

MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Transfer Sta- tion: 10 am - 4 pm	2	3 TICS Bingo: 7 pm, Comm Hall	4 BCEHS Mtg. 10 am Ambulance Station
5 Child/Youth Services Mtg, 2 pm Sen Cntr	6	7 GBID VirtMtg, 11am , 1pm Food Bank Call In Full Moon	8 Food Bank Pick Up	9 TWIN Mtg:11:30 am, Tex Inn TIRC ViMtg 5pm Dragon Boat AGM, 7 pm Gym	10 Seniors Lunch Noon Snr Cntr Legion Mtg: 7 pm	11 M.Timms, CoL Legion, 1 pm Transfer Sta- tion: 10 am - 4 pm
12 Begin Daylight Savings	13 TICS Mtg: Members Noon , Guests 1 pm Legion	14 Last Quarter	15 TING Mtg: 7 pm, 3021 Ash St Transf Station: 10 am - 4 pm Garden Club: 2 pm, CommHall	16	17 St Patricks Day Legion Bingo: 7 pm TICS Purdy Order Deadline!	18 TAST Mtg. MMCafe, 3:30pm
19 Tex Hlth Serv AGM , 1 pm Legion Circle of Light 2 pm , United Church	20 Legion Mtg: 7 pm <i>Spring!</i> Express Lines Deadline STRICT!	21 GBID VirtMtg 1 pm New Moon	22	23 Community Bingo: 1 pm, Srs Ctr	24 Seniors Lunch Noon Snr Cntr	25 Soup/Soul, 12 pm, Comm Hall Transfer Sta- tion: 10 am - 4 pm
26	27	28 First Quarter	29 qRD Open House , 2 pm Comm Hall TexHeritage AGM, 10 am Museum	30 Community Bingo: 1 pm, Srs Ctr	31 COC Mtg: 6 pm, Tex Isl Inn	

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

EVERY:

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

SATURDAY: Tai Chi, Comm Hall, 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

March 2023



TEXADA SENIORS' COUNCIL

Great News

The community Friday lunch will start up again in March at the Seniors' Centre in Gillies Bay starting at noon. Initially, we plan to operate on the second and fourth Friday of each month. If the community supports this lunch we may extend the lunch but time will tell. Our plan is to operate the lunch on :

Friday March 10 and March 24

The format will remain much the same as it was before Covid shut us down a couple of years ago. The menu will be homemade soup, your choice of sandwich and dessert, tea or coffee. It will start at noon and be open until 1pm. 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.

For further information please call:

Dale Rinehart, Council President at: 604-486-0050.

BETTER AT HOME

Better At Home on Texada Island matches volunteers with seniors to provide non-medical support so seniors can continue living independently in their own homes. Currently we offer limited transportation, friendly visits and light yard work.

For more information please contact Tom Read (Texada volunteer coordinator) at 604-483-1471 or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.



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TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE

Hours of operation

Monday to Thursday

8:30 am to 11:45 am, 1:15 pm to 4 pm

Friday 8:30 am to 11:45 am

Phone Number: 604-486-7525

If there's no reply, please leave a message.

Emergencies: 604-414-9638. If there's no reply within 10 minutes, please phone 911.

Information – Nurses Hotline: 811

COVID changes:

- Visits strictly by appointment except for emergencies. We will try to deal with issues by phone as much as possible and give appointments when patients need to be seen in person.
- Lab tests by appointment only. Extended lab time: 8:30 am to 9:45 am.
- Masks and hand sanitizer compulsory on entering the health centre.
- If you are ill and suspect you may have COVID, please come to the back door marked COVID and follow the posted instructions.
- TAP forms can be picked up after 1:15 pm.

PLEASE WATCH FOR SPECIAL STAFFING NOTICES ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THANK YOU.

Donations to Texada Medical Clinic

If you or someone you know is making a donation to the Texada Clinic, please make the cheque out to **Texada Health Services Society** and mail to Box 84, Gillies Bay, V0N 1W0. Thank you in advance.



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 Center or my home in Van Anda. I can be reached at 604-486-7494. All inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence.

— Barb Egglestone

Little Free Pantries

Texada's own "little free pantries" are available to everyone on Texada with food insecurities. Please feel free to pick up or drop off some much needed food. Locations are at the Food Bank in Van Anda and in front of 4758 Cedar St. (between Oak and Ash) in Gillies Bay. Sponsored by the Community of Texada and the Texada Food Bank. "Take what you need; leave what you can." THANK YOU for all the anonymous donations of food that have been left in the pantries! If you see a cooler under the pantries, you may take or leave produce, including excess from our gardens.

Please do not leave alcoholic beverages!

BC FERRY SCHEDULE

TEXADA ISLAND TO POWELL RIVER			
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 pm *	3:45 pm	3:30 pm	4:15 pm
5:05 pm	6 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm
8:35 pm	9:20 pm	9 pm	9:45 pm

**Dangerous Cargo Wednesdays Only—no passengers*

POWELL RIVER - SECHLT	
Leave Saltery Bay	Leave Earls Cove
5:40 am*	6:35 am*
7:30 am	8:25 am
9:25 am	10:25 am
11:20 am	12:25 pm
3:50 pm	4:55 pm
6 pm	7 pm
7:55 pm	8:50 pm
9:45 pm	10:40 pm

**Daily except Sunday*

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

To confirm sailing times please call:
1-888-223-3779 or go to www.bcferrys.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

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

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DEADLINE: The 20th of the month prior to publication. Please call for information on advertising or insert rates.

- Send announcements (max. 350 words) or ads to: **PO Box 233, Van Anda, V0N3K0**
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Supporting Texada Island Since 1930

Need Chocolates for Easter? - well look no more. Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser is now set up with anyone wishing to order on-line for Easter. Our account # is 28828. If you wish call **Doriana** at: 604-414-4893 to put your order in.

Our next Bingo will be Friday March 3. Bring your family and come out and have fun. Everyone can play. The goodies in the kitchen are worth coming for. Yum yum.

Our next meeting is our AGM, March 13, 12 pm at the Legion. Yearly dues will be collected at \$5 per membership. Members are asked to respond to emails in a timely fashion for lunch reservations. Non members call Ruth 604-414-4111 to reserve a seat for lunch.

Doriana Kiland

Circle of Light

A heart-centered healing meditation

-for yourself

-for the Earth

-for all Life on the planet

2 pm Sunday, March 19

At the Texada United Church in Van Anda

This will be a guided meditation.

