

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Transit STN. 10—4 pm	2	3	4
5 WIZARD TOURNEY PUB—NOON	6 TICS MTG LEGION 10:30	7 Food Bank Call In 10-3	8 Food Bank Pick Up,11-12	9 TWIN Luncheon PUB—Noon	10 Community Lunch SRS.CTR.-Noon Legion Meeting Doors, 5:30pm Starts at 7 pm	11 Transit STN. 10—4 pm
12	13 Thanksgiving 	14 GBID Mtg, Water GB FireHall, 11 am	15 Transit STN. 10—4 pm VAID Mtg. Firehall, 1:30 pm Garden Club SR.Ctr, 2 pm GBID Mtg. Finance/Governance GB FireHall, 4:30 pm	16 TIRC Mtg. V—Firehall 4 pm	17 Legion Bingo Doors at 5:30 pm Game at 7 pm	18 TINSHS Road Rally Hall -9:30 am Writer Reading GB Senior Ctr 3-4
19 Texada Inn Raise the Rooms— 3 pm -7 pm	20 Express Lines Deadline	21 Schnitzel Dinner at the Legion, Doors @ 3:30 pm GBID Mtg., Trustee FireHall 4:30 pm	22	23	24 Community Lunch SR. Ctr. Noon MOVIE NIGHT H&G—7:30 pm	25 Transit STN. 10—4 pm TCOTR Senior Center 5:00 pm
26	27	28	29 Legion Potluck Doors-5 pm Dinner—6pm	30 Community Bingo Sr. Ctr.—1 pm	31 	**TCOTR— Texada Church On The Rock**

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY:

TAI CHI , GB Hall @ 9:30 am
Fire Dept Practice GB & VA Fire Halls @ 6:30 pm
3-Ball Pool—Texada Inn @ 7pm

TUESDAY:

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS, Senior Centre @ 9:30AM
SANDPIPER'S PLAYCENTRE, GB Old School 10-1
Free Pool & Shuffleboard—Legion, Doors @ 3:30
Pickleball—Texada School @ 6 pm

WEDNESDAY:

TAI CHI , GB Hall @ 9:30 am
Texada Museum, by Texada School @ 10-Noon
Scrabble at the Legion @ 1:30 pm

THURSDAY:

Pickleball—Texada School @ 6 pm
Fun Darts, Texada Inn @ 7 pm

FRIDAY:

Karaoke—Texada Inn @ 8pm

SATURDAY:

TAI CHI , GB Hall @ 9:30 am
Pickleball—Texada School @ 10 am
Circle of Light Meditation @ 2 pm
Meat Draw, Legion @ 3:30 pm

SUNDAY:

Church Services, United Church @ 10:30 am
Trivia Meat Draw, Legion @ 3:30 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church @ 6:30 pm



TEXADA ISLAND EXPRESS LINES

October 2025

HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT
TEXADA HOME & GARDEN
FEATURES
"HOCUS POCUS"
OCTOBER 24TH, 7:30 PM
AT THE GARDEN CENTRE
BRING CHAIRS
BRING BLANKETS
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2025
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Gillies Bay Seniors Centre
Saturday, October 18th
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October Hours

Friday to Sunday, 1:00 to 4:30

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or by appointment

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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 no reply, please leave a message.

Emergencies: 911

Information
B.C. Health Hotline: 811

- 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.

Texada Breast Cancer Support



Need To Talk?

604-486-6744
604-414-3789

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

TEXADA HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY DONATIONS

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.

BC FERRIES

Always confirm times with BC Ferries at www.bcferries.com or, 1-888-223-3779

Texada to Powell River	Powell River to Texada
SEPT. 02—MAR. 31, 2026	
6:00 am	6:50 am
7:45 am	8:35 am
9:25 am	10:15 am
1150 pm	10:15 am **DG Weds.
3:00 pm	12:40 pm
3:00 pm **DG Weds.	1:15 pm
4:55 pm	3:55 pm
6:40 pm	5:50 pm
8:55 pm	7:30 pm
	9:45 pm
**DG—Dangerous Goods Sailings, Wednesday, No PASSENGERS PERMITTED	

Langdale to Horseshoe Bay	Horseshoe Bay to Langdale
Oct 15.—Dec. 17, 2025	
6:20 am	7:30 am
8:40 am	9:50 am
11:00 am	12:10 pm
1:15 pm	2:25 pm
3:35 pm	4:45 pm
5:55 pm	6:10 pm
7:20 pm	8:25 pm
9:35 pm	11:30 pm

