

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day Polar Bears Shelter Point Noon	2	3	4 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm Garden Club: 2 pm, Comm Hall	5	6 Bingo: 7 pm, Community Hall Karaoke 7pm Tex Inn Full Moon	7 Legion Opens
8	9 Legion Mtg: 7 pm TICS Mtg: Noon, F&Bee	10 GBID 6:30 pm, GB Firehall	11	12 TWIN Mtg:11:30 am, Texada Island Inn	13 Karaoke 7pm Tex Inn	14 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm Last Quarter
15	16 RC/ESS Mtg: 10 am, Comm Hall	17	18 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm TING Mtg: 7 pm, 3021 Ash St VAID 1:30 VA FireHall	19 Tlex Police Comm Meet 4 pm Legion	20 Legion Bingo:7 pm Karaoke 7pm Tex Inn Express Lines Deadline STRICT	21 New Moon
22	23	24 Bike Path Mtg: 7 pm, Comm Hall	25	26 Comm Bingo: 1 pm, Srs Ctr	27 Karaoke 7pm Tex Inn	28 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
29	30	31				

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

EVERY:

MONDAY: Tai Chi, Community Hall, 9:30 am
WEDNESDAY: Tai Chi, Community Hall, 9:30am
THURSDAY: Fun Darts, Tex Inn, 7 pm

SATURDAY: Tai Chi, Community 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

Express Lines

Texada's Calendar of Events

January 2023

Happy New Year!

2022

Hasta luego , seeya , catcha later , buh bye , don't let the door ...well, a person cant go on too long like that . Just long enough to get through to the New Year in one piece. What a year here on The Rock !, I'm hopeful that 2023 will be a better year for me and all others. And its hard , hard (for me) to imagine it could be worse! But we roll on , into new ventures. For me 2022 has left things a little shaky, and I'm not the only one. There was a triumvirate of conflagrations last year that caused unimaginable damage . The Rock showed its mettle though, and came through with flying colors , I still pause in an attempt to comprehend the communities reaction , absolutely stellar ,almost impossible to put into words. There are only two, they backdrop this editorial.

To paraphrase a popular saying of the past year ; "And just like that"... I found myself editing the Express Lines. So there is light , there is hope , there can be happiness and useful productivity out of what may seem to be: The End.

The New Year looks to be shaping up , many of the holiday events have been well attended with people enjoying them ; The Winter Market , the Spirit Breakfast , The Sagittarius Party , Breakfast with Santa , The Christmas Fire Truck Parade, The Chamber of Commerce Dinner , Christmas Caroling , The Polar Bear Swim , and of course , spring is coming and the summer events here on Texada Island are on their way. Thank you ; S.C.



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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

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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

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10:50 am	11:55 am
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3:15 pm	4:20 pm
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6:40 pm	7:50 pm
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It was a very busy December for TICS. The Winter Market was a success. It definitely put everyone in a Christmas spirit. Thank you to all the volunteers, Vendors, and customers. Looking forward to next year.

December 2 was the Spirit Breakfast. It was a huge success even though the weather was not on our side. It was Humming in the Mary Mary Café. People were chatting and lots of laughter with such a Christmas feeling. Thank you to all our volunteers, Coleen, George, Gerry for hosting this wonderful event and Jake who made more than his share of breakfasts.

Our next meeting will be on 9 January 2023. Members will be contacted by email with lunch details.

Bingo will be on 6 January, 2023. This will be the Turkey bingo. So come one come all to the community hall and maybe you will be the winner of a Turkey.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season
The Legion will reopen for the meatdraw on Saturday January 7th.. Trivia on Sunday the 8th

Upcoming events
January 13th General meeting
January 20th Bingo

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I have tried and tried to find the words to say "Thank You" to everyone that has been so kind and caring to myself and my family over the past while, since Jim's death from Cancer. Nothing seems adequate! But, from the bottom of my heart I do send my most sincere thanks to everyone that sent such beautiful letters and cards and phone calls - and to all those that gave hugs and needed help. I Send my most sincere thanks to all. I will never forget your kindness and your caring. Thank you for that.

