

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Transit STN., 10am LADIES CIRCLE YURT, 6-7	2	3	4
5 EASTER EGG HUNT GB FIREHALL 11 AM.	6	7 FOOD BANK Call In 10-3 Rock Your Body GB Hall 5:30 pm—7:30 pm	8 FOOD BANK Pick Up, 11-12 TEXADA YOUTH GROUP 4:45-6:30 PM	9 TWIN Luncheon Legion, Noon	10 COMMUNITY LUNCH Sr. Ctr.-Noon LEGION MTG Door at 5:30pm	11 TRANSIT STN. 10AM
12 Ben Giesbrecht Celebration of Life Legion 1pm	13	14	15 Transit STN., 10am VAID MTG. Credit Union 1:30 LADIES CIRCLE YURT, 6-7	16	17 LEGION BINGO Doors, 5:30 pm Game, 7 pm	18 VAID AGM Legion, 9:30 am
19 GBID AGM Firehall, 2 pm	20 EXPRESS LINES DEADLINE	21 Rock Your Body GB Hall 5:30 pm—7:30 pm	22 TEXADA YOUTH GROUP 4:45-6:30 PM	23 COMMUNITY BINGO Sr. Ctr., 1:00pm	24 COMMUNITY LUNCH Sr. Ctr.-Noon	25 TRANSIT STN., 10am
26 RAISE THE ROOMS Texada Inn, 3pm THSS - WILDFIRE & HEALTH 1PM	27	28	29 VETERANS DINNER Dinner at 6 pm LADIES CIRCLE YURT, 6-7	30		

## 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  
Chair Yoga—Legion @ 9:30 am  
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—Legion @ 1:30 pm

### THURSDAY:

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

### FRIDAY:

Karaoke—Texada Inn @ 7pm

### SATURDAY:

TAI CHI , GB Hall @ 9:30 am  
Pickleball—Texada School @ 10 am  
Circle of Light Meditation —Yurt @ 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 @ 7:30 pm

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# EXPRESS LINES

April 2026

Texada Women's Island Network  
**T.W.I.N. Luncheon**  
Thursday, April 9, 2026  
at the Legion  
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.  
Lunch at noon  
There will be no guest speaker.  
To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312  
no later than Thursday, April 2, 2026.  
If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation.  
If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item.  
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# TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE

## HOURS OF OPERATION:

### Monday to Thursday

8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm

### Friday

8:30 am to 12:00 pm

## PHONE NUMBER:

604-486-7525

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## EMERGENCIES: 911

### Information

B.C. Health Hotline: 811

- Visits by appointment only.
- We are happy to support you in virtual visits.
- Lab tests by appointment only.
- 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 qathet 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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## TEXADA HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY DONATIONS

Please make your donation 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.).

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## BC FERRIES

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Texada to Powell River	Powell River to Texada
<b>APRIL 1—JUNE 24, 2026</b>	
6:00 am	6:50 am
7:45 am	8:35 am
9:25 am	10:15 am <b>**DG Weds</b>
11:50 pm	12:40 pm <b>Mon-Fri</b>
3:00 pm <b>**DG Weds.</b>	1:15 pm <b>Sat &amp; Sun</b>
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 Only, Wednesday, No PASSENGERS PERMITTED**

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

## Recycling Station Hours

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

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

Langdale to Horseshoe Bay	Horseshoe Bay to Langdale	Saltery Bay to Earls Cove	Earls Cove to Saltery Bay
<b>APR 1—MAY 13, 2026</b>		<b>APR 1—MAY 13, 2026</b>	
6:20 am	7:30 am	5:35 am <i>(Except Sunday)</i>	6:30 am <i>(Except Sunday)</i>
8:40 am	9:50 am	7:25 am	8:20 am
11:00 am	12:10 pm	9:25 am	10:35 am
1:15 pm	2:25 pm	11:45 am	12:55 am
3:35 pm	4:45 pm	2:15 pm	3:25 pm
5:55 pm	6:10 pm	4:35 pm	5:40 pm
7:20 pm	8:25 pm	6:45 pm	7:45 pm
9:35 pm	11:30 pm	8:40 pm	9:40 pm

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# JILL ANN HENRY

July 16, 1948 - February 4, 2026



Jill Henry passed away peacefully at home in the early morning hours of February 4<sup>th</sup>, surrounded by her loving daughters and granddaughter.