Langdale to Horseshoe Bay	Horseshoe Bay to Langdale
Sept 22—Oct 14, 2025	
6:20 am	7:30 am
8:40 am	9:50 am
11:00 am	12:10 pm
1:15 pm	2:25 pm
3:35 pm	2:55 pm
4:10 pm	4:45 pm
5:55 pm	5:30 pm M-F
8:15 pm	7:05 pm
10:30 pm	9:25 pm
	11:30 pm
4:10 pm Not Available on Oct 12 Only on Oct 13.	10:25 am OCT 11 ONLY

Powell River To Comox	Comox To Powell River
7:55 am	6:00 am
12:00 pm	9:55 am
5:15 pm	3:15 pm
8:45 pm	7:10 pm

Saltery Bay to Earls Cove	Earls Cove to Saltery Bay
OCT 1 TO OCT 14, 2025	
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

If you want to drink; that's your business.
If you want to stop; that's ours.
Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** anytime.
604-414-9811, 604-486-7180, 604-414-5232.
Sundays: 6:30pm. at the United Church.



2:25 pm
Not Available on OCT 13
Only On Oct 12.

2:55 pm
Not Available on OCT 12
Only On Oct 13.

5:30 pm
Not Available on Oct 13.

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Tai Chi is a gentle art for mind, body and spirit.'

Texada TAI CHI

Monday, Wednesday & Saturday
9:30 am at the Gillies Bay Community Hall

Beginners meet Tuesdays at 9:30 am at Senior Centre

Saltery Bay to Earls Cove	Earls Cove to Saltery Bay
OCT 15 TO DEC 17, 2025	
5:35 am	6:30 am
7:25 am	8:20 am
9:25 am	10:35 am
11:45 am	12:55 am
2:15 pm	3:25 pm
4:35 pm	5:40 pm
6:45 pm	7:45 pm
8:40 pm	9:40 pm



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BC TRANSIT BUS—THURSDAYS:

To reserve a seat:
Phone Wed. before 3 pm at 604-483-2008
Departs: Gillies Bay Store-8:25 am, Van Anda Market at 8:55 am.
Departs: Town Center Mall at 3:25 pm
\$8 & \$2.25 for seniors (65+) per trip

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



TINSHS is expanding its capacity as we move toward opening new seniors housing on Texada.

Recording Secretary

Support our Board of Directors with meeting preparation, minute-taking, and organized record-keeping. Strong secretarial and computer skills required. Part-time, current role.

Housing Administrator

Key role in tenant services and building operations for our upcoming seniors housing project (anticipated 2027/28).
Expression of Interest, future role.

Property Caretaker

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Texada Island Recreation Commission

Meeting

Attend virtually via Zoom
or in person at the Firehall boardroom in Van Anda

Thursday October 16th 4:00pm

Please contact Joseph for more information

Texada Women's Island Network

TWIN LUNCHEON

October Luncheon

Thursday, October 9, 2025
at the Texada Island Inn Pub.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at 12 noon - Guest speaker at 1 p.m.

Guest speaker: Sonja Furstrand
Topic: Better at Home

To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday October 2. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation. If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item.

PLEASE, WEAR A HALLOWEEN COSTUME!!!
If you bring a game to play, please bring a prize.

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 next June. Good Luck!!!



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At 6 pm

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*The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27*

Worship Services:
Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship afterwards.
Communion Service: October 5, celebrating World Wide Communion Sunday. Everyone is always welcome in our church and at our communion table.

Focus on Spirit:
Published weekly (except for the last week of the month) on the website. Links can be found on the Texada United Church Facebook page.

Minister's Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 pm. The church is also open during these times for

prayer and quiet meditation.
Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard:
604-414-7309, trollhollow123@gmail.com
Board Chair:
Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050
Website:
<http://texada-island-unitedchurch.weebly.com>
Facebook Page:
Texada Island United Church

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

POWELL RIVER



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JERVIS INLET MARINE CLOSURE

A Jervis Inlet marine closure will occur in October 2025 when BC Hydro plans to remove the 138 kV power line at Jervis Inlet. During this project there will be a minimum nine-day period where no marine traffic will be permitted under the lines.

Approximate Dates: Oct. 1 to Oct 9, 2025
Times: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm each day

Alternate access: The wider Jervis Inlet area can accessed by boating through Agamemnon Channel. Pilot boats will be positioned on either side of the power line marine crossing to warn boaters who may have missed the closure notice.

