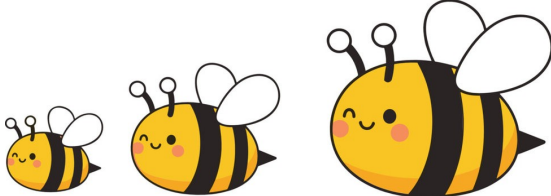


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9 FLY-IN Airport 9 am—3 pm	10	11 Food Bank Call In 10-3	12 Food Bank Pick Up 11-12	13	14 COMMUNITY LUNCH Sr. Ctr.@ Noon	15 TINSHS ROAD RALLY GB Ballpark 9 AM
16 Raise the Room Jam 3 pm, the Inn	17	18	19 TRANSFER STN. 10-4	20 <i>Express Lines Deadline</i>	21 Legion Bingo Doors @ 5:30pm	22 TRANSFER STN. 10-4
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TEXADA ISLAND

EXPRESS LINES

August 2026





Branch 232
Van Anda

100th Anniversary
Celebration
August 3, 2026
2:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. in Van Anda



Texada Library

2026

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Sunday Aug 2nd

11am – 4pm

Monday Aug 3rd

11am – 2pm

In the Library Parking Lot

Gillies Bay

*All proceeds from our sales support the library





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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday to Thursday
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Friday
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

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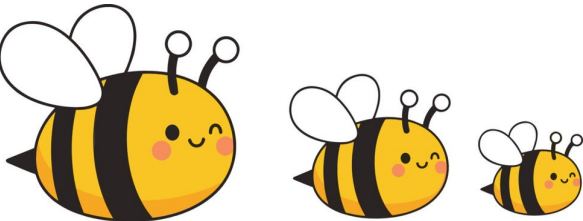
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Information
B.C. Health Hotline: 811

- Visits by appointment only.
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VCH is working hard to bring a permanent health-care provider to Texada Island Health Centre.

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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.).

The Cancer Support Group now provides funds up to \$1,000 per person, per year for those individuals dealing with Cancer. Please contact Amber Brewer at 250-644-6024. Everything discussed is held in confidence.

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Pickleball



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Sunday** | **9 am to 11 am**

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AUGUST Ongoing Island Activities	
MONDAY	
TAI CHI FIRE DEPTS PRACTICE 3-BALL POOL	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9:30 AM GB & VA FIRE HALLS @ 6:30 PM TEXADA INN @ 7PM
TUESDAY	
PICKLEBALL TAI CHI/BEGINNERS LEGION GAMES	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9 AM SENIOR CENTRE @ 9:30 AM DOORS @ 3:30
WEDNESDAY	
TAI CHI TEXADA MUSEUM SCRABBLE	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9:30 AM BY TEXADA SCHOOL @ 10-NOON LEGION @ 1:30 PM
THURSDAY	
PICKLEBALL TAI CHI/BEGINNERS FUN DARTS	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9 AM SENIOR CENTRE @ 9:30 AM TEXADA INN @ 7 PM
FRIDAY	
CHAIR YOGA KARAOKE	LEGION @ 11 AM TEXADA INN @ 7 PM
SATURDAY	
TAI CHI MEAT DRAW	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9:30 AM LEGION @ 3:30 PM
SUNDAY	
PICKLEBALL CHURCH SERVICES FARMERS MARKET TRIVIA MEAT DRAW ALCOHOLICS ANON.	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9 AM UNITED CHURCH @ 10:30 AM GB BALL PARK @ NOON - 1:30PM LEGION @ 3:30 PM UNITED CHURCH @ 7:30 PM

Texada to Powell River	Powell River to Texada	Saltery Bay to Earls Cove	Earls Cove to Saltery Bay	Langdale to Horseshoe Bay	Horseshoe Bay to Langdale
JUNE 25—SEPT 7, 2026		MAY 30—OCT 12, 2026		JUNE 25— SEPT 7, 2026	
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Registration Ends August 8.

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TEXADA ISLAND
Non-profit Seniors Housing Society

Charity Registration # 705676682RR0001

All proceeds support Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society



Board member Barbara Egglestone has resigned to pursue good health and enjoy family in retirement. We thank her for her contributions to furthering seniors housing on Texada and wish her all the best!

We have eight teams registered for the Road Rally so far! Get your mojo on!

\$40 per team includes a pledge sheet to help raise additional funds (optional), two tickets for burger or hotdog & drink & prizes. If you have a TINSHS member on your team, get a \$5 discount!

Registration will close August 8th, so the route can be adjusted to the number of teams. By email: pres@texadaseniorshousing.ca or call



Cathy (604)486-6766. Follow the QR code to donate to your favourite team!

Everyone is welcome to join us for the **Finish Line Party** at the Gillies Bay Ballpark starting at **noon on August 15th!**

Enjoy BBQ burgers & hotdogs, games, bake

sale, draw prizes, 50/50 draw, Show & Shine, accessibility display, test your knowledge in the Rally Quiz and more!

