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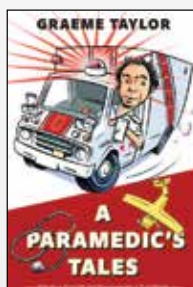
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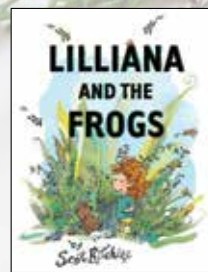


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(Brian Lee photo.)

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editorial

Christmas in the time of COVID



Brian Lee

With heavy hearts, the world learned late last week that COVID-19 precautions have forced Santa Claus to cancel his annual gift run.

Rumours circulated for weeks prior to the release of a Nov. 25 statement from the International Order of Elves (delivered in North Pole elvish):

“*ԲՅՈՒՄԵՅ ԼԵՂԵՅ ԽՂԱՆ ԴԺՈՒ ԴԵ ԶԵՆՆԵԱՆ ԱՂԵՅ ԳԵՄԵՐՆԱՆ ԸԽԴԵՅՄԵՇԿԵՅ ԽՅՐԱ ՄԱՂԵՅ ԽՂՈՒ ԵԽԵԿԵԿԵԴԱՌՈՒ.*”

A linguistics expert contracted by the *Harbour Spiel* eventually confirmed that, yes, Claus has been grounded indefinitely.

The IOE's main concern surrounds the “extreme danger associated with Santa Claus spreading and/or contracting the virus.”

It is reasonable — he's elderly, overweight and thinks COVID-19 is a Green Party hoax.

Surely it's reckless to allow someone in his condition to visit every home in the Fraser Health region.

It will be the first time Claus has sat out the Christmas tradition since undergoing a stint in rehab in 1957.

The release went on to reassure folks that Christmas is not cancelled:

“Instead, we elfin gaze upon it as our duty, the deliverance of Christmas in an exalted one's place.”

Balin Voronwe, IOE spokeself, told the *Harbour Spiel* that after lengthy haggling over compensation, Santa's 4,011 elves voted unanimously to accept a contract expanding their scope and authorizing them to administer Christmas in Claus's place.

According to Voronwe, elves possess viral immunity but Dec. 25 still presents a massive logistical challenge for the order.

Few have travelled outside the North Pole let alone experienced climates like they will in Kleindale and Indonesia during monsoon season.

Their challenge was made even more daunting Thursday after President Donald Trump tweeted he has withdrawn all U.S. funding for the plan after learning Joe Biden will appear on the “nice” list.

Facing a slashed budget and the busiest Yule run since the advent of Amazon.com, the elves are now undergoing a mammoth overhaul of systems and delivery equipment.

Because of that, Voronwe warns children should expect Christmas to be “less generous” than past years.

“Due to the unprecedented amount of elfin effort being thrown at building thousands of smaller sleds and procuring enough flying hares to power them, the elves have fallen short on their 2020 toy production targets,” he said.

“It should be expected there will be shortages of popular items like tablets, video games and iPhones.”

Asked what parents should tell their children to temper expectations this Christmas, Voronwe was blunt.

“Suck it up and go outside, kid — it's COVID.”

Voronwe said his organization has maintained close contact with Canada Border Services agency.

Starting exactly two weeks before Christmas, 211 elves and 1,477 hares will arrive in Gander, NL to isolate in quarantine so they can safely visit each of the 12.4 million Canadian homes on Dec. 25.

Voronwe urges folks not to leave treats out for the elves in order to avoid “giving them uppity notions.”

“Besides, it's a myth that elves like cookies,” Voronwe said, “We eat puppies.”



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 coastrespclinic@gmail.com.

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Lorne Campbell

Perhaps inspired by the cover shot from last month's issue, Lorne Campbell (not Marge's kid, the one with the accent) took this photo of a barred owl from his patio.

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Dodging COVID: Serendipity Christmas craft fair moves online

A staple of community fund-raising and seasonal socializing, the 2020 Serendipity Christmas craft fair seemed all but impossible due to tightening COVID restrictions.

So, the Serendipity Child Care Centre's volunteer board got creative.

The SCCC is a not-for-profit licensed daycare in the Madeira Park Cultural Centre for ages 2.5 to 5 years.

Each year it hosts the biggest craft fair of the season at the P. H. Community Hall in an effort to raise funds to offset operating expenses.

With the virus in mind, they took the craft fair online for 2020.

The SCCC's new website *serendipityfair.myshopify.com* showcases the works of local artisans and accepts online payment for specific items.

From the website:

"While it isn't possible to come together in person in the community hall in 2020, we invite artisans and the Sunshine Coast community to come together online to shop locally and support local children and families."

Shoppers can purchase items using a secure e-commerce platform between Nov. 13 and Dec. 8.

Those items may be picked up in either Madeira Park or Roberts Creek, following recommended protocols for physical distancing.

The Madeira Park pick up time is on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the SCCC, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

A second pickup location at the Roberts Creek Library (across the street from the Gumboot Restaurant) will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Items won't be mailed but arrangements may be made for those unable to pick up the items in person by contacting *SerendipityCraftFair@gmail.com* before making a purchase.



Alpaca Cowl by Roberta Symons, \$50.



Salmon Run (unframed print) by Woodbug Designs, \$40.



