

 JULY 2026 						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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19 Blues & Roots	20 <i>Express Lines Deadline</i>	21	22 Ladies Circle Yurt, 6-7pm	23	24 Community Lunch Sr. Ctr. @ Noon	25 TRANSIT. 10-4 FLY-IN FLING At the Legion Doors at 3pm
26 Texada FLY-IN—9am TAG AGM, 1:30pm @ Farmer's Market	27	28 CRA Clinic Legion 9:45 am Rock Your Body 6:30 –8:30pm	29 Legion Potluck Doors– 5 pm	30 Community Bingo Sr, Centre, 1 PM	31	

TEXADA ISLAND EXPRESS LINES

July 2026



CANADA DAY SCHEDULE

Free! Cake! Games! Prizes!

Come one, come all, the Texada Dragon Boat Club is hosting a Canada Day Celebration at Shelter Point Park (Gillies Bay Hall, if rained out). Bring a chair, sunscreen hat and a food safe contribution to the invitational potluck. (All food must be prepared and stored in a food safe manner, look for the food safe post on our Facebook page)

Beverages and dishes, napkins, serving spoons, knives, spoons, or forks will not be provided.



1 - 3

CHILDREN'S GAMES

- Three-legged Race
- Wheelbarrow Race
- Sack Race
- Spoon n egg Race
- Face Painting



ADULT GAMES

- Cornhole Tournament
Register with Laurie before 1
- Bingo series of games, no supplies needed
Bring a chair
- Poker Tournament
No money exchanged Dealer calls.



1 - 4

Vendors Row -Texada based businesses welcome to set up a table- please call Joyce at 604-208-8347 to register.

The Dragon Boat club will have a tent where you can sign up or register for a free demo paddle out of Shelter Point! preregister for Paddle Wars, (Spouses against spouses) (Quarries against quarries)



2 - 4

Music with the Foxgloves ukulele group



4:30

Chili Contest
Must preregister by June 15



5:00

Invitational Potluck contributions placed
Ask a Dragonboat club member
For invitation and food safe rules
Announcements
O Canada
Let's Eat! Clean up at 6:30



6:30-7:30

Paddling Demos



7:30 - Dusk

Band and Dance:
Wen Warn and the Texada Boyz



Interested in volunteering that day – Give Glenda a Call at 604-578-0740



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- Visits by appointment only.
- We are happy to support you in virtual visits.
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- Extended lab time: 8:30 am to 9:45 am.
- TAP forms can be picked up after 1:15 pm.
- There is currently no provider in the clinic, so for all urgent concerns, please go to cathet General Hospital.

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

In the meantime, care will look a little different, please be kind to the staff as we transition.

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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.).

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.

TEXADA ISLAND SUMMER EVENTS 2026

JULY 1ST CANADA DAY CELEBRATION / SHELTER POINT

JULY 11TH & 12TH SAND CASTLE WEEKEND

JULY 15TH-18TH & 22-25TH TEXADA AEROSPACE CAMP

JULY 18TH & 19TH TEXADA BLUES & ROOTS FESTIVAL

JULY 25TH & 26TH TEXADA ANNUAL FLY-IN AND FLING

AUG 15TH TINSHS 2026 ROAD RALLY

TEXADA ARTS CULTURE & TOURISM

Texada SUMMER Pickleball



**Tuesdays
Thursdays
Sunday** | **9 am to 11 am**

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JULY Ongoing Island Activities

MONDAY TAI CHI CHAIR YOGA FIRE DEPTS PRACTICE 3-BALL POOL	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9:30 AM LEGION @ 11 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 KARAOKE	TEXADA INN @ 7 PM
SATURDAY TAI CHI CIRCLE/LIGHT MEDITA'N MEAT DRAW	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9:30 AM YURT ON STURT @ 10:30 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	
6:00 am	6:50 am	5:35 am	6:30 am	6:20 am	7:30 am
7:45 am	8:35 am	7:25 am	8:20 am	7:40 am NOT SUN	8:50 am NOT SUN
9:25 am	10:15 am **DG Weds	9:25 am	10:35 am	8:40 am	9:50 am
11:50 pm	12:40 pm Mon-Fri	11:45 am	12:55 pm	10:00 am	11:10 am
1:30 pm Mon—Fri.	1:15 pm Sat & Sun	2:30 pm	3:40 pm	11:00 am	12:10 pm
3:00 pm **DG Weds.	2:15 pm Mon—Fri.	4:55 pm	6:00 pm	12:15 pm	1:20 pm
4:55 pm	3:55 pm	7:05 pm	8:05 pm	1:15 pm	2:25 pm
6:40 pm	5:50 pm	9:00 pm	10:00 pm	2:35 pm	3:40 pm
8:55 pm	7:30 pm	Powell River To Comox	Comox To Powell River	3:35 pm	4:40 pm
	9:45 pm			4:50 pm NOT SAT	6:05 pm NOT SAT
**DG—Dangerous Goods Sailings Only, Wednesday, No PASSENGERS PERMITTED				7:55 am	6:00 am
				12:00 pm	9:55 am
		5:15 pm	3:15 pm	7:10 pm ONLY SUN	9:25 pm
		8:45 pm	7:10 pm	8:15 pm	11:30 pm
				10:30 pm	





Texada Bus Route

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JULY 26, 2026
9-3

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- BBQ Lunch
- Air Show
- 50/50 Draw
- Classic Cars
- Flight Simulator Rides
- Museum Tours
- and more!

TEXADA AIRPORT

Join us for the 19th Annual Texada Annual Fly In!