Got a hot car that you want to showcase? Drivers get a free burger or hotdog & drink as well as chances at the coveted "People's Choice" trophy! (Drivers, please be at the ballpark no later than 11:30 am so we can get you parked.)

See you there!



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Gillies Bay

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TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH

I will have nothing to do with a God who cares only occasionally. I need a God who is with us always, everywhere, in the deepest depths as well as the highest heights. It is when things go wrong, when good things do not happen, when our prayers seem to have been lost, that God is most present. We do not need the sheltering wings when things go smoothly. We are closest to God in the darkness, stumbling along blindly.

Madeleine L'Engle

Worship Services:

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship afterwards.
Communion service August 2, 2026.

Everyone is always welcome in our church and at our communion table.

Focus on Spirit:

Published weekly 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

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Church Mission:

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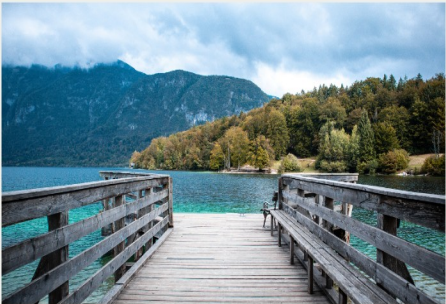
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SUMMER TIME BREAK



Rock Your Body

*will be taking a break for the remainder of the summer.
Keep an eye here and on the Facebook page for fall dates!*

Yoga August

**CHAIR YOGA on FRIDAYS,
11 am @ the Legion.**

Gently, subtly rebuild strength, resiliency, and mobility.

Please bring a mat if you have one, otherwise we have a few extra.

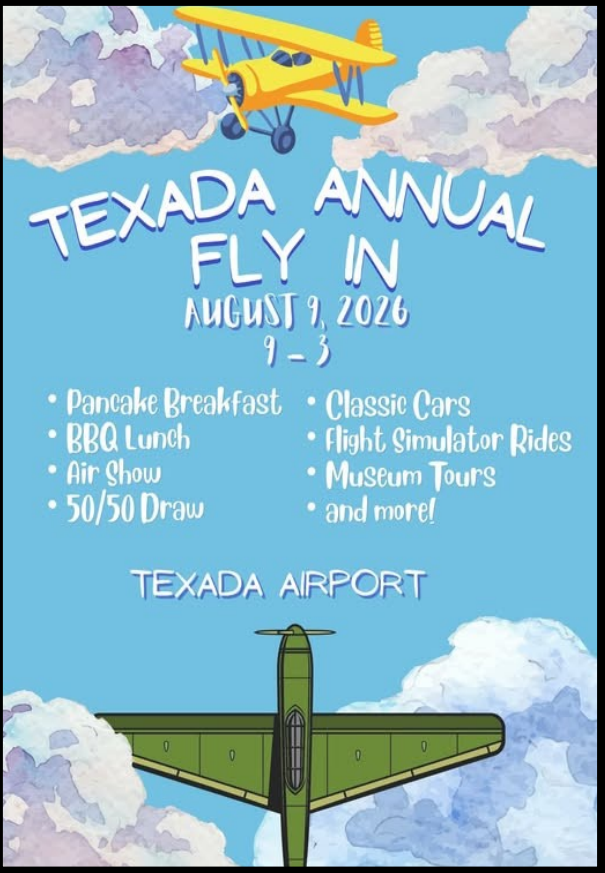


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Text or call Virginia to reserve your spot or to learn more.

Interested in a gentle mat yoga class? Please reach out and add your name to my waitlist for the fall. If there's enough interest, we can make it happen.





Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232

BOOKING THE LEGION
Text or phone Fred at
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We hope everyone had a great time at our annual Fly in Fling!

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Monday, August 3rd
Event starts at 2:00 PM at the Legion

Join us in celebration of the Royal Canadian Legion's 100th birthday. Complimentary Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served. The bar will also be open.

BINGO
Friday, August 21
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
Game Starts at 7 pm

POTLUCK DINNER
Wednesday, August 26
Doors at 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm
Bring your favorite dish & utensils

EVERY TUESDAY IS GAMES NIGHT & APPIES
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This month, Chris Bernard, talks about a plant that tracks the sun as it travels the sky with its bright blooms resembling the sun itself - the Sunflower.

Incorporating sunflowers into your vegetable patch is an easy and beautiful way to boost both you and your garden's well-being.

Sunflowers are visually striking, but their height and bright petals are a beacon for nature's best pollinators—drawing in honeybees, bumblebees, and butterflies from a significant distance. Boosting pollination rates results in increased garden yields.

Instead of using chemical pesticides, sunflowers act as an excellent "trap crop". Pests like aphids are drawn to the abundant nectar produced by sunflowers. Since sunflowers are incredibly hardy, they can handle an aphid infestation without suffering significant damage, drawing the pests safely away from your delicate vegetable crops.

