



# Village Update

July 21, 2021

**LET THE GAMES BEGIN!**

**HEY LIONS BAY:**



**COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR MADISON  
AND TEAM CANADA IN TOKYO!  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME - JULY 23 - SCHOOL FIELD 6-8PM**



## **THE LIONS BAY OLYMPIC RALLY & COMMUNITY PICNIC**

**Friday, July 23rd from 6-8pm Lions Bay School Field**

Wear red & white Olympic colours, pack a picnic and chairs and join us to support our Village Olympian Madison Mailey, and celebrate the Opening Ceremonies in Tokyo.

Enjoy speeches by Dignitaries, Olympians John Smart and Margaret Langford, and live music. Proudly sing the Canadian anthem and cheer wildly for our village Olympian Madison Mailey.

*\*\* Lions Bay residents and their invited guests are welcome and we ask you to try*

*to walk to the event as parking will be limited. You can drop your chairs and picnic basket on the field prior to the event at 5pm, so you can still leave your car at home and walk to the event without all your gear. Consider arriving anytime after 5. \*\**

### **COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE**

Please use hand sanitizer as provided

Maintain social distancing

Masks are recommended

If you are experiencing any symptoms such as cough, fever, etc.as listed below please STAY HOME.

**PRIVATE PARKING FOR OLYMPIC RALLY ON BAYVIEW:** 12 homeowners on Bayview Ave. have generously agreed to allow their driveways to be used by Olympic Rally attendees. They have indicated this by displaying a balloon at the entrance to their drive. If anyone on Mountain Ave., also wishes to help their neighbours park for the Rally, please follow the lead of Bayview residents and display your balloon too! Please note **THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE EVENT TIME** and all village parking along Bayview will be reserved for Olympic Rally Attendees.

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## **Spotlight on Village Olympians (Past & Present)**

### **Why Lions Bay is so proud of “our very own!”**

Our Special Editions of the Village Update have featured inspirational stories from our past Olympians John Smart and Margaret Langford . This week we feature three Olympic athletes who have chosen to make Lions Bay their home.

#### **LIONS BAY OLYMPIANS IN THE SPOTLIGHT:**

Hockey: Ken Berry 1980 Lake Placid Olympics & 1988 Calgary Olympics

Snowboarding: Derek Heidt 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan

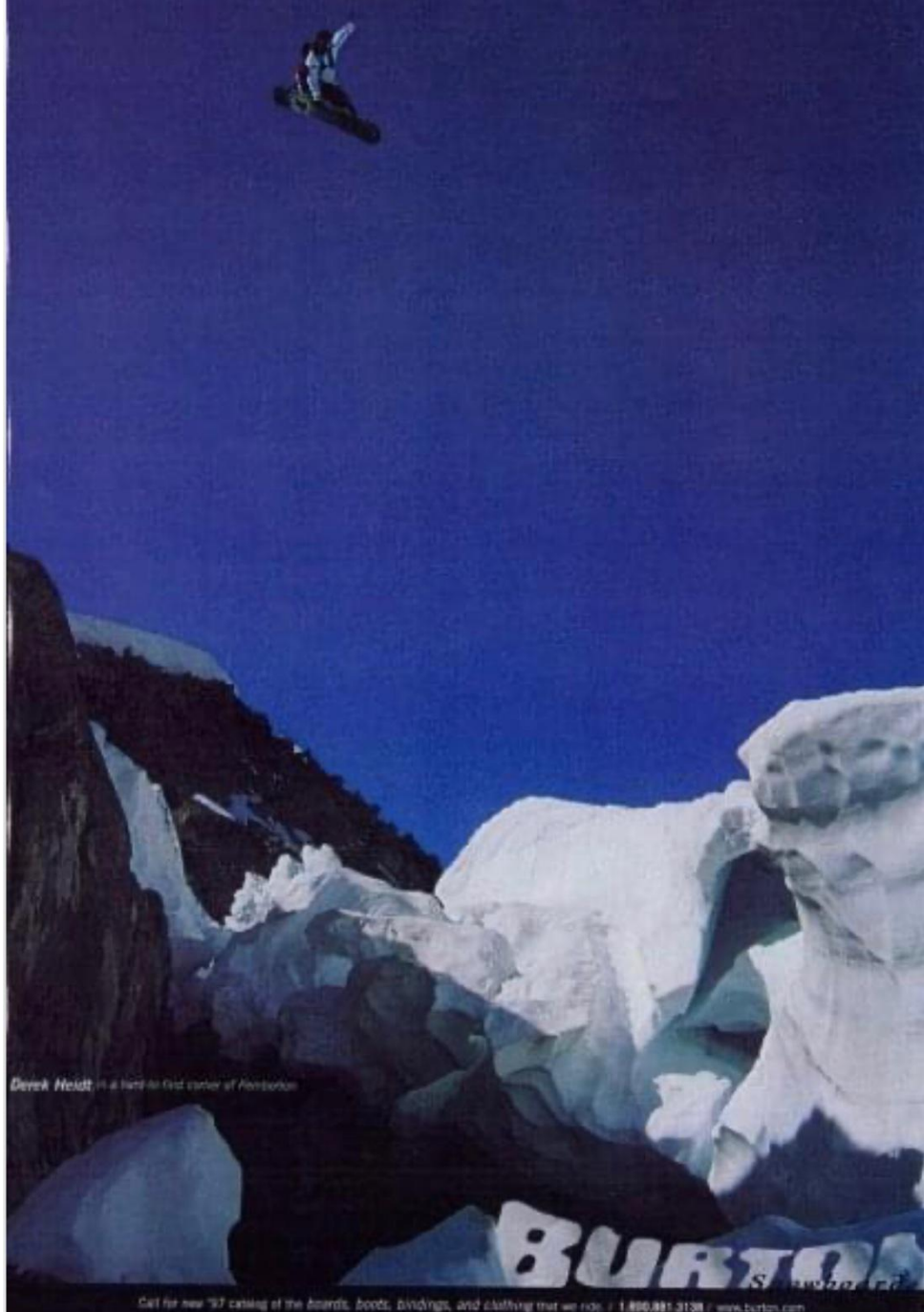
Rowing: Steve van Knotsenburg London 2012 Olympics