Jim was a very gentle - quiet - kind loving man - myself and our family and friends will miss him so very much - but to know that others cared and loved him so much has warmed my heart.

So, most sincerely - all we can say as a family is "From the bottom of our hearts we do most Sincerely Thank You all for all your caring and kindness. We will forever be deeply grateful and happy he is remembered so well and lovingly.

To Bill Nyvall, a very special heartfelt "Thank you" for such an incredible letter; It was wonderful - THANK YOU.

Billie Johnson & family.

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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 8 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, 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.

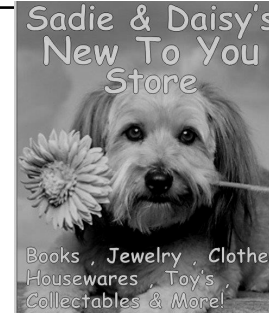
R.C.M.P.



This holiday season is for giving but for fraudsters it's also a time for stealing. Check out **Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's** scams and frauds of the holidays to know what to watch for and how to protect yourself:

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Micha, Josh and Pat



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Garden Club Notes

Happy Gardening 2023!

In this article Carolyn Wood tempts us with ornamental grasses. Carolyn gives us lots to think about as our weather patterns and temperatures are changing!

For more tips and ideas join us for our once a month Garden Club meetings, you don't have to be a member to come. Our next meeting will be held in the Gillies Bay Community Hall on Wednesday, January 4th, from 2pm until 4pm.

You spot a drop dead gorgeous plant in a Nursery. Do you buy it or not? Beyond price, how do you go about choosing a plant for your garden?

For me, beyond the initial "spark of joy", and consideration of the plant's texture and colour, I want to know how easy it is to care for. And in these times of climate change, I especially focus on water needs; the more drought resistant the better!

With these criteria in mind, I'd like to share two ornamental grasses that, in my opinion, are stand outs. Both have finely textured leaf blades, fluffy seed heads, and contrast beautifully with broader leafed plants such as Japanese maples and ferns. And, in my garden, both are completely drought resistant. (note: they are planted in the ground; unlikely to be drought tolerant in pots)

Stipa gigantea (giant feather grass), is a striking evergreen grass, forming a clump of arching deep green foliage from which a huge sheaf of long-stemmed, oat-like flowerheads erupt in mid-summer. When mature, these splay apart to make a wide fountain shape that almost hides the plant. This graceful grass makes an excellent focal point. When backlit in the afternoon sun, the fluffy seed heads seem to glow from within. I have placed three of mine on low mounds to highlight this effect.

Equally beautiful, Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus' (Maiden grass), is a dense, showy specimen grass with 4 to 6 foot long, green leaves that turn tan in winter. My three huge ones make a dramatic show of feathery blades that sway gracefully in the breezes. After their first year of getting established, I have never watered mine. They like part to full sun, average soils, and are clumping, so no need to fear spreading. Leave the seed heads over the winter, and give the Miscanthus a quick "off with their heads" trim in the spring.

Overnight Rolled Oats with Fruit (2 people)

2/3 c Rolled oats (raw)

1/2 tsp cinnamon

1 T chia seeds

1 ripe mashed banana

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Add seasonal fresh fruit from your garden.

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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.

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NEVER SAY NEVER

Well I have had some time to look back at what happened with BC Ferries and I'm still not happy. Just so you know, Doug and I are not ready to give up on the Texada/Comox Run.

So going forward, we will plan a new course of action and challenge BC Ferries again! What we are looking for is as much **island support** as we can muster... so standby and be ready!

Doug Nikirk & Warren Kiland

Texada Island Reps

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DIRECTORS REPORT

Happy New Year, everyone.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the **community meeting re bike paths on Texada, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 7 pm at the Hall.** Please fill out and return the survey re bike paths, found elsewhere in this *Express Lines* edition. Your opinions are important.

Grant-in-aid funding is available each year to assist Texada community groups with capital projects or staging events. Applications for these funds are due March 31 (first intake) and August 31 (second intake). If your group intends to apply for a grant, please get your application in asap. Forms are available on the qRD website or I can forward one to you. Grants typically fund one-quarter of the cost of an event or project and are allocated on a first-come basis.