For vining or climbing vegetables, tall sunflower stalks act as a sturdy, living trellis and save garden space. You can plant climbing crops like cucumbers right at the base of the stalk to save valuable garden space. Furthermore, during the heat of mid-summer, sprawling vegetables like lettuce and delicate herbs will appreciate the dappled shade cast by sunflower leaves.



Sunflowers also have deep, robust root systems that help aerate the soil, improving water drainage and structure. And they are famous "phytoteremediators," with roots that can absorb heavy metals and toxins from the soil.

Sunflowers provide a versatile, nutrient-dense food source. You can harvest giant, confection-style sunflower seeds for healthy human snacks, or let the dried flower heads feed backyard birds and local wildlife through the autumn and winter.

Sunflowers enhance our emotive life by giving us pleasure. Experiencing the beauty of a glowing sunflower in the morning sunlight can trigger a cascade of "feel-good" chemicals in the body, including endorphins, dopamine, serotonin, and oxytocin.

Seeds germinate quickly, seedlings grow vigorously and voluntary seeds from the previous year pop up everywhere in your garden and can be effortlessly transplanted wherever you want them.

Sunflowers, however, should not be planted near potatoes, pole beans and brassicas, like cabbage and broccoli.

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TEXADA DE-TALES...Birth of Sandcastle by Chuck Childress

The 41st successful Sandcastle Weekend is done. Where did it all begin?

Back in the day, the daily main office coffee break at Ideal Cement was a long and well—attended event. The supervisors and office staff would get together and have long conversations on any subject.

As a recently elected Regional District Director for Texada, I asked for ideas at one of these coffee breaks about what people would like to see on Texada.

Lynne Schroeder said she and her friend Nicki Lockstead were thinking that Texada should have a sandcastle building competition and Joyce Bockes proposed a spot for a horse riding ring. Both ideas wound up happening, but only Sandcastle remains.

I took the Sandcastle idea to the Texada Recreation Commission (TIRC), which met with some reluctance. They eventually came around once they were assured there would be very little Regional District (RD) or TIRC involvement, other than making their facilities available, such as the tennis court, community hall, ball park and Shelter Point Park—and agreed to provide a grant of \$250 for prize money.

We then put the idea out to community groups and invited them to a meeting, where we told them that any group would be able to hold any event or fundraiser they wished using the facilities free of charge.

When asked what the rules were, they were told there were no rules, but the different organizations and vendors had to work out who was doing what, and where, and when, amongst themselves. The Elks and the Legion both wanted to do a beer garden and

asked us to settle it, but we told them they had to work it out themselves, which they did.

The date was picked, deliberately staying away from long weekends, because Shelter Point, all rental units, and the ferry were already stressed on long weekends.

Now that we had the event, we realized that it might need some “glue” to hold it together. Gina Ducharme and Harvey Johnson, the Gillies Bay store’s new owners, were approached to see if they were interested in helping out. The duo donated the main trophy, and Gina led an enthusiastic team of volunteers who did a great job.

More organizations, vendors and events were added over the next several years, with the whole weekend also revolving around Linn Rairie’s slow pitch tournament.

On competition day there were only five entrants, which was a relief because there could have been none. We had the prize money, but hadn’t posted any categories.

TIRC chair Bill Nyvall led a small team of judges who asked “what do we give the prizes for? Oops ... We put our heads together and decided five entrants and \$250 would mean each entrant could win \$50—the judges had to look at each entrant and then make up a category that they could “win.”

I don’t remember them all, but I do remember when the John and Betty Zaikow family made a huge blocky castle—it may not have been the Mona Lisa, but they got a prize...for moving the most sand.

TEXADA ISLAND INN



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am & 3 pm

Pick up on the second Wednesday
between 11 am & noon.

Call or text on August 11
Pick up August 12

Call or text on September 8
Pick up September 9

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Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can
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Please include 'Texada Food Bank' in the
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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
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Texada Food Bank Thanks You!

We are very grateful to everyone who make
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The CAT *By Coyote*

Early in my geology career I was mentored
by an old prospector and miner named
Adam. He was a humorous good natured
soul, already three decades my senior. I
spent many hours with him at his cabin sitting
by his old hammered out sheet metal wood
stove listening to his amazing stories of his old
chums, quartz veins and gold—all the while
sipping tea and eating his favourite
chocolate marshmallow cookies.

His daughter Dorothy and I would help Adam
pack in supplies to his claim on the northern
end of Vancouver Island and make sure his
old cedar shake and pole bush cabin stood
up to the west coast weather. Adam would
spend the summer months hand drilling and
chiseling out rich specimens of gold quartz
from his claim. Dorothy and I would hang
around long enough to see Adam
comfortable and well stocked.

Black bears were a-plenty roaming around
Adam's claim, but they were all fat and
friendly, occasionally curious, but really no
trouble. Dorothy and I would help Adam by
prospect and looking for new showings of
promising gold quartz for Adam's future
appraisal. We would split up and prospect
different areas to cover more ground, as our
stay with Adam was time sensitive. Both of us
had work elsewhere to get back to.