Jill grew up in the small, lakeside town of Wilton, Maine. She was the second eldest of four daughters. From a young age she had a strong desire to help people, especially children, and at 22 she graduated with a degree in special education from the University of Maine. As a young woman, she saw friends drafted and killed in the Vietnam War, an experience that was deeply unsettling for her. In 1971 she and her boyfriend at the time, left the US to avoid the draft and seek a more peaceful life in Canada.

A few years later Jill met her future husband, Bill, who brought her to Texada to find the peaceful life she was looking for. She went on to have a long and dedicated career as an Early Childhood Educator, a career shaped by her kind nature and infinite patience for children. She enriched many children's lives on Texada and in Powell River, later

discovering a special calling working with children with autism.

Later in life Jill enjoyed putting on plays with The Rock Island Players and volunteering at the library. She practiced Tai Chi, and treasured spending time with her granddaughter. Every summer she looked forward to travelling back to the US for reunions with her sisters, sometimes gathering at Higgins

Beach, Maine, where they had spent many summers as children. When she could no longer travel, she loved sitting on her deck with her cat, surrounded by her flowers, reading or watching the hummingbirds. Her calm, gentle spirit and quiet wisdom are deeply missed.

Jill's family would like to extend gratitude to her dear friends who visited and brought food, and to the clinic and home support staff for the excellent care she received during her final days. No service will be held.



# TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH

*<sup>20</sup>The Pharisees asked Jesus when the Kingdom of God would come. "The Kingdom of God," he answered, "does not come with visible signs; <sup>21</sup>nor will people be able to say, 'Look! Here it is!' or, 'Over there!' Because, you see, the Kingdom of God is among you."* Luke 17:20-21

### Worship Services:

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship afterwards. Easter Sunday Communion service, April 5, 2026. 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:**  
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**Board Chair:**  
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**Website:**  
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### Facebook Page:

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### Church Mission:

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




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## BEAR BAY MAGIC...continued

and bundled with cables. I would then par-buckle that load into the water with my loader while still loaded with the next load. The dump man was always bored, as I was gone most of the time.

This one time, I arrived at the beach with a big sow grizzly nonchalantly loafing down the road ahead of me...no panic and no stress. But, the dump man had his back to us, his music loud and ear buds in his ears sitting in a chair reading his book. I did not want to blow my air horn...instead, I put the clutch in, jazzing the throttle, hoping he'd hear me... but no. I then hoped she'd turn up the little spur road to the left, but she didn't. She loafed right past him four feet away and down the end of the dump and out through the trees. He never even knew she was there. But, he did remark later that he smelled something!

This is also the magic place a hummingbird asked for help. Copied from previous writings:

"In 2015, I had a loading, hauling, dumping contract in Bute Inlet for Northwest Hardwood. I stopped my self-loading logging truck at my shop truck to do a quick welding job, as a favour for another contractor. My welding was disturbed by something flying around my head. I shooed it away thinking it was a dragonfly - even my swearing didn't scare it away. I took my helmet off and there sitting on my welding deck was a hummingbird with a foxglove flower stuck on his head. I was dumbfounded and shut the welder off.

The whole world hushed. Like a magical magician, I soothed the little guy..."take a breath, calm down, let me help." Grasping

the tip of the flower, I gently pulled the foxglove off. He took flight, came right up to my nose, circled around my head, and then he was off.

I walked to the other side of the road and sat on a stump by the ocean's edge. "Did that just really even happen?" ... "no way"... "couldn't be" ...but looking at my hand, I was still holding the flower between my fingertips. I said out loud, "I guess it did really happen!"

What a tender loving gift, a moment of true sparkly blessing. Quietly, I whispered, "Wow!! ...thank you, Father."

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- Tuesday, May 19, 2026
- Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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Unfortunately, we were unable to secure a Lawn Care Contractor for the 2026 season. This, combined with funder budget cuts, results in no Better at Home Lawn Care on Texada for 2026-28. We will re-assess the possibility in 2027.



