

## FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Garden Club: 2 pm, Comm Hall Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm	<b>2</b>  Groundhog Day	<b>3</b> Bingo: 7 pm, Comm Hall	<b>4</b> Legion 5:30 Robbie Burns
<b>5</b>  Full Moon	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> GBID 11 am & 1pm GB Firehall Food Bank Call In	<b>8</b>  Food Bank Pick Up	<b>9</b> TWIN Mtg: 11:30 am, Texada Inn	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm VAID CoR 10am VAFHall
<b>12</b> Circle of Light 2 pm, United Church	<b>13</b>  Last Quarter	<b>14</b> GBID 11am GB Firehall Valentine's Day- Dinners: F&B, Tex Inn	<b>15</b> TING Mtg: 7 pm, 3021 Ash St Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm Flag Day	<b>16</b> COC Mtg: 6pm Snrs Centre	<b>17</b> Legion Bingo: 7 pm	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Legion Mtg: 7 pm Express Lines Deadline STRICT! Family Day New Moon	<b>21</b> GBID 1 pm, GB Firehall	<b>22</b>  Ash Wednesday	<b>23</b>  Community Bingo: 1 pm, Srs Ctr	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  First Quarter	<b>28</b>				

### EXPRESS LINES SUBMISSIONS BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH PLEASE!!!

**EVERY:**

**MONDAY:** Tai Chi, Comm Hall, 9:30 am  
Fire Dept Practice GB & VA Fire Halls 6:30 pm  
**WEDNESDAY:** Tai Chi, Comm Hall, 9:30am  
**THURSDAY:** Fun Darts, Tex Inn, 7 pm  
**FRIDAY:** KARAOKE, Tex Inn, 7 pm

**SATURDAY:** Tai Chi, Comm Hall, 9:30 am  
Meat Draw, Legion, 3:30  
**SUNDAY:** Trivia Meat Draw, Legion 4 pm  
Church Services, United Church, 10:30 am  
Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6:30 pm



### Texada's Calendar of Events

February 2023

## CAN I HELP ??

What is happening to our island?? Where is everybody?? I continuously see the different organizations on Texada Island looking for volunteers and no one is coming forward. It's always the same people who are volunteering and these individuals are aging and having to step down due to health issues, or due to other events in their lives that is out of their control.

We are needing Paramedics, Volunteer Firefighters, the Legion and Texada Health Services Society are needing Treasurers and other individuals to fill positions. I am sure there are other organizations that I have not mentioned who are in the same position.

Have you ever considered what it would be like to not have these services?? When I was six years old, I remember a house fire in Van Anda on the waterfront and they only had a bucket brigade to put out the fire; needless to say the house burnt down. Please consider volunteering as a Firefighter for your community- it is extremely important- you can contact either the Van Anda Fire Department or the Gillies Bay Fire Department.

Can you imagine if we did not have an ambulance service on Texada?? The positions offered by the Paramedics are paid positions. We are extremely fortunate as most islands do not have the services we have. Those who are interested should contact Alan MacIsaac.

What about the Legion- do you realize the services they provide to the community? It's just not an "Old Boys Club" as some may think. They have opened their doors for community events for fundraisers (without cost), funeral and wedding functions, community dances, etc. Did you know they are the place of refuge for Van Anda in the event of a major catastrophe?? They have provided a place for the food bank and free pantry on their property; they have also provided a place for the ambulance service. In the past, before COVID 19, they had a Seniors Day whereby the seniors could go play cards, knit, partake in social activities and a hot lunch was usually provided by volunteers. They are in need of a Treasurer, please reach out to John Redekop, President.

Do you know what the Texada Health Services Society

provides?  
Our man-

date is to provide funds for the benefit of the residents of Texada. With the funds donated to the Society we are able to purchase medical equipment, assist with the expenditures for the running of the clinic, vaccine programs, etc. We also have the Cancer Support Group, the Breast Cancer and the Green Armband Program under our umbrella to assist the needs of the residents of Texada. We are in need of a Treasurer and if you can help, please contact me below.

I cannot emphasize enough the need for people to get involved, especially the younger people. I challenge you to contact one of these organizations, find out more about them and GET INVOLVED!! We cannot afford to lose the services we currently have in our community!

Barb Egglestone, President  
Texada Health Services Society  
604-486-7494

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guarantee on time filing.

# TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE

## Hours of operation

**Monday to Thursday**  
8:30 am to 11:45 am, 1:15 pm to 4 pm

**Friday** 8:30 am to 11:45 am

**Phone Number: 604-486-7525**

If there's no reply, please leave a message.

Emergencies: 604-414-9638. If there's no reply within 10 minutes, please phone 911.

**Information** – Nurses Hotline: 811

### COVID changes:

- Visits strictly by appointment except for emergencies. We will try to deal with issues by phone as much as possible and give appointments when patients need to be seen in person.
- Lab tests by appointment only. Extended lab time: 8:30 am to 9:45 am.
- Masks and hand sanitizer compulsory on entering the health centre.
- If you are ill and suspect you may have COVID, please come to the back door marked COVID and follow the posted instructions.
- TAP forms can be picked up after 1:15 pm.

PLEASE WATCH FOR SPECIAL STAFFING NOTICES ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THANK YOU.

## Donations to Texada Medical Clinic

If you or someone you know is making a donation to the Texada Clinic, please make the cheque out to **Texada Health Services Society** and mail to Box 84, Gillies Bay, V0N 1W0. Thank you in advance.

## Texada Breast Cancer Support



Contact: Joan Martisca  
604-483-6438

Udith Teuner  
604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained Peer Facilitators

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## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group has readily available funds for individuals on Texada Island needing additional financial support while obtaining treatment for their cancer. We are here to help and can provide up to \$500 per year per patient.

Forms can be picked up at the Texada Island Health Center or my home in Van Anda. I can be reached at 604-486-7494. All inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence.