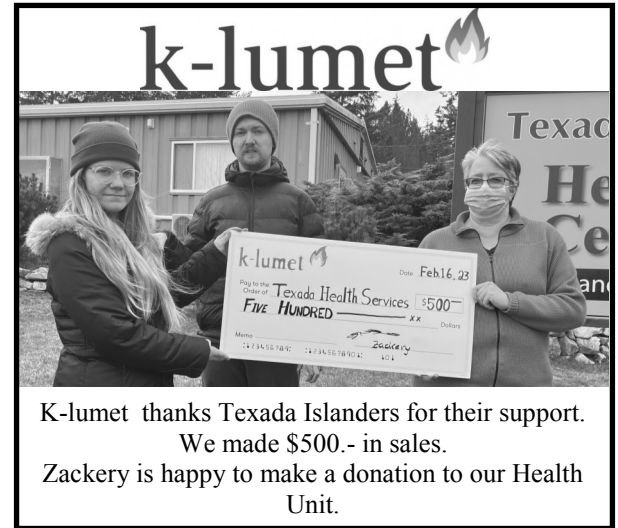
With songs inspired by Maggie Timms.

Facilitators:

Karen May and Marilyn Timms

All welcome - please join us.

Thank You...



K-lumet thanks Texada Islanders for their support. We made \$500.- in sales. Zackery is happy to make a donation to our Health Unit.



Thank you to everyone who came out to our Robbie Burns dinner, a great time was had by all. Big thanks go out to Ken and MJ for the wonderful meal, Mike for piping the Haggis in, Judy and girls for serving and cleanup, Matthew for his dance, Denise and Neale for working the bar, to Rebecah for the toast to the Lassies and Phillip for leading us in song.

General meeting and installation of officers
March 10th, 7 pm
Celebration of life for Maggie Timms Sat March 11th starting at 1pm
Bingo March 17th 7pm, great turnout last month
Meatdraw every Saturday at 3:30 pm
Trivia meatdraw every Sunday at 4 pm

...lest we forget.

**Honour House Society
Ranch Cabin Paintings**

A gala event took place at the Texada Legion on Saturday, February 11th 2023.

Ten large, magnificent paintings were unveiled one at a time by Texada artist, Doby Dobrostan-ski.

Doby explained to a large and enthusiastic audience how his year-long project came to fruition.

He became aware of the "Honour Ranch Project" after a 28 day stay at the Vancouver Honour House while having his own medical treatment.

Doby was very impressed with the kind care and the wonderful facilities provided for free. He qualified to stay because of his service in the military. Others, such as first responders, police and fire-fighters also qualify for this benefit from Honour House.

He became involved with the "Honour Ranch Project" out of gratitude and wanting to give back.

Ten private cabins, and a main lodge are located in a secluded vale on a hill near Ashcroft, B.C. The ranch provides lodging for PTSD treatment. Every cabin is named after a B.C. River

and each will be graced by a painting representing that river.

Gillies Bay Fire Chief, Rob McWilliam and his crew were in full attendance.

"Volunteering and donating to "Honour House" supports those heroes who physically and emotionally have done so much for others, that they themselves now need our support."

A wonderful selection of gourmet foods was prepared and donated by Angie Beaumont. Many Thanks, Angie and crew.

Prints of all ten paintings are available call Doby at 604-223-2588 .

Gary Grieco



Texada Island Community Sign & Print Shop

Experienced personnel and island residents will be on hand to supply island residents, event planners and businesses both private and public with top quality sign work.

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The Texada Island Community Sign & Print Shop fully expects to be ready to serve the community's needs by springtime THIS year, ready for the summer seasons events here on Texada Island. Interested parties and prospective clients wanting more information can email:

ticsignshop@gmail.com

R.C.M.P.



It is coming up to tax time again and the scammers are getting busy and are more sophisticated than ever. So please remember

CRA SCAM PREVENTION

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 - ◆ CRA will not send you a link to your refund
 - ◆ CRA will never threaten you with arrest
- This applies to most of the scams out there so please stay diligent and safe.

Micha , Josh & Pat

We have reinstated the monthly community Bingo at the Seniors' Centre.
Community Bingo, Seniors Ctr.
1 pm March 30

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Garden Club Notes

Please join us for our next Garden Club meeting to be held at the Community Hall on Wednesday, March 15th at 2 pm. All are welcome, bring your questions and concerns about your garden and we will try to help.

This month Lynn Cole, our most seasoned gardener at 92 years wise graces us with her experiences of what has worked.

Looking back and forward. In the earlier gardens, when we grew an abundance of vegetables and fruits, the Stokes catalog was our main seed source. The early corn was "Seneca 60," smaller ears but so sweet. Ballhead green cabbage yielded super large, firm heads, wonderful for making cabbage rolls, our family favorite, a sweet and sour concoction. Recipe to follow. Our strawberry plants, ever-bearing, the Sovereign variety gave us plenty of fresh berries with lots for freezing and jam making. My raspberries are Old Type Latham, which I still grow from roots transplanted from one garden to another. My current garden of 15 years is in the process of being downsized. Winter 2021, Mother Nature took a hand and eliminated some specimens. Lost were a sprawling Ceanothus sometimes called California Lilac, a citrus scented golden Cyprus and also the main parts of a large group of Draco, Dragon tree. I'm glad to see there is still life at the base. Unfortunately I also lost my Red Haven peach tree. The lack of rain last summer took its toll: It's survival of the hardiest. Spring will show the outcome.

Sweet and Sour Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

-1/3 cup raw rice cooked in 1 cup milk in a double boiler, let cool.

-mix 3/4 lb ground beef and 1/8 lb ground pork, combined with 1 beaten egg, salt and pepper to taste, and 1 cup milk. Add cooled cooked rice.

-1 head 3 lb cabbage cored. Immerse in boiling water till leaves are pliable

Carefully remove leaves. On one leaf heap mix of rice and meat, roll up envelope fashion. Fasten flap with toothpick. Continue until mixture and leaves are used up.

Brown rolls on both sides using 2 TBSP of butter in a heavy skillet, in batches. Lay browned rolls in large cooking pot if on stove top or baking dish if using oven. Sprinkle with 2 TBSP brown sugar, pour 1 cup boiling water in which 1 bouillon cube has been dissolved. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 hours gently basting and turning occasionally. Remove cabbage rolls and thicken liquid with 1 TBSP flour blended to a smooth paste with a little cold water. Stir in 2 tsp vinegar and serve gravy with the cabbage rolls. Adjust to your tastes and enjoy our family favorite.

