VILLAGE UPDATE

Friday, July 8, 2016

LIONS BAY BEACH PARK WASHROOMS CLOSED

The Public Works Department would like to advise all residents that the Lions Bay Beach Park washrooms will be closed until July 14, 2016 while the floors are recoated and the walls repainted. A portable toilet is on site for the duration of our works. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience during this project and apologize for any inconvenience caused.

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2015 Annual Report is now available for review. It can be viewed on the Village website here, or at the Village Office.

Council will consider the Annual Report at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to ask questions or provide comments on the report.

UPCOMING COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30pm on *Regular Council Meeting* nights.

- Infrastructure Committee - July 11, 2016 at 7:00pm
- Tree Committee - July 13, 2016 at 10:45am

Note: please check the Village website calendar for meeting schedule changes or cancellations.

LIBRARY



Canada Day this year was very special for the Library Volunteers as they were the Recipients of the "Citizen(s) of the Year Award for 2016". It was a delightful surprise for us and we would like to thank Mayor Buhr and Council for this special recognition.

The Library has been fortunate to have had many wonderful volunteers, past and present. This year they include Mansje More - one of our originals (35 years) and our present Treasurer - Anne-Marie Prior - who came to volunteer in 1983 and spent years as our Chairman, also thanks to Janet Cozens, Celia Haas, Taryn Biggs, along with Nancy Seow who carefully chooses the books for our young ones, recently Heather Hood, Mary Lee Smithers and Patty Sorenson joined the Volunteer list and are bringing new ideas to the Library.

After 35 years, things seem to be slowing at the Library, so we hope more residents will come and visit this summer.

MONDAYS: 10:30 to Noon

Pop Up, Pop In: Anytime the SIGN is OUT we are open.

The Children's Reading Challenge is off to a great start again this year.
Remember all Lions Bay Children - are invited to participate - membership is not required.

Annmarie Gates

PROPERTY TAX NOTICES 2016

The Village of Lions Bay Property Tax Notices for 2016 were mailed out on May 27th. The due date for payment is **July 14th by 4:00 p.m.**

Home owners can pay by cheque or cash at the Village Office, online through most financial institutions, or by dropping off a cheque after hours through the mail slot at the Village Office **prior to July 14th**. The Village Office will extend its open hours to 6:30pm on Tuesday, July 5th, Thursday, July 7th, and Tuesday, July 12th to assist residents in paying their taxes before the deadline.

The Home Owner Grants (HOG) are also due by July 14th by 4:00 p.m. Home owners can now claim their grants online; please go to the finance page on the Village website and follow the link or click the button below: (To apply online you will need your roll number and the HOG Access Code which is located on your property tax notice below your name and address. The HOG Access code is your password).

Claim Your Grant Online

PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES DURING A POSTAL STRIKE

A Canada Post strike or lockout is possible as of July 8, 2016. Even though there may be disruptions within the mail system, your property taxes are still due July 14th by 4:00 p.m. Please note that post marks are not accepted as date of payment.

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRALS

For those residents who currently defer their property taxes, renewal applications have now been mailed out by the Province. If you do not receive your form, please contact the Property Tax Deferment Office at 1-888-355-2700 or TaxDeferment@gov.bc.ca.

The tax deferment application must be received at the Village Office by the tax due date (July 14 at 4:00pm) or the late payment penalty will be applied. If the property is eligible for a Home Owner Grant, the grant application must be completed before the deferral can be accepted.

For any residents interested in the deferral program, you may be able to apply for a low interest loan (deferral) from the Province to pay your current year property taxes on your principal residence, once you receive your property tax notice. There are two programs you may qualify for:

Regular Program:

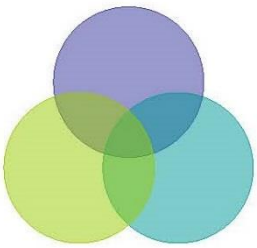
You may qualify for this program if you're:

* 55 or older during the current year or
* a surviving spouse of any age or
* a person with disabilities as defined in the *Disability Benefits Program Act*

Families with Children Program:

You may qualify for this program if you're a parent, stepparent or financially supporting a child.

For more information about the deferment program, please go to their website.



SENIORS SOCIAL CIRCLE

Cards and games: Although many (perhaps most) of us are otherwise engaged during Summer, we know that Fall will come and social gatherings over Coffee & Cards will have their appeal. The SSC invites any and all who may be interested in cards and other adult games to its next meeting at 7:00 pm in the Hall on either Tuesday 19th or Thursday 21st July. Please indicate your preference to Sharon Raymond: sharonaray@shaw.ca, 604-921-7260, or Louis Peterson: lpeterso@sfu.ca, and we will notify you of the selected date.



See what's happening on our social sites:

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