



JULY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>Canada Day</b>	<b>2</b> Rock/Body Dance 6:30 TexCommHall	<b>3</b> Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  New Moon	<b>6</b> Circ of Light 2pm Tex Church
<b>7</b> FarmersMkt. Noon GBBallPk.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Food Bank Call In	<b>10</b> Food Bank Pick Up	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Comm Lunch Noon Sen Ctr	<b>13</b> NewDoc Meet TexH&G 11am Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm TCOTR 5pm SCr 1st Qtr
<b>14</b> FarmersMkt. Noon GBBallPk.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Rock/Body Dance 6:30 TexCommHall	<b>17</b> Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm Vaid Meet VAFirehall 1:30	<b>18</b> PolComm Fraud Meet 2pm Sen Ctr.	<b>19</b> Legion Bingo: 5:30pm	<b>20</b>  <b>Sandcastle Weekend!</b>  <i>Express Lines Deadline Strict</i>
<b>21</b>  <b>Sandcastle Weekend!</b> <b>Raise/Room</b> 4pm, TexIslInn <b>Full Moon</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Aerospace Camp Starts July 24—27	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Comm Lunch Noon Sen Ctr	<b>27</b> TransStation: 10 am - 4 pm  TCOTR 5pm Sen Cntr
<b>28</b> FarmersMkt. Noon GBBallPk. <b>Last Qtr.</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Rock/Body Dance 6:30 TexCommHall	<b>31</b> Legion Potluck 5 pm			

**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 July 2024**

Saturday July 13 Texada Home and Gardens

**COME MEET OUR NEW DOCTOR**

Dr. Diana Rothon



1130AM-2PM

**Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend**

**FULL FIRE BAN IN EFFECT!**



July 20 -21

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

2 -3 pm Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, meet at  
the Texada United Church.

All Welcome!  
Please join us.



**CANADA DAY**

**BIG THANKS** to everyone who helps me get the Express Lines done each month!  
*I can't do it without you!*



# 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 Martisca  
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](http://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](mailto:texadaphonebook@gmail.com)

If your reading this your probably too late.

BUSINESS'S MAY SUBMIT PRINT READY ARTWORK TO:

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

**OR CALL STEVE 604-414-7764**

# Classified Ads

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## TEXADA ISLAND PHONE BOOKS

PHONE BOOKS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE  
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 THE GILLIES BAY STORE, TEXADA MARKET  
 & THE GAS STATION.  
**NEW PHONE BOOKS COMING!!**  
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[texadaphonebook@gmail.com](mailto:texadaphonebook@gmail.com)

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## Texada Golf Course

Open April 1 to September 30, 2024  
 \$450 Memberships available: phone Malle at :  
 604-223-3214  
 (OR \$10/9 holes, \$20/18 holes, pay at golf course)

## KAYAK RENTAL

604-618-2304

## Express Lines

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

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 Van Anda , V0N3K0

- E-mail to : [ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com](mailto:ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com)
- Phone : 604-414-7764
- Editor : 604-414-7764

## EXPRESS LINES SUBSCRIPTION

FOR A 12-MONTH OFF-ISLAND SUBSCRIPTION  
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 VAN ANDA, BC, V0N 3K0.

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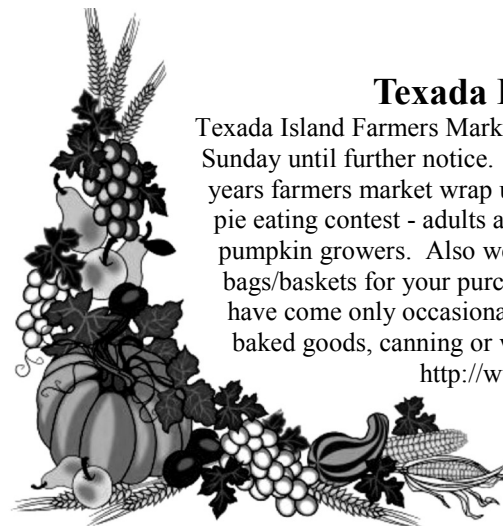
## Texada Island Farmers Market

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 July 12 and Friday July 26**

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

## Computer Basics Workshop July 24, 2024

The workshop will be between 1 pm—4 pm.

Provided by: Mariann Borteleki  
250-616-8762

Do you have a computer or cell phone? Do you have questions about it that you can't find answers to? Or do you want to learn some basic skills to keep them running smoothly? I will be holding a workshop at the seniors center this month on Wednesday, July 24th. I have listed topics that we can go over together. You are welcome to bring your cell phones and Laptops with you.