— Barb Egglestone

## Little Free Pantries

Texada's own "little free pantries" are available to everyone on Texada with food insecurities. Please feel free to pick up or drop off some much needed food. Locations are at the Food Bank in Van Anda and in front of 4758 Cedar St. (between Oak and Ash) in Gillies Bay. Sponsored by the Community of Texada and the Texada Food Bank. "Take what you need; leave what you can." THANK YOU for all the anonymous donations of food that have been left in the pantries! If you see a cooler under the pantries you may take or leave produce, including excess from our gardens.



Please do not leave alcoholic beverages!

# BC FERRY SCHEDULE

TEXADA ISLAND TO POWELL RIVER			
Monday to Friday		Saturday and Sunday	
Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River	Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River
6 am	6:50 am	6 am	6:50 am
7:50 am	8:35 am	7:50 am	8:35 am
9:20 am	10:10*/10:20 am	9:20 am	10:20 am
11:25 am	12:15 pm	11:25 am	12:15 pm
3 pm *	3:45 pm	3:30 pm	4:15 pm
5:05 pm	6 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm
8:35 pm	9:20 pm	9 pm	9:45 pm

*\*Dangerous Cargo Wednesdays Only—no passengers*

POWELL RIVER - SECHLT	
Leave Saltery Bay	Leave Earls Cove
5:40 am*	6:35 am*
7:30 am	8:25 am
9:25 am	10:25 am
11:20 am	12:25 pm
3:50 pm	4:55 pm
6 pm	7 pm
7:55 pm	8:50 pm
9:45 pm	10:40 pm

*\*Daily except Sunday*

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

To confirm sailing times please call :  
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### COMMUTER BUS THURSDAYS

Phone Wednesday before 3 pm to reserve a seat (604-483-2008).

**Departs Gillies Bay Store at 8:25 am, and the Van Anda Market at about 8:50 am.**

Departs the North entrance of Town Centre Mall at 3 pm.

Fare (each way): \$8 and \$2.25 for seniors (65+).

POWELL RIVER—COMOX	
Leave	Leave
8:05 am	6:15 am
11:50 am	9:55 am
5:15 pm	3:25 pm
8:45 pm	7:10 pm

**Express Lines is a TICS Publication.**  
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**DEADLINE: The 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.** Please call for information on advertising or insert rates.

- Send announcements (max. 350 words) or ads to: **PO Box 233, Van Anda, V0N3K0**
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## TEXADA ISLAND PHONE BOOKS

PHONE BOOKS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR A \$5.00 FEE AT THE GILLIES BAY STORE, TEXADA MARKET & THE GAS STATION.

## EXPRESS LINES SUBSCRIPTION

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## FEBRUARY IS HEART AND STROKE MONTH

If it was within your grasp to save a life, wouldn't you? To save hundreds, or more? Every year researchers make leaps and bounds forward in the treatment of heart disease, stroke and many other related diseases. And yet every year, thousands of Canadians die of heart disease. Much more research is necessary, but research takes funding.

February is Heart and Stroke month. Canvassers may be coming to your house, asking for your donation to this worthy cause. Please give generously and make death wait. The life you save may be your own.

As part of the difficult transition period the *Express Lines* and TICS is working through, it has been discovered that there is a significant void in the administration of the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Red Cross and the Emergency Services Society. TICS Executive members are working hard to overcome the missing elements. If you think you can help, please send an email to: [ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com](mailto:ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com) Thank you.



We have 2 fundraisers coming up in the next three months. Purdy's Chocolates is now set up with anyone wishing to order on line for Easter. Our account # is 28828. If you are having trouble or can't order on line call me at 604-414-4893 and I will do it for you.

The second fundraiser will be our Swapmeet. May 28th at the community hall.

**BINGO:**  
Our turkey winner for last month's bingo was Louise Grayson. Congrats. Hip hip hooray. Our next bingo will be on Feb 3. Come on out and have fun. Bring your family, everyone can play. The goodies in the kitchen are worth coming for.

**MEETING:**  
Our next meeting will be our AGM, March 13, 2023. If you're interested in joining TICS or becoming one of our executive team, please let me know.  
Have a great month!  
Doriana Kiland



**To order Purdy's Chocolates** online under the Texada Island Community Society campaign, please follow these steps:

- Go to [fundraising.purdys.com](http://fundraising.purdys.com)
- Click on Sign In (top right side of the screen)
- Register as a supporter—our customer number is 28828 — or sign in to your existing account (if you shopped at Christmas) then choose Join A Campaign.
- Choose Shop Online from the tool bar across the top.
- Shop away!! Marketplace will show you everything available, with pictures.
- Order by March 17, orders delivered by March 24. Thank you!

## Circle of Light

A heart-centered healing meditation  
-for yourself  
-for the Earth  
-for all Life on the planet  
2 pm Sunday, February 12  
At the Texada United Church in Van Anda

This will be a guided meditation - no experience is necessary.  
Our first session will honour the passing of **Maggie Timms** with a song or two...

Facilitators:  
**Karen May and Marilyn Timms**  
All welcome - please join us.

# ATTENTION!!!

## EXPRESS LINES BUSINESS & CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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## EXPRESS LINES SUBSCRIPTIONS

During the recent transition period, TICS is experiencing minor difficulties in some areas. Most of the problems have been quickly overcome. However one is proving to be difficult to solve. This problem is the finding of a complete list of *Express Lines* subscribers.

A list has been found in the very complete files and folders etc provided to TICS by the people involved in the transition. The list contains eight names and addresses of subscribers to the *Express Lines*. Other information supplied indicates that there is as many as 30 more subscribers. As the *Express Lines* is one of the most important aspects of TICS we are diligently searching for a more complete listing of our subscribers. How this may be accomplished is the reason for this article.

If you have any knowledge of, or are an *Express Lines* subscriber, please send an email to: [ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com](mailto:ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com) , or call Steve @ 604-414-7764.

The *Express Lines* publication has understandably slowed for a number of reasons as the transition is ongoing ,but will be continuing on as the issues are resolved. TICS executive appreciates your patience during this difficult transition period. Thank you.