BC Ferries is currently developing alternate service, which includes: An alternate schedule; and alternate route options, including options to sail around Nelson Island via the Agamemnon Channel during the Jervis Inlet closure. BC Ferries will post schedules on www.bcferrries.com and update impacted communities through their service notice system.

Coyote Tales . . . continued

here on our journey North. We didn't want to stick around for any long winded debriefing, as the day was wearing on. I had a quick conversation with the RCMP and ambulance attendants when they arrived as to what I saw and did.

We were soon on the road again. I was exhausted but feeling jubilant, as I thought about the family in the camper.

I had wrapped the woman's baby up in a blanket and passed it on to her. The last I saw of her was her cradling her baby with tears, bandages and a broken arm. Lucky for all of us there were no fatalities, but most of all, I inwardly thanked myself for the knowledge I gained taking the first aid courses.

And today, as I think back and reflect, I take my hat off and thank all those folks who give of themselves risking physical and mental health to serve for the betterment of others. God bless you all.

Cheers, Coyote

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Monday-Saturday
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Sunday
Noon - 6 pm

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(and check your brakes)



SATURDAY OCTOBER 18 2025

A scavenger hunt
on wheels!



Seniors Housing
FUNdraiser!

ROAD RALLY & LIVE AUCTION

RALLY STARTS AT 9:30 AM AT THE TEXADA ISLAND HALL IN GILLIES BAY
& ENDS THERE FOR THE FINISH LINE PARTY

\$25 to sign up as a team of driver and navigator
& to receive your PLEDGE sheet.

PRIZES FOR THE BEST NAME, BEST COSTUMES... & MORE!

Not rallying? Pledge to the team of your choice.
A prize goes to the Team with the most pledges collected!

AND... EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join us @ 11:30 am
at the Texada Island Hall in Gillies Bay for...

The Finish Line Party!

Preview Fabulous Live Auction Items
Rally Quiz - Draw prizes
Light Lunch & Refreshments (by donation)
Live Auction @ 1 pm

Call Cathy at 604-486-6766
or email pres@texadaseniorshousing.ca
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Christmas MARKET

Vendors Wanted

NOVEMBER 30
GILLIES BAY COMMUNITY HALL



CONTACT DORIANA TO BOOK YOUR SPOT
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COMMUNITY LUNCH

at the Seniors Centre

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 & 24
Noon

Soup & sandwich
dessert,
tea/coffee

Freshly made

\$10.00

Everyone is welcome!




A new **Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend** committee has been elected!

Thank you to everyone who showed up for the meeting.

If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Dawn at 604-413-0664.

Cheers,
Your Chair,
Dawn Hughes




CHRISTMAS Carolers

WANTED



Let 's bring some joy and smiles into homes this year. Kids are welcome. It will be as much enjoyment for us, as it is for the people we visit.

For more info call Barbarah at 604 578 8933

Coyote Tales . . . The Collision . . . (dedicated to Ann)

Working in remote camps and wilderness areas teaches you a few life lessons for sure. To stay healthy, stay in shape and... you can't count on anyone but yourself when the fan gets dirty.

Knowing first aid, survival skills and even how to fly a plane could come in mighty handy in unexpected situations... and one of those situations was waiting for me around a bend on a frozen icy northern road.

I had taken an Industrial First Aid course over the winter for the coming Yukon summer's exploration camp. I was thinking it might come in handy, and sure enough, as we rounded a bend with our truck full of camp gear on the snowy frozen road between Prince George and Mackenzie, there it was.

"Stop!!!", yelled my passenger Eddy Angus, as we approached a head-on collision between two mangled up vehicles—an older model sedan and a truck camper. Steam, bent metal and shattered glass was the picture we were viewing. We had seen no other vehicles on this road for quite sometime, we were first on the scene. I jumped out of my truck and headed pronto to the wreckage to see if I could help. The first aid course I had taken was rushing through my brain.

The sedan looked worse for wear so I looked in on that one first. The passenger side door was open and I could see two crumpled up bodies with legs bent in unnatural positions both crunched down and jammed under the

dash. The smell of urine and booze was overwhelming and a whiskey bottle had just rolled out the door and laid lying in a snowdrift at the side of the road. It was clear to see that these two guys had multiple broken limbs and lacerations.



Geez...I'm gonna need splints, arm slings, bandages and everything from the first aid kit, plus all I could muster to deal with this. It was amazing how my adrenaline and first aid knowledge kicked in as I got down to business patching, splinting, compressing and doing what needed to be done.

