



# Village Update

September 19, 2025

## UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



### WATER QUALITY

Your Public Works Department handles parks/facilities, vehicles, roads/boulevards/signage, drainage, wastewater, solid waste, public trees and IT, but our *single biggest priority* is the **capture, treatment and distribution of drinking water**, requiring a quarter of the municipal operating budget and a lot of our time. Every year Public Works submits a Drinking Water Quality report to Vancouver Coastal Health, our water regulator. After three rounds of meetings, revision and discussion, the 2024 Annual Report has been accepted by them and is available for review [here](#). Those interested in the minutia of where our water comes from will find the report fascinating; others might simply want to know that **Lions Bay's water quality is good**.

### LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

One issue that became clear during discussion is that VCH wants the municipality to increase public awareness of lead in domestic plumbing. Health Canada's *Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality* establish Maximum Acceptable Concentrations (MACs) for many substances, including lead (page 58 of the report). Lead has numerous serious adverse health effects, and consumers should minimise its consumption. As the Annual Report lays out, there is no lead in our source water or anywhere in the municipal distribution mains. However, as soon as water enters building plumbing, it starts picking up lead from the lead-tin solder used in copper plumbing, particularly when sitting overnight. We test for trace metals twice a year, and we do indeed see these high lead readings in the first-draw samples we take from public buildings around the Village.

The good news is that as the Water Report shows, we see first-draw lead readings going to fractions of the MAC after flushing, and this is what VCH wants us to emphasise: **buildings with soldered copper plumbing should flush it every morning before consuming**

**water.** Flush how much? Well, you want fresh water all the way from the main in the street, so at say 15-20 liters of interior plumbing, maybe 3-4 minutes. Hot water is more reactive than cold and sits in the water tank slowly corroding metals—water from the hot tap should never be used for food prep, like boiling the kettle or cooking the pasta. If your plumbing is PEX (in newer properties) or the PolyB extensively used in the 1990s (although now banned by the National Plumbing Code due to inevitable failure), there is no source of lead between the municipal main and the tap (municipal service lines are not soldered), and flushing is not required.

Short version: **lead comes from copper building plumbing, but can be addressed by briefly flushing the food preparation tap every morning.**

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## Temporary Closure

The Beach Park Revitalization Project is moving forward, and the project team has been finalizing the logistics of construction activities. While the contractor's initial goal was to maintain some level of public access to the beach during construction, as noted in earlier Village Updates, this is no longer practical. The decision is largely influenced by the concurrent jetty replacement project, which will be underway at the same time.

For reasons of both public safety and practicality, the entire Beach Park will be closed to the public beginning **October 1**, with an anticipated reopening in **December**. We recognize the inconvenience this temporary closure presents to park users and sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding as this important project progresses.

To further support site safety and security, we kindly request that all watercraft currently stored at the Park be removed **no later than September 30** for the duration of the construction period. This will help safeguard personal property and ensure the project can proceed efficiently.

Thank you for your cooperation as we launch this transformative project that will enhance Beach Park for the benefit of the entire community.

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### Rail Safety Tips

The goal is to raise awareness and to prevent injuries and fatalities along railroads. Pedestrians and motorists are reminded to promote safe habits at rail crossings and tracks across in the Municipality.

- **Speed Misperception** - Because of their size, trains appear to be much farther away and travelling much slower than their actual speed. Don't be fooled!
- **Trains Can't Stop Quickly** - The average train needs at least 2 km to stop. Trains can stop, but they can't stop quickly!
- **Trespassing** - Taking a shortcut across the tracks or being on railway property is illegal, and trespassers can be seriously injured or killed.
- **Weight Ratio** - An average freight train weighs over 5,500 tonnes. Compare that to a car, which weighs about 1.5 tonnes. A train hitting a car is like a car hitting a pop can.
- **Railway Cars** - Stopped railway cars can move at any time. If you're on one or near one when it moves, you could lose a limb—or worse, your life.
- **Tunnels and Bridges** - Tunnels, bridges, and trestles are designed only for trains. Trespassers can be seriously injured or killed.
- **Overhang** - Trains can carry loads that are wider than the railroad cars themselves. They can have chains, straps or other equipment that may extend outside the car. If you are standing too close, you could get hit.
- **Any Time is Train Time** - Trains do not always run on schedule. They can run at any time, on any track and come from either direction.
- **CN Police Number** - Together we can help save lives! If you witness any unsafe situation near a railroad, please call **1-800-465-9239**.
- **Safety Pledge** - Act today. Take the pledge at [www.cn.ca/railsafety](http://www.cn.ca/railsafety)

**Link to Council Proclamation**



# UPDATES FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

## VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY TAX SALE – CANCELLED

All delinquent property taxes have been paid in full, and therefore the Property Tax Sale set for September 29th at 10:00 am has been cancelled.

