water is not necessary. **VAID** offers discounts on parts for drip irrigation (which is not limited during Water Restrictions), water tanks, and some other water conservation items. Conservation tips can be seen on our web page: [vananda-id.ca/water-conservation-tips/](http://vananda-id.ca/water-conservation-tips/)

**WATER QUALITY:** The Water Quality Advisory is still in place as we solve treatment plant issues. Vancouver Coastal Health continues to report good results from the monthly water testing.

**NOTIFICATION OF WATER ISSUES:** We are setting a system for notification by text. Please provide us with your cell number if you would like to be texted important notifications. In the meantime, be notified immediately by email for outages and other events at [vananda-id.ca/subscribe/](http://vananda-id.ca/subscribe/)

**MEETINGS:** The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm

**FIREFIGHTERS STILL NEEDED!** No experience necessary. Training, gear, and on-duty insurance coverage provided. Many practices and training events are held together with Gillies Bay as Texada’s 2 FDs continue to work together. Contact Fire Chief Mark Robert for more info 604-414-9662

**CONTACT INFO:** [contact@vananda-id.ca](mailto:contact@vananda-id.ca) – 604-486-7035 – [vananda-id.ca](http://vananda-id.ca)

**WATER EMERGENCY:** Water Operator Marianne Segers 604-315-1363

**SMILING COMMUNITY DENTAL HYGIENE**

Smiling Community Dental Hygiene is back providing dental hygiene treatment at the Texada Medical Clinic in Gillies Bay.

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Bookings are available starting in May and will be offered every other Friday.

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**TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH NOTES**

And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by my side,  
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 I felt ev'ry teardrop when in darkness you cried,  
 And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."  
 from the song "Come to the Water" by Marsha J. Stevens

**Worship Services:** Sundays services begin at 10:30 a.m., with fellowship and coffee afterwards. Communion July, 7, 2024. Everyone is always welcome at our table.

**Focus on Spirit:** Published weekly on website. Links on Texada Message Board and Texada United Church Facebook page.

**Minister's Office Hours:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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

[trollhollow123@gmail.com](mailto:trollhollow123@gmail.com)

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

**Website:** <http://texada-island-united-church.weebly.com>

**Facebook Page:** Texada Island United Church

**Texada Island United Church Mission Statement**

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## Summer Dates:

August 13th from 6:30-8:30

## Dances

are held at the Texada Community Hall or outdoors depending on the weather. Please follow Rock Your Body Texada on Facebook for location and updates.

## COMMUNITY HERO



**Texada Food Bank 2024**  
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 11 and 12  
Call in August 13 – pick up August 14  
Call in Sept. 10– pick up Sept. 11  
**(604) 483-1219**

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

Non-perishable food donations may be put in the baskets at the Gillies Bay General store, the Texada Market and the First Credit Union in Van Anda. Donation tins for cash are available at both stores- Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in Van Anda and the Credit Union. Thank you so much.

**Volunteers are needed for the Food Bank.** if you have any questions regarding Volunteering or contributions to the Food Bank please call Pauline Fleming at 604-414-9590.

**Texada Food Bank Thanks You!**  
Big Thank you to **Darla Chilton** for collecting cash and food donations for the Food Bank during her ride in the Sandcastle Parade, we really appreciate your efforts.  
We are also grateful to **Karl & Sandi Bergstrand** for their donation of food.

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

# Texada Market

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## HOURS:

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**Hours: Noon—4 PM.**

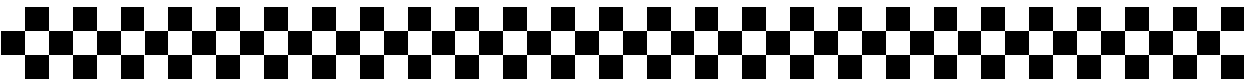
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## R.C.M.P.

