

South of Town Events

April, 2022

From the Area C Director....

For those of you with kids still in school I hope you had a chance to enjoy at least part of Spring Break with them. A few more people were traveling this year versus last year but my family chose to stick close to home and enjoy the outdoors, rain or shine. I know many people took advantage of the breaks in the rain to do yard work and get rid of the waste that the winter winds left behind. I choose to throw everything onto the compost pile or bring it to Augusta but some choose to burn – when doing so I recommend looking up BC Ventilation Index online which will let you know if it's a good day to do so. The wrong weather conditions can really smoke up the neighborhood quickly, and no one wants that.

Things were a little quiet this month at the qRD, but there were a few items that will certainly be interesting to some readers. First off, the “Let's Talk Land Use” final report was accepted by the board to guide and inform planning initiatives in Areas A, B and C. There were a ton of surveys received and the public information sessions were very well attended – it was great to see so much engagement. More participation means better results. While participants from the three Electoral Areas included in the study prioritized different aspects of land use planning, the general feeling was that the people were happy with the level of existing regulation and were not looking for anything to change. The full report can be viewed online at qathet.ca/reports-studies/

Many readers will have been up to the Eldred Valley Climbers' Camp at some point, and if you haven't I recommend it. A local rock climbing guide is applying to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development for permission to use the area for guided adventure tourism – the qRD has voted to support the application. The applicant intends to access the Eldred Valley for guided, multi-pitch rock climbing tours and 1-3 night camping trips during the summer months. No new infrastructure or modifications to the existing camp will be made. Groups will be limited to a maximum of 6 clients at a time and all equipment and supplies will be brought in and out with each guided group.

Since things are pretty quiet, I'm going to take the opportunity to promote something that I've been involved with for twenty years now – the Sunshine Music Festival. Unfortunately the festival's 40th anniversary was scuppered by COVID-19 but it's going to be returning this Labour Day Weekend (Sept. 3-4) to Palm Beach Park. It's a great all-ages event and a fantastic way to finish off the summer. The organizing committee is always looking for help, both in planning the festival and during it, so if you're new to town or you've been here your whole life but now find yourself with the time to help out, please join us! You can contact France for more information on how to get involved at 604-223-9783 or zemyna63@gmail.com.

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Lang Bay Hall:

Tuesdays 10:30 AM-noon: Lang Bay Friends: Connect with the community through programs, discussion and monthly potluck lunches. Contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesdays, March 30th, April 27th – 10:00-11:00 am: Functional Yoga/Mindful Moves with Robin. Registered session only - \$60/person. Ranging from gentle yoga, hatha, yin & restorative, focus on flexibility and mobility, back care, tension release & improved sleep. To register contact Robin at 604-483-6759.

Thursdays, 6:45 pm (play starts at 7:00): Lang Bay Crib Club, COVID-19 rules still in place. Proof of vaccination, masks and sanitizing... stay home if you're sick. For more information call Rob 604-578-8465. Season ends April 28th.

Saturday May 7th, noon-2 PM – Lang Bay Community Club's fundraising **Plant and Craft Sale**. All south-of-town vendors and lots of member-donated plants and vegetable & flower starts. There will be a raffle of business-donated items and a 50/50 draw. Sorry – no credit or debit – bring your cash or cheques.

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

Kelly Creek Community School:

All activities involving the public have been cancelled due to COVID-19 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. Please register online at www.sd47.bc.ca before showing up.

Pastor: Mike Martinig Office: 604-414-4827 Email: kellyck@telus.net
Sunday service: Kelly Creek Community Church is hosting in-person services at 10:00 AM. We invite everyone to our Easter Service Sunday, April 17th. You can also join us online on Facebook and YouTube.

Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department:

The MVFD answered 19 calls in March as of printing.