

MAY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Trans Station:10 - 4 pm <b>Scrabble</b> 1:30, Legion Last Qtr.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>TICS Bingo</b> 7pm CommHall	<b>4</b> <b>Circ of Light</b> 2pm Tex Church
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Food Bank</b> Call In  <b>ArtGetTog.</b> 10 am GGriffHome.	<b>8</b> <b>Food Bank</b> Pick Up <b>Scrabble</b> 1:30, Legion <b>New Moon</b>	<b>9</b> <b>TWIN Meet</b> , 11:30 am, Texada Island Inn	<b>10</b> <b>Comm Lunch</b> Noon Sen Ctr <b>Legion Gen-Meet</b> 5:30pm	<b>11</b> Trans Sta- tion:10 - 4 pm
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>TICS</b> Gen Meet. 10:30 am Legion	<b>14</b> <b>GBID Meet</b> 4:30 GBFireHall	<b>15 Fire Ban!</b> Trans Station:10 - 4 pm <b>Scrabble</b> 1:30, Legion <b>GardClub</b> 2pm Sen Cntr. 1st Qtr.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Legion Bingo: 5:30pm	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Express Lines</i> Deadline Strict STRICT	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Scrabble</b> 1:30, Legion Legion Potluck Dinn 5pm	<b>23</b>  <b>Full Moon</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Comm Lunch</b> Noon Sen Ctr	<b>25</b> <b>TransStation:</b> 10 am - 4 pm
<b>26</b> <b>FarmersMkt.</b> Noon GBBallPk. <b>TICS</b> <b>SwapMeet</b> 10 am CommHall	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Pot Luck</b> Legion 5 pm <b>Scrabble</b> 1:30, Legion	<b>30</b> <b>TACT AGM</b> SenCnt.6pm. <b>Comm Bingo</b> 1pm Sen Ctr.  <b>Last Qtr.</b>	<b>31</b>	

**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

May 2024



### THE ROCK ISLAND PLAYERS

Rock Island Players wish to express our deepest gratitude for all involved in the success of our play, " The Villain Wore a Dirty Shirt". Thank you: cast, construction, lighting, sound, video, costumes, makeup, stage hands, concession crew, creation of programs, Dramaturge award, and of course, the audience! An absolute beautiful connection for all, and a heartfelt gratitude for every single one. The show lives to be alive, for the audience! So, again, Thank you all so deeply!  
Sincerely, The Director and Producer.



**WATCH FOR FIRE BANS  
MAY 15 OR SOONER!**



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

2 -3 pm Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, meet at  
the Texada United Church.

Theme: Being Present.

All Welcome!

Facilitator; Jennifer Moore.

Please join us.

**TICS Swapmeet Buy and Sell  
May 26th 10:00AM to 2PM**

**Texada Community Hall  
Tables are available.**

**Contact:**

**Doriana 604-414-4893**



# 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
5:40 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
6:00 pm	7:00 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 am	2:10 pm
3:15 am	4:20 pm
5:25 pm	5:30 pm
6:40 pm	7:50 pm
8:55 pm	10:55 pm

*Always call to check sailing times!*

**To confirm sailing times please call: 1-888-223-3779 or go to [www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com)**

## COMMUTER BUS THURSDAYS

Phone Wednesday before 3 pm to reserve a seat (604-483-2008).

**Departs Gillies Bay Store at 8:25 am, and the Van Anda Market at about 8:50 am.**

Departs the North entrance of Town Centre Mall at 3 pm.

Fare (each way): \$8 and \$2.25 for seniors (65+).

## Recycling Stations Hours

**Van Anda:**  
Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm

**Gillies Bay:**  
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

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

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

## NEW 2024/2026 PHONE BOOK INFO

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## Express Lines

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Society Executive.