We are now half way through the summer which means the Blues and Roots Festival is here. As there will be a beer gardens, we ask you do the responsible thing and have a designated driver if you consume alcoholic beverages. Keep in mind, we will be in attendance. Don't forget the Texada Kids Sports Club is still every Monday evening, but watch the Texada Facebook page for any time changes or cancellations. Buckle up and drive safe! Josh, Kevin and Pat



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### Texada Tai Chi

9:30 am Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Community Hall.  
**May to September** we will be moving across the street to the tennis court and adding a Beginners class  
 9:30 am Tuesdays. For information, call Naomi:  
 604-910-2170




### August at a Glance!

**KIDS, [szagwyn@prpl.ca](mailto:szagwyn@prpl.ca)**  
**Summer Reading Club 2024: World of Curiosities**  
 At the library. July 2 to August 16. For full details visit [prpl.ca](http://prpl.ca)!  
**Preschool Storytime**  
**Children's Reading Room. Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am.**  
**Market Storytime**  
**Powell River Farmer's Market, 4365 McLeod Road, August 24, 11:00 – 11:30 am**  
**TEENS, [edgar@prpl.ca](mailto:edgar@prpl.ca)**  
**Minecraft Afternoons**  
**Rotary Makerspace. Saturdays in July and August, 3:00-4:30 pm.**  
**Teen Summer Reading Challenge 2024**  
**ENTER to win at [prpl.ca](http://prpl.ca)! Contest runs until midnight on Friday, August 9.**  
**Summer Session Young Writers Group**  
**Community Room. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Ends August 16.**  
**First Dibs**  
**ADULTS, [mmerlino@prpl.ca](mailto:mmerlino@prpl.ca)**  
**Protecting Your Property from Wildfire**  
**Community Room. Thursday, August 8, 3:00-4:00 pm**  
**Local Author Don MacKay**  
**Community Room. Tuesday, August 13 17, 7:00-8:300 pm.**  
**Michael Kluckner Presents Vanishing British Columbia**  
**Community Room. Friday August 23, 4:00-5:00 pm**  
**Tech Savvy- Ancestry.ca**  
**Community Room. Wednesday, July 28, 3:00-4:00 pm**  
**. Write On**  
**Via Zoom. Fridays 2:00 pm.**  
**Knit Night**  
**Friends of the Library Reading Lounge. Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm.**

## EMPLOYMENT OPP

The **Gillies Bay Improvement District** is Hiring For the position of **Corporate Officer in training**  
 12 hours a week training to start, with advancement.  
 To a permanent part-time Corporate Officer position upon successful completion of training and probation.  
 The Corporate Officer oversees the day-to-day operations of the Improvement District. Working in collaboration with the Water Operator, Fire Chief, Bookkeeper, and reporting to the Board of Trustees.  
 Skills required:

- A minimum of 5 years experience in an administrative function, preferably in support of a finance or accounting field.
- Proficient in MS Office (Word, Excel)
- Accurately record minutes, transcribe them, and keep organized records.
- A professional attitude illustrated through verbal and written communications skills coupled with demonstrated customer service skills.
- Demonstration of sound decision making skills and professionalism in dealing with sensitive information, necessitating use of discretion, tact, and good judgment. Must be able to work independently, have analytical and problem-solving skills, and superior interpersonal and communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Strong organizational skills, and the ability to establish priorities.
- Demonstrated experience in the preparation of written reports and filing of documents. (The Corporate Officer is responsible for preparation of bylaws and filing them with the Ministry).
- Must be methodical, and meticulous.

Able to work without direct supervision in a small office environment.  
 Email: [admin@gillies-bay.ca](mailto:admin@gillies-bay.ca) for a copy of the job description. To apply please provide a cover letter and resume.

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**"Board-on-the-road" is coming to Texada this month.**

There's a long-established tradition at the qRD to hold the August board meeting in one of the electoral areas. This year it's our turn. On Aug. 28, two qRD meetings will take place in person on Texada: Committee of the Whole (which I chair) in the morning and the board meeting in the afternoon.

**Board-on-the-road, Texada Island  
Wednesday, Aug. 28  
Texada Seniors Centre  
10:30 am Committee of the Whole  
3:30 pm qRD Board**

You are cordially invited and are most welcome to attend one or both meetings. You know who I am, come and put faces to the other names on the qRD Board.

FYI, most of the debate on issues takes place at one of three RD committees: Finance, which deals with financial matters, Planning, which deals with planning and development issues, and Committee of the Whole, which considers everything else. Board meetings are a second look at issues and provide an opportunity for new information to come forward before final decisions are made.

