

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Farmers Mkt. Noon GB Ball Park	2 Firefighters BBQ 1-5	3 Artists Gathering Sr. Centre 12-2	4	5	6 BINGO Comm Hall 7 p.m.	7 Paint Out 10-1 Meditation 2-3 pm United Church
8 Farmers Mkt. Noon GB Ball Park	9 TICS Gen.Mtg. Legion 10:30 a.m.	10	11 Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm VAID Mtg. 1:30	12 TWIN Lunch Texada Inn Pub Noon	13 Community Lunch Noon Sr. Ctr	14 Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm Meditation 2 -3pm United Church Texada Church of Rock 5pm Senior Centre
15 Farmers Mkt. Noon GB Ball Pk. Mini-Fair	16	17 Food Bank Call In	18 Food Bank Pick Up	19	20 Legion Bingo 5:30pm <i>Express Lines Deadline</i>	21 Meditation 2-3 pm United Church
22	23	24	25 Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm Legion Potluck Doors Open 5:00 Comp.Workshop Sr. Ctr 1-4	26	27 Community Lunch Noon Sr. Ctr	28 Trans Station: 10 am - 4 pm Meditation 2-3 pm United Church Texada Church of Rock 5pm Senior Centre
29	30	31				

EVERY MONTH

MONDAY:

Tai Chi, Tennis Court @ 9:30 am
Fire Dept Practice GB & VA Fire Halls @ 6:30 pm

TUESDAY:

WEDNESDAY:

Tai Chi, - Tennis Court, 9:30 am,

THURSDAY:

Fun Darts, Texada Inn @ 7 pm

FRIDAY:

Karaoke—Texada 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 Island's Monthly Calendar September 2024

Texada Island Farmers Market

Hello one and all! Our farmers market season is fast approaching to an end.

The final market will be September 15th. On this day, we will have a mini Fall Fair. Come and check out the photo booth, pie eating contests (adult and youth), or better yet, enter the contest!



Bring that massive zucchini that got away from you and enter the weigh-in contest.

We are going country, so slap on your country gear and come on down.

Hope to see ya there, 12 - 2pm, Gillies Bay ball park.

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

Mini-Fall Fair!

Pie-Eating
Photo Booth
Zucchini Weigh-ins
... and more!

Texada Paint Out 2024

Calling all **professional & hobbyist artists!**

Join us for the
Texada Paint Out 2024
Saturday, September 7, 2024
Shelter Point Park
10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Open to the public & entirely FREE for both Painters & Observers.

Calling all **professional and hobbyist artists!** You're invited to capture the stunning scenery of Texada Island at Shelter Point Park.

This event is open to the public, so feel free to come and observe the outdoor painters in action.

Texada Paint Out 2024 is proud to be part of the International Plein Air Painters Worldwide Paint Out.

Artists can download registration forms at <https://texada.org/paint-out/>

An **exhibition** of the painted works will take place on Saturday, September 14th at Texada Island Inn—details to be announced later.

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





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 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.
- 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 and mail to **P.O. Box 249, Van Anda, B.C., V0N 3K0.**

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

Currently, there is a greater need for funds for our Cancer Support Group and we 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 funds available for those on Texada who are needing additional financial support, while being treated for 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 FERRIES

TEXADA ISLAND TO POWELL RIVER			
Monday to Friday		Saturday & 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
*Last 1:00 Sailing Sept. 2		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 Sallery Bay	Leave Earls Cove
5:35 am*	6:30 am*
7:25 am	8:20 am
9:25 am	10:35 am
11:45 am	12:55 pm
2:30 pm	3:40 pm
4:55 pm	6:00 pm
7:05 pm	8:05 pm
9:00 pm	10:00 pm
<i>*Daily except Sunday</i>	

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

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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

Recycling Stations Hours

Van Anda: Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm	Gillies Bay: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm
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Commuter Bus Thursdays

To reserve a seat:
Phone Wednesday before 3 pm
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Departs:
Gillies Bay Store at 8:25 am, and the
Van Anda Market at about 8:50 am.

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 Tuesday, September 3, 2024



Drive Slow In School Zones
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Texada Seniors Council
Community Lunch
Seniors Centre in Gillies Bay
Noon to 1p.m.