Griddled breakfast and lunch, a spectacular airshow, classic cars, and more!

- 442 Squadron Comox Search & Rescue Demo,
- Plane & Car Contests—FUN PRIZES
- Texada Aviation Museum Flight Simulator
- Fly-In Fling at the Legion—Sat., July 25**
 - Shuttle provided between Airport & Legion.
 - Doors at 3pm—Food at 4:30pm—Dance at 7pm

If you have a classic car and would like to bring it to the event, please contact us—we'd love to have you there!

Volunteers still needed!

Please PM Sofia or call Tyler at 587-257-6362, if you can help.





With July officially here, our community is buzzing with exciting summer events, festivals, and beach days. It is wonderful to see everyone out and enjoying everything our beautiful area has to offer!

As we all head out to celebrate, the local RCMP wants to remind everyone to keep safety at the top of their summer checklist:

Watch for Pedestrians

Our roads and intersections are much busier right now. Please slow down, stay alert, and keep a sharp eye out for walkers, runners, and kids heading to and from community events.

Plan a Safe Ride

If your summer plans involve alcohol, please

leave the keys behind. Arrange a designated driver or plan a safe walk home. There is absolutely no excuse for drinking and driving.

Let's work together to keep our roads safe and our summer memories happy.

Have a fantastic, safe July!

Texada RCMP



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Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 9:30 am
Gillies Bay Tennis Court

Beginners meet Tuesdays & Thursdays at the Senior Centre - 9:30 am



Texada Island Blues & Roots Festival

July 18th & 19th, 2026

OUR 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

This year promises to be another great event filled with diverse, local musical talent. Something for everyone.

See you there!

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Gillies Bay
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TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH

The longer I live, the more deeply I learn that love - whether we call it friendship or family or romance—is the work of mirroring and magnifying each other's light. Gentle work. Steadfast work. Lifesaving work in those moments when life and shame and sorrow occlude our own light from our view, but there is still a clear-eyed loving person to beam it back. In our best moments, we are that person for another. - James Baldwin

Worship Services:

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship afterwards. Communion service, July 5, 2026. Everyone is always welcome in our church and at our communion table. Sandcastle weekend, the worship will be held at Shelter Point Park

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. No office hours from June 22 to July 5. The church will not be open during the week for that period, but there will be Sunday services.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard:

604-414-7309, trollhollow123@gmail.com

Board Chair:

Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

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Facebook Page:

Texada Island United Church

Church Mission:

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



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**SANDCASTLE WEEKEND
BED RACES!!!**
Time To Start Training!

Get your team together and start training for the Sandcastle Bed Races on **Saturday, July 11th!**

It's always a fun time, and you could win some cold, hard cash \$\$\$ as well!

There will be 3 different age classes this year. Children (under age 12), Youth (age 12 -18), Adult/Mixed (age 19 and over).

Registration fee is \$5 per team for Children and Youth teams, and \$10 per team for Adult/Mixed teams.

IMPORTANT: A parent/guardian signature will be required on the race waiver if the competitor is under 19 years of age.

There will be a **TEAM SPIRIT AWARD**, so bring lots of enthusiasm (even costumes!).

Teams of 5 (1 riding and 4 pushing) will race a timed, set course with a hospital gurney that is provided. The person on the bed should bring their own helmet, or we can provide one.

Register beside the Gillies Bay Ballpark 11:30-12:30 pm (NO LATER) on race day. Races start at 1 pm sharp.

We are looking forward to another great time at the Bed Races this year!

Many thanks to our prize sponsor, **TEXADA ARTS, CULTURE & TOURISM (TACT)!!**





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

Call or text on the Tuesday
(day before pick up) between 10 am & 3 pm

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

Call or text on July 7 – pick up July 8

Call or text on August 11 – pick up August 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
ticsv0n3k0@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
or text Pauline Fleming at 604-414-9590.**

Texada Food Bank Thanks You!

Thank you so very much for the generous
financial donations from Wade's Causes.

We are very grateful to everyone who

make regular anonymous financial deposits
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The Garret Detector

By Coyote

We're off to Dawson City for a few days...
"yippee", that was music to our ears after
being in camp for three months. Visions of
Can-can dancers, grizzled prospectors,
drinks, gold nuggets, good times and old and
new tales of Yukon Gold.

One of our boys, Jimmy, from camp swore he
was gonna find himself a big gold nugget
from one of the massive old dredge tailings
piles that stretch for miles along the road to
Dawson City.

Back in the 80s there was new technology in
metal detecting and Jimmy had brought
one of them to camp with him. He brought a
Garret Deep Seeker metal detector, and
back in the day this was state of the art. He
was just itching to try it out.

Now you have to remember that back in the
early 20th Century the likes of Bonanza and
Hunker creek in the Klondike saw massive
bucket-line float dredges like the famous
Dredge No. 4 or the Yosemite Dredge
process thousands of tons of gravel a day.
These dredges were designed for one thing...
recovering placer gold at speed.

The problem, if you could call it a problem,
was the giant dredging buckets digging in
the rich creek gravels were dumping material
into a rotating perforated trommel cylinder
at high speed. Water was pumped in to wash
the gravels and clay to release any trapped
gold. The holes in the trommel were
anywhere from half to three quarters inch
diameter. The captured silt, gravel and
nuggets dropped out and went to the gold-
saving sluice boxes, anything larger went out
the back and dumped to the tailings piles. If
a nugget was large, and there were some,

they wound up in the creek bed with the
larger cobbles and stones. Egg sized nuggets
were there for the taking, and with any luck,
Jimmy and his new Garret gold detector,
was what he was hoping to find.