ORG NEWS



POWELL RIVER REGIONAL
HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Budget Meeting

The Regional Hospital District will meet to consider the proposed 2023 budget at the Regional Hospital District meetings between January and March, 2023.

Meeting dates and times can be viewed on the Regional District website at qathet.ca.

For more information, please contact Linda Greenan, Manager of Financial Services at : finance@qathet.ca or call 604-485-2260.

Texada Artists Studio Tour

The tour has not been held since 2018. Calling all interested artists, artisans, and art-interested to a public meeting at Mary Mary Cafe, Saturday, March 18th, 3:30 pm.

The dates set for TAST 2023 are July 1st and 2nd, Volunteers needed.

Prior to Covid cancellations of events, the Texada Artist Studio Tour (TAST) was a biennial 2-day event providing approximately 20 local artists the opportunity to either invite the public into their studios or meet with them at a public venue. This event had gained popularity among locals and visitors over the years. Attendance was estimated to be between 350 to 400 people coming out to meet artists and purchase their wares. Using the local school bus, between 30 to 40 people came over from Powell River to visit the island and artists without their vehicles. For more info, or if you can't come on that date contact Kathleen Scott, mud_otter@hotmail.com



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MORE ORG NEWS**TEXADA POLICING COMMITTEE****Gathering Momentum**

News: Revival of Texada RCMP Youth Night is underway! Contact Becca Hathaway at 604-765-5218 to become involved – and watch this space in coming months for more information. The Texada Policing Committee's Mission Statement is being revised. Here's a draft; please provide your feedback:

"The Texada Policing and Public Safety Committee has a thirty year history of advising and supporting the RCMP on the island. Our objective is maintaining a partnership with and liaison between the RCMP and Texada citizens. We support first responder co-ordination, road safety, responsible hunting, victim services, youth activities, and restorative justice programs." The next public meeting of the Texada Policing & Public Safety Committee will be 10:00 am Thursday, April 13 at the Texada Seniors Centre.

We'll discuss the above draft Mission Statement, among other topics. Bring your feedback and concerns to the meeting! Agenda details will be published in the April Express Lines. Contact/feedback: Roger Kimmerly:
604-486-0009 roger_kimmerly@shaw.ca
P.O. Box 48 Van Anda B.C. V0N 3K0.

Texada Island Recreation Commission

The Texada Recreation Commission (TIRC) will be meeting on Thursday, March 9th, starting at 5 pm. Please note the change from our regular Wednesday meeting date. Those interested in attending the meeting or making requests (including Grant in Aid requests) to the TIRC should contact Ron Smith by email (ronsmith@tru.ca) or phone 604-578-1989 as the meeting will be held virtually.

TWIN

March Luncheon
Thursday March 9, 2023 at
the Texada Island Inn Pub.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon and the guest speaker at 1 pm
Guest speaker: Ranka Burzan -
Topic: Spring Cleaning

To reserve, please phone Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday March 2, 2023. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation. If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item. Members not wearing their name tag will be fined a loonie. If you are wearing your name tag you will be automatically entered into our "free lunch" draw, to be drawn in June. Good luck!

Our March luncheon will also be our St. Patrick's Day celebration. Please wear green and be Irish for the Day. Our in-house silent auction will be held in April. Please bring any items for the auction early and they will be stored in a safe place.

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MARCH EVENTS:

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- BUY 5 ARTISAN FREEZER MEALS GET 1 FREE.
- OPEN LATE FRIDAY MARCH 10 , 17 , 24 UNTIL 7 P.M.
- ALL DAY EGGS BENNIE SUNDAY MARCH 5 & 19
- JOIN US FOR ST PATRICKS DAY FRIDAY MARCH 17

604 - 344 - 0999**FERRY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT****BC Ferries Meeting & Drop-in - Feb 21, 2023**

It was nice to see a small group of Texadans did make the trip to Powell River to be at the meeting in-person, as well as an individual who took advantage of the Zoom option. With so many residents who constantly complain about BC Ferries and their policies, I was surprised to see the lack of participation. As a concerned resident you need to standup and object in-person, not complain online. BC Ferries wants you to complain online because then it is not a complaint, it's just chatter.

All who attended the meeting and the Drop-in received a free ferry pass home, NO COST TO YOU! So, this is my summary of issues discussed and spoken about:

After our disastrous meeting with BC Ferries last year your Texada FAC Reps are still on-point. There was a suggestion by BC Ferries that the reason we didn't get the Direct Route (Texada - Comox, Comox - Texada) was an increased cost to BC Ferries of \$250,000. We asked about the financial breakdown and BC Ferries would not give it to us. We were advised that an FOI (Freedom of Information) request was required. SUBMISSION: FOI has been submitted. Once that information is collected, then we expect to fill out an SSR.

In an effort to gather some travel analysis of the Comox-Texada run, it was suggested by Doug Nikirk that since BC Ferries is discounting (\$39.00 for Vehicle + Driver) the last Salish run daily from Comox, BC Ferries could increase their revenue by picking up Texada passengers and dropping them off at Blubber Bay, on that last run. This would also give BC Ferries an idea of potential travel.

ISSUE: No answer yet. There was no one of authority who could make the call.

It has been an on-going suggestion to move the BC Ferries electronic sign from Blubber Bay to the area near the gas station so to inform residents that the ferry is cancelled and direct them to the Van Anda Government Dock for the water taxi.

ISSUE: Sign needs to be on BC Ferries property. If it is moved to a new location, then an agreement needs to be with MOT (Ministry of Transport).

It has been an on-going suggestion to widen the Blubber Bay Road from BC Cement Road to the existing double lane, so that on days of large volume, the school bus and ferry walk on customers do not need to travel over the double solid line to get past the ferry line-up parked on the side of the road. To do so is against the Law and is a huge safety issue.

ISSUE: An agreement needs to be with Blubber Bay Quarry and MOT (Ministry of Transport) to widen the road.

It has been an on-going suggestion to BC Ferries that to help the Loading officer get the most vehicles on the ferry, that a camera or system be set-up on Blubber Bay Road so he can see all the traffic.

RESOLUTION: BC Ferries stated that a camera system is being installed. Date TBD.

