

JUNE 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Circ of Light 2pm Tex Church
2 FarmersMkt. Noon GBBallPk.	3	4 Flower/Bee Reopens 7 am Rock/Body Dance 6:30 TexCommHall	5 Scrabble 1:30,Legion	6 qRd Discuss Night 7 pm Legion	7 Final TICS Bingo 7pm CommHall	8 Trans Station:10 - 4 pm TCOTR 5pm SenCtr
9 FarmersMkt. Noon GBBallPk.	10	11 Food Bank Call In	12 Trans Station:10 - 4 pm Food Bank Pick Up Scrabble 1:30,Legion	13 ArtGetTog. 10 am KappHome	14 Comm Lunch Noon Sen Ctr Legion Gen- Meet 5:30pm	15 TICS Bursary Deadline
16 FarmersMkt. Noon GBBallPk. Raise/Room 4pm,TextslInn	17	18 Rock/Body Dance 6:30 TexCommHall	19 Scrabble 1:30,Legion Trans Station:10 - 4 pm	20 Express Lines Deadline Strict STRICT	21 Legion Bingo 5:30	22 TransStation: 10 am - 4 pm
23 FarmersMkt. Noon GBBallPk.	24	25	26 Pot Luck Legion 5 pm Scrabble 1:30,Legion	27 CommBingo 1pmSenCntr	28 Comm Lunch Noon Sen Ctr	29 Gussman Service Legion 1 pm TCOTR 5 PM 30

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

June 2024



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REGIONAL DISTRICT

CAMPING FEE INCREASE

Effective July 1, 2024, the camping fees at Shelter Point Park will increase to \$30/night during high season, \$25/night if washrooms are closed.

The fee for additional tents will increase to \$6 each.

The fee structure for camping fees is authorized by the qRD Board, and is set out in qRD Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 325.

Editors Note: Not good news, but the price of EVERYTHING has increased. A good effort is being made to get the concession open and supply residents and island guests with meals and treats for the kids. Hopefully Texada Islands business people will have a good summer!

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

2 -3 pm Saturday June 1st, meet at the Texada United Church.

Theme: Accessing Energy.

All Welcome!

Facilitators:

Roger Kimmerly, Morna Rockingham..

Please join us.



FULL FIRE BAN IN EFFECT!



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

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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group has readily available funds for individuals on Texada Island needing additional financial support while

obtaining treatment for their cancer. We are here to help and can provide up to \$500 per year per patient.

Forms can be picked up at 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
		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:

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Express Lines

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 Society Executive.

**DEADLINE: The 20th of the month prior to
 publication.** Send announcements (max.
 350 words) or ads to:
**TICS PO Box 233,
 Van Anda , V0N3K0**

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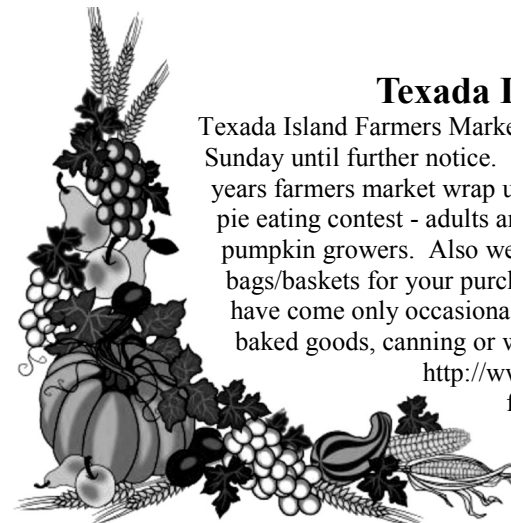
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Texada Island Farmers Market

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.

Texada Island Museum

Summer Part-Time Employment

We are looking for eager and enthusiastic individuals who are willing to learn and be part of a team effort.
 This is a great opportunity if you are retired or are looking for a rewarding work experience.
 July 4th to August 31st
 So, if you love talking to people and enjoy sharing your knowledge of Texada's history, we are interested in what you have to offer.
 Job descriptions available upon request.
 Send your resume and cover letter to:
janicefehr53@gmail.com



Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend

July 20 - 21 2024

VENDORS WANTED!!