The Aug. 28 board meeting will consider recommendations from Planning and Finance Committee meetings earlier this month. Recommendations from Committee of the Whole will go to the board meeting in September for final approval.

**August 31 is the firm deadline for the second of two rounds of applications for qRD grant funding in 2024.** Over the last few years funding streams have been consolidated into two: general grant-in-aid (GIA) and area GIAs to streamline and add flexibility to the application process. Area GIAs are for initiatives that primarily benefit only one area, while general GIAs are for projects or events more regional in nature.

Area D started 2024 with \$24,516.21 in our area GIA budget and after considering the first round of grants, there's \$3,939.79 left for round two. General GIA funding (financed by everyone in the region) started at \$96,000 with \$10,112 remaining.

**Texada groups** receiving funding in round one are **TINSHS** (\$25,000), **TACT** (\$12,000), **Sandcastle** (\$3,000), the **Legion** (\$3,289 for parking lot lights) and **Wild Ocean Whales Society** (\$2,000 for the Texada feral cat initiative). We also contributed with other areas to regional initiatives including PRISMA, qathet Film Society and Townsite Jazz Festival.

**If your community group needs grant funding this year, please get your application in asap.**

*Sandy McCormick, area D director*  
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**TEXADA ISLAND**  
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Happy Summer Everyone!

Our case for land went before the Agricultural Land Commission on June 19th. Strong presentations were made by Laura Roddan (qRD planning manager), Jesse Coplin (Selkirk Mountain Forest Ltd forester), Susan Van der Ende (Madrone Environmental) and Cathy Brown, assisted by Derek Wills. The ALC asked for more information, giving a potential decision date of the end of summer. Now we wait.

Website: [texadaseniorshousing.ca](http://texadaseniorshousing.ca)  
Email: [info@texadaseniorshousing.ca](mailto:info@texadaseniorshousing.ca)  
Phone us at: 604-486-6766

### Texada Paint Out 2024 seeks volunteers

Are you looking to make a difference and be part of an exciting event? We need enthusiastic volunteers to help make Texada Paint Out 2024 a success! The event will take place on September 7th from 10.00 am to 1 pm at Shelter Point Park. **We are looking for volunteers to help with several key roles:**

- Assist in setting up canopies/pop-up tents to provide shade and protection from rain (Sept 6th).
- Help with hanging up posters in nearby areas (August).
- Hand out flyers to promote the event and provide information (August).
- Offer directions and assistance to attendees (Sept 7th).
- Ensure the smooth running of the activities (Sept 7th).
- Help with taking down and cleaning up after the event (Sept 7th).

Interested volunteers can send an email to [paintouttexada@gmail.com](mailto:paintouttexada@gmail.com) with your name and email address/phone number.

Texada Paint Out 2024 is proud to be part of the International Plein Air Painters Worldwide Paint Out. Participation for both artists and spectators is entirely free of charge!

Thanks! Ingrid

## Wolverines!

The white land laid before me stark and frozen when I arrived in a Beaver on skis at Tara Lake. I was to build a camp for the summer's Yukon exploration and drill program. The kitchen would be the first of the buildings to construct as it would serve as temporary sleeping, eating and radio shack while I constructed camp. Supplies and a plywood building 12'X12' had been set in place in preparation the past summer were now 8 feet under snow and ice. The orange tarped peak barely visible above the snow.

The shack was 200 feet up from the lake. I had dug a stairway down 8 feet through snow and ice until I hit permafrost and the busted in front door. Something had eaten the fridge. Canned butter, beans and beef had been chewed and spit out like old spent chewing gum. The inside was a mess. A great welcome as the kitchen construction began.

I had built a burn pit at the base of an old dead stunted spruce tree. Every other day I would light a fire and burn the accumulated packaging, wood scraps and kitchen waste. One day as I headed over in my snowmobile to the pit for another burn, out jumped a threatening wolverine from the far side. I revved the engine loud... it didn't move. I jumped the snowmobile a few feet to the right... the wolverine jumped a few feet to its right. I jumped again... it did the same. Around and around we went neither of us giving up ground... it had declared the pit his prize. That's the one thing about wolverines, they'll defend what's theirs to the end. I was content to leave it a draw and let it rest for another day.

