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editorial

How to spot a Grinch



Brian Lee

It's become a symbol
of our times — a growing
demographic of desperate
people suffering from a potent com-
bination of unaffordability, lack of
housing and addiction.

Desperate people hustle and
while property thieves steal the head-
lines, fraudsters are also casing our
community.

We're all familiar with phone
call scams from someone with an ac-
cent requesting gift cards to get your
grandchild out of jail.

We hear less about the quiet
frauds and ongoing predations in our
community enabled by trust and vul-
nerability.

Those in which vulnerable peo-
ple — the handicapped, the elderly or
those suffering dementia — are taken
advantage of by pretend caregivers or
even family members.

In the past few years, I can think
of a few local examples of someone
“helping” a vulnerable person only to
later hear whispers or outright accusa-
tions that the caregiver took advantage
of that trust.

Charges are rarely laid because
the intimacy of the relationship makes
theft difficult to prove.

Cases go unreported because
victims may not have the faculties to
understand how they are being ex-
ploited or who they should turn to if
they suspect something is wrong.

According to experts, there are
typically two types of financial abuse
committed by caregivers.

Financial theft, when a caregiver
gains access to financial documents
and undertakes financial transactions
— banking and bill payments.

And property theft, often caught
when family members start noticing
that certain personal items go missing.

I recently met a relative new-
comer to the community claiming to
be helping a lonely person with poor
coping abilities.

This person has no credentials or
affiliation with any agency and lives
on the client's property as their “life
coach.”

Hopefully it's an honest and
mutually beneficial transaction, but a
thought lingers.

From the *CBC* (Dec. 17, 2018):

*A former caregiver who gradually
stole \$260,000 from an elderly Coquitlam
couple over a period of 16 months has
been sentenced to a year in jail.*

*Fifty-year-old Antonette Dizon of
Burnaby pleaded guilty earlier this year
to a single count of fraud over \$5,000,
admitting that she regularly withdrew
\$1,000 in cash a day from the couple's
chequing and savings accounts.*

From *disinherited.com*:

*A BC nurse was fined \$17,500 by
the College of Registered Nurses plus
ordered to pay investigation costs of
\$16,500 for financial abuse of an elderly
couple, now deceased.*

*The nurses' misdeeds included being
the couple's power of attorney, putting
her name on title to their mobile home,
paying for her dentistry, vision care and
\$1,600 a month medications, all on top of
her monthly salary.*

From the *Vancouver Sun*, (Feb. 2,
2023):

*Another 65 fraud-related charges
involving 19 elderly victims have been
laid against a former Surrey care aide,
including fraud over \$5,000, unlawfully
entering a dwelling, assault, theft of
credit cards and possession of a forged
document.*

This issue's “Harbour Health”
column (p. 27) offers five ways you
can identify and stop caregiver fraud.

The quickest way to spot an un-
scrupulous caregiver?

Their pronouns are I/me/mine.

Province/shìshàlh drop surprises in new DMP draft amendment

On Nov. 24, the province released an update to its 2021 Pender Harbour dock management plan. The draft amendment, “shìshàlh swiya Dock Management Plan,” will apply to all of the shìshàlh Nation’s traditional territory and surprised dock owners with a number of controversial changes from the 2021 document. The province has given until Dec. 15 for public engagement and to receive feedback on the plan.

WHAT’S CHANGED?

New rules banning all non-commercial boathouses stipulate that existing boathouses must be removed at owners’ expense at the end of their current interim tenure. Previously, boathouses were allowed. Floats will now be limited to

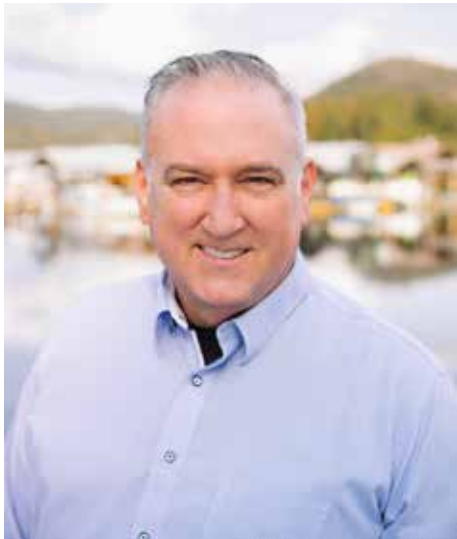
30m² (323 sq. ft.), with no width restrictions. A subsequent Pender Harbour and Area Residents’ Association note on the new rules points out that many recently approved docks will not meet this new requirement. Previously, the DMP indicated that the maximum float width should be 1.5 metres. The maximum width of access ramps and walkways for both private and commercial docks is boosted from 1.2 metres to 1.8 metres in the new document. Also included in the draft are rules clarifying standards for freshwater docks on lakes. The draft indicates that the new DMP will apply to docks on all freshwater lakes on the Sunshine Coast. PHARA plans to meet with govern-

ment officials in early December to share feedback from residents. Some of PHARA’s immediate concerns are that a 22-day consultation period leaves residents with insufficient time to understand and respond adequately to the proposed changes. PHARA also noted concerns with the sudden ban on boathouses and the reduction in the maximum float size to 30m² as they will “present immediate challenges for property owners and creates uncertainty moving forward.” For comprehensive details on the proposed amendments, supporting documents, and maps, visit comment.nrs.gov.bc.ca/applications#splash. To submit comments to the province regarding the proposed amendments (by Dec. 15), residents can visit <https://comment.nrs.gov.bc.ca/applications> and reference no. 2412772.

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Two candidates step up for Upper Coast in S. D. 46 byelection

School District No. 46 has announced a byelection to fill a vacant position as Egmont, Pender Harbour and Halfmoon Bay's school trustee.

The seat on the school district board represents Electoral Area 1 (Upper Coast) which is made up of electoral Areas A and B of the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

The position was vacated last spring by Samantha Haines after she moved out of province.

On Dec. 9, a byelection will take place with voting at the P. H. Community School and Coopers Green Hall with two candidates on the card, Tracey McClelland and Jay O'Keeffe.

JAY O'KEEFFE

Jay O'Keeffe has made his home in Pender Harbour with his partner Anna since 2005.

Their children, Solly and Jude, attend Madeira Park Elementary.

An award-winning record producer and musician, O'Keeffe has held positions as vice-president of IATSE local 118 (representing theatre and stage technicians) and as the longtime CUPE roster representative while he headed the audio department at UBC's Chan Centre for the Performing Arts.

Locally, O'Keeffe has volunteered as vice-chair of the Serendipity Child Development Society, helping the organization meet its statutory, legal and legislative obligations and code compliances.

O'Keeffe "has long believed in the importance of being of service to others and if elected as school trustee, he is confident that his skills and experience will positively benefit the Sunshine Coast School District 46."

TRACEY McCLELLAND

Tracey McClelland was raised



photos submitted

Tracey McClelland (l) and Jay O'Keeffe (r) are vying for School District 46's Upper Coast board position in a byelection slated for Dec. 9.

in Garden Bay and graduated from Pender Harbour Secondary School.

With two of her four children already graduated from PHSS, McClelland recently enrolled her youngest child at Madeira Park Elementary.

While managing a career as a bookkeeper and administrator, for 17 years she has volunteered in school programs like Hot Lunch, bottle drives and chicken sales as well as board positions (usually as treasurer) at Serendipity Preschool, MPES PAC, PHSS PAC, SD46 DPAC and treasurer positions at S. C. Baseball Association and the Loon Foundation.

"My length of time in this system as a parent and my involvement as an active participant in day-to-day functions at the school gives me a good lens in today's education system, particularly being a parent in this area and understanding the challenges that are specific to Halfmoon Bay and Pender Harbour," said McClelland.