**R.C.M.P.**  
*If we don't know,  
we can't help.*



Social media is a great tool to share information about what is happening on our island. However, it is of concern to the RCMP that we are not being informed of certain incidents that are occurring and only hearing about them indirectly through the use of social media.

If you have witnessed an incident where we can help you, please contact the RCMP.

As well we continue to see numerous folks driving about without wearing seatbelts, this includes larger trucks. We ask you to buckle up!

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Micha, Josh and Pat



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# Garden Club Notes

Please join us for our next Garden Club meeting on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2 pm in the Community Hall. Dave Murphy will discuss soil amendment . You don't have to be a member to attend.

For our Valentine,s edition, Joyce Wiebe writes about the humble yet wonderful RED beet.

As a child, my first experiences with beets were in the delicious Ukrainian borscht my mother made. As an adult, I have enjoyed new experiences such as roasted beets, shredded raw beets on salad, and pickled beets; all with their gorgeous red color and rich flavour.

In the Ancient Middle East, beets were grown primarily for their greens. By Roman times they were also grown for the root. In the Middle Ages they were used for treating illnesses related to digestion and the blood.

Today we enjoy beet greens in salads, soups or steamed and we eat the roots roasted, boiled or raw. A serving of beets is high in fibre and vitamin C, folate, potassium, magnesium, iron and manganese. And, beets are one of the sweetest vegetables.

Beets are a cool weather crop and can be planted 2-3 weeks before the last average frost date in spring or in late summer for a fall crop. Beets can be red, orange, gold or even white! The roots can be a round ball or cylindrical (perfect for slicing and canning). Beets prefer well-worked soil rich in organic matter. Beets benefit from companion planting with garlic or onions. The wrinkled seed is actually a cluster of 2-5 inside so may need thinning. Soaking the seeds overnight speeds germination. For square foot gardening plant 9 seeds per square. Beets need an inch of water each week, so mulching is one way to help conserve moisture. Young beet leaves can be picked for tasty salads about one month after planting and beets store well for winter use. This month's recipe is a new dessert adventure, perfect for Valentine's Day!

Chocolate Beet Cupcakes (from joythebaker.com)

- 1-cup flour
- ½ cup cocoa
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1-cup sugar
- 3 tbs melted butter
- ½ cup beet puree (roast beets, cool and puree)
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

In a large bowl whisk together flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, baking powder, salt and sugar. In a second bowl whisk together melted butter, beet puree, buttermilk, egg and vanilla. Add the liquids to the dry ingredients and mix till well incorporated. Divide batter between twelve muffin cups and bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Ice with vanilla icing (for pink add 1 T of pureed beets). Enjoy!!

## ORG NEWS



qathet  
REGIONAL DISTRICT

### Budget Meeting

The qathet Regional District will meet to consider the proposed 2023 budgets and 2023-2027 Financial Plan at the Finance Committee meetings from January through February, 2023.



POWELL RIVER REGIONAL  
HOSPITAL DISTRICT

### Budget Meeting

The Regional Hospital District will meet to consider the proposed 2023 budget at the Regional Hospital District meetings between January and March, 2023.

Meeting dates and times can be viewed on the Regional District website at qathet.ca.

For more information, please contact;  
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## Texada Island Community Sign & Print Shop.

Experienced personnel and island residents will be on hand to supply island residents , event planners and businesses both private and public with top quality sign work.

Clients may email or attend a Texada Island Community Society, (TICS) meeting with their sign work proposals. Estimates from off-island sign shops are welcome, in order to provide the best price possible for the proposed sign work here on Texada Island.

The Texada Island Community Sign & Print Shop fully expects to be ready to serve the community's needs by springtime THIS year, ready for the summer seasons events here on Texada Island. Interested parties and prospective clients wanting more information can email:

[ticsignshop@gmail.com](mailto:ticsignshop@gmail.com)

# DIRECTORS REPORT

There are some good news items from the RD to report this month.

The first is a \$24,000 **covered gathering structure for the VA ball field** as a gift from Rotary Club International. The ball fields are among the RD properties on the island stewarded by the Texada Island Recreation Commission (TIRC).

Last year TIRC conducted an informal survey of new amenities people would like to have at the ball fields, triggered by concerns about the deterioration of both sets of bleachers. A covered gathering structure in VA was identified as a priority. When Rotary approached the RD, staff put forward the VA location.

Exactly where in the park it will go will be determined in consultation with TIRC and VAID. Construction will be later this year.

Thanks to both RD staff and Rotary.

Another piece of good news is adoption by the RD of a **new Volunteer Program for regional parks, properties and trails**. I asked for such a program last year when some local residents expressed their frustration at not being allowed to do trail clean-up at the park. The Board supported having a volunteer program and it started this month. Volunteers are now invited to come forward.

The CUPE-endorsed program will include ecological restoration, habitat enhancement, invasive plant removal, trail maintenance and garbage clean-ups. Properties on Texada include Shelter Point Park, Erickson's Beach, Woodlands Cemetery, Emily Lake Park and beach access points.

Interested volunteers can sign up for the program by filling out and submitting a qRD Parks, Properties and Trails Volunteer form,

available at [qathet.ca/services/parks-and-recreation/](http://qathet.ca/services/parks-and-recreation/) You can request a paper copy from Operational Services staff at [operations@qathet.ca](mailto:operations@qathet.ca) or 604-487-1838.

In other news, the RD will continue the **Wood Smoke Reduction Program** in 2023. This year, residents have the option to keep their certified wood stove when installing a heat pump and still qualify for a rebate. Rebates range from \$400 to \$1,000. A total of \$10,250 is available on a first-come basis. Contact the qRD for more info, [administration@qathet.ca](mailto:administration@qathet.ca), 604-485-2260.

Also this year, the qRD has launched an **official Facebook Page**, [facebook.com/qathetRD](https://facebook.com/qathetRD)

Finally, thank you to everyone who participated in the **bike path survey and community meeting**. More about this in a future issue.