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

- E-mail to : [ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com](mailto:ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com)
- Phone : 604-414-7764
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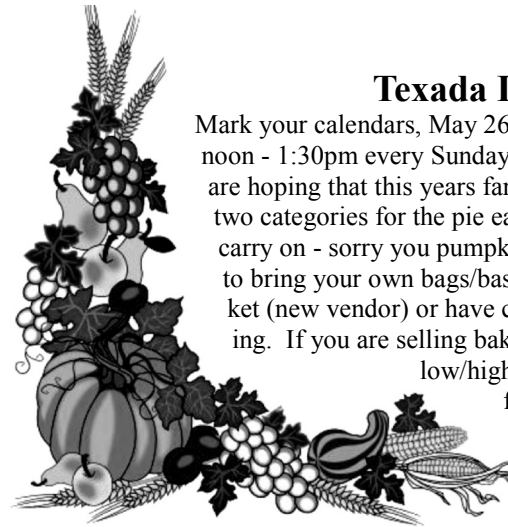
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## Texada Island Farmers Market

Mark your calendars, May 26th will be our first market, 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](mailto:janicefehr53@gmail.com)



## Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend

July 20 - 21 2024

## VENDORS WANTED!!

For your Vendor Application please email:

[dquilter1@gmail.com](mailto: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 May 10 and Friday May 24**

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 May 30 at 1 p.m.\*\*\***

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



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Come one, Come All!

This is a list of the events TICS has in May.  
- Friday, May 3rd will be the last TICS Friday Night Bingo before the Summer break. Doors open at 6:30pm and Bingo starts at 7:00pm. We are hoping for another great crowd, with treats and coffee to help

cut the edge.

The Island has lots of events happening over the summer months. Just remember the TICS Bingo will be back in September.

- Monday, May 13, is the TICS General Meeting, 10:30am at the Legion. Come out and join our group and help the community.
- Sunday, May 26 is the TICS Swap Meet and Buy and Sell. The Swap will run from 10am-2pm. If you want a table for this event call Doriana at 604-414-4893. Hope to see you out and participating.

*Warren Kiland*



We would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated our Legion's 75th anniversary and Veteran's Dinner, a great time was had .

Thank you to Barb, Sue, and Dori for cooking a wonderful ham dinner ,thanks goes out to Tom for carving the ham ,and to Denise and Jackie for setting the tables, Thanks Tim for bartending.

### Upcoming:

- Friday May 10th General Meeting, doors open at 5:30 meeting starts at 7.
- Friday May 17th Bingo , doors open at 5:30 Game starts at 7.
- Wednesday May 29th Legion Member Potluck doors open at 5:00 dinner at 6:00
- 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 Trustees of the Gillies Bay Improvement District would like to thank Chuck Childress for his past 5 years of service and leadership to the Community of Gillies Bay. We would also like to welcome our newest Board member Lisa Alcos. The next meeting of the Gillies Bay Board of Trustees is May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

Theresa Beech  
Corporate Officer,  
Gillies Bay Improvement District  
5073 Gillies Bay Road, Gillies Bay, BC.  
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604-486-7757  
www.gillies-bay.ca



**TACT 2024 AGM**

Thurs, May 30 th 6 pm, Texada Seniors Centre  
(beside Library)

Texada Arts, Culture & Tourism Society supports most of the summer events on the Island, the Texada Ceramics and Sculpture Studio, and Texada Aerospace Hangar, as well as sponsoring special cultural events. We also support Texada's tourism industry, through our website and through on- and off-island marketing. Positions of President, Treasurer and several Directors will be filled at this AGM. We are looking in particular for someone with marketing/computer graphics skills. We encourage you to become involved in your community - Come on out and become a part of this worthwhile organization!

(Refreshments provided).

**YOUR ISLAND HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM  
INFORMATION CENTRE  
604-486-7711**



Hello Texada ,Beautiful Sunny Days Are Here. Our Patio Is Open Every 3rd Sunday Of Every Month Jayleen Stonehouse Is Hosting A Group Of Amazing Musicians. For Everyone To Come Play With ,4pm To 7pm ,In The Pub. We Have A Room To Rent Now, .Please Call For Rates. May 12th Sunday 9am MOTHERS DAY Breakfast, Noon MOTHERS DAY Brunch. 5pm to 9pm MOTHERS DAY Dinner . All Menus To Be Announced . Reservations Strongly Recommended. ,We Are Going To ,OPEN Friday, Saturday, & Sunday 9am to 9pm, Come Check The Fantastic Arts & Crafts Always New Stuff Coming In. Shop Local, Buy Beautiful. Every Day We Have A Special Thing Going On In The Bar Come Check It OUT..