VOTING

Voting will take place at the Pender Harbour Community School (5012 Gonzales Road, Madeira Park) and Coopers Green Hall (5500 Fisher-

man Road, Halfmoon Bay) on Saturday, Dec. 9 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Advanced voting will also be held at the P. H. Community School on Wednesday, Dec. 6 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

A candidates forum is slated for Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. via Zoom (visit SD46 DPAC Facebook page for login details).



PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE Physician Services

The Pender Harbour Health Centre is pleased to announce that

Dr. Catherine Bazilli

will be providing some same day coverage by virtual care for people who were patients of the physician services at the health centre but who are currently unattached.

Appointments will be available on a first come, first serve basis on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in December.

Please phone in at 8 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.



1. Where is Madeira Park's community Christmas tree display?

- ☐ a. P. H. Fire Hall
- ☐ b. Millennium Park
- ☐ c. P. H. Health Centre
- ☐ d. P. H. Community Hall

2. Which marine species has the scientific name *Ophiodon elongatus*?

- ☐ a. Chinook salmon
- ☐ b. Ling cod
- ☐ c. Dungeness crab
- ☐ d. Halibut

3. Where was the Jolly Roger Pub?

- ☐ a. Lasqueti Island
- ☐ b. Texada Island
- ☐ c. Irvines Landing
- ☐ d. Secret Cove

4. Who wrote and recorded the 1973 song, "Put the bone in?"

- ☐ a. Terry Jacks
- ☐ b. Gordon Lightfoot
- ☐ c. Joni Mitchell
- ☐ d. Anne Murray

5. Name of the creek running underneath Madeira Park that is proposed to be "daylighted."

- ☐ a. Lily Creek
- ☐ b. Lillies Creek
- ☐ c. Paq Creek
- ☐ d. Massullo Creek

6. Which is the chemical symbol for potassium?

- ☐ a. P
- ☐ b. S
- ☐ c. O
- ☐ d. K

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

North and South Pender Harbour water rates rising for 2024

At the SCRD committee of the whole meeting on Nov. 10, the board supported staff recommendations to raise rates for 2024.

The North Pender Harbour water service area consists of 775 parcels and 580 billable water users.

The current parcel tax and user rates per single family residential dwelling are \$385.33 and \$918.22, respectively.

Pending approval at a Dec. 14 board meeting, in the North Pender Harbour water service area users should expect a 5.11% increase to user rates and 14.19% increase to parcel tax rates for an overall rate increase of 7.79%.

The South Pender Harbour water service area consists of approximately 1,047 parcels and 1,027 billable water users.

The current parcel tax and user rates per single family residential dwelling are \$431.83 and \$762.95, respectively.

For 2024, staff recommend a 10.75% increase to user rates and 19.26% increase to parcel tax rates for an overall rate increase of 13.83%.

Final decisions on utility rates for 2024 will be made by the SCRD Board on Dec. 14.

photojournal



Lyn Charlton

Though a violent windstorm on the evening before Remembrance Day caused much of the Coast to be without power on Nov. 11, sun met the faces of those who attended the ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion in Madeira Park. Post-gathering traditions inside the Legion afterwards were cancelled due to the outage.



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All three chambers on the Coast vote to dissolve and join as one

Membership of the Pender Harbour and District Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to dissolve the organization on Nov. 8.

The vote came after months of planning by all three chambers of commerce on the Sunshine Coast to merge into a single organization, the Sunshine Coast Chamber of Commerce.

In a joint Aug. 14 press release titled "Stronger as one," the boards of directors of the three chambers of commerce on the Sunshine Coast announced they had signed letters of intent to merge into one organization by the end of the year:

"The decision to pursue a merger revolves mainly around enhancing member benefits, services, and sales.

"By combining into one organization, members will pay one annual membership fee to achieve expanded exposure to customers, suppliers, and vendors from Port Mellon to Egmont.

"One board of directors also unifies and strengthens positions on advocacy, public policy and legislative priorities for all businesses on the Sunshine Coast."

Members of both the Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce and the Gibsons and District Chamber of Commerce also voted unanimously to



Brian Lee

A unanimous vote at the Fuse Work Hub in Madeira Park on Dec. 8 by members of the Pender Harbour and District Chamber of Commerce resulted in the Pender group dissolving. All three chambers of commerce on the Coast voted to dissolve their organizations in order to form a single group, the Sunshine Coast Chamber of Commerce, in the new year.

dissolve their organizations in order to pursue the merger.

At least 13 members attended the special general meeting on Nov. 8 either virtually or in person.

Ron Badley, president of the former Pender Harbour and District Chamber of Commerce noted there are a few details to be worked out between now and the time the new organization is officially created.

One is the question of who will assume management of the public washrooms and visitor information centre in Madeira Park that are currently managed by the PHDCC.

Baldehy said it is hoped that management of the VIC will be taken over by Sunshine Coast Tourism, the organization that already manages two other visitor centres in Sechelt and Gibsons.

Badley told members at the meeting that it is also hoped that SCT might also take over management of the two signage billboards in Kleindale and Middlepoint as well.

Combined, the three chambers' membership base exceeds 500, and annual revenues are \$170,000.

Now that all three chambers on the Coast are dissolved, planning is underway to have the new Sunshine Coast Chamber of Commerce in place by early January.

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Suncoaster Trail’s ‘South Kleindale Bridge’ closed

A second bridge on the popular Suncoaster Trail in Kleindale has been closed “due to deterioration.”

On Nov. 16, parks services staff from the Sunshine Coast Regional District closed public access to the South Kleindale Bridge on the Suncoaster trail “due to user safety and a deteriorating bridge structure.”

The South Kleindale Bridge is a part of the Suncoaster Phase 1 trail network and is located off the North end of McKay Road in Pender Harbour, as shown on map.

The closure will impact access to the Suncoaster Trail between McKay Road and Lions Park (approximately one kilometre of trail).

“The next step will be to have a qualified individual perform an assessment and determine options for the Kleindale Creek crossing,” said Jessica Huntington, interim SCRD parks services manager in a statement.

“A timeline for completion of the assessment is early spring 2024.”