Last year the qRD amended its grants-in-aid policy to include arts and culture initiatives which were formerly funded through economic development. The tax dollars remain the same. For area D, in 2022, this added \$8,585 to our \$8,000 grant-in-aid budget, for a total of \$16,585. Funded were: **Texada Dragon Boat Club**, \$3,000; **Texada Sandcastle Weekend**, \$2,000; **Texada Rescue (VAID)**, \$3,800; **TACT**, we contributed \$1,578 of the \$12,000 they received in total; PR Academy of Music, \$1,973; PRISMA, \$2,631; PR Festival of Performing Arts, \$99; PR Orphaned Wildlife Society, \$1,315; PR Community Foundation (Vital Signs), \$132; and qathet Old Growth, \$26.

Also on the subject of money, the **2023 budget** is being worked on. Please check out the draft financial plan on the qRD website and get back to me with your comments. A region-wide tax increase is coming because of the cost of borrowing funds to finance the **Resource Recovery Centre/Waste Transfer Station** on the former Marine Avenue landfill site. Although I didn't support funding this project initially, I recognize that it's cheaper than costs for simply closing the landfill and provides an added benefit in the end. Grant funding to bring these costs down has been applied for.

Sandy McCormick, area D director

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MUSEUM MUSINGS

HARRY TRIM (1842 - 1922)

Harry Trim is known in Texada's history as the discoverer of the huge iron ore deposit in 1871. A recent letter to our Historical Society from his great-grandson, Michael Trim, shines more light on the interesting life of this pioneer.

Harry (Henry) Trim was born to a farm family in England. At age 6 Harry's family immigrated to Perth, Ontario to take advantage of the promise of free land.

In 1862, lured by adventure and gold, 20-year old Harry hopped a steamer to Panama, crossed the isthmus and sailed to Victoria. From there Harry rowed himself over 200 miles to Boston Bar and the Fraser River goldfields!

After 6 years of successful prospecting his \$15,000 allowed him to finance future ventures which included whaling stations and, later, establishing a trading post at Gold Harbour (Haida Gwaii). He also worked as a pilot and captain for the "Indian Commission" for 4 years, commanding various steamers on the coast.

It was possibly during this time (1871) that Harry ventured near Texada and noted the rusty stain on the rocks at Welcome Bay which inspired him to take samples and stake a claim.

Two years later, while working at Sewell Moody's sawmill in Burrard Inlet, the Texada samples were finally assayed at Moody's office. Moody was amazed at the richness of the ore and the potential for profit. Moody, who was well-connected with politicians in Victoria, devised a

scheme to sail with them to Texada to secretly claim the rest of the properties.

When the public discovered the scheme, BC's first Royal Commission was formed to investigate charges of political corruption. Trim was cleared of wrongdoing and profited \$32,000 for his discovery but was cautioned by Commission Judge

Matthew Begbie that, as a "trustworthy" fellow, he should not get mixed up with these schemers.

After 1873 Harry and his wife, Susan Quez, homesteaded on his Texada claim in a one-room cabin and tended their gardens.

Harry married twice more, giving up his seafaring life in 1881 to work on his farm on Westham Island (Delta) and, later, to raise Clydesdale horses at Walhachin (Ashcroft area).

As Trim's great-grandson states, he "squeezed a remarkable amount of life in the time allotted."

Peter Lock

Texada Island Heritage Society





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TEXADA GOLF COURSE

January Update

As owners of the Texada Golf Course, we were unable to attend the December 11 public meeting regarding its future. However, we are grateful to more than 50 people who came to voice their support and offer suggestions for keeping the course open. To our surprise, there was near unanimous agreement to double the green fees and nine people filled out applications for volunteer work to help maintain the course. We appreciate the many ideas proposed for offsetting costs – hole sponsorships, tournaments, grants etc. – and we may revisit these suggestions in the future.

When we purchased the property almost six years ago, we had no intention of running a public golf course because the place was in such disrepair. However, conversations with fellow islanders persuaded us that the course was and still could be a valued asset to Texadans after having been maintained by volunteers for so many years. In that spirit, and aided by our close friends, we hauled away truckloads of waste, bought more mowers, and still honoured the same historically low rates.