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- ATM

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*Cymry, Evan, and Kaitlyn*

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# MUSEUM MUSINGS

## THANK-YOU PETE STILES!

The Texada Island Heritage Society will miss our knowledge-keeper, inspiration, story-teller and friend - Pete Stiles - as he moves to the mainland after 58 years on Texada.

Pete was born in Trail, BC in 1929, his father the Chief Engineer for Cominco. Pete's first summer job was digging ditches for the company but he was fired for leaving early. His supervisor was cautioned, "You can't fire him. His dad is the boss." He was re-hired but greater things awaited.

After high school Pete attended Royal Roads College, then achieved a BSc in Mining Engineering at UBC in 1951.

In 1958 Pete married Monica Brown whom he knew in Trail when they were in school together at age 8. Their partnership lasted 59 years.

Pete worked 5 years at Britannia Mines then in Calgary, Port McNeill and Zeballos where he ran the mine which shipped iron ore to Japan.

In 1966 Stan Beale, Sr. offered Pete a job on Texada at his Beale Quarries (later sold to Ideal Cement) and Pete became Quarry Engineer for the company and, later, manager.

Pete says that he appreciated the "good working conditions" and had a "fun time" there. Everyone knew everyone, with 3 generations of Texadans employed. "I really enjoyed it."

Pete's life on Texada was not all about work. His cheerful, positive personality attracted many friends. He was involved in several community groups such as Texaquatics Diving Club, Chamber of Commerce, Legion, Power Squadron, Boy Scouts, Van Anda TV Association and, to our benefit, the Texada Heritage Society in which he was a founding member, later serving as Treasurer.

In recent years Pete became the "guru" of our Wednesday morning museum work sessions, dispensing knowledge with humour and always ready with a story.

Pete says, "The people of Texada have been so good to me and I've tried to return it. I like people. They are the most important thing in our lives."

We wish Pete a bright future in his new home in Powell River and thank him for his years of dedication to the island and to our museum. We miss him already.

*Peter Lock Texada Island Heritage Society*



## TWIN

### MAY LUNCHEON

Thursday May 9, 2024 at the Texada Island Inn Pub.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon and the guest speaker at 1 p.m. Guest speaker TBA. To reserve, please phone Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday May 2, 2024. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation.

**MAY IS HAT MONTH - PLEASE WEAR YOUR CRAZIEST HAT!!!**

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 draw for a free lunch to be drawn in June. Good luck!!!



## R.C.M.P.

There has been a large number of motorists who have been caught speeding on Gillies Bay Rd between Shelter Point Rd and Airport Rd. A few drivers who have been pulled over told the RCMP they believed speed limit is 80 km/hr which it is not nor is it a valid excuse. There are multiple 50 km/hr traffic signs posted from the Shelter Point Rd connector all the way to Airport Rd and has always been so. Also, this is a residential area where locals walk and bike frequently. **WARNING:** If you are caught speeding in that zone you will be ticketed. Don't forget the Texada Kids Sports Club is every Monday evening and Youth Group drop in will still be taking place, but watch the Texada Facebook page for dates.

Buckle up and drive safe!  
Josh, Kevin and Pat

## 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](mailto:breanne@why-health.com)

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VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Hello Texada! Here are some notes on recent events:

Thank you, Austin Rycroft, for your years of service and we wish you the best in your future endeavors. We welcome Trevor Morrison as VAID's Operator-in-Training.

For water emergencies, phone Water Operator Marianne Segers at 604-315-1363

Most existing water connections were approved for a single-family residence only. To add more connections on your property, you need prior approval from VAID. Thanks to those who attended the AGM. Financial statement for 2023 are available on the website. Congratulations and thanks to Jane Waterman and Philip Tidd for continuing as Trustees.

WATER LINE REPAIRS: Plans are in place to repair Columbia leaks.

WATER RESTRICTIONS: Stage 1 started April 1<sup>st</sup>, Stage 2 begins May 15<sup>th</sup>. Stage 1 reduced lawn watering to once a week (one hour per area) with vehicle washing and pool filling only between 6pm and 10pm. Stage 2 further restricts lawn watering to the cooler hours with all other watering limited to one hour per area. More details are on our website: [vananda-id.ca/water-conservation-bylaw/](http://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 May 15<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm at the Fire Hall.

