

South of Town Events

January, 2022

From the Area C Director....

Happy New Year folks! I can't speak for everyone but I imagine most of us are hopeful that 2022 will be better than 2021. I know that I'm in no rush to revisit most of the past 365 days but there were some really good times scattered in there amongst the more challenging ones. Even though many of us are a bit burned out by the constant pressure caused by living during these challenging times we need to step back, take a deep breath and remember that we live in a community of good people and even though we may not always see eye-to-eye, at the end of the day we're all out to do what's best for our families and our neighbors. I'm going to try and spend more time focusing on the positive things that are happening around me and the ways that our community has shown resilience and supported each other when faced with adversity. Recognizing the positive and celebrating successes will help us all in the end.

December was a relatively quiet month at the qRD so I'm going to take a little time to promote the Powell River & qathet Regional District app. Launched earlier this year and supported by a grant from the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) Small Capital Restart Funding program the app has already been downloaded 7,500 times and the content on the app is constantly expanding. Shown below is the QR code required to download it to your smart phone – all you need to do is open the camera app, focus on the QR code and a link should appear that will take you to where you can download the app.

The app already has a vast amount of information on it that will be useful to locals and visitors alike. Restaurants and pubs, parks, emergency services and everything in between can be found on the app – it's really quite impressive how much they've been able to include in the short amount of time that they've been up and running. I see this as a fantastic opportunity for local businesses to promote their wares and make our community more self-reliant. For those wanting to purchase more of their food from local vendors but sometimes find it challenging to determine what's available or when to buy it, the app can help! Hammil Hill Farm, Paradise Valley Produce and Myrtle Point Heritage Farm, as well as many others, are already taking advantage of the free promotion and are listed on the app. I encourage all business owners to contact Tourism Powell River, either through their Facebook page or via email at info@discoverpowellriver.com, and get signed up. It costs you nothing but a few minutes of your time and could potentially lead to increased business – there's nothing to lose.



Let's start the New Year off right with a walk in the snow, a book in front of the fire or a nice meal with your family – whatever recharges your batteries and allows you to appreciate what you've got and what you can look forward to in 2022. Have a great January!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

The Lang Bay Community Club wishes everyone a Happy New Year but unfortunately the latest provincial health restrictions have forced us to temporarily cancel all activities at the hall. The Community Club considers the health and safety of all our hall users a top priority.

For more information contact Carol at chearder@gmail.com or call Judy at 604 487 4499.

The outdoor library is still available for winter reading – please take advantage of it!

Kelly Creek Community School:

All activities involving the public have been cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

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 dependent on provincial health orders.

Pastor: Mike Martinig Office: 604-414-4827 Email: kellyck@telus.net
Sunday service: Kelly Creek Community Church will resume in-person gatherings on January 9th dependent on provincial health orders. Start time is 10:00 AM.

Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department:

The MVFD would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy New Year. There were 20 calls in December and a total of 296 for 2021.