I had stored my frozen meat in the carved out snow just outside the kitchen door. One evening, having to go relieve myself, I opened the kitchen door and there three feet away I stood face to face with a pair of snarling wolverines helping themselves to my frozen meat. It was them or me. I quickly slammed the door shut and headed for my rifle.

Some days you could wear a tee shirt, other days the temps could drop to minus fifty and be four seasons in one day. I look back with fond memories and remember still the dancing Arora Borialus in full display over the campfires in Septembers past. Glory be the North and the not so innocent days of my youth.

Cheers, Coyote

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Come join us for the "RAISE THE ROOMS JAM" at The Texada Island Inn Pub every third Sunday of each month - bring your instrument of choice and your singing voice! The backline is available consisting of drums, bass, guitar and keys with amps and amazing musicians to give you support and strength! There will be 50/50 draws as well as additional platforms for you to be a part of the fundraisers to RAISE THE ROOMS! We are pitching in and asking our island and surrounding communities to do the same - let's keep the music, the Hotel and the social atmosphere on this amazing island going for years to come!

### 2024 SCHEDULE

July 21	August 18	September 15
October 20	November 17	December 15



## Texada Aviation Museum and Library Notes August 2024

By the time of this printing, the Texada Aviation Museum will have again provided a space and inventory of training aids for the Texada Aero-Space Camp! Most of the activities of the Camp take place in the Museum where pilots, scientists and aviation aficionados bring their talents and experience to teach the attending youth about aviation and aerospace.

Over the years, volunteers who developed the Camp's early programs also constructed many of the training aids that were needed. To have purchased the equipment outright would have been downright costly. Using their combined knowledge and ingenuity, simple items like wing forms, rivet demonstration metal shapes, as well as rocket launching stands and propeller demonstration items were hand made. Other training aides were constructed and others were donated by BCIT and other sponsors to add to the collection.

This summer is proving to be a busy one. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, The AirBuzz Mk II and crew visited the popular Wings and Wheels Fly-In at Campbell River airport to participate in fundraising for youth in aircraft construction projects at Sealand Aviation. On 13<sup>th</sup> of August, the Museum volunteers will participate at Nanaimo Airport's "Give Them Wings" event that by displaying some of its training aids to an audience of 100 indigenous youth.

Thanks to the Museum's recent sponsors' donations: Lafarge, Tempco HVAC, Julie's Restaurant, Kiwanis of Powell River, Elphinstone Flying Club and Comox Airport, First Credit Union and qathet Regional District.

O.C. (Doby) Dobrostanski,  
Curator, TAM

## Calling all professional and hobbyist artists Join us for the Texada Paint Out 2024!

**Date/Time:**

Saturday, September 7, 2024  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Open to the public!**

**Admission:**

**FREE for everyone.**

Calling all professional and hobbyist artists! You're invited to capture the stunning scenery of Texada Island at Shelter Point Park on Saturday, September 7th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This event is open to the public, so feel free to come and observe the outdoor painters in action.

Texada Paint Out 2024 is proud to be part of the International Plein Air Painters Worldwide Paint Out. Participation for both artists and spectators is entirely **free of charge**. Artists can download registration forms at <https://texada.org/paint-out/>

The exhibition of the painted works will take place on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in Texada Island Inn. Details regarding time will be announced soon.

**Location Texada Paint Out 2024:**  
Shelter Point Park, Texada Island  
**Follow us:**

<https://www.instagram.com/texadapaintout24>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/texadapaintout>

# NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Greetings Everyone.

Thank you to Fran Garner and our anonymous donors for their generous donations of books in July.

The Annual **Library Book Sale** will be held on August 4 & 5 in the Library Parking Lot, Gillies Bay. The hours are 11 am to 4 pm Sunday and 11 am to 2 pm on Monday. All proceeds from our sales support the Library.

## *History of the Texada Island Library cont'd:*

Upon closure of the Iron Mine in 1976 the Bunkhouse was sold to the Gillies Bay Community and District Association for \$1.00. The Gillies Bay Library then became the Texada Library. In 1977 the Association voted to take on sponsorship of the Library. They promised to get the deed of the Library from International Kaizer Corporation. In 1979 permission was granted by the Regional Board to remove the existing Library building to the grounds of the Community Hall, thereby removing it from private land.

