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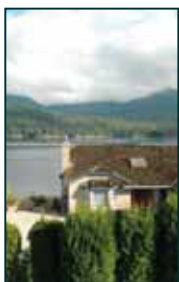
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editorial

An exceptional sacrifice



Brian Lee

If any volunteer effort is an honourable gift, volunteering as a first responder should count for two of them.

It's especially so in a small community where volunteering in a fire department requires an exceptional sacrifice.

First, it takes skill — which takes hours and hours of training.

That occurs during what the rest of us call our “days off.”

Besides weekly practices and ongoing training, members often travel off-Coast to take courses in fire fighting or auto extrication or first aid or other bits of education that are increasingly relied upon by the modern fire department.

Members sign up for it because they know they'll need it.

It's may not be well known that our volunteer fire department often arrives first at car wrecks or just about any other medical emergency that occurs around here.

In order to even contemplate the spectrum of possibilities that might be waiting at the end of a call, you need to picture all the messy ways people die.

And then consider the stress of being responsible for preventing it.

Local firefighters provide first aid and patient care when they arrive and perform any heavy lifting that ambulance attendants and RCMP don't.

Their volunteer efforts are also the reason you are able to insure your home in case of fire.

The fact they don't get paid makes their job honourable; but the likelihood they will know the person unfortunate enough to require their

help makes it a sacrifice.

Ask any longtime firefighter and they won't talk about the time they pulled a lifeless friend, or friend's child, out of a disaster situation.

Or when PHVFD members stood holding hoses outside a burning home knowing not everybody made it out.

In a community like ours, which is founded on volunteers, nothing else compares to this potential for anguish.

If you're like me, you don't often think of these kinds of sacrifices.

Local people have been performing these duties for longer than I've been alive.

But in recent years, when the siren has wakened me in the middle of the night to help an ailing neighbour; or when they arrive at the burning house next door at the same time I do, I have taken notice.

And I think we all need to remind ourselves that the volunteers still must go to work in the morning like the rest of us.

Or that someone needs to make their kids' lunches before they head to school in the morning.

But they were shaken out of bed at 2 a.m. and secured a fire or puzzled their way into a car wreck until dawn.

I hesitate to write this because I wouldn't want to discourage anyone from joining — because it's clear if you talk to any of the members, or read my story on p. 14, that belonging to the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire department is incredibly rewarding, in many ways.

But it never hurts to remind ourselves that we owe a debt that can never be repaid — and now the Pender Harbour volunteer fire department has been doing it for 50 years.

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LEGION QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISERS: MAY 5 & May 12, 7:30 p.m.

Get your quiz on twice this month:

Harbour Publishing hosts a Quiz Night at the Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds from the evening will go to Pender Harbour's 2017 May Day.

On May 12, the Pender Harbour Golf Club will hold another to benefit the club. Both start at 7:30 p.m. but, if you want to order food, get there early.

DRIFTWOOD PLAYERS DINNER THEATRE: MAY 19, 6 P.M.

It's not every day you can enjoy a three-course meal before watching some theatre around here, but if you hurry to buy tickets (\$45), you'll do just that at the P. H. School of Music on May 19. The Driftwood Players will perform Norm Foster's "Office Hours" after a meal prepared by Chef Doug Davis. Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

72ND ANNUAL PENDER HARBOUR MAY DAY: MAY 20,

Is there anything bigger than May Day in this community? And this one may be the biggest yet with a return of the much-missed beer garden, a beach volleyball tournament, four-kilometre fun run, fishing derby (for kids 12 and under), P. H. Lions' famous pancake breakfast, live music, petting zoo, a kids' dance, an adults' dance (live music by Playback) and the kickoff event — the May Day parade at 11 a.m.

photojournal



Brian Lee

Don White is asking the public not to feed the Koala bear guarding his recently cleared property opposite the P. H. Health Centre. Apparently it's getting aggressive.

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Coast investment co-op aims to keep community capital at home

If you're investing your money, it makes sense to invest in your community — especially if you can expect returns on par with traditional investment portfolios.

That was the message from Brian Smith, CEO of Rhiza Capital, at the Pender Harbour Legion April 6.

Rhiza Capital is a joint initiative of Community Futures Sunshine Coast, Sunshine Coast Credit Union and the Powell River Community Investment Corporation.

Rhiza Capital manages an investment model that aims to provide competitive financial returns while investing in local socially and environmentally responsible businesses.

Rather than transferring local funds outside of the community to distant investment centres, the CIC would keep that capital circulating in the community while generating social and environmental benefits.

Smith outlined three investment opportunities within Rhiza Capital that combine graduated risk with expectations of higher returns.

"The Coast Investment Co-op is the one that really focuses on having a community impact," said Smith.

"It will also have a financial return with a relatively low risk profile."

Smith said the CIC offers a financial return of one to three per cent while investing locally in projects like transportation or affordable housing.

After that, the Community Investment Corporation invests in the Sunshine Coast business community.

"We basically use preferred share classes to allow investors to invest in local businesses," said Smith.

"Right now the returns on those shares are either three per cent annually or five per cent annually."

Smith said the third investment



Brian Lee

Brian Smith, CEO of Rhiza Capital at the Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 on April 6. (For boat trivia nerds, the boat in the background painting is the *Fifer Lady*.)

vehicle is called the Venture Capital Corporation.

"The VCC is focused on businesses in the province, so they're not just necessarily on the Sunshine Coast," said Smith.

"The reason is, there just aren't many venture-based businesses on the Sunshine Coast that are viable investments to get us the kind of returns we want in that portfolio."

Smith expects a return of 12 to 15 per cent annually from the VCC for investors who can shoulder the element of higher risk that goes with it.

After Smith, the Royal Canadian Legion No. 112's Ted Taylor provided

an example of where a CIC investment might go.

Taylor outlined steps his organization is taking to build 30 units of affordable seniors housing on their property.

Next, Lee Ann Ennis from the Ruby Lake Lagoon Society plugged the community benefits of their Duck Bus while pointing out that it is coming to the end of its life.

In theory, the CIC could provide a solution by investing seed capital required for a project that might solve Area A's transportation issues.

For more information on Rhiza Capital, visit www.rhizacapital.com.



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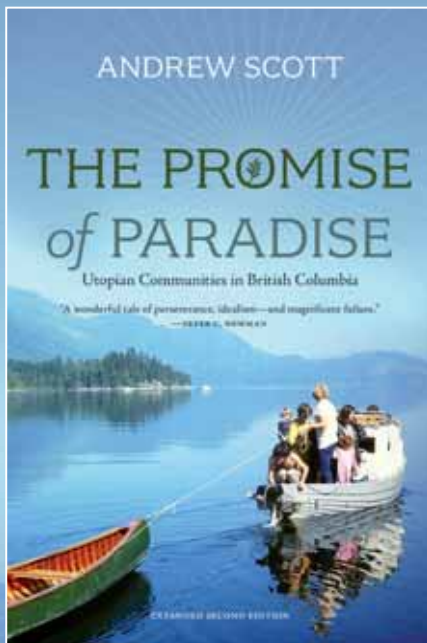
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news

Water meters identify hundreds of leaks

An April 20 SCRD staff report updated infrastructure services committee members on identified leaks since the installation of water meters in north and south Pender Harbour.

In January of this year, 145 notices were sent to homeowners in Pender Harbour with suspected leaks.

The report said that since then, 101 more leaks have been identified.

Those leaks add up to 17.4 per cent of SCRD water customers in Pender Harbour.

At least 50 of those leaks have now been fixed, resulting in a water savings of 259 cubic metres daily.

The report goes on to note that 77 property owners believed to be leaking water have yet to respond to notifications from SCRD staff.

news briefs

EXPLOSION

On March 23, police attended a report of an explosion at a residence in the 12800 block of Mainsail Road, Madeira Park.

All the occupants were able to exit the residence on their own, and two males were taken to Sechelt Hospital for significant burns.

The males said they had been working on a plumbing issue when the explosion occurred.

The fire department attended and ensured the small fire was out and the scene was safe.

It is believed a buildup of propane caused the explosion.

Police spoke with the suspect driver, who remained on scene in his vehicle, and determined the suspect was impaired by mixing medication.

A roadside alcohol screening test confirmed the driver had no alcohol in his system.

The driver was issued a 24-hour driving prohibition and his vehicle was towed. The matter has been referred to ICBC.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

On April 6, a single-vehicle incident was reported in the 12600 block of Highway 101, Madeira Park, after the driver reached down to grab a candy bar and lost control of her vehicle, veered off road, and into the ditch where her vehicle became stuck.

Fortunately, no injuries or vehicle damage was reported and a tow truck was called to remove the vehicle.

IMPAIRED DRIVER

On April 5, a possible impaired driver was reported by a witness in the 12800 block of Madeira Park Road, after the suspect driver was seen driving into a parked car.