Handmade holiday wreaths by Serendipity Child Care, \$20.



Shawl, blue grey by Penny Stewart, \$250.



Baby/toddler hat with pom-pom by Ieva Knits, \$24.



Six Skookumchuck Bakery cinnamon buns (Saturday pickup only), \$18.

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A selection from *serendipityfair.myshopify.com*, the online Christmas Craft Fair hosted by the Serendipity Child Care Centre.



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Overnight on Oct. 27, a new electric bicycle was stolen from a residence in the 5400 block of Secret Cove Road, Halfmoon Bay.

The stolen bike is described as a white 2020 Volt "Elegant" seven speed electric assist bike.

The serial number is FR36H23200109.

Anyone with any information about this theft is asked to contact RCMP, police file 2020-7507.

QUARANTINE ACT VIOLATIONS ISSUED

On Oct. 29, Sunshine Coast RCMP was advised that two people who had just returned from Europe the previous day and were required to quarantine for 14 days, had visited two local businesses.

The RCMP contacted Canada Border Services Agency and confirmed the couple flew into Vancouver Airport from Europe on Oct. 28.

A police officer attended the couple's address and confirmed these details with them.

Each individual was issued a \$1,000 ticket for failure to comply with an order in accordance with section 58 of the Quarantine Act.

"While the fines are one additional tool for police officers to help ensure people are following provincial health guidelines," said Const. Karen Whitby, Sunshine Coast RCMP, in the statement.

"The BC RCMP will continue to educate people about the guidelines and the impacts during this pandemic."

SCAM

A Coast resident reported falling for a scam after replying to a job ad in Craigslist.

The "job" involved the resi-

dent being sent a cheque for a large amount, which she was instructed to cash.

The resident was then asked to return a good portion of that amount in Bitcoin, and to keep a much smaller portion as "payment."

After completing the Bitcoin transaction, the resident learned that the original cheque was fraudulent and the resident is now out the amount sent by Bitcoin.

To learn more about this and other common scams, please visit sites such as the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre-centre-antifraude.ca or the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org.

UNSAFE LOAD

On Oct. 28, police noticed a vehicle southbound on Highway 101 in Garden Bay which appeared to be overloaded with firewood.

Police initiated a traffic stop and

determined the vehicle was well over its load limit and possibly unsafe to drive due to damage.

The driver was issued a notice and order to have the vehicle inspected and Sunshine Coast RCMP seized the licence plates.

The driver was also issued a ticket for failing to produce a driver's licence.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

On Nov. 1, a passerby reported a possible impaired driver on Highway 101 near Redroofs Road.

Police located the driver and her vehicle which was in the ditch.

The uninjured driver said she consumed alcohol shortly before driving.

The driver was given a roadside alcohol screening test and after two fail results, was issued a 90-day roadside prohibition and her vehicle was impounded for thirty days.

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screenshots via Facebook

Though community members were asked not to attend the Remembrance Day ceremonies this year at the Pender Harbour Legion due to COVID-19 protocols, many tuned into a livestream uploaded to Facebook by the Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association.

We want you to feel safe when you come to our office.

We have strict regulations and guidelines to follow and are doing our best to go above and beyond all COVID safety guidelines as defined by the BCCDC, VCH, WorkSafeBC and the College of Dental Surgeons of BC.

Just some of the things we are doing to keep you safe:

1. Reduced number of patients

Appointment times are now staggered to minimize contact.

2. Determining patient risk

Every patient and team member is screened for COVID symptoms. (Please be honest when answering questions.)

3. Expanded treatment areas

We have added an additional treatment operatory in order to have more dentist days in the clinic.

4. Engineering controls

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5. Enhanced cleaning

We follow all infection control protocols outlined by Vancouver Coastal Health and the College of Dental Surgeons.

6. Additional cleaning staff

A extra team member has been hired and specifically tasked to maintain additional deep cleaning and infection control protocols throughout the day.

7. Personal protection equipment

You may see masks you haven't seen before, face shields, gowns, head covering and gloves. These items will be disinfected or discarded (as per manufacturer instructions) between patients.

For full details about our COVID-19 safety plan, visit penderharbourdental.com



'Zoom' in PHARA's annual general meeting Dec. 7

Like many other organizations, the Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association is adapting to COVID protocols.

PHARA will hold their annual general meeting on Monday, Dec. 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. but instead of being held at the P. H. Community Hall, it will run on the video conferencing platform Zoom.

The AGM will include brief sum-

maries of PHARA activities over the past year.

To connect to the meeting via your computer, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84346740324?pwd=YmdhdTIU NTJ6WVZNdHpsTTEzT29ZQT09>.

Meeting ID: 843 4674 0324

Passcode: 857043

For those unable to access the meeting by computer, you can also join by phone.

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The system will ask you for an account code, which is 857043.

It will then ask you for the meeting ID, which is 843 4674 0324.

PHARA will be holding a full Zoom town hall meeting in late January or early February to bring the community up to date on the association's activities.

photojournal



Lesley Durrant

Artist Ken Walters stands beside just two of the paintings he had on display at the Sunshine Villa B&B in Kleindale during the Sunshine Coast Art Crawl on Oct. 23 to 25. Over 98 artists took part in the Crawl this year which marked the 11th running of the event organized annually by the Coast Cultural Alliance.



