

South of Town Events

May, 2023

From the Area C Director....

As I write this I'm looking out at a blue sky with white clouds and am hoping that this is real evidence that Spring is upon us. I know that the rain is good but I'm looking forward to the warm and sunny weather that is currently predicted for the end of this week. Even though I won't be able to attend this year, I hope the weather's great for the Lang Bay Community Club Annual Plant and Craft Sale this coming May 13th. It's a really fun event but it's just two hours long (noon-2:00) so I encourage you to be prompt or you may leave empty-handed.

This month the entire qRD (qathet Regional District) Board and the CAO attended the AVICC (Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities) conference in Nanaimo. The AVICC conference is a three-day event that provides elected officials with the opportunity to learn, to network with colleagues from other areas, and to vote on resolutions that may be sent to the Union of BC Municipalities for consideration before they are possibly presented to the provincial government. Those resolutions are brought forward by the local governments in our area and are often of special interest to AVICC members but can have affects that will be felt over the entire province. I do consider the resolutions portion of the conference traditionally one of the more interesting aspects of it because we get to hear about issues that are affecting other parts of the region and to debate on whether to support them or not. It's democracy in action.

One of the committees that I sit on is the Stillwater Community Advisory Group which is associated with Western Forest Products. This month we received guest speaker Luke Clarke from Recreation Sites and Trails BC. He gave us an overview of some of the projects that are happening in our area and his desire to have a local representative to provide more support and collaboration between his ministry and the many volunteer groups that we have working in the back country. One of the common complaints from them is that they seek permission to make improvements but it takes far too long to receive word back from the ministry. Luke would like to shorten that wait time. As one who takes advantage of the local trails and amenities that volunteers have created and maintained I am happy when any changes are made that will reduce the obstacles in their way.

One fun thing I did this month with my son was to visit all of the qRD Beach Access points on the mainland. Even though I consider myself fairly knowledgeable of our local area, I had only previously visited four of them. For those who are interested in checking them out, a map of the sites can be found by visiting www.qathet.ca and searching "beach access". Please take note that the Thunder Bay Road beach access point has been decommissioned.

Have a great May!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends – Join members of the community for informal discussions, projects and pot luck lunches. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com for more info.

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga with Danielle - \$10.00 drop-in fee. Call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493 for more information.

Saturday May 13th, 12:00-2:00 pm: Lang Bay Community Club's Annual Plant & Craft Sale - Great gift ideas for Mother's Day from a wide assortment of member-donated plants to our local crafters. Crafts include scented candles, pottery, sewing, wooden products for home & garden, jewelry and honey. The Community Club will also have a raffle, a 50/50 draw and bag lunches for purchase. All proceeds go to the continued maintenance and care of Lang Bay Hall. Contact Carol at 604-487-1259 for more info.

June 17th Flea Market and June 18th Fathers' Day Pancake Breakfast: More details next month or contact 604-483-1440 for more info

From Robin to his yoga participants: Wednesday 4 pm classes will resume in the fall based on registrations. A heartfelt thanks to all the participants who attended over the past seven months. Your consistency & willingness to learn was a joy to experience and of huge benefit to me as a teacher. I look forward to seeing you on your mats. Until then, breathe deeply and enjoy your summer. Namaste.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

The Kelly Creek gym and Community House are open for public use. Most weekday late afternoons/evenings are available for pickleball, volleyball, meetings or other events; birthday party rentals on weekends. Please give us a call at 604-487-9925 and we'll get you sorted.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

In-person Sunday services at 10:00 am (2380 Zilinsky Road) or join us on Facebook or YouTube. Contact 604-208-0446 or office.kellyck@gmail.com for more information.

The ORCA BUS will be bringing children's activities to Kelly Creek Community Church on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 through May. Visit www.youthandfamily.ca for more info.