

South of Town Events

September, 2025

From the Area C Director....

I hope you all found some time this summer to get out and enjoy everything that qathet has to offer. I know I really appreciated the time off, but there's also part of me that's excited to be back to work again. We re-jigged the meeting schedule this year so that the elected officials had a little break, which also allowed time for staff members to take time off while the weather (and the fishing) were good. Hopefully everyone is returning refreshed and ready to go.

This month I'm going to promote the ongoing Membership Drive at the Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD). The next training session begins on September 4th, which is coming up quickly, so if you're interested in taking part please stop by the Fire Hall any Thursday between 7:00-9:00 or send an email to mvfddeputy@qathet.ca expressing your interest. You can also call 604-485-2260 and say that you're interested in speaking with someone about joining the MVFD. A good friend of mine once told me "Simply living in a community doesn't make you a part of the community", and I took that to heart. Just like pretty much everything in life, we reap what we sow, and we need to have that attitude when it comes to where we live as well. If we want to live in a great community, we all need to be willing to do our part to make it a great community, and serving in your local volunteer fire hall is a perfect way to do just that.

The MVFD is a diverse team of women and men, ranging from young adults to seniors, and the camaraderie and satisfaction that comes with working with such a team is enough to make the job very enticing, but just like those ads from the 80's – There's More! As a MVFD member you:

- can receive valuable training in:
 - firefighting,
 - medical first responder skills,
 - rescue services (vehicle extrication, ropes, etc.),
 - driving skills,
 - handling basic hazardous materials,
 - and other emergency response skills,
- are covered by on-duty and off-duty accident insurance,
- are eligible for health and dental benefits (min. 60% training attendance required),
- will receive an honorarium for attendance at all fire department training and incidents,
- and get to attend regular MVFD social activities.

I know not everyone is cut out for this type of work, but I also know that there are some people out there who would be really great at it. This is your opportunity to meet some good people, learn some new skills, better yourself as a person, and reap the benefits of volunteering, which includes becoming an integral part of this great community of ours. I hope you'll accept the challenge.

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall: On FB at langbaycommunityhallandevents or at www.langbaycommunityhall.ca

Sundays starting September 21st, 1:00-3:00: Song Circle - Monthly musical session, open to everyone. Play, sing, or just enjoy the music. Admission by donation (\$5 suggested). For more info contact Pat at 604-485-5198.

Tuesdays starting Sept. 9th, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends – Informal discussions, projects & potluck lunches - everyone welcome. Email Laural at lghascats@gmail.com for info.

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga with Danielle - \$10.00 drop-in fee. For more information call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493.

Wednesdays, Sept. 10th – Oct. 1st, 10:00-11:00 am: Mindful Moves Yoga & More - Four-week session, \$60 p/p, Minimum six registered for class to occur. \$15 drop-in. Special class Sept. 3rd, 10:00 - 11:30 am, \$20 drop-in. Contact Robin 604-483-6759 to register.

Thursdays, 10:00 am: Gardening at the Hall – Join the volunteers tending to the hall flower gardens. Bring your favourite small gardening tools and a bucket. Call 604-487-1259 for more details. Weather permitting.

Thursdays starting Sept. 11th, 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage – Everyone welcome, \$2.00/player. Contact Rob at 604-578-8465 for more info. Upcoming crib tournament Oct. 18th – call Kathy at 604-483-1440 by Oct. 13th to register. \$25 per person, lunch provided.

Saturday, Sept. 13th, 1:00-3:00 pm: Boys and Their Toys - Come check out the various hobbies on display – you might find your next favourite activity! For more info call Chris at 604-223-0553 or Ciaran at 778-991-6475.

Saturday, October 4th, 1:00-4:00 pm: Oktoberfest! – Complete with in-hall purchases from Townsite Brewery, The Honour Box Bakery, and The Salted Daughter! Entry is by donation to Lang Bay Hall (\$5 minimum suggested).

Kelly Creek Community Church:

Sundays, 9:00 am: In-person Sunday services at 2380 Zilinsky Road. Also available on Facebook or YouTube. Contact 604-208-0446 or office.kellyck@gmail.com for more info.

Friday, Sept. 5th, 4:00-7:00 pm: 1st annual Community back to school BBQ - Games, face painting, bouncy castle, and more. We hope to see you there!

Youth and Family:

Thursday, Sept. 25th, 10:00-11:30 am: The ORCA Bus will be at Palm Beach! Families are welcome on board the bus to enjoy toys and resources for young children.