Friday, September 13 & Friday, 27 September

Homemade Soup * Sandwiches * Dessert * Tea * Coffee

\$10.00 per Person

The lunch is open to *all* residents of Texada, not just seniors. This a great time to socialize and meet people, especially any newcomers to the island. We look forward to seeing you there!

Volunteers needed for kitchen help. Please contact Joyce at: 778-318-3359,

For further information, please call Dale Rinehart, Seniors Council President at: **604-486-0050.**

To our ever-changing cavalcade of volunteers—Thank You!!

Community will start up again on Thursday, September 26, at the Seniors Centre at 1 p.m.



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F.SCOTT FITZGERALD

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232

Welcome back—hope everyone had an enjoyable summer.

...lest we forget.

Upcoming Events

Next General Meeting

Friday, September 13.
Doors Open 5:30,
Meeting Starts at 7:00
Summer Dress is Still in Effect

Celebration of Life

Saturday, September 13,
Pete Stiles Sr.
Time to be Determined
Full Uniforms Required

Bingo

Friday, September 20th
Doors open at 5:30
Game starts at 7p.m.

Potluck

Wednesday, September 25
Doors open at 5:00
Dinner at 6:00
Bring your favorite
dish and utensils

Everyone Welcome!

Meat Draw

Saturday and Sunday
Doors Open at 3:30
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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, we offer limited transportation to appointments, assistance with grocery shopping, and basic lawn care. Some services have a sliding-scale fee based on household income. **Do you need help with light housekeeping?**

In preparation for next year's funding applications, we ask you to contact us so we can estimate demand if this service is offered on Texada. For information on costs, eligibility or to complete the required intake appointment, please call 604-485-4008 ext.101 or email betterathome@inclusionpr.ca.

We rely on volunteers!

If interested in volunteering, visit our website for the online application: <https://inclusionpr.ca/pages/volunteer> or call 604-485-4008 ext.

102 for Belinda Shelton, Community Program Assistant Manager.

We welcome a new Director this month for our seniors' & Home Share programs, Leni Goggins. Leni looks forward to serving our seniors programs.

Thank You!

Sonia Furstrand, Community Program Manager

ON TEXADA, we are urgently seeking a volunteer to assist a senior gentleman in your community with wood stacking in early September.



September tries its best to have us forget summer.



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

Hello Texada: September is upon us. Hopefully blue sunny days and cool nights. The Hotel will be closed Monday, September 2nd. **Enjoy The Day.**

Our **Arts & Gifts** are always changing— come In and take a look! Shop local and buy beautiful.

Raise The Rooms JAM is Sunday, September 15 at 4pm. Please join us for an amazing day of musical talent.—all are welcome to sing and play. **OPTIONS to support us** are: Buy A Tile For The Wall, Donate To The Credit Union R.T.R., account, or, we will need product, such as, dry wall, paint, etc.. We Can Do This!..... Please Call For Room Availability.

Karaoke is every Friday, 7pm and the Bar is Now Open Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3pm to closing. **Patios** are Open Food is Amazing, Beer Is Cold Flowers Are Blooming Friends Are Gathering,

- Full Lotto Center
- Gift Certificates
- Bagged Ice
- Island Information
- T- Shirts, Vests & Hoodies
- Local Art
- Ice Cream
- ATM

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

Bar Hours	Restaurant Hours
Mon - Thurs 3 p.m. - closing	Mon-Thurs 11 am—7 pm
Fri-Sat-Sun: Noon to Closing	Fri-Sat-Sun 9 am—9 pm

Raise the Rooms JAM for Texada Island Inn is September 15th, Sunday at 4pm. Please join us for amazing Musical Talent! All are welcome to sing and play!

Texada Island Inn Pub's Raise the Rooms Jam 4pm - 7pm

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

2024 SCHEDULE

September 15 * October 20 * November 17 * December 15

MUSEUM MUSINGS

Texada Farmer's Market—A History

The Sunday Farmers' Market has been a popular community activity for over 30 years.

It all started in 1991 when Dave Murphy and Lorraine Davies decided to sell their farm produce from the back of their truck at Van Anda's Centennial Service gas station.

Others were inspired by the concept and within two weeks they were joined by Amanda Martinson and Michael Poitras (selling fancy bread, cakes and cookies) and Neal Berger (offering jewellery and Nepalese clothing).

The idea caught fire! By the end of the second year more vendors had joined and Edward Campfire (Jamie Nuotio) entertained with his original songs.