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Budgeting in the time of COVID



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

DANGER BAY WITH COVID RESTRICTIONS

RCMP Staff
Sgt. Poppy Hallam

advised the SCRD that last month's Attack of Danger Bay longboard race "went well."

She informed organizer Bricin Lyons that he faced \$2,300 fines if more than 50 people attended, but there were few spectators and only 20 people at the campsite.

To watch the event, search "Attack of Danger Bay 19" on YouTube.

DAM UPDATE FOR PENDER HARBOUR

The SCRD owns and operates

four dams, with South Pender water district paying for the two at McNeill Lake, a concrete dam and an ancillary saddle dam.

We are assessing failure consequences, safety reviews, structural improvements, and preparing operation and maintenance manuals.

Preliminary designs and cost-estimates will form the basis of 2021 budget proposals, including \$230,000 for upgrades and \$42,500 for staff and engineering support for regular inspections required by the BC dam safety regulation.

BUDGET 2021 PROCESS

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many of us to suspect that the old saying, "Nothing is certain but death and taxes," is true, but the SCRD soldiers on to ensure things like running

water, waste water disposal, personal safety, garbage disposal and health care are in place and provided in the manner we have come to expect.

To accomplish that, we need the financial capability to pay for it, and that's how we devise the budget.

These are the steps to establishing the 2021 SCRD budget:

- Nov. 5 to 6 — pre-budget;
- Feb. 1 to 2 — round one;
- Feb. 23 to 26 — municipal and public presentations;
- March 4 to 5 — round two, and
- March 25 — financial plan adoption.

PRE-BUDGET CHALLENGES

This earliest stage of the SCRD planning process translates into approximately 48 per cent of your rural property tax notice (local services and



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Upcoming meetings

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

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

December 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Planning and Community Development Committee

December 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

December 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Infrastructure Services Committee

December 17 at 9:30 a.m.

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It's difficult to predict how today's decisions will affect homeowners as the rule is "user pay," so taxes depend on the services you get.

Most noticeable for us is the potential for a significant property tax increase for a typical homeowner on a wastewater plant and in a local water-service area.

It indicated a "first cut" showing an approximate 20 per cent, or \$295, increase from 2020 in Pender Harbour, while a typical Egmont homeowner would be faced with a 13 per cent, or \$183, increase.

Faced with double-digit property tax increases and a desire to reduce them to a manageable level, we requested more information on some projects, postponed others, and axed two items worth \$150,000 to study the future of North and South Pender Water System.

We reviewed 115 ongoing and 104 proposed projects and 22 funding requests from community partners and stakeholders to assess financial and staffing implications of executing the initiatives and set priorities for round one budget deliberations.

Years of practicing a policy of zero-based budgeting have created a situation where there is very little we can put off until another day, and the reality of COVID-19 has greatly increased the cost of providing essential services.

In 2020, we started using reserve funds to ease the impact of COVID-19 and will continue to do so in 2021.

However, this depletes our reserves so, eventually, we will be forced to borrow money to provide the things they were earmarked for.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Earlier this year, the SCRD updated its strategic plan, setting December 2020

10 priorities and goals, including developing a growth-management plan, implementing a water metering program and identifying solid waste management and recycling options.

Senior staff used these guiding principles to revisit existing projects and develop new ones, all considered essential to "keep the lights on" and achieve the strategies.

As a result of our November meetings, staff will revise the list and update financial and staffing impacts to present at our Feb. 1 and 2 round one meetings.

Next steps include local, grass-roots feedback by developing meaningful conversation with the community members and engagement with community groups.

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- ☐ a. N1N
- ☐ b. N2N
- ☐ c. N3N
- ☐ d. N4N

2. Which performing captive whale was captured in Pender Harbour in 1968?

- ☐ a. Hyak
- ☐ b. Shamu
- ☐ c. Skana
- ☐ d. Tilikum

3. What is the name of Nick Adonidas' boat?

- ☐ a. *The Odyssey*
- ☐ b. *The Persephone*
- ☐ c. *The Penelope*
- ☐ d. *The Argosy*

4. What was the title of Edith Iglaue's 1988 book later made into a movie starring Jaclyn Smith?

- ☐ a. *Navigating the Heart*
- ☐ b. *Denison's Ice Road*
- ☐ c. *Fishing With John*
- ☐ d. *Driving With Frank*

5. What are the official colours of Pender Harbour Secondary School?

- ☐ a. Black and yellow.
- ☐ b. Red and white.
- ☐ c. Blue and green.
- ☐ d. Green and yellow.

6. Former name of the Oak Tree Market?

- ☐ a. Holiday Market
- ☐ b. Lily Lake Market
- ☐ c. Colonel Flounder's
- ☐ d. Juicy Lucy's

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**



Robin Millar

In what may be Pender Harbour's first floating general store, John Henry's is seen here on the morning of Oct. 17 doing its best boat impression. Storm surge from strong southeast winds and a 16.4-foot high tide combined for this seasonal phenomenon.

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For many in outlying areas, a power outage often lasts for days causing not just discomfort but a potential safety concern.

Hydro crews prioritize repairs affecting the highest number of residents.

That means those living in relatively unpopulated and isolated locations are required to prepare themselves for the extended periods.

