Village Update

May 5, 2023

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

We are blessed to live in Lions Bay. Last week I spoke of Spring in Lions Bay and all the activities that are underway, flowers and trees budding and many reasons for celebration.

Today I attended a ceremony in the Chevalier 'Sir' Norman Kirby Memorial Garden, again with flowers for a very different reason.

Members of the Memorial Cairn Committee along with the Lions Bay Historical Society and others came together for a special time to remember the May 5th Liberation Day in the Netherlands in 1945. The brief ceremony was a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in freedom and safely in such a beautiful community.

Sunday, May 7th will feature a fundraiser 'Slug Race', with residents coming together again to benefit a Syrian Refugee Family, a second family that Lions Bay residents will sponsor. The 'Slug Race' is at the south cul de sac of Sunset Drive at 3 to 5pm.

These two events highlight the power of our volunteers, bracketing both sides of Voting Day which is so symbolic of our freedom and choice in Lions Bay. Be sure to get out and vote in our byelection tomorrow and then get behind our new Councillor and Council to move Lions Bay forward.

This past week the 2023 Preliminary Draft Budget has been posted on the Village website and your input and suggestions are invited. Council met twice this week and will be meeting several times next week to move the Budget ahead prior to the May 15th, 2023 deadline.

Please forward suggestions to recognize exceptional Lions Bay citizens. Citizen of the Year and Citizen of Distinction nominations are called for later in the Village Update.

May has arrived in Lions Bay, be sure to Vote Saturday, May 6 th, 8 am to 8 pm.

I wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Ken Berry
Mayor
Village of Lions Bay

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



GENERAL VOTING DAY

Saturday, May 6, 2023, between 8:00am and 8:00pm
at
Broughton Hall, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay BC

If you are Non-Resident Property Elector, you will be required to fill out the following forms on Voting Day.

You can download them here to save some time:
NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR
NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR CONSENT FORM

2023 BY-ELECTIONNOTICE OF ELECTION



Council is looking for nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year & Citizen of Distinction awards.

Please review the criteria below to nominate a Citizen by sending an email to office@lionsbay.ca. Please include their name and the reason you think they are deserving of the award.

Citizen of the Year
The Citizen of the Year is awarded annually to an outstanding community member who contributes significant volunteer time to enhancing the quality of life in Lions Bay. This well-respected individual demonstrates extraordinary leadership and community service, inspiring others with their caring and positive attitude.

- Works respectfully with others in the spirit of cooperation
- Demonstrates a personal commitment for the benefit of the community

- Makes a difference to the lives of Villagers
- Leads by example
- Inspirational to other Villagers

Citizen of Distinction
The Citizen of Distinction is awarded periodically in recognition of a community member who, through their personal or professional efforts in society at large, have exemplified the spirit of and brought honour and distinction to the Village of Lions Bay. This individual may have:

- performed an outstanding achievement or act
- made a lasting impact on the lives of others
- inspired others to care for one another or uplifted fellow citizens
- provided service to fellow citizens over an extended period (i.e. not focused solely on one singular event/activity)
- made a significant contribution to the future of the Village through beneficial awareness or advocacy of Lions Bay

Elected officials, municipal employees and business endeavours are not eligible for the awards.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
May 16, 2023 at 6:00pm*
***Closed session will begin at 6:00pm followed by the public meeting at 7:00pm**

View the Council and Committee Schedule, Agendas, & Minutes HERE!

Video conferencing is available for public participation via Zoom. Instructions on how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found **here**.

Public Viewing Etiquette:

- *Public participation is still available on Zoom, during the Public Participation section of the agenda. Attendees will have two minutes to speak on any matter at the beginning of the meeting*
- *Silent viewing only, until you are called upon to speak (if desired).*
- *Please do not interrupt Council discussion.*
- *Limit background distractions by muting your microphone and keeping video turned off until such time as it's your turn to speak (if applicable).*
- *If interruptions are repeated, the participant will be removed from the meeting*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONS BAY

Slug Races & BBQ

Sunday, May 7th, 3-5pm

Sunset Drive cul-de-sac (south side)



Please join us for this fun, informal, family-friendly event to raise funds to support a new refugee family!

Free participation.

BBQ sausages, veggie dogs and drinks by donation.

Details:

- South side Sunset Drive cul-de-sac (near 170 Sunset Drive).
- Please walk or park on Mountain Drive or the north cul-de-sac.
- Slugs provided – our goal is for this to be a cruelty free event. Slugs will be cared for and given nice things to munch on in between heats.
- Prizes and fame for Lions Bay's fastest slugs and racers!
- More info: text/call: 604-341-6337

All funds raised will support refugee sponsorships for the parents and brothers of Agid Omar, in partnership with the West Vancouver United Church and the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster. Originally from Syria, Agid was sponsored by Lions Bay residents in 2017. His parents and two brothers are still in the Darashakran Refugee Camp near Erbil, Iraq, with sponsorship applications underway.

Call or Text



Sign up for an activity or drop in for all the rest!

INFORMATIONAL EXHIBITS

LB Bird Friendly and **Bear Smart** teams, **Community Bat Program** (**NEW** - LB's new Bat Ambassador will be there!), **the Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region** and

Marine Stewardship Initiative, the Native Plant Garden and their **Butterflyway Project**, and the Sea to Sky Eagle Education Community Awareness Program. Also participating are the LB Trailblazers and Seniors' Social Circle.

NEW: A display of the Lions Bay School kids' nature art . The kids have made some beautiful new signs featuring native plants and also paper mâché birds.

PROGRAM

9.15 - 10.15: Activities
Build-a-Birdhouse (details and **sign up here**); Bird ID with Merlin sound ID (**NEW** - **details and sign up here**); Bird Friendly Art Project (details and **sign up here**); Be-a-Bird Face painting (**NEW** - no sign-up required for this one).

