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Forest fires in the U.S. delivered persistent smoke to the area and made for a spooky day on Ruby Lake Sept. 13. (Brian Lee)

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This just in . . .



Brian Lee

When you run a big outfit like the *Harbour Spiel*, you become privy to

a lot of important information.

Like the media releases sent out by BC's political parties.

Their communication teams slug it out daily, sending out short propagandic teasers in the hope that news outlets will pick them up as stories.

They're usually comically petty and suspiciously one-sided and, from what I can tell, rarely show up in print, including here.

Then on Sept. 21 an election was called and my inbox lit up.

At 11:13 a.m., Premier Horgan's team sent me this declaration:

"The BC Liberals are pushing for changes that benefit the wealthy and well-connected — at your expense.

"We have a plan to keep you safe, and to make life better and more affordable for people."

Three hours later, the NDP drew blood again, sending out a pitch with this scathing headline:

BC LIBERALS CONTRADICT PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS ON ELECTION SAFETY

Perhaps caught off-guard, it took until 8:02 a.m. the next day before Andrew Wilkinson's team responded:

ANDREW WILKINSON AND RENEWED BC LIBERAL TEAM READY TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE, REBUILD BC

A half hour later, the Liberals followed with another one:

HORGAN CONTINUES TO SHOW HE CAN'T BE TRUSTED

If only the *Harbour Spiel* was a daily — I might have broken that zinger.

Then, an hour after that:

HORGAN'S FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP ON SCHOOL SAFETY EXPOSED

While wondering how I was going to fit all these stories into the next issue, the NDP team boldly declared:

JOHN HORGAN'S PLAN WILL GET PEOPLE The Care they need close to home

I was able to catch my breath while the scribes broke for lunch but then, at 1:55 p.m., the Libs went there:

JOHN HORGAN AND THE NDP FORCE UNNECESSARY PANDEMIC ELECTION, WILKINSON CALLS FOR THREE TELEVISED DEBATES

Both parties' PR machines went silent until 7:50 a.m. the following morning when the Libs got off the first of the day's shots with this dig:

WHAT'S JOHN HORGAN'S EXCUSE TODAY?

It was getting dirty and I knew Horgie's crew wouldn't take that lying down so, for 46 minutes, I stared at my screen impatiently until rewarded with this damning revelation:

WILKINSON SOLD SURREY HOSPITAL LAND TO BC LIBERAL DONOR AT A DISCOUNT

Then, at 10:55 a.m.,

ANDREW WILKINSON'S RECORD: Tax breaks for the rich

At 11:57 a.m.,

WILKINSON CAUGHT MISLEADING ON SURREY POLICE

Again, not until 7:31 a.m. the next day did the Liberals fight back:

NO TURKEY THIS YEAR, BUT HORGAN'S FINE WITH A RISKY ELECTION

Burn.

At 8:21 a.m.,

ANDREW WILKINSON WOULD SCRAP CHILDCARE FEE REDUCTION HE COMPLAINED IS "VERY EXPENSIVE"

At 9:26 a.m.,

WHAT THE NDP FORGOT TO TELL YOU... ON CHILD CARE

At 9:46 a.m.,

HORGAN WILL EXPAND \$10 A DAY CHILD CARE, KEEP MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE

At 10:20 a.m.,

ALARM BELLS RING AS HORGAN DUCKS BLAME

At 12:22 p.m.,

WILKINSON WOULD LET MAPLE RIDGE TENT CITY GROW AGAIN

I had to send it off to the printer at this point but the argument is still running on — and it's only day four.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING POSSIBLE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

The Sunshine Coast COVID physician task force and Vancouver Coastal Health operate a "respiratory assessment" clinic that runs seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until this crisis is over. With new testing recommendations in place, the Respiratory Assessment Clinic is now able to assess and test anyone on the Sunshine Coast who develops possible COVID-19 symptoms.

Fever, cough and difficulty breathing remain the most common symptoms, but COVID-19 infection can also include a new runny nose, a sore throat, muscle aches, chills, headaches, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. If you develop any of the above symptoms, please call your family doctor or contact the Respiratory Assessment Clinic directly for further assessment and testing (if indicated). Most of the time this will be on the same day. Anyone who is seen at the clinic will also receive a follow-up phone call or appointment within 24 to 48 hours. The RAC operates on an appointment basis only and will not see walk-in patients. Call or text (604) 740-1252 or email *coastrespelinic@gmail.com*.

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Five bystanders put out a fire that started on Harness Island (near Silver Sands) on Aug. 14. According to a witness, 'One of the gentleman who was fighting the fire said he saw teenagers on the island earlier that day. When the bucket brigade went ashore, around 7:30 p.m., two empty mickeys, a hobo campfire sandwich maker and one marijuana roach was found by the fire.' Four of the bystanders continued snuffing the fire until well after dark.

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Local lakes included in study of invasive freshwater jellyfish

If you brushed against something slimey while swimming in local lakes this summer, don't be alarmed — it might have been a freshwater jellyfish.

At least one local lake, Hotel, has been included in a study to learn more about *Craspedacusta sowerbyi*, an invasive species of jellyfish that has been found in lakes throughout southern BC since 1990.

In an email to the *Harbour Spiel*, Florian Lüskow, a graduate student and marine biologist at UBC, said the penny-sized jellyfish is not harmful to humans and only visible in lakes a few months of the year, usually from August to September.

"However, the effect on the food web is so far not clearly studied," he said.

"A follow up project to better understand its functioning is on its way."

According to Brittanica.com, *Craspedacusta* grows to approximately 2 cm (0.8 inches) in diameter.

"Several hundred short tentacles extend, fringelike, from the margins of the animal's bell-shaped body."

Researchers have included Hotel Lake with a number of other lakes in southwest BC in a study to learn more about the jellyfish which is thought to have originated from China's Yangtze River area.

"Actually, Hotel Lake was not just chosen as a random example, but as one lake where repeatedly *Craspedacusta* has been spotted," said Lüskow.

"According to my database, there have been records of freshwater jellyfish in Hotel Lake in 2015 and also in August 2020."

Lüskow said the species has also been sighted in Katherine Lake, Klein Lake, Ambrose Lake and Moccasin



Florian Lüskow, UBC

This invasive species of freshwater jellyfish (*Craspedacusta*) has been found in a number of local lakes and has become a focus of study for UBC researcher Florian Lüskow.

Lake (a small pond near Egmont).

The species is a successful traveller as Lüskow points to the fact that the jellyfish has now been found on all continents except for Antarctica.

In an Aug. 27 story, Lüskow told Victoria's *Times Colonist* that it is almost impossible to prove how the jellyfish ended up in local lakes in that region.

Lüskow said the invasion could have happened in several ways, including from plant materials, birds' feet, paddleboards, ballast water from boats or in containers used to stock lakes with fish.

Lüskow asks that if anyone spots the species in other lakes, ponds or creeks, to send him an email at *flues-kow@eoas.ubc.ca*.





Harbour author Bertrand Sinclair? □ a. Poor Man's Rock □ b. Spilsbury's Coast □ c. The Inverted Pyramid □ d. Big Timber	d. This year marks now many seasons of classes at Madeira Park Elementary School? a. 39 b. 49 c. 59 d. 69
2. Which species are protected by marine refuges in the Strait of Georgia? a. Killer whales b. Rockfish c. Krill d. Glass sponges	5. Who is the current chief of the Egmont Fire Department? □ a. Kal Helyar □ b. Annette Sheppard □ c. Elizabeth Schleimer □ d. Tom Silvey
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Lagoon Society has a new name and long to-do list

After recently changing their name to the Loon Foundation, the former Ruby Lake Lagoon Society has formally entered the construction phase of PODS.

The foundation of the Irvines Landing Pub was recently removed and the location is now fenced off as a formal construction site.

Michael Jackson, executive director of the Loon Foundation, said efforts include completing work on a plan to preserve recorded archaeological sites on the property and pursuing a building permit with the SCRD.

If that goes well, Jackson said he hopes to be approved to begin building by April 2021.



In the meantime, Jackson and his team have until Oct. 1 to complete an application for up to \$10 million in federal capital funding for the project.

If successful, their application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure program will also receive matching funding from private foundations including the recently announced W5 Foundation pledge of \$8.4 million.

"It will probably be March before we hear word if we have been accepted for that funding," said Jackson.

