

VILLAGE UPDATE

Friday, May 6, 2016

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Lions Bay,

Last night's Safety Forum saw presentations from the volunteers and professionals of our Emergency Social Services, Block Watch, RCMP, Infrastructure Committee, Fire and Rescue department and Conservation Officer Service. Again, a lot of useful, good and interesting information was offered up. Excellent turnout, but somewhat preaching to the choir-this is important stuff, and next year I hope to see more of the uninitiated come along. Thanks again to Ruth Simons and her team for pulling this event together.

One of the many items reported at the Forum was that the spring freshet (snowmelt) has started two to three weeks early in the Lower Mainland this year. We cannot be complacent about our summer water supply. This year's Public Works water network leak-down test during the early morning of April 1 showed water use of 2,480 gallons per hour between 1 and 4 a.m. On the assumption that there is very little actual residential usage during this period, we take this flowrate as leakage, about 59,500 gallons per day. Compared to 2015's 84,200 gal. per day nominal leakage on the same date, leakage has dropped almost 30 percent, through fixes on the public and private side. Total wintertime consumption this year is about 197,000 gallons per day, making leakage about 30 percent of the total. A blended year-round rate may be on the order of 20 percent leakage. Municipal water systems always leak, but 20 is still a little high, so we still have room for improvement. I will say again that our reduction in overall water use from highs in summers past of over 700,000 gal. per day is almost

unprecedented in the industry. With monitoring and awareness, I am confident we will do fine this summer. Level 1 conservation starts June 1!

Speaking of leaks, the Village is in the very early stages of considering what needs to be done to restore drainage throughout the Village. Drainage systems need to handle not only that leaked potable water plus most actual water usage (which goes down the drain, into septic systems, and then into the ground). It also needs to handle our not insignificant rainfall, plus groundwater from way up there that has a habit of making new springs all the time. Over the years, ditches have been filled, culverts have collapsed, and original drainage patterns have changed, especially as road cambers change. Encroachments onto the road right-of-way, where ditches, gutters and drains go, is pretty rampant. Be aware that the municipality is increasingly aware of drainage, and working on a long-term plan (say 20 years). In the meantime, can we all look to the sides of our roads, and start cleaning up the boulevard (the official term for the part of a road right-of-way that isn't roadway).

Regards,
Karl Buhr (mayor.buhr@lionsbay.ca)



The Lions Bay Seniors Social Circle would like to thank everyone who has signed up for their very first Viva Italia Potluck. They are so pleased with the tremendous response, which includes three Councillor's, one ex-Mayor, a few Citizens of the Year, two couples who are new to Lions Bay and a whole host of fun loving, vino sipping, Lions Bayers. Regretfully we are now full up, but please stay tuned for the next Potluck...we might go Mexican or Spanish or maybe Chinese if we're feeling adventurous! Please contact Louis Peterson, the Chair of this group if you have any suggestions. All the guests will be contacted by one of the hosts as to which lucky home they'll be joining. See you all on Saturday, May 14.

Ciao...Helen Waterson (Councillor and Honorary Member of the SCC)

VILLAGE HIRES NEW PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

We are pleased to welcome Naizam ("Nai", pronounced "Ni") Jaffer as the new Public Works Manager of Lions Bay. Nai has a wealth of directly applicable knowledge and experience over 25 years working for the District of West Vancouver, 17 of which were in managerial roles. He will be starting on Monday, May 9th and looks forward to meeting the challenges and needs of the Village.

UPCOMING COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings take place in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. The Village Office is open until 6:30pm on *Regular Council Meeting* nights.

- Infrastructure Committee - May 9, 2016 at 7:00pm
- Special Council Meeting - May 10, 2016 at 2:00pm

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

LIONS BAY LIBRARY

Monday mornings are always so joyful at the Library. Our play group has now been climbing to stairs to visit for the past few months and it is interesting as we watch them become so involved with "their" books. We have been extremely lucky this year to have Heather Hood as a Volunteer on Mondays. She along with Rebecca Talbot and Kate Simon has taken on story time and I have to say, the volunteers enjoy the experience and drama as much as the children.

Alongside the children's area, we are building a "tweenie" section than seems popular with our preteens and more advanced readers.

Please remember we are a family library, along with our Adult sections, we have magazines, Children's DVD's and we are open on:

Tuesday's 5pm to 7pm. So drop by with the family and visit.

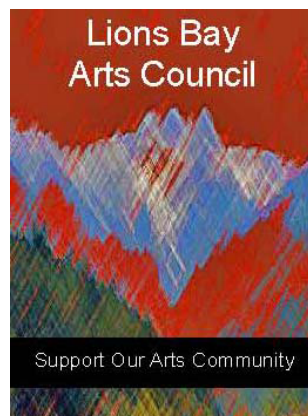
Monday's 10 am - Noon
Thursday's 2pm - 4pm
Sunday's 2pm - 4pm

And a Happy Day to all our Lions Bay Mothers.

LIONS BAY ARTS COUNCIL

Lions Bay Arts Council is pleased to host ArtScene 2016 on June 19th, 2016. Bringing together artists, performers, food, Father & Child project for Father's Day, Native Garden Plant Sale and much more.....

All artists and performers, young and old - we want to hear from you. Please e-mail: info@lionsbayartscouncil.org and let us know if you would like to participate.



We have decided to hold our Arts and Garden Festival every second year so make sure to stay tuned for next year's Festival.

See what's happening on our social sites:



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