The truck and camper had a man and woman in the cab... both knocked out with multiple facial lacerations and broken arms and ribs. The woman, when she came too all bandaged up asked if her baby was ok. "What", I said, "where's the baby?" "In the back of the truck, in the camper", she said. What's next I thought.

Needless to say I used all the knowledge I learned from the Industrial First Aid Course over the next few hours to care for the broken bodies of both vehicles. Eventually another vehicle came along heading to Prince George. "Notify the police and ambulance when you get there" I said, and off he went. It was another two hours at least before the police and ambulance showed up.

I had used up just about all of the first aid kit's bandages and splints dealing with the collision. I realized we had spent four hours

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TEXADA ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club Notes:

Our first in-person meeting is **Wednesday, October 15th**, at the Senior Center in Gillies Bay starting at 2pm. Membership for the year is \$10. Please bring exact money to make it easier for us at the membership desk. These dues help pay for the donation to the Senior Center for the use of the space, and for guest speaker honorariums. Bonus, by showing your membership card, you will get discounts on plants at our local Texada Home and Garden Center as well as other participating gardening centres throughout the province!

Come check us out, hope to see you.

Tasks in the garden for October: Clean up and planting time.

Cut spent flowers, or leave seed heads to feed the birds through the winter, and /or collect and save seeds from herbs, flowers and vegetables for planting next year.

Put (non-diseased) dead plant matter, raked leaves etc., in compost. Remove diseased plant matter and dispose in garbage or on the burn pile after October 15th.

Prepare beds for winter, protecting perennials with mulch.

Add soil amendments in inactive gardens with a hand or border fork.

Plant cold season crops like; garlic, kale, cauliflower, cabbage, beetroots, broccoli, lettuce and radish.

Care for tools by cleaning and sharpening them.

Come to the garden club meetings for

good local information on gardening and great comradery.

Now for a little fun, it is Halloween time!

.....If you are reading this then you are blissfully unaware of what is creeping up behind you.....

What's the problem with eating too much pumpkin pie this time of year? You'll get autumn-y ache.

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin? Squash!

What did the queasy pumpkin say? "I don't feel so gourd".

Why was the jack-o-lantern afraid to cross the road? It had no guts!

Knock Knock! Who's there? Orange. Orange who? Orange you glad it's almost Halloween?

Trick or Treat



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TEXADA FOOD BANK 2025

Texada Food Bank is offered on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month ONLY

Call on the Tuesday (day before pick up) between 10am and 3pm

Pick up on the second Wednesday between 11 and 12

Call in October 7 – Pick up October 8

Call in November 11 – Pick up November 12

(604) 483-1219

Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made by mail to PO Box 233, Van Anda, B.C. V0N 3K0, or E-Transfer to ficsv0n3k0@gmail.com. Please include **Texada Food Bank** in the message of the e-transfer.

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.

Texada Food Bank Thanks You!

A BIG thank you to Brandt Larson for the large financial donation that was acquired from a memorial softball tournament fund raiser given in memory of his brother Wade, may he rest in peace.

We are very grateful 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.



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CityWest Provides a Connectivity Update for Texada Island

We are excited to provide an update on our service rollout on Texada Island. Earlier this year, we launched CityWest services in Gillies Bay using our fibre-optic subsea backbone to greatly improve speeds and the overall customer experience in the community. Most of the community has transitioned to our services and we're excited to see the improvements our network has brought to Gillies Bay.

This summer, we began construction of our fibre network in Van Anda and the surrounding area. Most of the homes have already received a connection and we're working to ensure that every home gets a fibre-optic connection. Our teams are working diligently to bring this community online, and we expect our first customers to come online this fall.

This month, the provincial government also announced funding for fibre expansion to some of the rural areas of Texada Island near Gillies Bay. This project is in the early planning stages, and will include homes on Gillies Bay Road, Shelter Point Road, and some of the surrounding areas. And we're not only bringing better Internet to Texada Island! CityWest offers Stream TV, with more HD channels customizable packages, and the option to restart or catch-up on TV programming. We've also launched CityWest Secure, an easy-to-use home monitoring solution! With wireless cameras and an easy-to-use app, you can get peace of mind for your home 24/7. Home and business phone solutions are also available.

We're excited to serve more of Texada Island with the same great services and customer support that we've brought to communities across the province.

Whether your home is ready for services today, or will be soon, we encourage you to visit our website at www.citywest.ca/texada-island or call us at 1-800-442-8664 to ensure that your home is connected with the best services on Texada Island!



Powell River Public Library—OCTOBER at a Glance!



