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EMERGENCY- 911

Did you know?

August has 31 days because Augustus Caesar wanted the same number of days in his month as July, named after Julius Caesar. The extra day was taken from February.



Summer Market photos by Sharon Gordon



ICBC

HOURS CHANGE!
STARTING SEPT 1
NOON-4PM
MONDAY- FRIDAY

There will be ICBC services but no Driver Licensing services August 7-23 2015!



Above: Vancity cedar ribbon-cutting, May 2015. Submitted by Stewart Anderson.

VANCITY UPDATE

It has been a busy few months for the Cormorant Island community branch since we opened in May. New Members to Vancity are opening accounts at a rate that is better than we expected, and we are seeing more and more activity with local businesses. Based on our experience in May, June and July we will be extending our hours on the last Wednesday of the month to better serve community members on cheque days. It's great to be part of the community and seeing the impact that on island financial services can make for the local economy! Drop by and see us at the Vancity tent at community events this month or come to the branch and meet our staff.



PRIZES FOR TOURISM SURVEY

TELL US how you feel about the tourism industry in the North Island region and WIN an iPad Mini.

Go to www.northislandsurvey.ca and complete a short survey to be entered to win. Visit www.vancouverislandnorth.ca for travel information from across the Vancouver Island North region.

Survey
QR code:



HELP THE ECHO!

Send your photos, poems, articles, etc. to Adriana! aproton@alertbay.ca.
Sept. Echo deadline: Noon Aug 27

Podium



This month it's kudos to Public Works! This happened at the end of June:

Late afternoon on a Saturday, I noticed spray coming from where my sewer joins the system and called Public Works. Pete returned my call from Port Hardy. Later, I flushed my toilet and it wouldn't drain. I panicked! I called again saying there WAS cause for alarm. By this time Pete had returned from Hardy. In less than two hours from the second phone call he was able to give me a temporary fix. Monday morning, he and Dale were rooting away in messy sewer line looking for the blockage, which turned out to be roots filling the pipe.

Thank you Pete and Dale for solving a smelly problem quickly and painlessly.

Know someone from Alert Bay we should be proud of? Send us a picture and the details.

Trails!

The greenery in the trails is growing faster than ever! We're looking for your help Sunday August 23 at 1pm at the campground.

Only two more trail clean-ups! We'd love to see you out this August or September.

Bring your pruners or use ours. Trail mix provided!



Summer ALERT BAY Market

MAKE IT, BAKE IT OR GROW IT!

Come down to the town square for music, local art, crafts, homemade goodies and more! Our third and final summer market this year is August 16, noon-4pm.

Want to be a vendor? Our vendor information package is available on the Alert Bay Summer Market Facebook page. Tables are \$10 or \$5 if you provide your own. There is an online "Market Safe" course available if you want more information about preparing and selling food at our markets: <http://www.openschool.bc.ca/info/marketsafe/index.html>

Contact Sharon at sharong@namgis.bc.ca or 974-2029, or Adriana at aproton@alertbay.ca or 974-5213 for more info.

SEAFEST WEEKEND

8TH ALERT BAY ANNUAL ARTFEST

**FRI-SAT-SUN
JUL 31
AUG 1 & 2**

10:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.
(10:00–3:00p.m. on Sun)

at the NETLOFT
(on the government dock)



THANK YOU TO OUR MANY SUPPORTERS!

Featuring 30+ Alert Bay Artists!

ASPIRE... INSPIRE...

2015
HOSTED BY THE ALERT BAY ARTISTS SOCIETY

FREE DANCE CLASSES!

The Chutzpah! Festival's North Island Region Dance Residency is a youth centered community and artistic development for rural youth, community and professional artists (now in its second year!). Sharing the fun of contemporary and popular dance through classes, photography, stage craft and performance, the 2015 Residency runs August 4th to 15th in Alert Bay and Malcolm Island.

Free for all participants!

Visiting dance artists are: Shay Kuebler, Haydon Fong, Tyler Layton Oldson, Lexi Vajda, Nicholas Lydiate, and Rebecca Margolick; Interactive media designer and photographer: Maxx Berkowitz; Stage Crafts: Mimi Abrahams, and project artistic direction: Mary-Louise Albert

OPEN COMMUNITY CLASSES IN ALERT BAY – (take all classes or just drop in)

Street Dance/Hip Hop/Jazz style classes for ages 12 and up including adults!

