Village Update

May 30, 2025

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

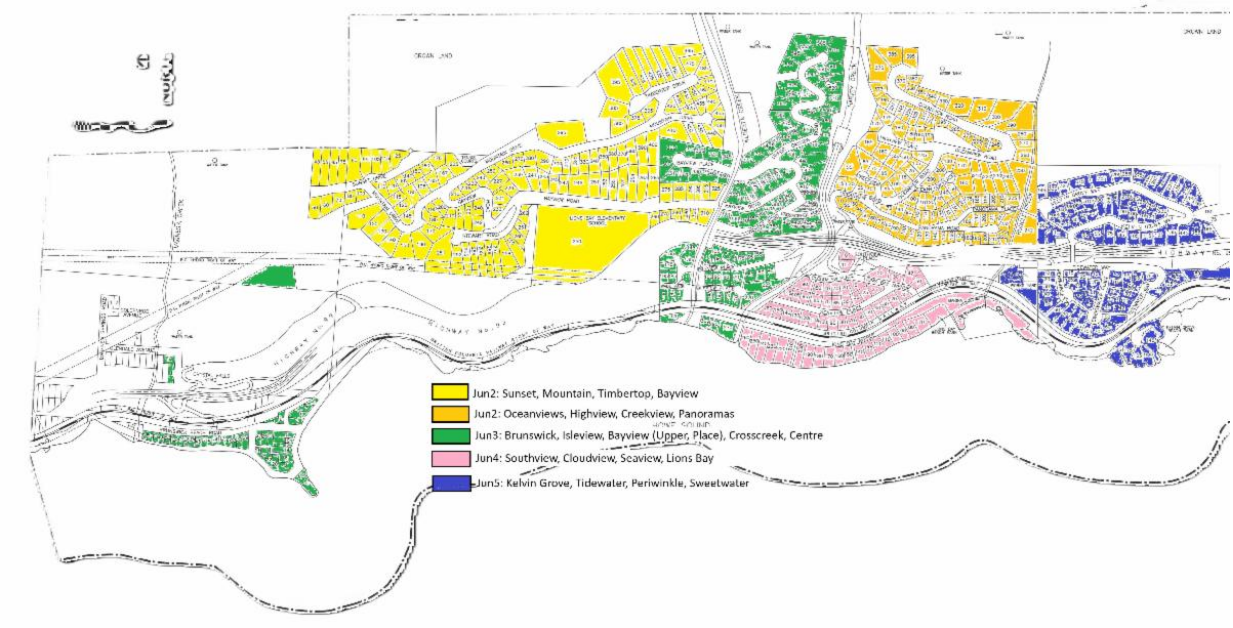


VILLAGE-WIDE WATER MAIN FLUSHING takes place next week. Our water mains comprise 16.1 km of iron, steel, asbestos-cement and PVC pipe from 2 to 10" in diameter, plus 16 pressure reducing valve stations, an automated fireflow control station, 23 strainers, 72 fire hydrants and 250 valves. Flushing is a requirement of our drinking water permit and entails running water through the mains at high volume and velocity to scour organic and mineral deposits before they affect pressure and fireflow, and deplete chlorine disinfectant. We flush twice a year, when supply is not constrained. About that, another summer of careful demand management is planned—several large private-side service leaks have been suspected and found in the last weeks, and **we go to Outdoor Water Use Conservation Level 1 on Monday, June 9.**

As to next week's flushing, that water needs somewhere to go, so ditches and culverts are cleared and flow is directed with sandbags, making flushing an all-hands all week exercise. This round, a specialist contractor will also be measuring pressures and network flowrates at select points on the Thursday and Friday as part of updating our hydraulic model, needed for the coming Centre-Bayview-Upper Bayview watermain replacement project. Signage will advise when we are on a given street, starting at the top, where treated water enters the system from the treatment plants, and progressing to the ends of the network:

- Mon., June 2: upper Village north (Sunset, Timbertop, Mountain, Bayview) and south (Oceanviews, Creekview, Panoramas, Highview).
- Tues., June 3: Upper Bayview, Bayview Pl., Centre, Crosscreek, Isleview, Brunswick.
- Wed., June 4: Southview, Cloudview, Seaview, Lions Bay.

- Thurs., June 5: Kelvin Grove, Periwinkle, Sweetwater, Tidewater.