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Ann Harmer

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trivia

1. What was the song on the B side of Terry Jacks' "Seasons in the Sun" record?

- ☐ a. Put the Bone In
- ☐ b. Concrete Sea
- ☐ c. Where Evil Grows
- ☐ d. Which Way You Goin' Billy?

2. Which two local islands host unique stickleback species?

- ☐ a. Nelson & Thormanby
- ☐ b. Lasqueti & Texada
- ☐ c. Thormanby and Lasqueti
- ☐ d. Nelson & Texada

3. Local icon Bergie Solberg's nickname.

- ☐ a. Mountain Minnie
- ☐ b. Cougar Lady
- ☐ c. Berger
- ☐ d. Jervis Queen

4. If you manage par at the Pender Harbour Golf Course, what is your score?

- ☐ a. 34
- ☐ b. 36
- ☐ c. 38
- ☐ d. 40

5. In the draft dock management plan for Pender Harbour, which is the purple zone?

- ☐ a. No restrictions on new tenures.
- ☐ b. No new tenures.
- ☐ c. Encourages sharing of new tenures
- ☐ d. Tenures can't overlap critical habitat

6. Oldest active newspaper on the Coast.

- ☐ a. Harbour Spiel
- ☐ b. Coast News
- ☐ c. Local
- ☐ d. Coast Reporter

Answers: p. 42

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

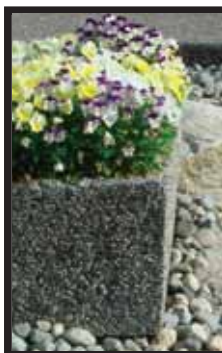
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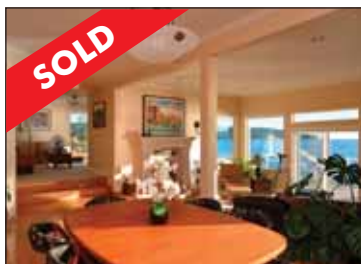
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Attack of Danger Bay 16 features a 'business class'

Bricin Lyons

Bricin Lyons is the founder and organizer of the Attack of Danger Bay, a down-hill longboarding race held on a closed course on Francis Peninsula, each May long weekend since 2001.

This past winter, along with Jody Wilcox (Kimberly, BC race organizer of 16 years), I was asked to team up and organize a race on St. Lucia Island in the Caribbean.

The race was a total success — we were all over the main island television and radio broadcasts.

At the end of the race we surprised the TV cameras and the island community by announcing that all the racers' winnings would be donated back to the island.

This donation would be used to build a skate park and a skateboard library for the underprivileged kids to have access to boards.

Rylan English of Pender Harbour, who took third place, was one of the riders who donated his winnings.

Now that we are done our missionary work in St. Lucia, it's time to focus on the 16th annual Attack of Danger Bay longboard race.

We're giving away \$8,000 in cash podium prizes that I raise through sponsors and the world is coming to try to collect it.

This year we are adding a "business class."

You can look to see the world's best jumping into this class to win an extra \$500, a suitcase full of Coast Longboarding medals and a brand new tuxedo.

Business class racers will be racing in full business suits with ties and a briefcase.

While some racers will be racing for the golden briefcase, others will be



Brian Lee

Still a youngster, that's Attack of Danger Bay organizer Bricin Lyons announcing the event way back in 2007 (as Brandon Ewen looks on).

working the crowd on Carnage Corner trying to make business deals to make it a really fun atmosphere.

So, bring your cash to the race this year, because you never know what the racers will bring to try and sell you on Carnage Corner.

On Sunday, May 21, shuttles start at the Oak Tree Market at 8 a.m. and run all day to the race site.

Please remember to tip the driver to help us pay for the public transportation.

Thanks to the local businesses and organizations that support us and all of the residents on the race strip!

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Moving ahead this spring



*Frank Mauro,
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LIBRARY SERVICE ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS

We in Area A have been providing funding assistance to the Sechelt Library and the Pender Harbour Reading Centre through grants-in-aid for many years.

Currently the annual amounts are \$28,202 to the Sechelt Library and \$1,200 to the Pender Harbour Reading Centre.

The SCRD is in the middle of a five-year contract with the Sechelt Library until 2018 to provide funding with a small increase each year.

It is expected that the contract

will be renegotiated for a further five years.

Grants-in-aid are not intended to provide long-term funding for services such as libraries.

To rectify this administrative issue an alternative approval process is being held to create the appropriate service to allow the funding to continue.

An AAP is where if 10 per cent of the service area residents oppose creating the service, it will not be created.

More information is available in newspapers and on the SCRD website.

I am recommending that residents do not oppose creating this service in order to allow us to fix this

administrative issue.

NEW SHISHÁLH COUNCIL

I recently had the opportunity to attend the swearing-in of the new Shishálh council members — Chief Warren Paull and councillors Alvina Paul, Corey August, Selina August, and Keith Julius.

In discussions with the new chief and council, it is apparent that they bring a progressive, positive attitude to governance and to working together on all common interests.

Councillor Keith Julius has been appointed as the SCRD director.

He held the same appointment for a time and I worked with him a few years back.

I look forward to continuing to

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build a strong working relationship with him and the new council.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

Many community members attended the first community dialogue event at the Madeira Park Community Hall last year.

It provided the opportunity for everyone to learn about and discuss local government issues directly with senior SCRD managers, staff and me.

This year the event will be an opportunity for an update on emerging issues, some new staff and some departmental reorganization at the SCRD.

It will again be held at the Community Hall on Monday May 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

If you can't make it, similar events will be held in other areas of the Coast in the couple of weeks following that date.

WATER CONSUMPTION LETTERS

There have been questions regarding the letter sent out to all residents in Pender Harbour indicating water consumption at their residence.

The letter from SCRD states average daily water usage for one person in is 494 litres.

It then gives you your average daily household use.

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household and your daily usage is more than two times 494 (988 litres) you are using more than the BC average.

In addition to that letter, in January 2017, 145 notices were sent to Pender Harbour properties saying that the meter readings indicated a possible leak somewhere on their property.

The most significant indicated leaks were followed up with a phone call or in person.

Since these notices were sent out, 101 additional leaks have been identified.

In total, private property leaks have been detected on 17.5 per cent of the 1,404 accounts in the Pender Harbour area.

More new leaks are expected to be identified as seasonal property owners activate their water and irrigation systems for the summer.

By calculating the difference between water consumption at a property during a leak and consumption after a leak is fixed, water savings have been estimated.

In North Pender, with 14 leaks repaired, the savings is 137 cubic metres per day which represents a reduction of 21 per cent.

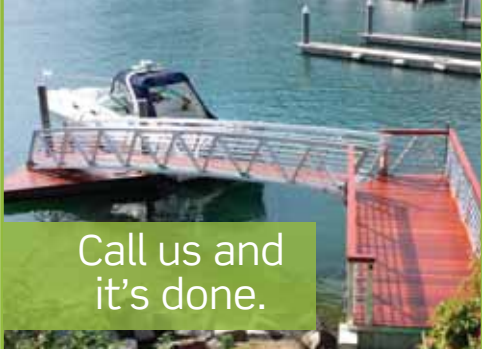
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Pender Harbour fire protection turns 50

Brian Lee

Those who can still recall how and why the Pender Harbour volunteer fire department came to be probably wouldn't fill the seats in one of the department's modern fire trucks.

Most are long gone and the rest of us rarely take the time to consider such things; every town has a fire department, so it must have always been here.

But it wasn't.

What we now call the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District was formed 50 years ago this month.

Before that, members of the Pender Harbour volunteer fire brigade canvassed door-to-door for donations to purchase equipment.

Jim Cameron has been a member of the fire department since 1988 and has become one of the department's unofficial historians.

"The first organization for fire-fighting started in 1959 or so after a couple of fires.

"They got some equipment from the Coast Columbia mission, like a portable pump to go on whatever boat was handy."

"I think it was Dr. Paetkau who went around collecting door to door for the fire brigade.

"Most donations were \$2 or \$5, and the odd one of \$10 — that's how they funded themselves."

Dr. Eric Paetkau confirms this story in his book, *The Doc's Side*



PHVFD

By canvassing residents for donations, the Pender Harbour Fire Brigade was able to purchase this 1941 Ford fire truck from the Sechelt Fire Department on Dec. 18, 1963. It responded to its first call the next morning, on Dec. 19 at 4:45 a.m. It is the fire truck depicted on the exterior wall of the fire hall.

(Harbour Publishing, 2011).

But Paetkau adds that many who donated thought he was collecting on their medical bills so, after donating, they "thought they were square."

This model was able to start up the fledgling department but Cameron said the volunteers soon realized they didn't want to spend their time raising money.

The fire brigade needed to evolve and the only way to accomplish that was through a taxing formula.