"So, we have this gap. In that time we're doing all of the detailed construction drawings to get the building permit."

LOON FOUNDATION

Recent news that the society changed its name to the Loon Foundation came as a surprise to some but Jackson said it was necessary to reflect the growth of the organization.

Formerly the Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society, the recently installed Loon Foundation now oversees the Iris Griffith Nature Centre. Pender Ocean Discovery Station, October 2020



Formerly the Ruby Lake Lagoon Society, the recently installed Loon Foundation now oversees the Iris Griffith Nature Centre, Pender Ocean Discovery Station, Earthfair Store and the Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve.

Earthfair Store and the Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve.

"The Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society was not only a bit of a mouthful but also very specific to a particular location," said Jackson.

"For these large grants and for attracting interest nationally and even internationally, you really do need a name that is all-encompassing."

AUDITORIUM ON HOLD

Because of its effects on the conference industry, Jackson said the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed the foundation to postpone indefinitely plans to build an auditorium building in Madeira Park.

EARTHFAIR STORE

The foundation also operates Madeira Park's Earthfair Store which is in the process of moving to a new location (opposite the Bargain Barn).

Jackson said it will reopen in early November with an expanded selection including coffee and specialty foods like doughnuts and gelato.

BECOME A LOONIE

Jackson said it is actively looking to grow its membership, which currently sits at approximately 300 to 500, by the New Year.

To become a member of the Loon Foundation, visit lagoonsociety. com/get-involved/become-member/.

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A reader snapped this shot of a car fire on Wesjac Road on Friday, Sept. 18. At approximately 11:30 p.m., the witness said he 'Saw an orange glow down the street. When I got where I could see where it was coming from, there was a small explosion, could have even been the windows all blowing out, and the entire cab of the truck was already engulfed.' Sunshine Coast RCMP told the *Harbour Spiel* that the cause of the fire is unknown.



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Poetry in Transit: Local author and publishers take the bus

At least one local author and three local book publishers will see their work showcased on Lower Mainland public transit for the next year.

For 24 years, Poetry in Transit has featured Canadian poets and their work on BC Transit and Translink vehicles and the 2020/2021 season will include poetry by local author John Pass and works from authors of three Sunshine Coast book publishers.

Excerpts from John Pass's *This Was the River* (Harbour Publishing)

will adorn the inside of transit vehicles through 2021 as part of a long running promotion by the Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia.

Joining Pass in distracting transit riders will be Caitlin Press (Halfmoon Bay) poets Francine Cunningham, Ruth Daniell and Fiona Tinwei Lam, Kyla Jamieson (published by Gibsons' Nightwood Editions) and Harbour Publishing's Russel Thornton.

Poetry in Transit has been running since 1996, making it the lon-

gest-running poetry on transit program in Canada.

Poems eligible for the project must be by writers who reside in BC and published in book form by Canadian publishers.

Poems are submitted by publishers and selected by a jury.

The 2020/21 jury included poets Evelyn Lau and Rob Taylor, and Jennifer Froese from TransLink.

Find out more about the project at *poetryintransit.ca*.

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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

On Aug. 31, police attended an accident in the 8600 block of Highway 101, Halfmoon Bay, after a vehicle drifted off-road and went down a 100-foot embankment.

Emergency Health Services and the Halfmoon Bay VFD assisted at the scene and the lone driver was airlifted to Vancouver General Hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Witnesses reported seeing the vehicle drifting in and out of its lane before it went off road, striking a traffic sign before flying into the ravine.

Alcohol was not a factor; it's believed the driver fell asleep.

THEFT FROM BOAT

Overnight on Sept. 14, a suspect stole two fishing rods and a tackle box out of a boat moored near the 5500 block of Sans Souci Rd.

The stolen items include a black 10.5-foot-long Daiwa Trophy XL fishing rod with yellow line, herring riggers and a Daiwa spool and a tackle box with a large collection of lures.

BREAK AND ENTER

Overnight on Sept. 9, a suspect pried open and cut the lock off a October 2020

storage container at a business in the 12800 block of Madeira Park Road, Madeira Park, and stole a variety of garden equipment and tools.

Some of the stolen items include a Stihl BR700 and Stihl BR600 leaf blower, a Stihl hedge trimmer, a Stihl weed eater, two Husqvarna weed eaters, a Husqvarna 445 chainsaw and two garden loppers.

BREAK AND ENTER

Overnight on Sept. 9, a suspect damaged the door of an outdoor freezer at Marketplace IGA in the 12800 block of Madeira Park Road with a pry bar.

The suspect did not gain entry but the door and a lock were damaged.

Police are reviewing security video footage and the file is still under investigation.

MAILBOX MISCHIEF

Between Sept. 5 and 9, a suspect(s) pried open Canada Post mail boxes at the intersection of McLintock Road, Murdoch Road and Francis Peninsula Road in Madeira Park.

It is unknown what was stolen from those mailboxes — anyone with information is asked to contact RCMP,

reference file 2020-6387.

LOCK PICK TOOLS RECOVERED

On Sept. 22, Sunshine Coast RCMP were notified that a local tow company had one of their trucks broken into at 5:30 a.m. in Sechelt.

A Slim Jim and other professional lock picking tools, utilized for gaining legal entry to locked vehicles had been stolen.

Later on Sept. 22 at approximately 2:20 p.m., a break and enter to a construction site in the 11000 block of Sunshine Coast Hwy. in Madeira Park was reported.

Neighbours spotted a suspicious vehicle in the area earlier that day, photographed it and shared it with other residents who lived in the area.

Friends of the victim of the break and enter, began driving in the area and the suspect car was seen driving on Middlepoint Road.

Police arrived on scene and also observed the suspect vehicle which fled up Stephens Way before the suspects dumped the car on a side road.

The vehicle was seized and tools stolen from the tow truck were recovered along with multiple items from the construction site.

Minister to request a negotiated change to foundation agreement



Leonard Lee Area A director, SCRD

UBCM ADDRESSES THE FOUNDATION AGREEMENT

The annual

Union of BC Municipalities convention (Sept. 15 to 25) is a venue for local governments to meet with provincial ministers to discuss local issues.

This year, the SCRD, Town of Gibsons and District of Sechelt participated in joint meetings on land use planning, the SIB foundation agreement, among other topics.

Although local government supports the agreement, land-use issues and foreshore leases are decided by a shishálh-BC board with virtually no local government consultation, result-

ing in poorly communicated decisions that have discouraged both reconciliation and opportunities to share shishalh history.

We believe our input, based on local knowledge of issues and sentiments, would have fostered productive communication, thus averting animosity.

At the foundation agreement meeting with Scott Fraser, minister of Indigenous relations and reconciliation, Heinz Dyck, chief negotiator, Coast area, and MLA Nicholas Simons, we requested to be included in the governance, planning, and implementation of shíshálh-BC relations, to provide considerations, concerns and help with communicating the decisions to enhance reconciliation and understanding.

Minister Fraser said the MIRR

intended to ask the province to approve negotiating a change to the foundation agreement to support this and, in the meantime, to hold quarterly shishálh-BC meetings with the SCRD to work on issues.

MADEIRA PARK/SALALUS COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

The BC Geographical Names Office approved our requested comment-period extension to Dec. 31 on the proposed renaming of Madeira Park to salalus and Wilson Creek to ts'ukw'um.

We plan to discuss the proposed name changes with the shishalh Nation, and for the MIRR and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to organize an online town hall meeting of the SCRD, shishalh Nation, and



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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT Upcoming meetings

Agendas and links to video-streaming for these meetings are available at www.scrd.ca/Agendas-2020.

Planning and Community Development Committee October 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board October 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Infrastructure Services
Committee

October 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Policing and Public Safety Committee

October 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee

October 15 at 3:00 p.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

October 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

October 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Regional Hospital District

October 22 (following Regular Board)



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Pender Harbour Residents Association, P. H. Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary Club of Pender Harbour to discuss the Sechelt Indian Band proposal submitted to the BC Geographical Names Office.

It's been a rocky road, but recent developments indicate strengthening communication between BC, shishalh and local governments.

The SCRD is eager to work with BC and shishálh governments to protect and promote the culture, language, and history of the shishálh territory.

I hope for a better and brighter future, together, in our communities.

ARE WELLS IN OUR FUTURE?

The SCRD recently assumed the challenge of providing adequate water for residents and businesses served by our infrastructure.