"It became a huge Sunday social event and a lot of fun," said Dave.

The market soon outgrew the gas station asphalt and, in its third year, the Regional District gave permission for it to set up at its present home - the Gillies Bay ballpark.

Plans were hatched to build a permanent structure. Marv Nyl designed and organized the project and Blubber Bay quarry supplied materials. Community volunteer work parties labored and the present buildings were completed in 1998.

After Dave, a series of managers took over. Collecting the one dollar vendors' fee was Sheila Schippling, although a few chose to

set up their tables for free in the "outlaw zone" just beyond the park.

As well as multiple offerings of baking, vegetables, preserves, soaps, arts and crafts and so much more, the Farmers' Market provided a wonderful summer/fall social event.

Adding to the fun, Dawn Hughes (manager since 2016) has also organized special contests to celebrate autumn : pie-eating, donut chews, pumpkin (now zucchini) weigh-ins (largest pumpkin? 660lb!), scarecrow making and exciting slug races.

The market's mini "Fall Fair" also featured a "photo booth" with a backdrop of corn stalks and bales of hay.

Dawn feels that the market over the years has become even more of an important island social connection.

"We're very proud of it," she said.

The Sunday Farmers' Market continues today bigger and better than ever! It is one more example, seen throughout Texada's history, of what can result when a great idea is combined with enthusiastic community support.

Peter Lock
Texada Island
Heritage Society



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 (TAG) and use the Hub. Life membership in TAG costs a one-time fee of \$10 for individuals or \$15 for a household with two adults.

For a nominal usage fee, Hub members can use the kitchen for stocking up a personal household food supply and for making commercial food products (but not for catering).

If you are already a TAG member and would like to schedule time at the Hub, please contact Breanne Percy by email at: breanne@why-health.com

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



THE RETREAT
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September at the gallery

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1:00 to 4:30pm

closed Monday to Wednesday

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GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Coastal Health administers the Drinking Water Protection Act by monitoring our water supply. They issue three types of public advisories: Water Quality Advisory, Boil Water Notice, Do Not Use Water Notice.

Since September 2023, GBID has been under a permanent Water Quality Advisory, which will continue until our water processing is brought up to the required standards.

Quoting from the advisory: "A water quality advisory means the risk is low, and only some customers are advised to take extra precautions when ingesting the water. Individuals with very weak immune systems are advised to take extra precautions. These can include the young, elderly, immunocompromised, and pregnant."

There are two options for those wishing to further minimize their risk:

1. Customers may bring water intended for

drinking, washing fruits or vegetables, making beverages or ice and brushing teeth to a full boil for one minute.

2. Customers may install a point of use or point of entry treatment device at their individual home for potable water use. A small water systems professional can provide advice on what type of unit will be suitable for your home. Alternatively, individuals may choose to use a different potable water source, such as bottled water, for these purposes."

In addition, from time to time, we are under a boil water notice. For our water from Cranby Lake, these are mostly due to turbidity issues which occur mostly during the summer. The good news is that we have abundant water.

Roger Kimmerly
GBID, Board Chair

Word Search

Find the vegetable words kids. (and/or adults)

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- CUCUMBER
- EGGPLANT
- KOHLRABI
- LETTUCE
- ONION
- PARSNIP
- PEAS
- POTATO
- RADISH
- RUTABAGA
- SPINACH
- SQUASH

VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Hello Texada! Here are some notes on recent events:

Water Quality: The recent Boil Water Notice was needed when one sample from Van Anda had a Coliform count of two. Vancouver Coastal Health requires two subsequent samples that pass the test (0 Coliforms) before lifting the Boil Water Notice. There was already a Water Quality Advisory active, as the secondary disinfection Ultraviolet Treatment is not fully effective yet. This is still in place as we solve treatment plant issues. More information on Notices and Advisories at vananda-id.ca/water-quality-notices/

Text Notification System: We are setting a system for notification by text. If you know of anyone who would like to be texted when there are water issues, please let us know. In the meantime, be notified immediately by email for outages and other events at vananda-id.ca/subscribe/

Evening Meeting? We have heard that some residents would attend Board meetings, if they were held in the evening rather than the afternoon. Please let us know if you would attend an evening meeting or information session.

Next Meeting: The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th at 1:30 p.m.