- Tuesday August 4th at 7:00pm to 8:15pm (Community Hall)
- Wednesday August 5th at 7:00pm to 8:15pm (Community Hall)
- Wednesday August 6th at 6:30pm to 7:45 pm (Community Hall)

A CHAT WITH A COUNCILLOR

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COUNCILLOR KANE GORDON UPDATES US ON COUNCIL GOINGS-ON

This is my second term on Council and it's nice to see some of the projects we started last term get finished. I'm also happy to see the work done so far on our dock. As a Small Craft Harbour, the federal department of fisheries is responsible for the upgrades. So far the upper portion of the dock has been replanked and the railings are new. In September 2015, the work will continue with the floats being rebuilt. Some of the old materials will be reused elsewhere on the island.

I've also been pleased to see the Alert Bay Summer Market start up this summer. There have been two markets so far with great turnouts. It's been nice to see local musicians out playing in the square. The next market—and last market this summer—is August 16, and I encourage any musicians to come join us in the town square noon-4pm.

I was born and raised in Alert Bay, and other than a 2-year electrical apprenticeship in Vancouver and Victoria, I've lived here my whole life. I was a fisherman until about 25 years ago when I decided to go into the trades. When I get some free time, I enjoy getting out on the water sports fishing. What I love about Alert Bay is the kindness of the people here.



Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Council and the projects we're working on.

Thank you, Councillor Gordon!



JumpCamp

Presents...

SKATE CAMP

ALERT BAY

AUG 6TH, 7TH
10 AM – 4 PM



AGES: 10 AND UP

WHAT TO BRING: SKATEBOARD, HELMET, WATER BOTTLE & LUNCH

COST: \$75.00 INC TAX FOR 2 DAY CAMP

CAMP INCLUDES:

- ★ PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION
- ★ SKATE MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY
- ★ BBQ AND SNACKS ON BOTH DAYS
- ★ FREE USE OF DEMO EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY SPONSORS
- ★ PRODUCT GIVEAWAYS FROM SPONSORS
- ★ RATIO OF 1 COACH TO EVERY 5 CAMPERS

REGISTER AT THE ALERT BAY VILLAGE OFFICE (250) 974-5213

SPONSORS: IGA, PLAY@TRADE, sandbox, epic boardskins, onedirtythree, SPY+, blue toque, RK, SKIDLORDS

SKATE ETIMAN WOODLAND - PHOTO BY JEAN MARC POIRIER

EAGLE RESCUE!

This eagle was observed on July 7 covered in oil and unable to fly. She was captured and transported to Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society in Courtenay. It took lots of soapy water and toothbrush work by volunteers to get the grime off. After a few days the process was repeated. She looks much better! The oil was believed to be canola, so thankfully nontoxic. Now she will need to bathe herself and preen, in order to restore the water-proofing to her feathers, which is essential before she can be released.

*STORY AND PHOTO
SUBMITTED BY
ROBIN QUIRK*



VILLAGE OFFICE UPDATES

SEWER FUNDING!

Residents of Alert Bay will benefit from new water and wastewater infrastructure thanks to joint funding from the Small Communities Fund.

In Alert Bay, the project will replace a kilometre of sewer pipes with modern sewer mains, tie-ins and connections. It will reduce the Village's sewer system operating and maintenance costs, which were rising due to more pipe collapses, and it will also reduce the handling of excess wastewater volumes from infiltration into the failing system.

The federal government, provincial government and Village of Alert Bay will share the costs of the \$789,693 project. Mayor Michael Berry said, "We look forward to submitting new applications for upgrades to a similarly antiquated drinking water distribution system as new funding opportunities become available in the future."

POPOVICH FILM PREMIERE

Filmmakers Paola Rosà and Antonio Senter visited Alert Bay from the Province of Trento, Italy, to premiere their film *A Man With No Borders* about Gilbert Popovich.

Below: Paola Rosà, Antonio Popovich and Antonio Senter at the Legion.

Photo by David Faren.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Thanks for keeping your yards tidy! As we get more rain and have to mow more, please remember to tidy your grass clippings off the street.



A SESSION WITH A SERGEANT

NEW DETACHMENT COMMANDER SERGEANT BRETT SINDEN IS EXCITED TO WORK IN ALERT BAY

The new Alert Bay Detachment commander is Sgt. Brett Sinden. Brett and his family moved to Alert Bay all the way from Port Hardy and are happy to be a part of their new community.

Brett grew up in Port Hardy but left as a child, returning many years later to work as a Watch Commander in the Port Hardy detachment. When the opportunity came up to extend their stay in the North Island by coming to Alert Bay, Brett jumped at the opportunity to apply and was fortunate enough to be offered the position.

Brett worked in General Duty police work and Serious Crime in the Langley Detachment and did a couple years of Unsolved Homicide Investigations, primarily focussed on what is commonly known as the "Highway of Tears" investigation in Northern British Columbia. Brett and his family are looking forward to Island life and all it has to offer.

Thanks, Sergeant Sinden!



SEAFEST WEEKEND!



See you at Seafest!