One day whilst prospecting alone, I started
feeling intensely uneasy, but told myself all
was good. The human body is incredibly
good at knowing when it's being followed.
Maybe it was an unrecognized smell or a
minor noise I didn't consciously recognize,
but something was telling me to be alert. I
was constantly doing '360s hoping to see
something, while tightly gripping my axe that
I always hiked with. I finally made my way
down the mountain to Adam's cabin to relax

and chat with him about my instincts and
wait for Dorothy's return.

I recounted my story to Adam who listened
intently as one who is all knowing. He told me
there were some very large cougars in the
area who stalk prey and to always be alert
when out and about.

No sooner had we started sipping our tea,
when we heard Dorothy's scream and yelling
as she was running at full speed down the
trail I had just traversed. Adam shot up from
his chair and said, "you didn't see this", as he
pulled a hidden drawer from under the table
to expose an antique hand held revolver. As
old as Adam was, he was as spry as a 20 year
old as he headed to the door. I followed
behind with my axe at the ready.

We could hear and see Dorothy running and
screaming down the trail towards us with this
monstrous cougar almost upon her. Within a
blink of an eye Adam fired two shots off in
the air startling the cat, as it slowed down on
the trail. Adam took two more shots directly
at the cat and I saw it leap into the air, veer
off the trail and disappeared.

With Dorothy safe and us huddled around
the stove, we shared the stories of the days
events. She believed it was her menstrual
cycle that attracted the cat, but I wasn't so
sure as it had followed me for quite awhile.

We stayed with Adam for another week
before we left to attend our other
commitments. No sign of the cat after that,
but I did see blood where the cat had left
the trail. One of Adam's shots must have
found its mark... luckily he was not bothered
by any cats for the rest of the season.

Adam Thomson, 1912 - 1989. I think of him
every time I eat or see chocolate
marshmallow cookies. God rest his soul.

Cheers, Coyote

MUSEUM MUSINGS

BOOKS ABOUT TEXADA'S HISTORY

After visiting the Texada museum, many people are impressed with the displays of the island's interesting past and have asked if any books on Texada's history are available.

Yes! The best is Heather Harbord's 2011 *Texada Tapestry*, (Harbour Publishing). Heather, through extensive research and many interviews, has crafted a most entertaining and readable account of the island's remarkable history. Many photos add to the enjoyment. It is available for purchase at the museum.

Another valuable book is Bill Thompson's 1997 *Texada Island*, (Friesen Printers). Bill has collected letters, newspaper articles and documents to present a chronology of Texada's history. His thorough index has proven helpful for researchers.

If one explores dusty bookshelves, one might be lucky enough to discover a copy of the 1960 "thin brown book" of Texada, compiled by the Texada Centennial Committee. It is interesting to view the island's history through the perspective of Texada's booming times (when several quarries, the iron mine and logging were operating full tilt). Good luck in your search!

There are a few books based on personal remembrances. *Slow Farm* (2014) by Tarn Wilson (Ovenbird Books) is a story of a little girl growing up in the 70's. Her "hippie" family lived on an acreage on Central Road near Raven Bay. It is a peek into the "counter-culture" alternative lifestyle of the time.

Just reprinted in 2024 (Inlet Publishing) is the original 1929 *Adventure in Service*, by

Reverend George Pringle. Reverend Pringle of Van Anda was a popular figure who travelled up and down the coast with the United Church Coast Mission. (See Express Lines - June 2015).

Of particular interest is his account of transporting a very sick girl from Anderson Bay to the hospital in Powell River through stormy seas on his familiar boat *Sky Pilot*. This reprint complements his previous Texada memoir *In Great Seas* (now out of print).

Perhaps the best idea of all is to put down your book and visit the museum itself.

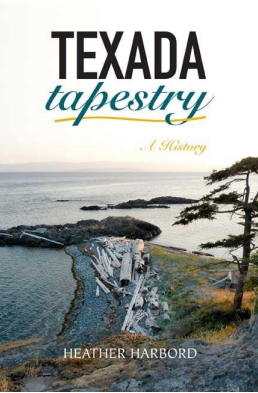
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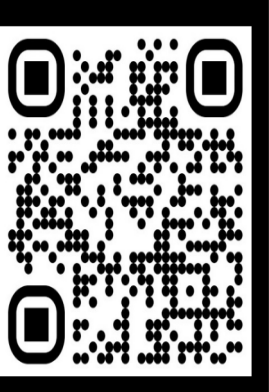
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Our family and friends always look forward to participating in the wide variety of activities.
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KIDS, szagwyn@prpl.ca

MODS on Mondays—Makerspace. Every other Monday, 10:00 -11:00 am. **Ends August 17.** For neurodivergent kids aged 7+ & their families. *Registration required.*

Summer Tinker Trunk—Makerspace. Mondays, 3:15-4:15 pm, **Ends August 10.** Kids 7-12, choose-your-own-tech-adventure. *Drop-in.*

Listening Paths—Various Locations, Tuesdays, 10:00-10:45 am., **August 4-18.** Caregivers and preschoolers, join local storytellers in a variety of outdoor locations around qathet.

Preschool Storytime—Children's Reading Room. Wednesday & Thursday, 10:30-11 am. Library Storytime. *Drop-in.*

Summer Prime Time—Community Room. Fridays, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, **Ends August 14.** Primary grades K+ connect & play. *Drop-in.*

TEENS, edgar@prpl.ca

Teen Takeover Herring—Huckleberry Rooms, & Makerspace. Tuesdays to Saturdays, 1:00-

2:30 pm, **Ends August 15.** Get a snack and hang out. *Drop-in.*

Fantasy Adventure Summer—Huckleberry Room. Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm, **Ends August 12.** Youth 12+ play roleplaying games. *Drop-in.*

Teen Summer Book Club—Huckleberry Room. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm, **Ends August 14.** Youth 12+ read *Dead Flip* by Sara Fazan. *Club underway in August. Drop-in.*

Summer Minecraft Mornings—Makerspace. Saturday, 10:00-11:00 am **Ends August 15.** For youth 10+. *Drop-in.*

Teen Summer Reading Challenge—PRPL Website. Contest Closes August 15. Youth aged 12-18 can win weekly prizes. Full details at prpl.ca.

ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca

The Hunt on the Tundra—Community Room. Thursday, August 13, 4:00-5:00 pm, Novelist Lorri Rudland presents her own life-inspired high stakes survival story. *Drop-in.*

Inuit and the Arctic in a Changing World—Community Room. Friday, August 21, 4:00-5:00 pm—Author and professor Shelley Wright discusses climate change, the Arctic, and the role of Inuit as citizens and guardians. *Drop-in.*

From Dirt to Dollars Your Roadmap to Striking Gold—Community Room. Saturday, August 29, 2:00-3:00 pm. Lifelong prospector and instructor Norm Hutton presents *A Poor Man's Guide to Placer Mining*. *Drop-in.*





The Library Annual Book Sale

is on Sunday, August 2nd, 11 am – 4 pm
and Monday, August 3, 11am – 2 pm.

The library will be closed on Monday, September 7th, Labour Day.

In keeping with the PRPL Summer Reading Program theme, *"Under the Sea"*, I am showcasing some children's book on that theme.

Perry, Robert, *Down at the Seaweed Café*. Madeira Park, B.C.: Harbour Publishing, c2002.

Grindler, Sarah, *Seaside Treasures*. Halifax, N.S.: Nimbus Publishing Ltd., [2019].

Grindler, Sarah, *Ocean Secrets*. Halifax, N.S.: Nimbus Publishing Ltd., c2025.

Bonder, Dianna, *A.B.Sea: a deep-sea symphony*. Vancouver, B.C.: Whitecap Books Ltd., c2013.

Millett, Lydia, *Grey's Journey*. Smithers, B.C.: (Self-published), c2012.

"Did you know that children who read over the summer do better in school? Let your children choose books that they like. When children enjoy reading, they read more and their skills improve".

Pam Kenny

Donations: The library does not accept stained, torn, insect-infested and mildew books, nor magazines, journals or

textbooks.

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 2pm
Thursday	10 am to 12 pm
Friday	12 pm to 2 pm
Saturday	12 pm to 2 pm
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Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend 2026



First and foremost, to the wonderful group of ladies whose enthusiasm, time and energy made this happen.

Thank you, Baily Rairie, Danijela Burec, Jill Schultz and Lizetta Hanley.

To the following VOLUNTEERS...
Thank you, thank you, thank you!
Without you there wouldn't have been a Sandcastle Weekend!

Set-up: Dawn Hughes, Arcosa Employees—Brad Hughes, John Graham, George Franklin, Monty Montgomery, Ken McCrea, Bailey Rairie, Jill Schultz. Dick Fahlman, Gerry Childress (stage) and Jayleen Stonehouse, Jerzy Peregudow (sound).

Information T-shirt Booth: Doug Eng, Chris Bernard, Verneil Pushak, Suzanne Sitzler and Dawn Hughes.

Parade: Lizetta Hanley, Sandi Marpenter (bike decorating), Gillies Bay Fire Department and Sandy McCormick (judge).

Vendor Traffic Control: Brad Hughes

Sandcastle Weekend Beer Garden: Lizetta Hanley, Edith Hamelin, Selena Irving, Josh Close, Patrick Jacques, Christine Corbin, Maryanne Borteleki and Tad Weber.

Show 'n Shine: Ed Kowalyk, Richard Shawcross, Lauren Kowalyk and Andrea Farmer.

Bed Race: Debra Gill, Ron Smith, Morna Rockingham, Roger Kimmerly, Tom Brent.

Kids Zone: Bailey Rairie, Maddie Kramer, Carolanne White, Rhoda Stuart, Katherine Stewart, Lily Campbell, Theresa, Leanne Rycroft and Krystal Gordon of CVCDA.



Sugar Shack: Danijela Burec, Chloe Head, Hillary and Pete Stiles with helpers Avery and Aiden, Taylor and Sascha, Mary-Ann and Tiffany Kulchyski, Andrea Farmer and an extra special thank you to Adria Mitchell.

Karaoke: Jonina Selbie-Parker and Dylan Gable

Music/Bands/Sound Equipment/Lights: Jayleen Stonehouse, Jerzy Peregudow, Lizetta Hanley, Dave Carbery, Dylan Gable and Dan Aune.

Lip-sync: Dave Carbery, Megan Johnston, Sara Johnston, Shirley McCune, Kay Reimer, Katherine Stewart, Jonina Selbie Parker and Dylan Gable.

Family Zone: Tara Schumacher and the Slurm Crew

Vendor Organizer: Jill Schultz

Gatekeepers: Mike Irving, Vicky, Joseph Scott, Mathew Nordli, Tom Read, Brad Hughes, Maureen and Dave Northrup, and Dawn Hughes.

Bingo: Rolly Thorpe

Sand Sculptures: Lisa Alcos, Kevin Wilson, Tammy Wilson, Brooklyn and Tyler March.

Keeping It Clean: Julie Somers, Thomas White, Danijela Burec and Dawn Hughes.

Take down: Brad Hughes, Dawn Hughes, Bailey Rairie, Maddie Kramer, Danijela Burec, Lizetta Hanley, Tom Read, and Katherine Stewart.

Tie-Dye T-shirt Creators: Deb Dumka, Dawn Hughes, Carol Robertson, Joan Martisca, Bailey Rairie, Lizetta Hanley, Selena Irving, and Christie Corbin.



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.

In progress: TAG is fundraising for our soon-to-be-announced Full Pantry Initiative, 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 at TAG's fundraiser coffee booth at the Texada Farmer's Market.

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.

If you have questions about TAG you can usually find Tom at the Texada Farmer's

Market coffee-tea booth, where proceeds of all sales go to support TAG. The Market is held on Sundays from noon to 1:30 next to the Gillies Bay ball field.

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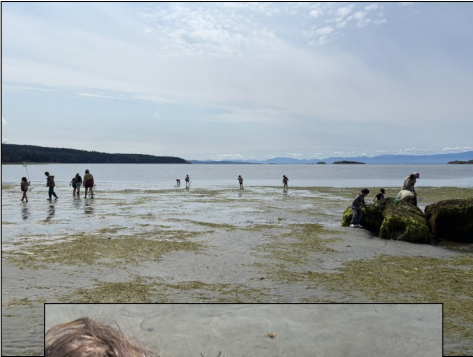
With buckets full of gratitude,

“qathet NatureKids had a phenomenal low-tide exploration along the south coast of Shelter Point, Monday, July 13th with participating families spreading out in all directions and making wonderful discoveries. Every group regathered with exciting observations to share.

A recurring theme throughout the exploring was treating wildlife with respect—observing carefully, handling gently when appropriate, and returning creatures to where and how they were found.

One unique discovery was a penpoint gunnel. Gunnels are a new find on our low-tide explorations! Nature never disappoints with new creatures to discover, even when you think you have seen it all.

Another highlight was seeing numerous Lewis moon snail egg casings and then watching a Lewis moon snail retract completely into its shell and close its “front door.” We took that



as a sign that it was time to return it to the sand, where it had been enjoying a clam meal. Using its specialized feeding structure, the radula, the snail had drilled a neat hole into the clam breakfast feast.

Other creatures observed included ochre sea stars, 5 and 6 armed leather sea stars, shrimp and shrimp-like side-swimmers, cockles and countless clam shells, vibrant sponges, several species of anemones (including plumose and aggregating anemones), and crabs of all sizes, including red rock crabs, graceful rock crabs, spider crabs, and hermit crabs.

Geoducks kept us entertained by squirting water as we explored the beach. A few curious Naturekids were determined to discover the source of the squirts and successfully dug up a geoduck for a closer look. We learned that the kindest way to return a geoduck is to place it back in the same orientation in which it was found, with its siphon (neck) facing upward beneath the sand. One NatureKid suggested this approach based on intuition, and it turned out to be true—beautifully supporting the theme of care.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this such a fun, memorable exploration!”

