

South of Town Events

December, 2019

From the Area C Director....

November has come and gone and the Board didn't have any earth-shattering issues to deal with so I'm going to take a moment to promote a local asset that I support whole-heartedly – the Powell River Public Library. This month I attended a training session that reinforced the roles of the board, individual trustees and the library director, the values that the library upholds, and how important the library is to our community. I was reminded that the library isn't just a place where books are kept and that the other services that the library offers are equally important. For instance, the Events calendar for December includes the following:

- Open mic poetry, story-telling, performance and literary reading
- Sewing, mending, needle felting, embroidery
- Computer help sessions
- Preschool storytime and drop-in after school programs
- Knitting
- Reading to dogs (kids read to therapy dogs)
- National Day of Remembrance Display
- Young Writers' Group
- Tech savvy – learn how to use Instagram
- The Tree That's Meant to Be—an annual children's holiday puppet event

In addition to all of this they have magazines, music, DVD's and eBooks to check out, fee-free internet access, spaces to rent, guest speakers, Books on Wheels (a delivery service for home-bound patrons), and too many other things to list. It's a gathering place that welcomes any and all members of the public and no admission is required.

Unfortunately there's an issue arising that libraries have never had to face in the past. Some of the major publishing houses are raising the prices and lowering the availability of eBooks for libraries, arguing that they cut into their profits. Most libraries (ours included) work together to purchase and share books so that each individual library can reduce the stock they keep. This works very well, but in some cases the publishers are only allowing one eBook license to be purchased by each group of libraries, which means people could potentially wait months before having access to the title. This hinders the library from achieving its core function: to provide equitable access to information in order to build educated, literate communities. A statement has been drafted and will be presented at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting where I imagine the board will endorse it. In our aging community, access to electronic content, where it's possible to increase the font size or listen to the book instead of reading it, is extremely important. We don't want to lose it. Have a great holiday season and check out www.prpl.ca to learn more about your local library!

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Lang Bay Hall:

- Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am Yoga with Danielle. Drop in \$10.00 p/p
Contact 604-848-8010 or danraegau@gmail.com
First series ending on Dec. 17th.
- Tuesdays, 10:30-12:00 am Lang Bay Friends - an informal weekly community drop in.
Connect with the community through a variety of programs,
discussion and monthly potluck lunches. Last drop-in Dec.
17th – starts again Jan. 7th. Contact Laural 604-487-1895
- Thursdays, 7:00 pm sharp Weekly cribbage - \$2.00 p/p. Contact Rob 604-578-8465
Last crib night Dec. 19th - starting again Jan. 9th.
- Monday, Dec. 9th, 6:00 pm Stillwater Waterworks District Board Meeting. Everyone
welcome to attend.
- Friday, Dec.20th Lang Bay Community Club distribute Christmas Hampers.

**Lang Bay Community Club wishes everyone a Happy & Healthy Holiday season.
We especially thank our many volunteers for their time and talents!**

Rent Lang Bay Hall! Lang Bay Hall seats 72 and rents for \$20.00/hr. or
\$100.00/day. Contact Judy 604-487-4499 for more info.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

Special note: Fall programs are ending just before Christmas Break. If you would like to register for the winter sessions please call 604-487-9925 or contact the instructors directly.

- Mondays, 3:30-4:30 Yoga (adult program)- \$60 for six classes or \$15 per visit. Initial trial is free. For info contact Keely at keely.spengler@sd47.bc.ca
- Tues. & Thurs. 2:30-4:45 Bizzy Bodies after school arts & play – 604-487-9925 to register
- Tues. & Thurs. 4:00-5:30 Drop-in Pickleball (adult program)
- Tues. – Thurs. 2:30-4:00 Sweat Shop after school games & fun – 604-487-9225 to register
- Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 Girl Guides and Pathfinders - in the Community House
- Thurs. 7:00-8:30 pm. Wellspring South Choir (adult program)
Ten weeks--\$65 or \$10 drop-in... first trial is always free.
Contact Annabelle at bringitsingitatbpr@gmail.com

Kelly Creek Community Church:

- Pastor: Mike Martinig Office: 604-414-4827 Email: kellyck@telus.net
- Sunday service: 10:00 a.m. - Community, Care, and Connections
- Thursdays 12:00-3:00 Knitters' Cafe
- Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 Sparks and Brownies
- Tuesday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve service 5:00-6:00