



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

Weekly Village News

Week Ending: Friday, April 24, 2015

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Neighbours,

Two things this week. First, the all-hands-on-deck call for volunteers at Lions Bay Field for this Saturday is off. You may have noticed that the field was plug-aerated by a contractor yesterday (by donation from many residents, including a lot of the kids who use the field the most. Thanks, all). But now the school district has offered to not only supply 20 tons of top-dressing (note the huge pile), but to spread it with power tools on Monday. I'll point out that grass school fields throughout the district are normally maintained by their local municipalities--West Van, Bowen and Lions Bay--so I am most grateful for this offer. So, sorry if you were looking forward to a Saturday morning of back-breaking labour, but the news is not all bad. Keep your powder dry and equipment at the ready for VOLUNTEER DAY on JUNE 20, a full day of heavy lifting to refurbish our in-Village trails, and to chop and chip a lot of deadfall to reduce fire hazard. The plan is still being worked on, but will involve more power tools, a barbeque and more.

Also, kudos to former Councillor Ruth Simons for spearheading the Community Safety Forum last night. We had impressive presentations from Sgt. Peter Busink of the Conservation Officer Service, from Community Policing Coordinator Kathryn Hennigar and SSgt Brian Cumming of our RCMP detachment, from Mike Teske of our Coastal District Fire Service, from several members of our own Lions Bay Fire & Rescue, from Ingrid Wray and the Emergency Social Services team, and from the Lions Bay Infrastructure Committee. I try to keep informed, but I learned a ton of new stuff. Did you know that a bear's sense of smell is seven times better than a bloodhound's, that they WILL smell garbage, and that it's up to us to make sure they can't get at it? Birdfeeders attract bears, and at 3000 calories per meal are a source they will remember, but they also draw rodents to the dropped seed, and rodents are the prey of...coyotes. Did you know that LBF&R advises using the Bee Gees' *Stayin' Alive* as the rhythm for CPR? Did you know that car break-ins are almost certainly due to criminals passing through and that locking them out is a pretty easy preventative tool? There was a great turnout, but all of us need to know this stuff. Please attend next year.

Ah, ha, ha, ha, ha, stayin' aliiiiive.

Have a great weekend,
Karl



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PUBLIC PRESENTATION: 2015-2019 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

Please join Council and Village staff for a public presentation of the 2015-2019 Five Year Financial Plan in the Village Hall on Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m.

WATER MAIN FLUSHING UPDATE

The Public Works Department's spring water main flushing program is officially ahead of schedule – crews have completed flushing work on Oceanview Road, Upper Kelvin Grove Way, and Isleview (and side roads). They will be starting on Brunswick Beach, Lower Lions Bay, and Lower Kelvin Grove (and side roads) on Monday, April 27th. Thank you for your continued cooperation during this seasonal flushing program!

INFRASTRUCTURE QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Have a question for the Infrastructure Committee? Please send it to feedback@lionsbay.ca with the subject line "Infrastructure Q&A".

Q: As with most utility companies and municipalities, does the Village of Lions Bay utilize a GIS based system to actively record and track deficiencies with their infrastructure, including: utilities, roads, drainage, trees, trails, etc.? Could such a GIS-based system be utilized to replace the 'abundant' use of fluorescent orange paint?

A: Lions Bay has a GIS based recording of some of our physical structures – mainly our water infrastructure. It has been developed over the years mostly by volunteers and students as there has been little budget available due to our small financial resource base, and has not been used historically to record and track deficiencies. It does have most residential water service connection valves entered into it, however many things can change on a parcel over time that obscure what the GIS tells us – such as landscaping, overgrowth, structures being placed upon infrastructure located below ground level, and work done over the years that was not captured in the system. Public Works crews have been actively seeking out water service connection valves as they hunt down Village-wide water leaks and to ensure they can shut off the water to a residence as opposed to the entire street should an emergency arise. Hence, the orange paint you have noted – it marks infrastructure recently uncovered that crews need to test. The only way to decrease the amount of orange paint is to have residents ensure their water service connection is easily visible.

It should also be noted that crews mark out municipal infrastructure as part of the BC 1 Call service for contractors and other agencies that are working in the area, as it is a fail-safe method of marking underground infrastructure that removes the risk of contractor error in reading a drawing.

FLOWER POT DAY

The first of May is Flower Pot Day! For more details, [see the flyer](#) on the Village website home page.



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THE LIONS BAY 55+ CLUB

We are planning some exciting activities in May! Please complete the form called "[May 2015 Proposed Programs](#)" on the Village website home page if you would like to join, or let us know if you have any suggestions.

Upcoming Events (1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Village Hall):

April 29 – **Healthy Eating by Vancouver Coastal Health**
(Tentative May schedule is in the link above)



An RSVP to office@lionsbay.ca for any of the above mentioned events would be appreciated.

THE DANCE SAMPLER



What an incredible sunny spring time day. It must mean one thing... the Dance Sampler is coming to Lions Bay - May 1st to June 19th!

During this nine-week program the children get to try many different styles of dance: hip hop, ballet, street jazz, tap and even Bollywood plus musical theatre! Telka has an action-packed session planned. Classes are held at the Village Hall on Fridays.

Ages 4-7years 3:30-4:15 (\$75)

Ages 8-11years 4:15-5:15 (\$100)

To register or for further enquirers please contact laurazieroth@email.com.

"I LOVE LIONS BAY" PHOTO COMPETITION

Coming soon... the "I Love Lions Bay" Photo Competition! What a great way to get the whole community talking about why we "Love Lions Bay!" There's going to be three age groups: kids, teens and adults...so everyone can enter. We've already secured some amazing local businesses as generous sponsors for this event and have spot for just one more! We are also looking for someone to help run this competition. Please give Helen Waterson a call at 778-988-3634 or email councillor.waterson@lionsbay.ca if you would like to be part of the "I Love Lions Bay" Photo Competition team or would like to be one of our sponsors.



EYES AROUND THE VILLAGE

If you are lucky, you may have noticed a **yellow** hummingbird flitting around the Village. A resident advises us this is an unusual first generation cross between an Anna's and a Magnificent. Watch your feeders for this beautiful bird.



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PUBLIC WORKS

The Village would like to advise residents that BC Plant Health Care will be at various locations starting Thursday, April 30, 2015 to remove marked/tagged trees on the municipal boulevard, and to undertake several tree assessments at Lions Bay Beach Park.

REMINDER - SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LIONS BAY GRADE 12 STUDENTS



If you are a Lions Bay Grade 12 student intending to pursue post-secondary education, you are invited to apply for consideration for a Scholarship available in the Village under the aegis of the Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund, the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation, and the Norman Kirby Scholarship Fund. If you are a student already enrolled at a post-secondary institution, you may also be eligible for a scholarship. Visit the Village website home page to [download the application](#), or drop by the Village Office to pick-up a copy. **The deadline to submit your application is coming up fast; on or before May 4, 2015.**