This year PRPL's **Writer in Residence (WIR) is award-winning writer**

Marion Quednau. Marion will be visiting Texada on October 18! For

more details go to prpl.ca or email wir@prpl.ca WIR 2025, wir@prpl.ca

From Monkey Bars to Muddled Teens

Community Room. Tues., Oct. 7, 10:30-Noon
Marion teaches how to write for the young.
Registration required.

Break it Down and Build It Up

Community Room. Friday, October 17, 5-6pm
Marion leads a fun writing session.
Registration required.

Marion Quednau reads her Award-Winning Short Fiction.

Gillies Bay Seniors Centre.
Saturday, October 18, 3:00-4:00 pm
This year's Writer in Residence will read and discuss her work on Texada.

October SLAM

Community Room. Friday, October 24, 6-8pm
Compete/join the open mic. For full details contact edgar@prpl.ca.

A Writing Workshop with Marion Quednau

Community Room. Saturday, October 25, 2:00-3:00 pm
A workshop in juxtaposition.
Registration required.

Writing Support and Manuscript Review

Literacy Office. Wednesday 1:00-3:00 pm & Saturday 11:00-1:00 pm (except October 11 & 18)
Meet one-on-one with Marion.
Registered sessions take priority over drop-in.

ACCESSIBILITY, kwootten@prpl.ca

Silent Book Club

Huckleberry Room. The fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:00-8:00 pm. An introvert's book club.

KIDS, szagwyn@prpl.ca

Preschool Storytime. Children's Reading Room, Wednesday & Thurs., 10:30-11am

Library Storytime. Drop-in.

MODS on Mondays

Makerspace. Monday, 3:15-4:45 pm
For neurodivergent kids aged 7+; their families. Registration required.

Tinker Trunk

Makerspace, Tuesday & Thursday, 3:30-4:30 pm. Kids 7-12, choose-your-own-tech-adventure. Drop-in.

Prime Time

Community Room, Wednesday, 3:00-4:30 pm
Primary grades K+ connect & play. Drop-in.

Drawn Together

Huckleberry Room, Friday, 3:30-4:30 pm
Kids aged 7-12. Drop-in.

Paper Bag Monsters

Community Room, Fri., Oct. 24, 10-11:30 am
Mask making. Drop-in.

TEENS, edgar@prpl.ca

Switch Time

Huckleberry Room. Tuesday & Thursday, 3:30-4:30 pm. Ages 10+. Multiplayer Nintendo. Drop-in.

Fantasy Adventure Club

Herring & Huckleberry Rooms. Wed., 4-5:30pm
Youth 12+. Roleplaying games. Drop-in.

Young Writers' Group

Huckleberry Room. Friday, 3:30-4:30 pm
Youth 10+. Drop-in.

Minecraft Afternoons

Makerspace. Saturday, 2:00-3:00 pm
Youth aged 10+. Drop-in.

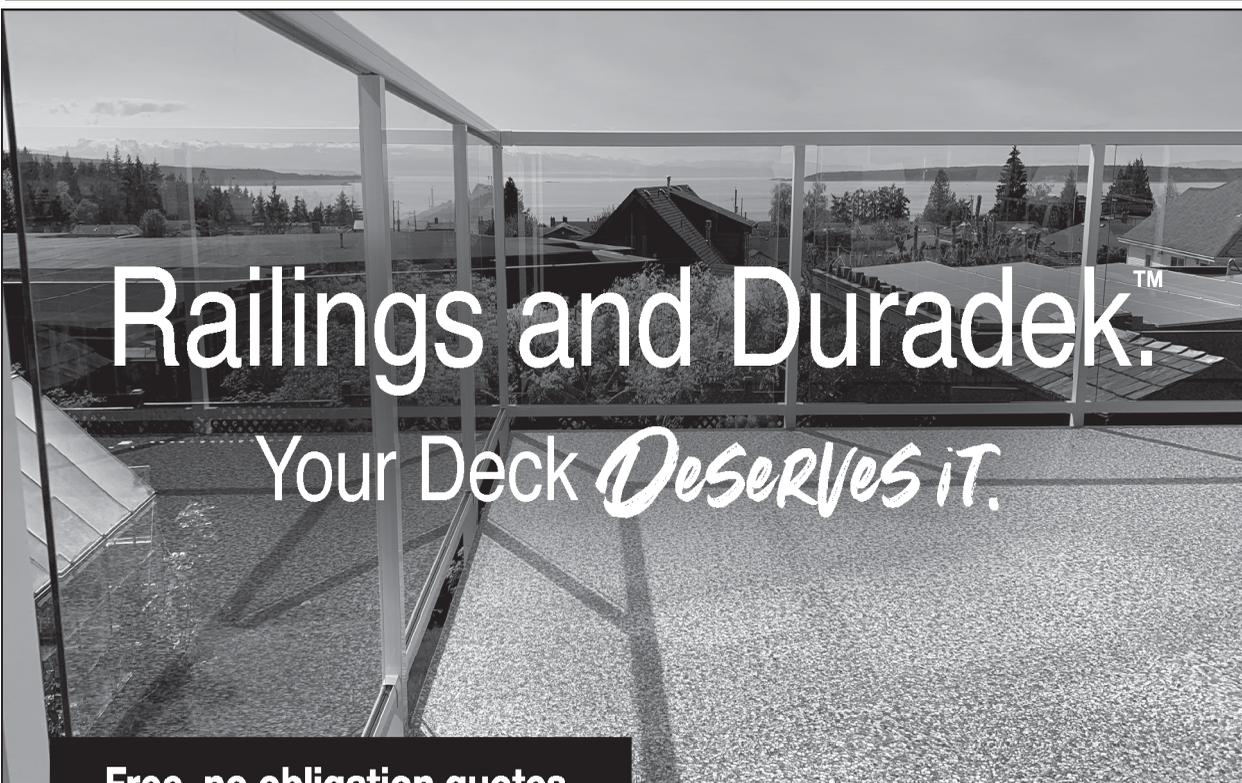
ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca

Write On

Online. Friday 2:00 pm.
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Call for Applications

qathet Regional District is seeking volunteer members to sit on the Texada Airport Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Interested, eligible individuals should send a written application explaining why they want to sit on the Committee and what qualities and/or expertise they will bring to the Committee.

Copies of the Committee's Terms of Reference are available on the qathet Regional District website (qathet.ca/about/committees-and-commissions/). Committee members must be 18 years of age or older and be generally available to attend regular on-island Committee meetings and meet the Terms of Reference criteria.

The deadline for applications is 4 pm, Friday, October 31, 2025.

Applications may be submitted by mail or e-mail:

qathet Regional District
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Auction! All are welcome at the Finish Line! Buzz around the island says we should make this an annual event... For info or to register, call Cathy 604-486-6766 or email pres@texadaseniorshousing.ca

Barb Egglestone will present a **FREE** two hour information session on **Estate & Legacy Giving** at the Texada Legion on November 8th from 1 to 3 pm. Everyone is welcome

Planned Giving - Naming a Beneficiary

Firstly, you need to know if you wish to leave just a set amount to a beneficiary or a portion of the residue of your estate. Residue, means the remainder left after all debits and legacies have been paid.

Here is the following information regarding the identity of the beneficiary you are naming:

- The individual's full legal name;
- If a charity, its full legal name (you can confirm this by calling the charity)
- The charity's registered address and charitable number (again this can be obtained from the charity or through Revenue Canada's website under registered charities).

If an individual or a charity's information is incorrect in a Will, then there is a dispute as to who is to receive the funds.

Difference between Legacy and Residue Beneficiary Legacy

Once Probate has been received, incomes taxes have been filed and paid, and

Revenue Canada has issued a clearance certificate the legacies are paid out with no question.

Residue

Same as above, plus the beneficiaries are to receive a full estate accounting from the executor/s, approve the executor/s fees and estate accounting. With a residue disbursement, there is a potential risk for a Will's variation (this can only be done by children of the deceased, including adopted children and/or spouse if they feel they haven't been adequately provided for in the Will). This could alter or eliminate the beneficiary's residue interest in the estate depending on the courts. This is why it is imperative that you have open discussions with your family to ensure that they are aware of your wishes.

Anytime there is a potential for a Will's Variation, your lawyer should assist you with a letter to attach to the will explaining your reasoning for why you are structuring your Will in this manner.

We strongly advise all potential donors to seek independent legal and financial advice from a professional who is familiar with Planned Giving.

Barb Egglestone, STI

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We are seeking a new Texada-based lawn care contractor for the 2026 season. We would love to keep the opportunity on Texada island, and welcome proposals to be submitted by e-mail to betterathome@inclusionpr.ca. **Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2025.** For information please call Gerry Gray Place at 604-485-4008 ext.101.

The Better at Home program would like to extend a very warm **THANK YOU to Aardvark Services** for their many years of service with the Better at Home program and for Texada residents. The mowing season comes to an end, but your Texada community support continues, and we are so grateful.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D

It was a case of colliding principles. Regional directors take positions, for or against, on issues depending on how it affects their constituents.

