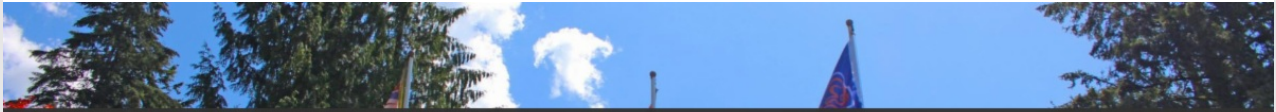




Village Update

August 28, 2020

Updates from the Municipality



Property Tax Penalty Reminder



Reminder notices have been mailed out to all property owners with outstanding 2020 property taxes. The second penalty of 8% will be applied to any unpaid 2020 taxes on September 2nd. The first penalty of 2% was applied July 15. To avoid the second penalty, payment must be received by September 1. See [here](#) for methods of payment.

LIONS BAY



A message from Fire Chief Andrew Oliver

I just wanted to reach out to all residents living or renting in Lions Bay and let you know what's happening in your fire department. First, I want to remind everyone that we are all volunteers; when I joined in late 1995, I was fresh off the boat from England. Not knowing anyone, I noticed that the fire hall had a sign on it that said "volunteer" which has since then been removed. I said to my wife that I might join to get to know people in the bay, and that weekend I happened to read the local news (in those days it was called the Seagull, now The Village Update), and I saw the department was asking for volunteers to help keep taxes down. So that was the start of my time at LBFR, meeting Bob Allan and years later Rick Wilson and Ken Wolder from the marina. Blair Smith was our works manager as well as captain and collectively we started to shape our department into what it is today. We have seen councillors, mayors and office staff come and go but many of us were an integral part of the organization for many years, and still are today.

We were instrumental in training Whistler and Squamish departments in Highway rescues, especially for “heavy coach rescue” prior to the Olympics, with us hosting weekend training courses with the whole of North Shore Police and Ambulance. A few good friends have come and gone over the years, leaving just myself and Bob holding down the fort, with just me for the last few years and some great new residents that have stepped up and are pushing the department to new heights, as well as our strong core of pre recruits helping us all the way.

Here are a few key points I want to share:

1) We are still always looking for keen village residents who want to help keep our taxes down and volunteer in our Fire Department.

2) We have lost a few pre recruits to career departments over the years: I think in my 25 years serving our village I have seen in excess of 150 pre recruits go into full time careers which is a big deal for our little village; but having these skilled men and women around keep our level of service high, and our thirst for better training even higher. We have been lucky to have Bob Allan lead us in that department since 1995, and now Captain Barret Germscheid, both Lions Bay residents and Captains in the West Vancouver Fire Department. We are lucky to have them both, and our training program is recognized all over the Lower Mainland and the North Shore.

3) We are nearing completion of our Burn Building. This is a structure we built at our training grounds for a fraction of the cost, which enables us endless training opportunities. This has taken us close to 5 years, but we can say that not many departments, career or volunteer, have such an opportunity. This structure permits us to train fire operations with detail and precision, so you can rest easy at night; your volunteer department can deal with any fires in our village.

4) We have North Vancouver coming out this week to train on interface/Wildland fire and show us their new truck. We will also be showing them our setup and discuss best management systems and procedures.

5) Please spread the word that the cliffs are very dangerous, and we should all help police this. We have had some very nasty calls over the years here from kids not fully understanding how high they are, and dangers associated with such a jump.

6) We have quite a handful of new pre recruit members that have started recently, and they are essential in helping keep our village safe. Lately, it's been getting harder for these guys to find places to rent. If you have a basement suite, or a room you could rent out to them, please let us know. A lot of these guys don't make a lot of money but are willing to move here to help their career, but as well to help our community, by keeping our taxes and insurance costs low due to the level of service we can provide. Without them, we absolutely could not be the strong department we are today.

7) As you all know, September is the month we hold Fire Fighters Day, which is our only source of fundraising. I started it with Elizabeth Jordan in the late 90's, and it has been growing stronger every year, and now has been passed on to Lieutenant Mattie Gildenhuys. Due to COVID, we have had to put it on hold this year, but this means that, as many of you are also experiencing, our department will be struggling. If you find yourself in a position to be able to donate, please contact myself or Mattie; anything would be greatly appreciated.

8) We have worked tirelessly to set up procedures to protect our members and residents of the Village during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are confident that we are adjusting our policies effectively and keeping all of us safe.

9) Every year, firefighters from all over the country climb a minimum of 42 high rise levels in their bunker gear and on air to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy. This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the challenge is done virtually and LBFR, undaunted by our lack of high rises, is also accepting the challenge. On Saturday September 9th, 9 of us will climb to the peak of the West Lions in our Bunker Gera, carrying the air tank, but not on air. Another 4 will climb carrying many water bottles and document the hike. This trail normally takes about 8 hours up and down, and will be an even more grilling task carrying the weight of the gear, and losing the ability to properly sweat while wearing it. We are excited for this challenge and eager to do our part for those who need it. If anyone wishes to donate to this particular cause, here is our teams donation page.

<https://muscle.akaraisin.com/pledge/Team/Home.aspx?seid=20946&mid=10&tid=305167>

Sincerely,
Chief Andrew Oliver
Lions Bay Fire Rescue



Left: Team on their first practice run

Above right: Auto Ex Practice

Council and Committee Meetings via **zoom**

Special Council Meeting - September 1st at 5 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting - September 22nd at 7 p.m.

Meeting Calendar

Note: We are changing the way we do Council meetings to meet physical distancing requirements. Video conferencing is available for public participation via [Zoom](#). Instructions on how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found [here](#).

We thank you for your patience as we learn new ways of conducting Council meetings and navigate through new technologies.

Public Viewing Etiquette

- *Public participation is still available on Zoom, during the Public Participation section of the agenda. Please read the instructions*
- *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*

It is still possible to attend meetings in-person but please be advised that seating is limited to five (5) seats maximum for the general public in order to meet physical distancing in Council Chambers, and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Local governments are now required to collect the first and last names and telephone number, or email address of every person who attends a local government meeting or public hearing in-person (Ministerial Order No. 192).

What's Happening in Lions Bay

ThaiThanic Food Truck September 4th from 5 - 8 p.m.

September 4, 2020 - On the menu:

1. Pad Thai (chicken or tofu)
2. Green Curry (chicken or tofu)
3. Red Curry (chicken or tofu)
4. Panang Curry (chicken or tofu)
5. Kao Soi
6. Pad Pakrow
7. Tom Ka Kai Soup (with prawn)

Please ensure you are following physical distancing guidelines.



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