PREPARING YOUR HOME

- You can install a non-electric standby stove or heater. Choose heating units that are not dependent on an electric motor, electric fan, or some other electric device to function. It is important to adequately vent the stove or heater with the type of chimney flue specified for it.

- Before considering the use of an emergency generator during a power outage, check with furnace, appliance and lighting fixture dealers or manufacturers regarding power requirements and proper operating



Brian Lee

It's that time of year again when drivers are regularly forced to dodge hazards like this on their morning drive to work.

procedures.

- Make sure your home has a working carbon monoxide detector. If it is hard-wired to the house's electrical supply, ensure it has a battery-powered back-up.

- Protect sensitive electrical appliances such as TVs, computer, and DVD players with a surge-protecting powerbar.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Consider how you may be affected in a power outage, including:

- Your evacuation route.

- Planning a backup power supply for essential medical equipment.

- Keeping a flashlight and a cell phone handy to signal for help.

- Establishing a help network to assist and check on you during an emergency.

- Enrolling in a medical alert program that will signal for help if you are immobilized.

DURING A POWER OUTAGE

- Check whether the power outage is limited to your home. If your neighbours' power is still on, check your own circuit breaker panel or fuse box. If the problem is not a breaker or a fuse, check the service wires leading to the house. If they are obviously damaged or on the ground, stay at least 10 metres back and notify your electric supply authority. Keep the number along with other emergency numbers near your telephone.

- If your neighbours' power is also out, notify your electric supply

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- Turn off all tools, appliances and electronic equipment, and turn the thermostat(s) for the home heating system down to minimum to prevent damage from a power surge when power is restored.

- Turn off all lights, except one inside and one outside, so that both you and hydro crews outside know that power has been restored.

- Don't open your freezer or fridge unless it is absolutely necessary. A full freezer will keep food frozen for 24 to 36 hours if the door remains closed.

- Never use charcoal or gas barbecues, camping heating equipment, or home generators indoors. They give off carbon monoxide. Because you can't smell or see it, carbon monoxide can cause health problems and is life-threatening.

- Use proper candle holders. Never leave lit candles unattended and keep out of reach of children. Extinguish candles before going to bed.

- Listen to your battery-powered or wind-up radio for information and advice from authorities.

USE OF HOME GENERATORS

Home generators are handy for backup electricity in case of an outage but must only be used in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.

A backup generator may only be connected to your home's electrical system through an approved transfer panel and switch that has been installed by a qualified electrician.

Never plug a generator into a wall outlet as serious injury can result when the current produced by the home generator is fed back into the electrical lines, and transformed to a higher voltage.



PREPARING AN EMERGENCY KIT

In an emergency you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water and should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

BASIC EMERGENCY KIT

- **Water** — at least two litres of water per person per day.
- **Food that won't spoil**, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace the food and water once a year).
- **Manual can opener.**
- **Wind-up or battery-powered flashlight** (and extra batteries) in waterproof container(s).
- **Wind-up or battery-powered radio** (and extra batteries).
- **First aid kit.**
- **Special items** such as prescription medications, infant formula and equipment for people with disabilities
- **Extra keys** to your car and house.
- **Cash** in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills (travellers' cheques are also useful) and change for payphones.
- A copy of your **emergency plan** and **contact information.**
- You may want to ensure you **have a land line** and corded phone in your home as most cordless phones will not work during a power outage.

This can endanger the lives of utility employees working to restore the power.

AFTER THE POWER RETURNS

- Switch on the main electric switch (but first, check to ensure appliances, electric heaters, TVs, microwaves computers, etc. were unplugged to prevent damage from a power surge).

- Give the electrical system a chance to stabilize before reconnecting tools and appliances. Turn the heating-system thermostats up first, followed in a couple of minutes by reconnection of the fridge and freezer. Wait 10 to 15 minutes before reconnecting all other tools and appliances.