Sandy McCormick  
Area D director  
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Hello, Texada, A warm, balmy end of January we did have.

- We are having a Super Bowl party in the Pub, Sunday February 12. Doors open at noon . 25% off ALL draft beer , munchies , prizes and an appetizer platter special , chili & bun, chilidogs, pool squares
- Fun Darts every Thursday 6:30, Come play! Karaoke; Friday 7:00 Bring your voices!
- Lots of local art available, buy beautiful, shop local.
- VALENTINE'S DAY Dinner Extravaganza. Menu TBA .Reservations HIGHLY advised. Tuesday, February 14, 5:00 - 9:00.
- Family Day February 20 - We will be closed. Enjoy your loved ones.
- Thank you to all my staff and customers, we couldn't do this without you.

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*Cymry, Evan, and Kaitlyn*

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# MUSEUM MUSINGS

## THE STROMBERGS

The Stromberg name appears frequently in Texada's history and lives today at Stromberg Falls, a spectacular seasonal cascade south of Davie Bay.

William Stromberg was born in Finland in 1867 and made his way by steamer via Cape Horn to San Francisco, then Vancouver, where he became foreman at the BC Sugar Refinery. In Vancouver he met an 18-year old Finnish girl, Emma Peterson. They married in 1898.

In 1900 the couple, with one-year old daughter Edith, relocated to Van Anda where William was employed by the Van Anda Copper and Gold Company. He earned his engineer's ticket and was put in charge of the powerhouse at the Cornell and Copper Queen mines. A company house provided for married employees (still standing and occupied today) was their first abode.

In 1915 daughter Edith and her brother, Bill, travelled to Powell River to write the 3-day High School entrance exams. They were the first Texada kids to qualify, enabling them to attend King George High School in Vancouver.

Young Edith was adventurous. Besie Banham, a friend Edith met at the Powell River exams, remembered joining Edith and Ethel Raper in an 8-mile cross-island backpacking trek to Gillies Bay. The girls camped on the "unspoiled stretch of sandy beach" and marvelled as seals followed their rowboat.

Father William had prospected a bornite-rich karst area south of Davie Bay and registered several mineral claims there (naming them after his children). The Strombergs built a summer cabin on the beach where the creek meets the sea (today's "Secret Beach"). The family would row there from Gillies Bay at the start of each summer.

Edith (later married as Edith Pooch) became a prominent and respected participant in Texada affairs, helping to establish TICS in 1930. She organized and

helped out with numerous church-based community activities over the years.

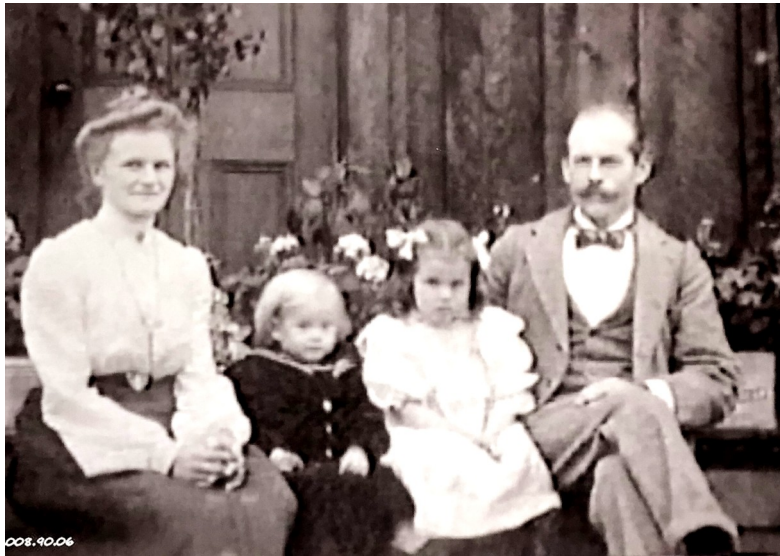
Mrs Pooch retired to her beloved Gillies Bay beachfront where she hosted tea parties in her charming gardens. In 1980 at age 81 Edith sold her property to the McLeods with the proviso that she could remain there for the rest of her life.

Edith died 22 years later in 2002 at the age of 103!

Next month the reader will hear of father William's harrowing rowboat expedition to Haida Gwaii in 1903.

*Peter Lock*

*Texada Island Heritage Society*





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## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP PROPOSED LOTTERY FUNDRAISER

The Texada Health Services Society is looking for ways to raise the amount of funds given to those individuals dealing with cancer within our community. To accomplish this, we need the support of the community. One of our concerned citizens brought the suggestion to us based on an existing lottery in a small community in Alberta that has been operating for a number of years and has been very successful. Before we attempt to duplicate their idea, we need to find out if our community has the desire to do the same; therefore, we have included a survey slip for you to tick yes or no and if you are willing to help us with the fundraiser.

Tickets are to be sold both locally and off island, so anyone can purchase a ticket. Here is how it works 1,000 tickets are to be sold at \$20 per ticket, for a total of \$20,000. The ticket is good for one year and then new tickets are sold at the end of the first year for the next year.

The number on your ticket could be drawn as a winner for more than one draw, so you could win more than once in the year.

The physical drawing of the numbers is done once a month and there is a number drawn for everyday of that month except for Sundays. Here is how it works:

- ◆ For every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that month the numbers drawn will win \$20.
- ◆ For every Saturday of that month the numbers drawn will win \$100.
- ◆ In addition, a number will be drawn for the 15<sup>th</sup> on those months of February, April, July, September and December, and those numbers drawn will win \$500.

At the end of the draw, all the numbers are deposited back into the draw for the next month draw, hence your number could be drawn more than once in a year. The total payout for prizes is \$12,640, leaving \$7,360 for the Cancer Support Group each year.

Please take the time to complete the enclosed survey to indicate if you would support the proposed lottery and submit the survey by Feb 15, 2023. These can be dropped off at the store in Van Anda or Gillies Bay. If there is enough interest, we could start the process of creating and selling tickets, and possibly have the first draw at the beginning of 2024.