For your Vendor Application please email:
dquilter1@gmail.com
 or call: Doriana
 604 - 414 - 4893

**TEXADA SENIORS' COUNCIL
COMMUNITY LUNCH**

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

Friday June 14 and Friday June 28

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 June 27 at 1 p.m.*****

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



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Well Summer is finally here!

The last TICS Friday Night Bingo is Friday, June 7, 2024 at 7pm in the Texada Community Hall in Gillies Bay. So don't forget to drop-in on Friday night and win some Cash.

We will not be gone long... will be back in September, revitalized from the summer.

I hope everyone has a great summer and Thank you for playing Bingo and supporting TICS Bursaries. The Swap Meet was a great success. I would like to Thank all the members who stepped up, to make it the success it was: Jane Waterman, Evelynne Seymore, Terry Hollo, Debra Gill, Barb Egglestone, Doriana Kiland and Non-member Julie Summers.

We raised \$872.00 from all the vendor tables, white elephant, pick-a-prize and the Secret Suitcase.

Now that Doriana's Secret Suitcase has been opened, here are the contents:

\$100 gift certificate from Springtime Nursery, \$50 gift certificate from Texada Home & Garden, \$50 gift certificate from Julie's Airport Restaurant, A Fish shaped pottery bowl, A White Battenburg Lace Tablecloth with Napkins, 2 Modern flower vases, 2 Votive Candle Holders + candles.

Looks like a great haul.

Thanks again everyone.

Warren Kiland TICS President



BRITISH COLUMBIA/YUKON COMMAND

Welcome to June's upcoming events:

Friday June 14th General Meeting, doors open at 5:30 Meeting starts at 7, Summer dress is now in effect.

Friday June 21st Bingo, doors open at 5:30 game starts at 7.

Wednesday June 26th potluck, bring your favorite dish and dishes, doors open at 5:00 dinner at 6.

Saturday and Sunday Meatdraws , doors open at 3:30.

- Scrabble & board games on Wednesdays starting at 1:00.
- 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.

Thank You! Sonia Furstrand, Community Program Manager

GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The board welcomes Lisa Alcos as our newest member! In May and June we are focused on aggressive flushing of the various pipelines and, this year, a thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the reservoir on airport road. Thank you to the volunteer fire department for your help, above and beyond your mission. Also, our pilot project for the proposed slow sand filtration process is running smoothly to provide data so that we can present a complete plan to residents and water users for cleaner, filtered water. A special thank you to trustee Keith Franklin for all your work on this necessary project. Also, thank you to Doug Nikirk for your volunteer work in completing a work-safe necessary storage shed (at minimal cost) for the chlorine related chemicals we use to make our water safer. As well, thank you to Lafarge for donating used steel sheeting for the walls and roof of this shed. Strong volunteer and community spirit is alive and well on Texada.

We are working on a capital replacement plan on the entire waterworks, over a long term. This should catch most potential leaks before they happen.

Our aim, to extend the waterworks along Gillies Bay Road (If approved by residents) is continuing with financial analysis and possible coordination with other governmental agencies. The financial analysis for a water filtration plan still requires work.

Roger Kimmerly;
chair, GBID



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

Hello Texada, Sun, Rain, Wind ,What A Wild, Incredible Spring We Are Enjoying. The Next Big JAM In The Pub Is On June 16th, Fathers Day, So Make A Day Of It. We Are Open 9am For A Fathers Day Breakfast & Brunch, Dinner 5pm. MENU To Be Announced. Reservations Strongly Recommended. With A Basket To Win. Our Patio Is Open Flowers Are Out. We Have A Room To Rent, Please Call For Rates. Always New Art & Crafts Coming In .Check It Out Shop Local Buy Beautiful. Every Day We Have Special Things Happening On Both Sides.

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

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Bar Hours
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MUSEUM MUSINGS

WEDNESDAYS AT YOUR MUSEUM

Wednesday mornings at your Texada Museum are a busy time for the volunteers.

A visitor will be greeted by affable Janice Fehr, our new Vice-President, who is happy to show off our impressive collection. Taking care of the displays and co-ordinating our summer guides keeps her busy.