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**TYG YOUTH GROUP**

**WED APR 8 & APR 22**  
4.45-6.30

**TEXADA YOUTH GROUP**  
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# BEAR BAY MAGIC

by Joe Seymour

In May and June of 2016, I spent six weeks hauling alder for Northwest Hardwoods at Purcell Point in Bute Inlet. We stayed at Bear Bay, a half hour speed boat away. Bear Bay derived its name from bears everywhere. The camp buildings alternated from a logging camp to fishing and hunting lodges for many years.



The apple and cherry trees were as many years old, with thick trunks and very sturdy limbs. The weaker limbs had long since been broken off by bears climbing for fruit. When going from the cookhouse to the bunkhouse, dry room or laundry, top of mind was always, "be aware, check for bear before you stroll the boardwalk."

The six weeks were an adventure packed with amusing stories...stories bigger than life...they stand on their own...big and inspiring ones. Such as when one time the cherries were ripe to very ripe...the fallers (the men using power saws to fall the trees to be harvested) were done early. A bear was in the tree overhanging the boardwalk. No-one looked up.

This bear was so full from gorging on cherries, he could not move and wrapped himself around the biggest limb and fell asleep. The first faller walked under him, heard a fart and

a rumble and the heavens opened! He was drenched before he could jump away. Mr. Bruin had peed on him. What a hilarious dinner conversation that night...an evening with no end of jokes and laughter. The bear was still there well after dinner.

Bear Bay was black bear country. Across the inlet, Purcell Point was grizzly domain. They really are quite harmless from the cab of a truck or sitting atop my self-loader mounted on my log truck, but I'd be hesitant to hike alone to the beach.

A sow and her two half grown cubs became very familiar. They ate, they wrestled, they loafed...and grew unconcerned with my presence. When finishing loading, I'd stand up on my loader seat, check their whereabouts - smelling their bad breath always meant they were too close! They are beautiful to watch, but 50 feet away would be getting too close. They run uphill better than down. Going downhill, their bellies sway one way, while their hind end swings the other - quite comical.

There were deer everywhere. A doe with her two newly arrived fawns were jostling down the road to avoid my lumbering big monster log truck, when one fawn decided it was suckling time. Everyone stopped. I shut the truck off, poured a coffee and had a sandwich. They were only 20 feet away - another special moment of many.

There is a reason I suggest people do not wear ear buds to listen to music while working. At the beach we had a 20 foot steel shipping container and a crib of two bunks with tall manually tripping stakes. I'd transfer my load to this crib so it could be weighted

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The Garden Club meeting will be at the Seniors Center on Wednesday April 15th, at 2pm. This is a hands-on workshop where Dennis Premack will supervise as we sharpen our own hand clippers and shears. Wear layers as we crack open windows and doors for ventilation. We have masks and hand sanitizer for you to use if you choose. Bring your hand clippers as we get down to business.

In this April edition, Mary Lock recounts her pruning follies in "Lock Methods of Pruning".

### APRIL FOOL OR APRIL FOOLISH?

Pruning methods are used to maintain a healthy garden but over the years I have discovered quite a few methods which are not too successful. I call them the "Lock Method of Pruning" and do not recommend you use them.

Among the many was my method I used to prune my young apricot tree. From my stance on the ladder I could not quite reach the tip of the branch so I pulled it toward me. I heard a CRACK and realized I'd ripped the whole branch right off the tree.

Another method while pruning fruit trees is to break off lots of fruit spurs with your arm.

A dangerous method of pruning was to place my cheap ladder on a slope under the apple tree, climb near the top and reach out as far as possible. The strained

ladder twisted and collapsed and I fell 8 feet right on top of it. I won't repeat any words I said at the time. A friend jokingly reminded me that the weight limit for the ladder was 350 pounds.

While weeding my winter garden I excel at breaking off the tops of emerging spring bulbs or, even better, seeing a bare spot in the soil. I push in the shovel and slice through the bulbs I forgot I planted there last year.

However, the very pinnacle of my foolish pruning methods must be the time I was attempting to cut off an overhanging spruce branch. Not having an extension pruner I had the amazing idea of pulling the branch down closer with a hoe while I cut it with the pruners.

Surprisingly the hoe fell and the blade caught me across the bridge of my nose. That afternoon was the TICS swap meet which I attended wearing a large bandage across my nose. I still bear the scar of that moment both to my flesh and my dignity.

No doubt I will continue to discover new "Lock Methods" of pruning.