Barb Egglestone, President  
*Texada Health Services Society*  
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### February at a Glance!

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#### Crafternoons at PRPL

Community Room, Saturday, February 4, 2:00-3:30 pm

All ages crafting. Participants aged 7 or under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All material provided. *Drop-in.*

#### Mélange à Collage with Let's Talk Trash

Community Room, Saturday, February 25, 2:00-3:00

Adults & youth collage with a community group. *Drop-in, the last Saturday of each month.*

#### Poetry Circle

Community Room, Thursday, February 2 & 16, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

w/ Amira Abouelalla. *Drop-in.*

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

#### Preschool Storytime

Children's Reading Room, Wednesdays & Thursdays,

10:30-11:00 am

Library Storytime. *Drop-in.*

#### After School Prime Time

Community Room, Wednesdays 3:00-4:30 pm.

Primary grades K+ are invited to connect through play. *Drop-in.*

#### Drawn Together

Room A, Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm.

Kids draw at the library. *Drop-in.*

#### Tinker Trunk

Makerspace, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Kids 8-12, choose-your-own-tech-adventure. *Drop-in.*

#### Pro-D Day Pirate Party!

Community Room, Friday, February 17, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Make a treasure map, and more! *Drop-in.*

#### Salmon in the Library!

Children's Lounge, continuing into February! Coho eggs in the library thanks to Powell River Salmon Society.

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

#### Cinematic Saturday: Jurassic Park

Community Room, Saturday, February 11, 1:00-3:15 pm.

Free film and popcorn! Rated PG-13. *Drop-in.*

#### Codespace

Makerspace, Wednesdays 4:00- 4:45 pm.

Youth 10+ learn to code. *Drop-in.*

#### Young Writers Group

Meeting Room B. Fridays, 4:00- 5:00 pm.

Youth 11+ talk writing & books. *Drop-in.*

#### First Dibs

Teens write reviews for volunteer credit.

*Registration required.*

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

#### Learn about Psilocybin Mushrooms

Texada Library, Saturday, February 3, 1:30 pm.

Magic mushroom talk by Todd Caldecott. *Drop-in.*

#### Rescue Me Behind the Scenes of Search and Rescue

Community Room, Saturday, February 18, 2:00 - 3:00 pm.

Book talk by Cathalynn Labonté-Smith on North American search and rescue stories. *Drop-in.*

#### Food as Medicine: The Theory and Practice of Food

Community Room, Friday, February 24, 7:00 pm.

Todd Caldecott discusses his book on food and health.

*Drop-in.*

#### Write On

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# TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH NOTES



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— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech

**Worship Services:** Sundays 10:30 a.m. Communion will be celebrated on Feb. 5, 2023. Everyone is welcome at our communion table. Karen May will be our guest worship leader on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Focus on Spirit!** The weekly reflection is posted on the church website. Links can be found on the church's Facebook page (sometimes there are extra posts there so check it out) and Texada Message Board.

**Minister's Office Hours:** Tuesday & Thursdays, at the church, 1:30 -3:30

Please note there will not be any office hours between Feb. 6 – Feb. 20; I'll be back in the office on Feb. 21, 2023.

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[trollhollow123@gmail.com](mailto:trollhollow123@gmail.com)

Board Chair: Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

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# NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Greetings Everyone.

During the month of February, Canadians celebrate and acknowledge: Black History Month, Family Day, Groundhog Day, World Cancer Day, Flag Day, and Valentine's Day.

It is often thought that a greeting card company contrived Valentine's Day. However, the Victorians gave each other Valentines. "The oldest valentine still in existence is from 1415. It is a poem written by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London after he was captured at the Battle of Agincourt during the Hundred Years' War."

Love comes in many forms: romantic love, love of family, friends, pets and community. The author C.S. Lewis wrote a very famous book entitled, "The Four Loves". In it he examines four types of human love: affection, friendship, erotic love, and the love of God. It was quite a racy book for its time. Mr. Lewis was also the author of the Children's book series, "The Chronicles of Narnia".

In my column this month, I am addressing romantic love and those authors who write in the Romance Genre. Fantastic Fiction tells us that some of the most popular Romance Authors are: Nora Roberts, Danielle Steel, Robyn Carr, Sandra Brown, Nicholas Sparks, Elin Hilderbrand, and JoJo Moyes. Julian Barnes and Tessa Harris are in the Historical Romance Genre. The Library has holdings of at least one title by these authors.

Dick asked me to tell you that the Library has received a very generous donation of Nora Roberts' books. This donation is very timely and fits in well with this month's theme. Thank you to the donor.

*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:**

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Thursday	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Fri , Sat , Sun	noon to 2:00 pm


For more information about The Library, or about becoming a volunteer, please phone Anne Carney, Library Coordinator, at 604-486-7117.

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Learn About -  
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**Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department**

2022 was an exciting year for the Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department. We started a medical first responder program in the spring to provide assistance to our BC Ambulance crew. We had four members licensed and we responded to 37 medical calls on top of our usual activities. In November we had several more members trained, and they are currently working on their licensure requirements. At the end of 2022 we thanked Mark Rousseau and Arron Rairie for their combined 42 years of service in Texada Fire Departments. While we welcomed five new members over the year, we have lost a lot of expertise with their retirement. They will be greatly missed. We also thank the members who were prepared to move up to cover the gaps. The new officer line-up consists of: Rob McWilliam, Chief; Dave Beech, Deputy Chief; Ben Reiman, Assistant Chief; Richard Valentine, Captain; Ken Becotte, Captain; Jim Cairns and Brian Redman share the Safety Officer responsibilities.

If you are interested in joining one of the Texada Fire Departments or learning more, feel free to come to one of our regular practices Monday nights at 6:30 at the Gillies Bay or Van Anda Fire Halls.