The sound of whirring saw blades marks the presence of Dave Rairie, our master craftsman, who is expertly creating new magnificent display cabinets.

One might also encounter Brenda Rairie, our intrepid Curator, who is doing an amazing job of meeting the challenge of overseeing the entire collection.

Down the hall in the Repository are Charlie Boulet and Doug Dumka who are poring over hundreds of old maps and blueprints whose curling edges threaten to roll up and swallow the pair. Charlie has recently created a replica of a vintage mine manager's office which is worth seeing.

The Repository is also home to Joyce Rodseth who photographs and catalogues all donations. She has become proficient at labelling and hiding the accession numbers on each item.

A glance into the Archives room reveals Jennifer Muma who efficiently collects, organizes and preserves print material. Her son Galen, our computer wizard and web master, is present to keep an eye on her.

We welcome ebullient Carol Robertson who replaces Danielle Cochrane as our new Treasurer. We appreciate Danielle for stepping in when necessary. Thank-you.

Our entire operation is in good hands under President Lynne Schroeder who is remarkably efficient at multitasking (and baking!).

Another face is yours truly who can be found organizing the Fonds (donated written material), visiting elementary school classes and having coffee (and Lynne's cookies). Conversations with Pete Stiles will be missed. His warmth and humour enlivened his tales of Texada's past. Best wishes in Powell River, Pete.

Other Heritage Society Directors include Lorrie Pirart (returning) and Evan Sadler whose wife, Shawna, is our new Secretary. Thanks to Rob McWilliam for his many years as Secretary.

Plan to visit your museum this summer and meet some of the hard-working volunteers.

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.



SCHOLARSHIP BURSARY

TICS is offering a \$750.00 scholarship bursary to an individual who;

- 1) Is a resident of Texada for a year prior to this application.
- 2) Will have graduated high school this year or in the past.
- 3) Have been accepted for a post graduate course at a recognized educational facility.
- 4) Has NOT used this bursary in the past.
- 5) Will provide a short one page essay about themselves and their educational plans.

Applications mailed to;

**PO BOX 233,
Van Anda,
V0N 3K0.**

Deadline extended to June 15th.

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.

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

For more information or to become a TAG member, please contact Tom Read, home phone 604 483-1471 or email:

ravenbaywoods@gmail.com

COMMUNITY INFO

**Graveside service for
the family of walter
gussman will be June
29th at 12pm Legion
service to follow at 1pm
June 29th**

VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Hello Texada! Here are some notes on recent events. Thanks to Rick and Lindy for their generous donation!

OPEN BURNING BAN: Van Anda’s annual open burning ban is in effect from May 15 until October 15. Burning barrels included.

WATER LINE REPAIRS: Columbia leak is fixed. Plans are being made for replacing the watermain.

WATER RESTRICTIONS: Stage 2 in in effect. Watering is limited to one hour per area and to be done only in the early morning or evening. Lawn watering allowed only once a week, one hour per area. No restrictions on drip irrigation. More details at vananda-id.ca/water-conservation-bylaw/

WATER QUALITY: The Water Quality Advisory is still in place while we continue address the issues caused by some components reaching the end of their serviceable life. Vancouver Coastal Health continues to report no issues from the monthly water testing.

MEETINGS: The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 12th 1:30pm

FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED! No experience necessary. Training, gear, and on-duty insurance coverage provided. Phone or text Acting Chief Mark Robert for more info 604-414-9662 or email firechief@vananda.ca

CONTACT INFO - Email: contact@vananda-id.ca – Phone: 604-486-7035 – Website: vananda-id.ca

SUBSCRIBE: Be notified by email for outages and other events at vananda-id.ca/subscribe

WATER EMERGENCY: phone Water Operator Marianne Segers at 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.

With 17 years experience Heather has seen the benefits of regular oral health maintenance.

New and returning patients welcome.

Online booking available at:

<https://booking.appointy.com/en-US/smilingcommunity/bookings/calendar>

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

Please contact Heather at

smilingcommunity@outlook.com

if you have any questions or would like to book through email. Please specify if a morning or afternoon appointment is preferred.

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TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH NOTES



“One of the plagues of our day is that it's easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless in the face of massive violence, poverty and injustice around the globe...One of the greatest needs in this country is for us to have some hope, and to feel empowered that as ordinary people we can make a difference.”