We were all having a hoot of a time back in
Dawson City, either at Diamond Tooth Gerties
or the Sourdough Saloon, when Jimmy
comes to me and says, "you wanna come
with me to the old tailings and test my
detector?"

"Well I said, that would mean leaving the
drinks and shows behind and climbing
slippery rocks and wading in cold water."
Jimmy needed someone with him for safety
sake alone and I had the keys to the truck.
"What the heck," I said and off we went.

We drove down the road awhile looking for a
likely spot to test his detector and to more
easily access the tailings piles out of sight. No
sense advertising what Jimmy was up to.

We found a likely spot to park out of sight
and access the tailings. Young Jimmy was
besides himself with glee and no sooner he
was all over them piles waiving his Garret
detector around from side to side.

To this day I've not seen the likes of a nugget
like the one Jimmy found. After just an hour
of metal detecting he found an 11 oz.
nugget shaped like a boot, it was a beauty.

There's something about a premonition I
can't explain, but Jimmy brought that Garret
detector knowing he was gonna find himself
a precious gold nugget. Go figure.

That "sluice-box choker" back in the 80s
would fetch around \$7000...today's value
would be over \$100,000. As the saying goes.
Nothing ventured nothing gained.

Cheers, Coyote



The Garden Club will be taking a summer break to tend to our gardens. This month Mary Lock shares the origins of her raised beds.

When we started our vegetable garden in 1986 we were faced with a 40x40 foot slab of clay.

We read what would become our “gardening Bible” - Better Vegetable Gardens the Chinese Way. The book recommended that the most efficient and intensive method of gardening practiced in China for centuries was to create permanent raised garden beds 4-feet wide and 16-feet long (longer if you have the space) with permanent 1-foot pathways between.

This saved labour as only the bed area was dug. Each bed was dug one shovel deep and the earth was raked into flattened mounds 3-feet wide at the top and 6-inches deep with sloping sides. The paths between were left compact and dry. Boards were not used as they harbour bugs and slugs. The centre of each 4-foot bed was easily reached from the paths on either side. It was a lot of work removing many rocks, adding sand, alder soil, lots of compost, seaweed and organic fertilizers but now our garden beds are “black gold”.

Having permanent beds means that you never walk on the soil, which leaves

it light and airy. Also all compost and once fertilizers are added one to the growing area which saves fertilizer and concentrates the richness allowing vegetables to be planted intensely (2 or 3 rows on top) without wasting spaces for paths between rows.



I make a trench in the soil for seed rows or basins for single plants and dig the organic fertilizer directly below each plant. Because the soil is raised it drains well and warms earlier in the spring allowing earlier planting. Light soil absorbs and retains water.

Water is also conserved because plants are hand-watered directly at their bases, concentrating water in the base and not wasting it on the sides of the bed or paths, feeding weeds. For extra water conservation we mulch the beds.

Each year we turn the beds one shovel deep adding our compost, some seaweed then re-rake the mounds. The drawback, of course, is this is a “hands on” method not suitable for rototillers or large overhead sprinklers. The plus side is it offers great yields in small places and the growing beds are beautiful.

We love our raised beds!

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We Are **Closed July 1st HAPPY CANADA DAY.**

There Will Be **NO Jam** This Month, As There Are Many Events Already Planned.

WE ARE GOING TO BE OPENING **TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS** WITH TY, MAKING FRESH MARGARITAS & MOJITOS! COME SHAKE IT UP IN THE **BAR.**

MONDAY Free Pool & 3 Ball. **TUESDAY** 15% Off All Seniors Meals. **THURSDAY** Fun Darts. All Welcome. **FRIDAY** Karaoke 7PM **SATURDAY** New York Strip Steak Lunch & Steak Dinner 5pm. **Sunday** 25% Off All Draft Beer, Bar Side Only.

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MEETING NOTICE

Members of the public are advised that the

TEXADA ISLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

will be holding a meeting on **THURSDAY July 16TH at 4:00PM**
The meeting will take place in the **Seniors' Centre in Gillies Bay.**

Members of the public may also attend virtually, Follow the instructions on the qRD website.

The agenda will be available two days prior to the meeting.

Please visit the meeting portal <https://qathetrd.civicweb.net/Portal/> for access to current and previous meetings.

If you have any questions, Please contact: administration@qathet.ca or,604-485-2260.



MUSEUM MUSINGS

THE ALLURE OF TEXADA - 1890's



Imagine that, 150 years ago, the very name "Texada" was sparking excitement up and down the coast.

After the rich iron deposit was discovered in 1871 marble quarries opened, the Little Billie mine was producing, lime kilns appeared near Blubber Bay and, most spectacularly, "goose egg" size gold nuggets were found.

Prospectors rushed to the island.

The Texada frenzy prompted Courtenay/Comox's Weekly News to send a reporter to Texada in 1893 to check out the island scene.

He found it quite pleasant. "Washed by the Gulf Streams" and with only half the rainfall, it's warmer than places nearby. An ideal climate.

He found Texada to be "a mountain of rocks with no flat or arable land." One could wind about and over the piled rocks covered with moss following deer paths providing one's shoes "are studded with plenty of nails to prevent slipping."

The few and low cedars furnish a "beautiful park-like appearance with little or no underbrush" that would be suitable for raising sheep. "It is surprising that this industry has never been attempted here" as there are no destructive animals.