*In Memory of . . .*

...there were no submissions for the Memorial section of the Express Lines for February, TICS wishes the community to know there will ALWAYS be space here for your memorials.



**Legion**  
BRITISH COLUMBIA/YUKON COMMAND

February starts off with a bang. On the Feb 4<sup>th</sup> the Legion will be hosting a Robbie Burns dinner, Cocktails at 5:30; Dinner at 6:30, event is sold out! See below.

**Also upcoming:**  
General Meeting on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.  
Bingo Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

*A Taste of Scotland*  
**Robbie Burns Ceilidh**

For over two centuries, Scots around the world have invited Sassenachs (non-Scots) to join them in an annual celebration of all things Scottish. The Ceilidh (parties) are held in late January and include great food, music and dancing.


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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS & OTHER MEETINGS**

**Texada Island Heritage Society  
Texada Island Heritage Commission**

AGM will be held on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Texada Museum in Van Anda. Memberships are \$15.00 per immediate family and \$10.00 per person.

Thank you, Lynne Schroeder  
604-486-7470 or email: [bobbiegirl@telus.net](mailto:bobbiegirl@telus.net)

**LEGION**  
General Meeting on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

**BCEHS** | BC Emergency Health Services  
Provincial Health Services Authority

For employment opportunity information come to the Open House on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am. The Open House will be at the Ambulance Station at 2099 Legion Rd, in Van Anda next to the Legion.

All meetings for the GBID are open to the Public and are currently being held via Zoom. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact our Administrator for the link at 604-223-7757

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**Meeting Schedule for February 2023**

February 7<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am – Human Resource Committee  
February 7<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm – Water Committee  
February 14<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am – Finance Committee  
February 21<sup>st</sup> – 1:00 pm – Regular Board of Trustees

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**COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE**  
Child Care and Youth Services for Texada  
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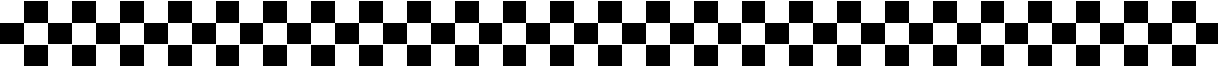
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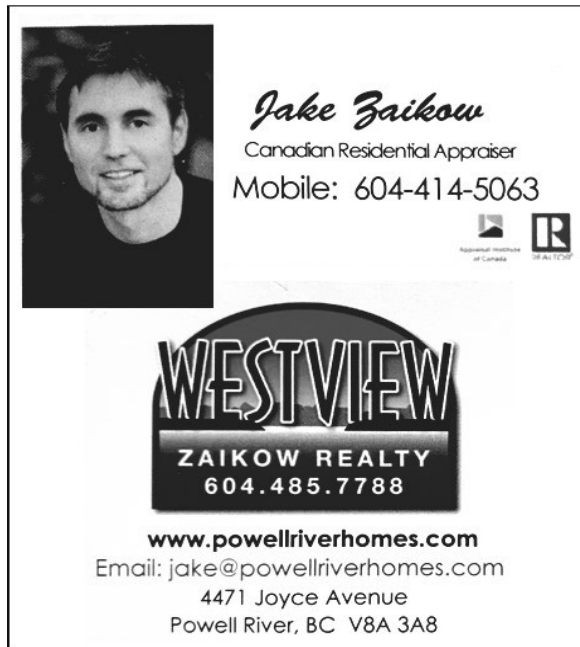


## TEXADA GUIDING & THRIFT SHOP

Texada Guiding was already going strong when I came to Texada, 48 years ago. I proposed starting a thrift shop to make money for supplies, equipment, snacks and trips. The Guides were already selling clean cut up rags in bags, so it fit right into the scheme of things. Guiding promotes recycling and reusing. The Pathfinders now even have a badge for this. We were trend setters. When I joined Guiding here there were no Pathfinders or Sparks in Canada, Only Brownies and Guides. When they introduced Pathfinders in 1979 I went to the very first training in BC, at Camp Tsoona in the Lower Mainland. I started it here on Texada and it has been going strong ever since. Sparks was introduced for ages 5 and 6 in 1989. Over the last few years the pandemic shut everything down but Girl Guides of Canada still wanted the volunteers to hold meetings and sell cookies. In 2020 the girls were expected to enroll at \$104 each, even though they weren't doing actual in-person meetings. That's when I decided to leave Girl Guides of Canada and start our own version – Texada Guiding. I wanted to see more of our thrift store money going to help the Girls on Texada and not provincial and national (where they have paid employees) We're so lucky to have Rebecca Hathaway, Sandy Harvey and Ana Botts come on board to help restart our groups. We currently have 9 Brownies age 6 to 9 and 3 Pathfinders. They have been allowed to choose their own colour shirts for Texada Guides uniforms. The Brownies chose blue and Pathfinders chose turquoise. Excited for when we have some Guides to see what colour they decide on! We meet at school as soon as school finishes and the Pathfinders meet around 4:45pm. If your daughter wishes to join or you wish to volunteer some time, please call Linn at 604-486-7468 or Becca at 604-765-5218 to register. If you are new to the island and haven't stopped in the thrift shop yet, come on in. We are like the island department store! Still only \$1 per grocery bag or \$2 per garbage bag full (or by donation) Open Sunday, Monday and Thursday 11 am to 1 pm. We also still sell those bags of rags at only \$1. Thanks to our fabulous thrift shop volunteers Diane, Shirley, Jeindre, Margaret and Tom, Sheryl, Sue and Wade. Also thanks in memory to Dave Hull who did so many jobs for us, all for free.

The thrift shop turns 49 on February 14.

Linn Rairie



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### BETTER AT HOME

**Better At Home** on Texada Island matches volunteers with seniors to provide non-medical support so seniors can continue living independently in their own homes. Currently we offer limited transportation, friendly visits and light yard work.

For more information please contact Tom Read (Texada volunteer coordinator) at 604-483-1471 or email: [ravenbaywoods@gmail.com](mailto:ravenbaywoods@gmail.com). Better At Home is administered by Inclusion Powell River and BC United Way, with funding from the Province of BC.