Mary Lock



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**Call or text on the Tuesday**

*(day before pick up)*

between 10am and 3pm

**Pick up on the second Wednesday**

between 11 and 12

Call or text on April 7 – pick up April 8  
Call or text on May 12 – pick up May 13

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Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made by mail to PO Box 233, Van And, B.C. V0N 3K0 or E-Transfer to [ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com](mailto: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 And.

Donation tins for cash are available at both stores- Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in Van And 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!**

We are very grateful to everyone who makes regular anonymous financial

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**BINGO**  
Friday, April 17th  
Doors Open at 5:30 pm  
Game Starts at 7 pm

**VETERANS DINNER**  
Wednesday, April 29th  
Cocktails at 5:00 pm  
Dinner at 6 pm

**POTLUCK DINNER**  
There will be no potluck this month.

**TUESDAY'S APPIES & GAME NIGHT!**  
Doors Open at 3:30 pm

**WEDNESDAYS SCRABBLE**  
Doors Open at 1:30 pm

**MEATDRAWS**  
Saturdays and Sundays  
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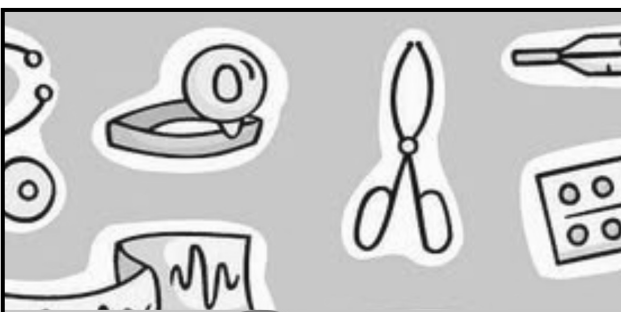
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**HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!**

**GENERAL MEETING**  
Friday, April 10th  
Doors Open at 5:30,  
Meeting Starts at 7 pm



### THSS, Texada Health Services Society Presents

“Preparing for WildFire Smoke and Extreme Heat: a health perspective”  
Meghan Straight, Analyst  
Vancouver Coastal Health &  
Vince Macdonald  
Ham Radio,  
Emergency Communication  
Sunday, April 26th  
1 - 3 pm  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232



### Texada Branch #232. Cribbage Tournament

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Door prizes



**May 24, 2026** Texada Legion, Van Anda  
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**What is Dementia**  
Tuesday April 14, 7pm  
**Recognizing your journey as a caregiver—**

Wednesday April 15, 10:30am  
**Understanding behaviour and communication changes**  
Wednesday April 15, 6:30pm

**Drop-in hours with the Alzheimer Society of BC and Yukon – Thursday April 16, 10am-12pm**

**Author Sheila Peters—**On Texada at Gillies Bay Library. Saturday, April 18, 1:00-2:30 pm. Sheila will share poems and stories from her book driftwood / Driftwood about her journey from norther BC's Driftwood Canyon to her childhood home here in qathet. Drop-in.

**Living Well with Hearing Loss in BC**  
Community Room. Friday, April 24, 2:00-3:00 pm. Author Gael Hannan with the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association will discuss improving communication and accessibility in your life with hearing loss. Drop-in.

## TINSHS DATES OF NOTE!



**2ND ANNUAL TINSHS ROAD RALLY**  
August 15!

A volunteer meeting will be held May 12th—7 pm (location TBA).

### TINSHS AGM

June 28th, 2026 1:45 pm  
at the Gillies Bay Ballpark,  
right after the Farmers' Market!



A heartfelt thank you to Brian and Glenn Walker and Ron Riddell for their patience and availability to resolve our delivery and storage conundrum for us!

Site clearing and completing the required vegetative buffer for the Agricultural Land Commission will begin to take place when the weather dries up. We are looking for volunteers and contractors interested in helping out with this as we get closer to summer. Send us an email or a call for more information.

Although capital funding to build housing has temporarily become a challenge to secure, we continue to apply for grants to further site development incrementally. When construction funding comes available again, we hope to be “shovel ready” and be very attractive to funders!

Happy Spring to everybody!

Be sure to check out our Website and Facebook group to stay informed.

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## April at a Glance!

April is Poetry Month!