5k, 10k Walk/Run & Kids Fun Run
Saturday August 1st, 10am
(Seafest Weekend)

For contact and pre-registration email info@salmonrun.ca.

Walk/Run in Alert Bay, BC. Beautiful views with every stride.

Route map and more information:
www.salmonrun.ca

Prizes for the top runners! Random prize drawing!



ALERT BAY 360 KAYAK RACE

It's time to get that kayak, stand-up paddleboard, rowboat, canoe or paddleboat out of the shed and start training for the 2015 Alert Bay 360!

There are cash prizes for winners, and just finishing the race means you will be entered in a draw for dozens of prizes, including art, bicycles, camping equipment, paddling equipment and resort stays.

We'll see you at the start line, 11 am, Sunday August 2!

Alert Bay

SEAFEST

MUSICFEST

ARTFEST

2015

A WEEKEND of Frolic! Fun for EVERYONE!

July 31st - August 2nd

◆ Friday ◆

- "Medieval Times" Parade - 9:30am Sharp
- ARTFEST 10am-6:00pm - Netloft on Government Dock
- Competitions and Contests including Kids Got Talent, Singing, Juggling, Dancing, Adult Lip Sync, and MORE!
- FUN!! - Kids Fishing Derby, Family Scavenger Hunt, Jumparound Kids Giant Inflatables (no charge), Food and Jewellery Vendors, Live Entertainment, Much More to See and Do!

◆ Saturday ◆

- ARTFEST 10am-6:00pm - Netloft on Government Dock
- MUSICFEST!! 12:00 Noon - 12:00 Midnight!
- Pernell Reichart · Blue Moon Marquee · Jaimie Taylor · The Boom Booms · John Welsh Band · The Werewolves
- Steel Wheels (Rolling Stones tribute band)
- Food and other Vendors on the Grounds

◆ Sunday ◆

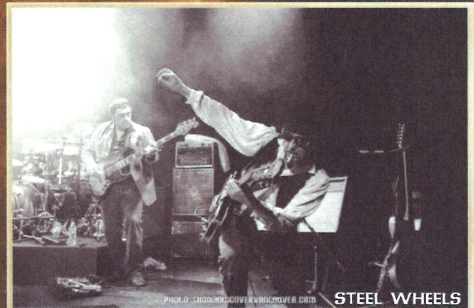
- ARTFEST 10am-3:00pm Netloft on Government Dock
- The 7th Annual ALERT BAY 360 - 11:00am
- A Nautical Race around Cormorant Island -

Tickets Available at: Stubbs Island Charters, Cafe Cuidos, Port McNeill Florist Shoppe, Sointula Co-op, Pt. McNeill CCCU Insurance, Shoprite Alert Bay.



FOR MORE INFO: 250.527.1099

SATURDAY MUSICFEST LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

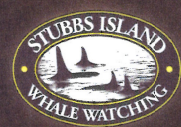


STEEL WHEELS



JOHN WELSH THE WEREWOLVES

Musicfest Early-Bird tickets until July 15th
 \$25/adult, \$10/13 & under, 5 & under FREE
 - At the Gate -
 \$30/adult, \$15/13 & under, 5 & under FREE

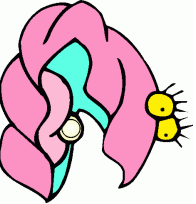


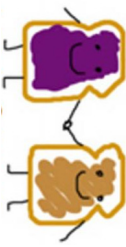










STUBBS ISLAND WHALE WATCHING
 Providing Rides back to Port McNeill, Sointula and Telegraph Cove after the final set at Musicfest!
 Only \$10.00! Call 250.928.3185 to reserve!

alertbaymusicfest.com

Coming Events

Peach Month!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 ALERT BAY 360 KAYAK RACE STARTS 11AM AT GOVERNMENT DOCK	3	4 TRANSFER STN CLOSED	5 ICE CREAM SANDWICH DAY	6	7 OYSTER DAY! THE WORLD IS YOURS!	8 
9 BOOK LOVER'S DAY 	10	11 			14 BEST FRIENDS DAY! 	15
16 ALERT BAY SUMMER MARKET NOON-4 @ TOWN SQUARE	17 THRIFT SHOP DAY! 	18	19	20 SHOPRITE CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY! 	21 	22 TRAIL MIX DAY! IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR A HIKE!
23 TRAIL CLEAN-UP @ CAMPGROUND 1PM	24 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM! 	25	26 TP DAY! 	27 BANANA DAY! 	28 S	29 TUG-OF-WAR DAY! 
30	31 SHOPRITE SENIORS DAY! 					

Check out the Alert Bay Summer Market on August 16! See inside for more details.

Call 974-5448 for Bowling !