### TINSHS

In the near future, we will be releasing the "Needs & Demand" study.

A valuable member of TINSHS, Elle Rosenthal stepped off the Board in December 2022 after three years of dedicated service. Elle's professional experience and tireless work ethic over this time has laid a strong foundation for successfully developing affordable seniors housing on Texada. She continues to volunteer her time in support of this mission. We would like to extend our thanks to Elle for her invaluable and ongoing contribution to TINSHS.

In late spring, we expect to launch our new website, a project funded by the Powell River Community Foundation. Stay tuned!

Plans are underway for the format of our next Community Engagement.

The AGM will be held on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 2 pm. Location TBA. As part of reorganization, we are moving the AGM to May rather than waiting until the end of summer. If you are interested in serving on the TINSHS Board, please contact us.

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Pam Kenny

### TEXADA AGRICULTURAL GROUP & FOOD HUB

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

Anyone can join Texada Agriculture Group 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 commercial 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)

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### Join us for February Texada NatureKids events:

Events are geared for children aged 5-12, though all ages and families welcome.

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm, explore Courtney and Travis Scarfe's Alpacalope Farm & Grill ([www.facebook.com/alpacalope/](http://www.facebook.com/alpacalope/)) 3880 Blair Road. Alpacas, emus, many varieties of chickens, rabbits, ducks and more! Space is limited and registration for this event is first come first serve (limited to 10 children) register via email at:

[Texada@naturekidsbc.ca](mailto:Texada@naturekidsbc.ca)). We have permission to hold a second event if there is demand for it.

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am, hike with us down to Raven Bay, a group of parents and adult volunteers will be our nature guides and share and listen to youth hikers' interests along the way. Hot dogs, including veggie options will be available for roasting over the fire for an oceanside lunch. Register via email at [Texada@naturekidsbc.ca](mailto:Texada@naturekidsbc.ca). Meeting point to be announced. Thanks to NatureKids BC, our new order of hats has arrived! If your children have not received them yet – be sure to ask about them as they will be available at the next session. Texada NatureKids are on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/outdoorcuriosity>. Here you can find past pictures and event updates. Our goal is to run events on average once or twice per month, outdoors and engage as many different community passions related to nature as possible. If you have a nature skill or passion you would like to share with us, please email us at

[Texada@naturekidsbc.ca](mailto:Texada@naturekidsbc.ca). We would love to hear from you as we hope to keep learning from as many different members of our Texada community as possible. Texada NatureKids is supported by NatureKids BC, which is a Vancouver-based na-

ture discovery and environmental action organization (<https://naturekidsbc.ca>). NatureKids BC's mission is to "help children get outside with their families to explore, play, learn about and take action for nature.

*"Between every two pine trees there is a door leading to a new way of life." John Muir.*

Written by Lisa Bordeleau

## TEXADA CERAMIC & SCULPTURE STUDIO

### Soup for the Soul

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

A fundraising event for Texada Ceramics and Sculpture Studio (TCSS) Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>,

12 noon - 3 pm at the Texada Island Community Hall

We will be serving fresh, homemade soup and a crusty roll, served in a handmade artisan bowl that is yours to keep. There will be desserts and coffee, donated ceramic items for sale and live music.

Studio members have already began building many beautiful bowls, in a variety of designs and colours. Come on out and support the local pottery studio with the purchase of a beautiful bowl made right here on Texada Island!

Save the date and keep your eyes posted for more details coming soon.

Kathleen Scott

*Mud Otter Pottery*

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## Texada Food Bank 2023

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

Call on the second Tuesday between 10 am and 3 pm  
Pick up on the second Wednesday between 12 and 12:30

Call in February 7 – Pick up February 8

Call in March 7 – Pick up March 8

Call in April 11 — Pick up April 12

**(604) 483-1219**

The Little Free Pantries are always available  
for anyone with food insecurities.

Located at the Food Bank porch and  
in front of 4758 Cedar St. Gillies Bay

**Take what you need, Leave what you can.**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made at the  
First Credit Union or by mail to PO Box 233, Van Anda, B.C. V0N 3K0

Non-perishable food donations may be put in the baskets at the Gillies Bay General Store, the Texada Market and the First Credit Union in Van Anda.

Donation tins for cash are available at both stores- Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in Van Anda and the First Credit Union. Thank you so much.

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

We are grateful to everyone that makes regular anonymous financial deposits at the First Credit Union and to everyone for all the anonymous cash and food donations that are dropped off at the Gillies Bay Store, Texada Market and the First Credit Union. Our only request is that all food donations be intact and not previously opened.

**The CARE cupboard can be found on the front of The Texada Food Bank building in Van Anda**

The CARE (Compassionate Access to Resources for Everyone) cupboard is supported by:  
Vancouver Coastal Health Services.

The bottom compartment is for books and magazines, please feel free to give and take.  
The top compartment is for hygiene kits / harm reduction kits / Naloxone, take as needed.

**MORE ORG NEWS****TEXADA POLICING & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE****Moving forward on Texada's policing priorities.**

The Texada Policing and Public Safety Committee held a well-attended meeting on January 19 for an enthusiastic discussion on policing priorities for our island. Follow-up action will be taken by community volunteers and our two RCMP Constables, Micha Yakonowsky and Josh Fralick. Here's a brief summary of meeting highlights:

-- Marine safety: Because "kids don't float" the Texada Boating Club is looking at providing loaner life jackets for children at the harbour. Several other locations are being considered, including Shelter Point Park, Erickson's Beach, Shingle Beach, Bob's Lake and Emily Lake. This program is sponsored by Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, with support from our local RCMP and Texada School.