Principles of fairness, equity and other factors are also considered. Some decisions are straightforward, such as maintaining access to lot 6, but others are more complicated.

One such complicated issue was recently considered by the Planning Committee and I could truly see, and support, both sides. The issue was a request for comment made by the province regarding an application they received to renew licenses of occupation on Crown land. Did the proposal fit with our Official Community Plan (OCP) or not?

The application was from the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), seeking permission to use selected coastal sites, including two on Texada, for overnight camping during multi-day sea kayaking courses. NOLS application promises the group will "leave no trace" of their presence after they leave. The Texada sites are Favada Point, just south of Maple Bay, and Grilse Point at the northeast corner of the island. Both sites are designated for resource industries in our OCP and recreation is encouraged in these areas. So did the NOLS application fit with our OCP?

The answer was clearly "yes."

The issue of whether or not to support the application would have been a no-brainer except for one little detail. NOLS is an American company, based in Wyoming, and many Texadans were opposed to anything from the US getting a toe-hold in Canada at this time. I heard from many of you about this.

The principle of supporting our OCP ran head first into the principle of supporting Canadian sovereignty.

At the Planning Committee meeting, while I admitted the proposal fit with the OCP, I introduced a motion to not support the application, based on community and sovereignty concerns. Other committee members disagreed and instead passed a motion of support for the project. A retired NOLS instructor who lives near Lund attended the meeting and provided a glowing testimonial about the company, which helped to sway the views of other directors.

In other matters, on Oct. 15 the outdoor fire ban is expected to be lifted. Everyone is reminded that certain materials are prohibited from burning. These include fibreglass, plastic, polystyrene foam, rubber, paint, drywall and more. Check the Environment Ministry webpage for full details.

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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.

In progress: TAG is fundraising for a **second freeze drier**, and we would be most grateful for donations of bottle/can returns toward that goal. Contact Tom Read at ravenbaywoods@gmail.com if you need a pick-up, or you can drop off returns under TAG's account (250-510-3850) at the Return-It depot on Duncan St. in Powell River.

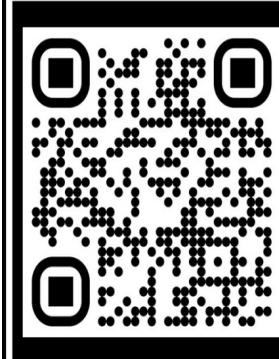
Anyone can join TAG and use the Hub. Life membership in TAG costs a one-time fee of \$10 for individuals or \$15 for a household with two adults. For a nominal usage fee, Hub members can use the kitchen for stocking up a personal household food supply and for making commercial food products (but not 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 by email at: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 604 483-1471.



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TEXADA ISLAND MUSEUM...Blubber Bay Hospital

The museum's recent acquisition of a wood-framed notice from 1930 titled "Blubber Bay Hospital Association- Bylaws" has renewed interest in the extent of medical facilities available at that time in Pacific Lime's company town.

By 1907 Van Anda's hospital, once the opera house, had been transferred to the Columbia Coast Mission which operated the hospital for a few more years.

In faraway Blubber Bay, however, isolated by sea and a rough overland trail, the Company had no choice but to take care of its townspeople.

The Pacific Lime Company had provided living quarters and one "surgery room" for a doctor to administer first aid when accidents happened at the quarry.

To improve local health services, the Blubber Bay Hospital Association was formed in 1923. The executive consisted of the Company superintendent and six other members. For monthly dues of \$1.50 (deducted from wages), members were entitled to "first aid, hospital accommodation, doctor services and supplies and, if necessary, transport to a hospital where proper treatment can be received."

All Pacific Lime employees were eligible to join "excepting Indians who will not be eligible for membership." The notice also advised that "the liability of the Association will not extend to Venereal, Alcoholic or Narcotic addicts."

A house at the end of the first (of two) rows was reserved for the succession of doctors

who practiced there: Dr Sutherland, Dr Terry, Dr Lougheed and, finally, Dr Schwalm who tended his garden roses into the 1950's.

A major fund raiser for the Hospital Association was, reportedly, the annual "smoker" held in the schoolhouse (not suitable for ladies, presumably).

There were drawbacks to company control, however. During the 1938 strike, all company buildings, including the medical office, were declared off-limits to striking employees.

Through later years the declining population in Blubber Bay, as well as easier access to Powell River facilities, brought an end to the need for local medical services and the Blubber Bay Hospital Association was dissolved.