We learned that wells are an excellent source of potable water, with surface water (lakes, creeks, etc.) being only a small percentage of the water making its way back to the ocean, and underground aquifers forming the bulk of flowing water.

Underground lakes and streams are naturally filtered, so only chlorination is needed to prevent contamination in the distribution system.

With new Gibsons wells already "going live," and anticipated completion of the Church Road (Grantham's Landing) well field next summer, they will provide a boost to our supply and provide alternative sources to reduce summer drought restrictions.

A six-week drilling program begins later this month on these exploratory sites:

- Gray Creek (Sechelt, north of the Northern Divine sturgeon farm);
- Chaster Road (park behind Frank West Hall);
- Langdale (BC Ferries' property October 2020

near existing well building), and

• Harmen Road (private property).

Discussion now turns to a Coast-wide system, 30 years from now, considering options to tie all systems together, add wells to Pender Harbour, or dam Pender-Egmont lakes for access to large quantities of water with minimal environmental harm.

NEW WASAC MEMBERS

We thank Bob Fielding, Alan Skelly and Tom Silvey, representing the North Pender, South Pender and Egmont water service areas, for volunteering to serve on the Water Supply Advisory Committee, which was formed to fulfill the SCRD commitment to resident representation concerning decisions on water supply and conservation plans.

WASAC meets monthly to tackle tough issues and recently made these recommendations to the SCRD:

- Put the raw water reservoir project on hold until completion of this year's study and pending exploration of additional sources;
- Undertake a further study of aquifers including the Dusty Road well as additional groundwater sources, and
- Undertake a study of Clowhom Lake, Sakinaw Lake and Rainy River as long-term water sources.

Committee recommendations

will likely result in updating or replacing the Area A water master plan and comprehensive regional water plan to establish a Coast-wide plan.

'NEW NORMAL' CHALLENGES

COVID-19 inspired staycations and an unexpected exodus from the city.

This despite our lack of encouragement to potential visitors, and we were surprised with a real-estate boom, over-capacity ferry traffic, crowded recreational spots and booked-solid short-term rentals.

Retailers struggled to keep their shelves stocked, and water-access residents faced busy, unmanaged facilities and overflowed public parking.

Although most of us welcomed new and returning visitors who conformed to COVID guidelines, including social distancing, keeping to your group and mask-wearing in public, an undercurrent of unease existed.

The SCRD, local business and residents must plan for next year because the "new normal" isn't going away anytime soon — because those who discovered our wonderful community will be back.

For the first time, we must figure out how to manage our parking, recreation opportunities, crowd control, and public safety in a pandemic.

This is not time to play politics but we must respond to the challenge.



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Holy mola: Unusual fish visits Madeira Park



Neil Whittaker

A rare local sighting of an ocean sunfish was photographed in Madeira Park's Welbourn Cove Sept. 9.

Brian Lee

Ask a commercial fisherman and many will tell you that they've come across a sunfish before, but never in Pender Harbour.

On Sept. 9, an ocean sunfish (*Mola mola*) was seen swimming around the docks in Madeira Park.

The ocean sunfish, or mola, is the world's largest bony fish, sometimes measuring up to four metres long and weighing over 2,200 kilograms.

The docile fish is generally found

in warmer waters but is occasionally delivered to BC's West Coast by warming currents.

Prolonged periods spent in water at temperatures of 12 C or lower can lead to disorientation and eventual death.

They are usually spotted by people basking at the surface but adults spend a large portion of their lives actively hunting jellyfish, squid and crustaceans at depths greater than 200 metres.

After surfacing from the cold

depths, mola spend considerable time at the surface swimming on their side, presenting its largest profile to the sun, which is thought to be a method of thermally recharging.

Huge dorsal fins ensure they are often mistaken as sharks but they pose no threat to humans — their teeth are fused into a beak-like structure and they are unable to fully close their relatively small mouths.

They are often seen drifting and look somewhat incapable of propulsion due to their truncated tailfin but the sunfish is capable of swimming up to 26 kilometres in a day at a cruising speed of 3.2 km/h.

They are also capable of moving rapidly when feeding or avoiding predators and can even leap out of the water.

Sunfish commonly suffer skin parasites and have been witnessed breaking the surface and leaping up to 10 feet in the air in an attempt to rid



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Ocean sunfish (Mola mola).

themselves of the parasites.

That is likely how the only known injury from the creature occurred.

In 2005, the BBC reported that a four-year-old boy was injured when a sunfish landed on him after leaping onto his family's boat.

According to Wikipedia, the flesh of the ocean sunfish is considered a delicacy in some regions with the largest markets being found in Taiwan and Japan.

The species is currently suffering a decline in population which is thought to be mainly attributed to more frequent bycatch in driftnet fisheries and the increasing popularity of sunfish in human diet.

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Emergency delivers nostalgic brush with the late Harry Dusenbury

Editor

Since I married a Pender Harbour local three-and-a-half years ago, I can't call myself a complete outsider to the area.

Besides, I've lived and worked on the Sunshine Coast for 63 years.

And ever since typing out three of my previous husband Dick Hammond's books of short stories (he died in 2008) I feel I have a vague sense about the area's history.

But not enough.

Years ago I argued with his publisher, Howard White, that Dick's books were non-fiction.

History.

He replied, "No way. They're fiction."

As I was not an author in those days, I didn't press the point.

You see, my then father-in-law, Hal Hammond (born at Nimpkish River, before living on Texada Island, Nelson Island, Wilson Creek, and finally Gibsons) used to tell these stories to Dick when I was present.

I'd hear most of them at least twice, and often from the horse's mouth.

So, imagine my surprise when I had the following brush with Pender Harbour history last month.

After a hard day's work in our garden during one of August's hottest days, my 95 year-old husband of 3.5 years, Charles Paine, passed out on the veranda and appeared very ill.

I couldn't move him, so phoned his daughter and her husband, 15 minutes' drive away.

"Phone the ambulance," she advised as soon as they arrived.

I did.

After asking about the state of the patient, the dispatcher from Vancouver advised me that he would be staying on the phone until the ambulance arrived.

At all times I sat by my husband, and we were able to maintain his condition until the ambulance arrived.

During one lull in the conversation, the dispatcher asked, "So you're living in Garden Bay?"

I told him, yes, and he explained that the ambulance had to come from Madeira Park, and he had a GPS spot on it at all times, so was able to tell me its location.

Then he dropped the historical bit.

"I was born on Dusenbury Island," he said.

"And, we went to school from there!"

I suddenly remembered a character in Dick's book, *A Touch of Strange*, "Did you have a relative called Harry Dusenbury?"

He replied, "My great grandpa was Harry Dusenbury."

That's when I let him have part of the rest of it.

"My log salvor husband, Dick Hammond wrote a short story about your grandpa.

"It's in one of his books and the story is called 'There Were Giants in Those Days."

It turned out he hadn't heard of Dick Hammond's book, which is understandable because Dick was an agoraphobic recluse who could not force himself to appear in public to promote his books.

The ambulance arrived soon

afterwards, and during the ensuing drama, I forgot to ask for the dispatcher's name and address.

I want to send him a copy of *A Touch of Strange*.

When I checked online for Harry Dusenbury it sounds to me as if he should have had a whole book devoted to his life.

Note: I have to add that since these stories were told, not written down, by my father-in-law, the spelling of Dusenbury is in Dick Hammond's book as Dusenberry.

An understandable error.

Jo Hammond Garden Bay

From Andrew Scott's *The Ency-clopedia of Raincoast Place Names* (Harbour Publishing, 2009):

Dusenbury Island (49°37'19" 124°02'20" Gerrans Bay, Pender Harbour, NW of Vancouver).

Ex-boxer and mechanical genius Hiram "Harry" Eugene Dusenbury (1873–1953) showed up at Pender Harbour in 1905, bought this island and built a machine shop and boatrepair business there.

He was a major force behind the establishment of Pender Harbour's hospital.

The island was home base for a sealing schooner he co-owned with a legendary character named Alex McLean (see McLean I.), on whom Jack London was alleged to have modelled Wolf Larsen in his novel *The Sea Wolf*.

Dusenbury drowned off his property at the age of 79.