Water stays disinfected and is safe to drink, but may contain loosened particulates, so avoid drawing water into the residence while we are flushing ahead of your location. After we have moved past, flush your service by running the cold tap nearest to the incoming line until clear (remember to place filters and softeners if any in bypass mode). The Village of Lions Bay assumes no liability for water use during flushing. For questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at **works@lionsbay.ca** or 604-921-9833 (voicemail).

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

May 29, 2025

Mark Sager
City Hall
453 12th Ave
West Vancouver, BC
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To the Community of West Vancouver and All Those Affected

Dear Mayor Sager,

On behalf of the Village of Lions Bay, please accept our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the families, bystanders, first responders and the entire West Vancouver/ Howe Sound Community in the wake of the tragic events that occurred yesterday in Horseshoe Bay.

We are deeply saddened to learn of the loss of a child and the serious injuries sustained by his mother and her friend. Words cannot adequately express the sorrow we feel for those affected by this heartbreaking event.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is any way that I, or the Village of Lions Bay, can offer support to your community in the difficult days and months ahead.
With deepest sympathy,

"Ken Berry"
Ken Berry, Mayor
The Village of Lions Bay



By now you should have received your 2025 Utility Notice, as well as your 2025 Property Tax Notice. In an effort to streamline some of the communication and information surrounding both the issuance, as well as payments, we thought we would answer some of the most asked questions below.

DUE DATES
UTILITY BILLS are due December 31, 2025. However, if you want to take advantage of the Early Bird discount, payments need to be made by May 31, 2025.
2025 PROPERTY TAXES are due, July 14th at 4:00 pm.

CAN THE UTILITIES EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BE EXTENDED
Unfortunately, because the Early Bird discount is part of the Water Bylaw No. 2, the date of '31st May of each year' would need to be amended and approved by Council.

WAYS TO PAY
Your UTILTIES and PROPERTY TAXES can be paid in the same manner with one exception.

- When paying your UTILITY bill, please use your "Account' number listed on the top right-hand section of your UTILITY INVOICE. You use your Access code if you are paying through the payment portal on the Village website.
- When paying your PROPERTY TAXES, please use your ROLL#, which is listed on the top line in the blue section on the left-hand side of your TAX NOTICE. Use the online ACCESS CODE listed on your TAX NOTICE when paying through the payment portal on the Village website.
- A 2.5% fee applies to any payments made through the Village Website and takes only credit card payments.
- You can pay both your UTILTIES and PROPERTY TAXES through ALL major banking institutions by setting up the VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY PROPERTY TAX department as a Payee. Each institution will have its own set of unique requirements to set up an account. Example: if your institution requires a 9-digit number, but your ROLL # or ACCOUNT # is shorter, ADD zeros '0' to the front of your number.

CAN I SEND AN ETRANSFER?

- No.

CAN SOMEONE ELSE PAY MY BILL FOR ME

- Yes, but please note: if you have a relative, or a tenant who is paying your bill on your behalf, you must ensure that your ACCOUNT # for your UTILTIES, and your ROLL # for TAXES submitted along with your payment are correct. If the wrong number is used,

or doesn't exist, we have no way of knowing where to apply the payment. HOMEOWNERS ARE REPSONSIBLE for all payments owing on your property regardless of what arrangement or understanding you have made with a tenant, family member, or third party.

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOUR HOMEOWNER'S GRANT (HOG)?

- HOMEOWNERS ARE REPSONSIBLE for applying for the HOG EACH YEAR, - there are no exceptions to this rule. If you miss the deadline resulting in a balance owing on your account, the Village is not responsible for ensuring you have applied for your HOG. PENALTIES WILL APPLY if you have taxes owing due the HOG not being applied for.

PROPERTY TAX DERFERMENT

- HOMEOWNERS ARE REPSONSIBLE for applying and maintaining the terms and agreements with the Province if you have chosen to enroll in the Property Tax Deferment. Please ensure that you have also applied for your HOG EACH YEAR as it will affect the amount of taxes reported to the Province.

PROPERTY TAX DERFERMENT AMOUNT WAS TOO HIGH

- If you believe the amount of taxes deferred was reported incorrectly, please contact the office and if necessary, the amount can be adjusted which may result in a PREPAYMENT amount on your tax notice.

PREPAYMENT AMOUNT

- Prepayment credit amounts are the result of one of two factors:

1. You have been making monthly payments to your tax account; or,
2. Your Property Tax Deferment amount was higher than it should have been and has been resubmitted, resulting in a credit on your account.

If you have a question you would like answered, please submit it to 'accounting@ lionsbay.ca' and we will be happy to answer for you.