- |                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Troubleshooting             | Initial Computer Setup       |
| PC Performance Improvements | Software Installation        |
| PC Cleanup                  | Software Updates System-Wide |
| Password Management         | Software Upgrades            |
| Online Services             |                              |



## Welcome to July's upcoming events:

- Summer is here which means our next General Meeting will be on Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 5:30 Meeting starts at 7:00 . Summer dress is still in effect .
- Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> Bingo, doors open at 5:30 game starts at 7:00.
- The Legion will be closed Saturday and Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for Sandcastle Weekend, come on down and join us at the beer garden.
- Saturday & Sunday meatdraws will continue with the exception of Sandcastle Weekend . doors open at 3:30.
- Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup> potluck dinner, bring your favorite dish and dishes, doors open at 5:00 dinner at 6:00.

- 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're currently offering limited transportation to appointments, assistance with grocery shopping, and basic lawn care. Some services have a sliding-scale fee based on household income.

We need volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please call Belinda Shelton, Community Program Assistant Manager at 604-485-4008 ext.102 or e-mail bshelton@inclusionpr.ca. A variety of roles are available.

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

Second, Gerry Gray Place for Older Adults would like to invite you to stop in, when you're in town in Powell River, and find out about our other programs and services!

**THE FLOWER AND THE BEE**

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**GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**SUMMER WATER RESTRICTIONS:** This year, unlike the dry spring last year, gardens, pastures, and the forest are lush, damp, and green at the end of June. We are blessed with adequate water from Cranby lake; nevertheless we need to take care. We use more than three times our winter water use during the hot dry summer. This means more expense to supply the infrastructure; also to keep supply and water pressure adequate for fire protection. Summer water restrictions have one basic principle: Don't waste water! This year, effective July first we enter stage one of our water restriction.

Watering lawns and gardens is allowed from 5 AM to 9 AM and from 5 PM to 9 PM. Even numbered houses may water on even numbered days and odd numbered houses may water on odd numbered days. Thank you for being responsible users.

**BULK WATER:** To meet requests and potential need for residents of the Gillies Bay Improvement District we will supply bulk raw water (NOT potable water) as a pilot project this year. To apply for bulk water please phone 604 223 7757. Water can be supplied, by appointment, in your container, for a basic fee of \$30.00 for up to 2 cubic meters of water (approximately 500 gallons).

**WATER ADVISORY:** We are permanently on a water advisory for immune compromised persons. Also, we are on a boil water advisory due to higher than acceptable turbidity, despite repeated aggressive pipe flushing. We can expect, as in past years, to be on boil water advisories as the hot weather progresses. This situation will not change until an effective filtration and treatment system is in place. Presently, we are conducting a pilot project with an ambition to put that system in place.

Roger Kimmerly  
Chair: GBID



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

Hello Texada! Summer Is Here. Hot And Beautiful. The Hotel Will Be Closed On Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Next Big RAISE THE ROOMS JAM Is On July 21<sup>st</sup> Bring Your Voices, Instruments Musical Talent. Buy A Tile For The Wall, Donation Goes To Building A Room, Always Changing Art In The Lobby, Shop Local Buy Beautiful.

Patios Are Open, Beer Is Cold, Food Is Fantastic, Flowers Are Blooming. We Have A Room To Rent, Please Call For Availability. All Summer Long Karaoke 7pm We Have Specials Every Day ,Both Sides. Come See What's Happening.

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- & Hoodies**
- Local Art
  - Ice Cream
  - ATM

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

**Bar Hours**  
Mon - Open 3pm  
Tues-Wed: closed  
Thurs: 3 - closing  
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# MUSEUM MUSINGS

## SUMMER VISITS TO YOUR MUSEUM

The staff at the museum are looking forward to welcoming you and your guests at our door this summer. We have two (adult) guides to help you get the most from your visit. They can show you the main exhibits and answer your questions. You are also welcome to just come in and look around at your own pace.

Note our (new) summer hours:

July 1 to Aug 31

Sun & Mon - closed

Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat - open 10 am to 3 pm

(NOTE: closed Sandcastle Saturday July 20)

Wed - open 10 am to noon

Looking forward to seeing you this summer!

### Texada Community Policing & Public Safety Committee & Texada Seniors Council

Invite you to come to the Seniors Centre, Gillies Bay

Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 2.00 pm. – 4.00 pm.

**FOR A PRESENTATION AND OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT FRAUD PREVENTION**

by Cst. Paula Perry

Learn about: Common frauds across Canada, common local frauds, how to recognize fraud, how to respond when contacted by a fraudster, how to report fraud, what to do if you have been defrauded, how to protect your private information.

**Questions and shared experiences of fraud are highly encouraged.**

**AFTERNOON TEA WILL FOLLOW EVERYONE WELCOME**

## 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

## Rycroft Art Gallery

Opening from:

Thursday, June 27 to Monday, July 1

1:00 to 4:30 pm

Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

5868 Gillies Bay Road

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

Looking forward to seeing you at the gallery!

### TEXADA AGRICULTURE 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.

Hold the date: TAG will hold our 2024 Annual General Meeting on Sunday, August 4 under the big Spruce tree at the Texada Farmer's Market. We'll start the meeting at 1:30, after the market closes. Everyone welcome; more details to come in the August Express Lines.