It has been an on-going suggestion that the 1 pm (Texada) – 1:50 pm (Powell River) Ferry schedule needs be of a longer duration or implemented as a Daily scheduled run all year long.

ISSUE: Employee overtime costs are the main issue. This sailing currently only runs from June 28 – Sept 5.

SUBMISSION: A BC Ferries SSR is currently being filled out to have the run added to the schedule as part of our regular service all year long.

The last item is called "Performance Term 6". This is the proposed fares, ships, dock improvement, etc. BC Ferries wants to do from 2024 – 2028.

Unfortunately, BC Ferries never included any Texada items, so I ask you to write to the Commissioner by September, 2023. These documents are now posted on the Commissioner's website bcferrycommission.ca for public feedback.

By Doug Nikirk & Warren Kiland

MORE MEETINGS

GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

All meetings for the GBID are open to the Public and are currently being held via Zoom. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact our Administrator for the link at: 604-223-7757
Or via email at admin@gillies-bay.ca

- Meeting Schedule for March 2023**
 March 7th – 11 am – Finance Committee.
 March 7th - 1 pm – Water Committee.
 March 21st – 1 pm – Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

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EVEN MORE ORG NEWS

GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Gillies Bay water... what's the problem? What's the fix?

The problem is that the water is surface water with lots of stuff in it that makes it hard to meet the current drinking water standards. The bacteria can be killed with chlorination, but not all viruses and cysts and parasites. In addition the chlorine reacts with organic compounds, mainly from decaying vegetation, to produce trihalomethanes (THMs) which are suspected carcinogens. One big advantage of using chlorine is that it stays in the water and continues to kill bacteria inside pipes all the way to where the water is used.

If GBID is to meet the current drinking water standards there will be significant costs involved. The intention is to use our existing chlorinator, but a new building to house the treatment equipment and a new storage tank will be required, as well as a larger main line from the storage tank into Gillies Bay. GBID has an application for "Gas Tax Grant" funding similar to the program that funded Van Anda's treatment plant. The announcement on that funding is due any day now. In the meantime the Board is looking for other funding opportunities and trying to get all the ducks lined up for the next steps.

GBID annual general meeting is May 7th. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping out or standing for one of the two volunteer board positions please come forward. The water system and Fire Department belong to the GBID tax payers. Think of it as a Co-Op, and like most Co-Ops it is

the members that get things done.

Chuck Childress Chair GBID

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VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Thanks to all those that have paid their annual invoices for 2023 or started a payment plan. A reminder to everyone else that the due date was Feb 28 and your account is now overdue. Penalties will be charged. More payment and plan information can be found on your invoice or on our website vananda-id.ca/payments.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday Apr 22 at 9:30 am, at the Legion. There are two Trustee positions to be filled; please consider being a Trustee if you care about our water system and Van Anda's development. Trustee workload is about 10-12 hours per month. For more info, visit our website vananda-id.ca, email contact@vananda-id.ca or Phone :604-486-7035.



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MARCH at a Glance!

Spring Break Comic Camp

In Library, 5 days, Monday – Friday, March 13-!

For Kids Ages 7-10, 10:00 am-12:00 pm,

contact szagwyn@prpl.ca to register

For Youth 11+, 1:00- 3:00 pm, contact

edgar@prpl.ca to register

ALL AGES, edgar@prpl.ca

Crafternoons at PRPL:Community Room, Satur-
day, March 4, 2:00-3:30 pm

Comics Café with Sean Karemaker :Community
Room, Saturday, March 18- time TBD!

Mélange à Collage with CJMP :Community
Room, Saturday, March 25, 2:00-3:00

Poetry Circle :Community Room, Thursday,
March 2 & 16, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

KIDS, szagwyn@prpl.ca

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

After School Prime Time : Community Room,
Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm. Runs while school
is in session.

Drawn Together

Room A, Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm. Runs while
school is in session.

Tinker Trunk : Makerspace, Tuesdays & Thurs-
days, 3:30-4:30 pm. Runs while school is in ses-
sion.

TEENS, edgar@prpl.ca

Codespace : Makerspace, Wednesdays 4:00- 4:45
pm. Runs while school is in session.

Young Writers Group : Meeting Room B. Fri-
days, 4:00- 5:00 pm. Runs while school is in ses-
sion.

First Dibs : Teens write reviews for volunteer cred-
it. *Registration required.*

ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca

Spirit Orcas in Powell River : Community Room,
Saturday March 11, 2 pm

The Leprechaun's Story – an adult fairy-tale with
Tanis Helliwell.

Community Room, Friday March 17, 7pm

Tech Savvy – Book Building Tool :Community
Room, Saturday March 18, 2 pm

An Introduction to Ayurveda with Todd
Caldecott: Community Room, Friday March 24,
7 pm

An Introduction to Brain Health: Powell River
Seniors Centre, Tuesday March 28, 1:30-3:30 pm

My Life in Applied Anthropology – A Memoir with
Micheal Robinson :Community Room, Friday
March 31, 7 pm

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS & OTHER MEETINGS

Texada Island Heritage Society

Texada Island Heritage Commission

AGM will be held on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023
at 10 am at the Texada Museum in Van Anda
Memberships are \$15.00 per immediate family and
\$10.00 per person.

Thank you, Lynne Schroeder
604-486-7470 or email: bobbiegirl@telus.net



Texada Island Dragon Boat Club

Is having it's ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, March 9th, 7 pm

School Gym in Van Anda

No experience necessary - Join us!

VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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Provincial Health Services Authority

For employment opportunity information come to the
Open House on Saturday March 4th @ 10 a.m. The
Open House will be at the Ambulance Station at
2099 Legion Rd, in Van Anda next to the Legion.

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

Child Care and Youth Services for Texada

2 pm, Sunday March 5th - Texada Seniors Center

To discuss and plan Child Care solutions, Child and Youth
programs, Pre-school, Sports programs and Clubs, work-
shops and interest groups for our young people.

For more information call Becca 604-765-5218

TEXADA HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY AGM

Sunday, March 19, 1 pm at the Legion

We have vacant positions to be filled. For
more info: 604-486-7494.

Barb Egglestone

Texada Island

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AGM

March 31, Texada Island Inn

\$28 + Gratuity.

6 pm. Dinner at 6:30

Reservations required:

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ELECTIONS

To follow Dinner.

Open positions:

Vice-President and Secretary.