Firefighters Still Needed! No experience necessary. Training, gear, and on-duty insurance coverage provided. Many practices and training events are held together with Gillies Bay, as Texada's two Fire Districts continue to work together. Contact Fire Chief Mark Robert for more information at 604-414-9662, or email firechief@vananda.ca

Contact Information: Please let us know your concerns directly! contact@vananda-id.ca – 604.486.7035 – vananda-id.ca

Water Emergency:
Water Operator, Marianne Segers
1-604-315-1363

CONTRACTORS

Contact the office if you have the necessary equipment and would like to be considered for contract work for Van Anda's water system.

Email contact@vananda-id.ca, or phone 604-486-7035

"September tries its best to have us forget summer."

Bernard Williams

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This month the annual Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conference takes place for local government elected officials from throughout BC. I'll be attending along with the rest of the qRD board.

In the year leading up to the convention, municipalities and regional districts put forward motions for consideration by the province-wide assembly. Typically, these are about provincial issues which call on the government to address. Such requests generally have more clout when coming from the association representing all local governments than they do coming from a single council or board.

This year the qRD is putting forward motions I initiated regarding two issues which originated on Texada.

One motion follows up regarding concerns "daylighted" with the **Texada Drainage Study** from earlier this year. That study revealed the poor state of culverts under our roads and the motion reads:

WHEREAS the public relies on MOTI-managed culverts to ensure road safety and mitigate risk, and WHEREAS many failing and clogged culverts present a future flooding risk, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **UBCM ask MOTI to provide funding to restore culverts along MOTI-managed roads.**

The second issue is related to housing. It originated from the on-going work of our **TI Non-profit Seniors Housing Society**

(**TINSHS**) to create affordable seniors housing on the island. In a municipality, non-profit societies like this which create non-market housing qualify for a major tax break which is not available to unincorporated areas. That tax break comes in the form of permissive tax exemptions on the property taxes which would be billed, **potentially worth thousands of dollars per year.** The qRD motion asks UBCM to urge the province to amend the Local Government Act **to expand RDs' authority to include granting permissive tax exemptions to not-for-profit societies for non-market housing (ie-TINSHS).**

Hopefully both motions will pass, but this year we all have an added opportunity to lobby Victoria for things we want. That opportunity is the campaign leading up to the Oct. 19 provincial election. **Speak up about issues which matter to you and ask candidates and their parties what they will do to address these issues.**

Finally, thanks to those who submitted informal feedback re dogs at large. Opinions were mixed (they always are!), with a majority supporting regulations to bolster public safety. The bottom line is this: **Owners must accept responsibility for their dogs.** If all owners do this, both humans and animals can stay safe.

Sandy McCormick,
electoral area D director
sandynleeti@gmail.com
604-414-3525

Texada Island Non-profit Seniors Housing Society

TINSHS Receives \$25,000 Grant

TINSHS is thrilled to announce that we have received a generous grant of \$25,000 from the qRD through the Grants-In-Aid program.

Our appreciation extends beyond the Board to the entire community, including the City of Powell River, the shíshálh Nation Government District, and the five Electoral Areas of the qathet Regional District.

Cathy Brown, President, and Pam Kenney, V/P, have accepted an invitation from the Texada Seniors Council to be guest

speakers at the *Friday Community Lunch*, Friday, September 13th. They will update attendees on the TINSHS senior's housing project.

TINSHS will be hosting estate planning and legacy giving sessions this fall in collaboration with the Texada Health Services Society and the First Credit Union. Dates are to be announced.

Website: texadaseniorshousing.ca
Email: info@texadaseniorshousing.ca
Phone us at: 604-486-6766



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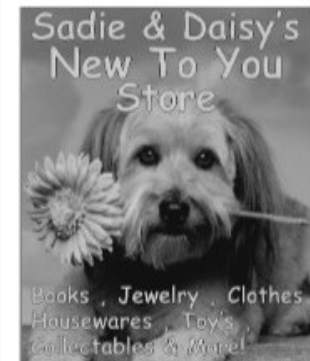
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For information, call Naomi: 604-910-2170



TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH



The grace of God means something like: "Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are, because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you." Frederick Buechner

Worship Services: Sundays services begin at 10:30 a.m., with fellowship & coffee afterwards. Communion September 1, 2024. Everyone is always welcome at our table.