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GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

From the Fire Chief

The campfire ban has been lifted, but campfires can be no more than 18 inches high and 18 inches wide. Open fire ban remains in effect until October 15, unless otherwise announced.

Boil Water Notice

A reminder that the Boil Water Notice is still in effect for Gillies Bay. We anticipate lifting the notice in mid to late October.

Water Line Upgrades Delayed

The water line upgrades originally scheduled for September has been delayed due to the unanticipated difficulty of getting some parts from various suppliers but we are hopeful that we will receive them within the next couple of weeks. We will keep you updated and let you know when we can begin the upgrades.

Announcing the New Radio Room at the Airport

We are in the process of contributing to a revision of the various emergency plans for Texada. An important part of these plans is about communication. In a serious emergency when communications get difficult, the special functions of the provincial emergency programme are activated. In addition, as back-up and as an additional service there is now a capable radio room set up at the airport (CYGB) in order to support the safety of Texadans.

With the assistance of three very capable volunteers from the Westview Amateur Radio Club the equipment was set-up so that at 1335 (local time) Wednesday 17 September the first transmission was sent and responded to. As this radio facility is developed further, more will be published describing this key

service. Our thanks go out to the Westview volunteers: Paul Debourcier, Russel Storey and Bill Hall. This new capability is providing an additional link and is supported entirely by volunteers.

The Gillies Bay Improvement District, and other emergency services, particularly our firefighters say THANK YOU. There are local volunteers, you know who you are, who deserve a community thank you as well.

Emergency Alert System Upgrade

Please be patient as we continue to update our emergency contact information. Remember, please don't assume we have your contact information! If you've disconnected your landline, changed your cell phone number, or email address, we need to know. John Bikadi is generously volunteering his time to help us update residential contact information, by contacting you either by phone or door-to-door. Alternatively, you can email us at admin@gillies-bay.ca to give us your updates.

You are invited to our meetings at the Gillies Bay Fire Hall:

October 14 at 11:00 am

Water Quality Meeting

October 15 at 4:30 pm

Finance & Governance Meeting

October 21 at 4:30 pm

Board of Trustee Meeting

We wish you all a wonderful October!



VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**METER PROJECT UPDATES:
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Proposals for Site Works and Meter & Software Supply have been awarded, and site work is underway.

Come to a presentation at the Legion this month to learn more – date to be announced on our website and Facebook. Email and text notices will also be sent.

This meeting will be held on a weekday evening. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be available.

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Feedback? contact@vananda-id.ca – 604-486-7035

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TEXADA ISLAND COMMUNITY SOCIETY

As we head into October, volunteers are already planning for the Christmas Market on November 30th, the Christmas Spirit Breakfast on Dec 5th and the Christmas Community Dinner on December 14th.

The Christmas Community Dinner volunteers heard the suggestions from last year and we hope to have addressed them all with some of the changes we have made.

October's TICS Meeting is Monday, October 6th, 10:30 am at the Legion.

We are considering having the meetings at 7 pm instead of 10:30 am to accommodate working volunteers. Please let us know if that would motivate you to join us.

TICS coordinates and raises funds for the Christmas Community Dinner, the Christmas Spirit Breakfast, the Christmas Market, the Express Lines, and is an umbrella organization for the Food Bank...and many various smaller fundraisers throughout the year.

Christmas Market Vendors—please contact Doriana to book a spot!

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NEWS FROM THE TEXADA ISLAND LIBRARY



Please note: the library will be closed on Thanksgiving Monday, October 13th.

A HUGE thank you to the Skipper Family for their generous donation of children's books. Much appreciated. Their donations will jazz up Anne's next Playschool Storytime.

The library volunteers wish Irene Kyle all the best in the next chapter of her life and thank her for her dedication to the library as Program Director. The volunteers also extend a warm welcome to Dawn Massey the new Program Director.

The library continually withdraws items from the collection, basing its decision on a number of factors: condition, new edition available, publishing date, frequency of circulation, and community interest. Libraries weed in order to make more space on the shelves and to keep the collection fresh and interesting to the users.

The volunteers will be conducting a weed in mid-October. There should be no disruption to our users' enjoyment of perusing the collection. The weed will be conducted during closed hours or quiet times during open hours.

Quote: "Because in a library, just as in a garden, taking out unwanted items makes those left behind stand out."

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:

Monday	2 pm to 4 pm
Tuesday	12 pm to 2 pm
Wednesday	12 pm to 2 pm
Thursday	10 am to 12 pm
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