Written by Lisa Levez-Bordeleau

Qathet Naturekids Volunteer

A Special Thanks Goes Out To:

- **Jayleen Stonehouse** for organizing the bands and the business's that generously donated to make it happen—an excellent event!
- **Pet Valu** for putting on the Dog Show, run by **Lisa Starz** and her **staff**.
- **Texada Island Volunteer Fire Fighter Association** and their helpers for putting on the **Pancake Breakfast**.
- **Face Painters—The Art of Joy and Charlotte Dawe**.
- **Leigh Phillips**—A huge thanks for setting up Starlink.
- **The Piper Band** and everyone who brought



- their cars over from Powell River to be a part of the parade.
- **Dave Beech and Richard Valentine**—your support was invaluable.
- **Security Overnight—Ray Campbell**.
- **Bottled Water—Aaron Supplies**
- **Texada Island Inn**—Stage equipment and tent
- **Nic Cote**—the use of his property for parking and mowing grass along side road to beach access.
- **Donation in Laurie Johnston's** name by Jenny Wright.
- **Texada Island Community Society**-printing.
- **Valley Building Supplies**—Donated wood

Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend RESULTS 2026

PARADE RESULTS 2026

- BIKES:** 1st—Henry Gordan
2nd—Mason Fuglewicz
- BEST FAMILY FLOAT:**
1st—Sutton Family
2nd—Christmas in July—Leopkey Family
- BEST DISPLAY FLOAT:**
1st—Harwood Electric—Beach on Wheels
2nd—One Truck Trash Service



BED RACE WINNERS 2026

- CHILDREN:** 1st—Dingleberries—56.4 Secs.
2nd—Lollipoppers—1:09.6 Mins.
- SPIRIT AWARD:** Autobots—1:24.8 Mins.
- YOUTH:** 1st: 5 Guys—41.1 Secs.
2nd: We Don't Know—46.7 Seconds
- ADULT:** 1st: The Pushers—36.1 Secs.
2nd: Sternzerstorer—36.3 Secs.

LIP-SYNC WINNERS 2026

- SOLO UNDER 12:**
1st—Sierra 2nd—Freyja 3rd—Brea 3rd—Lyndsey
- DUO/TRIO UNDER 12:**
1st: C&A—Chloe & Adira
2nd: Cool Duckies—Sasho & Lennon
3rd: Crazy Girls—Freyja & Sloan



DUO/TRIO OVER 12:

- 1st: The Sister Act—Lindy, Irene & Frankie
1st: Working It Out—Selena, Lizetta & Christie
2nd: Silly Clowns—Lyndsey & G Mac
3rd: Ken—Ushwya & Karen
- GROUP:**
1st: Texada Kids—Sloan, Sofia, Freyja, Gracie and Jake.

SHOW 'N SHINE RESULTS 2026

- BEST IN SHOW:** Rick Jones—1955 Chev Belair
2ND PLACE: Gord Milne—1953 GMC Pickup
3RD PLACE: DEREK PARKIN—1933 Ford Tudor



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Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department

I would like to start this month's article by thanking all the residents and visitors to Texada Island who came out to support the Texada Island Volunteer Firefighter's Association at the annual Sandcastle Pancake Breakfast.

I would also like to extend a huge thankyou to the **Texada Market** for their very generous donation of all the groceries required to put together this year's breakfast.

We served just over 200 breakfasts and that combined with tee-shirt sales and some generous donations to the firefighter's boot raised approximately \$2500 dollars which will be put towards community fire protection on Texada Island. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event a success.

As I write this month's article BC Wildfire Service is warning of significantly increased wildfire activity due to elevated drought conditions over the majority of the province and a high potential for dry lightning strikes, which combined with forecasted winds can contribute to the start and spread of wildfires.

Also, as I write this, much of southern Ontario and northern Michigan has the worst air quality on the planet, due to 638 wildfires currently burning in Northwestern Ontario. The long-range extended forecast is for hotter and dryer than normal conditions across most of BC for July and August due to the influence of EL Nino conditions.

I am not pointing this out to freak everybody out, but to simply remind you to exercise caution and be prepared.

In case of poor air quality warnings due to elevated levels of wildfire smoke, try to limit your exposure by staying indoors and avoiding strenuous outdoor activities. Those most affected include the elderly, pregnant women, infants and young children, as well as those with an existing illness or chronic health condition. Seek medical attention if you are experiencing symptoms such as wheezing, chest pains, severe headache or severe cough.

In case of an evacuation alert, be prepared to leave your home on short notice. Pack a grab-and-go bag with essential medications, clothing, toiletries, food/water and important documents. Make preparations also for your pets and livestock.

If you see a smoke column, or to report wildfire, call *5555 from a cell phone or call 1 -800-663-5555 from a landline. For fire or immediate life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

My hope is that this is all precautionary, that none of these things come to pass, and we have a safe and non-eventful summer here on Texada. A bit of preparation and awareness however will go a long way towards ensuring that is the case.

David Beech, Gillies Bay Fire Chief

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D

Advocacy is a recurring theme in the work of a regional director, whether it's to senior governments for infrastructure funding or other agencies like BC Ferries to keep community advisory committees intact. Our director is our chief advocate, our spokesperson to the outside world about things that matter to Texada.