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

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

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

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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Dances are held at the Texada Community Hall, or outdoors, depending on the weather.

Rock Your Body is taking a break September and October.

Keep Dancing!

Please follow the **Rock Your Body** Texada Facebook group for updates on the fall schedule!

“HAPPILY WE BASK IN THIS WARM SEPTEMBER SUN, WHICH ILLUMINATES ALL CREATURES.”
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Texada Food Bank

Texada Food Bank is offered on the **Second Wednesday of the month ONLY.**

Call on the second Tuesday between 10am and 3pm.

Pick up on the second Wednesday between 11 and 12.

Call in September 10—pick up September 11

Call in October 7—pick up October 9

(604) 483-1219

Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made at the First Credit Union or by mail to:

PO Box 233, Van Anda, B.C. V0N 3K0

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

Volunteers are needed for the Food Bank.

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

Texada Food Bank Thanks You!

We are very thankful to everyone who 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.**

An Old Sandcastle Story

Once upon a time, ball games used to be a big part of Sandcastle. This was how the Sandcastle committee was able to get a beer garden licence.

We would have an entire weekend of ball games to play, watch, cheer and laugh. We played the "original" slow pitch, which had quite unique rules and used a 13" ball that was pitched lofted into the air.

Women and men played on the same team. Our team "Texada A535" ran the tournament every year and teams came from all over, although many were former Texada residents.

Besides our team, Peter and Monica Stiles had a team

called "Monica's Mavericks" that was mainly made up of their family and some Texada residents.

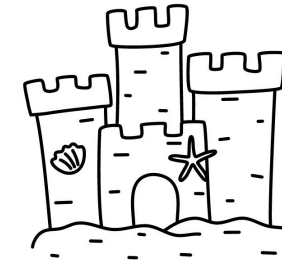
We had sooooo much fun and friendly rivalry and at the end of the weekend we gave out the big winner trophy to the top team. "The horse's butt" trophy went to the lowest team. There were various other fun prizes for certain plays during the tournament.

You try catching or throwing that big ball and you will realize how we could have funny moments. It evened out the good

players and the mediocre players.

Sure miss those games!

Linn Rairie



Computer Basics Workshop

Do you have a computer or cell phone?
Do you have questions about it that you can't find answers to?

Or do you want to learn some basic skills to keep them running smoothly?

Join me, **Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at the Seniors Centre, 1-4 p.m.** for a workshop to cover your computer questions.

Workshop topics that we can go over together are:

- Troubleshooting
- Initial Computer Setup
- PC Performance Improvements
- Software Installation * PC Cleanup
- Software Updates System-Wide
- Password Management

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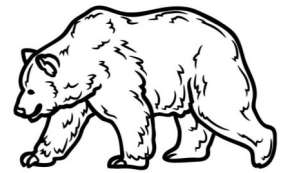
An injured driller was flown out from camp to Whitehorse in the Fall of 88. Prism Resource's drilling program could not end without more critically needed drill core results on their high grade silver and gold claim. So started my late season's working in the Yukon once again. And once again, what was in store for me still gives me chills and respect for the wilds that inhabit the North.

The drilling platform was located on the side of colourful treeless mountain. Helmut, the German driller, and I would hike up a path to the top of a knoll where all the drill equipment had been chopped in for our use. Drill rods, pumps, hose, core boxes, fuel, drill mud and rod grease lay scattered about. It was also where we would meet the chopper for the crew shift change.

Helmut was a big no nonsense guy with hands as big as oven mitts and easy to get along with if you took the job serious. One morning, after our 12 hour night shift, while waiting for the chopper to arrive on the knoll, we noticed that a bear had gotten into the rod grease bucket and ate the whole container, almost 2 gallons. You could follow the grizzlies path out by the piles of grease poop he left behind and down his trail. "He won't be back", we said, as we waited for the chopper to arrive.

No sooner had the words left our mouths when we could see the grizzly returning up the hill. I'll never forget that growling... a growl so deep and menacing you could

feel it in your gut. The hair on my arms standing up, I was frozen. Helmut ran to the drill rods picked one up and held it straight out to keep the grizzly at a distance. I made my way up behind Helmut as the grizzly circled us pawing at the drill rod ready to pounce. He was huge, muscular, growling and angry. I guess the rod grease didn't agree with him as he was definitely pissed. My fear was at any moment he could have us... easily.