PARKSVILLE – Effective at 12:00 p.m. (noon) PDT on Friday, May 30, 2025, most open burning activities will be prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction, with exceptions for Haida Gwaii. This prohibition is being enacted to help reduce human-caused wildfires and for public safety.

Category 2 and Category 3 open fires will be prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction, with the exception that only Category 3 fires will be prohibited in the Haida Gwaii Forest District. This prohibition will be in place until October 31, 2025, or until the order is rescinded.

For more information, click **here**.



NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:
Regular Meeting of Council - June 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Committee of the Whole Meeting - June 3, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Infrastructure Committee Meeting - June 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm

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

View the Council and Committee Schedules, Agendas, and Minutes HERE!

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

Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council
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SSISC

Upcoming Invasive Plant Treatments in Lions Bay

This memo is to advise community members about upcoming invasive plant treatments in Lions Bay.

What:

The Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (SSISC) and the Village of Lions Bay (VOLB) have partnered together to carry out herbicide control of giant hogweed, as well as mechanical control of yellow-flag iris and tansy ragwort in Lions Bay.

Yellow Flag Iris:



- Outcompetes native plants like cattails, sedges and rushes.
- Reduces habitat for fish, amphibians, and nesting birds.
- Toxic if ingested by humans or livestock; can cause skin irritation when touched.
- Plants are removed mechanically.
- https://ssisc.ca/yellow-flag-iris

Tansy Ragwort:



- Makes honey bitter, rendering it impossible to market.
- Contains alkaloids that are toxic to cattle, deer, pigs, horses and goats.
- Plants are removed mechanically.
- https://ssisc.ca/tansy-ragwort

Giant Hogweed:



- Toxic sap can cause burns, blisters and painful dermatitis.
- Exposure of sap to eyes may also cause temporary or permanent blindness.
- Plants are treated with herbicide to minimize exposure to toxic sap.
- https://ssisc.ca/invasives/invasive-plants/gianthogweed

When:

The treatments are planned between June 2nd and June 30th, 2025. Any invasive plants treated with herbicide will be clearly signed.

PUBLIC EDUCATION & Lions Fire Rescue Bay **OUTREACH PROGRAM**



FireSmart Home Assessments

Lions Bay Fire Rescue has partnered with Frontera Forest Solutions through a wildfire grant to offer free home assessments to the community, conducted by our local FireSmart representative.

Our FireSmart representatives are available to assess your home's wildfire risk using the Home Ignition Zone model. They will provide recommendations on changes that can significantly reduce the risk of structure ignition.

These assessments are completely confidential and offered at no cost. To inquire about scheduling your free home assessment, please contact us at:

lbfradmin@lionsbay.ca

Thank you for helping make our community safer!





2013 William Kung

Barb San Severino is a celebrated landscape artist known for her breathtaking depictions of nature's beauty. With decades of experience and numerous accolades to her name, Barb brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her mentoring sessions. Her passion for painting is matched only by her dedication to nurturing the talents of aspiring artists.

Where: Broughton Hall

When: Thursday evenings, June 5th – July 3rd

Time: 6 pm to 8 pm.