On May 14, 1967, G. Fincham, president of the Pender Harbour volunteer fire brigade, chaired a meeting in which the PHVFB voted to turn over its assets — a few pumps, hoses, a 1941 Ford fire truck and a fire boat named the *Texada Queen* — to the Pender Harbour fire protection district.

On May 28, 1967, four trustees of the new Pender Harbour Fire Protection District, W. Gardiner, E. Lee, T. Payne and M. Rae, appointed

brigade chief Harold Clay as PHVFD chief.

A fire protection district, or improvement district, is a form of municipal government that exists with a single function.

It works in basically the same way a municipal government does by receiving a portion of property taxes which is then administered by a board of five trustees on three-year terms.

Other local examples of this type of governance include the Sunshine Coast Regional Hospital District and the former South Pender Harbour Waterworks District (now folded into the SCRD).



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Barrie Wilbee joined the department in 1973 and was a firefighter for many years before stepping into his current role as chair of the Pender Harbour fire protection district.

“Sechelt has the same structure and we’re one of only two (fire protection) improvement districts on the Coast,” said Wilbee.

“The rest are municipal fire departments under the regional district, including Egmont, although we have a really strong working relationship with Egmont.”

Wilbee doesn’t see a benefit to joining the SCR D.

“I can tell you there’s no appetite for the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District, or the Sechelt Fire Protection District, to become a part of a municipal fire department,” he said.

“It’s too expensive — everything the regional district runs comes with high administration costs.”

“I think that’s why Sechelt and Pender Harbour (departments) have come closer and it has been getting better and better over time.”

The current board of trustees for the PHFPD are Wilbee (chair), Bob Fielding, Diana Rae, Gerry Krantz and Kevin MacDonald.

As senior staff member, PHVFD fire chief Don Murray also attends meetings.

Though the PHVFD is a volunteer department, there are five paid, part-time administrative positions that take care of details that need to be managed at a high level.

One of the senior members is tasked with maintaining the self-contained breathing apparatus.

Another ensures the turnout gear, radios and vehicles are ready at all times should they be needed.

The fire protection district also



PHVFD

Madeira Park fire hall (now the Bargain Barn) in the late 1960s or early 1970s. The chimney-like structure attached to the building may have been a hose-drying tower.

enforces fire safety rules.

“Burning regulations are basically provincial — what you can burn, the different classes of fires and stuff like that,” said Cameron.

“We issue the permits but we don’t want to be the smoke police.

“If someone is out there burning plastic or something like that, they’re breaking the provincial laws.”

The PHFPD enforces campfire bans and permitting for machine-piled fires but it is also the main reason strict burning bans seen on the rest of the Sunshine Coast haven’t reached here.

“If we don’t allow some open

burning, then there’s no way to get rid of the stuff and we’re still developing land here, said Wilbee.

“I understand the issues of the clean air society people but we’re not Roberts Creek.”

“Burning is a privilege, not a right, so we try to manage it so it can stay a privilege.”

The governance model of the PHFPD has stayed relatively the same over the last 50 years but it is likely the only thing that has.

In 1967, the geographical area of the PHFPD was limited to most of the shoreline of Pender Harbour.

For those who find themselves outside of the fire protection district, it may be prohibitively expensive, or even impossible, to receive fire insurance for their home.

In turn, this might affect a landowner’s ability to receive a mortgage.



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As development occurred, there have been multiple expansions to the district's territory as new neighbourhoods were included.

The current geographical area of the district stretches north to the P. H. Secondary School and south to Wood Bay.

Gap areas exist where there is no coverage, such as the sparsely populated area between Sakinaw Lake Road and the high school.

"The biggest issue is that it's forested Crown land and not occupied by residences for the most part," said fire chief Don Murray.

"We're not equipped to handle that and forest fires on Crown land are the provincial government's responsibility."

Murray said the chief can use his discretion to attend calls outside of the fire protection district, especially when there is a threat to human life or a fire spreading across the border.

"We have a bylaw that allows me to make the decision to go outside the district but, normally, if we can be of any assistance, we go," said Murray.

"We have to decide on the sever-



PHVFD

Madeira Park fire hall members in 1985. Top row(l-r): Eddie McAllister, Larry Curtiss, John Hedderson. Third row(l-r): Ron Cole, John Struthers, Roland Lussier, Randy Tancock, Rick King. Second row (l-r): Ray Langsford, Jack Dummer, Bill Hunsche, John Doll, John Ware. Front row (l-r): Stirling Fowler, Willie Mattis, Frank Gough. Missing: Pete Andrew, Steve Boyd, Bernie Johnson, Charlie Lee, John McDonald, Ian Mackay, Darren Reid, Monty Rolston, Dave Stacey, Dennis Stephens.

ity of the fire or whether or not there's danger to life and limb.

"But, if it's a car fire on the side of the road, we probably aren't going to go."

Murray adds that taking equipment outside of the district also endangers those who are paying for it.

An exception to this mandate is an automatic mutual aid agreement established with the Egmont Fire Department.

That means when the EFD gets a page, the PHVFD does as well and will help if required.

Though the formula is complicated, other factors affect the cost of fire insurance, including the proximity of a home to a fire hydrant or to a fire hall itself.

The Pender Harbour volunteer

fire department's first hall was in the building now known as the Bargain Barn in Madeira Park.

"Most of the insurance companies, in order to be considered protected, you have to be within eight kilometres of a responding fire hall," said Murray.

In order to provide a faster response and to further reduce insurance rates for Garden Bay residents, a second hall was established in March of 1971 at a former boat building



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shop on what is now a treed lot at the entrance to the Garden Bay Pub.

Murray adds, "If there was a bridge across the narrows, we wouldn't have needed it."

Since its opening, the PHVFD has fought the notion that there are two fire departments.

Murray will emphatically remind anyone foolish enough to make that mistake in his presence that "there is one fire department and two halls."

In April 1975, the current Garden Bay fire hall opened at 13303 Deller Road.

The next year, the current Madeira Park fire hall opened at the corner of Lagoon and Gonsalves Roads.

Since then, the Madeira Park hall has become the administrative hub for the PHFPD as well as the base for BC Ambulance Station 265.

All the while, both halls have been staffed by volunteers.

The PHVFD started strong with plenty of members in 1967 but by 1974, just after Wilbee joined, the department had dropped to a low of six members.

In the intervening years, low numbers have not been a problem but Murray said maintaining the membership is still a concern.

Part of the reason for that turnaround was an easing on requirements to join.

If this community once boasted a wealth of anything, it was fishermen.

But they weren't able to join because of a short-sighted rule that members be required to attend 60 per cent of practices.

Fishermen, loggers and other occupations that took potential recruits out of the community were barred.

"In those days they rigidly enforced it so if you were a fisherman or



Brian Lee

The days of the 1941 Ford are long gone. The fire trucks in the PHVFD are equipped with everything you would find in a professional department. In order to meet firefighting equipment standards, the PHVFD turns over a truck every 10 years. The current age of pumper trucks are: 1994, 1999, 2006 and 2013. And, because of Pender Harbour's notoriously steep driveways and backroads, there are also two four-wheel drive trucks for inaccessible properties, each with water and pumps.

you were logging away somewhere, you couldn't do it," said Murray.

"Now we say, 'Fine. If you're away for work, it doesn't count towards the 60 per cent.'"

These days, there are 25 to 30 trained volunteer firefighters at the Madeira Park Hall and 15 or 16 at the Garden Bay Hall.

And as the numbers of volunteers grew, so too did their duties and responsibilities.

The modern department doesn't just spray water on fires.

Over the last few decades, fire departments have become first responders who attend motor vehicle and workplace accidents or home medical emergencies.



For that reason, the PHVFD is actively working to dispel the notion that firefighters must be burly men.

Because of their formalized designation as first responders, rescue and medical skills are becoming as important as fire scenario skills.

"There's a possibility now to bring in people, particularly nurses and those types of skills, who can become part of the fire department working on those calls," said Wilbee.

"A lot of young people have had the opportunity to experience emergency services and to work beside other providers."

Wilbee said at least 10 former members have gone to full-time careers in fire, police or ambulance.

The department is now looking into working with the school district to build curriculum around first responder training for students interested in a career in the field.

"It's quite interesting when some of the young people come in here,"

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said Cameron.

“They’re suddenly around a bunch of adults and it’s kind of a setting they’ve never been in before.

“Some of the guys in here, well, it’s like going back to Grade 4 sometimes — there’s spitballs flying and they’re sitting there wondering, ‘These are adults, what are they doing?’”

For members, past and present, the social aspect of belonging to the fire department often takes prominence in their memories.

As a needed distraction from saving lives and property, the Pender Harbour fire department has a long history of organizing what were often raucous fishing derbies and picnics.

Wilbee said that aspect is still an important part of maintaining morale but alcohol doesn’t play the lead role it once did.

“There’s four or five reasons why people become volunteer firefighters and it can be a combination of them,” said Wilbee.

“Some like the rush while others like to learn things.

“Some just want to be good citi-



Brian Lee

PHVFD members battling a Sept. 30, 2013 blaze that destroyed the Pender Harbour Hotel.

zens, to give back to the community.

“Then there’s people who join for social reasons and the comradery.”

The fire department is responsible for countless friendships and introductions of new residents into the community.

For families of members, the week revolves around Wednesday night fire practice.

But, until recently, fire practice was always held on Tuesday night.

“There’s been a few people over the years who came in here thinking this was the Tuesday night beer drinking club,” said Cameron.

“They quickly find out we take this seriously.”

During the winter, the training officers try to get the academic and classroom learning out of the way to take advantage of the longer days and better weather during the spring, summer and fall when they will focus on outdoor training scenarios.

That may mean auto extrication practice, utilizing pumps and spraying water or it might be ropes and knots.

Or it might be a joint practice with Egmont at the Pender Harbour Secondary School, running through

fire scenarios.

Since its very early days, the PHVFD’s members have shouldered the responsibility for the annual Halloween fireworks display.

Members raise a stack of money each year to purchase the fireworks before setting them off in Pender Harbour Halloween night.

So, it’s well deserved when, once a month, the members stay in the hall on practice night to have dinner together and catch up.

And despite what you hear on the news about urban departments, the PHVFD encourages women to join.

In the 1980s, former PHSS teacher Jane McQuat was the first woman to join the PHVFD and though the number has fluctuated over the years, the department now has four female members — Diana Degraff, Christie Bliss, Katie Edwardson and Maribeth Haines.

Out of the 20-member Egmont Fire Department, four are women.

But some of the most important changes that take place in the organization aren’t visible to the public.

Wilbee said a key change came in 2004 after a fire in Clearwater in

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which a volunteer firefighter was lost in a burning building and died.

The Clearwater fire department couldn't account for his training and Wilbee recalls thinking how that incident was going to change everything.

Since then, the PHVFD has made a commitment to setting guidelines for maintaining detailed reports.

The incident commander submits a report after every call detailing who drove the truck, what each person did and who was on the attack lines.

Similar reports are kept for personnel training and putting together training guidelines in order to provide a systematic process for almost every action undertaken in the department.

Part of that process has been to maintain planning information on every commercial building in the district with maps and detailed layouts of the buildings and their systems so the department is prepared when they go in.

As the expectations on the volunteers have increased Cameron, Wilbee and Murray agree that the main focus for the department is personal safety, whether physical or emotional.

"It is an aspect of being in a small community that you may end up doing CPR on people you know — I've done CPR on people that I have known quite well," said Cameron.

For these types of incidents, the department offers critical incident stress debriefing.

"It's kind of a philosophy here that we're going to ask people to go



PHVFD

Garden Bay fire hall members in the early 1990s during their annual Santa run. Top (l-r): Jane McQuat, Santa Claus, Dave Gibson. Bottom (l-r): Don Murray, unknown, Gerry Chappell, Rex Baum, Brian Wright, Ken O'Coffey, Roy Chatham.

into unpleasant situations, so we try to give them the best gear and resources to deal with them."

And one of the most important resources in the department is still the wealth of knowledge and experience spread throughout the two halls.

Larry Curtiss has been with the department for 45 years, Monty Rolston has notched 43 and a number of others boast 25 years or more.

"I think it's interesting how the fire department has changed," said Wilbee.

"Change is sometimes best viewed 50 years down the road.

"When I first joined, we used to go down and practice with Sechelt periodically.

"I remember driving back home one night with a bunch of the guys and I said, 'We'll be fine once we get some people with 15 or 20 years experience.

"That's what we have now."

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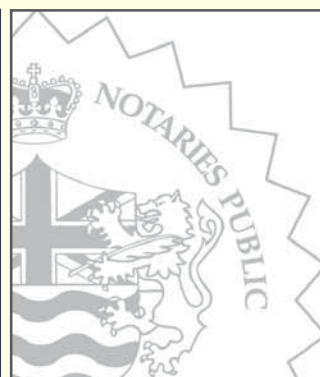
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ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR EGMONT/PENDER HARBOUR LIBRARY FUNDING SERVICE

An Alternative Approval Process for Egmont / Pender Harbour Library Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1086, 2017 is underway.

Electoral Area A – Egmont/Pender Harbour has been providing funding assistance to the Sechelt Library and the Pender Harbour Reading Centre through grants-in-aid. Grants-in-aid are not intended to provide long-term funding, so Bylaw No. 1086 proposes to establish a library funding service within Area A (excluding Sechelt Indian Government District lands). The maximum amount that may be raised under this proposed bylaw is \$0.04/\$1000 applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area. The current impact of this amount on residential taxation would be \$3.79 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The proposed library service would be provided through a "contract for service" with the Sechelt Public Library and the Pender Harbour Reading Centre.

Eligible electors who are opposed to the adoption of the bylaw may complete an Elector Response Form. Forms (and information packages) are available during normal office hours at the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) office (1975 Field Road, Sechelt), the Pender Harbour Satellite/Water Office (12828 Lagoon Road, Madeira Park), or on the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca.

Forms may be submitted in person or by mail to the Corporate Officer at the SCRD (1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A1). Forms must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 and MAY NOT be returned by fax or email.

For more information, contact Angie Legault, Corporate Officer at 604-885-6825 or Sherry Reid, Deputy Corporate Officer at 604-885-6813.

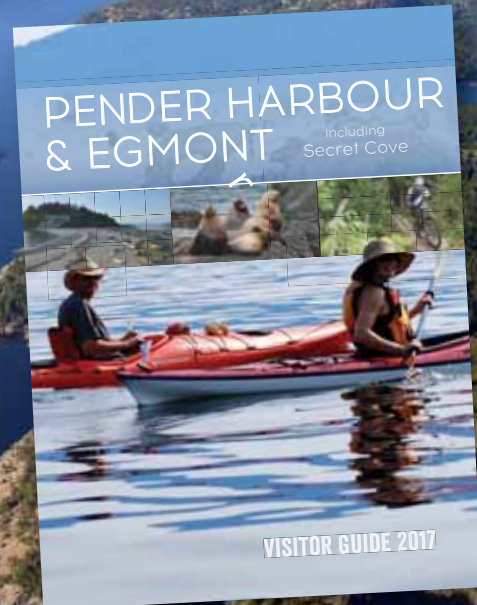
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Conserving and enhancing habitat in the Clowhom watershed

submitted

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society presents Michelle Evelyn on Tuesday May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Secondary School.

Evelyn will describe work by the Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project in the fascinating Clowhom watershed.

The Clowhom watershed sits at the head of Salmon Inlet, 32 kilometres northwest of Sechelt.

It is home to a wide variety of species at risk including the red-legged frog, western toad, coastal tailed frog, western screech owl, little brown bat and Pacific water shrew.

Evelyn will detail the field team's surveys to identify key sites used by species at risk along with the team's efforts to improve habitat for wildlife in the valley by restoring wetlands and installing nesting and roosting structures.

She will discuss nesting screech owls, breeding toads, cutting-edge environmental DNA and bat acoustic surveys and more.

The Species At Risk Act was proclaimed in June 2003 and is one part of a three-part Government of Canada



Western screech owl nesting in the Clowhom watershed

submitted

strategy for the protection of wildlife species at risk.

This strategy also includes commitments under the accord for the protection of species at risk and activities under the habitat stewardship program for species at risk.

This presentation is free and open to everyone.

Home-baked goodies will be served.

For information please contact info@penderharbourwildlife.com.



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• Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 61	883-2572
• Community Policing	883-2026
• Egmont Community Club	883-1379
• Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department	883-2555
• FLAIR in Pender (3rd Sat 10-12)	883-0660
• GRIPS (Recycling Society)	883-1165
• Garden Bay Sailing Club	883-2689
• Guides, Brownies, etc.	883-2819
• Harbour Artists	883-2807
• Harbourside Friendships (Thur. 10:30 -1 p.m.)	883-9900
• Health Centre Society	883-2764
• Health Centre Auxiliary	741-2646
• InStitches (Last Thursday, 11 a.m., PHHC)	883-0748
• Lions Club, Egmont	883-9463
• Lions Club, Pender Harbour (1st & 3rd Tues.)	883-1361
• Men's Cancer Support Group	883-2393
• P. H. Aquatic Centre Society	885-6866
• P. H. Blues Society	741-1186
• P. H. Choir (7 p.m., Tuesday)	883-0681
• P. H. Community Club	989-0720
• P. H. Community School Society	883-2826
• P. H. Garden Club	883-9798
• P. H. Golf Club	883-9541
• P. H. Hiking Club (8:30 am, Mon. & Wed.)	883-2930
• P. H. Living Heritage Society	883-0744
• P. H. Music Society (bookings)	883-9749
• P. H. Paddling Society (dragon boating)	399-9596
• P. H. Piecemakers (quilters)	883-2573
• P. H. Pipe Band	883-0053
• P. H. Power & Sail Squadron	883-2086
• P. H. Ramblers (walkers, every Tues. a.m.)	883-1191
• P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept (Wed. evening)	883-9270
• P. H. Reading Room (library)	883-2983
• Rotary Club (noon Fri. RC Legion No.112)	883-2544
• Royal Canadian Legion No. 112	883-2235
• Ruby Lake Lagoon Society	883-9201
• Skookumchuck Heritage Society	883-9994
• S. C. Health Care Auxiliary (2nd Wed., 1:30 p.m.)	741-8413
• Seniors' Housing Society	883-2819
• Serendipity Child Care Centre	883-2316
• Sunshine Coast Better At Home	989-6171
• Sunshine Coast SHROOM	883-3678
• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)	740-1509
• Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS)	883-9853
• Women's Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.)	883-3663
• Women's Outreach Services	741-5246

harbour seals



Note your (dis)approvals.

