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Village Update

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NEW EMPLOYEE AND STAFF CHANGES

The Village of Lions Bay is pleased to announce the appointment of Nicole Dumas as our new Executive Assistant working alongside CAO Peter DeJong. Her first day of work will be Monday, October 7th. This role replaces the current Office Coordinator role that Shawna Driscoll (formerly Shawna Gilroy) has held for several years. Shawna will now take on the role of full-time Administrative Assistant and will be your first point of contact up front when you phone, email or drop in to the office, in conjunction with Susan Loutet, who will continue to work three days per week.

Please note that Shawna will continue to prepare the Village Update. All requests should now be sent to reception@lionsbay.ca by the Thursday noon deadline.

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LIONS BAY IS CONDUCTING A TEST OF THE

LB ALERT

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM ON

**October 17, 2019
at 10:17 AM**



As many of you are aware Lions Bay has an Emergency Notification System in place called **LB Alert**. This system allows staff to send emergency messages to the residents of Lions Bay who have signed up and completed registration for the system.

On **October 17 at 10:17 am** we will be sending a short test message out through **LB Alert** to ensure that it is functioning as expected; when you receive this message, you will not be required to take any action.

If you have not already signed up for **LB Alert** and would like to receive emergency notifications when it matters, please sign up [here](#). Once you have signed up at the Village website, an email will be sent from our service provider, ePact, to the email address you provided with a link to follow to complete your registration on the ePact site. Once you have completed your registration you will receive emergency messages on **LB Alert** when they are sent out.

KEEP BEARS AWAY FROM FRUIT TREES

Be Bear Smart!



Tree fruit attracts bears to backyards, increases potential interaction and bear habituation, resulting in human/wildlife conflict.

Bears may forage up to 20 hours a day during autumn, increasing their body weight by 35% in preparation for winter. During this time, they enter 'hyperphagia', which literally means "excessive eating." Bears have by now depleted the blackberries and other native food sources. Apples and other fruit-bearing trees begin to ripen and become the next food choice for hungry bears. We've received multiple complaints of bears accessing fruit trees on Oceanview, Isleview, Tidewater, and Bayview. These fruit trees attract bears to backyards leading to increased interaction, bear habituation, and eventually result human/wildlife conflict. Domestic fruit trees are not a natural source of food for bears. They are acknowledged as a bear attractant and bring bears into our community.

You may not mind if a bear feasts on your fruit, but what you are doing is not only dangerous, it is an offence under the [B.C. Wildlife Act](#) and punishable by a fine of \$230.00. These bears become used to humans and our surroundings, and they become bolder in exploring urban areas. If you leave your fruit trees undermanaged and unattended, you are endangering members of our community. You are creating a food-conditioned and habituated bear that will come into contact with humans and lead to the bear's ultimate demise. However, a simple and effective solution still exists. Remove the fruit as soon as it begins to ripen and bring it indoors.

Other tips:

- Prune your fruit trees, so they will produce only the amount of fruit that you are able to pick and consume.
- Clean all fallen fruit from beneath the trees and shrubs daily, and pick fruit and berries as soon as they ripen.
- A small, inexpensive electric fence system will act as a bear deterrent for your trees.
- Remember to keep garbage containers indoors – inside a locked shed, garage, or basement until pick up day. Dispose of garbage regularly – do not stockpile it or it will begin to smell and attract bears.

To change the behavior of bears, we must first change our own. Don't wait until you have a problem to do something about it. It is our responsibility to learn how to live with bears; we are the ones who choose to live in bear country.



Invasive species do not recognize property boundaries and while the Municipality is working diligently with the Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (SSISC) to eradicate problem species on public lands, responsibility for private property belongs with you.

Not only are Invasive Species on your property harmful to the environment and a danger to neighbouring properties, but they can lead to huge infrastructure problems for you. Some Invasive Species can damage foundations and driveways, cause backups or blocking of septic systems, or pose a human safety risk. Several

species are also considered “noxious weeds” meaning they are legislated by the [B.C. Weed Control Act](#) which requires you to remove them from your property.

Many invasive plants can be safely and effectively controlled manually and can be tackled on your own. Check out the priority plants in our region to learn more about appropriate management techniques and considerations for each species at [Metro Vancouver’s website](#). Please be aware that some invasive plant species, such as knotweed species and giant hogweed, require special care or chemical treatments and it is recommended that you hire a trained professional to remove them.

Some invasive plant species require very high temperatures and/or long periods of time to destroy seeds and root fragments, which can result in some invasive species surviving the composting process. In order to keep compost products invasive-free, many municipalities including Lions Bay, do not accept invasive plant material into the organic material waste stream. Invasive species must be bagged and disposed of in the household waste stream.

BE EARTHQUAKE AWARE

Hello Lions Bay. Recently I was welcomed by the Municipal staff and Council as the Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator here in Lions Bay, and I’m excited to be able to help make the community of Lions Bay safer. A very important priority among emergency managers across Canada is to increase the resilience of our communities; to make our communities better able to not only face the dangers of natural disasters but to be able to come back even stronger after they happen.



One of the ways we can do this is by sharing the lessons others have learned through adversity when faced with natural disasters. With that in mind, I will occasionally write a small article here in the Village Update to share some ideas with the community. October being the month BC partakes in the world’s largest earthquake drill, I felt that sharing some earthquake preparedness tips would be appropriate. Click [here](#) to read about ways you can reduce the dangers around your house during an earthquake.

On Thursday October 17th, stop for a moment and think of the dangers that earthquakes pose and then take part in the Great BC Shakeout, the largest earthquake drill around. At 10:17am, take time to **drop, cover and hold on**. Become a ShakeoutBC registered participant at Shakeoutbc.ca!

Stay safe,
Robert Whitney, Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator

Note: All meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30 pm on Regular Council Meeting nights. Please check the Meeting Calendar for changes or cancellations.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting - Oct 15 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Calendar

What's happening in the community?

ELECTIONS CANADA: VOTING INFORMATION

Please note the following locations and times for the All Candidates Meeting and Election day and Advance Voting days below:

All Candidates Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

1:30-3:30 pm

Senior's Activity Centre (695 21st Street, West Vancouver)

Election Day

Monday, October 21

7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Broughton Hall (400 Centre Road, Lions Bay)

Advance Voting Days

October 11, 12, 13 and 14

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Gleneagles Golf Course Clubhouse (6190 Marine Drive, West Vancouver)



CELEBRATE THE SPOOKIEST NIGHT
OF THE YEAR

Nocturnal Vibes
Kids Halloween Party
+ Tween Dance

Friday October 25th

Lions Bay
Village Hall
400 Center Rd

Kids Party
3:30-5pm
ages 0-8 (free)

Tween Dance
6:30- 9pm
ages 9 and up
\$10 entry at door

**The Lions Bay Events Committee together with the Lions Bay Fire Rescue Department will be celebrating Halloween with their annual fireworks and hot chocolate festivities at the Lions Bay Beach Park on October 31st.
Fireworks begin at dusk!**

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