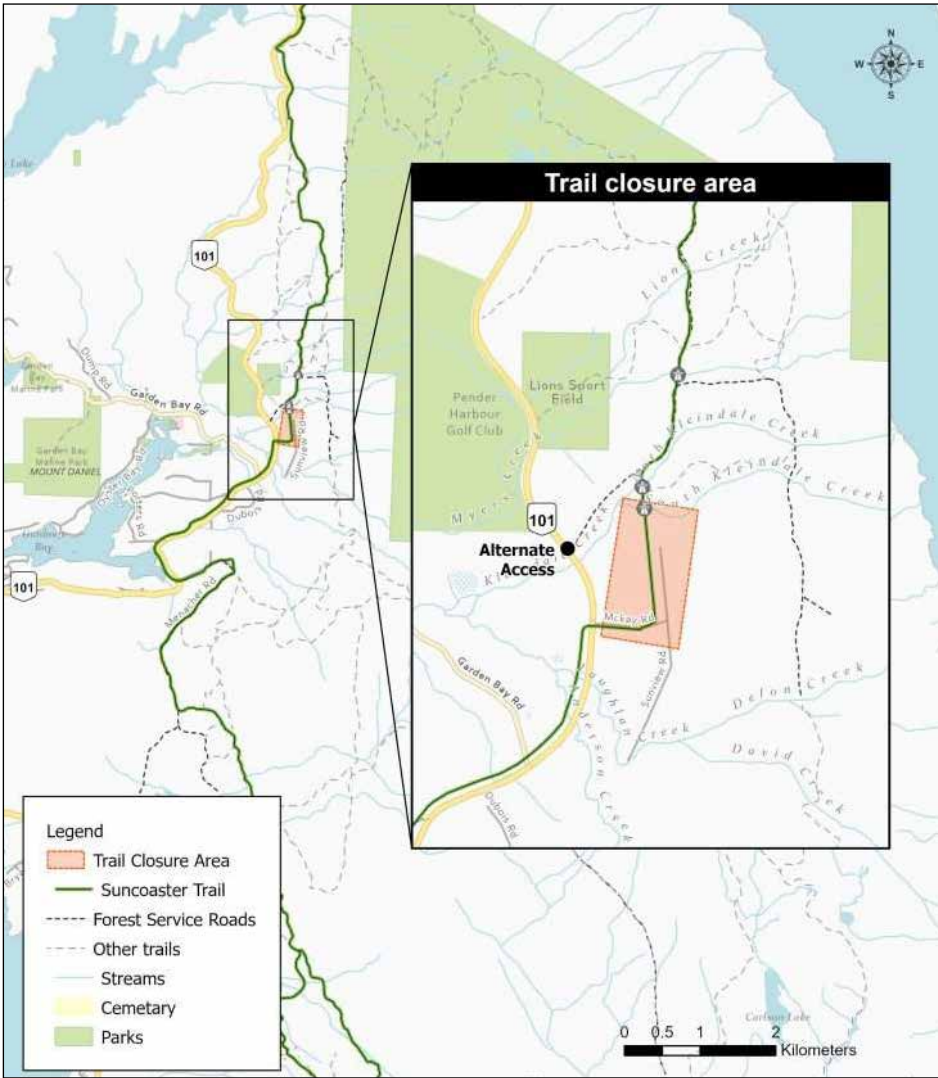
SCRD staff identified that a support structure on the downstream side of the bridge “has a major crack in it which compromises the safety of the entire bridge.”

The closure comes one year after the SCRD closed the Vine Brook Bridge near the Sakinaw Lake highways works yard for similar reasons.

“This closure is being implemented for the safety of the public and so that contractors can begin the work needed to replace the damaged bridge,” said Kevin Clarkson, SCRD parks services manager in a Nov. 10, 2022 statement.

“A timeline for completion of the work has not yet been established.”

In a Nov. 22 email, an SCRD spokesperson told the *Harbour Spiel* that there is a budget allocated for the



SCRD

A second bridge, the South Kleindale Bridge, connecting the popular Suncoaster Trail north of Kleindale has now also been closed due to deterioration.

Vine Brook Bridge replacement and it is still in the planning phase.

“We do not have a timeline established for completion of this

project yet but are hopeful to have the planning completed by spring 2024 dependent on staff capacity and competing priorities.”



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Margie Reed

Margie Reed took this shot of the P. H. Volunteer Fire Department's Halloween fireworks display on Oct. 31 from the Madeira Park government dock.



Paul Reynolds

Besides knocking out power for the better part of two days, the storm on Nov. 10 finished off at least one boathouse in Gerrans Bay. The first hard southeast storm of the year brought gusts of 70 to 90 kilometres per hour, clearing leaves from trees and downing trees and power lines throughout the Coast. The boathouse wreckage has since been cleaned up and removed.

rcmp news

IMPAIRED MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

On Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m., RCMP responded to a single-car collision in the 12000 block Sunshine Coast Hwy. in Madeira Park.

The 24 year old driver said he was travelling too fast and missed the corner hitting a telephone pole causing the lines to fall across the highway, blocking all traffic.

The driver stated he had been drinking beer prior to driving.

The driver provided a breath sample reading of “warn” which is contrary to his “N” driver restriction.

The driver was issued a 12 hour licence suspension and a violation ticket for driving contrary to driver’s restriction.

IMPAIRED BY DRUGS

On Oct. 25, RCMP responded to a report that a female was slumped over in the driver seat of a green Nissan Pathfinder in a parking lot in

December 2023

Pender Harbour.

The female driver awoke and identified herself to police.

A glass pipe was found on the floor and the driver admitted to smoking methamphetamine the previous night and driving to the parking lot in the morning.

The driver declined medical assistance and was issued a 24-hour driving prohibition.

TELEPHONE SCAM

Sunshine Coast RCMP have been advised that several members of the public have received an automated phone message stating that the RCMP has information on a serious matter and that they should press “9” for more information.

Fortunately none of the people who reported this to police pressed 9; instead they notified the RCMP.

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FULL-TIME PENDER PARAMEDICS

Pender Harbour will see an increase in full-time paramedics and full-time, 24-hour, staffing at the Madeira Park station, thanks to a provincial government shift in its delivery of rural ambulance services.

THE COST OF WATER SERVICE

Objectives included in the 2024 water and wastewater services budget, with some being carried over from previous budgets, are:

- Update our aging distribution system to improve supply and reduce repair and maintenance costs;

- Identify necessary upgrades and ensure that infrastructure meets adequate hydraulic standards by using water-system modelling;

- Complete our water master plan to prioritize infrastructure upgrades, identify required volumes, identify sources, and address escalating climate change, and

- Execute an asset-management strategy to ensure an adequate, uninterrupted supply of water while meeting provincial requirements.

REGIONAL WATER SERVICE

Earls Cove/Cove Cay and Egmont are part of the regional water service and pay the same rates as larger communities south of us.

This year, \$600,000 is budgeted to replace the Earls Cove pump station.

To address summer water short-

ages, Budget 2024 includes \$763,050 for a Chapman Creek management plan, service review, joint Gibsons-SCRD watershed agreement, Chapman siphon removal, and Church Road monitoring.

PROPOSED 2024 REGIONAL WATER SERVICE BUDGET

- User fees — \$715 (9.75% increase);
- Parcel taxes — \$450 (14.78% increase).
- Capital reserve — \$4,947,277 (\$4,695,432 in 2023), and
- Operational reserve — \$2,797,934 (\$1,277,375 in 2023).

NORTH & SOUTH PENDER HARBOUR WATER SERVICE

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Finance Committee
Round 1 Budget**
December 4, 5 and 6
at 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole
December 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
December 14 at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, please visit www.scrd.ca/agendas.

Plastics DO NOT belong with food waste

Please remember that plastic containers do not belong in the food waste drop off bin at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station. They are not compostable and should not be mixed with food waste. You can take plastic containers to GRIPS, the recycling depot in Pender Harbour.

To learn about what can be recycled and where visit <https://rcbc.ca/recyclepedia/>

'Tis the season to celebrate with less waste, visit www.scrd.ca/holiday-recycling for ideas from gifts to wrapping to decorating and food and recycling after the holidays.



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Pender systems, and both North and South Pender will see pilot metering programs for basing user fees on water consumption.

PROPOSED 2024 NORTH PENDER WATER SERVICE BUDGET

- User fees — \$965 (5.11% increase);
- Parcel taxes — \$440 (14.19% increase);
- Capital reserve — \$889,025 (\$722,539 in 2023), and
- Operating reserve — \$445,975 (\$247,417 in 2023).

User fees for operating expenses of \$45,452 include:

- North and South Pender system connection study and design — \$34,952;
- Service review — \$7,500;

Parcel taxes for capital expenses of \$55,000 include:

- Computer hardware and software upgrades — \$50,000.
- Pneumatic boring tool — \$5,000.
- Light-duty truck — \$365 (2024 portion).

2023 carryovers include an upgraded treatment plant design, emergency generator replacement, and water main replacement for Garden Bay's Panorama Drive.

PROPOSED 2024 SOUTH PENDER HARBOUR WATER SERVICE BUDGET:

- User fees — \$845 (10.75% increase);
- Parcel taxes — \$515 (19.26% increase);
- Capital reserve — \$717,143 (\$745,608 in 2023), and

- Operating reserve — \$680,662 (\$688,687 in 2023).

User fees for operating expenses of \$49,952 include:

- Piping system connection study and design — \$34,952, and
- Service review — \$15,000.

