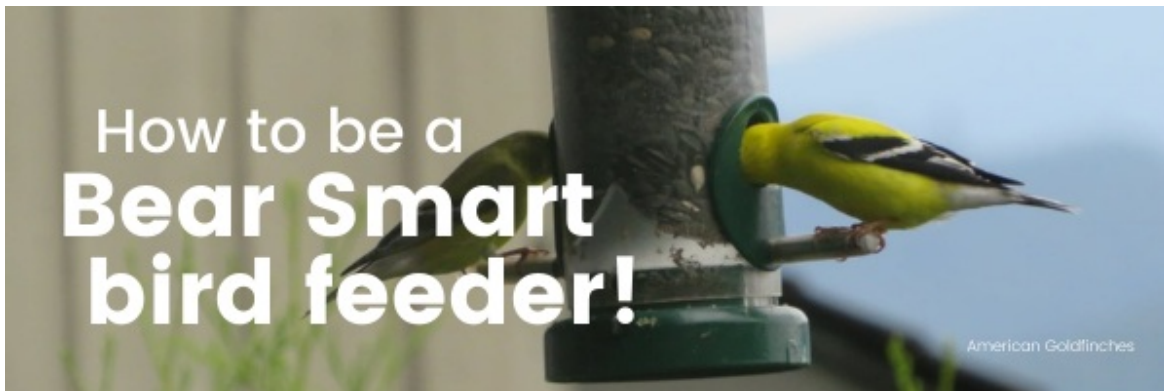




Village Update

March 11, 2022

Updates from the Municipality



Spring in Lions Bay is a busy time for wildlife. Around mid-March our migratory birds start returning and at the same time our bears emerge from their long winter hibernation.

Bears are seeking out nutritious high-calorie meals and bird seed and hummingbird feeders can be very enticing to them. So if you choose to have a bird feeder on your property, it is important to ensure you use Bear Smart practices.

Here are suggestions to keep bird feeders out of reach of bears:

- Secure bird feeders 10ft above the ground and from any other access points, such as trees or your deck (Bears are agile climbers with a long reach!)
- Do not overfill your bird feeder, ensure seeds are not scattered on the ground under the feeder (Bears have a keen sense of smell)
- Consider alternatives to bird feeders, such as a bird bath, nesting boxes or [Bird Friendly plants](#) to attract birds to your yard (and not bears). Even if a bear cannot reach a bird feeder, the smell can be an attractant for them.
- If you're unable to keep your feeders out of reach of bears, please consider taking them down for the summer.

As a reminder, if you see a bear, please report the sighting on the [Lions Bay Bear Smart website](#).

And for information on how to keep feeder birds safe and healthy, please visit the [Lions Bay Bird Friendly website](#).

From your Bear Smart and Bird Friendly teams

(Photo courtesy of Rod Baker)



Researchers ask public for help protecting BC's bats

The [BC Community Bat Program](#), in collaboration with the Province of BC, are asking the public for help in the effort to detect and prevent the spread of White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) in BC's bats. Residents are asked to report any bat activity observed in winter, when they should be hibernating, and any sick or dead bats found before May 31st.

Bat reports over the years have indicated that the silver-haired bat often chooses to hibernate in wood piles in the southern BC. These sleeping bats should be left alone,

when possible, please consider taking wood from another pile and allowing the bat to hibernate on your property. If you find a hibernating or roosting bat on your property, keep your distance, inform family members, snap a photo, and report it to the BC Community Bat Program for advice. Never touch a bat with your bare hands; if you or your pet has been in direct contact with the bat you will need further information regarding the risk of rabies.

As the climate is milder in the Greater Vancouver area, bat activity is expected sooner than colder BC regions. With Spring around the corner and nicer weather coming to our region, the program is encouraging the public to look up to the skies on nice nights around sunset and look for bat activity. Please report any bat sightings and dead bats to the BC Community Bat Program.

[Report Dead Bats Here](#) via email at vancouver@bcbats.ca or by calling 1-855-922-2287 ext. 11 (1-855-GOT-BATS)



A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF ANDREW OLIVER

We are excited to announce the arrival of the new Rescue 63. This rescue truck was purchased from the District of North Vancouver at cost, as they are 100% supportive of Lions Bay and what we do. We would like to say a Big Thank You to



Chief Hutchinson and his staff for letting us have this engine.

We would also like to thank staff and Council for budgeting to allow us to purchase the new truck.

This will replace our old mini that we had custom built back in 1994/5 by Doug Buckle who worked for the West Vancouver Fire Department as

a mechanic. Our mini was starting to show its age and was only two-wheel drive adding to the struggle to get up the trails when we got called in to help SARS.

The Rescue 63 is four-wheel drive and will sit 5 members. It will be used as a command vehicle so will go out on all calls as well as used for interface fires.

Rescue 63 is now in service protecting our village.



NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: March 15th at 6:00 p.m.*
***Closed agenda at 6 pm and Open agenda at 7pm**

View the Council and Committee Schedule, Agendas, Minutes
HERE!

Video conferencing is available for public participation via Zoom. Instructions on how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found [here](#).

Public Viewing Etiquette:

- *Public participation is still available on Zoom, during the Public Participation section of the agenda. Attendees will have two minutes to speak on a matter in the agenda.*
- *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*

What's Happening in Lions Bay



LIONS BAY
SCHOOL



Registration is open for 2022-2023

Lions Bay Elementary School is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year.

Please visit the [West Vancouver Schools website](#) to register.

A Natural Environment to Nurture Confident Leaders

Nestled in the coastal forest above Howe Sound, [Lions Bay School](#) provides a learning environment like no other. Students are given the unique opportunity to become globally conscious and locally active citizens through inquiry, environmental education, and place-based learning. Our multi-age classrooms foster leadership and social-emotional learning. Students thrive in a setting that encourages them to become independent learners who build their education on a foundation of compassion, collaboration, and critical thinking. Don't hesitate to contact Vice Principal Natalie Mendes (nmendes@wvschools.ca) to book a tour or find out more about this special place.



ANNOUNCEMENTS: LB GENERALSTORE/CAFÉ & POST OFFICE



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Thank you for all your help and support, from your friendly neighbourhood post office.

Join us for DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
Every Thursday Night
We're serving homemade Shepard's
Pie and Diamond Head Stout!
Register at the store or email:
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LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS
Enjoy the latin jazz vibe of
Monik Macais!
5:00pm to 9:00pm.
\$7 wine/pints.



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