Check out [prpl.ca](http://prpl.ca) to learn about Poetry Contests for Kids & Teens. For full listings visit [prpl.ca](http://prpl.ca) or email [desk@prpl.ca](mailto:desk@prpl.ca).

**KIDS**, [szagwyn@prpl.ca](mailto:szagwyn@prpl.ca)

**qathet Play and Connect**—Texada Elementary School. Tuesday, April 28, 12:00-1:30 pm. An Early Years Development Series with early years information and resources for caregivers and fun activities for littles! *Drop-in.*

**MODS on Mondays**—Makerspace. Every other Monday, 3:15-4:45 pm. For neuro-divergent kids aged 7+ & their families. *Registration required.*

**ASL Kids Club**—Huckleberry Room. Monday, April 13, 4:00-4:30 pm—Join ASL Specialist Donna Lee for stories and games in American Sign Language. *Drop-in.*

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

**Tinker Trunk**—Makerspace. Tuesday & Thursday, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session. Kids 7-12, choose-your-own-tech-adventure. *Drop-in.*

**Prime Time**—Community Room. Wednesday, 3:00-4:30 pm, when school is in session. Primary grades K+ connect & play. *Drop-in.*

**Drawn Together**—Huckleberry Room. Friday, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session. Kids aged 7-12. *Drop-in.*

**TEENS**, [edgar@prpl.ca](mailto:edgar@prpl.ca)

**Switch Time**—Huckleberry Room. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session. Multiplayer Nintendo. *Drop-in.*

**Fantasy Adventure Club**—Herring & Huckleberry Rooms. Wednesday, 4:00-5:30 pm, when school is in session. Role-playing games. *Drop-in.*

**Teen Takeover**—Herring & Huckleberry Rooms. Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session. Nintendo & crafts. *Drop-in.*

**Young Writers' Group**—Huckleberry Room. Friday, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session. For youth 10+. *Drop-in.*

**Minecraft Afternoons**—Makerspace. Saturday, 2:00-3 pm, For youth 10+. *Drop-in.*

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

**Caregiver Support Group**—At the library. Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 am -12:00 pm Confidential group for caregivers of individuals living with dementia. *Registration required.*

**If: prey, then: huntress** Community Room. Saturday, April 11, 2-3 pm. Acclaimed poet Christina Shah discusses her new book about her observations and experiences on the road, navigating heavy industry in Canada as a woman. *Drop-in.*

**What is dementia Series**—Community Room, various dates. *In this series, learn how dementia affects an individual's brain and behaviour.* For caregivers, people living with dementia or anyone who may be interested in learning more about the topic. *Drop-in.*

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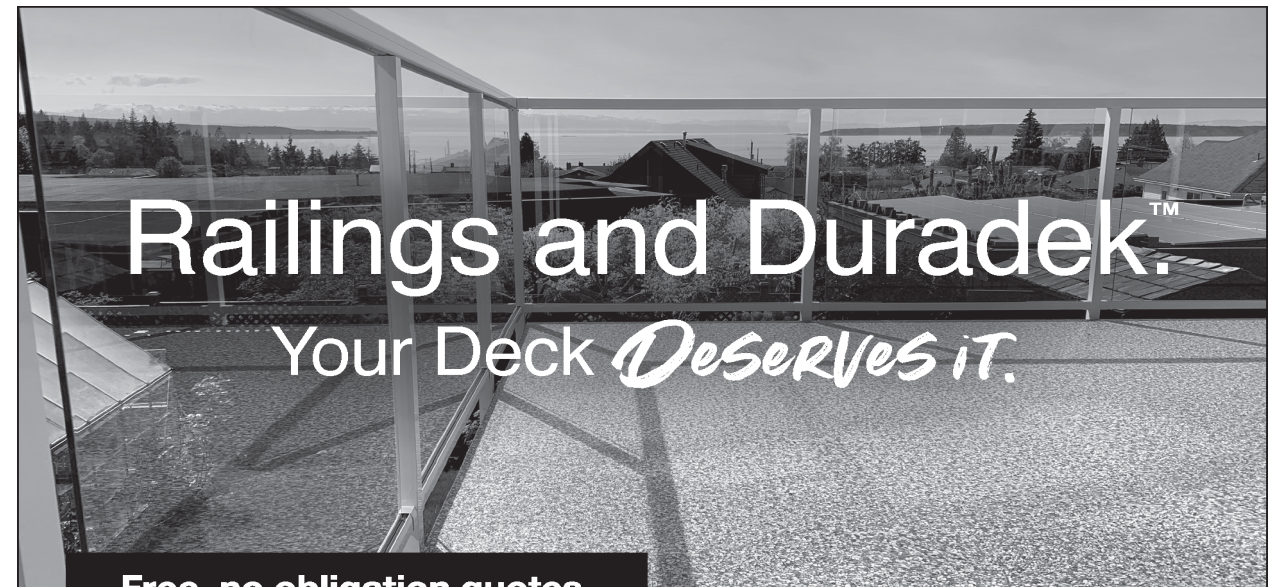
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# TEXADA ISLAND MUSEUM