LETTERS Letters to the editor should be of local interest, exclusive to the *Harbour Spiel* and include your full name, address and daytime phone number for verification. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. *editor@harbourspiel.com*

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Brook and Bhalla offended by September editorial

Editor,

We are emailing in regards to the article you published in the September 2020 issue of the *Harbour Spiel*, "The 13 Types of Tourist."

There were several insinuations in this article that we couldn't help but notice were distinctly biased and, one might say, offensive.

For example, let's start with the fact that you wrote two different headings for a girls trip but wrote "gay" in brackets beside one, and 'hetero' beside the other.

Why would you feel the need to distinguish between the two?

What about a women's sexual orientation would change their behaviours and their inclination towards golfing?

We also noticed that under every subtitle you made inaccurate assumptions that are offensive to the average person, abolishing its appropriateness to be published.

These articles are distributed widely around the Sunshine Coast for impressionable young viewers to see, and you should not be promoting this narrow worldview.

Next to this article that you have written, you have also given us the circulation numbers of this paper.

Free copies are mailed to 1,350 homes between Egmont and Middlepoint.

They are also available free, in hard copy and online, which means even more people are reading this offensive article.

Below, we have enclosed some examples of these assumptions you have made.

You also basically implied that every Millennial who enjoys the outdoors is, "probably high on something" and are "indistinguishable from real homeless people."

We don't have time to unpack

all that, but let's take a look at this insinuation that some homeless people aren't "real."

It is almost always impossible to "decide" if someone is homeless or not.

Even getting to the statements that are probably offensive to less people, we can see that they are assumptions that are close-minded and most likely in a lot of situations, such as your claims in "The Seafood Scavenger."

Here, you're implying that everyone who comes to the Coast to fish completely disregards environmental concerns and the law, thinking that "catch limits are for suckers."

Keep in mind that we are two 15-year-old girls writing to you about this.

We would be shocked if no one has written to you about this article, but if not, let us be the first.

Emily Brook and Maya Bhalla

Message to thief of COVID signs at Madeira public washrooms

Editor

After being closed since March, the Madeira Park public washrooms were finally reopened on Sept. 8 and the new COVID signs were immediately stolen.

WorkSafe BC guidelines dictate such signs be posted in public washrooms.

A lot of effort went into getting funding and producing these COVID signs.

Also stolen were the women's washroom mirror and the "Storage" and "Office" signs posted on the doors, signs that were beautifully hand-painted sunflowers by local artist Ken Walters.

Twice during the past two weeks (while these public washrooms were still closed) the locksmith and the cleaning lady had to be called after the men's washroom was broken into by destroying the door handle.

Apart from the mess left behind, all the toilet paper and paper towels were also stolen!

Local businesses depend on the Pender Harbour and District Chamber of Commerce to keep public washrooms clean and safe.

Vandalism hurts our community.

Please return the washroom signs

— you can drop them off at the IGA,
no questions asked.

Annelise Sorg

Madeira Park Visitor Info Centre



submitted

These Worksafe BC-mandated COVID warning signs were stolen during recent acts of vandalism at the Madeira Park public washrooms.

October 2020

Attention Garden Bay & Daniel Point home owners!

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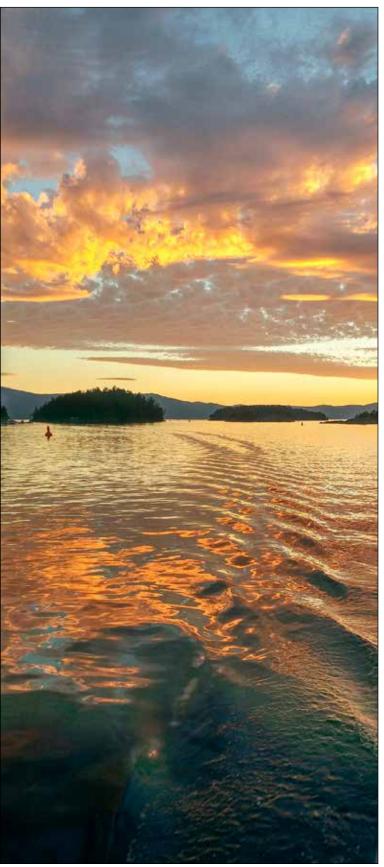
A common concern of clients interested in selling is there are too few options for their next home.

If you have any interest in selling, please call me to discuss.





photojournal



Nancy En

Nancy Enns captured this sunset reflecting off the wake of her boat while returning to Pender Harbour from fishing on the evening of Aug. 16.

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Experts urge people receive flu shot to avoid 'twindemic'

With concerns about what might happen as seasonal cases of influenza combine with the COVID-19 pandemic, health experts are urging Canadians to get a flu shot in hopes of avoiding a "twindemic."

On Sept. 3, the CBC reported:
"If you haven't received the
vaccine in previous years, this is the
year to get it,' said Dr. Danuta Skowronski, an infectious disease expert
specializing in influenza and emerging
respiratory illnesses at the B.C. Centre
for Disease Control."

On Sept. 9, the BC Ministry of Health released their "Health Sector Plan for Fall/Winter 2020-2021 Management of COVID-19," which includes their fall immunization campaign which will see:

- A further \$18.8 million to significantly build out the fall flu immunization campaign;
- 45,000 Fluzone-High Dose immunizations will be made available to all long-term care residents and assisted living facilities.

Fluzone-High Dose is a higher dose vaccine designed to protect people over 65 from influenza, and

• An additional 450,000 influenza vaccine doses will be made available in the 2020-21 influenza season for a total of approximately 2 million doses.

While health experts admit that the flu shot won't protect you from the coronavirus, it is important to protect yourself from influenza for several reasons.

Flu season often adds an extra burden on the health-care system and officials are concerned that hospitals and health-care facilities could be overwhelmed if they need to treat both flu and COVID-19 patients.

Experts also say that getting the

flu vaccine could also help reduce unnecessary testing for COVID-19 because the two diseases share similarities in several symptoms.

When visiting a community flu clinic, only one adult should bring a child (all other family members should stay home).

Do not go to the clinic if you or

your child are feeling ill and/or have any of the following symptoms:

- Runny nose;
- Sore throat;
- Fever;
- Cough;
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing, and/or
 - Diarrhea or vomiting.

Arm yourself against the flu!

Community Flu Clinics for Everyone Fall 2020

LOCATION	DATE & TIME	IMPORTANT NOTES:
Gibsons: Royal Canadian Legion Branch #109 747 Gibsons Way	Thurs., Oct. 22 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Thurs., Oct. 29 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Wed., Nov. 25 9:30 am – 2:30 pm	To maintain social distancing measures we will see people alphabetically by <u>last</u> name at grouped times:
Sechelt: Royal Canadian Legion Branch #140 5591 Wharf Street	Mon., Oct. 26 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Mon., Nov. 23 9:30 am – 2:30 pm	A – H: 9:30 am – 11:00 am I – P: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm Q- Z: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Madeira Park : Royal Canadian Legion Branch #112 12829 Lillies Lake	Tues., Oct. 20 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Fri., Nov. 20 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	A – H: 10:00 am – 11:00 am I – P: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Q – Z: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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Sechelt Health Unit: 5571 Inlet Avenue 604-885-5164	Tuesdays: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Thursdays: 9:00 am – 11:00 am Please book through Jane app website: vchsunshinecoast.janeapp.com							
Pender Harbour Health Centre: 5066 Francis Peninsula Road 604-883-2764 Friday, Oct. 23 – am only Please call Pender Harbour Health Centre to book an appointment: 604-883-2764								

Flumist nasal spray will be available for children 2 - 17 years of age Remember to wear short sleeves and bring your BC Care Card

Visit www.vch.ca/flu

Visit immunizebc.ca for a list of all locations

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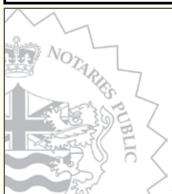
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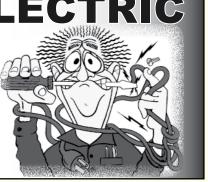
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Bargain Barn to remain at Legion until end of year

submitted

The Bargain Barn will remain operating at the Legion on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons until the end of the year, thanks to the community spirit of those operating the Legion.

The Bargain Barn volunteers thank our customers and those who donated merchandise during these difficult times.