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

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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>

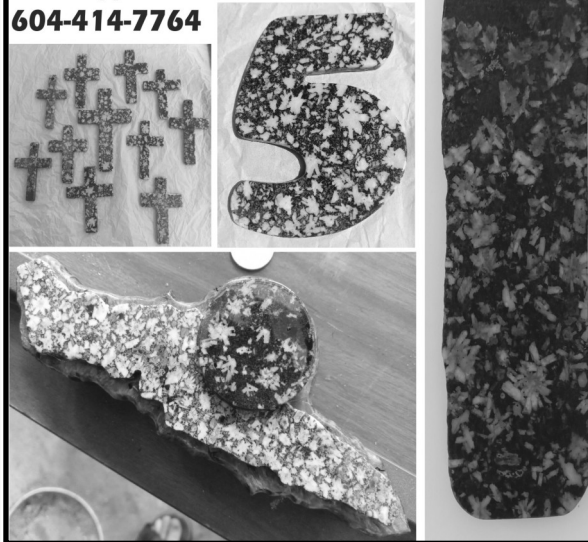
Bookings are available starting in May and will be offered every other Friday.

Please contact Heather at

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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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- William Ellery Channing

**Worship services:** Sundays services 10:30 a.m., with fellowship and coffee afterwards. Communion May 5, 2024. Everyone is always welcome at our table.

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

**Minister's Office Hours:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 p.m. There are no office hours from May 6- 20.

**Minister:** Rev. Gayle Chouinard, 604-414-730, [trollhollow123@gmail.com](mailto:trollhollow123@gmail.com)

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

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

**Facebook Page:** Texada Island United Church

**Texada Island United Church Mission Statement**

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



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12

Call in May 7 – pick up May 8  
Call in June 11 – pick up June 12

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**The Little Free Pantries are always available**  
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 contri-  
butions to the Food Bank please call Pauline Fleming at 604-  
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**The Little Free Pantries are always available  
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**Located at the Food Bank porch and  
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**Take what you Need, Leave what you Can**  
Texada Food Bank Thanks You!

Thank you to Rick and Lindy Jones for  
the grocery gift cards, much appreciated.  
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at the First Credit Union and to everyone  
for all the anonymous cash and food dona-  
tions that are dropped off at the Gillies Bay  
store, Texada Market and Credit Union, our  
only request is that all food donations be in-  
tact and not previously opened.

**Texada Market**  


- In store fresh cut meat.
- New items continuing to come weekly.
- Please come in and welcome Wendy Zant as our new Deli manager!
- We are your Liquor Agency store.
- Thank you for your continued support.

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**Sunday: Noon—5 p.m.**

**Monday—Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

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**ARTISTS GET TOGETHER**

Our next get-together is May 7th, 10 am - noon at 5235 Gillies Bay Road, George Griffiths' home and studio.

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.

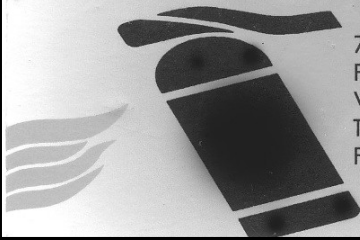


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AT THE VAN ANDA SERVICE STATION

### Texada Tai Chi

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



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hello everyone,

Spring has arrived at Texada school!  
Students have been busy with their  
rotations of ceramics (with the help of the Texada Ceramics  
group – thank you so much for your hard work and support!),  
gardening, and cooking. We are also planning for the coming  
school year!

In April, students wrote short letters in earnest advocating  
the changes they want to see at the school. With a few edits  
for clarity, here were some highlights. Please enjoy. More  
screen time and computer time was a big one. The most  
convincing is featured below:

“Students would feel much better if we could have  
more computer time. If we could have some computer  
time at the first recess then the teachers  
have more time to work, eat, and then [our Educational  
Assistant] has less kids to look after. Conclusion:  
It would make us really happy if you let us.”