David Hartsough, Waging Peace

Worship Services: Sundays services begin at 10:30 a.m., with fellowship and coffee afterwards. Communion June 2, 2024. Everyone is always welcome at our table. Our guest speaker on June 23rd will be Jan Slakov speaking about peace.

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. There are no office hours from June 3- 24, 2024. They resume on June 25, 2024.

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

Board Chair: Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

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

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Texada Island United Church Mission Statement

To foster the spiritual development of all members of our community as revealed in the Bible.



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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 June 11 – pick up June 12

Call in July 9 – pick up July 10

(604) 483-1219

The Little Free Pantries are temporarily NOT being regularly restocked due to abuse.

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.

Warm thanks to Lynn Cole for the very nice crochet blankets. 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

- In store fresh cut meat.
- New items continuing to come weekly.
- Lots of new items in Wendy's deli.
- We are your Liquor Agency store.
- Customer appreciation draw date July 1st. See in store for details.
- Thank you for your continued support.

HOURS:

Sunday: Noon—5 p.m.
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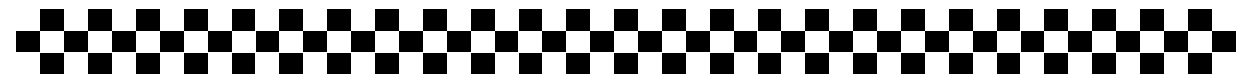


Across from the Texada Market in Van Anda

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm

Hope to see you there!

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ARTISTS GET TOGETHER

The next Texada artists' get-together is on Thursday, June 13th, from 10am - noon. At 1792 Tyler Road the home and studio of Robert Kappmeier and Carolyn Wood.

For the duration of the good weather months, we'll meet at different studios. The topic we are exploring is the technique each individual uses. If you have a technique you wish to share consider hosting one of our get-togethers.

Please bring a folding chair, hat and your choice of beverage.

All disciplines of creative art endeavours are welcomed. That includes writers, poets, thespians, photographers, singers, musicians, dancers, not just visual artists. No matter your self-proclaimed level of expertise, you are welcome.



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 9:30 am Tuesdays. For information, call Naomi:
 604-910-2170



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hello everyone,
 The school year is coming to a close, and the June submission for Texada school is a great opportunity to thank the many people who have supported our little school, whether as readers, parents of the PAC, volunteers. We would not be the same school without you. We hope you can join us again next year:

Community members: Rhonda Johnston (beekeeper, entomologist), Doby & Peter (aerospace), Peter Lock & volunteers (Texada Museum), Kathleen Scott & volunteers (ceramics)

Visiting teachers: Joel Nordman (ADST – design teacher), Ashley Nordman (teacher librarian), Willow Dunlop (health teacher), Caroline Hoekstra (Mindfulness teacher), Annita Molenaar (Math teacher), Elizabeth Pietrantonio (author)

Outdoor education teachers: Charlotte Gleave-Reimann, Karin Westland (Outdoor education teacher), Hugh Prichard (Outdoor learning center teacher)

Invasive Species Council & volunteers: Sue Staniforth, Stephanie Weinstein, Robyn Lakes & Janet May

Teachers on call: Laurie Mcdougall, Danuta Kusmierek, Matt Duggan

Childcare: Jan Slakov, Lisa-Levez Bordeleau

PAC: Carlie Robertson, Sarah Bond, Tara Schumacher, Justin Liebich, Andrea Chifan, Katherine Fuglewicz, Diana Robert

Readers: Andrea Chifan, Sarah Bond, Katherine Fuglewicz

After school sports club: Kevin Fuglewicz

Kitchen volunteers & support: Stacia Tremblay, Diana Robert, Keshawn Smullin

Bus drivers: Terry Fluney, Michael Brown, Warren Kiland

EA: Denise Smullin

Custodians: Janice Dukker, Ward Fougere

Indigenous Ed: Alyssa Stapleton, Brandi Marriott

SPED support: Stephanie Groves

Audio/visual: Trevor Sytnick

Food Donations: Leo Staaf, Hammil/McLean Farm, Dave Murphy, Lizetta Hanley, Jennifer Williams.