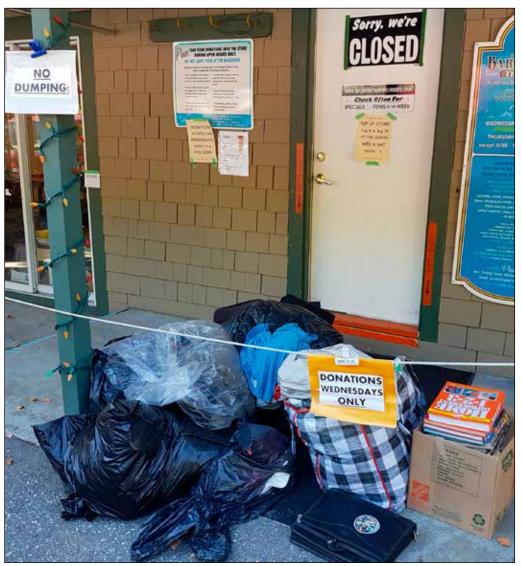
Many of our volunteers are on health break.

With that in mind, please help us manage by remembering the following:

• The maximum donation we can handle from one person is two bags (garbage size) per week so as not to overwhelm our volunteer sorters.

Your donations of clothes should be clean, in good condition and folded when possible;

- We sort into men's clothing, women's clothing, children's clothing, jewelry, linens, toys, books, CDs, shoes and boots, purses and backpacks, crafts including greeting cards, games and puzzles and household items;
- Housewares should be clean and not stained, chipped, cracked or badly scratched;
- Small appliances must be clean and working;
- Shoes must be clean and minimally worn if you wouldn't pass them on to a family member, please don't pass them on to us;
- We can't take old dictionaries or encyclopedias — we don't have room for them in the store and nowadays almost everyone looks things up online;
- We can't sell old VHF tapes, we have no room for your old records or anything "home-burned," those are



submitted

Since time immemorial, and despite countless public reminders in this publication, volunteers who manage the Bargain Barn Thrift Store have been plagued by those who ignore their simple donation policy — currently, that donations are only accepted while open on Wednesdays. The thrift store helps to fund local health services at the Pender Harbour Health Centre and 'donations' like the one pictured above, are costly in money (disposal) and volunteer time.

copyright infringements.

- Tattered books, and magazines do not sell;
- We can no longer take larger items, we just don't have room this includes blinds, sporting equipment, electronics, large lamps or luggage, and
- Please never leave donations unless there is a volunteer there to receive them.

We pay to remove our garbage and that takes money earmarked for our clinic when you bring things we can't sell.

With your help our volunteers should be able to manage your donations.

If you have questions, please ask us before you bring them, we feel so bad when we have to tell you that we just can't accept them.

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Doughnut appreciation 101 (Editorial, Harbour Spiel, Oct. 2010)



by Brian Lee

(Originally published in the Oct. 2010 edition of the Harbour Spiel.)

Doughnuts. You say that

word in just about any other Canadian town and it conjures up a glowing wall at Tim Hortons.

Around here it means tire marks on the highway and it stirs people to an angry froth.

I grew up near downtown Madeira so I was conditioned to think it was all just part of the local scene.

Before I could read a calendar, I knew Friday night by the screeching of tires on the highway across the lake from my bedroom.

To an 8-year-old kid in 1979, names like Scoular or Dubois went hand in hand with names like Camaro or Trans Am.

And that's what those cars did — they hacked doughnuts.

They rarely hurt anybody while doing it and gave people something to ponder, like "How do they afford to replace a set of tires every weekend?"

By the time I was of age, we

didn't have muscle cars but small compacts with front wheel drive.

Aside from the occasional novelty of letting go with spirited reversies in a three-cylinder Chevy Sprint, I never really understood the zeal some guys had for the hobby.

And while I don't want to encourage the art form, you have to admit that sometimes the displays are pretty impressive.

So, why not take a doughnut tour?

It's free and our area is overflowing with viewing opportunities.

Follow me.

Any doughnut tour should start at the proving grounds for rubber laying — the IGA parking lot.

For decades, it was where youth safely honed their chops before hitting the tighter confines of the highway.

Try one yourself — free videography of your session is provided by the shopping centre's many surveillance cameras.

Ask at the IGA nicely and they might even provide a digital copy for your efforts.

A short stop at the Madeira Park crossroad reveals more history.

Decades of doughnuts have pro-

duced a layered record, the rubbery sheen an elegy to past masters.

Next comes Misery Mile where three lanes provide a superb canvas for experimentation, fostering a jazzy amalgam of improvisational style and eclectic tread type.

But the highlight of any doughnut tour is the section beyond the Pender Harbour High School.

For more than 10 kilometres, one finds a dazzling variety of compounding ellipses, bold brake stands and squigglies without end.

As you take in the spectacle, note the precision of the doughnuts, often just brushing the gravel on either side, the artist teasing the ditch with his own mortality.

He seems to fuse chaos with order, laying patterns at random — at first glance.

A closer inspection with a sophisticated eye finds a performer well versed in modernist abstraction.

Devoid of pretense, he challenges one to explore the rules encoded in the subconscious that shape our esthetics.

What is a car?

What is a man?

What is Pender Harbour?

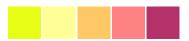


Brian Lee

The intersection of Egmont Road and Hwy. 101 hosts regular expression sessions.

Cooler colour codes indicate lower tides. For kayaks and small boats accessing Canoe Pass (Beaver Island), these colour codes (right) indicate what should usually provide sufficient depth for passage. Note: variability occurs due to barometric pressure, wind conditions, etc.

Canoe Pass:



October	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3РМ	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Thu 01	7.5	8.4	9.9	11.4	12.6	13.0	12.6	11.4	9.7	7.9	6.6	5.9	6.3	7.5	9.3	11.3	13.0	14.0	14.0	13.2	11.6	9.8	8.0	6.9
Fri 02	6.6	7.2	8.6	10.3	11.9	13.0	13.3	12.6	11.3	9.6	8.0	6.9	6.6	7.3	8.7	10.5	12.3	13.5	13.9	13.3	12.0	10.1	8.2	6.7
Sat 03	5.9	6.1	7.2	8.9	10.8	12.4	13.4	13.4	12.6	11.2	9.6	8.2	7.5	7.6	8.5	10.0	11.6	12.9	13.6	13.4	12.3	10.6	8.6	6.8
Sun 04	5.6	5.3	6.0	7.5	9.4	11.4	12.9	13.6	13.5	12.6	11.2	9.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	9.6	11.0	12.3	13.2	13.3	12.6	11.1	9.1	7.2
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Fri 09	8.6	7.1	5.8	5.0	4.6	4.9	5.9	7.3	9.1	10.9	12.4	13.4	13.7	13.5	13.0	12.3	11.7	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.6	11.7	11.4	10.6
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Wed 14	10.2	11.4	12.2	12.4	11.8	10.4	8.5	6.7	5.3	4.7	5.1	6.5	8.6	11.0	13.1	14.5	14.9	14.3	12.8	10.8	8.9	7.4	6.8	7.2
Thu 15	8.4	10.0	11.7	12.9	13.2	12.6	11.1	9.1	7.1	5.7	5.2	5.8	7.4	9.7	12.0	13.9	14.9	14.8	13.6	11.6	9.2	7.1	5.7	5.4
Fri 16	6.2	7.9				14.0				7.7	6.4	6.1	6.9	8.6	10.9	13.1	14.6	15.1	14.4	12.5	10.0	7.4	5.2	4.0
Sat 17	4.1	5.4	7.6	10.2		14.1						7.4	7.2		10.0			15.0					5.6	3.6
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RCMSAR Stn. 61: Rising to the challenge in COVID times

submitted

In the strange times in which we are living, your local RCMSAR Station 61 Pender Harbour has been very busy, adapting to the new reality, modifying its practices and updating its equipment.

As first responders and in line with directives from RCMSAR head-quarters and the Canadian Coast Guard, the station has introduced new best practices with respect to the use of masks and gloves during training and taskings.

This is to protect both RCMSAR members and the members of the public with whom crew members come into contact on a tasking.

The station is excited about its recently installed navigation system.

The *Iona C* is now outfitted with new Raymarine chart plotters and 12kW radar.

Coxswains and crew are currently being trained on the new system, which will enhance response capability and safety considerably.

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour recently made a donation of \$2,500 towards the installation of the new navigation system.

Station 61 Pender Harbour is deeply grateful to the Rotary club, as the donation will help the station continue to carry out its mission of saving lives on the water.