Send to: editor@harbourspiel.com.

Include full name and telephone number for confirmation. (Editor will edit for length.)

An Easter basket full of sincere thanks and gratitude to **Cindy and all of the P. H. Lions Club volunteers** for their hard work & dedication. Your fun-filled Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast makes Easter an extra special occasion every year.

Lyn & Bill Charlton

organizations

P. H. GARDEN CLUB

On May 8 at 1 p.m. in the Pender Harbour School of Music, Fred Wein of Clearview Horticultural Products will delight the Pender Harbour Garden Club with a talk about clematis. Wein's presentation will include how to grow it and what types are available. He will also bring a few samples. Clearview is a family-run business founded in 1970. By using the latest technologies they have become North America's leader in clematis propagation.

PENDER HARBOUR CHOIR

This spring, the Pender Harbour Choir celebrates the 150th birthday of our country with their concert "Shades of summer light: A Canadian tribute." Conducted by Kenneth Norman Johnson and accompanied by David Poon, the program will feature a variety of Canadian music at the P. H. School of Music on Sunday, May 28 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at Earth Fair in Madeira Park, Sechelt Visitor Centre and from choir members.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC COFFEEHOUSE

On Friday, May 12 at the Pender Harbour School of Music. This month features Robin Atchison and Giles Nelson (original vocals with guitar and harmonica), Reflections (ladies' vocal ensemble) and Paula Seward (vocals with piano). The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

MAY DAY QUIZ NIGHT

Support Pender Harbour's May Day with Quiz Night at the Legion. Harbour Publishing hosts Quiz Night on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds from the evening will go to Pender Harbour's 2017 May Day. There will also be a 50/50 draw, a silent auction and some prizes awarded throughout the evening. For those planning to dine at the Legion beforehand, please arrive before 6:30 p.m.



Two convenient office locations
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Your generosity to the community is above and beyond.

**Thanks to the Community businesses that help sponsor
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- Walk the Line
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- Mountainview Service



**The Pender Harbour Lions Club would like to thank our
sponsors and everyone who came out and enjoyed the
Easter Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt.**

We love serving our community
and hope to do so for many years to come.

Thank You

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14: Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast ~ P. H. Lions Hall

May 20: May Day Pancake Breakfast ~ P. H. Community Hall, 8 to 11am

**Come out and have breakfast, enjoy time in the park,
go for a hike or come to a meeting and see what we are all about.**



SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES MAY

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

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

1. 8:11am +M, **3:19pm -XL**
2. 9:23am +S, 4:22pm -L
3. 11:00am +S, 5:27pm -L
4. 12:32pm +S, 6:36pm -L
5. 1:51am +M, 7:50pm -M
6. 9:07am -L, 2:53pm +M
7. 9:51am -L, **3:46pm +XL**
8. 10:27pm -L, 4:34pm +L
9. 10:56am -L, **5:18pm +XL**
10. 11:17am -L, **6:00pm +XL**
11. 11:30am -L, **6:40pm +XL**
12. **11:52am -XL, 7:18pm +XL**
13. **12:15pm -XL, 7:56pm +XL**
14. 6:27am +M, **12:39pm -XL**
15. 7:07am +M, 1:16pm -L
16. 7:53am +S, 2:07pm -L
17. 8:53am +S, 3:08pm -L
18. 10:21am +S, 4:04pm -L
19. 12:01pm +S, 5:22pm -L
20. 1:10pm +M, 6:31pm -L
21. 8:11am -L, 2:06pm +L
22. 8:53am -L, 3:07pm +L
23. **9:33am -XL, 4:02pm +XL**
24. **10:11am -XL, 4:56pm +XL**
25. **10:43am -XL, 5:49pm +XL**
26. **11:32am -XL, 6:40pm +XL**
27. **12:23pm -XL, 7:31pm +XL**
28. **1:17pm -XL, 8:20pm +XL**
29. 7:04am +M, **2:15pm -XL**
30. 8:04am +M, **3:15pm -XL**
31. 9:21am +S, 4:00pm -L

These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.



BC PROVINCIAL ELECTION TIMELINE

1871

First general election in province of British Columbia for Legislative Assembly.

1874

Chinese and native Indians are disenfranchised (prohibited from voting).

1878

School teachers prohibited from voting or campaigning.

1883

Prohibition against school teachers lifted.

1907

Hindus disenfranchised.

1917

Voting rights extended to women.

1931

Doukhobors disenfranchised.

1947

Prohibition against Chinese and Hindus removed.

1974

Candidates for public office required to file a written disclosure of financial and business interests

1977

Liquor sales allowed on election day.

1985

Persons detained in a provincial mental health facility by court authority are disqualified from voting.

~ Elections BC

MAY WEATHER

TEMPERATURE

Our average daily high temperature in May is 15.6 C and our average daily low is 9.3 C, giving us a daily mean temperature of 12.5 C for the month. Our record high temperature in May is 28.4 C (May 29, 1983) and our record low is 3.3 C (May 1, 1970).

PRECIPITATION

May has an average of 12 days with rainfall and an average total for the month of 54.9 mm. Our record daily rainfall in May is 28.7 mm (May 2, 1963) and our record daily snowfall in May is 1 cm (May 10, 1985).

MAY ASTROLOGY



TAURUS: APRIL 19 - MAY 20

Taureans are seekers of peace and stability. Although unambitious, they are happy to be the powerhouse behind the scenes. Usually sensible and blessed with a healthy dose of cynicism, Taureans return to a comfortable consistency of close-minded temerity this month. Your boldness will serve you to reject current and recent trends in fashion. Don't listen to those of lesser signs.

GEMINI: MAY 21 – JUNE 21



Geminis are butterflies by nature, flitting from one attraction to the next. They're easily bored but have lively, stimulating minds and can be witty and charming. Geminis rejoice that their shared astrology sign with U.S. President Trump (b. June 14) makes them spiritual allies. Since his election, many have experienced a positive and hopeful outlook for the first time in decades. Non-whites of the sign, less so. Geminis should refrain from having sex indoors on the new moon (May 25) — unless they want to get pregnant.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week of April 9, 2017

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. Embers by Richard Wagamese | 6. Stepping Stones by Margriet Ruurs, illus. by Nizar Ali Badr |
| 2. The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben | 7. On Island by Pat Carney |
| 3. Hello Humpback! by Roy Henry Vickers & Robert Budd | 8. More Than Balloons by Lorna Crozier, illustrated by Rachele Anne Miller |
| 4. The Queen of the North Disaster by Colin Henthorne | 9. Birds of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest by Richard Cannings, Tom Aversa & Hal Opperman |
| 5. British Columbia Lullaby by P.L. McCarron & Joy Steuerwald | 10. Red Robinson by Robin Brunet |

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 1 ~ **Allison Scoular** and **Kim Struthers**.
 May 3 ~ **Tyra Phillips**.
 May 4 ~ **Andrew Sutherland**.
 May 5 ~ **Barb Ellison, Rob Ellison, Baylee Higgins** and **Robyn Leech**.
 May 6 ~ **Lori Fielding**.
 May 7 ~ **Stephanie Warner, Tricia Fisher** and **Kristen White**.
 May 8 ~ **Linda Reid, Francis Belisle, Ryan Schroeder** and **Vicki Honeybourne**.
 May 9 ~ **Steve Devaney, Bruce Silvey, Rick Dougan, Leanna Mackie, Karen McKeeman, Vanessa Stephens, Debbie Hayen** and **Jim Greenlaw**.
 May 11 ~ **Deena Lowings, Shelley Wharton** and **Candace Sharp**.
 May 12 ~ **TJ Campbell** and **Rob McMann**.
 May 13 ~ **Joe McCann, Mel Likes** and **Reynald Bernier**.
 May 14 ~ **Jan Smalley** and **Lhonna Dougan**.
 May 15 ~ **Michael Pazur**.
 May 17 ~ **Linda Curtiss, Jack Dennis, Dan Jinks, Helen Krantz, Roland Schmidt** and **Amy Tiefenbach**.
 May 18 ~ **Devina Morton, Ron Collett, Wendy Haddock** and **Sharon Halford**.
 May 19 ~ **Earl Stewart**.
 May 20 ~ **Rylan English, twins Carrie & Stirling Fowler, Yasmeena Kennedy** and **Brenna Young**.
 May 21 ~ **Shannon Fowler**.
 May 23 ~ **Mary Milner** and **Tom Patterson**.
 May 24 ~ **Vicki Kobus, Dick Milner, Treenah Dougan** and **Margo Hunsche**.
 May 25 ~ **Christina Stoutenburg**.
 May 27 ~ **Cindy Schroeder**.
 May 28 ~ **Mikey Thompson, Lyn Vaughan, Kevin Graham, Wayne Archbold** and **Myrtle Winchester**.
 May 29 ~ **Cliff Silvey, Tyler Forsyth** and **Amber LaFrance**.
 May 30 ~ **Marten Mees, Kathy Mills** and **Mike Phillips**.

pender harbour tides ~ may 2017

May	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
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Tue 02	15.1	14.2	12.9	11.7	10.9	10.7	11.0	11.6	12.3	12.7	12.5	11.6	10.0	8.2	6.4	5.0	4.3	4.3	5.3	7.1	9.3	11.6	13.6	14.9
Wed 03	15.3	15.0	14.1	12.9	11.6	10.7	10.2	10.4	10.9	11.5	11.9	12.0	11.4	10.2	8.7	7.2	6.0	5.3	5.4	6.2	7.8	9.8	11.9	13.7
Thu 04	14.9	15.3	14.9	13.9	12.6	11.2	10.1	9.5	9.4	9.9	10.6	11.3	11.6	11.4	10.6	9.4	8.1	7.0	6.4	6.3	7.1	8.5	10.4	12.3
Fri 05	13.9	14.9	15.2	14.7	13.5	12.0	10.4	9.1	8.4	8.4	9.0	9.9	10.9	11.6	11.7	11.3	10.3	9.1	7.9	7.2	7.1	7.8	9.2	11.0
Sat 06	12.7	14.2	15.0	15.0	14.2	12.7	10.9	9.2	7.9	7.3	7.5	8.3	9.6	10.9	11.9	12.2	11.9	11.1	9.8	8.7	7.9	7.8	8.5	9.9
Sun 07	11.6	13.2	14.4	14.9	14.5	13.3	11.6	9.6	7.8	6.6	6.3	6.8	8.0	9.6	11.2	12.4	12.9	12.6	11.7	10.4	9.2	8.5	8.4	9.2
Mon 08	10.6	12.2	13.6	14.5	14.6	13.8	12.2	10.1	8.0	6.4	5.5	5.6	6.5	8.1	10.0	11.8	13.0	13.5	13.1	12.1	10.8	9.6	8.9	9.0
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Wed 10	9.6	10.6	11.9	13.1	13.9	14.0	13.1	11.3	9.1	6.9	5.2	4.2	4.3	5.3	7.2	9.5	11.7	13.4	14.4	14.3	13.6	12.3	11.0	10.1
Thu 11	9.8	10.2	11.2	12.4	13.3	13.7	13.3	11.9	9.9	7.6	5.6	4.2	3.7	4.3	5.8	8.0	10.4	12.6	14.2	14.8	14.5	13.5	12.2	11.0
Fri 12	10.2	10.2	10.7	11.7	12.7	13.3	13.3	12.4	10.7	8.5	6.4	4.6	3.7	3.7	4.7	6.6	8.9	11.4	13.4	14.7	15.0	14.4	13.4	12.1
Sat 13	11.0	10.4	10.5	11.1	12.0	12.7	13.0	12.6	11.3	9.5	7.3	5.4	4.0	3.5	4.0	5.4	7.5	9.9	12.3	14.1	15.0	15.0	14.3	13.1
Sun 14	11.9	11.0	10.6	10.8	11.4	12.1	12.6	12.6	11.8	10.3	8.4	6.5	4.8	3.9	3.7	4.6	6.3	8.5	10.9	13.0	14.5	15.1	14.8	14.0
Mon 15	12.9	11.8	10.9	10.7	10.9	11.5	12.1	12.3	12.0	11.0	9.4	7.6	5.9	4.7	4.0	4.2	5.3	7.1	9.4	11.6	13.5	14.7	15.0	14.6
Tue 16	13.8	12.7	11.6	10.9	10.7	10.9	11.4	11.8	11.9	11.4	10.3	8.8	7.2	5.8	4.8	4.5	4.9	6.2	8.1	10.2	12.2	13.9	14.8	14.9
Wed 17	14.4	13.5	12.4	11.4	10.7	10.5	10.7	11.1	11.4	11.4	10.9	9.9	8.6	7.2	6.0	5.3	5.1	5.7	7.0	8.8	10.9	12.7	14.1	14.8
Thu 18	14.8	14.2	13.2	12.0	10.9	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.1	10.8	9.9	8.7	7.5	6.5	5.8	5.8	6.5	7.8	9.6	11.5	13.2	14.4
Fri 19	14.9	14.7	13.9	12.7	11.4	10.2	9.5	9.3	9.6	10.1	10.6	10.9	10.9	10.3	9.3	8.1	7.1	6.5	6.4	7.1	8.5	10.2	12.0	13.6
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Sun 21	14.0	14.8	14.8	14.0	12.6	10.8	9.0	7.7	7.0	7.2	7.9	9.2	10.5	11.5	11.9	11.7	10.9	9.7	8.6	7.9	7.7	8.4	9.7	11.5
Mon 22	13.2	14.4	15.0	14.6	13.4	11.5	9.3	7.4	6.0	5.6	6.0	7.2	9.0	10.7	12.1	12.8	12.7	11.8	10.6	9.4	8.5	8.4	9.0	10.4
Tue 23	12.1	13.7	14.8	15.0	14.2	12.4	10.1	7.6	5.6	4.3	4.1	5.0	6.8	9.0	11.2	13.0	13.8	13.7	12.8	11.4	10.1	9.2	9.0	9.7
Wed 24	11.1	12.8	14.2	15.0	14.8	13.5	11.2	8.5	5.9	3.8	2.8	3.0	4.3	6.6	9.3	11.9	13.8	14.8	14.6	13.6	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.6
Thu 25	10.4	11.8	13.4	14.6	15.1	14.4	12.6	10.0	7.0	4.3	2.4	1.7	2.2	4.0	6.7	9.7	12.5	14.6	15.5	15.2	14.1	12.6	11.1	10.2
Fri 26	10.2	11.0	12.4	13.8	14.8	14.9	13.8	11.6	8.7	5.7	3.1	1.4	1.0	2.0	4.1	7.1	10.3	13.2	15.3	16.0	15.6	14.5	12.9	11.4
Sat 27	10.6	10.6	11.4	12.7	13.9	14.7	14.5	13.1	10.7	7.7	4.8	2.4	1.1	1.0	2.2	4.6	7.7	11.0	13.8	15.7	16.3	15.8	14.6	13.0
Sun 28	11.6	10.8	10.8	11.6	12.8	13.8	14.3	13.9	12.3	9.9	7.1	4.4	2.3	1.3	1.5	2.9	5.4	8.5	11.7	14.3	16.0	16.4	15.8	14.5
Mon 29	13.0	11.6	10.8	10.9	11.5	12.5	13.4	13.7	13.2	11.6	9.4	6.8	4.5	2.8	2.0	2.4	4.0	6.5	9.4	12.3	14.6	16.1	16.3	15.6
Tue 30	14.3	12.8	11.5	10.7	10.6	11.2	12.0	12.7	13.0	12.5	11.1	9.2	7.0	5.0	3.7	3.2	3.7	5.3	7.6	10.3	12.9	14.9	16.0	16.1

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

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 and wind conditions etc.

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Still waiting for spring...



Jan Watson

All of the snow birds are now returning but are probably wishing they were still down south.

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The greens are improving daily thanks to some over-seeding and some warm sunny days.

MEN'S CLUB

The men are off to a slow start this year as rain has kept them off the course on Tuesdays.

On April 11, they did play but there was no competition due to the temporary greens.

LADIES CLUB

March 23 saw a two-person-alternate shot game.

Winners with 104 were Krys Paranto and Jan Watson.

Runners up with 105 were Kathy Bergman and Helen Krantz.

The nine hole ladies played low gross and the winner was June Maynard 70.

On March 30 it was individual stroke play and low net winners were Mary Carlsen and Sandra Pylypiuk

with a tied score of 73.

In second place was Lorraine Wareham with 74.

Rain and high winds cancelled the game on April 6 but some of the ladies played anyway as the rain did stop and the winds eased off.

April 13 saw a nine-hole scramble. The winning team was Steph Garner, Jackie Grant and June Maynard with 39.