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:  
**WATER RESTRICTIONS:** Stage 3 will be in effect starting Saturday June 29. This is necessary to avoid maxing out the treatment plant capacity, which can happen at the beginning of summer. Stage 3 restrictions include the following:

- NO LAWN WATERING
- No washing vehicles, RVs, or boats.
- No filling or adding water to swimming pools, hot tubs, garden ponds, or decorative fountains.
- No washing any outdoor surfaces, including sidewalks, walkways, driveways, patios, decks, or windows.
- Hand watering and using sprinklers to water trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetables is limited to one hour daily per coverage area and allowed only in the evening or early morning.
- Use of micro-irrigation or drip irrigation systems to water trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetables is allowed on any day, at any time, as required.
- More details on our website.

**WATER QUALITY & PLANT UPGRADES:** The Water Quality Advisory is still in place due to temporary Ultraviolet Treatment (UVT) insufficiency. UVT is the final step in water treatment before chlorination. The UVT system is not adequate at present due to the dissolved solids not being removed by the Ion Exchangers (Ionex), as designed. Replacement of the Ionex media will solve this issue however it is a complicated and expensive process. Plans are in place to replace the media and clean the fouled Ionex tanks as well as adding a sand filtration unit between the self-cleaning filters and the cartridge filters. This sand filter was donated to VAID from a Vancouver Island location that has since connected to a larger water supply system. It will save us money on treatment consumables such as cartridges and salt, and extend the life of the new ionex media.

Vancouver Coastal Health continues to report no issues from the monthly water testing.

**MEETINGS:** The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm

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**chapter 8**

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 In dwelling, be close to the land.  
 In meditation, go deep in the heart.  
 In dealing with others, be gentle and kind.  
 In speech, be true.  
 In ruling, be just.  
 In business, be competent.  
 In action, watch the timing.  
 No fight: No blame.*

**Tao Te Ching Lao Tzu**

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

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Pick up on the second Wednesday between 11 and 12

**Call in July 9 – pick up July 10**

**Call in August 13 – pick up August 14**

**(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!

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.

### The Little Free Pantries

The Little Free Pantries were first started on Texada on May 14, 2020 to give aid to those people with food insecurities during the Covid pandemic. For almost 4 years they were well used and respected however this year the Free Pantries have been abused and it's time to take them down. Thank you to everyone that supported the Free Pantries. If you or anyone you know have food insecurities, please call the Food Bank on the second Tuesday of every month and we can help you. If you have any comments or questions please call Pauline Fleming at 604 414 9590.

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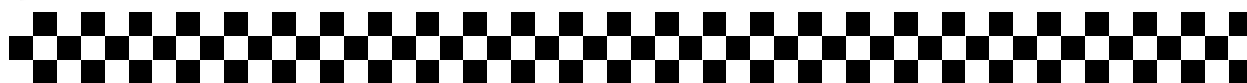


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## R.C.M.P.

Hello Texada, summer is getting into full swing and with that comes lots of events and exciting times here on the island. You have probably noticed a theme in our Express Lines write ups which always encourage safe driving and this one is no different. It is the time of year where the RCMP will step up our enforcement on impaired driving (alcohol or drugs) and this means that you may find a check stop or be stopped at random in order for us to check driver sobriety. Don't be surprised to see our lights behind you at night or even in the afternoon. If you know someone who is driving under the influence don't hesitate to call. Enjoy the weather and plan ahead.

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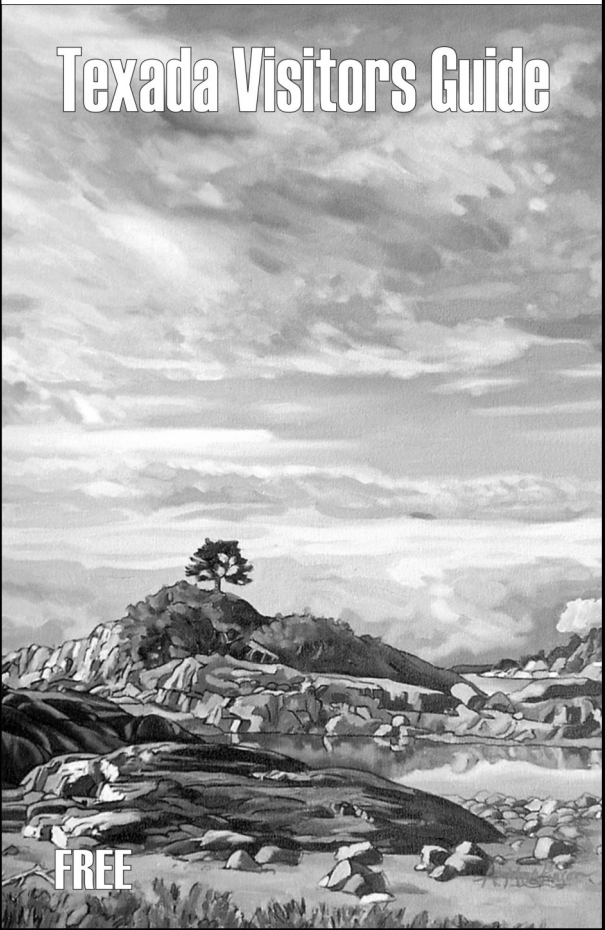