Many people are not aware that RCMSAR stations are staffed entirely by volunteers and that all stations are self-funding for everything from emergency and first aid training, gas for the vessel to the vessel itself.

The boats used for RCMSAR operations are necessarily custom-built, high-performance vessels that have to be fitted with a range of specialist



submitted

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour recently donated \$2,500 to RCMSAR 61 towards the installation of new navigation equipment for their rescue boat, *lona C*.

equipment, so that they can function year-round in all types of weather conditions and allow for first responder assistance in a variety of situations.

Be sure to check out Station 61's new website at *www.rcmsar61.ca* which is loaded with helpful resources for mariners.

There you'll find links to weather, webcams located around Pender Harbour, marine traffic and more.

Volunteering with the station, either as an operational crew member

or in a support role to help manage and fundraise, is a great way to learn new skills, meet great people and give back to the community.

To volunteer for or donate to Station 61, Pender Harbour, please visit their website at www.rcmsar61.ca or facebook.com/RCMSAR61.

And, as a reminder to all mariners, please pay attention to your self-rescue capability, wear a PFD and check that all mandatory safety and rescue equipment is working properly.

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DATE-TIME-SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large) EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechelt Inlet).

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These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.

CANADIAN **EMPLOYMENT**

1.4%

The increase in Canadian employment in August (+246,000 people found employment).

-5.7%

Current Canadian employment levels compared to the pre-COVID February level.

1.8 million

As of Aug. 15, the number of Canadian workers affected by the COVID-19 economic shutdown.

5.5 million

In April, the number of Canadian workers affected by the COVID-19 economic shutdown reached a peak of 5.5 million.

3.4 million

Number of Canadians who shifted to working from home in April 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 economic shutdown.

2.5 million

Number of those Canadians who previously travelled to work who were still working from home in August 2020.

84.7%

Youth (aged 15 to 24) are most affected and remained the furthest from their February employment level, with employment for both young men and young women being at 84.7% of February levels.

~Statistics Canada (Labour Force Survey, August 2020)

OCTOBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high temperature in October is 12.8 C and our average daily low is 8.5 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 10.7 C. Our average first-frost date (at sea level) is Oct. 30. The highest October temperature recorded was 21.1 C (Oct. 1, 1975); the lowest October temperature recorded was -0.4 C (Oct. 31, 1984).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

October has an average of 115 hours of bright sunshine and averages 16 days with measurable rainfall and a total of 108.8 mm for the month. The highest October daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island in October was 62.2 mm (Oct. 21, 1963). The Canadian record for the greatest rainfall in a 24hour period is 489 mm (Ucluelet BC, Oct. 6, 1967).

OCTOBER ASTROLOGY



LIBRA: September 22 - October 23

Libras seek perfection and harmony and passionately believe in fairness and equality. You are diplomatic, charming, stylish, self-expressive, and spontaneous.

Things aren't looking good for you this fall. Planetary strength is situated in the eastern half of the chart and you know what that means — you're about to get sick. Spousal kindness will pay dividends during this period. Despite Mercury's meddling until Oct. 28, harmony can still be found in simple things.



SCORPIO: OCT. 24 - NOV. 22

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. With Pluto as the ruling ex-planet, people born under this sign are consid-

ered to be dynamic and extreme in their opinions. This month, the majority of the planets are in the northern sector of the chart. So, while those cats are away, the Scorpio should play. Be bold in decisions regarding love and work. You'll find a tailwind assisting you, regardless of your heading. The clever Scorpio will find a metaphoric sail to take advantage of it and prosper during this time.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Sept. 19

The BC bestseller list uses sales data from over 80 independent bookstores in BC representing sales of BC published books released within the calendar year.

- by Robert Budd, Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing)
- 2. Primary Obsessions by Charles Demers (Douglas &
- 3. Birds of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest by Richard Cannings & Tom Aversa 8. A Match Made for Murder: (Heritage House Publishing)
- 4. Orange Shirt Day by Orange Shirt Society, ed. Phyllis Webstad & Joan Sorley (Medicine Wheel Education)
- 5. One Drum: Stories and Ceremonies for a Planet by Richard Wagamese (Douglas & McIntyre)

- 1. Raven Squawk, Orca Squeak 6. Edible and Medicinal Flora of the West Coast: British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest by Collin Varner (Heritage House Publishing)
 - 7. Don't Stand So Close to Me by Eric Walters (Orca Book Publishers)
 - A Lane Winslow Mystery by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions)
 - 9. The E. J. Hughes Book of **Boats** by Robert Amos (TouchWood Editions)
 - 10. How to Lose Everything: A Memoir by Christa Couture (Douglas & McIntyre)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 1 ~ Cory Cavalier and Lyn Watters.
- Oct. 3 ~ Maureen Parrott.
- Oct. 6 ~ Rick Higgins.
- Oct. 7 ~ Sharlyne Niemela.
- Oct. 9 ~ Jolaine Percival.
- Oct. 10 ~ Daryl Hegyi, Mitch Jones, Katrina Woodard, Val Silvey and Kate Daniels.
- Oct. 11 ~ Bruno Cote and Sarah Silvey.
- Oct. 12 ~ Bricin Lyons.
- Oct. 13 ~ P. D. Smith and Judy Sim.
- Oct. 14 ~ Nicole Forsyth.
- Oct. 15 ~ Courtney Hanna, Kaiden Bosch and Richard Norrish.
- Oct. 16 ~ Ursula Hardwick and Dane Hanna.
- Oct. 17 ~ Peter Vaughan.
- Oct. 18 ~ Karen Stiglitz, Tommy Gamble, Sandy Matches, Tessa Rand and Cody Honeybourne-Kincaide.
- Oct. 19 ~ Doug Hardwick and Hans Schroeder.
- Oct. 20 ~ Lonny Edwardson and Doug Richardson.
- Oct. 22 ~ Susan Foreman, Pat Wood, Katheryn Kelly, Alysa English and Mark Clay.
- Oct. 23 ~ Diane Dennis.
- Oct. 24 ~ Roxanne Gregory and Larry Honeybourne.
- Oct. 25 ~ Doug Davis and Kerry Rand.
- Oct. 27 ~ Dave Malcolm and Cindy Rayko.
- Oct. 28 ~ Eric McDermott and Rob Metcalfe.
- Oct. 29 ~ Colleen Silvey and Nicholas Silvey.
- Oct. 31 ~ Richard Mills and twins Savannah & Sawyer Cote.

October 2020





Please check the website for current hours and information: www.penderharbourhealth.com

NURSING SERVICES – (604) 883-2764

RNs are on duty 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays

- Blood tests ECGs Injections Blood pressure
- Home/Palliative care Dressings Holter Monitors

DENTISTRY – (604) 883-2997

Dr. Robert Hynd, Dr. Lisa Virkela

Darlene Fowlie - Hygienist

Monika Miller - Hygienist

- Braces Cosmetic Dentistry
- Restorative Dental Care Consulting
- Impants Surgical Extractions

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – (604) 883-2764

- Well Baby Clinic
- Child and Adult Immunizations

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER – (604) 883-2764 Annaliese Hasler, NP

• Women and Youth Health Services

FOOT CARE NURSE – (604) 740-2890 Sharon Gilchrist-Reed LPN

- Foot care nursing
- Reflexology/Kinesiology

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Lyn Rondeau – Adult Mental Health (604) 885-6101 ext. 4422

REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPY

Brigit Cogrossi, RMT (604) 741-1202

- Monday (alternate), Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- Ellen Luchkow, RMT (778) 888-2012
- Monday (alternate), Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday

PHYSICIANS – (604) 885-2257

Drs. Forgie, McDowell & Robinson

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., by appointment only

CHIROPRACTORS – (604) 883-2764

Dr. Ali Manavi, Coastline Health and Performance Chiropractors

• Wednesdays, call (604) 883-2764 to book appointment

Dr. Terry Dickson, DC, BSc, ART provider

- Second to third Saturdays and Mondays of the month, 8 a.m. noon, by appointment.
- Please call North Shore Wellness Centre, (604) 980-4538 or email: info@nswellness.ca



THE SUNSHINE COAST HOSPICE SOCIETY: Compassionate, respectful end-of-life and bereavement care. Whether you want to talk with one person or to join a bereavement group, trained volunteers are available. Call (604) 883-2764.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. – everyone welcome.