Send nominations for an individual or
yourself, in confidence, to:

Karen May karenemay3@gmail.com



Texada Island Community Watershed Zoning Bylaw Update

What's Happening?

From 2017 to 2019, the Texada community helped to update the Official Community Plan. Now, to meet *Local Government Act* legislation, qathet Regional District has updated the *Texada Watershed Protection Bylaw No. 237, 1993*.

In addition to modernizing the 28 year old bylaw, the proposed new bylaw will:

- align the zoning districts and land use regulations with the land use designations and policies set out under the *Texada Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 551, 2019*;
- remove development permit restrictions;
- align the definitions and general provisions with current provincial legislation;
- provide clear language for Improved bylaw interpretation;
- provide accurate maps for Improved bylaw interpretation; and
- provide the ability to view the zoning boundaries on the qathet Regional District IMap online mapping.

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Drop-in from 2pm - 4pm

Texada Community Hall
5079 Gillies Bay Rd

Can't Attend the Open House?

All open house materials will be available at the Old School following the event and on the regional district website:

www.qathet.ca/current_projects/texadawatershed

Contact Us

(t) 604-485-2260 (e) planning@qathet.ca

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Greetings Everyone.

Take a tour with me. After coming up the accessible ramp, a friendly volunteer will greet you at the Circulation Desk in the Library. Deciding what to read next? Interested in related books, ask the volunteer for help. Behind the Circulation Desk is a small Reference Collection with the Texada History VHS Tapes and two PAC, Public Access Computers with a printer close to the windows. Wi-Fi can be accessed after hours. Instructions are on the window.

Moving down the aisle, Community Brochures are on the left and the Mystery Collection on the right, finishing with the DVD Collection amounting to 2,000 holdings.

On the back wall are Adult Paperbacks, Classic Books, Juvenile Series Books and large Reference Books with a table in front for your laptop. Turning the corner, the window aisle contains the New Books blue shelf, the Juvenile Collection, and the YA, Young Adults Collection. In the centre of the Library is the Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction section. If you are interested in Texada History ask for the *The Red Book* by Thompson and *Texada Tapestry* by Heather Harbord. The mobile truck contains *Books for Sale* by donation. The Library also hosts author readings.

You may return your Texada Island Library and Powell River Public Library books to the Blue Bin located at the Van Anda Post Office. The bin is unloaded once a week.

If you are new to Texada, ask for a free Library Card at the Circulation Desk. It can be used here and in Powell River.

Hope you enjoyed the tour. Come for a visit and check it out in person. Watch for *"Canada Reads"* next month.

Pam Kenny

The Texada Island Library is a volunteer-staffed community service located in the Gillies Bay Old School:

phone 604-486-6728, during open hours.

Library Open Hours:

Wednesday	noon to 2 pm
Thursday	6 pm to 8 pm
Fri, Sat, Sun	noon to 2 pm

For more information about The Library, or about becoming a volunteer, please phone:

Anne Carney, Library Coordinator,
at 604-486-7117.

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www.gilliesbay.ca/wireless

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




Both Van Anda and Gillies Bay Fire Departments can always use more members. In addition to the satisfaction you will get from helping to protect your community there are other benefits. One is the opportunity for training. Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department was recently successful in getting a grant through the Community Emergency Preparedness Program, funded through the Province. Most of that money will go toward offering Van Anda and Gillies Bay members specialized training.

In April we will be having an experienced wild fire officer who will put us through S-100, which is the course all wild-fire firefighters need to have. Then at the end of April we will have trainers from Dynamic Rescue coming to put on a two day Strategy and Tactics course. They may just sound like work, but everyone who goes through this type of training always says how much they enjoy the opportunity to learn from real pros. These are just examples of the kind of skills you could learn as a volunteer firefighter.

Another training opportunity is to become a medical first responder. Gillies Bay would like to congratulate Jim Cairns who just passed his medical exam, and has met all the requirements to get his First Responder license. Way to go, Jim!

EMPLOYMENT OPPS



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**INVITATION TO TENDER
SHELTER POINT PARK CARETAKER**

The qathet Regional District is seeking tenders for a Contract Caretaker to operate Shelter Point Park and Campground. View and download the Invitation to Tender online at BC Bid (new.bcbid.gov.bc.ca) and on qathet.ca under *Projects - Bid Opportunities*. Inquiries to Patrick Devereaux at 604-485-2260 or operations@qathet.ca. Tenders must be received no later than 4 pm on Friday, March 31, 2023



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**qathet Regional District
2023 Texada Island Mowing
Contract**

The qathet Regional District is requesting quotes (RFQ) for scheduled mowing and trimming services for regional district properties on Texada Island. Commercial mowing equipment must be supplied by contractor. View and download the RFQ at qathet.ca/projects/bid-opportunities. **Deadline for quotes: 4pm, Friday, March 24, 2023.**

All inquiries, contact Patrick Devereaux, Manager of Operational Services at: 604-485-2260 or by email at: operations@qathet.ca.



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MUSEUM MUSINGS

FOUR PROSPECTORS

After 1909 when world copper prices fell, mines in Van Anda closed. Some unemployed men continued to prospect around Texada but four adventurous friends decided to seek their fortunes elsewhere.

In the summer of 1903 William Stromberg, James Raper, George McLeod and Billy Law planned an ambitious expedition to investigate old copper workings on the Queen Charlotte Islands (Haida Gwaii).

Keeping in mind that small rowboats were the “family car” of the time, the four thought nothing of embarking on their 1000 km odyssey in their 16-foot, clinker-built rowboat powered only by oars and sails.

Favourable winds sped their passage northward from Texada but fighting the headwinds in Johnstone Strait proved exhausting and progress was slow. Stormy seas sometimes forced them to remain ashore for days, nights spent in sleeping bags on the beach. Their stash of dried fruit, flour, yeast and some canned food was eagerly devoured.

After regrouping at Alert Bay the men headed north to attempt Queen Charlotte Sound. Luckily Captain Warner of the coastal freighter *Bosquitz* recognized their need and offered to tow them across the dangerous open waters.

When a storm broke half way across, the men went “below” into the ship’s hold, presently occupied by a tethered, bellowing, malcontented bull! As the seas grew stronger the bull broke loose and all five “steerage passengers” were tossed wildly back and forth. The roar of the bull and shouts of the men alerted the crew who arrived to help restore order.