In 1987 the Library moved into its current location in the Gillies Bay Old School Building. The Gillies Bay Improvement District leased the building from the Powell River School District.

Eventually the lease for the library space was between the Gillies Bay Improvement District and the Powell River Library Association. The cost of the lease was \$600.00 per annum.

In a note dated March 9, 1994 the Powell River Public Library Association states that they supplied Texada Library with 150 - 200 books every month. The Texada Library owned approximately 1,000 books, plus many discards from Powell River. The Powell River Public Library Association paid \$1,050.00 per annum towards the Texada Library hydro bill.

*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:

Tuesday to Wednesday.....noon to 2 pm.

Fri., Sat., Sunday.....noon to 2 pm.

For more information about the library, or about becoming a volunteer, please phone:

Charlotte Dawe, Library Coordinator, at

## **GILLIES BAY FIRE DEPT. & VAN ANDA FIRE DEPT.**

### Fire Departments urge caution

Hard to believe that anyone doesn't know the wildfire hazard level is extreme right now. The little bit of rain we had barely penetrated the duff (upper layer). It did nothing to alleviate the drought conditions. Also, since it was accompanied with lightning strikes it heightened anxiety levels for fire fighters for a while. But the reality is that in our area most of the danger comes from human activity, not lightening. All but one of the 63 fires to date in the Coastal fire zone were suspected human caused. Our Fire Departments are preparing for wildfire. Recently Van Anda arranged an S-100 (wildfire) course, and included members from Gillies Bay and Tla' amin. We are training with our wildfire equipment, and preplanning on how to access equipment if there is a major fire. All high risk industrial activities are now operating under new rules. They must have a fire plan and a way to fight fire. We are hoping the public will help too. First of all, be careful. Even a lawn mower can start a fire in the dry grass conditions we are dealing with. Sign up for the BC Wildfire Service mobile app. Not only is it an excellent source of information, it also has a reporting feature. The key to knocking down a fire is to get on it fast. So report any smoke. We will check it out and nobody will criticize you if it turns out to be a false alarm. If you don't want to use the app, make a note of Wildfire's numbers 1-800-633-5555 or on your cell \*5555. You can also help if you have heavy equipment that we haven't already got on our list, or if you have a source of water we could access in an emergency.

If we all stay vigilant and work together we can keep our Island green.

### **Texada Artists' Get Together**

Our next artists' get-together will be Tuesday, August 6th, from 10 am to 12 noon At 4328 Sanderson Road, Gillies Bay. After contemplating the mini-exhibition of ceramic sculptures and painting constructions on plywood choose a chair and settle down for the discussion. As artists in this group, we've talked at great length about why we are creative. But what is society's role? Lots to ponder before our next Texada artists' get-together. It will be outdoors so bring your hat, chair and choice of nonalcoholic beverage.

### **Re: Texada Island Museum Volunteering**

Currently we have more than enough weekly volunteers, which allows for everyone to be busy and satisfied with their Wednesday commitment hours. At present time, we are not in need of additional volunteers. When a spot opens, we will put the word out.

**Thank-you for inquiries.**

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# Garden Club Notes

*August is the time to start planning your cover crops before the busy harvest season starts! Here is some valuable information about cover crops and why they are important.*

Many gardeners are aware of the use of cover crops, they are used to help prevent erosion and soil loss, improving soil condition and bulk-ing. A few common examples are hairy vetch, winter wheat, fall rye and buckwheat. Some cover crops can be left as path cover between rows allowing better water retention in the summer heat, or dug under as a soil amendment, or fix nitrogen in the soil making it available for the next crop.

A less commonly used cover crop is the Daikon Radish also known as tillage radish. This versatile crop has a thick white tuber that can grow rapidly to over a foot in length, essentially drilling down, helping to break up hard packed soils and hardpan. It has been found that the natural heat, rapid growth and nutrient capture helps to build healthy soil organisms, and if left to decompose, the deep roots penetrate hard soil creating natural pores and pathways for air and water to travel. The length of the tuber can bring nutrients from depths, which are then stored for use by shallow rooted crops. The foliage is very fast growing and can be planted up to about 3 weeks before the first frost helping it outcompete weeds in winter, or allow protection to sparsely leaved summer crops such as beans and potatoes. Studies show that yields in corn and soybeans increase significantly following the use of tillage radish. The best part is the Daikon Radish can also be eaten as a spicy addition to most meals.