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Texada School



**Powell River Public Library-
 June at a Glance!**
 See prpl.ca for detailed listings, or email
info@prpl.ca

KIDS, szagwyn@prpl.ca

PRISMA for KIDS “Rhythmic Rangers”
 Evergreen Theatre. Tuesday, June 25. Show starts at 6:30pm.
<https://prismafestival.com/festival/>

Preschool Storytime
Children’s Reading Room. Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am.

Tinker Trunk
Makerspace. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm.
After School Prime Time
Community Room. Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm.
Drawn Together
Room A. Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm.

TEENS, edgar@prpl.ca

Young Writers Group
Room B. Fridays, 4:00-5:00 pm.

Fantasy Adventure Club
Room B. Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm.

Cinematic Saturday: The Hate U Give (2019, 133 minutes, Rated PG-13)
Community Room. Saturday, June 15, 1:15-3:40 pm.

Mega Crafty Arts Hangout for Youth
Library Teen Room. Thursday June 13, 4:00-5:00 pm

First Dibs
ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca

Photo Contest - The Seasons
 Submit your best photo showcasing the seasons. Deadline is June 7, 2024.

My Life as an International Conductor
Community Room. Friday, June 7, 7:00-8:00 pm

The Community Notification System
Community Room. Tuesday, June 11, 2:00-3:00 pm

The Seasons - Photo Competition and Display Awards
Community Room. Saturday June 22, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Poet and Musician Catherine McNeil
Community Room. Saturday June 22, 4:30-6:00 pm

Poetry Circle
Community Room. Thursday, June 27, 4:30 – 6:00 pm.

Write On
Via Zoom. Fridays 2:00 pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Please join me for the next informal RD Discussion Night Thursday, June 6, 7 pm at the Legion. I'll provide updates regarding qRD initiatives that affect Texada. Bring your comments, questions and ideas. What's on your mind?

We all know the quality of maintenance the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) does on our roads. It was no surprise to learn, via a long-awaited **Texada Drainage Study**, that MOTI infrastructure under the roads is not maintained any better. The study was first requested in 2018, following a similar study on the mainland, MOTI committed to partnering with qRD to finance the work, but didn't contribute its part of the funding until 2023. The study's purpose was to assess the condition and vulnerability of culverts crossing Texada's major roadways.

What the study revealed is that culverts which are meant to mitigate and reduce future flooding risks are instead contributing to the problem. Under our roads is a mish-mash of badly-corroded culverts, many of which are poorly maintained with accumulated debris and vegetation. Other culverts are undersized or submerged, with many identified as being poorly constructed to begin with. Some need replacing, others need a larger carrying capacity. Still others need digging out and many need cleaning out.

So what do the local MOTI managers say about the situation? While they recognize the deficiencies, they say limitations on both staff and financial resources prevent additional maintenance work from being done. At a recent meeting with local MOTI reps, they encouraged elected officials to lobby the province to increase their funding. As a result, I've introduced motions at the qRD calling on UBCM to ask Victoria for additional maintenance resources and also requesting a meeting with MOTI minister Rob Fleming at UBCM's September conference to ask in person.

It just makes sense to build the maintenance/repair of culverts into the annual MOTI work plan, doing a certain percentage each year. **The cost of doing this work isn't cheap, except when compared with the potential cost of not doing it.**

On Texada, six priority areas were identified where culvert failure is significant:

- VA Creek at VA Avenue
- Marble Road/VA
- Priest Lake at GB Road
- Airport Road
- Cranby Creek at GB Road, and
- Staaf Creek at Bell Road

As residents we can all keep a lookout at these areas and report concerns to MOTI contractor; Capilano Highways, 1-800-665-3135, info@capilanohighways.ca.

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Underground

The arctic blizzards had started and the lake was freezing over... it was October '84 and time to head south and home. Our time at Rusty Mountain camp in the Yukon had ended. Our camp manager wanted us to tour the famous Husky Mine at Keno Hill. He knew the mine manager there and had arranged a tour for the four of us to collect a few samples and perhaps a rare specimen or two before heading south.