After camping at Bonita Island, a steady breeze welcomed them into Hecate Strait. Unfortunately the wind soon dropped, forcing the four to take turns rowing all day and night. A sudden storm broke, tossing and battering their little boat. Thoroughly exhausted, their boat damaged and their provisions wrecked, the four Texadans made it to Queen Charlotte’s south shore.

They were rescued by the Haida who, despite their fearsome reputation, welcomed them, repaired the rowboat and took them to Skidegate where they were treated to a feast and offered lodging.

The Haida Gwaii prospects must have shown promise as the prospectors returned over the next several summers to work the claims.

These story details are from Violet Seaman’s August 1947 article in the Powell River News.

Peter Lock

Texada Island Heritage Society



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We are pleased to provide an update on the progress of the Connected Coast project, which aims to bring reliable and world-class internet to rural coastal British Columbia, including Texada. The project involves the installation of a submarine fibre-optic cable that will land in over 130 communities, including Gillies Bay and Van Anda. The Governments of Canada and British Columbia have partnered with the Strathcona Regional District and CityWest to make this possible.


Although the project is progressing well, it has many steps and will take some time. We are currently working through the permitting process and are unable to announce an exact construction date. Our goal is to have the Texada network live with the Connected Coast backbone by Summer 2024. We will provide regular updates via social media and quarterly articles in the *Express Lines*. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, you can also send us a message directly in Messenger.



We are delighted to introduce Eric Geall as the new General Manager for Texada. If you see the white CityWest Ram pickup around the Island, please feel free to stop and say hello. Eric is also available by phone at **250-720-6110**. Once the Connected Coast project is operational, a CityWest representative will contact you to discuss options to connect to the new network. To access services, a CityWest technician will need to install our advanced Wi-Fi 6 router, giving you access to the Internet with speeds up to 1,000 Mbps and no data caps. We also offer TV services with HD channels, as well as phone services. For more information please visit www.citywest.ca. Note that Texada will not be listed on this web site for awhile. We are committed to keeping you informed of our progress, and we look forward to delivering reliable, world-class internet services to Texada.



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TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH NOTES



"I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life." I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

Worship Services: Sundays 10:30 am Communion will be celebrated on March 5, 2023. Everyone is welcome at our communion table. Advance notice: Easter is on April 9, 2023.

Lent: Starting Wednesday March 8 from 10:30 -11:30 (maybe a little longer if needed) we will have a four week Lenten Series looking at the Bible. We will start at the beginning on March 8 with Genesis. Everyone welcome, you don't have to come to church on Sunday to attend. Questions are encouraged even if I don't have all the answers.

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

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


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

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Margaret (Maggie) Ann Timms
 1947 to 2022
Celebration of Life
 March 11, 2023 @ 1:00 pm
 Royal Canadian Legion Br. 232
 Van Anda, BC
 Texada Island

contact: bobtimms@twincomm.ca

Legion ceremony, photo presentation, light lunch, music and stories of Maggie's amazing life.

Texada Food Bank 2023

Texada Food Bank is offered on the **Second Wednesday of the month ONLY**
 Call on the second Tuesday between 10 am and 3 pm
 Pick up on the second Wednesday between 12 and 12:30
 Call in March 7 – Pick up March 8
 Call in April 11 — Pick up April 12
 Call in May 9 — Pick up May 10

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The Little Free Pantries are always available for anyone with food insecurities. Located at the Food Bank porch and in front of 4758 Cedar St. Gillies Bay

Take what you need, leave what you can.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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

Non-perishable food donations may be put in the baskets at the Gillies Bay General Store, the Texada Market and the First Credit Union in Van Anda.

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.

If you have any questions regarding contributions to the Food Bank please call Pauline Fleming at 604-414-9590.

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

The CARE cupboard can be found on the front of The Texada Food Bank building in Van Anda.

The CARE (Compassionate Access to Resources for Everyone) cupboard is supported by : Vancouver Coastal Health Services.

The bottom compartment is for books and magazines, please feel free to give and take. The top compartment is for hygiene kits / harm reduction kits / Naloxone, take as needed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone who submitted survey responses and attended the community meeting re **bike paths, aka Active Transportation Corridors (ATCs)**. They are meant to be for all forms of active transportation, including walking, running and mobility devices, as well as bikes.

A total of 91 Texadans returned the surveys: 65 said yes to paths, 23 said no and there were three maybes. This equals **72 per cent in favor**. Of the "no" responses, the main reason for opposition was wanting the money spent instead on fixing roads or upgrading local water systems. While I sympathize with these sentiments, any funding the RD receives for ATCs can only be spent for this purpose and nothing else. Only MOTI has the authority to maintain roads. In terms of location, GB to the park received the most first choices, while VA to GB was a close second.

Some great feedback came from the 44 attendees at the community meeting. Sitting in a circle, everyone was heard. Technical considerations raised included safety, path surface, narrow roads and shoulders, ditches and piggy-backing on the GBID's water line extension.

A detached path was preferred but there was general consensus to go with whatever's possible. Ideally grant funding would cover the costs, with a phased approach. Labor and materials could be donated. Another great suggestion was for a local committee to provide input into the project.

So what happens next? Based on your feedback, there is a mandate for me to take this issue to the RD. My first step will be meeting with staff to determine the best process for moving this forward. Will provide updates in future columns.

Meanwhile, one issue which affects us significantly is the lack of **housing** here on Texada. People are finding it difficult to find a place and some potential residents give up and leave. The region's Housing Needs Report (2021) states that in area D we'll need 46 more housing units by 2026, the highest of the four electoral areas covered by the report. It recommends that half of these units be for ownership and half for purpose-built rentals (11 units affordable). In thinking about how to make this happen, I introduced the following motion which passed unanimously:

That staff report back regarding solutions to mitigate the current shortage of housing in rural areas, and that the review consider best practices of other RDs, which types of housing have been most successful, over-arching legislation regarding affordable housing and VCH regulations which may restrict multiple housing units from being developed on single lots.

Let's hope some solutions can be found; the sooner the better.

Sandy McCormick
Area D director
sandynleeti@gmail.com
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If your community group wants grant funding from the RD, the deadline for the first intake of applications is March 31. Application forms are available at the RD, finance@gathet.ca, 604-485-2260.

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In Memory of....



John McGregor Selbie (65)

February 20, 1957 – January 11, 2023

Beloved husband, father, grandfather passed away at home on January 11, 2023.