Parcel taxes for capital expenses of \$346,557 include:

- Computer hardware and software upgrades — \$115,437;
- Pneumatic boring tool — \$10,000;
- Water supply analysis — \$85,000;
- Dam construction — \$53,000;
- WTP heater replacement — \$82,391, and
- Light-duty truck — \$729 (2024 portion).

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A traditional Christmas craft fair at the Pender Harbour Community Hall. With over dozens of vendors, a delicious lunch and plenty of homemade items by local artisans available, it's your first stop and best bet to get into the Christmas groove.

PENDER HARBOUR ROTARY SCOTCH TASTING

Saturday, Dec. 2, doors open 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.

There still may be a ticket or two left for the Rotary Club's annual whisky tasting event at the Royal Canadian Legion in Madeira Park. The selection of fine whiskies is paired with a specially prepared five-course dinner. Tickets are \$125 which includes gratuities. There will also be a 50/50 draw, a silent and live auction, and wine raffle. For tickets contact Kathy Riches (604) 865-0637.

COMMUNITY HALL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Don't miss the Pender Harbour Community Club's crafts, baking and artisan extravaganza at the P. H. Community Hall with dozens of vendors and artisans and Santa's kitchen serving delicious refreshments (the kitchen is open all day serving lunch for \$5). There will also be a white elephant sale, door prizes, silent auction and more.

Admission will be by donation at the door.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA (EARLS COVE)

Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Cove Restaurant is hosting "Breakfast with Santa" in Earls Cove on Dec. 9. There will be crafts for kids to make with Santa Claus who will be arriving on the Egmont Volunteer Fire Department fire truck. Families can take their own photos with Santa free of charge and bring home an ornament decorated with Santa. Kids age 3 and under eat free.

P. H. CHOIR PRESENTS 'MIDWINTER SONG'

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.

Join the Pender Harbour Choir as they showcase their repertoire of new music and old to celebrate the festive year-end. The choir will perform at the Pender Harbour School of Music on Dec. 16 under the direction of musical director Ken Johnson and accompanied by pianist David Poon. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Earthfair store in Madeira Park, from choir members and at the door. If you can't make this performance, the choir will also perform at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

SWEET SCARLET

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PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m. (crafts)/5:30 p.m. (dinner)

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Santa will be there to visit the kids, arts and crafts will be available — all before a delicious dinner. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m.

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 12 noon

The P. H. Women's Connection will be hosting a luncheon at the Painted Boat Resort. The Lagoon Restaurant kitchen will prepare a scrumptious buffet that is sure to please all palates. Tickets are \$40 available by contacting Maureen at (604) 883-0444.

POLAR EXPRESS CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The annual bus tour of local Christmas lights departs Madeira Park at 7 p.m. and tours Christmas lights on Francis Peninsula before returning between 8 and 8:30 p.m. Purchase your "Golden Ticket" for \$5 at Earthfair Store.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND PENDER HARBOUR CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Thursday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m. (lunch served at noon)

Organized by the Pender Harbour Seniors Initiative, Harbour Side Friendships hosts a \$10 Christmas turkey luncheon for seniors at the Pender Harbour Community Hall on Dec. 14. Lunch will include a performance by the Pender Harbour Choir. Tickets (\$10) will be sold ahead of time to plan for attendance.

PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY HALL CHRISTMAS BINGO

Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Bingo takes place every Thursday at the Pender Harbour Community Hall — but Christmas Bingo only happens on Dec. 14.

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 112 CHRISTMAS, HAM AND TURKEY AND BASKET AND PIE MEAT DRAW **Saturday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m.**

If you like to yell “Yee-haw” at the meat draw, this is the biggest of the year. The Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 presents its annual Christmas fundraiser — a ham and turkey meat draw that also includes a basket auction.

It's your best bet to load up on meat (and good cheer) before the holidays.

PENDER HARBOUR WINTER FESTIVAL **Saturday, Dec. 16 from 3 to 7 p.m.**

Come out to Millennium Park for the event of the season. There will be food trucks, vendors, a bonfire, live music and the Pender Harbour Choir will be out carolling.

For the kids, Santa's Workshop includes photos with Santa, toy making, hot chocolate and cookie decorating. There will also be a licensed area for holiday spirits.

Winterfest kicks off at 3 p.m. and the Christmas boat parade starts at 6:30 p.m. — all at the government dock in Madeira Park.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person (\$20 family) at the entrance.

This year, funds raised at Winterfest will benefit the P. H. Community Club while proceeds from Christmas tree sponsorships benefit the Madeira Park Elementary School PAC.

59TH ANNUAL PENDER HARBOUR CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE **Saturday, Dec. 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Continuing the 59-year tradition set by Wilma and Bill Thompson, the parade of lit boats, carollers and pipers gets underway at 6:30 p.m., leaving the docks in Madeira

Park. Boaters should meet off Madeira Park government dock at 6 p.m. Participating boats should be decorated with Christmas lights. For more details, call Charlie Park at (604) 883-0453.

MPES CHRISTMAS CONCERT **Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m.**

Madeira Park Elementary School students perform their school's annual Christmas concert on Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Primary classes will perform “Arf! On the Housetop,” while the intermediate classes will be performing “The Wizard of Oz” based on the classic novel (not the movie).

Please call the school at (604) 883-2373 to reserve your tickets. Tickets sales are by donation and reserved tickets will be available to pick up at the door. Unsold tickets will be available at the door for walk-ins. There will be also two shows reserved for MPES families only.

EGMONT CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER **Friday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.**

A community dinner at the Egmont Community Hall. People from out of town with kids under 12 should bring a wrapped gift so Santa can hand it to their child.

PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE **Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10 a.m.**

Everyone is welcome to join in for an hour of singing traditional carols and to reflect on the Christmas season. At the Pender Harbour Community Church.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER CHURCH PRESENTS CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT **Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.**

Join the flock at Christ the Redeemer Church at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve for a Christmas carol service.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION NO. 112 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY **Sunday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. (doors)**

Celebrate the New Year at the Legion's New Year's Eve party with live music. Appetizers will be served at 5:15 p.m. followed by a prime rib dinner at 6 p.m.

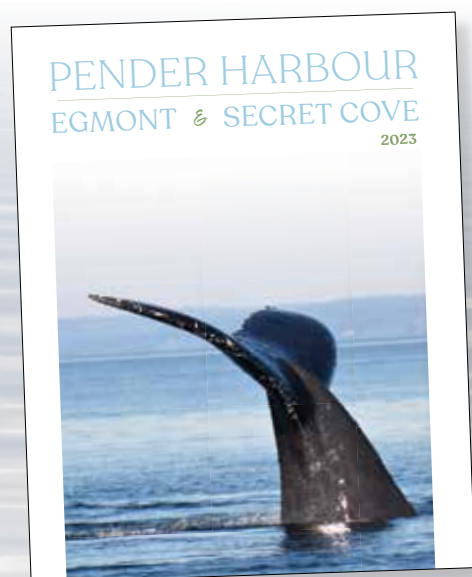
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17	18	19	20 MPES CHRISTMAS CONCERT	21	22 EGMONT CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER	23
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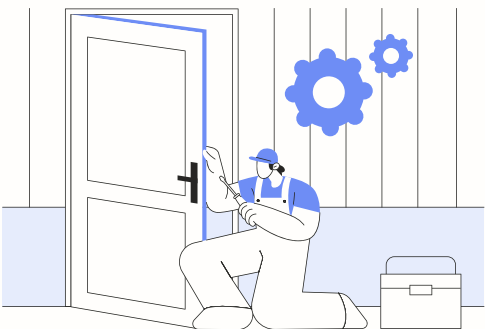
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An Alternative Approval Process (AAP) is a cost-effective method to engage with the community to determine if there is support for certain initiatives, such as long-term borrowing, or other service-related projects. If 10% or more of the eligible electors oppose the initiative, the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District (PHFPD) cannot proceed with it and must consider other options including going to an assent vote (referendum).