**Ken Berry**, a two-time Olympian says,“ Wearing the Canadian Maple Leaf in international competition is a special opportunity and was a highlight of my sporting career.”



Ken also played professional hockey for 13 years with the Oilers, Canucks and in Europe. [Watch Video here.](#)

**Derek Heidt**, competed in the men's halfpipe event at the 1988 Winter Olympics, and is a former pro snowboarder for Burton. "The Olympics was a great memory in my life. I'm happy to pass on some great knowledge of the games and what to expect, to our new Olympians." [Watch Video here](#)



**Steven van Knotsenburg**, rowed on the Canadian National Team for 10 years. Steve shares his story including winning a silver medal in the 2009 World Rowing Championships in the men's eight, and attending the 2012 London Olympic Games. [See Steven's video here.](#)



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**VILLAGE HIKERS – ANOTHER “BANNER DAY!”**  
Greetings from Whyte Lake to Tokyo, Japan



On Monday, July 19th our intrepid Hiking Club took their show of support to Madison and Team Canada to beautiful Whyte Lake. What a surprise when greeted by Madison's Collingwood School friend Skyla Warynen. She joined the photo shown below, raising her arm in the air to send her best to Madison! **Skye, who was very touched by our village spirit thought Lions Bay must be the greatest neighbourhood in which to live.**

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## **MEET MADISON!**

### **MADISON'S UPDATE FROM JAPAN**

A lot has happened, since Madison's [first video message](#) to Lions Bay Residents. The Canadian Rowing Team spent the last two weeks acclimatizing in Sagami-hara. During this time, training on the river was focused on equipment selection, and final seat selection. Kasia Gruchalla-Wesierski, injured during a horrendous roadbike accident while training in Canada, returned to the crew in bow seat of the Women's Eight (Madison is in six seat). A final 2km simulation before departing to Tokyo proved this line-up is capable of bringing home Gold!

For those interested in Madison's schedule see below:

**Tokyo Olympic  
Race Times**  
for Canadian Womens 8+  
estimated race times in BC

Sat., JY24/ 5-7:30pm  
**7:20pm W8+ Heats**

Tues., JY27/ 4:30-7:30pm  
**6:30pm W8+ Repechage**

Thurs., JY29/ 4:45-6:25pm  
**6:05pm W8+ Final/ Medals**

[cbc.ca/tokyo2020](http://cbc.ca/tokyo2020)  
full event streaming online & at CBC GEM

Off the water, in Sagami-hara, the team became proficient users of chopsticks! The local school children won their hearts, creating personalized artworks for each athlete. Madison's included beautiful drawings of sushi and nearby Mt Fuji. The locals were so friendly, and on their departure lined the streets, waved flags and cheered!



On July 17th, the Team arrived in the Olympic Village in Tokyo...adjacent skyscrapers with city views overlooking the Sea of Japan. From every balcony a flag of a different country is flown, and athletes are dressed only in official team clothing (including masks). The Women's Eight is accommodated on its own, in one apartment. Madison likes the comforter that has "Tokyo 2020" printed on it, but is less sure of the cardboard bedframe! The dining room experience is also unusual. To protect against COVID the athletes sit individually at tables with three plexiglass shields surrounding them.