If you remove your summer/fall crops and leave your soil bare, the good soil microorganisms can starve and allow the undesirable ones to flourish making year round cover crops a great addition to your crop rotation.

TEXADA SANDCASTLE WEEKEND WRAPUP

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## VOLUNTEER EVENT ORGANIZERS:

Information Booth - Doriana Kiland  
 Parade – Lizetta Hanley  
 Family Zone – Lisa Levez-Bordelau  
 Show & Shine – Ed Kowalyk & Richard Shawcross  
 Bed Races – Deb Gil & Ron Smith  
 Dog Show – Terry-Lynn Andres and Liz Lombardo  
 Sand Sculptures –Sarah Bond, Liz Pietrantonio, Alex Bella, Linda Liebich  
 Skim Jam – Tim Ladner  
 Pancake Breakfast – Texada Island Fire Fighters Association

## SPONSORS:

Arcosa Materials	Lafarge Texada Quarry	Texada Home & Garden
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Coastal Firewood	qathet Regional District	Texada Island Community Society
First Credit Union	Rycroft Construction	The Peak
Guardian Bookkeeping	Texada Auto Repair	United Steel Workers #816

## DONATIONS:

Amanda Martinson	Gillies Bay Market	Texada Island Inn
BC Ferries	Mary Mary Café	Texada Legion # 232
Deb Dumka	Rhoda Reese-Stuart	Texada Market
Flower and the Bee	Rodger Hort	Texada Home & Gar-
Galactic Entertainment	Sunshine Coast Fuels	Texada Shores Vacation Suites

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS:

Morgan Robertson – Arcosa	Dick Fahlman	Sid Bolton
John Graham – Arcosa	Rebecca Can	Evelyne Seymour
Kyle Rousseau – Arcosa	Dan Zwiercan	Sandy McCormick
Mike Irving	Marla Kiland	Jane Waterman
Tom MacDonald	Chanel Krusel	Deb Dumka
Lee & Rolly Thorpe	Fran Garner	Barb McCormick
Roxanne Rasmussen	Amy Dumka	

I am sorry, I may have missed a few people... but we know you did your PART!  
 PLUS we appreciate what you do to make a great family weekend... even better!

I want to give a Big Thank you to the Sandcastle Committee (Doriana Kiland, Warren Kiland, Jane Waterman and Evelyne Seymour) and many... many Volunteers who stepped up and walked the Walk.  
 We could not have done it without you!

If you have any ideas, changes or want to volunteer next year, look for the announcement in the Express Lines in April 2025.

## TEXADA SANDCASTLE WEEKEND WRAPUP

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Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend for 2024 is over and I believe everyone had a great time.

The following is a rundown of all the Sponsors, Donations, Volunteers, Events and the Winners!

**TEXADA SAND SCULPTURES WINNERS:** (32 Teams competed)

ADULT: 1<sup>st</sup> Tobey the Spider, 2<sup>nd</sup> Uncle's, 3<sup>rd</sup> DASIF

FAMILY: 1<sup>st</sup> Lumber Truck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Raise a little Ells, 3<sup>rd</sup> The A Team

TEEN: 1<sup>st</sup> Big Fat Snake, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cheyenne + the Disco Ball, 3<sup>rd</sup> Inkling

CHILDREN: 1<sup>st</sup> G-nomes, 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIC-A, 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIC-B

MOST SAND MOVED: The ANT

**SANDCASTLE PARADE WINNERS:**

Best Decorated Bikes: 1<sup>st</sup> Hafezi, 2<sup>nd</sup> , 3<sup>rd</sup> Leo Gaiga

Best Family Float – Fabulous Fungi by the Leopkey Family

Best Business Float – Texada Heritage Society

Best Costume – Gillies Bay Library

**SHOW & SHINE WINNER:**

People's Choice Award – Rhoda Reese-Stuart – Mustang

**BED RACE WINNER:**

Children's – 1<sup>st</sup> – The Flash, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Spicy Weinees

Adult/Youth – 1<sup>st</sup> – Brenty Bunch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fast & Fabulous, 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Toads

55+ -1<sup>st</sup> - Running on Empty

**LIP-SYNC WINNERS:**

SOLO Acts: 1<sup>st</sup> Donjan Buric, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver, 3<sup>rd</sup> Erin, 4<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Boulanger

DUETS & TROIS: 1<sup>st</sup> Hafezi Duo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Silly Goofs, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sweep you off your Feet

**DOG SHOW WINNERS:**

All the dogs entered were Winners.