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Tue 01	3.5	5.3	7.7	10.3	12.6	14.3	15.1	14.9	14.2	13.0	12.0	11.3	11.2	11.7	12.4	13.0	13.2	12.6	11.2	9.2	6.9	4.8	3.2	2.5
Wed 02	2.7	4.0	6.1	8.7	11.3	13.5	14.9	15.4	14.9	14.0	12.9	11.9	11.3	11.4	11.9	12.5	12.9	12.8	11.8	10.1	8.0	5.8	4.0	2.8
Thu 03	2.4	3.1	4.7	7.1	9.7	12.3	14.2	15.3	15.4	14.8	13.8	12.7	11.8	11.4	11.5	12.0	12.5	12.7	12.2	11.0	9.2	7.1	5.1	3.6
Fri 04	2.7	2.7	3.7	5.6	8.1	10.7	13.1	14.8	15.6	15.4	14.7	13.6	12.5	11.6	11.3	11.5	12.0	12.3	12.3	11.6	10.2	8.4	6.5	4.8
Sat 05	3.6	3.0	3.3	4.6	6.6	9.0	11.5	13.7	15.1	15.6	15.3	14.5	13.4	12.2	11.4	11.1	11.3	11.6	11.9	11.8	11.1	9.8	8.1	6.5
Sun 06	5.0	4.0	3.7	4.2	5.6	7.6	10.0	12.3	14.2	15.4	15.6	15.2	14.2	13.0	11.8	10.9	10.6	10.7	11.0	11.3	11.4	10.8	9.7	8.4
Mon 07	6.9	5.6	4.8	4.6	5.2	6.7	8.7	10.9	13.0	14.7	15.6	15.6	14.9	13.8	12.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.8	10.2	10.7	10.9	10.8	10.2
Tue 08	9.1	7.8	6.7	6.0	5.8	6.4	7.8	9.7	11.8	13.7	15.1	15.6	15.4	14.4	13.0	11.3	9.8	8.7	8.3	8.5	9.2	10.0	10.7	11.0
Wed 09	10.8	10.0	9.0	8.0	7.3	7.1	7.6	9.0	10.7	12.7	14.3	15.4	15.6	15.0	13.7	11.8	9.8	8.1	7.0	6.7	7.2	8.2	9.5	10.7
Thu 10	11.5	11.6	11.2	10.3	9.4	8.6	8.4	8.8	10.0	11.7	13.4	14.8	15.6	15.5	14.4	12.6	10.3	8.0	6.2	5.1	5.1	5.9	7.3	9.1
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Sat 12	9.1	11.3	13.0	13.9	13.7	13.0	11.9	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.7	13.2	14.5	15.4	15.5	14.5	12.4	9.7	6.8	4.3	2.5	1.9	2.5	4.2
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Mon 14	4.1	7.0	10.1	12.9	14.9	15.7	15.5	14.5	13.3	12.1	11.6	11.8	12.7	13.9	14.8	15.2	14.5	12.7	10.0	6.9	4.0	1.8	0.6	0.7
Tue 15	2.1	4.6	7.7	10.9	13.7	15.6	16.2	15.9	14.8	13.5	12.3	11.8	12.0	12.9	13.9	14.6	14.8	13.8	11.7	8.9	5.9	3.2	1.3	0.5
Wed 16	1.0	2.7	5.4	8.6	11.8	14.4	16.1	16.5	15.9	14.8	13.4	12.3	11.8	12.0	12.8	13.7	14.2	14.1	12.9	10.8	8.1	5.3	3.0	1.4
Thu 17	1.0	1.8	3.7	6.5	9.6	12.6	15.0	16.3	16.4	15.7	14.5	13.1	12.1	11.6	11.9	12.5	13.2	13.6	13.4	12.1	10.0	7.6	5.1	3.2
Fri 18	2.0	1.9	3.0	5.0	7.8	10.7	13.4	15.4	16.3	16.2	15.4	14.1	12.8	11.7	11.3	11.5	12.0	12.6	12.9	12.5	11.3	9.5	7.4	5.3
Sat 19	3.8	3.0	3.2	4.4	6.5	9.1	11.7	14.0	15.6	16.2	15.9	14.9	13.6	12.3	11.3	10.8	11.0	11.4	11.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	9.3	7.6
Sun 20	6.0	4.8	4.3	4.7	6.0	7.9	10.3	12.6	14.5	15.6	15.9	15.4	14.4	13.1	11.7	10.7	10.2	10.2	10.6	11.1	11.4	11.3	10.6	9.5
Mon 21	8.1	6.9	6.0	5.8	6.3	7.5	9.3	11.4	13.3	14.7	15.5	15.5	14.8	13.6	12.3	10.9	9.8	9.3	9.3	9.7	10.3	10.8	11.0	10.6
Tue 22	9.9	9.0	8.0	7.4	7.3	7.8	9.0	10.5	12.2	13.8	14.8	15.2	14.9	14.0	12.7	11.2	9.7	8.7	8.2	8.3	8.9	9.7	10.5	11.0
Wed 23	11.0	10.6	10.0	9.3	8.8	8.7	9.2	10.2	11.5	12.9	14.0	14.7	14.8	14.2	13.0	11.5	9.8	8.4	7.4	7.1	7.4	8.2	9.3	10.4
Thu 24	11.2	11.6	11.6	11.1	10.5	10.0	9.9	10.2	11.1	12.2	13.3	14.1	14.5	14.3	13.3	11.8	10.0	8.3	6.9	6.1	6.1	6.7	7.8	9.2
Fri 25	10.6	11.8	12.5	12.5	12.2	11.6	11.0	10.8	11.0	11.7	12.6	13.5	14.1	14.2	13.5	12.2	10.4	8.4	6.7	5.5	5.0	5.2	6.2	7.8
Sat 26	9.5	11.2	12.6	13.4	13.4	13.0	12.3	11.6	11.3	11.5	12.1	12.9	13.6	14.0	13.7	12.6	10.9	8.9	6.8	5.2	4.2	4.1	4.8	6.2
Sun 27	8.1	10.2	12.1	13.5	14.2	14.1	13.4	12.6	11.9	11.6	11.8	12.4	13.1	13.7	13.7	13.1	11.6	9.6	7.4	5.4	3.9	3.3	3.6	4.7
Mon 28	6.6	8.9	11.2	13.1	14.4	14.7	14.4	13.6	12.6	11.9	11.7	12.0	12.6	13.2	13.6	13.4	12.3	10.4	8.2	6.0	4.1	3.0	2.7	3.4
Tue 29	5.1	7.4	9.9	12.3	14.1	15.1	15.1	14.5	13.5	12.5	11.8	11.7	12.1	12.8	13.3	13.5	12.9	11.4	9.3	7.0	4.8	3.2	2.3	2.5
Wed 30	3.7	5.8	8.4	11.0	13.3	14.9	15.5	15.2	14.3	13.2	12.1	11.6	11.7	12.2	12.9	13.3	13.2	12.3	10.5	8.3	5.9	3.9	2.5	2.1
Thu 31	2.7	4.3	6.7	9.5	12.2	14.3	15.5	15.7	15.1	14.0	12.8	11.8	11.4	11.7	12.3	13.0	13.3	12.9	11.6	9.6	7.2	4.9	3.1	2.0

Coastal memories (*Harbour Spiel*, Dec. 2010)



By Alan Moberg

In 1954 there was a bitter cold northwesterly gale that hung around for a week or so.