But the past couple of seasons has been a source of great frustration for us. We felt we were doing the island a favour by keeping the course alive, largely at our own expense. Yet there were many to whom even \$5 per round seemed too much to pay, who ignored the honour box, golfed at all hours (often loudly), and left beer cans and cigarette butts in their wake even in the driest conditions. After a long summer of sleepless nights, we were on the verge of shutting the course down completely.

After seeing the support demonstrated at the recent meeting we are encouraged to give it one more chance albeit with a few changes.

The golf course will reopen on a membership basis, for a 6-month trial from April 1 to September



30, 2023. Malle Behan has agreed to handle the memberships available for sale beginning in February. The annual membership will cost \$450 for a term of 6 months and ID cards will be issued. Drop-ins will still be welcomed at \$10 per nine holes and \$10 for each additional nine-hole round. The green fees are to be deposited in the provided envelopes on which the golfer will write their name, vehicle licence number and the date of play.

Although the golf course may not be profitable even with the rate increase, we want to make it absolutely clear that our main concern is **privacy and respect**. This is our home. We just want to be accorded the same consideration as anyone else, while allowing you, our neighbors, to enjoy this wonderful sport.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Rodger, Brian and Malle for making this possible. In addition, we are always looking for more volunteers, particularly someone willing to act as coordinator. If all goes well, we hope to continue to operate the golf course for many years to come.

We hope you enjoyed the holiday season and may you have many birdies in 2023. Thank you.

TEXADA



HOME & GARDEN

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JANUARY AT A GLANCE

ALL AGES, edgar@prpl.ca

Mélange à Collage

Community Room, Saturday, January 28, 2:00-3:00, Adults & youth collage. *Drop-in.*

Poetry Circle Community Room, Thursday, January 19, 4:30 – 6:30 pmw/ Amira Abouelalla. *Drop-in.*

KIDS, szagwyn@prpl.ca

Preschool Storytime, Children's Reading Room, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am Library Storytime. *Drop-in.*

Drawn Together, Room A, Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm. From January 12th. *Drop-in.*

Tinker Trunk, Makerspace, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. From January 10th.

Kids 8-12, Tech-adventure. *Drop-in.*

Salmon in the Library!, Children's Lounge, month of January. Powell River Salmon Society.

Family Literacy Week January 22-29

Bags for Babies Service Desk.

Welcome a new baby in 2022?

Print-a-Baby, Community Room, Thursday, January 26, 11:15 am-12:30 pm.

Print small hands & feet. *Drop-in.*

Story Forts & Read to Dogs, Community Room, Friday, January 27, 3:00-4:30 pm. *Drop-in.*

Book the Stage Community Storytime: Dogs!, Children's Reading Room, Wednesday, January 25, 10:30-11:00 am. *Drop-in.*

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Codespace, Makerspace, Wednesdays 4:00- 4:45 pm. Starting January 11th.

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

Young Writers Group, Youth 11+. Room A. Fridays, 4:00- 5:00 pm.

Talk writing & books. *Drop-in.*

First Dibs

Teens write reviews - *Registration required.*

ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca

Quality of Life in Retirement, Community Room, Tuesday, January 10, 3 pm. *Registration required.*

Fun and fitness with your cell phone, Community Room, Friday, January 13, 4:30 pm.. *Drop-in.*

My Magical Experiences as a Small-Town Boy, Community Room, Saturday, January 21, 2 pm. *Drop-in.*

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TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH NOTES



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Martin Luther King Jr.

April 1963 "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

Worship Services: Sundays 10:30 a.m. Communion will be celebrated on Jan. 1, 2023. Everyone is welcome at our communion table.

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 Christ and New Year's Day.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard, 604-414-7309
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THROWBACK RECIPE

...at the Winter Market this year someone handed in a copy of the Texada Island Community Society's Cook Book, published in 2009. Every now and then, when space allows, a recipe will be inserted.

GOURMET MACARONI N' CHEESE

2 1/2 c macaroni	cubed
4 tbsp butter	2/3 c sour cream
4 tbsp flour	1 1/3 c cottage cheese
2 c milk	2 c old cheddar cheese, grated
1 tsp salt	1 1/2 c soft bread crumbs
1 tsp sugar	2 tbsp butter
1/2 lb processed cheese (velveeta)	Paprika

Cook and drain macaroni. Place in greased 2 1/2 quart casserole dish.