Time seemed to pass slowly... we knew the grizzly was ready to lunge, just then we heard the whop, whop, whop of our chopper coming. The grizzly heard it too and down the mountain it ran as the chopper buzzed close over our heads seeing our dilemma. Never was a chopper more welcomed. We both collapsed on the spot. The chopper had come in the nick of time.

I've had a number of close calls in my life with black bears, wolverines, charging moose and grizzlies but this one... I won't easily forget.

Cheers,

Coyote





Powell River Public Library September at a Glance!

It's year three of PRPL's Writer in Residence (WIR) Program. This year the WIR is award-winning writer Robin Stevenson. For more details go to prpl.ca or email wir@prpl.ca

WIR 2024 wir@prpl.ca

WIR 2024 Meet Robin Stevenson
Community Room. Sat. Sept. 14, 2 pm
Meet PRPL's new Writer in Residence!

WIR 2024 Kid Lit 101
Community Room. Tues. Sept. 17, 1:30 pm
Kid lit to YA and an overview of publishers' expectations.

WIR 2024 Writing Support and Manuscript Review
Rotary Makerspace. Thursdays 1:00-3:00 pm;
Saturdays 11:00-1:00 pm. Starting Sat., Sept. 21
Meet one-on-one with Robin Stevenson. For more information contact wir@prpl.ca

WIR 2024 Story Seeds
Community Room. Sat. Sept. 28, 2 pm
A workshop focusing on possible entry points for new stories.

WIR 2024 Writers' Café
Community Room. Fridays, 3 pm.
Starting Sept., 27. A weekly drop-in writing session with Robin Stevenson.

KIDS szagwyn@prpl.ca
Preschool Storytime
Children's Reading Room. Wednesdays &
Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am. Library Storytime.
Drop-in.

Tinker Trunk
Makerspace, Tues. & Thurs., 3:30-4:30 pm.
From September 10
Kids 8-12, choose-your-own-tech-adventure. Drop-in.

After School Prime Time
Community Room, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm.
Starts September 11.
Primary grades K+ connect & play. Drop-in.

Drawn Together
Room A, Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm. From September 12. Kids draw at the library. Drop-in.

TEENS, edgar@prpl.ca
Young Writers Group
Meeting Room B. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm.
Starting September 13.—Ages 10+. Drop-in.

First Dibs
Review books for volunteer credit.
Registration required.

ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca
There is Still Survival Out There
Community Room. Friday September 6, 7 pm
Michael Robinson presents his study of land use mapping.

Building Tomorrow
Community Room. Friday September 13, 7pm
Author Paddy Le Fluffy presents his book about sustainable economics.

Food as Medicine and Perimenopause
Community Room. Friday September 20, 7 pm
Todd Caldecott delves into menopausal complexities.

Wildlife Congregations A Year by the Salish Sea
Community Room. Saturday September 21, 2 pm
Laurel Dykstra presents her new book.

Author Talk Kim Spencer
Community Room. Thursday, Sept. 26, 4:30 pm
Award-winning author of *Weird Rules to Follow*.
Contact edgar@prpl.ca.

Write On
Via Zoom. Fridays 2 pm.
Writing group. Registration required.
Contact edgar@prpl.ca.

TWIN SEPTEMBER MEETING

Next TWIN Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Texada Island Inn Pub

Doors Open at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch is at Noon

Guest Speaker at 1 p.m.

Barb Egglestone
Financial Planning

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604-414-7312

No later than the first Thursday of the month

TWIN SCHOLARSHIP

The **Texada Women's Island Network** is pleased to offer a **\$250** scholarship to a resident Texada Island woman, who is a mature, returning student.

Please apply for this scholarship by submitting a letter stating your future plans to:

Linn Rairie,
Box 184, Van Anda, B.C. V0N 3K0.

**Deadline for submissions
is September 15, 2024.**

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

If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation.

Lunch menu will be announced on the Texada Island Message Board

Please bring non-perishable food items for The Food Bank.

Members not wearing name tags will be fined a loonie. If you are wearing your name tag, you will automatically be entered into a free lunch to be drawn next June. **Good Luck!**

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Garden Club Notes

Our in-person meetings are starting again this October. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Gillies Bay Senior Center from 2 - 4pm. Membership is \$10.

