

South of Town Events

December, 2023

From the Area C Director....

As we head into the holiday season I hope all of you get a chance to spend some quality time with friends and family but please do so responsibly. Let's give Chief Keiver and everyone else up at the Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department the opportunity to enjoy the holidays as well.

Last month I mentioned a few of the things that rural taxes support – this month the Board approved a number of Grant-in-Aid requests from worthy organizations in the community. The qathet Regional District (qRD) currently has two opportunities per year for organizations to request funding for their programs – the first usually being the more popular of the two. This, being the second opportunity, has fewer beneficiaries but they're all offering important services and deserve recognition. The Powell River Community First Aid Team received funding to help with general operating expenses associated with providing first aid services at Blackberry Festival, Logger Sports, Canada Day, school track and field events, and many other community gatherings. The Four Tides Hospice Society received funding to help cover the costs of their programs which include providing support for those who are coping with end-of-life illnesses and those who are close to them. The always-popular ORCA Bus received funding to continue bringing fun activities to the community in their mobile play space and qathet ART received funding to support their Fibrespace Program. What is Fibrespace, you ask? The Fibrespace program features workshops and learning opportunities to sew, knit, crochet, and embroider with the end goal of repairing, reusing and creatively up-cycling textiles so that they can be kept out of the waste stream. For anyone who is interested there's a drop-in program from 10:00-2:00 on Thursdays at the qathet ART Centre above the library. Check out www.qathetart.ca for more info. The Lasqueti Community Association received funding for their Food Bank Program and the qathet Film Society is getting support for their 2024 qathet International Film Festival which runs from March 1st – 9th. You can get more information and pick up your Early Bird Tickets at www.qathetfilm.ca.

There are a lot of great activities happening in the community over the holidays – make sure you take advantage of them. Although some of already passed, there are still a few still to happen, including the Winter Market at The ARC on Alberni on December 2nd and 9th and the Cheer Fest Street Market, Santa Parade & Christmas Tree lighting, downtown Powell River on Sunday, December 3rd. The parade starts at 4:30 at Duncan St, travels along Marine Ave & ends at the Cheer Fest Market on the corner of Marine and Alberni. Lots of vendors – fun for everyone!

See you there!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

The Lang Bay Community Club wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. We have appreciated the support from our south of town community for promoting this sense of community all year. Best wishes to all in 2024!

Sunday, Dec. 3rd - Lang Bay Community Club's Seniors' Christmas Dinner. By invitation only – contact 604-483-1440.

Mondays, 9:00-10:00: Hatha, Yin, Kundalini and Restorative Yoga – Jan. 8th – Feb. 12th, beginner/intermediate. Bring a yoga mat and throw blanket, some props provided. Contact Robin at robin.inison@gmail.com or 604-483-6759. Registration required – minimum six members.

Mondays, 10:15-11:15: Yoga Sculpt – Jan. 8th – Feb. 12th. Bring a yoga mat and throw blanket, some props provided. Contact Robin at robin.inison@gmail.com or 604-483-6759. Registration required – minimum six members.

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. Last meeting Dec. 5th – restarting Jan. 9th.

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga with Danielle - \$10.00 drop-in fee. Yoga with Danielle is **cancelled** in Dec – it will start back up on Tues, Jan. 9th. Call or text 604-223-9493 for more info.

Tuesdays, Dec. 5th and Dec. 12th, Noon – 1:00 pm - LBCC Christmas hamper program will receive donations. Non-perishables & grocery gift cards are appreciated. Contact 604-487-1259.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage – Everyone welcome, \$2.00/player. Contact Rob at 604-578-8465 for more info. Last night Dec. 14th – restarting Jan. 11th.

Saturdays, Dec. 9th and 16th, 10:00 am – noon - LBCC Christmas hamper program will receive donations. Non-perishables & grocery gift cards are appreciated. Contact 604-487-1259.

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. Sunday Christmas Eve morning service at 9:00 am and our Christmas Eve service at 4:30 pm. Contact 604-208-0446 or office.kellyck@gmail.com for more information.

Free family event each night from Dec. 17th-23rd, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. We are decorating the cedar grove on the property with lights and inflatables. There will be hot chocolate and candy canes provided for all. We hope you'll come and enjoy!