

South of Town Events

June, 2020

From the Area C Director....

I don't imagine this is how any of us expected our spring to go, am I right? Schools are opening again on June 1st but things won't be the same as they were back in February, that's for sure. The summer is going to look a lot different also, with all large gatherings cancelled, postponed, or altered in some way. Festivals, farmers' markets, weddings and group camping trips, to name a few, either won't exist or will still occur but in very different forms. That being said, take time to remember how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area that allows us easy access to so many other exciting activities. Take advantage of the "Stay at Home" philosophy and visit the trails, beaches and parks in our area – we've got a ton to offer. Remember to support local businesses – many of them are going through some pretty hard times. As for the South of Town Events page, it's going to take the summer off and will return in September. Traditionally things slow down at the Regional District in July and August but if items of interest come up I will still be posting them to my Facebook page, which I encourage you to follow. Check it out at www.facebook.com/ClayBranderAreaC.

This month at the Powell River Public Library Trustees meeting I received an update on the activities going on there. While the doors were closed throughout April there was still a lot happening, including online author presentations, online writing groups and many more live and pre-recorded programs. The feedback they receive from these activities helps them when developing future programming so please feel free to comment when you take advantage of them. Because of the restrictions in place the eBook and eAudio circulation has grown considerably – April's numbers were 72% higher than April of 2019. Because of this shift, funding for new materials has been skewed towards electronic media instead traditional materials.

On May 19th "Library Takeout" was launched - a new program where patrons can access the library's catalogue of books, music and movies online and put together an order (phone-in orders are also accepted). Once the order is received a library staff member will compile the order and arrange a time for pickup. In the first week nearly a hundred patrons were served and things were on track the second week to double that number. There is one-on-one technical support available for those who would appreciate a little assistance when navigating the new system - don't be afraid to ask for it. This program and some of the other ones that have been mentioned have been so popular that they will likely continue even after restrictions have been lifted.

Remember to check out the RD website to get regular updates concerning Covid-19. To access the page go to www.qathet.ca and click on the "Read More" link next to "qRD Response to Covid-19". Have a great summer!

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.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

Schools will be open as of June 1st. At this point all parents in the area should have been contacted about the new protocols and schedule, but if you need more information please call the school at 604-487-9022. The playground is open to the public during non-school hours (after 3:30) and on weekends but the Community House remains closed to non-school activities.

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/>)

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.

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