The Garden Club get many interesting guest speakers, who share their excellent local knowledge, as well as receive a 10% discount at many garden stores on plants, including our very own Texada Homes and Garden Centre.

This last May, Chris Bernard presented "A Seed-Saving Guide for Texada Gardens". Here is a summary from that meeting of why we should save our local seeds. (Chris did cover how to choose, harvest, save, preserve seeds and to document, but here isn't room for all that in this article.)

There are two main reasons for saving seeds:

1. To perpetuate seed varieties that are acclimated to our particular environment. Within a generation or two our vegetables and fruits adapt themselves to our environment. Characteristics like water, temperatures, soil, etc., are transmitted through the

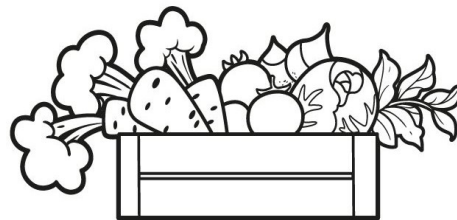
plants adapting with new attributes to their seeds. This produces vegetables more acclimatized, resistant, resilient and more autonomous.

2. To become more autonomous in providing our own seeds and not dependent on expensive and often inappropriate varieties

In the bigger picture, seed saving helps preserve heirloom varieties that germinate true genetically. It promotes genetic diversity in our food production, mitigating current dangers in planting monocultures, just growing one crop. It ensures having our own favourite seed varieties, avoiding a supply and demand economy situation. Seed-saving is cost-effective, often costless. Most important, seed-saving opens up a whole world of seed trading, seed sharing, and seed preservation and conservation

It's interesting to note that about half the vegetable varieties being grown today by amateur gardeners have no commercial sources. They are being conserved by us!

Saving seeds is essential to the cultivation of sustainable heirloom gardens and healthy living. It is also essential to the autonomy of our Island's sustainable agriculture and a mitigating factor against possible global crop and seed failure due to climate change or economic decline




Texada Church On The Rock
 Services held every Second and Last Saturday of the month starting at 5:00pm
 At "The Old School"
 5079 Gillies Bay Rd
 Everyone is welcome

TCOTR

Artists Get Together

It is hard to believe the summer is almost over and it is time the Texada Artists' Get Together returns to the Seniors Room in the old school building in Gillies Bay.

For this month we have a new time. Please note it is noon until 2pm on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Bring your beverage of choice and we'll see you there.



Mary Mary c a f e



HALLOWEEN Dance

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Watch October's Express Lines for more information.

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Mon, Tues, Wed.....8 am—3 pm.
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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Greetings Everyone.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our book sale. We took in just over \$2,000.00.

Welcome to our new volunteer Anne Robertson.

Prior to the Book Sale, we received boxes of books that could not be used in the collection, or the book sale. Please check your boxes for water damage, personal items and books for mould and stains.

History of the Texada Island Library *(continued from August Express Lines)*

At some point this amount became the cost of the annual lease. The note also stated that the statistics for the Texada Library were very low as most Texada residents borrowed from the Powell River Library.

In 2007 the library volunteers began a plan to have the outdoor carport space adjacent to the back door of the library closed in and attached to the existing room. The Regional District approved the plan and work began mid-July 2008.

The Texada Island Library is a volunteer staffed community service located in the Gillies Bay Old School. Phone 604-486-6728, during open hours.

Library Open Hours:

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

For more information about the library, or about becoming a volunteer, please phone: Charlotte Dawe, Library Coordinator, at 604-486-7440.



The construction was completed in mid-October of the same year.

The library continued to operate as normal during the renovation.

The volunteers built and painted new shelving for the space; books were rearranged and shelved to give us the space that we enjoy today.

The library now has an area of about 770 sq.ft. It houses a collection of 4500 plus books and 1600 plus DVDs with a few magazines and CDs.

In the lease signed December 2016 the annual rent of the library room is noted to be \$1,050.00, unchanged from 1994.

The names may have changed since the letter of support by the Powell River District Libraries in 1975, but the Powell River Public Library continues to give us "any support and assistance possible" without The Texada Library sacrificing its uniqueness.

Gillies Bay Internet Society

For Wireless Internet from Spragge Road to Shelter Point and up to Bell Road.