At that time it was common for the Pender Harbour gillnetters to fish out in the gulf at night and come in during the day.

When that gale came up, everybody made it back to the Harbour but Mervin Reid.

Mervin was our next door neighbour, the youngest son of Cedric and "Granny" Reid.

The weather was so severe that no one dared set out to look for him.

There was no Coast Guard then and Mervin carried very few supplies as the fishermen were home daily.

After no sign of him for days everyone thought he'd gone down.

I was outside our home when his father Cedric came by and asked, "Is your Daddy home?"

I said yes and he went in for a short time.

When he passed me on his way out he was sobbing. It was the first time I'd seen a grown man cry.

Not long after that, word reached us that Mervin was alive.

He had hung on the end of his net and drifted clear down to Friday



Alan Moberg photo collection

Cedric and Edwin Reid's float in Sinclair Bay circa 1956. The boats are Cedric's *Nancy R*, Edwin's *Alice R*, and Gerry Moberg's *Luard*. Tucked behind on the right is the *Lucky Lady IV* owned by George Huber. The clearing taking place to the right on shore was probably being done for Jimmy Reid's house to be built there.

Harbour in the U.S.

But it wasn't a warm welcome for the saved Pender Harbour boy.

The Americans fined him for faulty running lights and a lack of life jackets, among other things.

Cedric was forced to make the trip south to bring his son home but then, at the border, Cedric was detained.

He was diabetic and U.S. Customs was suspicious that he might be a drug addict because of the hypodermic needles he carried for his insulin.

Somehow it was all straightened

out and he was able to deliver Mervin back home to the Harbour.

For a young kid like me, it was like seeing someone return from the dead.



LOON FOUNDATION
THE CALL OF THE WILD

The Loon Foundation oversees the proposed Pender Harbour Ocean Discovery Station, the Iris Griffith Centre and the Earthfair Store and is seeking part-time help in our Madeira Park office with bookkeeping and monthly reconciliations.

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- Dec. 1 ~ Darren Morton
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 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 ~ Keenan Clerx
 Dec. 9 ~ Michelle Beardmore and Robert Purdy.
 Dec. 10 ~ Trevor Jones and Cathy Thompson.
 Dec. 11 ~ Grace Donnahee, Bill Griffith, 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 ~ Steve Boyd and 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.

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. Watch out this month — in matters of finance or career, you are about to experience an extreme upheaval. The winter solstice is on Dec. 21 so escape until some resolution is found. Mercury's influence will encourage taking the high road. Don't listen to Mercury.



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. This month, relax. On Dec. 15, Chiron mates up with Aries, so prepare yourself to do some heavy soul searching. Now is not the time to make longterm plans. It is the time to knit. Going into the New Year, your financial acuity will reach its zenith with momentum firmly with you. Focus on where your money is, how it got there and whether it is happy or not. If it's not happy, shake it.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Nov. 14

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.

- When We Are Kind** by Monique Gray Smith, illus. by Nicole Neidhardt (Orca Book Publishers)
- Takaya: Lone Wolf** by Cheryl Alexander (Rocky Mountain Books)
- Vancouver Exposed: Searching for the City's Hidden History** by Eve Lazarus (Arsenal Pulp Press)
- Raven Squawk, Orca Squeak** by Robert Budd/Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing)
- Crossing the Divide: Discovering a Wilderness Ethic in Canada's Northern Rockies** by Wayne Sawchuk (Creekstone Press)
- The E. J. Hughes Book of Boats** by Robert Amos (TouchWood Editions)
- Hope Matters** by Elin Kelsey (Greystone Books)
- Edible and Medicinal Flora of the West Coast** by Collin Varner (Heritage House Publishing)
- Balancing Bountiful: What I Learned about Feminism from My Polygamist Grandmothers** by Mary Jayne Blackmore (Caitlin Press)
- On Their Own Terms: True Stories of Trailblazing Women of Vancouver Island** by Haley Healey (Heritage House Publishing)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC



AMERICAN EDUCATION

\$10,285

Average spending per pupil in the South (Florida, Texas, Maryland, Virginia etc.)

\$19,953

Average spending per pupil in the northeast (New York, Conn., New Jersey etc.)

~ US Census Bureau (2018 Survey of School System Finances), Wikipedia

\$12,612

Average U.S. spending per pupil nationwide.

89.8%

In 2018, the percentage of Americans aged 25 or older who had a high school diploma.

34.98%

In 2018, the percentage of Americans aged 25 or older who had a bachelor's degree.

57%

Women in the U.S. earned more than half of all bachelor degrees.