Melt butter over medium heat, add flour. Mix well.

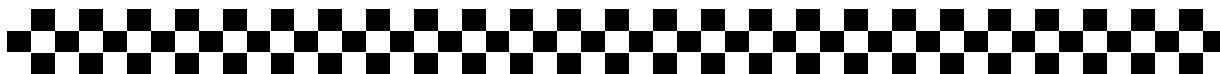
Add milk and cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly.

Add salt, sugar and cheese. Mix well. Mix sour cream and cottage cheese into sauce.

Pour sauce over macaroni and mix well. Sprinkle cheddar cheese and bread crumbs over top. Dot with 2 tbsp butter and sprinkle with paprika. May be frozen at this point.

Bake at 350 degrees F for 45-50 minutes.

--- Phyllis Soles



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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Greetings Everyone.

Happy New Year 2023

A documentary film provides an accurate record of an event. This month, I am highlighting the Library's Documentary Collection.

It wasn't until our volunteer, Kim moved the Documentary Collection to a more prominent location did I realize how extensive it is.

The National Film Board of Canada founded in 1939 has produced award-winning documentaries on many subjects. Many other organizations, self-publishers and public broadcasting stations have created and marketed documentaries.

In the Library Collection we have a cross-section of genres. Exercise videos and DVDs became very popular with the flamboyant Richard Simmons series. The Library has *Walk Away the Pounds* with Leslie Sansone. Michael Wood is a very popular narrator and host of PBS programs. *The Story of India* is an example. Biographies such as *The King: Elvis Presley* and *Legends of the Silver Screen* represent music and film. In the genre of science, the Library collection includes: *Earth: the biography: the story of our world* and *Grizzly Man: a true story of a life gone wild* (winner of the 2005 Sundance Film Festival, a prestigious organization). *Everest A Climb for Peace* was produced in 2009 and narrated by actor, Orlando Bloom. To quote Amazon's description: "a socially relevant documentary about peace, war, and the human spirit". To represent local waters, and sailing, Anne & Laurence Yeadon Jones' *Coastal Magic: (sailing British Columbia)* is a classic and part of the "Dreamspeaker Series".

Come in and check out the documentary collection.

Pam Kenny

Please Note: The Library is closed New Year's Day, January 1, 2023.

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:

Wednesday	noon to 2:00 pm
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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MORE LIBRARY

We are pleased to announce that the Texada Library will be holding another educational event :

Saturday February 3, 1:30pm at the Texada Library:

Learn about Psilocybin Mushrooms
(Magic Mushrooms)

Local herbalist, author and Ayurveda practitioner Todd Caldecott will share his knowledge and experience with this group of fungi commonly known as magic mushrooms.

For information please contact Irene Kyle at ijkyle@me.com or Mark Merlino at mmerlino@prpl.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPP

BCEHS | BC Emergency Health Services
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BC Ambulance Service is currently hiring province wide, including here on Texada Island. An open house is being planned for early March at the ambulance station in Van Anda. Please watch the February Express Lines for more information.

Thank you...

...everyone likes bacon right? So I sure have to thank J.M. for saving mine...

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In Memory of....



Elayne Marla Boloten
November 11th 1963 - October 22nd 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Elayne. Elayne was the oldest child and born in Montreal; she grew up in Prince Rupert. She moved to Vancouver to complete her Bachelor of Science (Microbiology) degree at the University of British Columbia. After graduation, Elayne worked as a lab technician in Vancouver and met her life partner Ed. In 1996, the two left Vancouver and settled in a small island community. Although she helped to run their small brake shop, worked as the jail guard, and with the regional district and elections, Elayne spent many hours as a volunteer. She truly had a heart for others and was willing to work hard. She offered a hand in practically every aspect of community life on Texada Island. This included time as a proud Legion member and a curator of the monthly newspaper *The Express Lines*. She also volunteered with TICS, ESS, the Canadian Red Cross, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and so many other worthy causes. She also found time for gardening, making beautiful cakes, and woodworking. Elayne is predeceased by her mother Sheila. She leaves behind her husband Ed, her father Sid, her three step-children Chris, Jennie and Lauren, her sisters Karin and Kathleen, her brother David, her nieces Emilie and Megan, her nephew Michael, and her beloved grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society.

