

# *South of Town Events*

*April, 2020*

## *From the Area C Director....*

Whoa. What a difference a month makes, or even just a few days, right? I looked back over last month's South of Town Events sheet and reminisced about how carefree times were back then, before physical distancing rules were in place and businesses were closed. Yoga, community choir, after school programs, pickleball – all sorts of ways for proud Southies to get together and enjoy each other's company while taking part in a healthy or educational activity. How times have changed.

But not everything has to change. Just because most of us are practicing **physical** distancing (if you're not – get with the program) doesn't mean we have to practice **social** distancing. As you'll read in the Lang Bay Hall events section the good people there are taking steps to allow members of the community to still keep in contact with each other and to help out those who need a little extra assistance. It's also been great to see all of the postings in the Powell River South Facebook group from people who are offering to get groceries or other essentials for those members of the community who are more at risk or unable to make the trip into town themselves. Helping others is a fantastic way to maintain a positive mental well-being.

During these strange times I want to let you know that the Regional District is working tirelessly to keep things on track, putting in many hours that are above and beyond the normal workday. I personally would like to thank the staff and commend them for all their efforts - it's good to know that there's someone taking care of the issues that allow us to function, even though we may not recognize the results of those efforts because we're so accustomed to them being there. Transit is still running, parks are still being maintained, waste management continues, meetings still happen, life goes on. One thing that has changed is that the Regional Emergency Operations Centre is running at full force, keeping everyone informed of daily changes to the situation and developing strategies for problems that may arise. I would encourage everyone to go to the RD website, [www.qathet.ca](http://www.qathet.ca), and click on the link on the home page which will direct you to valuable information and official press releases from many sources, including the qRD, the City of Powell River, Vancouver Coastal Health, Tla'amin Nation, and others. I would advise you to always turn to reliable sources of information like this one versus believing the rumours that are so easily spread on social media.

I encourage everyone to be diligent and safe – protect yourself and protect those around you – but also take the time to do those things that make you happy. Get out in the garden, take a hike, ride a bike, phone a neighbor, read a book, listen to music, spend time with family, support your community. We'll work through this together.

*Clay Brander, qathet Regional District*

### ***Lang Bay Hall:***

Unfortunately, Lang Bay Hall will remain closed until further notice but our membership continues to be community-minded and involved.

The Community Club has installed an outdoor library at the front door of the hall for everyone to use & enjoy. Please take necessary precautions when handling the books in order to keep everyone safe.

The members of Lang Bay Hall would like to thank the Art Lloyd family for donating a garden bench for everyone to come, sit and enjoy the Hall gardens. Enjoy the bench, but not all at the same time! Take turns in order to maintain safe distances.

Lang Bay Friends, the community drop-in group, is staying connected through emails, videos, quizzes and photos and many group participants have offered to help anyone in the community who needs assistance. For more information please contact Laural 604-487-1895.

Joanne Luscombe, the club's vice president, goes to town a couple times a week and will shop for those who can't. Contact Joanne at 778-522-9642.

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### ***Kelly Creek Community School Association:***

The school and the community house, along with the playground and hockey court, are closed until further notice. We look forward to the time when we can get back to our normal schedule and hope that everyone finds new ways to stay active and engaged until that happens. Stay healthy folks.

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### ***Kelly Creek Community Church:***

Pastor: Mike Martinig      Office: 604-414-4827      Email: kellyck@telus.net  
Sunday service:            10:00 AM online at the Kelly Creek Community Church Facebook  
page (<https://www.facebook.com/KellyCreekChurch/>)

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### ***Online Connections:***

Yoga with Keely!      Free of charge, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 PM  
All levels are welcome to join – Zoom links and other information sent  
out weekly. Contact Keely@rootdownyoga.com.

*If you have online services you would like to offer please email SouthEvents@shaw.ca*