

South of Town Events

November, 2023

From the Area C Director....

October was a pretty slow month at the qathet Regional District (qRD), so I thought I'd take this opportunity to point out a few really nice things that your tax dollars do in our community that might not currently be on your radar.

This past Friday, the Kelly Creek Community School Association (KCCSA) held its annual Halloween Party, followed by an awesome fireworks display. The fireworks were a joint effort by the KCCSA and the Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department, and the party itself was covered by the KCCSA, which is supported by the taxpayers of Area C. The event was open to the entire community and the community really showed up! The gym was packed and everyone had a great time enjoying the spooky decorations and playing the Halloween-themed games. The KCCSA, along with help from community members, also provides a lunch program at the school for anyone who needs a little something extra. Then there's the after school programs, sandwiches following the Terry Fox run, watermelon at the annual track meet, lunch at the end of year picnic, public use of the gymnasium, and support for the KCCS teachers and librarian. All of these things are possible because of support from the qRD, fundraising, volunteers, and sponsors.

The Powell River Public Library (PRPL) is another institution that is supported by the rural taxpayers. Libraries play a vital role in our world and are only getting more important and diverse. The library is one of the last places that provides free access to information and entertainment and allows our community members to connect with each other and the world. A simple library card gives anyone access to the internet, books and eBooks, audiobooks and eAudiobooks, and tons of online magazines. This month's PRPL Events Calendar includes a myriad of programs for kids of all ages, support for burgeoning writers, a regular knitting group, and presentations by a variety of authors covering subjects as diverse as the history of golf in Powell River, the devastating wildfires in BC, and a comedic mystery novel set in the Gulf Islands. There's also a film being shown about injustice and healing for ten Indigenous youths who ran the 1967 PanAm Games torch from Minneapolis to Winnipeg, and this is just touching the surface! So many programs, and all supported by rural tax dollars.

One more way that tax dollars have enhanced our local community is by providing support for many organizations that focus on improving access to the outdoors and the experiences had once they're reached. If you've hiked a trail, caught a marked salmon, taken your quad into the backcountry, skied the Knuckleheads, or ridden down Fairies Wear Boots you've benefitted from the hard work put in by volunteers supported by the qRD.

Now get out there and take advantage of some of these awesome opportunities!

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Lang Bay Hall:

Mondays, 9:00 – 10:00 am: Yoga with Robin – next session Nov 6th – Dec. 4th, \$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.

Sunday, Nov. 5th, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Lang Bay Hall Market - Tables \$25.00 each, call 604-483-1440 to book yours today!

Tuesday, Nov 7th, 10:30 am – noon: “It's Not Right: Elder Abuse and Neglect” – Free informative presentation about warning signs, types of abuse, and what support is available. For more info call 604-487-1259.

Thursday, Nov. 30th, 10:00 am: Decorating Lang Bay Hall for the Seniors Christmas Dinner. Call 604-483-1440 if you would like to help. Dinner setup Dec. 2nd at 10:00 am.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 5th, Noon – 1:00 pm - LBCC Christmas hamper program will start receiving 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. 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!