The PHFPD is proposing to borrow by way of short-term borrowing a sum not to exceed \$750,000.00 at a rate of prime plus 2% to fund the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District Fire Apparatus Replacement Project as outlined below. Eligible electors opposed to the initiative may submit an Electoral Response Form to indicate their **OPPOSITION** to the PHFPD

utilizing short-term borrowing to fund this project. The response must be in the form established by the PHFPD or be an accurate copy of the Elector Response Form. Forms are available at www.penderharbourfire.com or at the **Madeira Park Fire Hall**.

Three ways to submit an Elector Response Form to Oppose the Proposed Long-term Borrowing Bylaw#107:

- ❖ Email to phfire@dccnet.com
- ❖ Drop off at the Madeira Park Fire Hall 4990 Gonzales Rd Madeira Park, BC, 9:00am -4:00Pm Monday to Friday.
- ❖ Mail to PHFPD PO Box 304 Madeira Park, BC V0N 2H0.

Deadline for receipt of Elector Response Forms at the PHFPD is Dec 31, 2023
Forms must be received by the deadline in order to be counted.

Bylaw #107, 3310 eligible electors with 10% threshold being 331.

Pender Harbour Fire Protection District Fire Apparatus Replacement Project

Description: The PHFPD is replacing its 1994 Ford diesel fire apparatus.

Taxpayer Impact: The portion of property tax allocated to debt repayment would amount to approximately \$3.50 per \$100000.00 of assessed value on an annual basis until the debt is retired. The estimated annual principal and interest payments over a 10 year period would be approximately \$96,000.00 per year for the term of

the debt based on the current indicative long-term lending rate. The costs of the debt will be recovered through taxation on those properties within the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District.

Only eligible electors within the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District are entitled to sign an elector response form. The PHFPD may proceed with long-term borrowing to fund the project unless by the deadline at least 10% (331) of the eligible electors within the District indicate their opposition.

Barbara Gail Johnston

FEBRUARY 17, 1951 — SEPTEMBER 26, 2023



Barbara Gail Johnston died on Sept. 26.

She was 72 years old.

Johnston, known as Barb, Barbie, or Babs, was born at Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver.

She was the second oldest of four children (eldest, Linda, Barb, Susan,

and youngest Russell) to Patricia and Roy Johnston.

She grew up in West Vancouver and graduated from Sentinel Secondary School.

Johnston was preceded in death by her life partner, Russell Bruce.

She is survived by her sisters, Linda and Susan, children, Scott and Kyle, and grandchildren, Rosa, Meadow, Griffin, Forrest, Hunter and Roen.

Johnston spent many years adventuring the world before moving to Garden Bay between 1976 and 1978 with Russ.

They built a house on Mixal Lake where they raised Scott and Kyle.

They enjoyed going fishing on

their boat and camping.

Johnston was a devoted mother and spent many years as a Beaver leader, driving the boys to their sporting events and gardening.

Eventually, she started working as an educational assistant with School District 46 where she stayed for over 25 years.

She was an avid quilter and member of the Sunshine Coast Quilter Guild.

Aside from quilting, she enjoyed being outside with her dog Ruby.

A celebration of life was held on Nov. 8 at the Deep Cove Yacht Club.

Friends and family are invited to share pictures and comments via email: scottrbruce@gmail.com.

Helen Christian (née Shea)

JANUARY 2, 1934 — OCTOBER 28, 2023



Helen Christian (née Shea) died peacefully on Oct. 28 with her family members at her side.

She was 89 years old.

Christian was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was born Jan. 2, 1934, at St. Paul's Hospital to Jack and Elma Shea.

She was predeceased by her sister Betty and her brother Bill.

She met the love of her life, Arthur Christian, while still in elementary school.

The two married in Vancouver on Aug. 25, 1951 where they lived until they built a new home in North Burnaby in the late 1950s.

Christian enjoyed gardening and was an excellent seamstress.

In 1968, the Christians and their five children (Steven, David, Lee, Linda and Susie) moved to their waterfront cabin in Hospital Bay.

It was a completely different life, from city to country.

The next year, Art and sons built a beautiful home in the place of the old cabin.

Daughter Linda recalls her hap-

piness when she got her new dishwasher.

In 1970, the couple embarked on yet another adventure.

Beginning as AC Rentals in the family garage, the Christians shared a dream of growing Pender Harbour's first hardware and lumber yard — AC Building Supplies (now known as RONA).

The couple both worked in the store until selling in the early 1990s.

In retirement, Christian found her passion in quilting and her talents once again shone brightly.

She loved meeting with her quilting friends and attending workshops.

All of her five children, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren have at least one quilt lovingly made by her.

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The range of estimates for holiday spending by Canadians in 2021 (depending on the report).

59%

Percentage of 2022 holiday shoppers who used a credit card to pay for holiday gifts.

55%

Over half of Canadians incurred credit card debt during the 2021 holiday season.

20%

Among those Canadians above who incurred debt in 2021, 20% (approximately four million people) said that debt was still not paid off by Dec. 2022.

30%

Percentage of Canadians in a recent poll who said they will rein in their gift shopping this holiday season and spend less compared with previous years.

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The same poll as above found that roughly half (49 per cent) said they'll spend about the same.

77%

Percentage of Canadians who don't plan on travelling over the holiday period this year. More than half claimed it is because of inflation, according to an Ipsos poll.

~ Ipsos, Global News, madeinca.ca,

DECEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high temperature in December is 6.6 C and our average daily low is 3.3 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 5 C. The highest December temperature recorded is 13.3 C (Dec. 14, 1962) and the lowest was -11.7 C (Dec. 28, 1968).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

December has an average of 54.9 hours of bright sunshine. It usually has 19 days with measurable precipitation, an average monthly rainfall of 135 mm and an average monthly snowfall of 10 cm. Our average month-end snowfall is 4 cm. December has the highest snowfall of the year (November has the most rain). The highest December daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island was 66 mm (Dec. 25, 1972). The record daily snowfall was 40.6 cm (Dec. 31, 1968).

DECEMBER ASTROLOGY



SAGITTARIUS: NOV. 23 – DEC. 21

Sagittarians love excitement and adventure. They are easily bored but often trendsetters. They are bold and impulsive, natural explorers who thrive on change and mental stimulation. The upcoming year bodes well for the Sagittarian — if they want to make babies. Yes, Jupiter will be present in your fifth house to start the year and will help childless couples with fertility. For those with children, Jupiter is also your friend by muting their screechy little voices just enough to make them almost bearable.



CAPRICORN: DEC. 22 – JAN. 19

Capricorns often experience hardship early in life, but their resourcefulness makes them survivors. Sometimes hard to get to know, they are loyal, responsible and down-to-earth. The celestial portent suggests very favourable conditions for your love affairs. Both Mercury and Venus will sit in your 11th house while aspecting your fifth house, which always brings out your most attractive and sexually overt self. Single Capricornians should take advantage of this time to smash some Tinder hookups.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Nov. 18

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.