-- Road safety: Texada's big industrial trucks and narrow roads, often without proper pavement width and shoulders, require that everyone – including pedestrians and bicyclists – make an extra effort to travel safely on our island. The meeting consensus was that widening the roads and shoulders is a multi-million dollar fantasy, so to stay safe we need to be aware of tight spots, wear bright colours and reflective gear if you're out walking or biking the roads; if you're driving, go slow and give the big trucks the right-of-way. RCMP has spoken with residents and truck drivers alike to give friendly reminders about sharing the roads responsibly.

-- Youth: Thanks to community volunteers led by Becca Hathaway, Constable Josh Fralick and our new Texada School Principal Alex Bella, Texada's youth will once again be invited to participate in ongoing youth activities at the RCMP station and other locations. Details are being planned now, so this would be a great time to volunteer if you're interested in helping. Contact Becca at : 604 765-5218.

-- Crime prevention: Texada crime statistics for 2021 and 2022 were shared at the meeting by Constable Yakonowsky (see RCMP's notice elsewhere in the Express Lines). Texada is considered a low-crime community, but even one assault or break-in is too many for those affected, so we discussed the usual ways to prevent property crime: lock doors, have good lighting, keep neighbours advised if you go on holiday, and maybe put up a security camera. Assaults are often linked to domestic violence, and on Texada at present the best prevention is to get help and a safe refuge, both of which are available in Powell River through

Grace House. Committee follow-up will be to post more signage about Grace House in various locations around Texada.

-- Police-Community Relations: Just by having quarterly public meetings open to all community members and RCMP officers we're already setting a stronger foundation for working together. But the committee heard from Constable Yakonowsky that incidents are going unreported to police, even while sometimes they're posted on the Texada Message Board (Facebook). Committee consensus: only call 911 in an actual emergency, but definitely phone 604 486-7717, the Texada RCMP office, to report anything that police should know about, even if it's after-the-fact. The quicker you report, the more likely our constables can intervene effectively. It takes all of us to make a difference in public safety.

Next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 13 at the Texada Seniors Centre in Gillies Bay; all are welcome to bring concerns for discussion. The April *Express Lines* will have details on the agenda. For more info phone Roger Kimmerly at 604 486-0009.

**TWIN****February Luncheon**

Thursday February 9, 2023 at the Texada Island Inn Pub.

Doors open at 11:30, lunch at 12 noon and the guest speaker at 1 p.m.

Guest speaker and topic: TBA

To reserve, please phone Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday February 2, 2023. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when making your reservation.

If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item. Members not wearing their name tag will be fined a loonie. If you are wearing your name tag, you will be automatically entered into our draw for a free lunch to be drawn in June. Good Luck!

Our February lunch will also be our JAMMIE DAY!!! Please come in your favorite jammies...stuffies welcome.


**Texada Island Recreation Commission**

Grant in aid funds available; contact Ron Smith  
Email : (ronsmith@tru.ca) Phone : 604-578-1989.

**EVEN MORE ORG NEWS****GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT****Report from the Chair**

Some say that Gillies Bay water sucks! They are not far off the mark. Gillies Bay is not blessed with the huge glacier fed watersheds that feed many communities on the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. We have a 100 acre reservoir sitting in a watershed of less than 500 acres, and fed largely with seasonal rainfall and a couple of tiny seasonal creeks and ditches. The reservoir is called Cranby Lake and was created in the early 1960s by Texada Mines building a 200 meter long earth filled dam. The reservoir is somewhat spring fed, but fills primarily with winter rainfall, and shrinks during the summer mainly through evaporation. Prior to the water system being installed, many of the properties in Gillies Bay relied on shallow dug wells on individual lots. Some of these wells can still be found today. Cranby Lake and its watershed is a very healthy ecosystem, and as such is home to swans, geese, ducks, deer, raccoons, eagles, turkey vultures, frogs, toads, newts and a few species of rodents. Of course all the insects, fungi, moulds, bacteria, and viruses that go along with them are there too. There is also prolific vegetation, algae and decaying organic matter both in and around the water source. Out of all of this we draw the community's water. The primary goal is that the water is safe to drink, so health authorities require that the District treat the water with chlorine to kill the bacteria. If regular testing shows that chlorine treatment is not doing a good enough job, then the District is required to issue a "Boil Water Advisory" and keep it in place until the water quality improves. GBID usually has to go on Boil Water Advisory at least once a year, usually in the summer when the little creatures and algae are most active in the warmer water. As part of the chlorination, the health authorities require that the water contains at least 0.2 parts per million of residual chlorine at the ends of the water piping system. This means that everywhere before the end of the line may see a higher level that can sometimes result in bleach like odor. In this issue we have introduced you to the challenges Gillies Bay water faces. In upcoming issues we will try to get to the solutions.

*Chuck Childress*



**Texada Island**  
— CHAMBER of COMMERCE —  
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**SHOP LOCAL—SUPPORT LOCAL**

New members welcome!  
Entrepreneurs, businesses, organizations and individuals are listening to business needs and finding ways to support the local community and economy.  
[texadachamber.com](http://texadachamber.com)

Thank-you to existing members for your continued support!  
Thank-you to new members who are part of our future!  
Thank-you to the individuals who have already stepped-up to take on volunteer tasks!

**Informal Meeting**  
Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.  
At the Seniors' Centre in Gillies Bay (The Old School).  
This meeting is open to all current members of the Chamber of Commerce and to those who wish to join. The intent is to have a discussion of our next steps as we prepare for our AGM in March. There will be no food or beverage service at the meeting. Feel free to bring your own.

**Annual General Meeting**  
Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:00pm.  
Venue and more details to follow.  
Please stay tuned.  
With kind regards as we build a better future, our future, together.

*Joseph.*  
[texanomic@gmail.com](mailto:texanomic@gmail.com)



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Invoices for 2023 Water Tolls and Parcel Taxes, the due date is February 28. Payment information can be found on your invoice or on our website: [vananda-id.ca/payments](http://vananda-id.ca/payments). The Annual Court of Revision will be held on Saturday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, upstairs at the Firehall. Appointments for the meeting – email [contact@vananda-id.ca](mailto:contact@vananda-id.ca) or phone 604-486-7035.

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