## HELLO FROM YOUR MUSEUM

Over the fall and winter, our Wednesday morning openings have welcomed a steady trickle of visitors, all of whom have left impressed. We've hosted guests from all parts of BC and Canada as well as from France, UK, China and Mexico. Some comments in the guest book:

"an amazing job ... great work... beautifully done... lovely and informative... loved it and

learned a lot ."

Apparently not all museum tours were the same. "Thank-you for the passionate tour," wrote one enthralled visitor!

As well as maintaining our large collection of objects, photos and documents our volunteers continue to work on displays hoping to offer interesting and informative presentations in the future. High quality displays require a huge investment in organization and time, a challenge ably met by our dedicated volunteers.

People have asked about our VR (virtual reality) presentations of Claire Sanford's film *Texada*. We are in the process of constructing an appropriate area for future comfortable viewings.

Recently the museum welcomed 3 visitors from the Tla'amin Nation who were pleased to hear of our plans for a new indigenous display.

Carol Wyatt's Texada School primary class toured the museum twice in February as part of their Canada Inquiry Project. They are sending postcards and drawings about their Texada community to schools in each province and territory. Some of their letters and pictures are on display on our newest bulletin board at the museum.

Sd 47 Communications Coordinator Marta Brylinska accompanied them and plans to feature photos of their visit on the sd47 website.

Texada Museum is pleased to foster an appreciation of our island history amongst its youngest citizens. Our weekly school visits introduce students to Texada life in ancient times (ie, when their parents were kids! LOL).

Meanwhile, in the "DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ" department, we thank Tom Brent for his research which discovered that the Pocahontas Fire Lookout was NOT the first in Canada (as reported in the PR News - May 18, 1967 and repeated elsewhere!) Another Texada Tall Tale?!

We continue our Wednesday morning openings (10 am to noon) until the summer.

Hope to see you there!

Peter Lock  
Texada Island Heritage Society



## Resource Recovery Centre Easter Hours

<b>Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OPEN</b>

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### DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D

Tentatively, our residential property taxes will go down slightly this year compared with 2025. Yes, I did say go d-o-w-n. The reduction is attributable to deductions in the waste management service now that the Resource Recovery Centre on the mainland is complete. But because final budget approval was scheduled after the Express Lines deadline, the full details will be in next month's column.

Two public EV chargers are now in service at Shelter Point Park. This would not have been my first choice of where to locate them. Like many of you, I preferred the Old School, but the choice was not the qRD's to make. The stations are at no cost to the taxpayer, funded through a \$40,000 grant from the Aviva Canada Foundation's Charged For Change program in partnership with the Earth Day Canada Foundation. Staff put forward both locations but the foundations chose the park because of a more stable cell signal which is required for the chargers' operation. The two level two charging stations can be used at \$3.50 per hour and are primarily for visitors in electric cars, though residents can use them, too.

Determining where to locate them in the park was a bit problematic, given that much of the park required provincial archaeological approval before any work can begin. They were situated away from archaeologically sensitive areas, next to a hydro pole for power and a small gravel pile at the edge of the boat trailer parking area. Please be courteous of others when using this area.

Also on the subject of grants, funding has

recently been received by the qRD for some Texada capital projects. Our tennis courts will be resurfaced in 2026, thanks to \$40,000 from the PR Community Forest and city council. And Community Works will fund \$55,000 for new flooring at the Community Hall and \$10,000 for an electrical upgrade at the Farmers Market. Community Works funding is now thankfully being used primarily for electoral area projects, rather than regional ones.