Another advocated for some construction at the school –  
specifically to put in a parkour park at the school and a water  
fountain installed directly in the classroom. Respectively:

“We should put a parkour [gym in]. It will help [me]  
calm down. If we take out the stage wall then we  
can put in the parkour gym. It will be good for the  
school. That’s why we should have a parkour gym.”  
“I think we should put a fountain in our room. We  
should get one so we don’t have to walk all the way  
down the hall. It would save the wait for a sip of  
water. We could take out the sink and put in the  
fountain because it’s already all hooked up.”

Controversially, a student advocating for wanting more  
cursive lessons:

“This is why; because [we] could write letters and  
write faster. Everybody will write good cursive.  
Everybody will have fun with cursive. I wish [we  
could] have fun learning [with] cursive lessons!!!!”

Lastly, a student advocating for LONGER school days (that  
must be a good sign!):

“We should make longer days. If we have longer  
days, we will get smarter faster. Parents will get  
more time. I hope school days get longer.”

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we thank you,

Texada School



Powell River Public Library-  
May at a Glance!

See [prpl.ca](http://prpl.ca) for detailed listings, or email  
[info@prpl.ca](mailto:info@prpl.ca)

KIDS, [szagwyn@prpl.ca](mailto:szagwyn@prpl.ca)  
PRISMA for KIDS “Rhythmic Rangers”

Evergreen Theatre. Tuesday, June 25. Show starts at  
6:30pm.

Preschool Storytime

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

ASL Story Hour for Kids!

Children’s Reading Room. Monday, May 27, 3:30-4:30  
pm.

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](mailto: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: Love, Simon (2018, 110  
minutes, Rated 14A)

Community Room. Saturday, May 18, 1:15-3:35 pm.

Mega Crafty Arts Hangout for Youth

Library Teen Room. Thursday May 9, 4:00-5:00 pm

First Dibs. *Registration required.*

ADULTS, [mmerlino@prpl.ca](mailto:mmerlino@prpl.ca)

Photo Contest - The Seasons

*Life with Dave and Gail “Memories”*

First Credit Union Community Room. Friday, May 3,  
3:00-4:00 pm

Medicinal Plants of the qathet Region – Part 2

First Credit Union Community Room. Friday, May 3,  
7:00-8:00 pm

*Death Calls – A Coroner’s Memoir*

First Credit Union Community Room. Saturday May 11,  
2:00-3:00 pm

Poetry Circle

Community Room. Thursday, May 23, 4:30 – 6:00  
pm.

Write On

Via Zoom. Fridays 2:00 pm. *Registration required.*

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

My feelings are mixed regarding the qRD's 2024 operating budget and five-year capital plan. While I'm satisfied that our tax dollars are being spent according to Board policy and that the budget is as lean as possible, I'm not happy about the upcoming property tax increase. I'm also not happy that the significant one-time costs hitting the qRD this year have driven many new projects to the back burner for now.

In area D, the residential property tax rate per \$100,000 in assessed value for 2024 is \$204.89, up from \$181.31 last year. Mitigating this somewhat is the reduction in many property assessments. In 2023, the average residential property was valued at \$416,807, dropping to \$407,876 this year. If your home is assessed at \$400,000 your property taxes will be roughly four times the tax rate.

The biggest driver of the tax hike is the completion and start-up of the Resource Recovery Centre. Although I haven't supported this project, I admit it will be an important facility, consolidating solid waste for the region. It will include public greenspace and a "free store" for reusable goods. Another cost in 2024 is the expansion of office space to relieve cramped working conditions and meet new provincial accessibility requirements. Based on our population, Texada taxpayers pay about six per cent of region-wide expenditures.

In total, the operating budget is set at \$15.6 million while capital spending will be \$8.5 million in 2024.

On-island, the Board voted to keep the Shelter Point Park concession open and the successful bidder should be known soon. The tennis courts will be refinished, a new gate installed at the VA ball field, and re-surfacing is planned for Emily Lake Trail. Regionally, the FireSmart program will continue, as well as accessibility improvements to RD facilities.