We arrived at the Husky mine and after introductions, a safety speech and a mine geology tutorial we were then taken to the change room. We donned slickers, boots, hard hat and lamps and descended down in the shaft's iron cage, what took like forever, to the lowest level of the mine's newly timbered drift.

The mine geologist had told us to try our luck at the face. A mad dash with hammers and picks swinging and singing... the face was assaulted. All but me had attacked the newly exposed ore. I had drilled underground in the past and had known the best way to find anything worth picking was to ask the drillers and muckers who worked there. So I sauntered over to have a conversation with one of them. Together we joked about the assault at the face, when then, he reached up into the timbers and pulled out a handful of rocks. I couldn't believe what I saw, rare crystal specimens of ruby silver, polybasite, pyrrargyrite and native silver wire. "Keep them" he said, "I've got lots."

We arrived back to the change room all eager to show who had collected the best samples amongst us. All eyes and mouth's aghast when my turn arrived. "Where did you get those?" They cried in unison. "Well... while you guys were swinging hammers and picks with gusto I was behind you picking up what was flying over your heads."

To this day I still have them in my collection. As it turns out, that driller hand picked specimens to send to collectors and museums. I guess it was his way to make up for the hard work they had to endure underground in the muck and mire. Most often it's not the CEOs, Supers or managers but the grunts and doers that know really how things work, as in life itself.

Cheers, Coyote

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2024 SCHEDULE:

April 21st	May 19th	June 16th	July 21st	August 18th
September 15th	October 20th	November 17th	December 15th	



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Greetings Everyone.

In May, Lucia Capretti joined the Library volunteers. A big welcome to Lucia!

Please Note: Effective Tuesday, June 4th, a new shift, noon to 2:00 pm will be added to the Open Hours.

History of the Texada Island Library (cont.):

Originally there were 3 libraries on Texada Island. Blubber Bay Library consisted of a cupboard that was donated by Burg & Johnson (Hardware Store in Westview) in 1962. This cupboard was kept in the Blubber Bay Community Hall. The Van Anda Library was a cupboard on wheels that opened up. It was kept at Mary's Café. It is believed that both libraries had closed prior to 1974.

The Gillies Bay Library was established prior to 1960. A letter written to the Regional Board in 1979 states that it had been running for 25 years. The "Open Shelf Library" provided books from Victoria. Books were mailed out to individuals with paid return postage. At one time there was the "Travelling Library" again out of Victoria. The books were kept in private homes. Later the library was given space, another cupboard in the Commissary, which was named the "Dog House Café". It was located near the site of the present RCMP Station. After that a bunkhouse was donated for the library's use.

In a letter dated May 2, 1975 the Powell River District Libraries assured the volunteer group that they would give "any support and assistance possible". At this time a "block loan" was offered as the "The Open Shelf Library" and the "Travelling Library" books were no longer available.

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 Sunday.....noon to 2 pm

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

Charlotte Dawe, Library Coordinator, at 604-486-7440.

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Texada NatureKids experienced an incredible day today, Saturday, May 11th, 2024, as they uncovered the treasures of beach glass hidden by Sandy McCormick at Shelter Point. Sandy not only shared her inspiring tale of passion for beach glass artistry but also revealed her remarkable journey of collecting beach treasures spanning five decades! Sandy, we are deeply grateful for your generosity and for sharing your cherished treasures with Texada NatureKids. Your enthusiasm and joy in supporting our creative endeavors today lifted many hearts. Thank you, Sandy, for your artistic support and beach combing inspiration!




Geocaching

Join us to cache and find geocaches on Texada!

Sat., Jun., 8th, 11 am
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Find out how Texada Arcosa quarry processes quarry rock & limestone.

Sat., Jun., 29th, 11 am
Butterfly Point Rd, Texada



TEXADA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.

Howdy Texadans,
This Labor Day Monday, September 2nd from 2 pm—6 pm, get ready for the biggest BBQ event yet, hosted by the Texada Firefighters Association. In just two years, we have raised over \$15,000. These funds go towards vital equipment and training to keep our community safe. This year's event will be even better! We're going Country! Join us for live entertainment, delicious food, line dancing, and family-friendly games. Don't forget your cowboy hat!