**Powell River Public Library- July at a Glance!**  
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**KIDS, [szagwyn@prpl.ca](mailto:szagwyn@prpl.ca)**  
**Summer Reading Club 2024: World of Curiosities**  
 At the library. July 2 to August 16. For full details and registration visit [prpl.ca](http://prpl.ca)!  
**Preschool Storytime**  
**Children's Reading Room. Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am.**  
**Market Storytime**  
 Powell River Farmer's Market, 4365 McLeod Road, July 27, 11:00 – 11:30 am  
**TEENS, [edgar@prpl.ca](mailto:edgar@prpl.ca)**  
**Dungeon Masters' Support Group**  
 Community Room. Thursdays in July, 3:00-4:30 pm.  
**Minecraft Afternoons**  
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**Teen Summer Reading Challenge 202**  
**ENTER to win at [prpl.ca](http://prpl.ca)!** Contest opens Saturday, July 6 and runs until midnight on Friday, August 9.  
**Summer Session Young Writers Group**  
 Community Room. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm.  
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**ADULTS, [mmerlino@prpl.ca](mailto:mmerlino@prpl.ca)**  
**Welcoming Whales**  
 Community Room. Tuesday, July 16, 7:00-8:00 p  
**Art Exhibition Walk Through**  
 Powell River Public Library. Wednesday, July 17, 6:30-7:30 pm.  
**Wildfire Risks in the qathet Region**  
 Community Room. Thursday, July 25, 4:00-5:00 pm  
**Catch More Crab**  
**Community Room. July 26, 5:00-6:00 pm**  
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# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

First, a round of applause for our Texada-based road crews who do an excellent job of keeping our roads safe. My concerns about insufficient funding for road maintenance are no reflection on the quality of work that is done here. Our crews do the best job possible, given the limited resources available through the province. Thanks and appreciation go out to our local road crews.

There are a couple of issues which have recently come to the qRD which I'd like your opinion about.

The first is our Thursday community bus. We've been waiting since 2019 for the necessary approvals from Victoria to expand the service to a second day per week. BC Transit supports the expansion. So does the qRD. The province, however, has said no yet again, because it's priority in 2024 is electrification of fleets. Resources are limited and BC Transit says it will apply for the expansion again next year.

In the meantime, I'd like to know how many possible-riders are turned away now due to insufficient space. How big a problem is this and do we need to make a stronger case to Victoria for our second day of service? I've asked BC Transit to track the request calls that come in, which they haven't yet agreed to do. If you've been affected by this issue, please send me a note at the contact info below.

The other issue for your consideration is dangerous dogs. Recently, two unrelated complaints were received by the qRD from two Texada residents who were viciously attacked by dogs roaming free. Both incidents required medical intervention. At a recent meeting, the RCMP told the qRD that having a bylaw in place regarding dangerous dogs would give officers increased authority for enforcement. As a result, staff were asked for a report about what animal control options are available. How do you feel about this? Would such a bylaw be welcome here? Again, please use the contact info below.

The RCMP asked for the qRD Board's priorities for policing during the next year and three were put forward:

- Dog control education and enforcement
- Texada Island detachment sustainability
- Savary Island reconnaissance and presence

Finally, great effort went into keeping the park concession open. We all need to get out and support the concession if we value it as part of our community. The use it or lose it theory totally applies. Plus, the food is delicious!

*Sandy McCormick*  
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# Texada—The Great Upheaval



Thank you to those members who attended the Annual General Meeting on a sunny Sunday afternoon. The following Directors who let their names stand for re-election were elected by acclamation: Leslie Goresky, Dean Macdonald, Derek Wills and Pam Kenny. Cathy Brown welcomed Juanita Walton, the new recording secretary who took the minutes and Terry Hollo who served as Electoral Officer.

On behalf of the Board Cathy Brown thanked Elizabeth Lloyd, who declined to re-stand, for her service and contribution to the board and community. She will continue to work on our legacy giving and estate planning information sessions through First Credit Union. Session dates to be determined.

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. They have asked for more information, giving a potential decision date of the end of summer.

The First Credit Union held a fundraiser on June 20<sup>th</sup> for TINSHS under the Community Impact Program. Hot dogs, refreshments and games were enjoyed by all. David Carbery won the 50/50 draw. Thank you so much to the First Credit Union and Texada employees, Gillies Bay Store, Texada Market, Chopping Block, Quality Foods, Save On Foods and of course, our participants, for your support and generosity.