Finally, another complaint was recently received by the qRD regarding a dangerous dog on Texada. The BC Community Charter (section 49) empowers police officers to act in such cases, but is ambiguous regarding what constitutes "dangerous." Please, everyone, look after the animals in your care and take whatever steps are necessary to prevent them from being at large and exhibiting threatening behavior.

Sandy McCormick, area D director  
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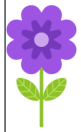
The Texada Food Hub is available to all and is located inside Texada School. The Hub is a Vancouver Coastal Health-approved community food preservation kitchen equipped with commercial equipment for flash-freezing, dehydrating, freeze-drying, baking, juicing, fermenting and canning all kinds of foods.

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

For more information or to become a TAG member, please contact Tom Read by email at: [ravenbaywoods@gmail.com](mailto:ravenbaywoods@gmail.com) or leave a voice message at 604 483-1471.

*April*  
is the premier month for gardening, signaling a return to the soil with rejuvenating energy and essential rainfall. A time for getting your hands in the dirt and feeling the promise that April showers will bring May flowers, and believing that planting a garden is also a belief in tomorrow.



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## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Meet the **Canada Reads 2026** shortlist and their contenders. The debates will take place April 13-16 on CBC TV, CBC Radio, CBC GEM, YouTube, a podcast recap on CBC Listen. The debates will be hosted by Ali Hassan. The five shortlisted novels and their contenders are:

### **A Minor Chorus** by Billy Ray Belcourt

championed by filmmaker and actor Elle-Maija Tailfeathers.

### **Searching for Terry Punchout** by Tyler Hellard

championed by hockey YouTube personality and podcaster Steve "Dangle" Glynn.

### **The Cure for Drowning** by Loghan Paylor

championed by musician and writer Tegan Quin.

### **Foe** by Iain Reid

championed by Broadway actor and kids TV host Josh Dela Cruz.

### **It's Different This Time** by Joss Richard

championed by Book Tok star Morgann Book.

The library has received all of the **2026 Canada Reads**. They will be on display in April.

Colleen has purchased some wonderful children's nature books for the Island's young explorers.

On March 15<sup>th</sup> almost 25 people gathered

to enjoy a presentation by Morna Rockingham and Roger Kimmerly entitled "Announcing Your Place in the Family of Things": a reading of Mary Oliver's poetry. They treated her poetry and life story with such integrity and caring.

**Donations:** The library does not accept stained, torn and mildew books, nor magazines or textbooks.

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

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#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It is that time of year again. Our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 am at the Legion in Van Anda. Reports and draft financials will be available on the website and at the office the week prior.

If you believe changes are needed, come to the AGM! This year, there will be two Trustee positions for election. Do you, or anyone you know, want to be part of managing our important resources?

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Apr 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the community meeting room in the Credit Union.

#### **METER PILOT PROJECT**

We have reached a milestone; fifty percent of the

meters have been installed. A big thank-you to our great community for your support of this project, and to a fantastic installation team.

#### **WILDFIRE**

Do you want to be part of an organization that provides a vital community service? You might consider joining the Wildfire Fire Suppression team focused on fighting forest fires.

The BC S-100 ticket means you could also help off-island as needs arise in other parts of the province. Please contact Fire Chief Mark Robert 604-414-9662 or firechief@vananda.ca for more information.

#### **CONTACT INFO**

Please let us know your questions or concerns! contact@vananda-id.ca – 604-486-7035

#### **WATER EMERGENCY**

No water, low water pressure, and leaks: always contact the Water Operator 1-672-882-9901. Your message will be forwarded directly to the Water Operator.



In February, Van Anda Fire Fighters Department was quieter than normal. VAFD had only one medical call inside the fire district and Texada Rescue had zero calls.

Sometime soon the VAFD will be putting on a S-100 wildfire course. This course will be available to a limited number of the public who may want to be on the called-on list, if VAFD receives a call for assistance from BC Wildfire to attend a wildfire. The course is also for those just interested in receiving first hand

knowledge on how to fight a wild fire. There will be more information soon about this opportunity.

We are still looking for new members to join the department, or Texada Rescue. You can join both, or just Texada Rescue.

The biggest difference is Texada Rescue does not do anything with fires. The Texada Rescue truck may be sent to a fire scene, but mostly for the medical gear or tools that the truck carries.