Interested in sponsoring or volunteering? Contact us today!
This event is organized by Daniel Bazin; bazin97@gmail.com

For all sponsorship requests and questions:
Gillies Bay Assistant Chief Ben Reiman; training@gilliesbayvfd.ca or text/call 604-910-5601
See you on September 2nd at Shelter Point Park! Yee Haw!!

GILLIES BAY FIRE DEPT. & VAN ANDA FIRE DEPT.

Sounds of Summer

Did you hear all the sirens on May 12th? Unfortunately, with our drier summers, these are going to be a more common sound. The fire rating was only at Moderate and we had to respond to a small wildland fire in the bush off Crescent Bay Road. At this time of year, such fires are almost all human caused. While your local fire departments will attempt to respond as quickly as possible, we have limitations.

We need the whole community to help. Think about how your actions can result in a fire. Know who to contact if you see a fire (the answer to that is 911 and they will take it from there). Think about how you can help. We are always looking to recruit more volunteers. The Van Anda Fire Department needs members now. We will provide the training and equipment if you are interested in joining. All we are looking for is individuals who want to do something to help their community.

If you don't want to join your local fire department, at least you can help by not getting in the way. Bush fires especially have restricted access, and spectators can cause real problems. We understand that you want to know what is happening, but blocking access for equipment or work can be a real issue. You can also help if you have a pond or swimming pool that can be accessed for water. Once we arrive on scene we can go through a lot of water very quickly, which is why we haul additional water to the scene in our tender. If you know where we can get water closer to a fire it would help to reduce the turnaround time. Contact your local department to let us know if we can access water at your property.

We would also encourage Crescent Bay Road residents to think about signing the existing petition to expand the Van Anda Fire District. Petitions are available through the Van Anda Improvement District Office. You can get your questions answered there, and get the necessary paperwork.

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.

Here is a timely article from Jan Slakov (janslavkov@proton.me) about water usage.

Finding ways to minimize water consumption makes sense, especially when we know that we're sharing our lakes' with other life forms. So, let's water early so as much water as possible can be absorbed into the soil. We mulch our plants and where possible, we use drip irrigation.

It helps to choose plants that don't need much water during the summer, such as; most spring-flowering bulbs, oregano, rosemary & other herbs, lavender, yarrow, goldenrod, asters, lunaria, garlic. Native shrubs such as Oregon grape, red-flowering currants and many trees, once established, need very little water. It's best to avoid resinous trees like cedar near structures, as they pose a wildfire risk.

Landscapers cloth can help suppress weeds and retain soil moisture. Deep root watering spikes that screw onto pop bottles can provide a relatively simple drip irrigation system.

And why not save as much "grey" water (eg. from hand, dish, clothes washing) as we can? That leads naturally to feeling uneasy about flushing drinking water down the toilet; urine has nutrients plants need, so finding ways to keep it in the nutrient cycle makes sense.

Pollinators are among a gardener's (& food-lover's!) best friends, so look to host a wide variety of flowering plants, especially native plants for native insects. (Although dandelions are delicious, their pollen is protein poor, compared to other plants, such as willows.) And beautiful bats! Lactating mothers especially need water in open pools they can safely skim over. For bees, shallow pools of water (eg. in a plate) will help them survive heat waves & drought.

We too, are part of nature. Let's keep learning how to work in respect for and of her ways.

Rocky Valley Resort.

We have opened our property this summer as a vacation rental/ forest spa. We have 2 valleys on the property. Our glamping valley is equipped with washrooms and cedar showers, BBQ deck and tables. We have 2 A frames with queen beds and linens as well as our tentsile tree hanging tents.

The larger valley has fully appointed cottages that sleep 4 to 6. They all come with BBQs on the decks and have all the comforts of home.

Our forest spa offers a cliff top cedar sauna for 10 with a cool down deck and gas fire pit as well as 2 cold dip pools. Or enjoy the 8 person cedar hot tub with outdoor shower.

We are also just completing a events gazebo with seating for 20 plus that has a full outdoor kitchen and pizza oven. Perfect for family reunions or even small weddings. For more information take a look at our website rockyvalleyresort.ca or call 778-581-6744 and ask for a time to come and take a tour of the property and see what we are up to.



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