Once upon a time the Northern Hemisphere was covered with extensive and repetitive glaciers and ice sheets more than 14,000 years ago. A two fold cataclysmic event occurred causing an abrupt change in Earth's climate. The first is known as the, Younger-Dryas hypothesis. It is believed that a large comet or meteor struck North America causing a reversal in a warming trend which delivered North America and Europe into an Ice Age lasting another 1500 years. A second event, both European and Greenland maritime ice cores propose, produced an extremely rapid warming and melting of the immense ice sheets ending the Pleistocene Epoch, due to an extinction level event occurring, and beginning the Holocene period 11,800 years ago.

Imagine kilometers thick glacial ice rapidly melting, it has been suggested, within a 40 - 50 year period causing tremendous amounts of fresh water to enter the North Atlantic and European seas. Does the mythical Noah's Ark and the great flood come to mind. Here in the Pacific Northwest, namely the Georgia Basin, great subterranean faults opened to release stored hydrothermal material from pressurized magma chambers below wanting to replace the void and vacuum left by the rapid retreat of weighted glacial ice. This earth rebounding effect brought with it massive chunks of the ocean floor, the ancient limestone beds that are now part of Texada Island. Further upheaval brought the more recent porphyries and basalt which make up most of Texada's geology.

The ascending fluids and material pushing Texada up from beneath the sea happened in pulses separated by intervals lasting thousands of years. One can note the old beaches as you drive up the many levels of Shelter Point Road. Repetitive magmatic pulses introduced a variety of material, minerals and metals into the surrounding limestone beds and fractured volcanic rocks. First the lighter material, quartz, dikes and sills filled the fissures and fractures... then the heavier material, zinc, iron, copper and gold. A rock hound and prospectors bonanza. Thus, we have our Island today, rich in geological history but only a newcomer on the visual scene. Some say the ancient transient peoples of this area saw the Island rise from the sea... and, as suggested, this could possibly be true. Food for thought... this geological transition is still taking place... it's called, "Climate Change".  
Cheers, Coyote

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### 2024 SCHEDULE

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



On Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, Texada NatureKids got their hands dirty and got a glimpse of what life is like at the Arcosa Quarry on Texada. Thank you to Sarah Bond who volunteered her time to give Texada NatureKids a tour. Sarah shared about the rock cycle, comparing igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rock samples. Texada NatureKids learned how quarry rock is processed, and mined and the careful planning that goes into maximizing the life of a mine. We learned about the danger zones (underground chutes) and explained what PPE (personal protective equipment) was needed to access and work at the mine. A brilliant tour with spectacular viewpoints! Texada NatureKids were allowed to observe quarry equipment and watch a quarry truck in action while learning about the types of jobs that make the mine possible. Thank you so much for making this happen – so special to have a peek on the inside – what most of us can glimpse when riding on the Texada ferry. Perhaps some of Texada NatureKids may be employed at Arcosa in the future!

UPCOMING EVENT: Low tide Explore on Mon., July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 10.30 am at Shelter Point. Stephanie Weinstein, former NatureKids BC club leader, now Senior Lead for Education with the Invasive Species Council of BC will lead exploration. Register at [texada@naturekidsbc.ca](mailto:texada@naturekidsbc.ca) If you have a nature passion to share, please email Lisa and Carolanne at [texada@naturekidsbc.ca](mailto:texada@naturekidsbc.ca). Stay tuned and join our Texada NatureKids Facebook group for regular event updates.

Texada NatureKids is part of NatureKids BC whose mission is to *help children and families to get outdoors to explore, play, learn about and take action for nature.*

2024 Family Memberships are free! Join here: <https://naturekidsbc.ca>

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- ◆ A one-year subscription to quarterly magazine, NatureWild
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- ◆ A monthly e-newsletter with NatureKids news and events.

# NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Greetings Everyone.

The Library volunteers bid farewell to Kim Lim who is retiring. Kim was responsible for developing the DVD Collection and purchasing DVDs. He built this wonderful collection up to approximately 2,000 items, which circulate well. Thank you for your dedication. We wish you well.

Thank you to Billie Johnson and several other anonymous persons for their generous donations of books to the Library.

### Mark Your Calendars:

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

### Volunteer Job Opportunity!

Are you a movie buff? Do you have a wide-ranging taste in cinema? Are you keen to see that the Texada Library gets the best DVD selection we can afford? The Texada Library is looking for a new volunteer to purchase new DVDs, process them, and occasionally weed our DVD collection. No experience necessary! We have an experienced mentor to teach you the (not too onerous) tasks and guide you in selecting the best movies and shows for our library. The ideal candidate will be passionate about movies from a number of genres. Contact Charlotte Dawe: [chairlie@me.com](mailto:chairlie@me.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

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.