Participants: 25

Cost: $35

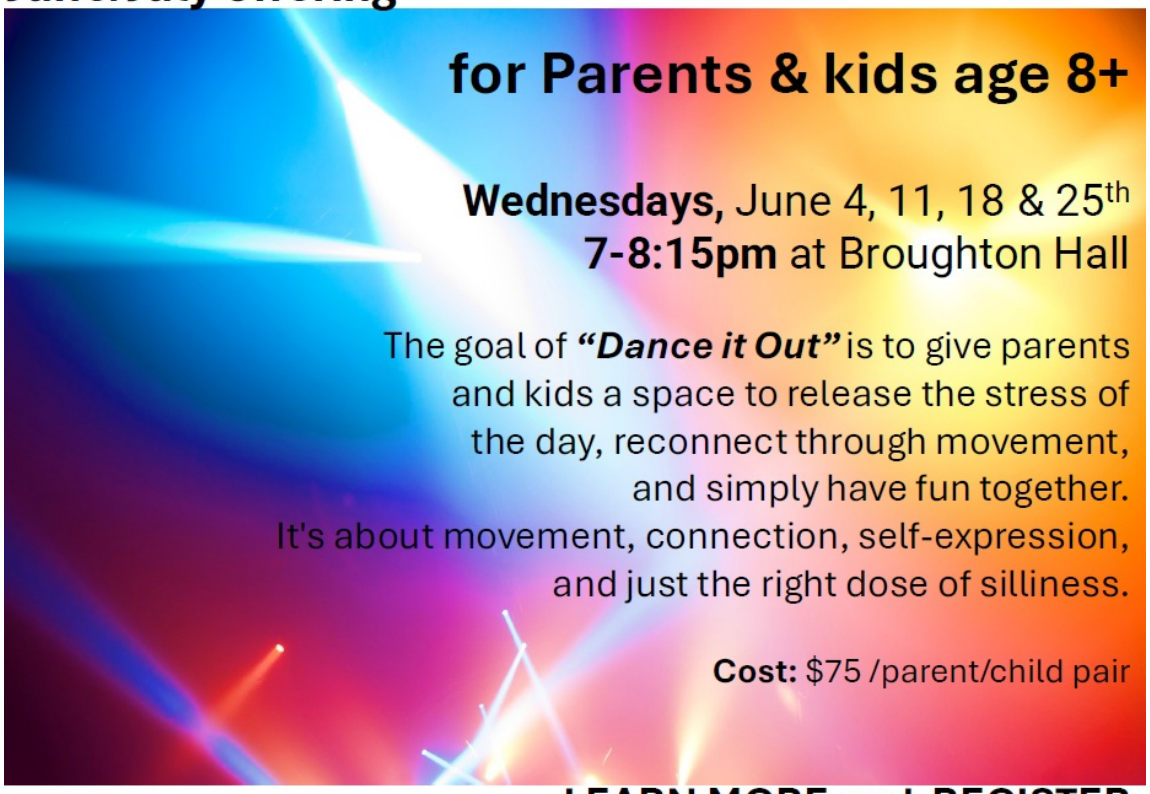
Artists are to bring their own supplies and a piece of work in progress.
Spaces in our landscape painting group are limited to ensure each participant receives generous attention and guidance.

Please visit our website: https://lionsbayarts.ca/adult-learning to register and make payment to secure your spot.

ArtSpark

"Dance It Out"

June/July offering



LEARN MORE and REGISTER

Visit: www.lionsbayarts.ca/artspark

The Butterflyway Project



Help Replant Ivy Patch!

English ivy and other invasive plant species are spreading in Lions Bay and outcompeting native plants for water, nutrients and space. Native plants have coevolved with native birds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators, thereby creating an intricate web of life. Invasive plants disrupt this delicate balance, causing declines in native populations and harm to the ecosystem.

On March 3rd, a group of villagers gathered at Broughton Hall to pull the ivy that was covering the bank on the north side of the stairway.

The second step of this process is to replace the ivy with native plants. We would love to have your help with this replanting effort! Please join us on June 8 from 10-12.

Please bring any gardening tools, such as shovels and trowels, that you think might be helpful in the replanting. Broughton Hall will be open and delicious snacks will be provided.

Many thanks in advance from your Butterflyway rangers, Val and Hana!

A Bird Friendly Reminder


It's nesting Season!
Thank you for delaying tree work until the end of August.
Gardeners, also check for nests in ground covers and shrubs: not all birds nest in trees. (eg Juncos and Towhees)
Photo of Black-capped Chickadee by Danielle Wills.



Lions Bay Events Committee

Bringing our Community Together

Join Our Event Planning Team!

We're busy planning exciting community events for the year, and we need passionate volunteers to help make them a success!

We need volunteers for Canada Day!

 SetUp/Clean up

 Games/Crafts tables

 bartenders/cooks

We're also looking for individuals to take the lead in key areas, including:

 Sponsorship Leader – Help connect with local businesses and secure sponsorships.

 Games & Activities Leader – Plan and oversee fun activities for kids and families.

Whether it's our Canada Day Party, Trivia Night, Summer Festival, or other community gatherings, your support can make a big difference!

Interested? Contact us to get involved at **lionsbayevents@gmail.com**

Let's work together to create amazing events for our community! It takes a village!



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Encourage friends to Subscribe	Meeting Calendars	Real-time Air Quality Map	Real-time Air Temperature	Curbside Solid Waste Timeslots

Compostable and landfill garbage drop-off is available at the Public Works Yard: 5 Tidewater Way, **Fridays 6-8 am** and **Saturdays 8-11 am**.



Reception: (604) 921-9333
Public Works Voicemail: (604) 921-9833
Public Works After-hours On-call: (604) 290-1498
Bylaw Enforcement Officer: (604) 834-3404

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