Advocating for changes can take time. It took nine years to get our second day of community bus service. We've been advocating a lot longer than that for the "triangle run", our non-stop ferry service to Comox, and this is still a work in progress. Also in progress are creation of a yard waste disposal site and active transportation corridors.

Trying to get the province to enable improvement districts (IDs) to access funding for clean, safe drinking water is now a common goal in many rural areas throughout BC. Even at the qRD, it took strong personal advocacy to get IDs, considered "outside agencies" when I was first elected, to be accepted as needy qRD citizens, too.

It was advocacy that got the police and conservation officers to work together to address illegal burning. And, it was community-based advocacy when we sent in letters and photos of the many benefits of Lot 6 to maintain the access to the site that we enjoy.

At the federal level, the qRD has advocated and achieved intervenor status at hearings into PR Energy's proposal to sell electric power to the US. And provincially, we're still after MOTT to

repair the many deficient culverts under our roads.

Advocacy for our island means seeing all issues which come to the Board through "Texada-colored" lenses. What impact does the issue have upon Texada today and in the future? As our director, I've worked hard to put the good for our community first in every decision I've made.

Sometimes that meant convincing fellow directors to accept a Texada-friendly solution, while other times it meant going it alone as the lone dissenter re the NOLS application for landing sites on our island.

Defending our freedoms and the island's lifestyle is what we expect of anyone elected to serve as our regional director.

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Texada Island remains under a complete fire ban due to ongoing high-risk conditions. Please continue to stay alert and help reduce wildfire risk in our community.

Welcome to Our New Assistant Water Operator

We are pleased to welcome Shawn Rachkowski to the VAID team as Assistant Water Operator. Shawn will be supporting daily operations, system maintenance, and the ongoing meter installation program.

Water Meter Project Update

The meter pilot project remains on track for substantial completion in August. Most meters are installed and Neptune 360 onboarding continues, with additional units being prepared for activation. Individual access to meter data will be available once all meters are online — **expected in September**, pending final installations and system activation.

Stage 2 Water Restrictions

Stage 2 water restrictions remain in effect, as is typical for this time of year. Limiting outdoor water use helps manage summer demand and protects system capacity during peak season. Thank you to all residents who continue to follow the guidelines.

Thank You for Leak Repairs, Usage Adjustments & Reporting

We appreciate residents who have repaired leaks on private property,

adjusted their water use after being notified of high consumption, and reported leaks or other system concerns. These actions make a measurable difference and help maintain reliable service for the whole community.

Volunteer Fire Department Recruitment

The Van Anda Volunteer Fire Department is seeking new members. If you're interested in serving your community, gaining emergency response skills, and supporting local safety, please reach out to Fire Chief Mark Robert for details.

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Essential Infrastructure: Understanding the Gillies Bay Improvement District

For those of us fortunate enough to call Texada Island home—whether as year-round residents or seasonal visitors—it is easy to take the rhythm of island life for granted. We enjoy clean water from our taps, and we sleep soundly knowing our homes and natural surroundings are protected. However, because Texada Island is unincorporated, we do not rely on a traditional municipal city council to manage these vital amenities.

Instead, our community relies on the dedicated operations of local entities, specifically the **Gillies Bay Improvement District (GBID)**.

Local Governance, Local Decisions

An improvement District is a specialized local government body established under the British Columbia Local Government Act to provide specific services to a defined geographic area. Unlike a massive regional district or a complex municipality, an improvement district is hyper-focused on the immediate needs of its neighborhood. For Gillies Bay, the GBID is divided into two vital components:

- **The Water District:** Responsible for managing, maintaining, and protecting our shared water distribution system, ensuring clean and reliable water reaches our homes.
- **The Fire District:** Oversees the volunteer fire department, funding the training, gear, and apparatus required to protect our

lives, property, and pristine coastal forests.

The entire operation is directed by a board of locally elected trustees. These trustees are your neighbours—property owners who volunteer their time to manage the district's budget, oversee infrastructure upgrades, and make decisions that directly impact our community's safety and well-being. Because it is entirely localized, every dollar collected by the district stays right here in Gillies Bay to fund the services we rely on daily.

A Vital Reminder:
Property Taxes Were Due July 1, 2026

To keep the water flowing and the fire trucks ready to roll, the GBID relies on the financial contributions of the community it serves. The critical infrastructure upgrades required to maintain our rural water systems mean that timely tax collection is more important than ever.

- The GBID reminds all property owners that rural property taxes and local parcel assessments for the current year were officially **due on July 1, 2026**.
- Our community thrives because we look out for one another and share the responsibility of maintaining our island home. Thank you for doing your part to keep Gillies Bay safe, sustainable, and vibrant for years to come!

How to Pay Your Bill

Payments can be processed through several convenient methods:

- Online Banking: **At First Credit Union only**.
- By Mail: GBID, Box 102, Gillies Bay, BC V0N1W0.
- eTransfer: finance@gillies-bay.ca , include Folio # in the memo area.
- Cheque or Money Order: Made payable to Gillies Bay Improvement District.