In all, we pay for three different types of services. **Regional services** include parks, cemeteries, animal shelter, waste management and emergency management. **Shared services** include planning/development, paratransit, septage disposal and the PR Library, which provides funding for our Texada Library. **Area D services** are the Recreation Commission, Heritage Commission, airport, VA dock, Health Clinic and emergency road rescue.

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Applause & gratitude to the participants and volunteers that made our Spring Triple A Auction & High Tea a memorable success! The hot bidding between Barb & Dean was a highlight! A special thank you to Kerstin & crew for providing a delicious & classy tea. Thanks to the generosity of our community, this April event raised \$11,958. Combine that with the six week Fall Frolic Facebook auction before Christmas, we have raised an impressive \$16,651 with our auction events!

The Capital Campaign thermometer now reads \$195,450.

Both the qRD & Agricultural Land Commission representatives braved the mid-month BC Ferry excitement to do the site inspection. We will be providing them with more information as to what makes us so special. The ALC will likely review our case in June. Cross your fingers for us!

TINSHS AGM will be June 9th at the Legion 1pm. All are welcome.



## A Prospectors Tale

In the Spring of '82 I found myself high in the mountains north of Germanson Landing B.C. at a place called Moose Lake. In the morning, with the sound of chopper blades spinning, we were ready to depart our spartan camp to prospect an area known geologically to host precious metals, namely gold.

Two other geologists and myself took off on separate traverses to map and sample different locations. My area started on a treeless saddle dividing two separate valleys high in the mountains. As the chopper left me, I had one last look down the painted valley before I started my traverse down the other side.

That last look sent shivers up my spine as I could see a grizzly, at the gallop, charging up the draw towards me. What to do? No firearm, a pocket full of bear bangers and a rock hammer. I dropped my pack sack on the spot to distract the bear and headed off to my right towards a collapsed cliff of boxcar sized boulders thinking I could hide amongst them.

The grizzly was at my pack standing on his hind legs, its upturned nose sucking in the air trying to locate the owner's location.

Climbing over the massive boulders looking for a place to hide I spotted a crack, perhaps a cave, in the cliff face ahead. I reached the crack with the grizzly still in tracking pursuit standing and sniffing the air every so often. The crack measured about a foot and a half across and four feet deep pinching out behind me. Loose gravel debris spilled out at my feet as I pushed myself in as far as humanly possible. This was by no means a safe spot but the best I could find in the short time I had.

A few minutes passed and I could hear the grizzly's breath above me where the crack had pinched out at the cliff surface. My knees were knocking, heart pounding I could hardly stand and thinking what my family would say when they heard the news. Minutes passed, then an hour, I had no recollection of time before I had the courage to come out and look around.

As the sun was getting lower on the horizon I made the dash for my pack sack and ran as fast as possible down the mountain to the river below. Within minutes the sound of chopper blades in the air my rescue had come. That was the last job I ever did without packing protection. Nature has a way of setting your priorities in order. Cheers,  
Coyote



**MEDIA RELEASE**  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

**qathet Regional District will Test the Community Notification System on Wednesday, May 9 at 2:00 pm.**

**qathet, BC** – A routine test of the Community Notification System is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 2:00 pm. This test will ensure the System can deliver notifications and instructions to residents and visitors across the region in the event of an emergency. Each test message will clearly state, "This is only a TEST," and that no action is required.

Residents and visitors of the qathet region, Tla'amin Nation, and the City of Powell River are encouraged to sign up or log in to the Community Notification System and manage personal information before the test. For assistance with registration or questions about how the service, individuals can contact staff at 604-485-2260, or email [emergency@qathet.ca](mailto:emergency@qathet.ca). There is no fee to register, and you can do this online by visiting the qathet Regional Emergency Services website at [qathet.ca/emergency-preparedness](http://qathet.ca/emergency-preparedness).

The qathet Regional Emergency Preparedness Program emphasizes the importance of staying well-informed during emergencies. In times of crisis, timely and accurate information can mean the difference between safety and harm, making it imperative for individuals to remain updated and aware of unfolding events.

To assist information sharing with residents and visitors, the Program utilizes a mass notification tool known as the Community Notification System. This system enables emergency management personnel to promptly communicate potentially life-saving information, such as Evacuation Alerts and Orders, to registered individuals through various channels, including email, voice calls, and text messages.