Prospectors continued to arrive to search for riches, however. In fact, the gold finds were so frequent that, in 1889 a group of

miners asked the BC government to refuse land grants for farming settlers, fearing that they would interfere with mining operations.

Despite this, our 1893 reporter found a few early settlers already established. The Raper family lived near the iron mines and CR Miller had resided for 6 years with his wife who "appears contented and is happier away from the world's madding strife than she would be in it."

A German bachelor, Laurence Souveren, planned to dig a mile-long ditch to drain the 70-acre swampland he found in the "bosom of the mountain." His neighbour, Ned Barney, had settled on 10 acres.

The reporter claimed it was debatable which side of Texada was better. The west side is the "most pleasant" part while the east side "has the advantage of having (Alaska) steamers frequently pass."

Although the rush of mineral claims continued through the turn of the century, it's doubtful that many of the prospectors brought sheep!

Peter Lock
Texada Island Heritage Society

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The bar will be open, with beverages available for purchase.

Location: 2099 Legion Road, Van Anda



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232

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Happy Summer everyone, the next General meeting will be on Friday September 11th.

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Friday, July 17
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Extreme Heat

Some people are more affected by the heat than other people. Those who may need extra care include people over age 60, people who live alone, people with certain health conditions or disabilities, people who use substances, people on certain medicines, people who are pregnant, and young children.

Signs of Heat Exhaustion

Signs of Heat Stroke

• Skin Rash

• Heavy Sweating

• Feel Dizzy

• Feel Sick or Throw Up

• Rapid Breathing and Heartbeat

• Headache

• Trouble Concentrating

• Muscle Cramps

• Extreme Thirst

• Dark Urine and Urinate Less

• High Body Temperature

• Drowsy or Fainting

• Confused

• Less Coordinated

• Very Hot and Red Skin

Anyone with these signs:

• Move to a cool space.

• Give plenty of water.

• Cool the skin down with water.

Anyone with these signs: **Call 9-1-1**

• Submerge all or part of the body in cool water.

• Remove their clothes and cover them with wet towels.

The best way to prevent a heat-related illness is to spend time in a cool space.

Cool Off

• Go somewhere with air conditioning such as a library, community centre, café, or someone else's home.

• Cool off with water. Take a cool shower. Sit in or put your feet and legs in a cool bath. Wear a wet shirt. Put damp towels on your skin.

• Never rely on fans as the only way of cooling your body during extreme heat. Fans cannot directly lower your body temperature or prevent heat illnesses.

Keep the space cool

• Keep shades and blinds closed during the day.

• If you have air conditioning, keep windows closed to trap cooler air inside.

• If you don't have air conditioning, open windows at night to let cooler air in. Use fans in front of open windows to pull cooler air from outside into your home.

Check-In

• Notice how you feel and watch for signs of heat illness in those around you.

• Monitor the indoor temperature.

• At least 2 times a day, check in on those at risk for heat illness.

Dress for the heat

• Wear clothing that is loose-fitting, light-colored, and breathable.

Hydrate

• Drink plenty of water.

• Offer water often to those in your care.

Plan ahead and stay informed

• Check the weather forecast and latest heat alert information. Take it easy during the hottest times of the day.

Find out more about heat-related illness, preparing for the heat season and staying healthy in the heat: vch.ca/heat

During the summer months both heat and wildfire smoke can be a health concern. Find out more about air quality: vch.ca/wildfiresmoke

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Texada Cooling Centre—at the Legion

Contact Pam Kenny to volunteer at the Cooling Centre during Extreme Heat Events.

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JULY at a Glance!

Summer Reading Club 2026: Under the Sea
At the library. July 6 to August 14. For full details and registration visit prpl.ca! **SIX WEEKS of activities for kids aged 5-12!** Visit prpl.ca for full listings, or email desk@prpl.ca.

KIDS, szagwyn@prpl.ca

SRC Film Screening – Ocean with David Attenborough—Community Room.
Wednesday, **July 29**, 3:00-4:35 pm A film showing there is nowhere more vital, full of life, wonder or surprise, than the ocean (2025, 95 minutes, suggested 10+ Common Sense Media). *Drop-in.*

Summer MODS—Makerspace. Every other Monday, 10:00 -11:00 am. **July 6, 20 & August 3.** For neurodivergent kids aged 7+ & their families. *Registration required.*

Summer Tinker Trunk—Makerspace.
Mondays, 3:15-4:15 pm, **July 6 to August 10.** Kids 7-12, choose-your-own-tech-adventure. *Drop-in.*

Preschool Storytime—Children’s Reading Room. Wednesday & Thursday, 10:30-11:00 am. Library Storytime. *Drop-in.*

Summer Prime Time—Community Room.
Fridays, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, **July 10 to 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, **July 2 to August 15.** Get a snack,

play Nintendo, use the Makerspace gaming computers, or enjoy DIY arts activities. *Drop-in.*

Fantasy Adventure Summer—Huckleberry Room. Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm, **July 8 to August 12.** Youth 12+ play roleplaying games. *Drop-in.*

Teen Summer Book Club—Huckleberry Room. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm, **July 3 to August 14.**
Youth 12 read *Dead Flip* by Sara Fazan. *Register to get a copy of the book.*

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

Teen Summer Reading Challenge—PRPL Website. The contest opens **July 1** and closes **August 15.** Youth aged 12-18 can win weekly prizes. Full details at prpl.ca.

Teen Summer Writing Challenge—PRPL Website. Contest opens **July 1** and closes **August 1.** Youth aged 12-18 can enter and win. Full details at prpl.ca.

ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca

Local Author Margaret Brittain—Community Room. Wednesday July 8, 7:00-8:00 pm
She Runs With Wolves, the tale of an abandoned girl raised by wise wolves. *Drop-in.*

Tech Savvy - Top AI Guide—Community Room. Thursday July 16, 4:00-5:00 pm
Examine the strengths and drawbacks of dominant AI platforms. *Registration required.*

Wildfire Resilience at Home—Community Room. Thursday July 23, 10:30 -11:30 am
Learn strategies to reduce vulnerability to wildfire from qRD FireSmart Coordinator Noel Poulin. *Drop-in.*

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The Texada Women's Island Network is offering a \$500 scholarship to a returning female student. In your application, please tell us what and where you will be studying and what your future plans are. Your application must be in by August 31, 2026.

Please send your application to:

Linda Johnson
Box 157, Gillies Bay, B.C. V0N 1W0

Notice of Employment Opportunity Water Operator Assistant

The Van Anda Improvement District (VAID) has an employment opportunity for a part-time Water Operator Assistant.

Reporting to the Senior Water Operator, the Assistant will test water samples, record treatment plant data, perform semi-skilled maintenance work and assist Water Operators with the activities that go into treating and distributing VAID drinking water.

Applicants must possess a Secondary School Graduation Diploma or Equivalency Certificate, and a valid Class 5 BC Drivers license.

The position requires residency on Texada Island.

This is a regular part-time position of 10 to 15 hours per week. The rate of pay for this position is \$25.00 per hour and includes an Employee Benefits package. This is a starting position that, with experience, training and paid certification, could lead to career growth.

Please email your cover letter and résumé, including references to: contact@vananda-id.ca or in person to 2036 Marble Bay Rd., Van Anda.

The position will remaining open until filled. Thank you for your interest in this position. Only those under consideration for an interview will be contacted.

Support Clinic with Canada Revenue Agency & Service Canada

Join us to get your taxes filed and find out more about the benefits, credits, pensions, programs, and services you may be entitled to!

Date: July 28, 2026
Time: 9:45 am –2:00 pm **Location:** 2099 Legion Road, Van Anda

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

- Tax Slip information (T4, T5007, T4A -Pension, T4A- OAS and more)
- Notice of Assessments (NOAs)and Assistance with CRA correspondence
- Benefits and Credits information: Disability Tax Credit(DTC), Canada Child Benefit (CCB), GST/HST credit, Canada Worker’s Benefit (CWB)
- Account updates (address, contact number, etc.)

Service Canada

- NEW Canada Disability Benefit information
- Canadian Dental Care Plan-Information and Application/Attestation
- Pension Information on Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan
- Get a Social Insurance Number (birth certificate in most cases will be required)
- Receive an access code to sign up for online MyService Canada
- General Government of Canada information

** Please bring any ID you have, as what is required will depend on the services accessed*

For more information, please contact: Warren Kiland at 604-414-5619

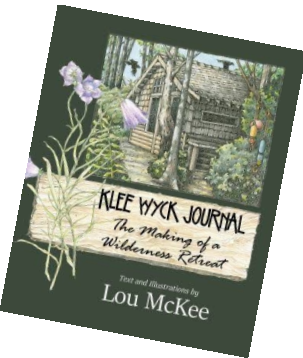


NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Please Note: The library will be closed on Wednesday, July 1st, Canada Day.

Enjoy all the activities planned for on Canada Day at the point hosted by the Texada Dragon Boat Club.

As I see more boating craft on the water, my thoughts turned to showcasing some of our collection on boating. The collection includes: guides, history and journeys.



I remember when Lou McKee who had ties to Texada came and gave a talk about her family’s adventure on the West Coast.

The Klee Wyck Journal: the Making of a Wilderness Retreat by Lou McKee, c2017.

Oar & Sail: an Odyssey of the West Coast by Kenneth McCrae Leighton and Roderick Leighton, c 1999.

Farther Up the Lake: Coastal British Columbia Stories by Wayne Lutz, c2008.

Bill Reid and the Haida Canoe by Martine J. Reid, c2011.

Canoe Crossings: Understanding the Craft that Helped Shape British Columbia by Sanford Osler, c 2014.

If you missed June’s library display on Wildfires and Climate Change or the “Evacuation Workshop” and the presentation “Preparing for Wildfire Smoke and Extreme Heat: a health perspective”, the library has pamphlets from all the events which are authored by “Prepared BC” and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH).

The library is not just books. It is a hub of community information.

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 2pm
Thursday	10 am to 12 pm
Friday	12 pm to 2 pm
Saturday	12 pm to 2 pm
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A BIG THANK YOU to Gillies Bay TV Society for gifting TINSHS with a substantial portion of their residual funds upon the dissolution of their society!

Registration for the August 15th Road Rally began at our AGM & is off to a good start with five teams so far! This scavenger hunt on wheels will start & end at the **Gillies Bay Ballpark**, with teams consisting of a driver & navigator competing for prizes like *Best Name, Best Costume, Best Poker Hand & more*. Registration is **\$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

Not rallying? You can still take part! Join us for the **Finish Line Party** at the Gillies Bay Ballpark starting at **noon**. 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.)

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REGIONAL DISTRICT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D

By now, this may be old news. As announced at my recent qRD/Community Connections gathering, **I will not be seeking a fourth term as Texada's regional director.**

I humbly thank you for supporting me the last twelve years, an experience I will be reflecting on in this column as the term winds down. Making this announcement at the start of summer gives potential candidates time to share their views. The last meetings of this Board are in September. The civic election is Oct. 17, with inauguration of the new Board in early November.

