



# The Echo

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## SERVICE CONTACTS

**Public Works &  
After Hours Emergency**  
250-974-7091  
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250-974-4188  
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250-974-5727  
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250-974-5448  
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250-974-5332  
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(off season)  
250-974-5213  
**Campground**  
250-974-7028  
**EMERGENCY- 911**

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## The annual spring clean-up is on Monday, April 18.

Clean-up is one day only and restricted to residential-zoned properties. Refuse must be curbside by 8AM - items placed curbside after this time will not be removed by Village staff. Each residence may place one pick-up truck load of waste at curbside for disposal. As a rule of thumb, this is a pile approximately 6' long by 4' wide and 30" high. Individual items may not exceed 100 pounds. If you'd like to dispose of items in excess of this amount, please bring them to the transfer station (maximum one pick-up truck load) where they will be accepted at no charge on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that small/loose items are secured in a waterproof bag or garbage can. Contact Public Works to schedule a fridge/freezer pick-up or to ask general questions about the clean-up.

**Village Public Works: 250-974-7091**

# DISTRACTED DRIVING

The Alert Bay RCMP are pleased to report that complaints made to our office in regards to unsafe driving practices have declined in the last few months. This decrease is also supported by the observations we are making while patrolling our community.

We are looking forward to continued collaborative efforts with our community partners building on these positive steps and addressing ongoing concerns, such as the identified practice of parking on the wrong side of the road in congested areas.

Moving forward, your RCMP members will be participating in national and provincial initiatives in regards to issues that affect our community. The first of these initiatives is the Provincial Distracted Driving / Electronic Device campaign.



One in four deaths on B.C. roads involves distracted driving and you are five times more likely to crash if you are using your phone. Our road safety partners at ICBC offer the following tips and information:



## Did You Know?

Distracted driving has moved ahead of impaired driving-related fatal crashes.

### Tips for Pedestrians

When you approach an intersection, please pay attention to what's happening around you. Remove your headphones and put away your cellphone so you can see, hear and respond to keep yourself safe.

### Tips for Drivers

- It can wait. No call or text is so important it's worth risking your life. Let calls go to voicemail and ignore your text messages while driving.
- Assign a designated texter. Ask your passengers to make or receive calls and texts for you.
- If you can't leave your phone alone while driving, turn it off and put it in the trunk of your car to avoid the temptation.
- If you have to take a call, pull over if it's safe to do so or use your phone in hands-free mode; stay focused on the road and keep the conversation brief and calm.

## COMMUNITY HALL EVENTS

### Pickle Ball Drop-in

Community members and visitors are invited to drop-in to the Community Hall to play Pickle Ball on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30. Drop-in fees are just \$2 or players can purchase a punch card for 11 drop-in sessions for \$20 at the Village Office.

### DANCEfit with Jodi

If you like catchy music that gets your toes tapping and your hips moving then this class is for you! Jodi's been teaching fitness classes for over 20 years and recently switched from teaching Latin-based "Zumba" to incorporate all music styles. Sessions are Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00, running April 5<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Adults: \$90 for 9 sessions

Teens: \$20 for 9 sessions

Children: Free

Call or text Jodi for more information: 250-230-8035.

StatsCan is hiring for census jobs now: [www.census.gc.ca/jobs](http://www.census.gc.ca/jobs)

ALERT BAY

## ART LOFT

GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

2016 Show Schedule and Call for Art!

Mar 4 – Apr 10 :: ART DUE: Feb 28

SHOW: "Luck of the Draw(ing)"

Any Sort of Drawing

Apr 15 – May 22 :: ART DUE: Apr 10

SHOW: "Buds & Blooms"

Spring in the air! Floral.

May 27 – Jul 3 :: ART DUE: May 22

SHOW: "On the Water"

Life Aquatic

[www.alertbayartists.org](http://www.alertbayartists.org)

## INVESTMENT WORKSHOP

Vancity Investment Specialist Dennis Jack is coming to Alert Bay. Learn about investment options and how to plan to meet your financial goals at an information session on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00–7:00PM at the Learning Centre.

Dennis is also available for one-on-one appointments at Vancity on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the branch at 250-974-3165 to book your appointment or email [jeanine\\_johnny@vancity.com](mailto:jeanine_johnny@vancity.com)

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## BURNING PERMITS

Class B (rubbish, light burn) permits are available at the Village office. Class B permits are issued in four-month increments from the date of purchase at a cost of \$10.

Fires must be attended and safeguarded at all times by an adult. Burning is not permitted within three metres of slash, brush, dry grass, wooden buildings, trees, or any other flammable material.

Light materials such as paper or dry leaves that could fly away while burning must be covered by heavier material or held down by wire mesh.



## GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP DAYS

### Residential Garbage

Island-wide

**Tuesday**

### Residential Recycling

Village of Alert Bay and Sandyville (RDMW)

**Wednesday**

'Namgis First Nation, Whe-la-la-u Area Council, and  
RDMW on Front Street

**Thursday**

Reminder: garbage and recycling must be at the curb by 8AM.





# coming Events

Call 974-5448 for Community Hall Booking!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 PICKLEBALL FOR ADVANCED PLAYERS ONLY 12:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL
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## ECHO SUBMISSIONS NEEDED!

We know that there is more happening in the community than we hear about! Please send your events, photos, stories, poems, and drawings to [echo@alertybay.ca](mailto:echo@alertybay.ca) by Friday, April 22nd for the May issue of the Echo.

# The Echo Special Feature



**CORMORANT ISLAND**  
*Tides of Change*



and

reconciliation  
CANADA



Present

## The Cormorant Island Entrepreneur Support Program

## Guest Speaker: Inez Cook

**Date: April 14, 2016**

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: The Council Hall

For more information, visit:

[www.reconciliationcanada.ca/tides-of-change](http://www.reconciliationcanada.ca/tides-of-change)

**Inez Cook** is the owner and co-founder of Salmon 'n Bannock. Seven years ago, Inez realized her lifelong dream in opening this restaurant.

Learn more about Inez's journey and be inspired to realize your own entrepreneurial dreams.

Inez has also been a Flight Attendant with Air Canada for more than 25 years, and sits on the Board of Directors of Aboriginal Tourism BC.



Guest Speaker  
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## **AUTHOR READING AND SLIDE SHOW**

**Friday, April 22nd at 7:00PM in the Cook Shack Hall**



### **The Way Forward**

Alastair Henry arrived in Alert Bay on February 26th to begin a four month Cuso International volunteer placement working with Reconciliation Canada and Simon Fraser University. The objective of the placement is to coach ten Alert Bay participants in developing their business plans. Alastair is thoroughly enjoying the energy and enthusiasm of the participants and is excited about their projects. "I am so grateful for the opportunity to share my skills and to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience