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| 1. E. J. Hughes: Life at the Lake by Robert Amos (TouchWood Editions) | 6. Hot Springs of Western Canada by Glenn Woodsworth & David Woodsworth (Harbour Publishing) |
| 2. Crushed Wild Mint by Jess Housty (Nightwood Editions) | 7. Unbroken by Angela Sterritt (Greystone Books) |
| 3. East Side Story: Growing Up at the PNE by Nick Marino (Arsenal Pulp Press) | 8. To Track a Traitor: A Lane Winslow Mystery by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions) |
| 4. Gumboot Guys: Nautical Adventures on BC's North Coast edited by Lou Allison with Jane Wilde (Caitlin Press) | 9. Every Child Matters by Phyllis Webstad, illus. by Karlene Harvey (Medicine Wheel Publishing) |
| 5. Grizzly Bear Science and the Art of a Wilderness Life by Bruce McLellan (Rocky Mountain Books) | 10. Searching for Franklin: New Answers to the Great Arctic Mystery by Ken McGoogan (Douglas & McIntyre) |

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 1 ~ Darren Morton and Beth Voutier.
 Dec. 2 ~ Diane Lee, Ray Phillips, James Wray and Al Wood.
 Dec. 3 ~ Paula Campbell, Mike Pickering, Joanne McQuaig and Ed Wray.
 Dec. 4 ~ Lil Abbott, Noel Lebrun and John Williams.
 Dec. 5 ~ Gaye Beardmore, Andrea Curtiss, Andy Curtiss and Logan McCormack.
 Dec. 6 ~ Ryan McDonald and Bill Reid.
 Dec. 7 ~ Dianne Rousseau, Dan Gifford and Jennifer Reid.
 Dec. 8 ~ Kim Bailey and Keenan Clerx.
 Dec. 9 ~ Michelle Beardmore and Robert Purdy.
 Dec. 10 ~ Trevor Jones and Cathy Thompson.
 Dec. 11 ~ Grace Donnahee, William Jans and Patti Reid.
 Dec. 12 ~ Malcolm Duncan and Pat Martin.
 Dec. 13 ~ Cody Edwardson-Zayshley
 Dec. 16 ~ Ginger Taylor and Cassandra Whelan.
 Dec. 17 ~ Ian Campbell, Shane Gudbranson, Kyle MacKenney, Joi Phillips and Doreen Willgoose.
 Dec. 18 ~ Tony Adamson and Niki Verzuh.
 Dec. 19 ~ Tyson Carswell, Helen Garrett and Jamie Bouvette.
 Dec. 20 ~ Nicole Fletcher, Cole Hawker and Tyler Silvey.
 Dec. 21 ~ Harvey Langton and Josh Young.
 Dec. 22 ~ Gwyneth Bryant, Steven Fouts, Shane Hardie, Rob Nieuwenhuis, Dani Thompson and Christine West.
 Dec. 23 ~ Kate Thompson.
 Dec. 24 ~ Tatiana Phillips-Campbell, Chris Phillips and Clifford Silvey Jr.
 Dec. 25 ~ Peter Schmidt.
 Dec. 26 ~ Peter Fritz.
 Dec. 28 ~ Jeff Girard.
 Dec. 29 ~ Diane Gamble.
 Dec. 30 ~ Dean Bosch, Bryan Edwardson, Andy Ross and Jean Minch.
 Dec. 31 ~ John Brimacombe, Nathaniel Johnson, Fara Priest and Scott Bruce.



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

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

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Rosa Seda – Hygienist

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- Implants • Surgical Extractions

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Haida Bolton – Program Coordinator

Helping Seniors Remain Independent

- Email: betterathome@penderharbourhealth.com



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.

ADULT DAY PROGRAM: Dementia Care-Giver Support Group. Call (604) 883-2764.

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

Five ways to spot and stop caregiver fraud

Working with a reputable, bonded agency is part of the path to peace of mind in bringing a caregiver into your loved one's home.

Experts recommend taking these additional steps to safeguard a care recipient from financial exploitation.

SECURE VALUABLES, CASH AND CARDS

Create an inventory of all the valuables in the house, including photo or video records of items and a list of where they are stored.

Keep smaller items like jewelry locked up at all times.

Limit an in-home aide's access to their charge's cash, chequebooks and credit cards.

If their job includes buying groceries or running errands for the older person, consider giving them prepaid debit cards for the purpose, so they can spend only up to the loaded amount.

BE PRESENT

Check in regularly with both the caregiver and the care recipient to monitor the quality of service and see how the relationship is developing.

Make unannounced visits if you are close by.

If you live far away, ask a trusted friend of your loved one to pop in at least once or twice a month.

USE TECHNOLOGY

If your loved one will allow it, install a doorbell video camera on the front door so you know exactly when the caregiver comes and goes.

Video cameras in common areas like the kitchen or living room can provide additional monitoring and theft protection, but make sure to follow laws on the use of security cam-



eras to supervise people working in your home.

MONITOR TRANSACTIONS

Contact your loved one's bank or credit union to arrange "view only" access to their accounts.

These options allow you to view but not transact on the account, much like an accountant on a business account.

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

Unusual financial activity can be a tipoff that an older loved one is being exploited by a caregiver or other person who has gained access to their money.

Here are some red flags to look out for:

- Large, frequent or unexplained bank withdrawals or fund transfers;
- Changing from a basic bank account to one with more complicated services;
- A new person conducting financial transactions on a loved one's behalf without proper documentation (such as a financial power of attorney);
- Cheques that are written as "loans" or "gifts" or have suspicious-looking signatures;

• Sudden overdrafts or unpaid bills, or

• Changes to wills, trusts or powers of attorney.

If you suspect caregiver fraud or theft, contact the Sunshine Coast RCMP non-emergency line at (604) 885-2266.

You can also contact Victim-LinkBC, a toll-free, confidential and multilingual telephone service available across B.C. 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1(800)563-0808

It provides information and referral services to all victims of crime and immediate crisis support to victims of family and sexual violence.

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PENDER HARBOUR CHOIR 2023 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 8 - 7:00PM
SC BOTANICAL GARDEN

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9 - 2:00PM
PENDER HARBOUR MUSIC SCHOOL

TICKETS \$25 AVAILABLE FROM CHOIR MEMBERS, EARTHAIR
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Are you able to brighten another community members holiday season this year?

To Sponsor

If you, your family, co-workers, or organization are interested in participating in our community cheer project please email, call, or drop by the Pender Harbour Community School for more details.

Connect with us to help spread holiday cheer to all of our community members.

We will provide sponsors with the receiving family members ages, sizes, interests, hobbies, needed items and requested items.

To Receive

If you, your family, or someone you know would benefit by receiving support this season please email, call, or drop by the Pender Harbour Community School. **Forms are available** at various businesses/organizations throughout the community, at the Pender Harbour Community School, or email by request. Recipients will be anonymously connected with a participant who is eager to help out this holiday season. **Forms can be submitted** by email, mailed or delivered to the Community School (use mail slot on door if dropping off outside of our regular hours).

pendercommunity@gmail.com

604.883.2826

PO Box 232, 5012 Gonzales Road, Madeira Park BC V0N 2H0

*Information provided is **confidential** and will only be accessed by designated person(s) for the purpose of confirming contact information and pickup/delivery arrangements.*

All participants will remain anonymous and no personal information will be provided/shared.





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On lower level of
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Seniors Activities for December!

POLAR EXPRESS CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR: Tuesday, Dec. 12

The bus departs Madeira Park at 7pm and tours Christmas lights on Francis Peninsula before returning at @ 8-8:30pm. Purchase your "Golden Ticket" for \$5 at Earth Fair Store after Dec 1.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – 1pm

In the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. The cost will be \$10 per person.

Dec. 7 — Discussion / Games

Dec. 14 — Christmas turkey lunch and music by the Pender Harbour Choir.
(\$10 tickets sold ahead of time so we can plan for our attendance).

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Dec. 6 & 13

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

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, Dec. 1, 4, 8, 11, 15 & 18

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall 11am – 12pm with Carole Logtenberg. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3.