In other news, **grant applications** were recently considered by qRD's Finance Committee, with final decisions scheduled after press time. Thanks to the Texada organizations that have stepped forward and applied for grants: Dragonboat Club (trailer), Rock Your Body Club, Sandcastle, TINSHS, TAG (freeze dryers) and TACT (pottery wheel). The twenty-two requests totaled many times the available funding and all applicants were worthy organizations.

Consequently, the Committee agreed to reduce the amounts each group would receive and not turn anyone down. So, if your group is one of the applicants, please be prepared to receive less than you requested.

Meanwhile, elected officials from the region, city and Tla'Amin Nation meet quarterly-ish with **Highways** local and area managers. At a recent joint meeting, the ministry said "yes" and "no" to two Texada projects.

Getting the go-ahead from Highways is

the upgrade to the small portion of Blubber Bay Road in Blubber Bay, where vehicles waiting for the ferry must park in the driving lane. On hold is the safety-enhancement, shoulder-widening project on Gillies Bay Road, which would have become an active transportation corridor between the park and Gillies Bay. We were advised that no active transportation projects were approved by Victoria in 2026.

Also on the transportation front, the Board has requested that officials from **BC Ferries** meet with directors soon regarding everything from reservations to (my personal gripe) the loss of ferry advisory committees. I served for a decade on our FAC where info from the community and BC Ferries was shared, aimed at seeking improvements.

There has been no meaningful substitute for these valuable committees.

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Van Anda Improvement District



Van Anda Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Danger and Total Burn Ban

A complete fire ban remains in effect due to Texada Island's unique conditions. Please stay vigilant and do your part to reduce wildfire risk in our community.

Fire Fighting Equipment Upgrades

We are pleased to share that recent CEPF grant funding has strengthened our wildfire response capacity. New equipment includes an additional forestry pump and portable water tank, wildfire-suited protective gear, as well as hoses, radios, a thermal imaging device, and specialized tools. We have also purchased a cargo trailer that will be stocked with firefighting essentials and ready for rapid deployment when needed. These upgrades support safer and more effective response efforts.

Stage 2 Water Restrictions Begin July 1

Stage 2 water restrictions will take effect starting July 1 to help manage summer demand and protect system capacity. Key measures include:

- Lawn watering limited to one hour, once per week.
- No watering during daytime peak heat hours

Restrictions on non-essential outdoor water use such as outside surface washing. These steps are necessary to ensure reliable water supply during the high-demand season. Details at vananda-id.ca/water-restrictions/

Water Meter Project

Thank you to everyone who attended the June 25 public meeting on water meter

project updates. We appreciate all engagement from the community. Meeting notes and materials are now available on our website for those who were unable to attend or would like to review the information.

System Improvements and Reduced Usage

We would like to thank residents who have taken action to identify and fix leaks. Your efforts are making a measurable difference. Following outreach in early June—when water production was nearing system capacity—to four residences with very high usage, overall production dropped by approximately half. This reduction occurred even though the meter installation program is only about halfway complete, highlighting the impact of increased awareness and early monitoring.

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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.

NEW: Join us for an open discussion on how Texada **food production can be increased in a time of global food inflation and potential**

scarcity. You are invited to the Texada Agriculture Group (TAG) Annual General Meeting on Sunday, July 26 at 1:30 pm at the Farmer's Market. Let's brainstorm how our community can be more self-reliant in food quantity, quality and affordability.

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.

See you there!



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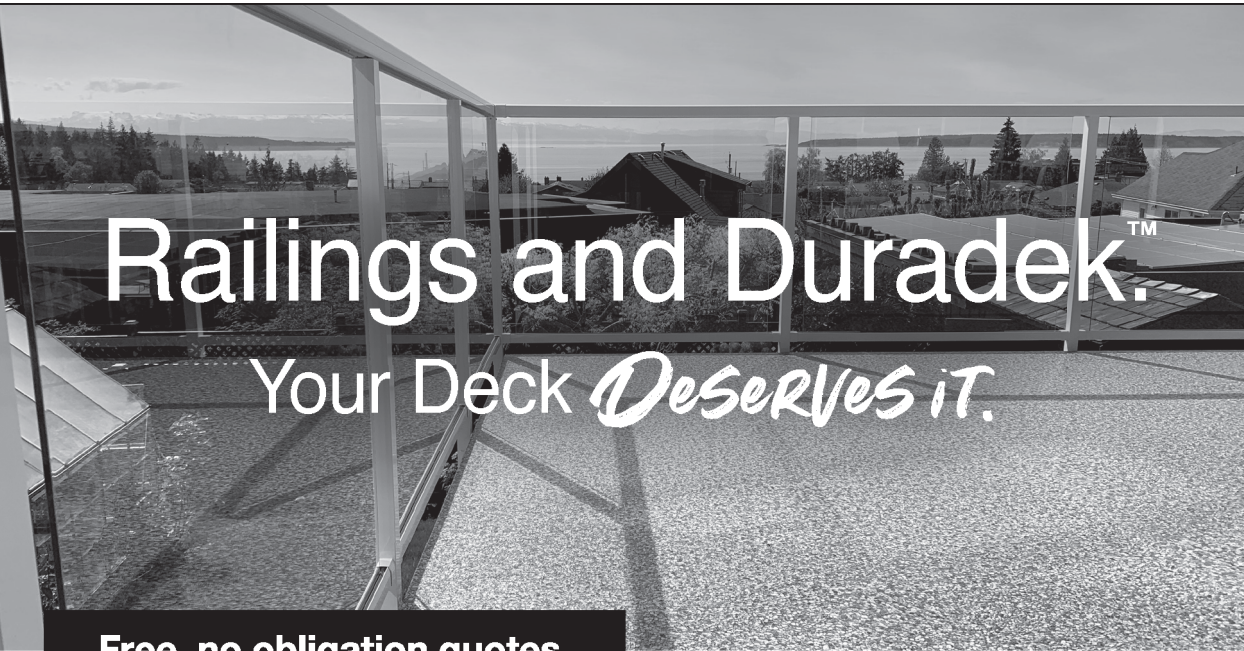