TEENS' DROP IN CLINIC: Offered every Tuesday between 3 and 5 p.m.

LOAN CUPBOARD: Crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, raised toilet seats etc.

DIABETES & DIETICIAN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Weekly on Thursdays ~ call to book an appointment **CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:** Weekly on Wednesdays ~ call to book an appointment.

SOCIAL WORKER: Weekly on Tuesdays ~ call to book an appointment.

First-class health care for the people of the Pender Harbour area.

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Respite care: What it is and who needs it

Kym Harris PHHC program coordinator

It is estimated that there are one million unpaid people in British Columbia who are taking care of a spouse, a family member, or another adult they know who has poor health, a disability or age-related challenges.

Family caregivers are a vital part of the health care team and their health is just as important as the health of the person they're looking after.

Family caregivers can experience a wide range of emotions in response to the responsibilities of providing care, including anger, grief, guilt, and resentment.

Of course, there is also some joy and satisfaction.

All these feelings are normal and will fluctuate continually depending on the situation.

Respite is time away to recharge your batteries and renew your determination to carry on the exceedingly difficult task of being a primary caregiver.

Respite can be comprised of home support, residential care facilities and adult day programs.

Accurate and up-to-date information on these programs can be obtained by calling Vancouver Coastal Health home support services.

You may even find a neighbour who is willing to spend a few hours a week allowing you time away from your everyday obligations and practise self-care.

Respite care provides short term relief for primary caregivers allowing them time away from everyday obligations.

Self-care for caregivers is about remembering that you also have needs.



While your needs may not seem as urgent or as important as the needs of those you are caring for, if ignored, caregiving may become more difficult, less sustainable and produce more feelings of resentment and frustration.

Practising self-care by taking advantage of respite can help reduce or prevent these feelings.

The importance of respite should not be underestimated.

Caregivers are on call 24/7 and none of us can continue a schedule such as this without regular breaks.

If you are a primary caregiver or know of someone who is, please encourage them to take advantage of respite resources in the community.

The Pender Harbour Health Centre offers a respite program facilitated by a registered care aide at Lily Lake meeting room every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The program offers socialization in a safe environment, fun and stimulating activities and a healthy lunch.

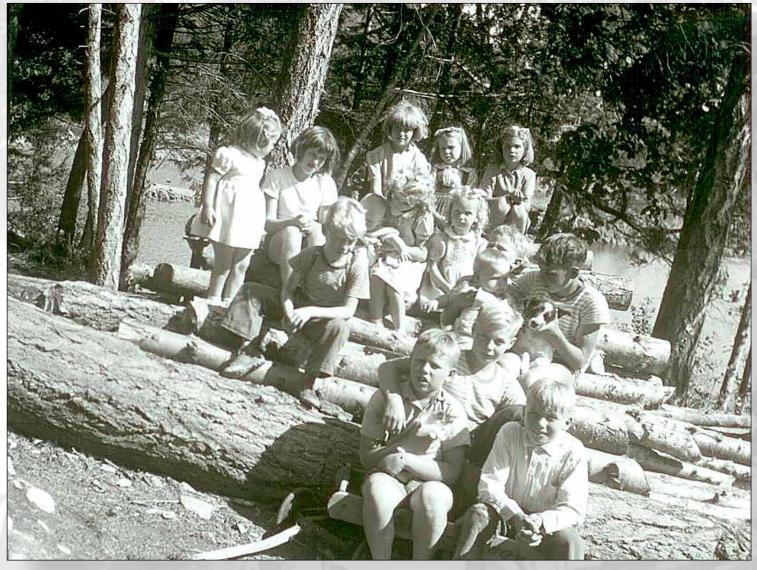
For more information and to register, please call Kym Harris at the Pender Harbour Health Centre at (604) 883-2764.

P. H. HEALTH CENTRE AGM

On Nov. 22 at 1 p.m., the P. H. Health Centre will hold their annual general meeting online via Zoom.

If you would like to attend, please contact the P. H. Health Centre and provide your email address so that we may send you a Zoom meeting invitation as well as any important notifications for the future.

If you are not able to attend by Zoom, we will be posting the annual report on our web site.



Marie Davidson (née Gooldrup) collection. Photographer was likely Louella Duncan.

This photo was taken around 1948 at the Duncan home (Duncan Cove, Garden Bay).



- 1. unknown
- 2. Marie Gooldrup
- 3. unknown
- 4. Dorell Edwardson
- 5. Bernice Duncan
- 6. unknown
- 7. unknown baby
- 8. unknown

- 9. Jo Anne Cameron
- 10. unknown
- 11. unknown baby
- 12. unknown
- 13. unknown (dog)
- 14. Harold Klein
- 15. Joe Lee
- 16. Gordon Klein

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Note your seal of approval or disapproval.

By email only: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

Harbour Seals of Disapproval to the folks who ignore all the very clear signs and dump mounds of dirty and un-sellable "donations" at the Bargain Barn when we are not there. Shame.

Lorna Young

Harbour Seal of Approval for the five person bucket brigade that put out an Aug. 14 fire on Harness Island (across from Silver Sands) when all other attempts for assistance fell on deaf ears.

Lisa Borden

A grateful Harbour Seal of Approval to Ken Rempel of Halfmoon Heating who, after servicing my fireplace, replaced a dead battery in my vehicle, on the day before the Labour Day weekend, when all auto repair shops were too busy.

Sarah Johnston

photojournal



Joan Rush

A reader snapped this photo of a persistent young black bear comfortably making its way to a bird feeder thought to be out of reach at her Lagoon Road home this summer. According to BC's Get Bear Smart society, bears can smell just about any type of food from miles away and not securing attractants often leads to the bear's premature death. The fall season is an especially important time as bears are seeking out calories prior to hibernating. Experts say that the best way to manage conflicts is to bring inside items like pet food, bird feeders, garbage and other attractants. Backyard chickens should be secured with adequate electric fencing and composts should be kept clean and odour free. Never compost meat, fish, oil, grease or dairy products. Burn off fats and other attractants from your barbecue and harvest fruits as or even before they ripen, and remove fallen fruit from the ground below the tree. Not doing so creates a safety risk for your family and a possible death sentence for the bear.

Harbour Seals of Approval to to Lorraine Wareham for an amazing donation of dog food, to Faye Robson for the boxes of pears and apples and all those who shared bonus produce from their gardens.

We live in a generous community.

> Joka Wright P. H. Food Bank

Oceans full of Harbour Seals to Linda Curtiss, Wendy Webb, all the dedicated "Healthy Meals" volunteers and the Pender Harbour Legion.

Your caring, hard work and community spirit is greatly appreciated.

> Sincerely, Lyn and Bill Charlton

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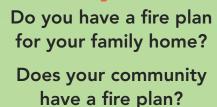
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OPEN: 8:30am to 3:30pm **CLOSED WEDNESDAYS & SUNDAYS** AND STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

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PHAFC PHSI PHCS



What are the emergency services available in our community?

Do you have a
"to go kit" ready
in case of a
fire or earthquake?

Do you feel you could contribute to your neighbourhood if there was an emergency?



Are you handling the COVID crisis to the best of your abilities?



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FOR INFORMATION OR TRANSPORTATION,

CALL MARLENE: (604) 883-9900

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall,1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, Oct. 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26 & 30

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall, 11am – 12 noon with Carole Logtenberg. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves Cost: \$3 **Please note: No class Oct 12th

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17 & 24

Thursdays drop-In program. We will be meeting inside the hall and following self-distancing rules. No lunch will be served at this time. We do encourage all to bring your own packed lunch to enjoy as a group following the program.

Thursdays in the P.H. Community Hall at 10:30am:

October 1 - Music with Mark

October 8 - Paola Stewart will help assist with registration for the P. H. Aquatic Centre

October 15 – Update of Pender Harbour Health Centre from COO Susann Richter

October 22 – Volunteer Firefighters to do a presentation on Fire Home Safety

October 29 – Music with Eddy Edrick

November 5 - Speaker Matt Treit (SCRD) in coordination with the P. H. Com. School

OCTOBER EVENTS FOR SENIORS!



PENDER HARBOUR
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

HARBOUR LEARNING CENTRE

5012 Gonzales Road Box 232 Madeira Park, V0N 2H0

> Tue/Wed/Fri from 9am to 1pm

604.883.2826 phcs@dccnet.com



We are discovering new ways to offer courses and continue supporting our schools and community by ensuring physical distance, keeping class sizes small, requiring pre-registration and asking you to call before you visit.

