

South of Town Events

October, 2023

From the Area C Director....

The kids are back in school and the weather is changing, Fall Fair has come and gone – summer is officially over. It was a horrible fire season around the province but we were lucky to avoid most of it and now with each rainfall the risk level decreases. The qathet Regional District (qRD) Emergency Services Department has compiled a lot of great information – I encourage you to go to www.qathet.ca and type “Emergency Services” into the search bar in order to access it. Make sure to check out the section on Personal and Neighborhood Preparedness because the best way to survive a disaster is to be ready for it.

The big event this month was the annual Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention which ran from September 18th-22nd. This is an opportunity for elected officials and staff from all over the province to come together to learn and to network with each other in order to become better public representatives and servants. The conference includes workshops, round table discussions, and of course the resolution sessions where members vote on which resolutions they want to present to the provincial government with the hopes that they will be included in future legislation. While there were many topics covered in the sessions, there were certain themes that continued to pop up. Housing, emergency preparedness, and relationships with indigenous communities appeared in many forms – all of which are important issues in our area. Hopefully everyone walked away with a few new nuggets of information that they can use to make qathet a better place to live.

One of the items decided at this month’s Board meeting was to continue meeting with the Tla’amin Nation and the City of Powell River at the quarterly Community-to-Community-to-Community (C3) forums. The primary reason why this item was on the agenda is because of concern over the legality of having these forums be closed to the public. Legislation defines when a local government can go “in-camera” and currently it doesn’t include “discussions with First Nations” as one of the acceptable situations. By the way, a resolution to correct this omission was just presented at the UBCM by the qRD and was endorsed by the UBCM membership. The Board’s decision to continue to meet was influenced by the fact that no decisions are made at these forums and no votes take place. These forums are an opportunity for the three governments to come together to discuss common issues and to form personal relationships that will hopefully make collaboration and cooperation easier. Should items arise that require Board consent, they will be brought back to open committee meetings to be discussed and debated in the public forum.

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 8th-14th and the Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department is holding an open house to recognize this. Please flip the page over to find all of the information you need concerning it. Have a great October!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

Mondays, 9:30-10:30: Yoga with Robin – 1st session Oct. 2nd – 30th (\$70), 2nd session Nov. 6th – 27th (\$56), beginner/intermediate. Hatha, Yin, Kundalini and Restorative - bring a yoga mat and throw blanket, some props provided. Contact Robin at robin.inison@gmail.com or 604-483-6759.

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends – Informal discussions, projects and pot luck lunches - everyone welcome. Contact Laurel at lghascats@gmail.com for more info.

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

Thursdays, 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage – Everyone welcome, \$2.00/player. Contact Rob at 604-578-8465 for more info.

Saturday, Oct. 7th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm: Lang Bay Community Club Flea Market - Tables \$25.00 each - call 604-483-1440 to book yours today!

Saturday, Oct. 14th, 9:30 am: Cribbage Tournament. Register by Oct. 7th, \$25 p/p, max thirty-two players. Lunch included and a 50/50 draw will take place. Call Kathy at 604-483-1440 to register.

Saturday, Oct. 21st, 10:00 am-2:00 pm & Sunday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm - Craft & Collectibles Fair. Tables are sold out but please come and join us! Contact Kathy at 604-483-1440 for more info.

Saturday, Oct. 28th, 11:00 am-noon: Harm Reduction Care Box Presentation. Free event - everyone welcome. What you learn may save a life! VCH reps will teach us steps to prevent overdose deaths as we investigate the harm reduction care box. Contact Carol at 604-487-1259 for more info.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

The KCCS gym is available for community use evenings & weekends. Birthday party rentals are \$25 - three hours max. Sports activities are usually free. Beginner pickleball lessons start this fall on weekdays, late afternoon/early evening – times and dates to be determined. Free of charge and all equipment provided. For more info please call 604-487-9925.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

In-person Sunday services at 9:00 am (2380 Zilinsky Road) or join us on Facebook or YouTube. Contact 604-208-0446 or office.kellyck@gmail.com for more information.

****Special Notice**** Parents, teachers, and visitors to Kelly Creek Community School are invited to park in our lot when visiting KCCS. The road can get pretty crowded sometimes!

Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department:

Saturday, Oct. 14th, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Open House – Join us for hot dogs and pop as well as fire prevention handouts at our #1 Hall located at 9999 Hwy 101. Fire Prevention Week is October 8th-14th so come out and help us celebrate at this family-friendly event!