Call **1-855-767-4247**
or email **GBISoc@shaw.ca**
www.gilliesbay.ca/wireless

Texada Island Thrift Shop

It has been so hot that we haven't had as many customers, but we still have lots of great stuff!

Fans (maybe handheld?), hats, flippers, masks, umbrellas (great for shade, as well as rain.). Books, books, books for your summer reading.

We haven't had regular Guiding lately, **but have given out our scholarship to Catherine Ferguson!** She spent a lot of years in Texada Guiding. Congratulations Cat!!! Good

luck in your future.

If you are willing to help out at the Thrift Shop, we need rag cutters! Please volunteer—may be done at the Thrift Shop during open hours, or at your own home. We sell cut rags to Imperial, Raw Select and anyone else who needs some. Only \$10 per bag. We have lots to cut and need to catch up.

If you can volunteer to cut rags, or help out part-time at the shop, please call Linn at 604-223-0113.



Texada Island Community Society

It looks like Fall is coming quickly, and so is the 1st TICS Bingo of the Fall Season, on Friday, September 6, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Texada Community Hall in Gillies Bay.

Two days later is the September TICS General Meeting, held in the Texada Legion at 10:30am on Monday, September 09, 2024.

The Express Lines has gone through some changes. Please make sure you send your stories, articles and ads to our email ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com

The Editor has recently changed, so email is our only point of contact.

If you are new to the Island and want to be involved, please come, and join us.

Please start thinking about ideas, you can share and we can discuss!

See you there!

TICS President

Lafarge Donates Delineators

Twenty delineators were donated by Lafarge for the community to use for events.

On behalf of the community, TICS thanks Leanne Rycroft and Lafarge for the generous donation.

TICS will be managing the delineators, so please contact TICS via their email at: ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com, if your organization would like to use them.

Circle of Light Meditation

Beginning September 7, 2024, meditations will be **each** Saturday, 2-3 pm
Meet at Texada United Church.

The first Saturday will be a guided meditation & the following Saturdays will be silent meditations.
All Welcome!

COLOUR THE FOREST

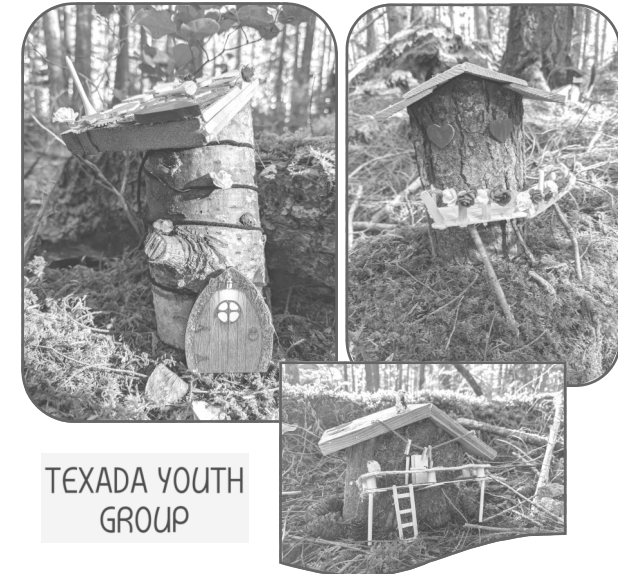


Texada Youth Group

Texada youth group has been having a blast over the summer—helping out the gnome community with their rebuild. Also enjoyed pizzas parties and farm visits!

Youth from 10-18 are welcome. Activities are based on the ideas of the attendees.

If you want to join us or volunteer, please contact Becca or Courtney at texadayouth@gmail.com or 604-765-5218.



TEXADA YOUTH GROUP

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TEXADA YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER LOCATION @ THE OLD SCHOOL, GILLIES BAY

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY 4.45-6.30PM

Ages 10 and up

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SMILING COMMUNITY DENTAL HYGIENE

Fall note from Smiling Community Dental Hygiene:

Thank you for your continued interest and support with this work. We have updated the online scheduler to Jane App. The new access site to book your appointment is smilingcommunity.janeapp.com, which should be easier to navigate.

You can also reach out to: smilingcommunity@outlook.com, if you have any questions.

Treatment takes place at the Texada Medical Clinic. Cost for treatment ranges between \$120-\$160. Insurance is accepted. Payment by etransfer, cash, or cheques.

I look forward to seeing you!