

South of Town Events

December, 2021

From the Area C Director....

The holidays are almost upon us – I’m looking forward to spending more time with friends and family this year than I was able to last year now that concerns around COVID-19 are a little more relaxed. That’s not saying that everything’s back to normal, but it does feel a little more normal than it has been. Some events, like school plays and large holiday parties, are still on hiatus but I’ll make the most of the small get-togethers that are on the schedule.

Things were a little quiet this month but there are a few agenda items that might spark your interest. The Board got the first look at the 2022 budget, which is always very involved, but at this point there are still so many final numbers missing that it’s hard to get a good sense of the big picture. New drafts will arrive each month. We did award grants to a few successful applicants, including Climate Action Powell River, the Powell River Film Society and a few organizations on Texada and Lasqueti Islands. This was the final round of grants being awarded in 2021 – there are two deadlines for submitting applications each year.

An item that I think will be of interest to a number of people in Area C is that the qathet Regional District (qRD) has written a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy advocating for an improved boat launch at the Saltery Bay Provincial Park day use site. As many of you know, this boat launch is in very poor shape and has been for years. As it is a provincial site, the qRD has no control over it but I felt that it was important enough to our community on a recreational, economic and safety level that it would not be unreasonable for the qRD to speak up. Hopefully we will get a positive response from the Ministry that will lead to improvements. Keep your fingers crossed!

Also in November, the qRD held four informational sessions in Areas A, B, C and on Savary Island concerning land use regulation – our local session was held on November 15th at Lang Bay Hall and was very well attended. When I first mentioned that I was going to run for Area C Director three years ago, land use regulation was one of the items that often came up. These sessions were held in order to provide information to the public and to test the waters to see just how many property owners were in favor of the concept. Links to a survey were handed out that night and the last report I received said that over six hundred people had participated. That kind of excellent feedback really helps the Board decide whether or not to proceed. The survey closed on December 1 – hopefully you got yours in!

Have a great holiday season!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

The Lang Bay Community Club wishes to thank the community for supporting its activities and plant sales this past year and wishes everyone health, happiness and hope for new beginnings in 2022!

The outdoor library is open and well-stocked for rainy day reading.

We are accepting donations to our **Christmas hamper program** which will support eleven families this year. Drop-offs for non-perishables are **Thurs. Dec. 2nd & 9th from 10:00-11:00 & 3:00-4:00.** Last chance to donate is **Sat., Dec. 11th, 1:00-3:00.** Annual Community Club memberships can also be renewed at these times - \$5.00 p/p.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - noon: Lang Bay Friends – Final get-together on Dec. 14th before resuming in the 2022. For more information contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com.

Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm: Slow Flow Yoga. Register for the New Year! Contact Danielle at 604-223-9493.

Mondays & Fridays 9:30 – 10:30, Wednesdays 3:50 - 5:00: Yin/Restorative Yoga. Register for the New Year! Call Robin at 604-483-6759.

Thursdays – 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage. Final night on Dec. 16 before resuming in 2022. Everyone welcome up to 32 people, masks and proof of vaccination required. Cost: \$2 per person. Contact Rob – rkmaidland@gmail.com

****The hall is now available for indoor rentals - Contact Judy 604-487-4499 to book.****

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

Strong Start is meeting in the basement of Kelly Creek Community Church on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30-11:30, Thursdays 11:30-2:30.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

Pastor: Mike Martinig Office: 604-414-4827 Email: kellyck@telus.net
Sunday service: Kelly Creek Community Church is meeting weekly at 10:00 AM.
Christmas Eve Service: December 24, 4:30

Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department:

As of November 24th there were twenty-four calls this month. The MVFD would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!