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

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## TEXADA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texada Firefighters BBQ Fundraiser on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Shelter Point Park is fast approaching, and we're pleased to announce our headliner: The Ryder Bachman Band.

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Firefighters BBQ Fundraiser

Every one loves a party, but what the heck are the Texada Fire fighters fund raising for. What is an initial at-tack wildfire vehicle, and why do the Fire Fighters think they need one when they already have those big trucks?

First question is why do they need wildfire equipment when BC Wildfire are responsible for dealing with wild fires? We have a good relationship with the BC Wildfire crew, and are always happy to transfer command when they arrive on site. But even if the Wildfire crew are available (which isn't always the case if there are multiple fires), they are based in Powell River, and it takes time for them to get to Texada with their equipment. Usually, the Texada Fire Departments get a request to supply personnel and equipment until Forestry can arrive. With any fire timing is critical, and with a wild fire a minor problem can quickly become a big one if it isn't stopped. The multiple demands on BC Wildfire as summers get hotter, lead to qathet Regional District deciding to purchase its own brush truck (similar to Wildfire's trucks). But for Texada we have the same problem with access to the qathet truck. They still have to get it to the Island, which takes valuable time.

So if we are going to have to deal with a wild fire for ourselves for a while, why not use those fancy big trucks? We do now, but like any job you want to have the right tools to do it right. So far this year we have only responded to two fires. Both of them wildfires. The Crescent Bay fire was on old logging road and getting our mainline pumpers in there would potentially have caused serious damage. The last wildfire we were at, the Gillies Bay Tanker had a tire damaged and needed to be replaced for \$1600. The beach fire at the Sand Banks we couldn't even access with our trucks...it was time to haul out the fire buckets and hike in.

So what is the right tool for getting to an off road fire? We are looking at an ATV or 4x4 truck that could have a skid mounted on it that would be useful for either fire or medical evacuation on trails that are too narrow, or rough, for a fire truck. We've identified the type of equipment that we need, and have costed it out. Since it would be useful anywhere on Texada, and not just in one Improvement District this was something the Fire fighters Association decided to take on as a project, and is currently fund raising to purchase. That's where you come in. Join us for the Labour Day weekend BBQ and help us to achieve our goal! If you are interested in sponsorship or donating please contact:

Ben Reiman: [training@gilliesbayvfd.ca](mailto:training@gilliesbayvfd.ca) or call 604-910-5601

# Garden Club Notes

*No meetings for the next few months. The Garden Club meetings will be starting up again in October. We will be in our gardens for the summer practising what we learned at the meetings! Looking forward to getting together then. Happy Gardening.*

*Growing tomatoes from your own harvested seeds connects us to our farming past. Lori John stitched together an article by Ron Finley, a handout from Seeds of Diversity and her neighbour's insights for saving seeds to put this article together.*

Easy, fun and free - here are two ways to save Tomato Seeds.

## Option one

1. Choose your tomato. Start with a fresh, ripe, juicy tomato.
2. Slice the tomato in half. Using a spoon, scoop the middle pulp/gel that encases the seeds.
3. Sort the tomato seeds by placing them in a strainer. With slow running water, massage, rinsing the pulp away, separating the seeds.
4. After straining excess water, remove seeds from strainer onto a tea towel. Separate the seeds and lightly pat them with a paper towel, getting rid of as much water and gel as you can. The gel can attract fruit flies.
5. Let the seeds sit out for a week or two indoors away from direct sunlight to thoroughly dry.
6. Store the tomato seeds using paper envelopes labelling the variety name and year. Keep the envelopes over winter in a cool dry place to plant next spring.

## Option 2 Ferment tomato seeds

This option helps the seeds produce a greater quantity and quality of fruit.

Steps 1 and 2 are the same as above.

3. Put the seeds and pulp/gel in a clean sterilized airtight container (Mason Jar). No need to add water if the lid fits well. Keep the container in a warm place for three days out of the sun.
4. After 3 to 5 days the gel ferments releasing the viable seeds which sink to the bottom.
5. Add water. Let the seeds sink to the bottom again, then carefully pour off the rotted pulp/gel and any floating seeds. Repeat.
6. Pour the seeds into a strainer to drain the remaining water.
7. Follow Step 4 through Step 6 in option one.

*Note: The seeds of hybrid tomato varieties will not grow when re-planted in a future season.*



## **SANDCASTLE WEEKEND BED RACES!!! (TIME TO START TRAINING)**

Get your team together and start training for the Sandcastle Bed Races on Saturday, July 20th! It's always a fun time, and you could win some cold, hard cash \$\$\$ as well!

Something **NEW** - **there will be 4 different age classes this year!** Children (under age 12), Youth (age 12-18), Adult (19-54)/Mixed Age and 55+. (**Some categories may be combined if there is less than 3 teams** in a category). Registration fee is \$5 for Children and Youth teams, and \$10 for Adult/Mixed and 55+ teams. **IMPORTANT:** A parent/guardian signature will be required on the race waiver if the competitor is under 19 years of age.

