Weekly Village News

Friday, July 10, 2015

FIRE BAN NOW IN EFFECT

At the July 7, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Lions Bay Council ban the lighting of fires, open flames and smoking in all public places in the Village of Lions Bay, until further reviewed by Council.

REMINDER: LEVEL 2 CONSERVATION IN EFFECT



The long range weather forecasts indicate long, hot, sunny days ahead, and decreased consumption levels are critical to ensure that the Village can continue to provide all residents with drinking water and fire protection supply during this unprecedented drought. Level 2 Conservation is still in effect until further notice.

Please ensure your actions for discretionary water use (such as watering lawns and washing vehicles) are in compliance with the Level 2 Conservation rules.

Level 2 Conservation

TAX PAYMENTS

Taxes are due on Tuesday, July 14th no later than 4:00pm. The Village office will be open late on Monday, July 13th until 6:30pm to accommodate ample time for residents to pay their taxes.

Reminder: Any payments made after 4:00pm on July 14th will be considered late and the late penalty will be applied (including payments made through the Village office after-hours mail drop).

KELVIN GROVE BEACH PARK

Village Staff, working in conjunction with Vancouver Coastal Health officials, briefly closed Kelvin Grove Beach Park beach to swimming after routine water sampling results came back with E. Coli bacteria counts that exceeded safe limits. A subsequent investigation by Vancouver Coastal Health had the park reopened to swimming a day later. All beach sample results are posted on our website.

Water Quality Guidelines recommend a level of <200 E. Coli. bacteria per 100 mL of water for primary contact recreational activities, such as swimming. They further recommend a level of <1,000 for secondary contact, such as kayaking and canoeing.

Lions Bay Beach Park and Brunswick Beach do not have any public health warnings or swimming closures, as their results continue to be well within the safe limits.

Beach Sample Results

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Upcoming Council & Committee Meetings:

- Village Hall Meeting - July 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - July 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- Infrastructure Committee - July 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- Bylaw & Policy Review Committee - July 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will take place in Council Chambers. The Village office stays open until 6:30 p.m. on Regular Council Meeting days in order to serve you better!

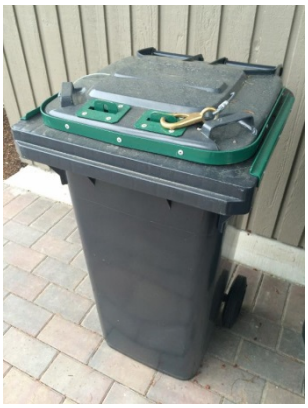


2014 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2014 Annual Report is now available for review. It can be viewed online at www.lionsbay.ca or at the Village Office.

Council will consider the Annual Report at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to ask questions or provide comments on the report.

2014 Annual Report



GARBAGE BINS FOR SALE

The Village Office still has several garbage bins available for sale. These animal-resistant bins, priced at $175 each, can be used for either household garbage or as a green-can bin.

Please stop by the Village Office to pick-up a bin at anytime during office hours (Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday from 10am to 4pm).

DAILY WATER PRODUCTION GRAPHS

The daily Water Production Graph is located on the home page of the Village website and will be updated each weekday to reflect daily production (consumption) rates.

Today's Graph

THE LIONS BAY 55+ CLUB

Please join us for the last Tai Chi class in the Village Hall on Tuesday, July 14th at 11:15am before the 55+ Club begins their summer break!

Tai Chi classes will continue again in September through to December at 11:15am on the following dates:

- September 8, 15, 22, 29
- October 6, 20, 27 (no class October 13)
- November 3, 10, 17, 24
- December 1, 8

If you would like more information, or you would like to be removed or added to our email list, please contact Karen Jeffery, Age Friendly Coordinator, at kjeffery@lionsbay.ca.

FISHING IN HOWE SOUND

We are very fortunate that the marine life in Howe Sound has been rebounding since pollution of our waters by industry has been controlled. Many of us are able to catch food for dinner right here in Howe Sound. The recovery will not be lasting however if we do not cooperate with the conservation efforts put in place by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

It is the responsibility of every person who likes to fish, catch prawns and crab to be knowledgeable and respectful of all fishing closures and regulations. This information is found on the Department of Fisheries and Oceans website. Anglers should be aware there are a number of conservation areas within our area 28 such as the Rockfish Conservation Area in front of Lions Bay. The only permitted recreational fishing activities here are: invertebrates by hand picking or dive, crab by trap, shrimp/prawn

by trap or smelt by gillnet. The DFO has also recently closed certain areas to prawning and crabbing to protect the glass sponge reefs, so make sure to check the current closures.

Even if you don't fish, you can help with conservation and a healthy eco-system by informing people about these closures. If you observe a fisheries violation, such as someone fishing from the shore in Lions Bay, you are encouraged to report it. This may be done through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Additional reporting:

- DFO: Observe, Record, Report (ORR) Line - 1-800-465-4336
- Province: Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) - 1-877-952-7277

A DFO staff person will call you back, and together you can help save some fish.



WILDLIFE IN THE VILLAGE

Just a reminder during the warm summer months to keep an eye on your pets due to a natural, higher volume in wildlife. The Village Office was notified of a raccoon inside a resident's home on the weekend which attacked a cat, as the door was left open for a breeze.

See what's happening on our social sites: