



# Village Update

May 13, 2022

## Updates from the Municipality

### Bird Friendly Community Event

**TOMORROW!** 9.15 - 2 in the Village Hall

**Tea & Coffee available 9.30 - 1**

**BBQ BURGERS available 11 - 1**

**BABY EAGLES hike - meet at 11**

**Cultural importance & uses of  
INDIGENOUS PLANTS presentation at 1**

Deanna Lewis will introduce us to the many ways that First Nations People have interacted, and still interact with, the indigenous plants of the Átl'ka7sem/ Howe Sound Biosphere Region.



pls bring  
your own  
mug(s)!

Cookies  
donated by  
Red Couch

Kids' sessions:  
pls check in at 9.15  
(if you signed up)

**WIN!**

a pair of  
DIAMOND BACK  
8X32 HD binoculars  
worth \$360!

and more...



Prizes donated by:

Wild Birds Unlimited!

# What is Lions Bay's Favourite Local Bird?



To vote, [click here.](#)

The winning species will be announced at the Bird Friendly Event on 14 May.



Lions Bay ESS recommends the [ALERTABLE APP](#) if you are travelling outside the Village of Lions Bay - Get Provincial Emergency Notices directly to your phone!

## **SIGN UP NOW! STAY INFORMED WITH ALERTABLE NOTIFICATIONS**

Do you live on or visit the North Shore? North Shore Emergency Management (NSEM), the agency responsible for emergency management in the District of West Vancouver, the District of North Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver, is using Alertable to send out alerts for emergencies such as severe weather, natural disasters, industrial hazards, and transportation accidents or marine spills affecting residents, businesses and visitors in the tri-cities area. You'll also receive an alert if you need to evacuate, shelter-in-place, or if there is an Amber Alert affecting those North Shore communities. Notifications are fast, reliable, and easy to see and hear. It's free and available now! This app allows you to opt in and opt out of all kinds of emergency notices throughout our Province.

With summer travel plans up and coming, having an app that alerts you and your family to problem areas around our Province is a must!

### **How do I sign up?**

It's simple. Just download the **FREE [Alertable app](#)** for iOS or Android smartphones. Leslie Nolin and Mary Brown, Lions Bay's Emergency Support Services CoDirectors **use this APP!**

**Another option if you would prefer not to use an app but visit a site directly for your provincial emergency information, please visit:**

<https://www.emergencyinfbc.gov.bc.ca>

For emergency notifications regarding events affecting residents, businesses and visitors *within the Village of Lions Bay*, visit [www.lionsbay.ca/LBAAlert](http://www.lionsbay.ca/LBAAlert) and *sign up for LB Alert*.

*LBESS... Working to Ensure Lions Bay Residents are Informed, Engaged and Prepared.*

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Public Works will be conducting our annual spring watermain flushing beginning on May 16. We will be performing an accelerated flushing program and will follow up with a more thorough and robust flushing in the fall. The spring flushing timeline will be compressed into one week as follows:

- May 16: Sunset, Mountain, Bayview, Timbertop
- May 16: Oceanview, Creekview, Panorama
- May 17: Brunswick, Islview, Upper Bayview, Crosscreek
- May 18: Cloudview, Seaview, Lions Bay Avenue
- May 19: Kelvin Grove Way, Tidewater, Periwinkle, Sweetwater

A detailed location map of the locations is available [HERE](#).

Over time, mineral deposits, biofilm, and sediment accumulate in watermains and can be removed by the high-velocity flushing of watermains. Using a diffuser which allow a high velocity of water to be flushed while dampening flow, Public Works will sequentially flush watermains from one fire hydrant to another in order to scour the watermain and remove the mineral deposits, biofilm, and sediment. The Municipality is mandated to flush our watermains twice a year to comply with our drinking water treatment permit to operate issued by Vancouver Coastal Health.

During the flushing period, residents are advised to avoid using water to the extent possible and to place their filters, softeners and other water treatment equipment in 'by-pass' mode. Use of water during flushing will draw into the residential system the agitated sediment, thereby requiring more rigorous clearing of your water lines. Water drawn in during flushing can also lead to clogged filters and screens and may discolour laundry. During the flushing period the water will remain safe and potable, however, there may be brief periods of discoloration, cloudiness and temporary pressure fluctuations. The Village of Lions Bay accepts no liability for inconvenience or damage caused by low pressure or discoloured water use during its flushing program.

After the flushing is completed, we advise residents to clear their water lines. To do this

simply let your cold-water tap (remove screens/aerators on tap) closest to the incoming water line run until the water flows clear prior to returning any water treatment equipment back online.

The Village of Lions Bay thanks you for your co-operation during this seasonal flushing program. For information, questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 604-921-9833 or [works@lionsbay.ca](mailto:works@lionsbay.ca).

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## Lions Bay is a Bear Smart Community

The Lions Bay Bear Smart team would like to remind everyone that living in the natural environment of Lions Bay means cohabitating with bears. **We have a responsibility to our bears to reduce conflict between our species** and therefore must take safety precautions seriously. Whether it is keeping the garbage in our homes secure or maintaining our properties under Lions Bay bylaws; human behavior dictates bear behavior.