If you want to join our teams please, reach out to the Van Anda district office or myself.

Fire Chief Mark Robert  
 604-414-9662



Office Hours: Mon – Thurs. 9:00-12:00, 604-223-7757

### 2026 AGM on April 19 at 2:00 pm

**Your Voice Truly Matters:** This is your opportunity to help shape the future of our district. Join us to hear important updates, learn about upcoming plans, vote on key decisions that impact our direction, share your ideas and have your voice heard. Most importantly, the AGM is where decisions are made — and those decisions affect you. This is your chance to influence what comes next. Refreshments will be served.

**Call for Trustees:** Two 3-year Trustee positions are up for election this term; one of the incumbents will be seeking re-election. Trustees make decisions that affect your water and your fire protection. If you have a desire to support the community, please call the office (604-223-7757) with your intention. Nominations will be accepted until April 18. There will be no nominations from the floor at the AGM. Don't miss your chance to make a difference!

### Job Opportunity—Operations Manager: Gillies Bay Improvement District

One Year Contract: 16 hours per week  
Salary: \$30 to \$32 per hour based on experience  
Closing Date: April 10, 2026  
Start Date: Immediately

#### Position Overview:

The Operations Manager plays a key role in managing the daily operations of our water system, ensuring the efficient delivery of clean, potable water to our residents. This position requires a hands-on leader with a strong understanding of water system

operations, maintenance, and regulatory compliance. The ideal candidate will have excellent problem-solving skills, leadership experience, and a commitment to safety and quality.

#### This position requires:

- Project Management skills and the ability to manage multiple projects, both small and large, with diverse objectives and deadlines.
- A working knowledge and experience with Water Distribution systems.
- EOCP certification is a benefit.
- Proficiency with Water Operations software, such as SCADA and meter reading software is a benefit
- Commitment to keeping abreast of industry standards and innovations.
- Ability to communicate and liaise effectively with public officials, ratepayers, local committees and interest groups.
- Proficient computer skills including Microsoft Word and Excel programs. Excellent report writing skills.

#### How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume and a cover letter outlining their qualifications and interest in the position to [admin@gillies-bay.ca](mailto:admin@gillies-bay.ca). A complete job description is available upon request. The position will remain open until filled.

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

April 7 at 11:00 am Water Quality  
April 8 at 4:30 pm Finance & Governance  
April 14 at 4:30 pm Board of Trustee  
April 19 at 2:00 Annual General Meeting

#### Contact Information:

Fire & Medical Emergency 911  
Fire Chief 604-414-5121  
Water Emergency 604-208-3965



As I write this month's column, we are approaching the Spring Equinox, otherwise known as the first day of Spring. Spring officially arrived on March 20th at 7:46 AM PDT. As things begin to warm up, the days get longer and we turn our attention to cleaning things up around the yard, planting gardens and cutting grass, it is also a good time to think about FireSmarting our property.

The FireSmart BC guidelines separate the area around your home and property into three zones. Zone 1 is the area within 10 metres of your house, and it should be treated as a fire-resistant zone that is free of all materials that could easily ignite from a wildfire. Plant low-density, fire-resistant plants and shrubs, keep your grass cut, avoid using any woody debris like bark mulch, and store items such firewood, construction and other flammable materials outside this zone. Zone 2 is the area that is between 10 to 30 metres from the house. Thin and prune coniferous trees to reduce hazards in this area and regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass and needles to eliminate potential surface fuels. If you have a large property, zone 3 is between 30 to 100 metres from your house. In this area you should look for opportunities to create a fire break by creating space between trees and other flammable vegetation. This involves thinning, pruning and removal of all fine fuels and perhaps replacing coniferous with deciduous trees.

We have been very lucky in recent years on Texada Island in terms of a serious wildfire, however wildfire evacuations can happen. Your best option to increase the

probability of returning to an intact home is to implement the FireSmart principals on your property. For more information contact the qathet Regional District's FireSmart coordinator at [firesmartpr@gmail.com](mailto:firesmartpr@gmail.com) or call 604-414-7839.

If you want to become involved in helping to protect your island in the event of a wildfire or other disaster, consider becoming a member of your local volunteer fire department.

Dave Beach,  
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