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Food Safety Tips for Potluck Parties

Tis' the season of outdoor potlucks and always time for a reminder of food safety. The following website has some useful tips:

<http://www.fraserhealth.ca/-/media/Project/FraserHealth/FraserHealth/Health-Topics/Food-Safety/Food-Safety-for-Potluck-Parties>



Thank You Gillies Bay!

A big THANK YOU to all the Gillies Bay Improvement District residents for their patience while our diligent, hardworking Water Department worked to repair our recent water line break. Our well built, but aging system, does not give us warning as to when a break will occur. The breaks generally occur where the saddles connect the water lines. The water pipes are in good condition, but the saddles and valves are beginning to fail. In 2025, we implemented a plan to begin systematically replacing the deteriorating saddles and valves. While three valves were replaced last fall, we have many more to go. We know how frustrating and inconvenient it is for residents when there is a break in the line requiring emergency repair and your understanding is much appreciated.

Pine Street Waterline Relocation

Some of you may have noticed a great deal of activity recently at the end of Pine Street. The GBID's Water Operator, George Kapetanakis with the assistance of many community contractors, is in the process of relocating a water line onto the approved MOTI right-of-way. Once the water line has been relocated, there are plans to gravel the footpath for the many pedestrians that access Alder Street via Pine Street.

Bits and Bobs

With the two recently replaced pressure

tanks, the system now has four operational pressure tanks. This is expected to help stabilize water pressure in some homes that experience low or fluctuating pressure.

A new water supply intake is planned for Cranby Lake. Over the years, the distance between the lake bottom and the water intake for our water system has diminished. This has caused more turbidity in our water and leads to additional treatment, costing us all more money. Later this summer, a relocated water intake is planned to bring us to that sweet spot of the cleanest level of water in our water supply. This will ease some of the turbidity issues and reduce the amount of chlorine necessary to meet government requirements.

A provincial dam inspection is expected at anytime now. This inspection will let us know what shape the dam is in, and, if necessary, where we need to focus our attention to keep the dam healthy for years to come.

If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, please let us know.

By Phone:

General Inquiries: 604-486-7757
Water Emergency: 604-208-3965
Fire or Medical Emergency: 911

By Email:

General Inquiries: admin@gillies-bay.ca
Accounts Payable: finance@gillies-bay.ca
Water Operator: operations@gillies-bay.ca

The next scheduled Board of Trustees is at the GBID Fire Hall on July 14th at 4:30 pm.

Have a fantastic Texada Island summer!



Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department

Siren On Water Off. Most of you are probably aware that Gillies Bay residents are requested to not use water, if they hear the fire siren. There has been some confusion voiced lately, however, as to why we have this policy in place and exactly what the procedures are around it.

The reason we ask residents to not use water in the event of a structure fire in Gillies Bay is to ensure that we have enough pressure to enable us to draw sufficient water to fight the fire.

There are several reasons that we may not have enough hydrant pressure within the village. The first is elevation. The static pressure on a hydrant located on Sanderson is typically between 95 and 105 PSI. As you proceed up the hill beyond Balsam, Cedar and Dogwood, this pressure becomes increasingly reduced, to the point that the available pressure on Elm Street is insufficient to effectively fight a fire.

The Dogwood pumphouse was put in place to compensate for these reduced pressures and is designed to maintain a static pressure of 75 PSI for domestic use, however, it cannot maintain that pressure if we have hydrants open and residents continue to use water.

A second reason we have insufficient pressure within the village is that over 30% of our hydrants are supplied with only 4" water line in the ground. Simple math will tell you that if we connect two 2-1/2" lines off these hydrants and attempt to draw water, the supply will not meet the demand.

The Airport Road reservoir was also put in place to ensure we have sufficient water volume and to boost pressure for firefighting, however, there is currently an issue with a faulty altitude valve at that location, which is supposed to automatically engage this tank in the event of increased demand. At this point the tank must be manually brought online in the event of a fire.

The GBID does have plans to add an additional reservoir higher up on Airport Road to help address these and other issues in future, but a date has not currently been scheduled for this upgrade.

With all this in mind, the Fire Department does have strategies in place to fight fires in the upper village of Gillies Bay, but we require your cooperation to ensure that we have enough volume and pressure.

If you hear a prolonged blast of the fire siren, that means we have been called to a structure fire and are anticipating the need for large volumes of water. The request of all residents of Gillies Bay who are on the water system is that you **immediately cease all use of water until otherwise advised.**

We do occasionally test the siren in conjunction with our Monday night practices; however this will only be a brief blast of the siren usually between 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

The Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department greatly appreciates your cooperation with this very important procedure to help us protect the lives and properties of the residents of Gillies Bay.

David Beech
Gillies Bay Fire Chief.



DON'T FORGET TO *Remember*

As part of its centenary celebrations, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232 invites members of the community to participate in the "Don't Forget to Remember" National Remembrance Initiative.