Terry and Liz did a fabulous job! We hope more Dogs and Owners will come out next year

**PARADE GRAND MARSHALL:**

Her Majesty Gwen Davies, driven by Kevin & Malle Behan in their fabulous convertible

A big Thank-you to all the businesses who provided the Prizes and the people who supported Sandcastle by buying a Raffle ticket

**SANDCASTLE RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - 2 night stay at Texada Shores Vacation Suites – Sid Boloten

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – 4 BC Ferry Vehicle & Passenger Passes, Plus 4 Passenger Passes – Dennis Premack

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize A – Basket of Local Business Gift Certificates – Anthony Luca

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize B – Basket of Local Business Gift Certificates – Chase Kelly

4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Seascape Window Art by Sea Dreams (Rhoda) – John Hollo

5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Sunshine Coast Fuels Certificate – Dana Henry

6<sup>th</sup> Prize – Print of Shelter Point by Rodger Hort – Anne Wikman

7<sup>th</sup> Prize - Print by Amanda Martinson – Megan Swift

8<sup>th</sup> Prize – 2 BC Lions vs Calgary Football Tickets, Oct 4, 2024 – Melanie Ells

## In Loving Memory

A Celebration of Life will be held for Karen May on Saturday August 17. A service will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the United Church, followed by a community drop –in at the Royal Canadian legion at 2: p.m.

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We have opened a Greenhouse, gardens and Farm stand on our property to provide Texada residents and visitors fresh in season vegetables, fruits, canning and some craft items. In the spring we also offer bedding out plants and welcome people to come and visit us to share their growing experiences and maybe learn some new techniques from us as well. Come visit and have a tour and visit our 4 goats. They always love a treat and attention. We moved here 2 ½ years ago and love the community, quietness and beauty of Texada.

We are open 10-6 Tuesday to Saturday and you can find us at the Farmers Markets on Sunday 12–1:30.

Stop in and get you fresh picked items.

**Located at 5120 Leaper Road  
Phone 604-486-1022**

We appreciate the support from the community and visitors.



# Board on the Road 2024

Please join the qathet Regional District Board of Directors for our annual Board on the Road Committee of the Whole and Regional Board Meetings.

**Where:** Texada Island Seniors' Centre  
*5079 Gillies Bay Road, Gillies Bay, BC*

**When:** August 28, 2024  
*Beginning at 10:30 am*

*Watch standing qRD meetings live, and view agendas on the qRD Portal at: [qathetrd.civicweb.net](http://qathetrd.civicweb.net)*

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Texada Library  
2024

# BOOK SALE

**Sunday Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**  
11am – 4pm  
**Monday Aug 5<sup>th</sup>**  
11am – 2pm

In the Library Parking Lot  
Gillies Bay

\*All proceeds from our sales support the library



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## SANDCASTLE BED RACES 2024

It was a sizzling Saturday on the asphalt this year, with 10 enthusiastic teams tearing up the course! In the combined Youth/Adult/Mixed group, the winners were “The Brenty Bunch”, who beat their time last year by 2.5 seconds at 37.0 seconds, to take 1<sup>st</sup> place! Second place in the group went to “The Fast and Fabulous” at 42.9 seconds, with “The Toads” taking 3rd place at 45.5 seconds. The winner of the Children’s group was “The Flash” at 52.1 seconds, with “The Spicy Weinees” coming 2<sup>nd</sup> at 53.75 seconds. Last but not least, the 55+ group was won by “Running on Empty” at 48.3 seconds. (Note that some of these teams actually ran faster, but had penalty time added for touching the obstacles on the course). The Team Spirit award was won by the team “Drunken Piper”, with their kilted bagpiper on the bed. Special thanks to Travis McCaig of Texada HVAC, and the Powell River Peak, for providing the prize money! See you all again next year!!