John is survived by his wife Shelly, daughter Jonina (Ryan) and grandsons James and John.

There will be a small celebration of life on July 2nd 2023. Place and time to be posted at a later date.

"I miss you, Bonehead"

Thanks, Shelly



*In Loving
Memory*



HELEN (HELLE) PAULUS DUNBAR 1946-2023

My sister Helen died peacefully on February 2, 2023. She battled MS for many years and was wheelchair bound for the last few. In April 2022 she was diagnosed with colon cancer and in January 2023, diagnosed with terminal bone cancer.

Helen lived on Texada Island in the early and mid 1970's. She was a friendly, sociable person with a great smile! Making friends came easily for her!

Helen moved to Victoria in the late 1970's, where she lived the rest of her life. She married Jeremy Dunbar, and her son Alex was born in 1982. Unfortunately, the marriage didn't work out.

Helen made many friends in Victoria who were supportive and caring right to the end! She loved Victoria, loved singing in the choir, loved her friends and family, and loved having Alex help and pamper her during the last month of her life. A couple of weeks ago, Helen said to me with a smile: "I've had a very interesting life!" Rest in peace.

Helen is survived by her son Alexander Paulus Dunbar and sister Malle Paulus Behan (Kevin Behan).

Thank you. Malle Behan



Thank you to Courtney and Travis Scarfe of Alpacalope Farm & Grill (www.facebook.com/alpacalope/) for hosting our tenth Texada NatureKids event Saturday, February 11th. Texada NatureKids were gifted the opportunity to feed the alpacas and pet the rabbits and see many varieties of chickens, emus, peacocks, quails, geese, turkeys, rabbits, ducks, pheasants and more! At each stop Courtney and Travis shared amazing knowledge and gave a chance for NatureKids to have their questions answered. Brilliant! Fireside hot chocolate and coffee warmed us all at the finish. NatureKids were gifted two quail eggs and alpaca stickers at the end. Thank you for spoiling us Courtney and Travis!

Thank you to John Whitehead for attending events as an adult volunteer to help. Many hands are helpful. Thank you also to Carolanne White who also volunteers and helps plan events.

An update regarding the February 25th hike to Raven Bay will be included in next month's *Express Lines*.

Join us Saturday, March 11th, at 11 am, to learn about natural wool dyeing with Lizetta Hanley. You can register for events at Texada@naturekidsbc.ca. When numbers are limited due to space or activity, sign up happens on a first come, first serve basis. Events are geared for children aged 5-12, though all ages and families are welcome.

If you have a nature skill or passion you would like to share with us, please email us at: Texada@naturekidsbc.ca. We hope to keep this lovely collaborative, inclusive, community feel alive and are truly thankful to all involved. So thankful to live in such a diversely skilled and passionate, giving community. Look for 'Texada NatureKids' on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/outdoorcuriosity> to see pictures and shared details from past events. Our goal is to run events on average once or twice per month, outdoors and engage as many different community passions related to nature as possible. Our Texada club is supported by NatureKids BC, with a mission to "help children get outside with their families to explore, play, learn about and take action for nature".

Written by Lisa Levez-Bordeleau

Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished. – Lao Tzu



TINSHS

Thank you to the qRD!

The Board wishes to thank the qathet Regional District for awarding TINSHS a \$20,000 social planning grant to support a variety of activities over the course of this year. Stay tuned for upcoming events and updates!

Practical supports for aging-in-place can be found on our website at: <https://texadahousing.com/aging-in-place>

SAFER Program

The Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) program provides eligible seniors with monthly assistance to make their rental payments. Eligibility is based on age, household income, rental costs, citizenship, and other subsidies being received. Clients need to apply each year. More information and application forms can be found at: <https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-assistance/programs/SAFER> or call 1-8000-257-7756 for a paper application.

Seniors Subsidized Housing (SSH)

SSH units are subsidized rental units located in apartment buildings owned and operated by non-profit societies or BC Housing. Tenants pay 30% of their income for rent. Currently, the average wait time for a SSH unit is three years and 17% of current applicants have been waiting over five years. To get on the waitlist for a SSH unit, register at: <https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-housing/subsidized-housing>

TINSHS AGM

The TINSHS AGM will be held on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 2 pm (location TBA). We are actively looking for new members and volunteers to help us create senior-friendly housing on Texada. Please contact us if you are interested in serving on the TINSHS Board!

Info.tinshs@gmail.com
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TEXADA AGRICULTURAL GROUP & FOOD HUB

The Texada Food Hub is available to all and is located inside Texada School. The Hub is a Vancouver Coastal Health-approved community food preservation kitchen equipped with commercial equipment for flash-freezing, dehydrating, freeze-drying, baking, juicing, fermenting and canning all kinds of foods.

Anyone can join Texada Agriculture Group and use the Hub. Life membership in TAG costs a one-time fee of \$10 for individuals or \$15 for a household with two adults. For a nominal usage fee, Hub members can use the kitchen for stocking up a personal household food supply and for making commercial food products (but not for commercial catering).

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.



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Hello, Texada community! On a personal note, my name is Alex

Bella – I'm the new principal at Texada Elementary. Thank you for a warm welcome to the Rock and to my Van Anda neighbourhood. I've met many of you already - and what a wonderful community you are! I'm working on "the Wave" while driving, but I still forget sometimes – nothing personal!

Steve C. approached me about updating the community with a brief piece each month. So, we are resuming our monthly memos from the school to keep you updated about what kids are doing and what's coming up. If you are a parent or guardian, please note that this newsletter is not meant to replace school communication. Things are subject to change.

The school district has been busy with installations and repairs throughout the building, and have been gradually updating some of the ceilings inside the school. With the installation of T-bar and acoustic soundproofing tiles, our school is becoming more insulated.

Thanks to the PAC – and shoutout to Justin and Tara Liebich – our rock wall continues to expand with new routes and holds added.

Highlights from January included: Literacy Week, Gravity Cars, math specialist and health specialist visits, the Orca bus, and our first PAC meeting. Highlights from February included: Black History month, Pink Shirt day, PAC meeting and the Orca bus.

In March 2023, we anticipate:

March 2: Art Starts (livestream) – 1:00-1:45

March 7: Orca bus (parking lot)

March 9: March Madness (talent show) - 1:30-2:15

March 13-24: Spring Break (school closed)

Alex: Welcome and thank you for your perfect first 'piece' from the school.