Thank you.



### NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Regular Meeting of Council (CLOSED) - October 7, 2025 at 6:00pm

Regular Meeting of Council (OPEN) Begins at 7:00pm

Infrastructure Committee Meeting - September 30, 2025 at 6:00pm

*Note: Please check the Village website [calendar](#) for meeting schedule changes or cancellations.*

**View the Council and Committee Schedules, Agendas, and Minutes  
HERE!**

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



# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD & UPCOMING EVENTS

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## FALL 2025 Children's Music Class information

We will meet **THURSDAYS at 10am** at the Broughton Hall 400 Centre Rd (in the Gymnasium area)

- 45 minute classes
- Starting Thursday [September 25th 2025](#) **(10** weeks of classes this term)
- Children age 0-5 are welcome
- \$200 for the term. \$100 for Siblings 12 months and older. Siblings under a year old are free. Families receive a **Music Together FLUTE collection** CD , music download code, a song book, and access to the Music Together interactive musical family website.
- I will provide sanitized instruments and musical props

**WHY Music Together?** Exposing children to the language of music in their early developmental years; accelerates brain development, develops social and emotional coping skills, develops motor and mathematical skills, fosters friendships between the children and the parents ( creating community) and the list can go on and on.

Please text or call [Tanya @ 604-813-0181](#) or email [tagsales@telus.net](mailto:tagsales@telus.net) to register or for more information. I would love the opportunity to foster your child's musical development.

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# Fall Ballet for Kids

Dance Instruction by Joslyn Weiss



**NEW! Saturday Morning Class**  
**still welcoming new dancers!**

**When:** Sept 13th, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> & 25

**Time:** 10-11am

**Ages:** 3-8 yrs.

**Where:** Broughton Hall, Lions Bay

**Cost:** \$75

## About Joslyn

Joslyn began dance here in Lions Bay at 3 years old and quickly discovered her passion for dance as a result! In pursuit of her passion, her talent and hard work has allowed her to train with top ballet schools in North America. For more on Joslyn and the program or to register, click the link below!

[www.lionsbayarts.ca/artspark](http://www.lionsbayarts.ca/artspark)


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## The Lions Bay Oktoberfest Experience is Here!

Join us for an evening of gemütlichkeit — that special German word for good cheer, warmth, and community. Whether you're in it for the beer, the music, or the lederhosen-laced laughs, this is the can't-miss Oktoberfest celebration. Prost!

### **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Steins of German beer (NA options also available)
- A curated playlist of German favorites to set the mood
- Dance the polka to traditional Bavarian oompah tunes
- Seating and long tables to capture the beer hall tradition
- Traditional Bavarian dress (Dirndls & Lederhosen) encouraged, but not required
- Freshly baked pretzels and classic bratwurst (for purchase)

 **Special Bonus:** The first 40 tickets sold will each receive a complimentary Oktoberfest beer stein to take home!

 **Fun door prizes** to add an extra element of surprise and delight

An unforgettable Oktoberfest celebration – Lions Bay style with German flair!



**📋 EVENT DETAILS:**

📋 Time: 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM, Broughton Hall

**⚠️ NEED-TO-KNOW:**

- 19+ event only – You must be 19 or older to attend. Valid government-issued ID required

# OKTOBERFEST

## \$25 TICKETS



TICKETS INCLUDE (1) ONE FREE BEER AND PRETZEL

FIRST (40) TICKETS SOLD ALSO INCLUDE  
LIONS BAY BEER STEIN

ADDITIONAL FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE

**BEER | MUSIC | FOOD**

**LIONS BAY - BROUGHTON HALL**

**6-11PM**



19+ EVENT - YOU MUST BE 19 OR OLDER TO ATTEND



**Fall Registration  
Now Open!**

Lions Bay Arts  
CONNECTED THROUGH THE ARTS  
2013 Winter Session

# Landscape Artist Collective

Mentored by Artist Barb San Severino

Whether you are a novice eager to explore the world of landscape painting or an experienced artist looking to refine your skills, and connect with fellow artists in our community, this group offers a unique opportunity to come together in an open forum and a communal space to share ideas and drive each others creativity.