This was followed by the ladies' spring meeting and luncheon.

HALLBY MASTERS SCRAMBLE

On April 9 our pro hosted an 18-hole scramble and played four holes with each group.

The winning team was made up of Brett Hallborg, Steph Garner, Lorna Lycan and John MacDonald

GROUT FAMILY MEMORIAL SCRAMBLE

On April 16, a fun scramble was held in George, Shirley and son Glen's memory.

Three groups were winners with tied scores of 33.

They were Lorne Campbell, Cathy McEachern, Glenn McCuaig and Pat Harrington, Adam Grout, Tony Grout, Brady Fulcher and Mark Letham, plus a team made up of Fred

THE 19th HOLE

Golf is not a game of great shots. It's a game of accurate misses. The people who win make the smallest mistakes.

– Jack Nicklaus

Baldwin, Kirk Mackie, Garry Noble and Kevin Hanson.

KP on No. 3 was Jeff Hallborg and Jan Watson while on No. 6 it was Ron Needham and no lady.

George was one of the pioneers of the golf club and tribute was paid to all his many hours of volunteer work and organization on the course.

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Election May 9: Top candidates for Powell River-Sunshine Coast

CANDIDATES

BIOGRAPHY

What is it specifically about your party that should make it stand out as the preferred option in the eyes of Area A residents?



Incumbent Nicholas Simons lives in Powell River and has been the MLA in this riding for three terms, most recently serving as Opposition spokesperson for coastal economic development, arts and culture and Community Living BC.

Simons served as director of health and social development for the Sechelt Nation from 1997 until his election in 2005. Prior to that, he worked as a child-protection social worker in Sechelt and North Vancouver. He also worked as a government researcher/consultant in areas that include law reform, child welfare, legal education and crime prevention.

“Hard-working people like residents of Area A are paying more for everything from ferry fares to ICBC and hydro rates. Health care and the quality of education are falling behind.

“After 16 years of BC Liberals working for their friends at the top, the BC NDP stands out as the only party to offer this pledge:

“To work hard to make your life more affordable and improve the services you count on while creating good jobs and a sustainable economy.”



Kim Darwin has lived on the Sunshine Coast for 46 years. She grew up in Davis Bay, graduated from Chatelech High School, raised her three children and continues to live in Sechelt with her husband, Darren.

Darwin worked as a legal assistant for 16 years until 2004 when she started her own business as an independent mortgage broker. Darwin recently finished her term as president of the Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce.

In 2014, Darwin was elected as provincial council secretary for the BC Green Party.

“Most of Area A is surrounded by water. The BC Green Party is undeniably the only party who has clear, principled and consistent policies to protect our coastal waters, such as enhancing the carbon tax, establishment of an emissions reduction target and encouraging sustainable employment opportunities.

“These same policies ensure that jobs will continue to stay in the community so that our children and grandchildren can continue to live here.”



Today's BC Liberals

Mathew Wilson was raised in Pender Harbour and now lives with his young family in Roberts Creek. He worked for 15 years with the federal government in Ottawa.

Since returning to the Sunshine Coast, Wilson commuted to Vancouver to work with the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, initially as a federal representative at residential school hearings. He now works with BC First Nations on economic development opportunities in BC's resource sector.

Wilson is the son of former Powell River-Sunshine Coast MLA Gordon Wilson.

“I grew up in Pender Harbour and my father served as Area A Director and MLA. I understand Area A issues from both personal knowledge and watching my dad help build the community.

“Sadly, not much has happened in the past 12 years because of ineffective representation. I will be an effective advocate. Access to rural school funding, available from the Liberal government, will guarantee both Madeira Park Elementary and Pender Harbour High School remain funded and viable is a high priority.”

What do you see as the key issue(s) facing residents of Area A?

"I see the key issues as economic. Most of us are doing OK, but we live in one of the most beautiful and bountiful places on earth, and just OK is not good enough.

"Services have been cut back, but the price of those we still have keep going up. The NDP will eliminate the MSP over our first term, work to sharply reduce childcare costs, give breaks on student loans, roll back ferry fares and raise the minimum wage."

"One is seniors' housing. Nothing is more assured than the fact that we all continue to grow older. As the population ages, it is important to plan ahead and create age-appropriate housing.

"Attracting and maintaining youth in the community by building on the sustainable forestry industry and endeavours like PODS as employment opportunities is also crucial. Public transportation and ferries — the BC Ferry system should be returned to the provincial government to be operated as the marine highway it is."

"The top five issues on Area A doorsteps are lack of employment opportunities, the highway condition, ferry service, docks and cellular and internet connectivity. I'm ready to tackle all five.

"A new central highway connection using local day labour contractors will be a start on the first issue and is long overdue. I support the return to hourly ferry sailings and the recently announced fare reduction measures. Docks (see next question). I will get Area A into the Connecting BC program, along with new cell towers."

May 2017

The 14 year moratorium on private docks in Pender Harbour and the recent Province/SIB dock management plan has stirred resentment in the community. What can be done to resolve this conflict?

"The current government thought in 2015 they could just spring a dock plan on the community with virtually no consultation. Local reaction was justifiably one of shock and outrage.

"It's common sense that all parties must be involved in the planning in order to ensure long-term environmental protection and to meet the interests and rights of Area A residents and First Nations.

"Many licences still have another year to run, and in that time we can make a better plan."

"The foundation for any successful relationship begins with respectful dialogue.

"It is clear that the provincial government did a poor job with initial consultation and presentation of the dock management plan which resulted in community division. We need to re-engage in open, face to face conversation with each other to discuss and solve these issues.

"A community consultation process should be initiated by the Sechelt Indian Band and local community leadership."

"As your MLA, I can bring a fresh approach to the DMP. I have already established communication with the new Shishàlh leadership, have successfully worked with First Nations for years and commit to work with Shishàlh and the provincial government to get independent scientific research on the impacts, both negative and positive, that docks have on fish habitat. I will also work with Shishàlh to properly identify cultural and archaeological sites. This data will provide for a more rational and transparent dock development strategy."

A lack of affordable housing is a growing problem on the Sunshine Coast. As MLA, how would you see your role in addressing this issue?

"Money from real estate transfers have enriched BC's treasury and it's time to plough some of that back to regular British Columbians.

"An NDP government would provide a \$400 per year rebate to renters. Also, over the next three years, we will devote \$665 million to affordable housing programs, including the building of 114,000 rental and co-op homes.

"I will fight for a fair portion of those housing projects to flow to Area A and the Sunshine Coast."

"Addressing the high cost of real estate is fundamental to ensuring the availability of all forms of shelter.

"To determine the effects of non-resident real estate speculation playing on our real estate prices, I wrote a policy for the BC Chamber of Commerce calling on the province to study, track and analyze real estate purchase data to give us concrete information to move forward with implementing appropriate mitigation measures to ensure and increase housing affordability in our community."

"I will work with local government to make sure that appropriately zoned land is available for housing developments that qualify for provincial funding, and make sure we receive investments in seniors' housing.

"Unfortunately, without an effective voice in Victoria, we have fallen behind the rest of BC at the same time that the federal and provincial governments are investing in good projects. I will work with local seniors' organizations to ensure we receive our share by facilitating and advocating good local projects."



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Some easy tips for healthy eating

Alicia deLeo, RN

Its official — Canada is facing an obesity epidemic.

In March 2016 the Senate committee on social affairs, science, and technology released a comprehensive report on the growing obesity problem in Canada.

Almost two-thirds of adults and one-third of Canadian children are overweight or obese.

This shocking rate of obesity causes 48,000 to 66,000 deaths annually, and costs the country billions of dollars.

While obesity is a complex problem, a large portion of the Senate report focuses on how our diets are affecting our weight.

A key finding is a rise in the availability and consumption of highly processed (“ready to eat”) foods.

These foods are often high in sugar and salt to make them taste better, but low in fibre and nutrients.

When we are more likely to eat highly processed, prepackaged food, we are less likely to meet the recommended daily intake of fruits and vegetables.

For generations, Canadians have used Canada’s food guide to help them understand the components of a healthy diet.

You may have seen news reports that the food guide is being revised again, and these revisions will take into account the recommendations of the Senate report on obesity — we need to eat more whole foods.

For example, choose an apple (whole food) over apple juice (refined food), or whole grain brown rice with freshly prepared vegetables (whole food) over prepared stir-fry (refined food).

Whether you are a pen and paper type and prefer a printed copy of the food guide or choose to download the app to your phone, the eat well plate feature makes it easy to see what you need to eat each day:

- Half your plate should be vegetables and fruit. Try eating a rainbow of foods throughout the day,
- One quarter of your plate should be whole grain foods such as brown rice, quinoa, or oats,
- One quarter of your plate should be lean protein sources like smaller cuts of meat and fish.

Beans and lentils are economical meat substitutes and can be easily added to many recipes,

- You need a small amount of unsaturated fat in your diet each day.