**Also new – there will be a TEAM SPIRIT AWARD**, so bring lots of enthusiasm (even costumes!).

Teams of 5 (1 riding and 4 pushing) will race a timed, set course with a hospital gurney that is provided. The person on the bed should bring their own helmet, or we can provide one.

Register beside the Gillies Bay ballpark 12-12:30 (NO LATER) on race day. Races start at 1 pm sharp.

We are looking forward to another great time at the Bed Races this year! **Many thanks to our prize sponsor, Travis McCaig of Texada HVAC!**

## Texada Aviation Museum and Library Summer 2024 News

The Texada Aviation Museum has been quietly becoming busier as summer drew closer this year.

A new member of the volunteer staff, John Bikadi is a welcome addition both to TACT and to the Museum. John is learning the ropes in many aspects of the organization and especially the AirBuzz Mk II Flight Simulator. Already he accompanied regular staffers Gerry Johnson and myself to display and operate the Flight Simulator at the Elphinstone Aero Club's Fly In at Sechelt Airport on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

While there, the Sechelt Club donated TAM a very sophisticated (but dated) full motion flight simulator that has languished there for many years needing some electronics work. Sandrine Sims, our local electronics whiz has been looking hungrily at the project and I am sure she will develop a modern interface and make it work.

Unfortunately, there will be no Fly-In this year. Smaller fly-in gatherings for pilots and crews will undoubtedly continue throughout the summer, but

these are usually organized by off island clubs with the purpose of visiting the Texada Aviation Museum. Our big event for July will be the Texada AeroSpace Camp. A dynamic aviation learning experience for youth on the 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of July, held by an amazing team of volunteers.

The Museum and Aviation Library are open to visit by appointment and later this summer John may open the facility on weekends. Birthday and group visits can be arranged by calling ; 604-223-2588 or 604-486-7682 or by email [dgart@telus.net](mailto:dgart@telus.net)

Volunteers are welcome.

Blue Skies!

O.C. Dobrostanski

TAM Curator



# More ... Sandcastle

## SKIM JAM

The Skimboard Jam is with Tim Ladner at the Gillies Bay Beach from 12:00pm to 2:30pm on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

## FAMILY Zone!!!

We're making Sandcastle more fun for the youngsters. We have a Wet / Dry Bouncy Castle coming for Saturday, July 20 (only)

FAMILY ZONE is at the Old School in Gillies Bay. So Parents, bring down your youngsters and let them join in the fun! (Parental Supervision is required)

The Bouncy Castle will be there from Noon - 4 pm on Saturday (only).

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## Sunrise Worship Service

All are welcome. Please join us on Sunday, July 21 at 8:00am at Shelter Point Park.

Bring a friend and your own chair! This is an open air church service, so dress warmly as mornings can be cool and windy, even in July!

Sponsored by the Texada United Church.

## Vendors

Make sure you look for your Hand-died Texada T-shirts and browse the variety of Vendor booths selling food, souvenirs, unique jewellery, crafts and much more!  
You are sure to find something to buy!



## Thank you to all our Sponsors:

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**And to the multitude of volunteers whose countless hours and energy make this weekend possible!!**



# Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend

Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Activities Kick-off with a **Parade** at 11:00 am, led by our **Grand Marshall's Gwen Davies**, the RCMP, the Powell River Clansman Pipe Band, kids on decorated bikes, various floats and our local First Responders and Volunteer Fire Fighters in their equipment.

After the parade, Mom's and Dad's need to keep their eyes open for the **FAMILY Zone** at the Old School on Gillies Bay Road. It will feature a **Wet / Dry Bouncy Castle** along with other children's activities. Do not forget your towels! A parent is required to stay with their child.

Soon after, the **Bed Races** and the **Show and Shine** both get started at the Gillies Bay Ball Park. While, the water crowd heads to Gillies Bay Beach to compete and/or watch the **Skim Jam Boarding Competition**. All these activities are Open to everyone to enter and prizes to be Won!

Just a note: there is a small entry fees for the **Bed races, Skim Boarding, Lip-Sync** and the **Sand Sculpture Competition**.

Do you want to look the part?... then get your **Texada Island Hand Tie-dyed T-shirts** at the **Information Booth** beside Gillies Bay Ball Park. They come in all sizes and colour combinations... cool man! The Gillies Bay Ball Park will also feature numerous **Local Vendors, Food Vendors** and a **Legion Beer Garden**. Great way to spend an afternoon.

Then, as the evening sun sets on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sandcastle, it's onto **Shelter Point Park** for the **Lip-Sync Contest**, Open to all ages — No talent necessary! The evening wraps up with a dazzling professional **Laser Light Show**, where you can dance the night away!