**Sept-Oct Collective** (8 weeks)  
Begins September 11th

**Nov-Dec Collective** (6 weeks)  
Begins November 6th

**JOIN US!**

To learn more about this Collective, Barb San Severino or  
to register please visit:

[www.lionsbayarts/adult-learning](http://www.lionsbayarts/adult-learning)

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# CHEESE

## *Cheese Making Workshop* one evening, three cheeses

Join us & learn how to make,  
burrata, mozzarella & bocconcini

Workshop lead by Gabriella Mancini's  
cheese crafters Paula & Adriano

**SOLD OUT!**

**(Lions Bay Arts just added 20  
cheese makers to the community)**

Saturday, September 20th

5:30 - 8:30 PM

\$57 per person

(spaces are limited)

  
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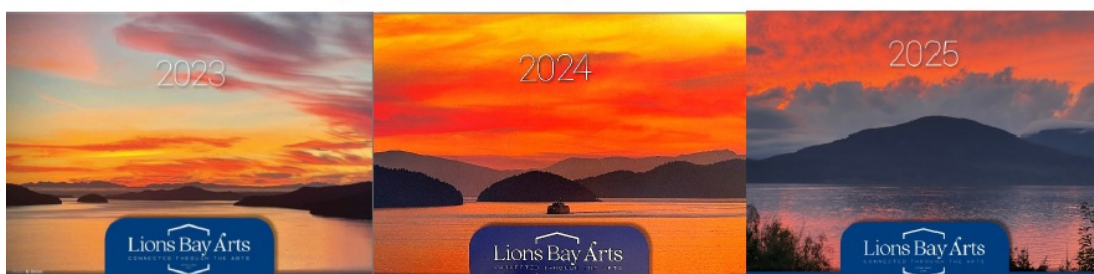
# Photo Call!


**ALL RESIDENTS!**  
**2026 Lions Bay Arts Calendar**  
**photo submissions is now open**  
 (closes October 31st)


**Celebrate Us   Capture History   Build Community**

For submission requirements visit:

<http://www.lionsbayarts.ca/calendar>





Lions Bay House Concerts Presents  
**DAN BRUBECK QUARTET**  
 Lions Bay Village Hall  
 Saturday, November 15, 6:00 – 9:00pm

GOLD SPONSOR  
  
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**\$35 TIX | DAN BRUBECK QUARTET PLAYS "TIME OUT" | Live in Lions Bay**

**📅 One Night Only!** A true tribute to jazz history – A fresh, live spin from Dave Brubeck's son and master-drummer, Dan Brubeck. **A world-class jazz concert in your own backyard? Yes.** On **Saturday November 15 (6:00pm – 9:00pm)**, come experience



**GRAMMY-nominated** master drummer 🎵 Dan Brubeck and his phenomenal Quartet (🎵Miles Black, Miles Hill, 🎵Steve Kaldestad) replaying the **legendary Brubeck Songbook** and **TIME OUT** album, including classics like “**Take Five**” and “**Blue Rondo à la Turk**” ... and hear the stories behind famous collaborations of classics like “**My Favorite Things**”

🎵 **WHY YOU SHOULD COME:**

- 🎵 World-class “**West Coast**” style jazz, intimate indoor setting
- 🎵 **Two full 45min sets** with intermission (meet the artists; meet your neighbour)
- 🎵 **19+ only – non-alcoholic potluck dinner** (pls. bring food to share!)
- 🎵 **General Admission**, relaxed seating in accessible venue with FREE parking
- 🎵 **Saturday Evening | November 15 | 6:00pm – 9:00pm**
- 🎵 **Scoop** a ticket before it's **Sold Out** – A rare jazz night in the heart of the Sea to Sky.
- 🎵 **Invite your JAZZ-loving crew:** We’re Half-way between West Van + Squamish
- 🎵 **Concert GOLD Sponsor: Realtor Thyra McKilligan, Re/Max Masters**

**CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS!**

# LIONS BAY BEAR AWARENESS IN THE FALL



Photo

Bears are highly active in the fall as they attempt to consume as many calories as possible before winter. During this time we need to be extra vigilant not to provide human sources of “fast food” for them. The fat reserves a bear builds during this time is integral for their survival.

**[www.lionsbaybearsmart.ca](http://www.lionsbaybearsmart.ca)**



Birds need insects... clear pathways,  
leave the leaves where you can.



**WAIT, DON'T SHRED THOSE LEAVES!**

Many butterflies spend the winter  
under leaves as eggs, caterpillars,  
chrysalises or adults.



To see more butterflies, leave the leaves!

[www.lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca](http://www.lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca)

Village of Lions Bay | [lionsbay.ca](http://lionsbay.ca)

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friends to  
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Meeting  
Calendars

Real-time Air  
Quality Map

Real-time Air  
Temperature

Curbside Solid  
Waste Timeslots

Drop-off service for wildlife attractant solid waste, as well as non-curbside recyclables (styrofoam, batteries, lightbulbs, soft plastics, electronic e-waste) is available at the Public Works Yard, 5 Tidewater Way, Fridays 6-9 am and Saturdays 8-11 am.



Reception: (604) 921-9333

Public Works Voicemail: (604) 921-9833

Public Works After-hours On-call: (604) 290-1498

Bylaw Enforcement Officer: (604) 834-3404

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