The Editor.

TEXADA CERAMIC & SCULPTURE STUDIO

SOUP FOR THE SOUL

A fundraising event for the Texada Ceramics and Sculpture Studio (TCSS).

Saturday March 25th 12-3 pm at the Texada Community Hall.

The purchase of a hand made bowl includes soup and a bun with 4 types of soup to choose from, including vegan options.

There will be coffee, tea, and sweets available. Plus a table of locally made ceramics for sale with all proceeds going to TCSS. Come ask questions and learn more about this successful community group.

Music provided by:

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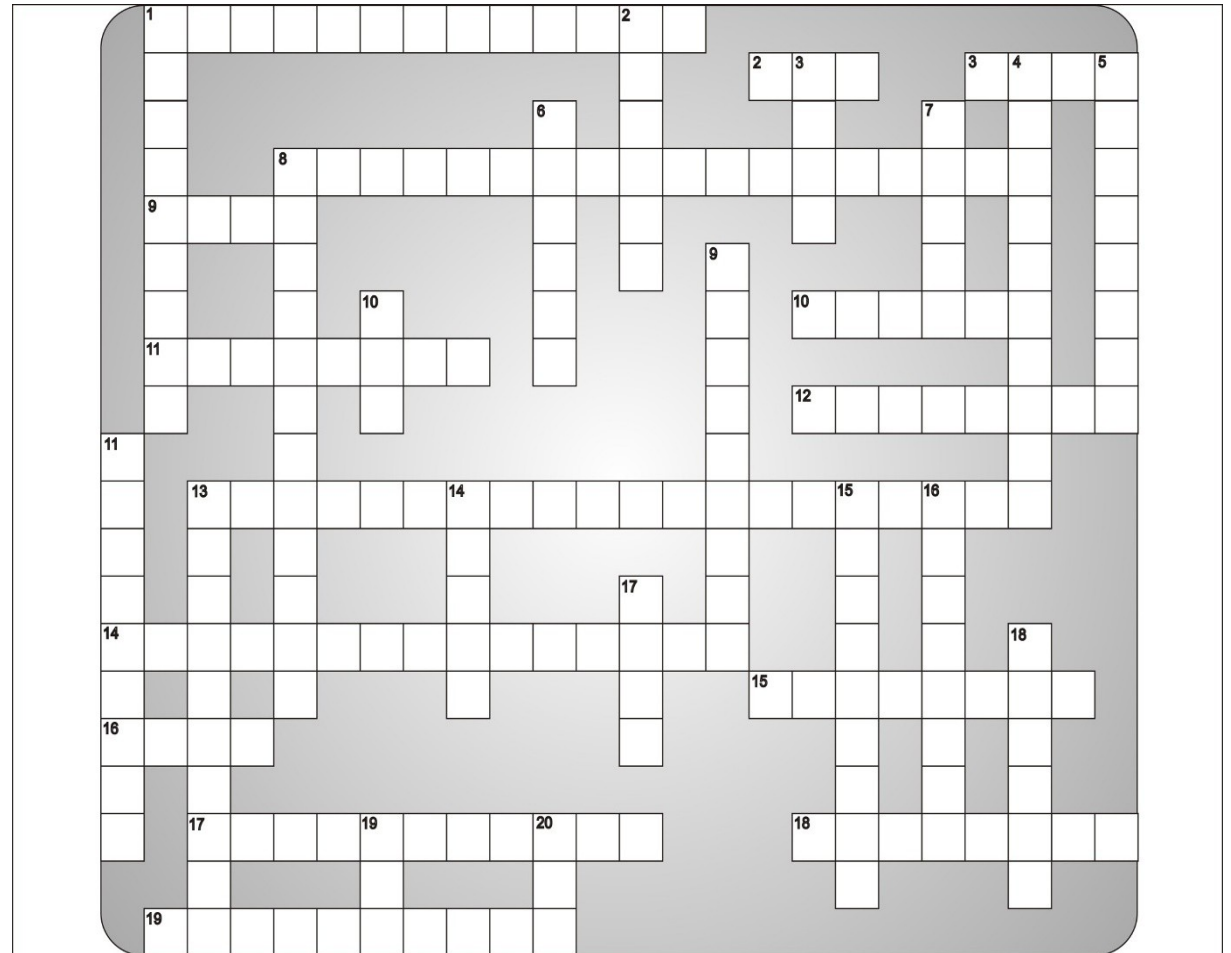
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CROSSWORD CRAZY

A crossword puzzle for the ferry ride. Subjects are : Nicknames, Bodies of Water & Texada Trivia .Subjects were compiled from Express Lines Museum Musings and articles. You will need:Wikipedia , a thesaurus and a dictionary. Also a copy of 'Texada Tapestrys' will help. Tested on a number of Texada Islanders for accuracy and content. Have fun!



ACROSS

1. ERICS SHORELINE (2 WORDS)
2. --- ANDA
3. DR. FRANKENSTEINS HELPER
8. EARLY INN NICKNAME(4 WORDS)
9. BELONGING TO
11. EMILY OTHER
12. SCOTS CHURCH BASIN (2 WORDS)
12. LOG DUMP THERE (2 WORDS)
13. STRAIGHT STRETCH NICKNAME (3 WORDS)
14. SMALL GUYS EXCAVATION (3 WORDS)
15. FOR COOKING ROCK (2 WORDS)
16. --- AND SKITTLES
17. SOUTH END INLET (2 WORDS)
18. SICKLE MOON
19. SALUTATION INLET (2 WORDS)

DOWN

1. MISS RAPERS BASIN (2 WORDS)
2. BOAT STEER INLET (2 WORDS)
3. VAN ----
4. CHOOSE: VAN ANDA OR (2 WORDS)
5. VORACIOUS INLET (2 WORDS)
6. CYPRIUM
7. MARBLE CHART REFERENCE
8. ---- YOUR --- ---- (STEEP LOCATION 3 WORDS)
9. TWO BELOW PAR BAY (2 WORDS)
10. --- ANDA
11. MARMORACEOUS INLET (2 WORDS)
13. RHYMES WITH TURTLE BASIN (2 WORDS)
14. FIRST NAME RAPER
15. COPPER QUEEN POWER BOSS
16. PLURAL END OF RYE MASH
17. ROCK FURNACE OR OVEN
18. ROCK TEXADA FAMOUS FOR
19. POCAHONTAS MADE
20. INLET