[Watch Madison's video from Japan and training on the Olympic course here.](#) It's humid, hot and windy on the Sea Forest Waterway where the rowing events are held. Canada has been training for these conditions and is ready to take on the World.

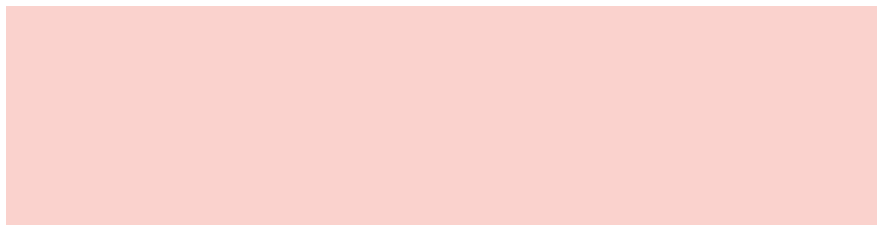
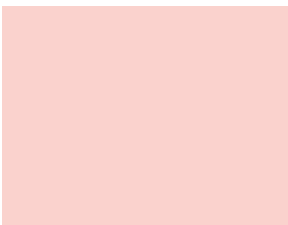
**More on Madison, her Olympic BIO & Related Stories [here!](#)**

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## Your Olympic Rally Entertainers... "In the Spotlight"

No event is complete without Food for the Soul!

Tanya Cosgrave, Wayne Halstrom, Keiko Ando, Dan Pocock and his musical daughters Alicia and Addy are ready to inspire us. Here's a peak at what's on the stage at the Lions Bay Olympic Rally...and the bios of these talented performers.





**As the Olympic, Canadian, Japanese and Lions Bay flags flutter in the wind, Tanya and Wayne will lead us in the singing of “O Canada.”**

Tanya returned home to Lions Bay in 2010, after pursuing her education and career. Born and raised here she knew this was a marvelous community to raise her children Finn and Montana. She and her husband Roger own Peak Golf in Vancouver, and Tanya proudly teaches the Music Together program for preschool children in Vancouver, West Vancouver, and in Lions Bay.

*Wayne writes, “Having lived in Lions Bay for a third of a century I have become a complete devotee of the concept of tranquility. So close to the city, but so far from the bustle and the noise. We are truly blessed to live in such a fine community. Having practiced dentistry for 61 years I am finally able to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet.”*



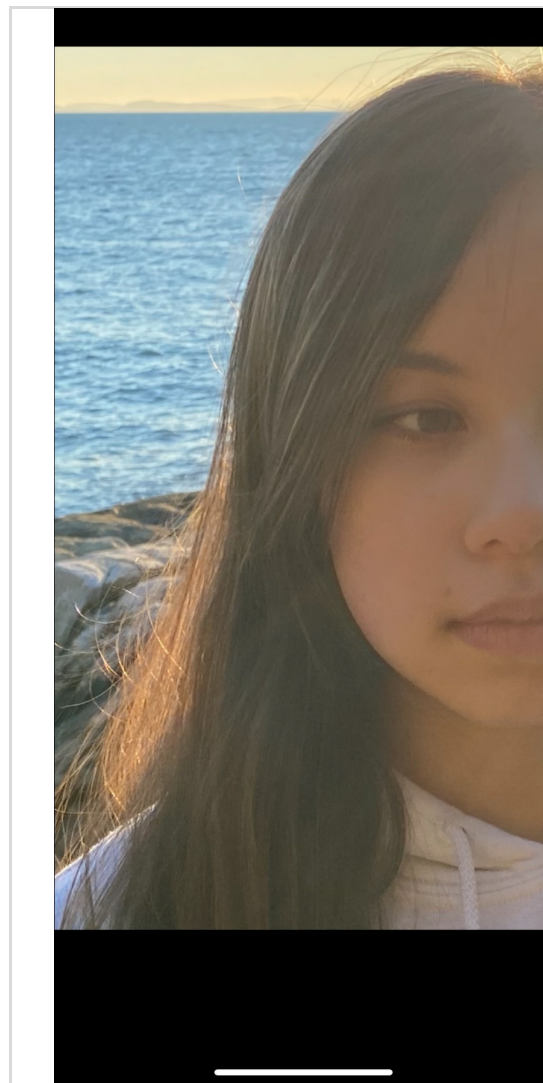
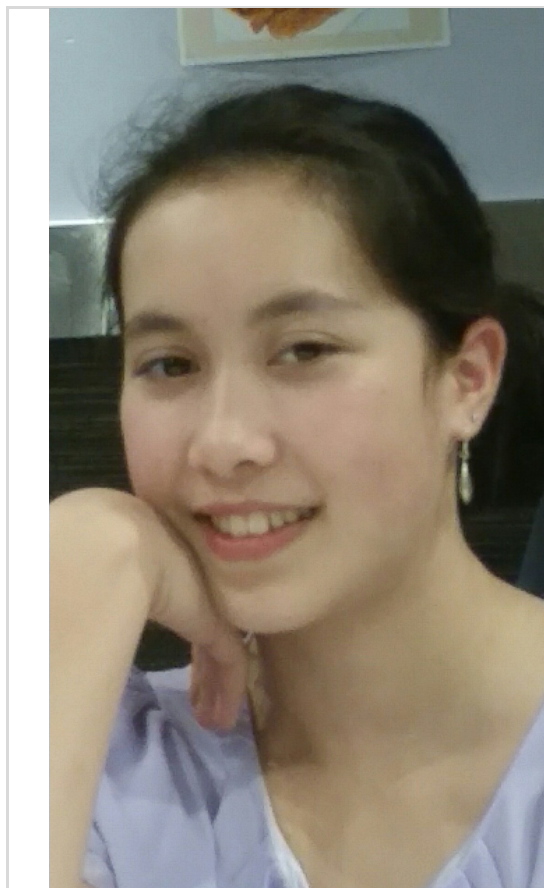
**Keiko Ando will be resplendent in her Japanese themed costume as she sings “Kimigayo” and says word of welcome in Japanese.**