Throughout the month of July, visitors are invited to write a message of remembrance on a provided note. These handwritten messages will become part of a large-scale commemorative mural honouring the Fallen.

Please visit the Legion at 2099 Legion Road, Van Anda, to add your message of remembrance.

Messages will be accepted throughout July during Legion activities and events.

Participation closes July 31, 2026



Branch 232
Van Anda



Lest we Forget



TEXADA ISLAND SANDCASTLE WEEKEND



SUNDAY, JULY 12

At the Gillies Bay Ball Park

- BEER GARDEN**
- Enjoy a beverage in a fully licensed traditional Beer garden. NOON - 3:30 PM
- KID ZONE** (Parental Supervision Mandatory) **Sponsored by RAW SELECT**
- Face Painting, Games, NOON-4 PM
Bouncy Castle, The Bubble Zone!
- FAMILY ZONE** (Parental Supervision Required) **Sponsored by United Steel Workers #816**
- Fun & Games for those older kids & kids at heart! NOON - 4 PM
- BINGO** **Sponsored by TICS**
- Gets those dobbers ready to win! 1 PM - 3 PM
- SAND SCULPTURE AWARDS**
- A fine end to a fabulous weekend. 3:30 PM (ish)





TEXADA ISLAND SANDCASTLE WEEKEND



JULY 11-12, 2026

Welcome to Sandcastle Weekend! Along with the usual highlights, this year will be a little different - **All events at the Gillies Bay Ball Park**, Bing has been added, the Beer Garden extends throughout the Ball Park, Open Mic is on for Saturday night, with Karaoke afterwards, and the RCMP is treating us with a bubbles galore! Sandcastle has also brought back some good ol' fashioned family games! Three-legged race anyone?

SATURDAY, JULY 11

At the Gillies Bay Ball Park

- THE PARADE!** *Sponsored by Rycroft Construction*
- Parade starts about a 1/2 km south of Gillies Bay Store...watch for signs. Registration not required - just arrive on time. Bring your creative floats, motor & peddle bikes, old, new and electric vehicles and vintage cars. Prizes Folks!
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| Kid Bike Decorating | 5274 Gillies Bay Rd. | 9:30 am |
| Parade Judging | 1/2 km south of Gilles Bay Store | 10:00 am |
| Marshalling | | 10:30 am |
| The Parade Begins! | From 'start' towards RCMP | 11 am. |
- ARTISANS & FOOD VENDORS**
- Tie-dyed Texada t-shirts Sugar shack, unique jewelry, crafts, pottery... and much more! 10 AM TO DUSK

- BEER GARDEN**
- Enjoy a beverage in a fully licensed traditional Beer garden. NOON - 8 PM



TEXADA ISLAND

SANDCASTLE WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 11

At the Gillies Bay Ball Park

- CAR SHOW & SHINE

Sponsored by Bayline Enterprises

Vintage & classic cars, trucks and motorcycles are invited to show their stuff!

NOON - 3 PM
- BED RACES

Sponsored by TACT

Bed Race Registration

11:30 - 12:30 PM

Bed Race

1 PM

Get a team together and Enter! **Categories• Children, Youth, Adult/Mixed Ages.** Our 'Rocket' Bed is used for racing, just bring a helmet, or use ours, for the person riding the bed. This is a timed race!
- KID ZONE

(Parental Supervision Mandatory)

Sponsored by RAW SELECT

Face Painting, Games,

10:30 am–4 pm

Bouncy Castle, The Bubble Zone!
- FAMILY ZONE

Sponsored by United Steel Workers #816

Fun & Games for those older kids & kids at heart!

(Parental Supervision Required)

3 pm - 8 pm
- KARAOKE

Come sing, sing a song...sing it loud!

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- LIP-SYNC CONTEST

Sponsored by Arcosa Specialty Material

So you think you can... Show us your talent! Choose a song, maybe a couple of friends to ham it up with you, even a costume, and put on a Lip-Sync for the Judges! **Cash prizes!** All ages welcome. Categories of solo, duet or trio, and group of four or more.

6:30 PM

TEXADA ISLAND

SANDCASTLE WEEKEND

SUNDAY, JULY 12

At the Gillies Bay Ball Park

- SUNRISE SUNDAY WORSHIP

by Texada United Church

Everyone is Welcome! Bring a friend and your own chair. Dress for the weather.

At Shelter Point Park

8 AM
- PANCAKE BREAKFAST

By the Texada Volunteer Firefighters Assoc.

At Gillies Bay Community Hall

8:30 am - 11 am
- SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

Sponsored by First Credit Union, TICS

Registration On the Gillies Bay Beach

9:30 AM

Sandcastle People's Choice Judging

NOON - 2:30 PM

Sandcastle Prizes

3:30 PM

Like playing in the mud? An artist at heart? Then get your team together and come down to spend a beach at the beautiful Gilles Bay to build your masterpiece! There's a category for everyone...**Adult, Family, Teens & Children.** Judging is by People's Choice and you can vote for yourself. Cash prizes have increased for the top three vote-earners in each category. aAnd for most sand moved (sponsored by Texada Auto Repair).
- DOG SHOW

Sponsored by Pet Valu

There is a Costume Class—dress up with your pup—and an Agility Class.

10 AM

A fun show—no experience needed. Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Bring water if it's hot.
- ARTISANS & FOOD VENDORS

Tie-dyed Texada t-shirts Sugar shack, unique jewelry, crafts, pottery... and much more!

10 AM - 4 PM