FOODSAFE CERTIFICATION

Sunday, Oct 4 or Sunday, Oct 18, Harbour Learning Centre, 9am-4pm

A food handling, sanitation and work safety course designed for food service operators and food service workers. Also great for general knowledge for all during these new times. Pre-register now, limited class size. \$125 (ask about group discounts)

FINANCIAL HEALTH: RSPS & TFSAS WITH LINDA CORDELL

Tuesday, Oct 27, ZOOM session 6-7:30pm

Learn about the benefits of both RSP's and TFSA's and how to best proceed in this current market. For all ages. Pregister for this zoom session. \$10 donation

SUNSHINE COAST EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Thursday, Nov 5, Harbourside Friendships, PH Community Hall @ 10:30am

Join SCRD representative Matt Treit to receive info on the risks that face our community, how to prepare as individuals to be ready to handle these risks and how to be more aware of safety issues for seniors, people with disabilities and pets. A brief update on how the SCRD policies/guidelines have shifted with regard to COVID-19.

FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Our instructor is available to do a blended course: online theory and in-person practical. We will customize date and cost based on request. Two options: Emergency First Aid & CPR C (1 day/8 hours) or Standard First Aid & CPR C (2 days/16 hours)

COMPUTER TUTOR

On-hand to assist with online Pool registrations at Harbourside Friendships, Oct 8.



PENDER HARBOUR AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTRE

20m, 4-lane pool hot tub & sauna gym & weight room

On lower level of PH Secondary School:

13639 S. C. Hwy. 604 885-6866

phaquatic@scrd.ca www.scrd.ca/myrecreation

Pender Harbour Aquatic & Fitness Centre has re-opened!

We are so happy to have you back in the facility.

It is important to know that things are very different than before the COVID-19 pandemic. Controls have been put into place at Pender Harbour Aquatic & Fitness Centre to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Please expect and familiarize yourself with the changes before visiting:



www.scrd.ca/recreation-restart

Weight Room and Swimming participation is by pre-registration only:

- Online: www.scrd.ca/pender-harbour-aquatic-fitness-centre
- Or phone 604-885-6801.

Please be aware that if you drop-by and have not pre-registered, you will not be permitted access to the facility.

- In-person registration at the pool is also not available at this time.
- Please plan ahead and pre-register for every activity you wish to attend.

Connect with us! More activities will become available as reopening continues. Receive regular updates:

- Subscribe to the Recreation E-newsletter at www.scrd.ca/newsletter-signup
- Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Pender-Harbour-Aquatic-and-Fitness-Centre-206667126014598

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to editor@harbourspiel.com by the 15th of the month.

OVID-19 has made planning difficult. Check with organizers for updates regarding scheduling for events.

Thurs. Oct. 1......Harbourside Friendship (music with Mark) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Oct. 4.........P. H. Community School presents Foodsafe certification - PHCS, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 4.....Live music on the patio - Clubhouse Restaurant, 3 to 5 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 5.......Pender Harbour food bank pickup (all clients) - P. H. Community Church, noon

Thurs. Oct. 8......Harbourside Friendship (register for the PHAFC) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Oct. 11.....Live music on the patio - Clubhouse Restaurant, 3 to 5 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 12.....Thanksgiving Day

Thurs. Oct. 15.....Harbourside Friendship (PHHC's Susann Richter) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Oct. 18......P. H. Community School presents Foodsafe certification - PHCS, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 18.....Live music on the patio - Clubhouse Restaurant, 3 to 5 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 19.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup (all clients) - P. H. Community Church, noon

Tues. Oct. 20.....Flu clinic (see p. 17) - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thurs. Oct. 22....Harbourside Friendship (home fire safety) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Oct. 25.....Live music on the patio - Clubhouse Restaurant, 3 to 5 p.m.

Tues. Oct. 27.....P. H. Community School presents "Financial Health" - Zoom session, 6 p.m.

Thurs. Oct. 29....Harbourside Friendship (music with Eddy Edrick) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. Oct. 30.......P. H. Living Heritage Society AGM - via Zoom (www.penderharbourheritage.ca), 10 a.m.

Sat. Oct. 31......CANCELLED - PHVFD's Halloween fireworks

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers:

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FERRY DEPARTURES

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Effective to October 12

Masks are now required to be worn at all times at terminals and on board vessels. Check www.bcferries.com for service updates due to COVID-19

Crossing time: Langdale 40 min./Earl's Cove 50 min. Ticket sales end 10 min. before sailing for foot passengers, 5 min. before for vehicles.

HORSESHOE BAY

7:30 am - Daily 9:50 am - Daily 12:05 pm - Daily

2:20 pm - Daily **3:20 pm -** Fri, Sun, Oct. 12 only

4:40 pm - Daily 6:55 pm - Daily 9:10 pm - Daily

11:20 pm - Daily

LANGDALE

6:20 am - Daily 8:40 am - Daily

10:55 am - Daily 1:10 pm - Daily

3:30 pm - Daily **4:45 pm -** Fri, Sun, Oct. 12 only

5:45 pm - Daily 8:00 pm - Daily

10:15 pm - Daily

EARLS COVE

6:35 am - Daily except Sun 8:25 am - Daily

10:35 am - Daily **12:55 pm -** Daily

3:40 pm - Daily 6:00 pm - Daily 8:05 pm - Daily

10:00 pm - Daily

SALTERY BAY

5:35 am - Daily except Sun

7:30 am - Daily 9:25 am - Daily

11:45 am - Daily 2:30 pm - Daily

4:55 pm - Daily

7:05 pm - Daily 9:00 pm - Daily

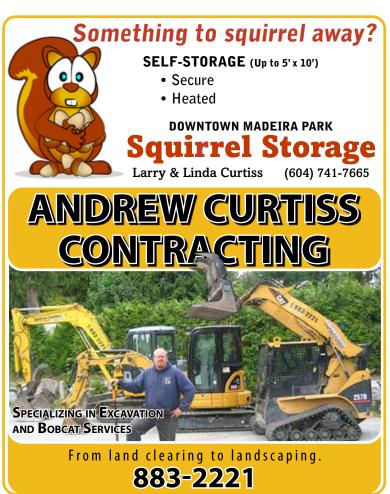
To comment on ferry service, contact MLA Nicholas Simons:

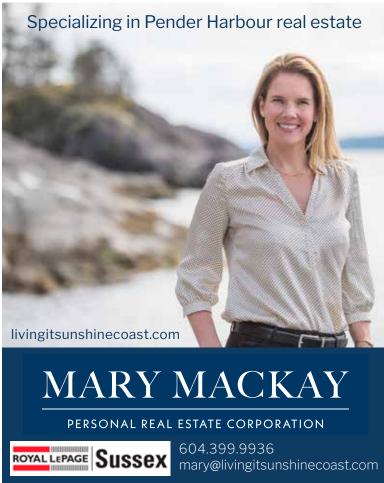
(604) 741-0792 (Sechelt constituency office) or nicholas.simons.MLA@leq.bc.ca

"Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding."

~ Kahlil Gibran

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PAINTED BOAT RESORT

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT

HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT

Villa Attendants

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

- Maintenance Supervisor
- Maintenance Employee

RESORT RECEPTION

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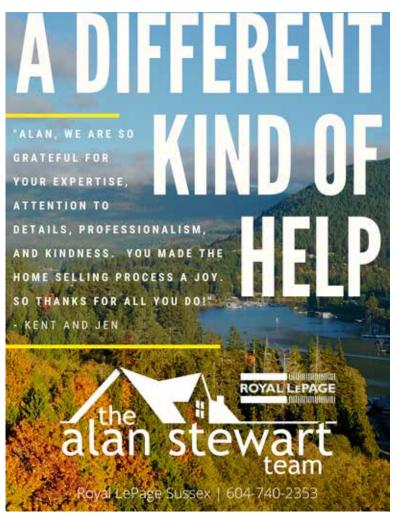
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HALLOWEEN FIREWORKS DISPLAY
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October Pub Hours - Kitchen is open Thursday - Sunday 12-8pm Pub is open Thursday - Sunday 12-9pm.

Please Note - Pub is closing for the season October 31st.