You can get this from vegetable oils such as canola and olive oil.

Use them to cook your food or drizzle olive oil on your bread instead of using butter, and

- Finally, don’t forget to stay hydrated. Drink milk or fortified soy milk at one meal per day to provide important calcium and vitamins.

At other meals, water should be your drink of choice.

With spring upon us, a great way to increase your fresh vegetable intake is to grow your own, at home or in a community garden plot at the P. H. Health Centre.

It’s that time of the year again and we are all starting to think about our gardens.

The garden plots are located on the health centre property and consist of 25 raised concrete planters.

Plots will be available on a first come first served basis to a maximum of two per person.



The annual fee will be \$10/ plot. Please call the health centre at (604) 883-2764 to register for your own plot.

There is also a vibrant healthy meal program in Pender Harbour that provides low-cost, fresh whole food meals if you are having trouble cooking for yourself.

Please contact the Pender Harbour Outreach Healthy Meal Program at 883-2819 or 883-0033.

Have a healthy and happy spring.

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At the P. H. Community Hall 1-3pm Drop-in \$3. Join us for a fun game!

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At the P. H. Community Hall at 10:30. Lunch served at noon. \$10 drop-in.

May 4 – Meet at the Sarah Wray Hall to enjoy musicians Joan & Ted

May 11 – Pot luck lunch – everyone to bring something to share

May 18 – Sail Away with Lyn & Bill Charlton from 10:30am - 12:30pm (lunch to follow)

May 25 – TBA

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From 10:30am to 11:30am at the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Drop-In \$3

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The Egmont Story

In the 1920s, Gladys Disney married Egmont logger Fred McNutt and moved to Egmont.

She had previously taught school in Roberts Creek and Wilson Creek and would later teach at the Egmont School.

McNutt wrote a series of articles about the history of Egmont that appeared in the Coast News in 1955.

McNutt died in 1968.



Gladys McNutt

This article appeared in the Coast News, May 26, 1955.

(Continued from April 2017 issue)

As Mrs. Points now owned the property around Co-op Bay, Vaughn and Silvey moved to the north shore.

George Vaughn took a pre-emption near the rapids.

Joe Silvey pre-empted west of the small Indian reserve.

In 1912, the well-known P. B. Anderson was logging south of Waugh Lake.

He had a railway running from the lake to Waugh Bay.

About this time, Alfred Jeffries applied for a pre-emption east of Joe Silvey.

His land surrounded the small Indian reserve on three sides.

He had many arguments with the Indians over the property lines and finally settled the matter by stringing up barbed wire.

I am told the Jeffries' father was an Englishman and his mother belonged to the Sechelt band.

Alf said he had been around these parts before the coming of the railway and had many tales to tell of the early days.

Walter Wray said:

“At this time I had a chicken farm and sold my eggs etc. at the store in Pender Harbour, rowing down every week.”

This would be about 16 miles.

The year 1913 saw Mrs. Earl and her father joining her uncle and Tug Wilson in Agamemnon Bay.

Together with others, they took up pre-emptions around Killarney (Klein) Lake where there were some fine stands of timber.

Tug and his partner were also interested in some stands of cascara near Sakinaw Lake.

The Whittaker family of Sechelt had an old sawmill through the Chuck on the site of what is now Doriston.

A settler there named Shaw gave his name to the cove.

He got a mail sack from Sechelt every two weeks.

Walter Wray:

“We had no store then but Nakasema, a Japanese, started buying fish. He had a small store but it did not continue.”

The Wests, two middle-aged



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brothers and their mother, had been living for some time at West Bay on Nelson Island.

There was a logging camp in almost every bay at that time.

With this thought in mind, John West built a combination store, hotel and post office on his property and called it Westmore.

Then he married an English girl.

In 1914, World War I broke out.

Tug Wilson and the Youngbloods went to town to enlist.

Mrs. Earl begged to go to England but her father decided she would be safer in Vancouver.

Logging declined and John West's store and post office with it.

Says Mrs. Vaughn:

"George Wray moved here with Mrs. Wray the day our John was born June 28, 1914.

"No one has disputed my claim that John was the first white child born at the Skookum Chuck.

"George Wray left a grown family in Vancouver.

"He had been a Reeve of South Vancouver.

"He had a boat called the *Embre* which he sold to the government during the war."

Thinking he might like to live by his brothers, Walter and George, John Wray took up 80 acres of land between the two.

But, says his daughter, Harriet Helliar:

"We lived there only a day or two at a time, although Dad built a rough house and did the necessary improvements to get his Crown grant, but he could hardly be called a resident."

He took a government contract to build one and one-eighth miles of road, eight feet wide, around the north side of the rapids.

This was so people could by-pass the rapids by walking through.

"And later on," said Mrs. Vaughn, "My Johnny made many 50-cent pieces rowing people up to the store."

Steamer service in the early days was mostly supplied by the old

Comox, which made rounds of the camps.

"It's schedule was very elastic — it left town when the amount of cargo and passengers was deemed sufficient."

(Continued next month.)

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MAY

Sat. April 29.....April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge - Madeira Park government wharf, 10 a.m.
 Sat. April 29.....Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 giant garage sale - Pender Harbour Legion, 10 a.m.
 Mon. May 1.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Fri. May 5.....May Day quiz night fundraiser (hosted by Harbour Publishing) - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. May 7.....Bargain Barn presents "Food and Fashion" - P. H. Legion, 11:30 a.m.
 Sun. May 7.....P. H. Music Society presents Infinitus - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Mon. May 8.....P. H. Garden Club presents Fred Wein, P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
 Mon. May 8.....SCRD community dialogue - P. H. Community Hall, 7 p.m.
 Tues. May 9.....Provincial election
 Wed. May 10.....P. H. Community School Mother's Day floral arrangement - Sarah Wray Hall, 1 p.m.
 Thurs. May 11.....IGA spring gardening parking lot sale (4 days) - Madeira Park IGA
 Fri. May 12.....P. H. Golf Club fundraiser quiz night - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 7:30 p.m.
 Fri. May 12.....School of Music coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. May 13.....P. H. Golf Club's 10th Masters par three tournament (switched from April 29) - P. H. Golf Course, 1:30 p.m.
 Sun. May 14.....Mother's Day
 Sun. May 14.....P. H. Lions Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast - P. H. Lions Hall
 Mon. May 15.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Fri. May. 19.....Driftwood Players presents a three-course dinner followed by "Office Hours" - P. H. School of Music, 6 p.m.
 Sat. May 20.....May Day, Madeira Park, all day
 Sat. May 20.....P. H. Lions May Day pancake breakfast - P. H. Community Hall, 8-11 a.m.
 Sun. May 21.....Attack of Danger Bay downhill longboard race - Francis Peninsula, all day
 Sat. May 27.....P. H. Music Society presents the Clover Point Drifters - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
 Sun. May 28.....P. H. Choir presents "Shades of summer light" - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
 Mon. May 29.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Tues. May 30.....Deadline for returning SCRd library funding alternate approval forms, 1975 Field Rd., 4:30 p.m.

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

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9:25 a.m. - Daily
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1:35 p.m. - Daily
2:10 p.m. - May 5, 7, 12 & 14 only
3:50 p.m. - Daily
4:20 p.m. - April 13 only
5:50 p.m. - Daily
7:50 p.m. - Daily
9:45 p.m. - Daily

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6:20 a.m. - Daily
8:25 a.m. - Daily
10:25 a.m. - Daily
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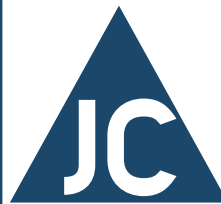


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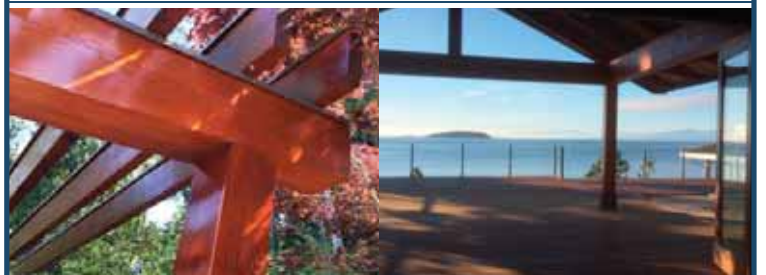
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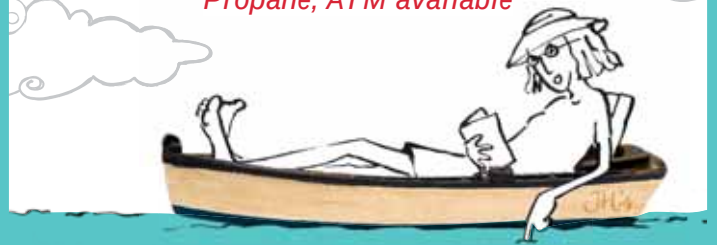
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