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**, starts at 8:00am with a beautiful **Sunrise Service** at **Shelter Point Park**. Then, its onto the **Pancake Breakfast** from 8:30 am – 11:00 am at the Texada Community Hall in Gillies Bay.

At 9:30 am, its time for the Competition to start and all the Teams head to the Gillies Bay Beach to **Register and Start Building** their **Sand Sculptures** and vie for the top prize in age-based categories. The top three teams in each category (Adult, Family, Teens, Children) win cash prizes. Sand Sculpture Judging (12:00 – 2:30 pm), is by People's Choice, so whether you build one or not, get out on the beach and vote for your favourite! Voting and Sand Sculpture Building finishes at 2:30 pm.

Don't forget the Most Sand Moved Award is Judged separately, by our own Engineer.

Don't want to sculpt? Join us at the Gillies Bay Ballpark for the **Sandcastle Dog Show**. It's open to everyone — bring down your pup to compete in two categories – costume and agility. It's fun to watch and cheer on your favorite!

Also, make sure you take time Sunday to check out the **Local Vendors, Food Vendors**, and the **Legion Beer Garden**.

**Sunday** concludes with the **Awards** at the Gillies Bay Ballpark, approximately 3:30 pm'ish.

It's a weekend of community and family fun on Texada Island, where it's always nice whatever the weather! We look forward to seeing you!



# SANDCASTLE WEEKEND JULY 20 - 21

**We want you!!** We want you to come down and join the fun of the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Sandcastle Weekend! We want you to enjoy an entire weekend jam-packed with activities! The weekend promises to be a whirlwind of fun things to do, all of it family-friendly. What better way to enjoy the sunny weather and beauty that is summer on Texada?

### Parade

9:30am—Scooter, bike and stroller decorating is at 5274 Gillies Bay Rd.  
10:30am - Marshalling for the Sandcastle Parade will be Saturday, July 20, 2024. We are located 1/2 km South of the Gillies Bay Store... please "Watch for Signs" on the side of the road.  
You don't have to register. Just show up in time for Marshalling; the more, the Merrier! There are prizes.  
11:00am the Parade starts. We would like to encourage entries of floats, motor & peddle bikes, old, new, and electric vehicles and vintage cars.



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### Bed Races on School Rd in front of the Gillies Bay Ball Park on July 20<sup>th</sup>

Register between Noon and 12:30pm, races start at 1:00pm. There are 3 categories: Adult, Senior and Youth. Adult (\$10 entry fee), Senior and Youth (\$5 entry fee). You must be a team of 5.  
We have "the Rocket" available for the races. Bring a helmet for the person riding the bed, or we will provide one. This is a timed race, and the Judge's decision is Final.



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### Show & Shine

On Saturday July 20, from Noon to 3:00pm, all vintage & classic cars, trucks and motorcycles are invited to show their stuff at the Gillies Bay Ball Park

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### Laser Light Show

Galactic Entertainment will again be amazing us with their laser show!

Stick around after the Lip-Sync for the a fantastic Music, light show and dancing under the Stars at Shelter Point Park.

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### Legion

The Texada Legion #232 welcomes everyone to enjoy a beverage at our fully licensed traditional Beer Garden -- drinks and good cheer served from Noon to 6pm, both days In the fenced area adjacent to the Concession.



See you at the

### So You Think You Can . . . Lip-Sync?

Come on out and show us what you've got -- in the way of talent that is! -- at the 2024 Sandcastle Lip-Sync Contest.  
Choose a song, maybe a couple of friends to ham it up with you, even a costume if you're so inclined, and put on a Lip-Sync act that will impress the Judges. We'll have a variety of independent Judges...so get your act together - we have cash prizes! All ages welcome  
Categories: Solo, duet or trio, and group of four or more.  
Registration: starts at 6:30 pm at Shelter Point Park on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> with the



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### Pancake Breakfast

Gillies Bay Community Hall  
Sunday July 21, 2024  
8:30 to 11:00am



Texada Fire Fighter's Association



THIS YEARS PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

### Sandcastles on Sunday

Always dreamed of being an architect? Like playing in the mud? Enjoy building things and working with your hands? An artist at heart? If you answered Yes to any of these questions, then our Sand Sculpture Competition is for you! Get together a Team and come down to beautiful Gillies Bay and build your Masterpiece.

There is a category for everyone: Adult, Teen, Youth, and Family. Judging is by People's Choice and you can vote for yourself!! There are cash prizes for the top three vote-earners in each category.

What could be better? A day on the beach with family, friends and a chance to win cash, too!

Registration starts at 9:30am on the Beach. Voting is from 12:00 pm till 2 pm.

Building ends at 2:30pm, Trophies at 3:00pm-ish

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10:00 am on Sunday at the Gillies Bay Ball Park. There is a Costume class, dress up with your pup— and Agility Class.

It's a fun show; no experience necessary! Dogs must be on leash at all times. Bring water if it is hot.



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