PENDER HARBOUR AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTRE **www.scrd.ca/pender-pool**

REGISTER FOR WINTER PROGRAMS: Starting Dec. 6 at 7am

Online www.scrd.ca/recreation

By phone: 604-885-6801 (extension 6691)

In person at:

- P. H. Aquatic & Fitness Centre (open at 7am on Dec 6. for registration)
- Sechelt Aquatic Centre
- Gibsons and Area Community Centre

HOURS FOR DECEMBER 1 TO 31

**Monday, Wednesday
& Friday**

7:30am – 1pm

**Tuesday &
Thursday**

7:30am – 1pm
3:30pm – 6:30pm

**Saturday
CLOSED**

**Sunday
10am – 4pm**

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS FROM DEC. 23 TO 26



DROP-IN FITNESS CLASSES

- Aquafit: Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 to 9:50am (until Dec. 21)
- Gentle Waves: Fridays, 10 to 10:45am (until Dec. 23)
- Mix It Up: Thursdays, 8:45 to 9:45am (until Dec. 15)
- Land Meets Water: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 am (until Dec. 15)

pender harbour tides ~ december 2023

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:



Fri 01	2.4	2.4	3.4	5.2	7.6	10.3	12.8	14.7	15.7	15.7	15.2	14.2	13.2	12.3	11.9	11.9	12.2	12.4	12.4	11.7	10.3	8.6	6.7	5.0
Sat 02	3.7	3.2	3.4	4.5	6.4	8.7	11.1	13.3	14.8	15.5	15.4	14.8	13.9	12.9	12.0	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.9	11.7	11.0	9.8	8.3	6.7
Sun 03	5.3	4.4	4.1	4.5	5.7	7.6	9.7	11.9	13.7	14.9	15.3	15.0	14.4	13.4	12.4	11.5	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.2	11.2	10.6	9.7	8.4
Mon 04	7.2	6.1	5.4	5.2	5.8	7.0	8.7	10.7	12.5	14.0	14.9	15.0	14.6	13.8	12.7	11.6	10.7	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.5	9.9
Tue 05	9.0	8.0	7.1	6.5	6.5	7.1	8.3	9.9	11.6	13.2	14.3	14.8	14.7	14.0	12.9	11.7	10.5	9.6	9.1	9.2	9.6	10.1	10.5	10.6
Wed 06	10.3	9.7	8.9	8.2	7.7	7.7	8.3	9.5	10.9	12.4	13.7	14.5	14.6	14.1	13.1	11.7	10.2	9.0	8.1	7.9	8.2	8.9	9.7	10.5
Thu 07	11.0	11.0	10.6	10.0	9.3	8.9	8.9	9.4	10.5	11.8	13.1	14.0	14.5	14.3	13.3	11.9	10.2	8.6	7.3	6.6	6.7	7.3	8.4	9.7
Fri 08	10.8	11.6	11.9	11.6	11.0	10.3	9.9	9.9	10.4	11.4	12.5	13.6	14.2	14.3	13.6	12.2	10.4	8.4	6.7	5.6	5.3	5.7	6.8	8.3
Sat 09	10.0	11.5	12.5	12.8	12.6	11.9	11.2	10.7	10.7	11.2	12.1	13.1	13.9	14.2	13.9	12.6	10.8	8.6	6.5	4.9	4.1	4.1	5.0	6.6
Sun 10	8.6	10.7	12.4	13.5	13.8	13.4	12.6	11.8	11.3	11.3	11.8	12.6	13.5	14.1	14.0	13.1	11.4	9.1	6.7	4.7	3.3	2.8	3.3	4.8
Mon 11	6.9	9.3	11.6	13.5	14.5	14.6	14.0	13.1	12.2	11.7	11.7	12.3	13.1	13.8	14.1	13.6	12.1	10.0	7.5	5.1	3.1	2.0	1.9	2.9
Tue 12	4.9	7.4	10.1	12.6	14.4	15.3	15.1	14.4	13.4	12.4	11.9	12.0	12.6	13.4	13.9	13.9	13.0	11.1	8.6	6.0	3.6	1.9	1.1	1.5
Wed 13	3.0	5.3	8.2	11.1	13.6	15.2	15.8	15.4	14.5	13.4	12.5	12.1	12.3	12.9	13.6	14.0	13.7	12.3	10.1	7.5	4.9	2.6	1.2	0.7
Thu 14	1.5	3.3	6.0	9.0	12.0	14.4	15.8	16.1	15.5	14.5	13.3	12.4	12.1	12.4	13.1	13.7	13.9	13.3	11.6	9.3	6.7	4.1	2.1	0.9
Fri 15	0.8	1.8	4.0	6.8	9.9	12.8	15.0	16.1	16.1	15.4	14.3	13.1	12.2	12.0	12.3	13.0	13.5	13.6	12.8	11.1	8.8	6.2	3.9	2.1
Sat 16	1.2	1.3	2.6	4.9	7.8	10.8	13.5	15.4	16.2	16.0	15.2	13.9	12.7	11.9	11.7	12.0	12.6	13.1	13.1	12.3	10.7	8.5	6.2	4.1
Sun 17	2.7	2.0	2.4	3.9	6.2	9.0	11.8	14.2	15.8	16.2	15.8	14.8	13.5	12.2	11.3	11.0	11.3	11.9	12.3	12.5	11.8	10.5	8.6	6.7
Mon 18	4.9	3.7	3.3	3.9	5.4	7.7	10.3	12.9	14.9	16.0	16.1	15.5	14.2	12.7	11.3	10.3	10.0	10.2	10.8	11.3	11.7	11.5	10.6	9.2
Tue 19	7.6	6.2	5.3	5.0	5.7	7.2	9.3	11.7	13.8	15.4	16.1	15.9	15.0	13.5	11.8	10.2	9.0	8.6	8.8	9.5	10.3	10.9	11.1	10.8
Wed 20	10.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.0	7.6	9.0	10.9	12.9	14.6	15.7	16.1	15.5	14.2	12.4	10.4	8.7	7.4	7.0	7.3	8.1	9.2	10.3	11.1
Thu 21	11.3	11.0	10.3	9.5	9.0	8.8	9.4	10.6	12.2	13.8	15.1	15.9	15.8	14.8	13.1	11.0	8.8	6.9	5.7	5.3	5.8	6.8	8.3	9.9
Fri 22	11.2	12.0	12.2	11.8	11.2	10.7	10.5	10.8	11.8	13.1	14.4	15.4	15.7	15.3	13.9	11.9	9.5	7.1	5.2	4.1	4.0	4.7	6.1	7.9
Sat 23	9.9	11.7	12.9	13.4	13.2	12.6	12.0	11.7	11.8	12.6	13.6	14.6	15.3	15.4	14.5	12.7	10.4	7.8	5.5	3.7	2.8	3.0	4.0	5.9
Sun 24	8.1	10.5	12.5	14.0	14.5	14.3	13.6	12.9	12.4	12.4	13.0	13.8	14.6	15.0	14.8	13.5	11.5	8.9	6.3	4.1	2.6	2.0	2.5	4.0
Mon 25	6.2	8.8	11.4	13.6	14.9	15.4	15.0	14.2	13.3	12.7	12.6	13.1	13.8	14.4	14.6	14.0	12.5	10.2	7.6	5.1	3.0	1.8	1.7	2.6
Tue 26	4.5	7.0	9.8	12.5	14.5	15.7	15.8	15.2	14.3	13.3	12.6	12.6	13.0	13.6	14.1	14.1	13.2	11.4	9.0	6.4	4.1	2.4	1.6	1.8
Wed 27	3.1	5.3	8.1	11.0	13.5	15.3	16.1	15.9	15.1	14.0	13.0	12.4	12.4	12.8	13.4	13.7	13.5	12.3	10.4	8.0	5.6	3.5	2.1	1.7
Thu 28	2.3	4.0	6.5	9.3	12.1	14.4	15.8	16.2	15.7	14.7	13.6	12.6	12.1	12.2	12.6	13.1	13.4	12.9	11.5	9.5	7.2	5.0	3.2	2.2
Fri 29	2.1	3.2	5.1	7.7	10.5	13.1	15.0	16.0	16.0	15.3	14.1	13.0	12.1	11.8	12.0	12.4	12.9	13.0	12.3	10.8	8.9	6.7	4.7	3.3
Sat 30	2.7	3.0	4.3	6.4	9.1	11.7	14.0	15.4	15.9	15.6	14.7	13.5	12.3	11.6	11.4	11.7	12.2	12.5	12.5	11.7	10.3	8.4	6.5	4.8
Sun 31	3.8	3.5	4.1	5.7	7.9	10.4	12.8	14.6	15.6	15.7	15.1	14.0	12.8	11.7	11.0	10.9	11.2	11.7	12.1	12.0	11.3	10.0	8.4	6.8