A Celebration of Life for Elayne will be held at the Legion on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm. And... Elayne loved a party — especially at the end of Sandcastle weekend — so we are also inviting everyone to celebrate her with us in July (details coming later). We hope you will come and share wonderful memories with us!

GILLIES BAY FIRE DEPT. & VAN ANDA FIRE DEPT.



Happy New Year.

Looking for a resolution that will help you and first responders?

How about making sure that your property clearly displays its address? When you call for the Fire Department, an ambulance or the police time is usually critical. In some cases even seconds count, and it is very frustrating when first responders are delayed getting there because we can't find your address. We have people that still have an outdated address posted or have both their old and new posted, others that don't show any address, or have it tucked away in a hard to see location. We know many people like to personalize their address; but if you are going to make your own, can you make sure that it is visible at night?

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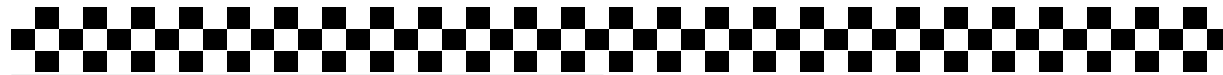
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Texada Island Community Sign & Print Shop.

Goals:

To have a properly equipped sign and print shop here on Texada Island staffed by residents and experienced tradespersons.

To supply quality signage at the lowest possible cost to Texada Island events , business’s , private individuals & organizations.

Overview:

Experienced personnel and island residents will be on hand to supply island residents , event planners and business’s 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.

This is an excellent opportunity to keep the sign & print work here on the island , get the best work and materials available for your signage and obtain the best price possible.

As the shop space is being set up , sign manufacturing equipment is being sourced , with the print shop in production already.

The Texada Island Community Sign & Print Shop fully expects to be ready to serve the community’s needs by springtime next year, ready for the summer seasons events here on Texada Island.

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EVEN SOME MORE ORG NEWS

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. Better at Home is administered by Inclusion Powell River and BC United Way, with funding from the Province of BC.

TINSHS

TINSHS is wishing the good people of Texada a peaceful beginning to a New Year. We would like to thank TICS for their support and express our admiration and respect for the speedy Express Lines recovery. Elayne and crew set up a vital link for our community and it is really appreciated.

Thank you to the bidders of our “mini art ‘n’ stuff” auction. We were able to raise \$1,120!

With the informative meeting of November 19, 2022, TINSHS has begun the process of engaging community to guide our work going forward. We have more interactive events planned for this year as there is much to discuss and discover together. Thank you for your ongoing support in exploring seniors housing options on Texada!

Cathy Brown, president
Texada Island Non-profit Senior’s Housing Society

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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). For more information please contact Tom Read, home phone 604 483-1471 or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.

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

Texada Island Recreation Commission

TIRC wishes everyone a good year in 2023. To help, TIRC will start awarding their limited Grant in Aid awards at their March meeting. Those interested in becoming a commissioner, attending the meeting or making a submission to TIRC should contact Ron Smith by : Email : ronsmith@tru.ca Phone : 604-578-1989.

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Did you know dryer lint is a great fire fuel starter? Texada Naturekids learned that and so much more Saturday, December 3rd during the Survival Fire Building session. Thank you to Tyler Danczak for leading this super fun session and implementing a thoroughly engaging lesson plan. A warm community event enjoyed by all! Tyler reviewed safety tips learned at our previous session with the Gillies Bay Fire Department; components of a campfire and materials we can use for fuel, heat and oxygen. Tyler showed examples and taught us the benefits of five different types of campfires: 1) teepee, 2) log cabin (holds heat), 3) log pole (conserves fuel), 4) inverted pyramid (useful for cooking) and 5) lean-to campfire (easy to build)). Thank you to John Whitehead for help coordinating this event, hosting it at his beautiful home, and sharing his scouting experience and awesome survival tips (e.g. a pitchy pine cone is a great, lasting fire starter). With all the interactive demonstrations, children were then able to experience building their own fires and practice with sparkers, matches and lighters, within fire pits in small groups with the help of volunteers. Thank you to volunteers Carolanne White and Sofia Khan and parents who pitched in to help children build fires and stay safe around the fires.