Seattle

The most literate city. From 2005 to 2009, Central Connecticut State University conducted studies to identify America's most literate cities. Washington D.C. claimed second spot.

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES



DECEMBER

DATE-TIME-SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large)

EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechart Inlet).

1. 11:51 AM -S
2. 12:32 PM -M
3. 1:15 PM -M
4. 2:01 PM -M
5. 8:37 AM +XL, 3:02 PM -M
6. 9:18 AM +XL
7. 9:59 AM +XL
8. 10:42 AM +XL
9. 11:24 AM +XL
10. 11:59 AM +L
11. 12:49 PM +L
12. 9:00 AM -S, 1:38 PM +L
13. 9:59 AM -M, 2:26 PM +L
14. 10:50 AM -M, 3:14 PM +M
15. 11:38 AM -M
16. 12:34 PM -M
17. 1:25 PM -M
18. 2:18 PM -M
19. 8:38 AM +XL, 3:14 PM -L
20. 9:16 AM +XL
21. 9:52 AM +XL
22. 10:25 AM +L
23. 10:58 AM +L
24. 11:31 AM +L
25. 12:08 PM +M
26. 8:34 AM -S, 12:50 PM +M
27. 9:24 AM -S, 1:35 PM +M
28. 10:07 AM -S, 2:18 PM +M
29. 10:48 AM -S, 3:08 PM +M
30. 11:27 AM -S, 3:48 PM +M
31. 12:16 PM -M

These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.

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).



submitted

Pender Harbour Secondary School's Outdoors Club (1977).

Back row (l-r): Correen Brown, Todd Mair, Mike Farrell, Dave Dougan.

Middle row (l-r): Suzie Christensen, Pete Dubois, Robin Prest, Toni K., Moki Sterloff, Darryl Scoular, "Wire Head (Scott or Steve)," Martina Phillips, Rick King, Mr. Levine.

Front row (l-r): Ricco Talento, Danny Fielding, Steve Crosby, Bruce Kobus, Jennifer Wilcox, "Shot put dude," Alan Stiglitz, Billy Charlton, Pam Muller, Levinne Talento, Jackie Scott, Margaret Prest



Note your seal of approval or **disapproval**.

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

A Harbour Seal of Approval to
Dr. Robert Hynd and many thanks.

You left me speechless.

Maureen Lee

Harbour Seals of Approval and gratitude to the **Sunshine Coast Foundation** for providing the Bargain Barn with a second grant to cover our out-of-pocket expenses relating to Covid-19 planning, which includes funding our donation policy change.

Karen Wells
Bargain Barn

Poppy fields full of Harbour Seals to **all the poppy campaign volunteers, donors and businesses** for their generous support. Also, to **Tom's Signs** who donated the poppy posters.

Lyn and Bill Charlton
RCL No. 112

Remembrance Day thanks and gratitude to **Chaplain Andrew Barker, MC Allan Stewart, Paola Stewart (livestream), pipers, Colour Party, attendees** and to all our **caring community** for honouring our veterans and first responders in this challenging time of COVID.

Lyn and Bill Charlton
RCL No. 112

A huge Seal of Approval to **our many friends in the Pender Harbour community** who have stepped up to support Brian and me as I wrestle with ALS.

Thanks to all your moral support, Healthy Outreach Meals and the construction of a skookum ramp, we can deal with it.

Rose Everett

photojournal



Brian Lee

A sunny clearing on Cecil Hill Nov. 6.

December 2020

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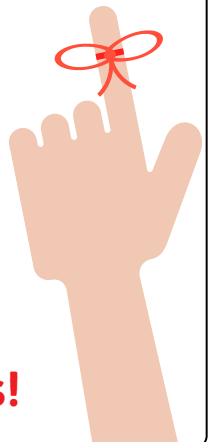
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The January Harbour Spiel goes to print early due to Christmas.

Advertising & submissions must arrive no later than

Dec. 11.

Merry Christmas!





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Should you get the pneumonia vaccine?

Susan Nattall, RN

As winter approaches, so does cold and flu season.

Most people have had their annual flu vaccine by now but what about your pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine?

Better known as the pneumonia or pneumovax 23 vaccine, this vaccine is approved by Health Canada and is provided free to people who are at high risk of getting sick from pneumococcal infections:

- Seniors 65 years and older, and
- Anyone living in residential care or assisted living facilities.

It is also provided free to anyone over two years of age and older with the following conditions:

- No spleen, or one that is not fully functioning;
- Sickle cell disease;
- Immunocompromised by disease or medical treatment;
- Chronic liver disease, including cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis (B or C);
- Chronic kidney, heart or lung disease;
- Organ transplant, cochlear implant or anyone waiting for one;
- Stem cell transplant;
- Diabetes, cystic fibrosis, or a chronic cerebrospinal fluid leak;
- Alcohol dependency;
- Homelessness, or
- Illicit drug users, especially those who smoke crack cocaine.

A small group of individuals with certain medical conditions will qualify for a second dose of the vaccine.

You can inquire about this with your health care provider.



Common side effects from the vaccine are a localized reaction, including swelling, redness and discomfort where the vaccine was given.

You may also experience a fever.

These symptoms are usually mild and last one to two days.

The bacteria, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, can cause serious and sometimes fatal pneumococcal infections such as meningitis (an infection of the lining of the brain), septicemia (an infection of the blood) and pneumonia (an infection of the lungs).