Robert Livingston (with data provided at www.tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide)



Brian Lee

What could go wrong? An interesting barge anchored in Garden Bay (photo taken Nov. 18).

seals



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 Approval to **all the dedicated volunteers, participants and attendees** who helped make the Remembrance Day parade, ceremony and gathering such a memorable, heartfelt occasion.

Lyn and Bill Charlton
Royal Canadian Legion 112

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **all the staff and volunteers at the Legion** for going above and beyond for Bev McDonald's celebration of life.

Matt McDonald
McDonald family

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Joy & Grant** for handling a difficult situation with wisdom and compassion.

Nancy Terreri

Poppy Fields of Harbour Seals of Approval to **all those who donated to the poppy campaign, volunteers who gave their time to canvass and our local businesses** for their support.

Lyn and Bill Charlton
Royal Canadian Legion 112

December 2023

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **EMTs, P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept., RCMP, coroner and victim's services**. They did everything right. We are lucky to have you when emergencies happen.

Nancy Terreri

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **Madeira Park Legion** for their continued support of the hot breakfast programs at both PHSS and MPES.

Your support allows us to continue these much needed programs.

Patti Soos and Cheyenne Howitt
P. H. Community School

A Harbour seal of Approval to all of the **local businesses who so generously donate** yearly to our Ladies Night. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Lisa Borden
Royal Canadian Legion 112



Community Hall Christmas Market

Saturday, Dec. 9

10am to 3pm

Community Hall, Madeira Park

Vendors, artisans, white elephant and
bake sale, door prizes, silent auction.

Kitchen open all day (lunch \$5)!

*Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society
Outreach Healthy Meal Program*



Healthy Meals service has resumed.

FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE:

Call Linda – 604.883.2819, Wendy – 604.883.2514 or Anky – 604.883.0033



Our dispersed community often hides the daily struggles of the not-so-fortunate.

Consider a donation of any size to support one of these organizations that work tirelessly throughout the year to help those in need:

ELECT Tracey McClelland

as local school trustee



A graduate of PHSS herself, Tracey McClelland recently enrolled her fourth child in Madeira Park.

Outside of a career as a book keeper and administrator, she has volunteered thousands of hours in school programs like Hot Lunch, bottle drives and chicken sales as well as board positions (often treasurer) at Serendipity Preschool, MPES PAC, PHSS PAC, SD46 DPAC and treasurer positions at S. C. Baseball Association and the Loon Foundation.

Over 17 years as a parent in SD 46 has given her a unique perspective and understanding of the education process from kindergarten to graduation and beyond and, if elected, she is excited to contribute to the district further as a trustee.

VOTING

Sat., Dec. 9 at P. H. Community School (8 am- 8 pm)
5012 Gonzales Rd, Madeira Park

ADVANCE VOTING

Wed., Dec. 6 at P. H. Community School (8 am- 8 pm)
5012 Gonzales Rd, Madeira Park

Authorized by Tracey McClelland, 604-885-5154

► P. H. SENIORS HOUSING SOCIETY

Box 264, Madeira Park, BC, VON 2H0
604.883.2819

Delivers healthy meals to participating seniors while pursuing seniors' housing projects.

► ADOPT A YOUTH (P. H. COMMUNITY SCHOOL)

Box 232, Madeira Park, BC, VON 2H1
604.883-2826

Provides direct support to local youth struggling with housing and basic needs.

► ROTARY CLUB OF PENDER HARBOUR

Box 40, Garden Bay, BC, VON 1S0
604.883.2544

Raises money for a variety of local and international projects.

► PENDER HARBOUR LIONS CLUB

13776 S.C. Highway, Madeira Park, BC,
VON 2H1, 604.883.0432

Delivers Christmas food hampers for those in need and manages the P. H. Lions Park.

► PENDER HARBOUR FOOD BANK SOC.

Box 436, Madeira Park, BC, VON 2H0
604.883.9773

Year-round food bank charity operated out of the Pender Harbour Community Church.

► S. C. HEALTHCARE AUXILIARY

Box 917, Sechelt, BC, VON 3A0
604.883.9569

Provides support funding for Sechelt Hospital to better serve local health care needs.

► P. H. HEALTH CENTRE AUXILIARY

Box 308, Madeira Park, BC, VON 2H1
604.883.9844

Provides support funding for the Pender Harbour & District Health Centre.

► ROYAL CANADIAN MARINE SEARCH & RESCUE

4803 Bowsprit Dr., Madeira Park, BC
VON 2H1, 604.883.2572

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► P. H. & DISTRICT HEALTH CENTRE SOC.

Box 308, Madeira Park, BC, VON 2H0
604.883.2764

Not-for-profit society that manages health services at the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

► P. H. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FDN.

Contact: Linda Curtiss
604.883.2819

Accepts donations for a variety of community projects. [Tax receipts are issued.]

► SPREADING KINDNESS FUNDRAISER

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DECEMBER

- Sat. Dec. 2.....Community Christmas Craft Fair - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 2.....P. H. Rotary Scotch Tasting - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 5 p.m.
Thu. Dec. 7.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (discussion/games) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Fri. Dec. 8.....First day of Hanukkah
Sat. Dec. 9.....Breakfast with Santa - Cove Restaurant, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Sat. Dec. 9.....Community Hall Christmas Market - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 9.....P. H. Choir presents "Midwinter Song" – P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
Sun Dec. 10.....P. H. Music Society presents Sweet Scarlet - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 10.....P. H. Community Christmas dinner - P. H. Community Hall, 3:30 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 11....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tue. Dec. 12.....P. H. Women's Connection Christmas Gathering - P. H. School of Music, noon
Tue. Dec. 12.....Polar Express Christmas Light Tour - departs Madeira Park, 7 p.m.
Thu. Dec. 14.....Harbourside Friendships Christmas lunch/choir perform - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Thu. Dec. 14.....SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCR D boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
Thu. Dec. 14.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCR D boardroom, 1:30 p.m.
Thu. Dec. 14.....Christmas bingo - P. H. Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 16.....RCL 112 Christmas meat draw - 3 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 16.....Pender Harbour Winter Festival - Madeira Park government floats, 3 to 7 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 16.....59th annual Christmas boat parade - Madeira Park government floats, 6 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 18.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 20.....Madeira Park Elementary Christmas concert - P. H. Community Hall, 1 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 22.....Egmont Christmas potluck dinner - Egmont Community Hall, 6 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 24.....P. H. Community Church Christmas Eve carol service - P. H. Community Church, 10 a.m.
Sun Dec. 24.....Christ the Redeemer Church "Carols and Candlelight" - Christ the Redeemer, 4 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 25.....Christmas
Sun. Dec. 31.....Deadline to submit elector response forms for PHVFD alternate approval process
Sun. Dec. 31.....RCL 112 New Year's Eve Party - Madeira Park Legion, 5 p.m.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1. d 2. b 3. d 4. a 5. c 6. d



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