10.30: Presentation
Interactive "Eagle Experience" (**NEW** - all ages - no sign up required): presented by the Sea to Sky Eagle Education Community Awareness Program. This session will draw kids in with interactive moments, for example, they will map out the true size of an eagle's nest (it's big!) and experience what an eagle's egg feels like. There will also be video footage of an eaglet being born and learning to fly. It's designed to interest all ages, including parents and grandparents.

11.30 – noon: Prizes
Prize draws, including a pair of **Vanquish 8X26 Binoculars**, hummingbird feeders and organic Bird Friendly Coffee (thanks to **Wild Birds Unlimited North Van**), items from Little by Little Pottery (thanks, Christine!) and more…

Noon: Walk to see the Baby Eagles
The Trailblazers will lead a walk to see the Baby eagles on the NEW NEST (all ages - no sign up required). There'll be a spotting scope and binoculars available for a good, close-up look! Good for all ages.

Tea, Bird Friendly coffee and goodies from the **Red Couch Bakery** (thanks, Jessica!) available 9.15 - noon. The Seniors Social Circle will be brewing and serving.

BBQ burgers & pop available 11 - 2 (help us plan… **book your burger(s) here**).

Questions? email us at **lionsbaybirdfriendly@gmail.com**.

BIRD FRIENDLY CITY LIONS BAY, BC
CERTIFIED BY NATURE CANADA



Lions Bay Giveaway Weekend

Saturday, May 13th at 8 am
until dusk on Sunday, May 14th

Once again, please help keep waste out of our landfills by putting out any of your unwanted items at the end of your driveway marked **FREE**. Items can include furniture, books, sports equipment, toys, gardening equipment, building supplies...anything goes, there are no rules!!

Drive, walk or cycle around the village over the Mother's Day weekend and see what treasures you can find for yourself.

Parking regulations will still be in effect so please be mindful of where you stop to shop. Kindly remind your kids not to drop any 'wanted' bikes and scooters near FREE signs.

Feel free to contact Heather Hood at 604 992 6179 or hoodinlionsbay@gmail.com if you have any questions.

*Please note we cannot accommodate a village-wide pick up at the end of the weekend, it is up to owners to please put away/donate their **own** unwanted items.

PHONE

EMAIL

LIONS BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"LOOKING BACK"



This Friday May 5th marks Liberation Day in Holland. To Honour this special day the Village of Lions Bay / Lions Bay Historical Society remembers Sir Norman Kirby and others who were there as the Canadian Liberators in 1945.

Norman Kirby was a long time resident of Lions Bay. Norman Kirby passed away on March 24th 2021. The Memorial Cairn was officially dedicated on Remembrance Day, November 11. 2019.

The Memorial Garden was dedicated to Norman Kirby by former Mayor Ron McLaughlin and the Village of Lions Bay. Accordingly, flowers will be placed with the appropriate colours of the Netherlands in White/Blue/Red.

As you walk by this weekend, stop, reflect and pay tribute to those who sacrificed so much during their youth. The brave men and women handed us their sacred torch to keep our Freedom and Democracy intact.

" Lest We Forget"

By Trudi Luethy
On Behalf of the Village of Lions Bay and the Lions Bay Historical Society

The Chevalier 'Sir' Norman Kirby Memorial Garden



Photo: Councillor Michael Broughton, Brenda Broughton, Wayne Halstrom, Wendy Conway-Mair, Former Councillor Fred Bain, Mayor Ken Berry, Victoria Kirby, Arlene Halstrom, and Trudi Luethy.

Photo taken by Elyse Ando

Working to ensure Lions Bay residents are Informed, Engaged and Prepared.
May 7-13 is Emergency Preparedness Week

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK WEBINAR:
If you're ready for earthquakes, you're ready for anything!

Earthquakes can impact all of us, no matter where you live in the province, which is why this year's webinar theme for Emergency Preparedness Week is "If you're ready for earthquakes, you're ready for anything!"

During this free webinar, the team from PreparedBC will provide you with resources and tips for getting prepared for all types of emergencies, including earthquakes.

A seismologist with Natural Resources Canada will talk about:

- B.C.'s earthquake risk; and
- The incoming National Earthquake Early Warning System, which can detect earthquakes and send out emergency alerts.

Special guests from the B.C. Earthquake Alliance will share information on managing risk, and the ShakeOutBC team will give a preview of how to stay safe and protect yourself during an earthquake and what to expect during the Great ShakeOutBC Drill in October. Attendees will receive a list of resources discussed during the presentation and be entered to win a 4-person emergency kit.

WHO: Presented by:
PreparedBC, the public education program of the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

WHEN: **Thursday, May 11, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

REGISTER **HERE**

UPDATES FROM
Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden Society

Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden
Celebrating the Importance of Native Pollinator Species



Photo: SFU, "Pollinators of Southern British Columbia"

Throughout May, gardeners at the Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden will be providing information about the importance of local pollinator species, listing contact information for nurseries that stock indigenous plants, raising awareness about invasive species, and sharing information about Lions Bay-based biodiversity initiatives.

We're starting by celebrating that there are more than 450 species of bee in BC. The most common categories of native bees include: bumble bees, sweat bees, mining bees and hairy-belly bees. The number one threat to pollinators (like all plants and animals at risk of extinction) is habitat loss.

Almost 90% of flowering plants need pollinators to reproduce, so bees and other pollinators are important for ecosystem stability. Like all animals, pollinators need two basic things: food and a place to nest. If you're interested in more information about pollinators, and ways to support their habitat, please check out: **SFU's Pollination Ecology Lab**.

*If you're interested in more information about the Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden Society, please contact Val Morton at **val.morton@gmail.com**.*

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