**About the qathet Regional District:**

The qathet Regional District serves the rural areas from Lund to Skelhp (Saltery Bay), the City of Powell River, Texada Island, Savary Island, and Lasqueti Island. The qRD provides some services, through contract, to Tla'amin Nation. To learn more, please visit [qathet.ca](http://qathet.ca).

**CONTACT:**

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## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Greetings Everyone.

The Library Volunteers wish to thank Barbara McLean for her years of service to the library and the community. For the foreseeable future, she will be travelling to spend more time with her grandchildren.

Happy travels Barbara!

**\*\*\*Please Note: Effective Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Thursday shift will be abolished.**

Stop by the Library Table at the TICS Swap Meet on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and say hello to Irene Kyle. She will have a selection of books for sale by donation.

A big thank you to Dianne Marshall and an anonymous donor for their large donations of hard and soft cover books from authors, such as: John Grisham, David Baldacci, Sue Grafton, Debbie Macomber, and Sherryl Woods.

Sherryl Woods and Debbie Macomber write in the romance and romance suspense genre. Sue Grafton wrote her alphabetical Kinsey Millhone detective series. John Grisham and David Baldacci are historical, thriller and mystery writers.

In the next few months, I will be sharing with you a brief history of the library. It was compiled by Anne Carney from correspondence from 1974 to 1994 between Jean Fox, Doris Moncrieff and the Powell River District Libraries; Jean Fox and the Gillies Bay & District Community Association; Jessie Parsons, GBID Secretary and Ben Kaye, Powell River District Library; Heather Harbord, Powell River Public Library Association and Pat Barter, Texada Recreation Commission; conversations with Heather Stephen, Tom Read and others who pointed the way to the information sources; the Texada Island Heritage Society Archives, and the Texada Island (red book) by Bill Thompson.

We have so many new people on the Island, I thought that republishing this history might be beneficial.

*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\*\*\* 5 pm to 7 pm

Fri, Sat, Sun 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.

## Gillies Bay Internet Society

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or email **GBISoc@shaw.ca**

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April 20<sup>th</sup> Nature Kids had a blast at the Texada Home and Garden Centre Spring Celebration. Thank you to all who made it happen!

Thank to the Garden Centre and Terry-Lynn Andres and team for hosting and offering lunch and treats and full support for the event. Thank you Galen Muma (tie dye fun), Rolly Thorpe (mason bee home building) and Rhoda for the (pollinator crafting blitz). A huge gift to our community!

Texada NatureKids  
Lisa Levez-Bordeleau  
Carolanne White



**Beach Glass & Drift Wood Art**

Learn beach glass & driftwood crafting techniques with Sandy McCormick.



Sat., May, 11th,  
Longhouse Shelter Point



**Geocaching**

Join us to cache and find geocaches on Texada!



Sat., Jun., 8th, 11 am  
Big Loop Nature Trail



**Texada Arcosa Quarry Tour**



Find out how Texada Arcosa quarry processes quarry rock & limestone.

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



**GILLIES BAY FIRE DEPT. & VAN ANDA FIRE DEPT. & FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.**

A special Thank You to all the local businesses, volunteers and community members who contributed to making this years Firefighter Association Easter Egg Hunt a hopping success. We greatly appreciate your support in offering this wonderful event to our island families.

**Big thanks to:**

The First Credit Union, Lafarge Quarry, Arcosa Specialty materials, Zyrox Mining Co. Ltd., Texada Market  
Texada Home and Garden Centre, T.I.C.S, Gillies Bay General Store, Taws, Save On foods & Fresh Co

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

**Spring means burning bans**

We hope that those of you who attended the Texada Community Emergency Preparedness Fair on April 14<sup>th</sup> had an opportunity to get your questions answered. One topic that we heard repeatedly was people's concerns about the potential for wildfire when forecasts are for a hotter and drier summer. Your fire departments are doing what we can to prepare, but residents need to do their bit as well. Both communities will be implementing fire bans by at least May 15<sup>th</sup> (and if it continues to be hot and dry we may even have to impose the ban earlier).

What the fire ban means is no open burning between May 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> (and that date could be extended if needed) within in the Improvement District boundaries. Outside the Districts bans are imposed when required by BC Forestry. But authority to impose a fire ban inside the Districts rests with the Improvement District, and NOT the Provincial Government. The firefighters who attend an illegal fire are really not impressed by the excuse, "but the BC Wildfire website said it was OK to burn". The main difference between Van Anda and Gillies Bay is that Gillies Bay will continue to allow campfires until conditions become extreme. The reason for that is that with Shelter Point Campground allowing campfires it is hard to justify not allow residents to have a campfire on their own property. Just remember that the rules for a campfire are strict. No more than a half meter in height and in a contained area, a source of water on hand, and it must be attended at all times.

Last summer residents were very conscientious. We were only called out on a few occasions. Lets see if we can do even better this year.

# Garden Club Notes

Our next regular Garden Club meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15th, 2pm in the Senior's Center, Gillies Bay. Chris Bernard will be explaining the need for us to save our own seeds. As our climate changes our local seeds through natural selection change too! Do come and join in the conversation.

Mary Lock's engaging article this month reminds us there are lessons all around us.

## A Garden Is A Teacher

I think a garden is a great teacher and after 45 years as its student I can reflect upon the many values it has taught me.

Number one would have to be optimism. It is only with optimism that I keep embarking again and again upon the many tasks a garden requires.

The next would be faith. I plant the tiny seeds having faith that nature will work its miracle and create from almost nothing the beautiful vegetables and flowers I grow. I learn respect for the amazing power and resiliency of life.

A hard lesson learned is patience, to allow the time it takes the garden's creation to unfold inch by inch and that staring at the spinach patch every day will not make it sprout any faster.

A garden teaches diligence because it is only with the hard effort of turning, weeding, feeding, watering and caring that it will flourish.

I learn endurance as my knees and back ache when I weed and the hot sun beats down on my head.

When, despite my best efforts, my sprouting spinach is shaved off again by wood bugs or the drought has caused blossom end rot on my prized tomatoes, I must learn acceptance and perseverance to try again. I also learn humility and realize that I am not really the one in charge and that a garden will grow as it will or not.

A bountiful harvest promotes generosity and the joy of sharing what we have grown, but the most precious lesson my garden has taught me is a great feeling of gratitude, not just for the harvest, but for the sheer joy and privilege to be part of nature's amazing miracle.



## NAKED SOCCER ON THE BEACH

Not quite Hunter S. or Ken Kesey's Merry Pranksters, but a slightly less frenzied 'trip' through a time when hitchhik-

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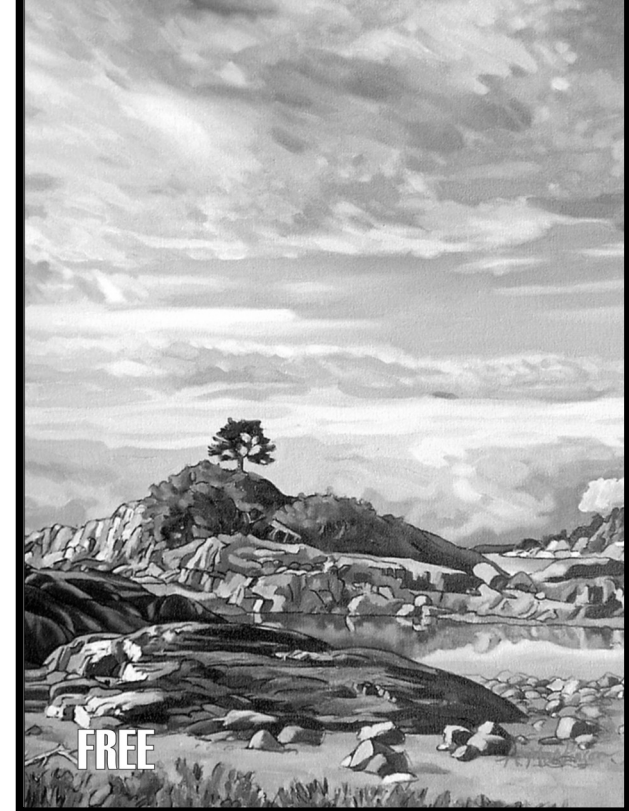
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