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. Stay tuned for more outdoor survival sessions coming in the New Year on camp set up and shelter building. Look for 'Texada NatureKids' on Facebook at : [facebook.com/outdoorcuriosity](https://www.facebook.com/outdoorcuriosity) to see pictures and shared details from past events. 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.

Written by Lisa Bordeleau

TEXADA CERAMIC & SCULPTURE STUDIO

TCSS 2022 REVIEW

It has been three years since Alfred Muma and Kathleen Scott opened the studio in the basement of the Texada Elementary School. 2022 was the first year we did not have Covid closures. Our members have ranged from 18 to 25 paid annual users, with some people becoming regular participants and other people more casual. In 2022 we stopped collecting from the recycling depot. From three years of bottle collections, we raised funds for a new ceramic kiln, 2 electric wheels and a slab roller.

In the fall, Kathleen had classes for all the students of Texada Elementary for the first time. Over a period of 10 sessions, the older students made wall pockets, coil pots, animals, and ornaments. The younger students made wall pockets and ornaments. There were no adult classes, but we hope to do some in 2023, and a fund raiser for more equipment, is being planned. We are a non-profit, community run facility under the TACT umbrella of community services and facilities. A shout out to our volunteers who helped sort recycling, and help keep the studio clean and organized. A special thank you to Karin Stotzer, Kathy Kirk Hanson, and Joan Martisca for jumping in to open up when needed.

We have Open Studio Tues and Thurs 4 to 6, and Sat 10 to 2. email; texadaartroom@outlook.com for more information or to be added to our email list to receive updates.

Picture taken by Carol Wyatt



Texada Food Bank 2023

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

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

Call in January 10 – Pick up January 11

Call in February 7 – Pick up February 8

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Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made at the First Credit Union or by mail to PO Box 233,
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Non-perishable food donations may be put in the baskets at the Gillies Bay General store, the Texada Market and the First Credit Union in Van Anda. Donation tins for cash are available at both stores- Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in Van Anda and the Credit Union. Thank you so much. If you have any questions regarding contributions to the Food Bank please call Pauline Fleming at :604-414-9590.

2022 was another difficult year for many but the Texada Food bank has done well because of our amazing Community including Powell River and even some individuals far away!!

**We can't THANK all of you enough,
YOU ROCK is an understatement!**

We wish everyone a very healthy and prosperous 2023

Thank you, The Food Bank is so very grateful!!

Our year was filled with generous donations, Thank you goes to Mary Mary's Spirit Breakfast, Attendees of the Sagittarius Party for the donations of food and cash, We are so grateful for all the financial donations, Thanks goes to Texada Home and Garden, Thank you to Patricia Bressey for regular cash donations may she rest in peace, Thank you to The First Credit Union, Captain Jaskirat and wife Gurpreet Kaur, Joan Mahovich, Wade Chisholm, Jeff Nelmes and an Anonymous donor for the generous cash donations. Lafarge Quarry and employees for donations of food and cash, Thank you to Jake and the Gillies Bay Store for donations of cases of food. We are also grateful to everyone that make regular anonymous financial deposits at the First Credit Union and to everyone for all the anonymous cash and food donations that are dropped off at the Gillies Bay store, Texada Market and Credit Union, our only request is that all food donations be intact and not previously opened.

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****PRIORITY'S**

At our last public meeting on October 20 Cst Micha Yakonowsky identified seven areas identified as RCMP priorities for policing on Texada and the Powell River area. They are: Traffic Safety, Youth, Crime Reduction, Police/Community relations, Domestic Violence, Indigenous Safety/Healthy Indigenous Community, and Employee Wellness. These priorities, and others, including hunting safety on Texada, are reviewed every year.

Our next public meeting will focus on discussion about policing priorities; join us on January 19 (Thursday) at 4:00 PM at the Legion. Everyone is welcome – please bring your curiosity, questions and concerns!