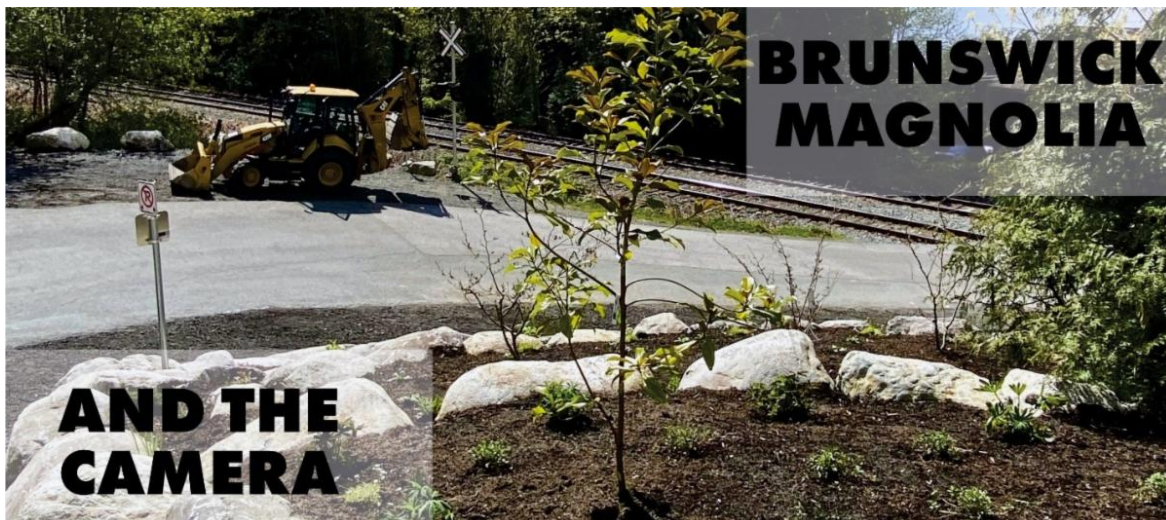


To keep residents and bears safe, [wildlife attractants](#) of any kind in your yard are prohibited under our bylaws and could result in a hefty fine from either Bylaw or Conservation Officers. Under our bylaw, all **garbage AND recycling receptacles can only be placed for collection no earlier than 5 am on the [scheduled waste collection day](#)** and removed no later than 8pm the same day. Our bylaw enforcement officers will be out to enforce this.

For more information on living with and protecting our bears, please [visit the LB Bear Smart website](#).

Thank you for being Bear Smart!

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Public Works staff have been alerted to alleged conversations among some Brunswick Beach residents that the Municipality has been using cameras to spy on the residents. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Public Works recently completed the earthworks at the entranceway to Brunswick

Beach and, after receiving budget approval by Council to spend \$5,000 on plant material to populate the gardens, have selected plant material that is pollinator and bird friendly along with being somewhat drought tolerant.

Shortly after planting, several of the smaller new plants disappeared. Staff were concerned that a newly planted specimen magnolia tree which cost more than \$1, 000 might be next on the disappearing plants list and so put up a wildlife game camera pointed at the tree and garden to deter any further plant theft.

Pursuant to Provincial regulations, we are in the process of developing policies and procedures for such surveillance devices moving forward and, in the interim, have temporarily removed this device.

We are appealing to the residents of Brunswick Beach to be extra vigilant of the gardens to save the magnolia and other plant material as we do not have additional funds in our operating budget to replace any further plants that may go missing from this neighbourhood garden. Thank you.

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## Wood Burning Restrictions in Place May 15th

Starting on May 15th of each year, there is a prohibition on using indoor wood burning appliances until September 15th.

To reduce emissions from residential indoor wood burning, the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board adopted [Metro Vancouver Regional District Residential Indoor Wood Burning Emission Regulation Bylaw 1303, 2020](#). This bylaw is intended to reduce impacts to health and the environment of residential wood smoke. Users of indoor wood burning appliances are required to use best burning practices when operating their appliance ([see Schedule B](#)).

[Learn more here](#)



**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: May 17th at 6:00pm\***

**\*Closed session will begin at 6 followed by the public meeting at 7**

- **Climate Action Committee Meeting: May 19th 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 any matter at the beginning of the meeting.*
- *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*

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## What's Happening in Lions Bay

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It's time for the annual...

### Lions Bay Giveaway Weekend



**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am  
until dusk on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Please help us keep unwanted items out of the landfills by putting out your unwanted items at the end of your driveway marked **FREE**. Items can include furniture, books, sports equipment, toys, gardening equipment, building supplies...anything goes, there are no rules!!

Drive, walk or cycle around the village over the **May Long Weekend** and see what treasures you can find for yourself.

Parking regulations will still be in effect so please be mindful of where you stop to shop. Kindly remind your kids not to drop 'wanted' bikes and scooters near **FREE** signs.

Contact: Heather Hood at **604 992 6179** or [hoodinlionsbay@gmail.com](mailto:hoodinlionsbay@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

\*Please note we cannot accommodate a village-wide pick up at the end of the weekend, it is up to owners to please put away or donate their own unwanted items!

**Happy Shopping!**