Brain damage and deafness can be a permanent complication of this infection.

These infections are transmitted from person to person by face to face contact, sneezing or coughing.

It can also be spread through saliva from sharing food, drinks, cigarettes, lipsticks, water bottles, etc.

Children under two years of age qualify for the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine as part of routine childhood immunizations.

They are given three doses at two, four and 12 months of age.

If the child is high risk, then another dose is offered at six months of age.

At two years of age the child is eligible for the Pneumovax 23.

Those five years of age and older who are considered high risk for pneumococcal disease may be eligible for a free PVC or Prevnar 13 vaccine if they are:

- Five to 18 years of age with no spleen or not functioning fully, or
- Adults and children five years and older with HIV or who have had a stem cell transplant.

If you are an adult and do not qualify for a publicly funded booster vaccine, you can purchase a PVC or Prevnar 13 vaccine from your local pharmacy.

Speak with your health care provider to see if it is recommended for you.

Remember when you get immunized, you help protect others as well.

CORRECTION: In a failed effort to standardize measurements, the editor inserted an error into last month's Harbour Health column, "It's never been more important to boost your immune system." A mathematical error inflated the recommended daily dose of vitamin D to unsafe levels. To clarify, "For seniors, extra vitamin D is a good idea, 1,000-2,000 IU daily (or 25-50 micrograms) for bone health and immunity."



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CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9 & 16

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

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, Dec. 4, 7, 11, 14, & 18

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HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17

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:

December 3 – Drawing with Maureen

December 10 – Speaker April Struthers, "Thoughtful approach to navigate through the pandemic"

December 17 – Christmas focused event

DECEMBER EVENTS FOR SENIORS!

Thank you for coming together to get through this most unusual time

With the community's support, volunteers, donations, and general encouragement, it has been a remarkable year and we are proud of what we have been able to accomplish. When schools were open, we provided nutritious meals and snacks five days a week. In our community, we offered certification courses, cooking classes, a literacy event, and sports programs including Pickleball. Since Covid-19, we have:

- ✓ Worked with our principals, School District staff, community groups, social service agencies, and the local food bank to coordinate, create and streamline processes, and to go after Covid-19 grants for Pender Harbour
- ✓ Adapted our nutrition programs significantly by finding creative ways to get food and essential supplies to those in need (coordinating with PH Food Bank & others)
- ✓ Increased our availability to students who found themselves without the usual social and nutritional supports they had at school (adhering to safety protocols)
- ✓ Expanded our one-to-one support for youth and families
- ✓ Sat on the Pender Harbour Covid Task Force, meeting regularly to address emerging community-wide needs
- ✓ Since September, offered a few workshops and are running a variety of after-school programs including Art Classes, Running Club, Breakfast Club, and Fishing Club

**Wishing everyone a safe
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community calendar

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DECEMBER

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

- Sun. Nov. 29.....Serendipity Child Development Society virtual AGM (contact Tasha at presidentserendipity@gmail.com)
- Thurs. Dec. 3.....SCRD corporate and administrative services committee meeting - SCR.D.ca, 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs. Dec. 3.....Harbourside Friendship (drawing with Maureen) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon. Dec. 7.....P. H. and Area Residents' Association AGM - Zoom (see p. 9), 7 p.m.
- Tues. Dec. 8.....Serendipity online Christmas Craft Fair ends
- Thurs. Dec. 10.....SCRD planning and development committee meeting - SCR.D.ca, 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs. Dec. 10.....Harbourside Friendship (speaker April Struthers) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs. Dec. 10.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCR.D.ca, 1:30 p.m.
- Fri. Dec. 11.....Deadline for submissions, January *Harbour Spiel*
- Mon. Dec. 14.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup (all clients) - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Thurs. Dec. 17.....SCRD infrastructure services committee meeting - SCR.D website, 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs. Dec. 17.....Harbourside Friendship (Christmas-focused event) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. Dec. 25.....Christmas Day
- Mon. Dec. 28.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup (all clients) - P. H. Community Church, noon

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



FERRY DEPARTURES

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HORSESHOE BAY

7:30 am - Daily
9:45 am - Daily
11:55 am - Daily
2:10 pm - Daily
2:40 pm - Dec. 23, 26, 27, Apr 1, 4 only
4:20 pm - Daily
5:30 pm - Daily
7:50 pm - Daily
10:55 pm - Daily

LANGDALE

6:20 am - Daily
8:40 am - Daily
10:50 am - Daily
1:05 pm - Daily
3:15 pm - Daily
3:50 pm - Dec. 23, 26, 27, Apr 1, 4 only
5:25 pm - Daily
6:40 pm - Daily
8:55 pm - Daily

EARLS COVE

6:35 am - Daily except Sun
8:25 am - Daily
10:25 am - Daily
12:25 pm - Daily
4:55 pm - Daily
7:00 pm - Daily
8:50 pm - Daily
10:40 pm - Daily

SALTARY BAY

5:40 am - Daily except Sun
7:30 am - Daily
9:25 am - Daily
11:20 am - Daily
3:50 pm - Daily
6:00 pm - Daily
7:55 pm - Daily
9:45 pm - Daily

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"There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'" ~ Issac Asimov, 1980



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