Around traffic safety we can discuss reducing impaired driving, encouraging use of seat belts, speed enforcement and any particularly dangerous spots on the road. The Texada policing committee is planning our contribution to youth/police relations right now - what is your input? About crime reduction there are many approaches that might be considered, for example better security or appropriate locks, neighbourly watching the community, and dealing with prolific offenders.

Concerning domestic violence there is probably a concern about public discussion: there might be a more secure and private process to identify what may help. Victim services is an area not presently identified in the list which we could discuss.

Under the heading "Employee Wellness" there are several important issues; one is training. There has been public discussion around the province and in the country around police

training, topics that have been identified include dealing with persons with dementia, persons suffering from trauma or long term effects from trauma, conditions like autism, and many other concerns. There is an evolving understanding of community responsibility for things like health checks, dealing with drug overdose which involve a police presence and also paramedic attention. Our voluntary firefighters are increasingly being called upon to help.

Our opportunity to discuss these concerns with the police serving our community, and what may be of interest to you, is scheduled for January 19th at 4:00 PM at the legion. The Texada Policing and Public Safety Committee can be reached by mail at PO Box 48, Van Anda, BC V0N 3K0, and by phone by calling ; Roger Kimmerly at 604 486 0009.

TWIN**January Luncheon**

Thursday January 12, 2023 at the Texada Island Inn Pub

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

Guest speaker: Merrilee Prior ,Topic: PROWL'S To reserve, please phone Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday

January 5, 2023. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make 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 automatically be entered into our draw for a free lunch to be drawn in June. Good Luck!

Winners of the Texada Women's Island Network Christmas Draw are: Theresa Brannon (tree), Dan Zwiercan (tablecloth, runner and pillow) and Ingrid Armstrong (Flower and Bee gift certificate). Thank you to all who supported us by either selling or buying tickets, or both.

EVEN MORE ORG NEWS

First off, I wish to welcome new members to the Chamber of Commerce! And thank existing members for staying with us as we prepare for 2023; its challenges, opportunities and collective vision moving forward.

Our last dinner meeting was well attended, terrific food, great conversations, and filled with hope. Many thanks to all.

I will call for our (long overdue and officially required) Annual General Meeting on Friday March 31st. At that time, we need to form a Board of Directors or dissolve the Chamber.

I encourage current members who have not paid 2023 dues to do so. The last couple of years have left us in a bit of a cash crunch. Dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for two in a household and \$35 for a business. Payment is accepted only by cheque at this time, payable to: The Texada Island Chamber of Commerce. Post to PO Box 72, Gillies Bay BC V0N1W0

OKAY 2023, here we come!

Thanks, Joseph

**Happy Retirement Ken!**

We wish all the best to Ken Soles, who has retired from his position as Water Operator at Van Anda Improvement District. His dedication and expertise will be missed. We appreciate his many years of work in keeping the Van Anda water system operational and especially his quick response to problems. Enjoy your retirement, Ken! from Ron, Neale, John, George, Jane & Sandra

GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**Report from the Chair**

The New Year brings more of the same as we move slowly and carefully along with plans for our system upgrades. Early in the New Year we should hear back on our grant application to provide major capital funding to enable us to move forward. In the meantime we are making progress on some of the things that need to be done regardless of status of the grant. We have completed the legal survey of the new site(s) for the new treatment plant and water tower. We also have a spillway issue to deal with at the dam. The wooden spillway liner is about sixty years old and is in need of major repair or replacement. We have struck a committee to get moving on the spillway project with a plan to have the work completed in 2023.

Speaking of committees, all of our committee meetings are open to the public, as are all of our meetings. The staff will be posting meeting time and dates on our website and on Texada Message Board. We do not hold secret meetings. The Board would like to encourage more public involvement. The water system belongs to the ratepayers, sort of like a co-op, and the trustees are just volunteers elected by the ratepayers and "entrusted" with managing the water system and Fire Department. The Trustees pay the same taxes and tolls as everyone else. We are all in this together so if you want to know more and/or be involved in what is happening, just come see us.

Chuck Childress, Chair GBID

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