Keiko who has lived in Lions Bay for 18 years, is the mother of two, and has interests in Flamenco dance, knitting and making people beautiful. She writes, *“I am honoured that Japan will host the Olympics despite the pandemic, so the athletes can compete, showcasing their passion, commitment and their endless hours of training. I hope that you get a glimpse of Japan and all its beauty and glory.”*

**After the Dignitaries, Olympians and Parents of our Tokyo 2020 Olympian have spoken, local singer songwriter Dan Pocock will perform his original composition**

*“Madison’s Song.”*

Dan has also lived in Lions Bay for 18 years. Dan, San and their musical daughters have thrived in Lions Bay especially as part of its creative community. Dan jests that he is a *“very part time musician who enjoys performing, writing, joking and was once well known around Argyle high school track and field a long long time ago!”*



**They will win the crowds’ heart with their inspiring performance... and undoubtedly get everyone on their feet cheering!**

Sisters Alicia and Addy played on Lions Bay beach months before being born in 2004 and 2005. Today, they are both accomplished students and musicians. Addy is now going into grade 11 and joining her sister at Rockridge. Achieving high academic standards, she has won numerous awards, and excels as a musician. Addy will be completing RCM Grade 10 piano this year, while singing in the school choir, and playing both oboe and Chinese harp.

Alicia is now going into grade 12, and like her younger sister she has won numerous academic awards. Although a gifted athlete, Alicia chose to pursue music instead. She will soon be completing her RCM grade 10 violin, and is known for her mastery of the Chinese harp. She plays with the VYSO and along with her community spirited family has played at many events in Lions Bay.

Many thanks to all our talented Lions Bay Musicians performing at the Olympic Rally this Friday....we are blessed to be apart of such a creative and supportive community.

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

### OLYMPIC SPIRIT SHINES BRIGHTLY! Village Gardeners create patriotic display at Village Hall

Published in the June 11th Village Update, this event and story “kicked off” the 50th Anniversary Committees’ Olympic Celebrations. On Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, they conclude as we celebrate the Opening Ceremonies for Tokyo 2020. Come to the Lions Bay Olympic Rally & Community Picnic ....celebrate Team Canada and join more than 50 volunteers ready to greet you at the Lions Bay School Field.



As the petunias and geraniums grew over the warm summer months, it was agreed that this patriotic planting display took on the beautiful shape of a heart. Stroll to the Village Hall and see what you think! Take a moment to think about this...

Trudi Luethy and Vicky Kirby were consulted about the proposed planting location: the Memorial to our fallen Soldiers at the Village Hall. Trudi wrote, “*Our hero Norman and all the Veterans would be PROUD of our Lions Bay Olympian to be representing Canada...the very essence and fabric they fought for and gave their lives to in WWII.*”

After the planting was completed in the shape of the letter “V”, Trudi, Fran and Victoria (seen in above photo) agreed this symbolized “Victory”...a double entendre referencing our wartime victories for peace, and our upcoming quest for Gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.



The kids at the beach are all rooting for Madison

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**IF YOU MISSED THE LAST TWO VILLAGE UPDATE  
“SPECIAL OLYMPIC EDITIONS”  
CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW:**

JULY 7, 2021 – [Featured Olympian John Smart](#)

JULY 14, 2021 – [Featured Olympian Margaret Langford](#)

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