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T'lisalagi'lakw School (above) and Alert Bay School (below). Photo credit Alana Jacobson.

Did you know?

January is, on average, the coldest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and the warmest month of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.

**INSIDE: ENTREPRENEUR EVENT JANUARY 7!
 PLUS: ARTLOFT SCHEDULE & FREE BOWLING!**



CORMORANT ISLAND

Tides of Change



Calling all entrepreneurs!

Have a great idea for a business on Cormorant Island?
Want to grow your existing business?

Under the Tides of Change Economic Development Strategy, Cormorant Island is collaborating with Reconciliation Canada to bring an Entrepreneur Support Program to the island. Extensive training, coaching and support over 12 months will help you create a new business, or grow an existing business.

Join us for the Kick-off information event
featuring guest speaker Massey Whiteknife

Thursday, January 7, 2016

6:00pm - 8:00pm | Location TBA



Massey Whiteknife

Entrepreneur extraordinaire! Founder and owner of Iceis Safety by day, rock and roll diva by night, from the Mikisew Cree First Nation, Alberta

Visit www.reconciliationcanada.ca/tides-of-change
for more information

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

ALERT BAY ART LOFT GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

2016 Show Schedule and Call for Art!

Jan 22 – Feb 28 :: ART DUE: Jan 17

SHOW: "Light Fantasies"

Beat those Winter Blues!

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

Jul 8 – Aug 14 :: ART DUE: Jul 3

SHOW: "Salon Style Small Works Show"

plus Artfest Carryover

Aimed at the traveller.

Aug 19 – Sep 25 :: ART DUE: Aug 14

SHOW: "Deja Vu"

Some works Old!

Sep 30 – Nov 13 :: ART DUE: Sep 25

SHOW: "True Colours"

Celebrate Seasons (open to interpretation).

Nov 18 – Dec 30 :: ART DUE: Nov 13

SHOW: "Winter Comforts"

ALSO "Small Works" and Winter Market

WANT TO HAVE YOUR OWN SHOW? CONTACT US!

Become a member to receive updates,
or find us on Facebook!

FREE BOWLING!

Free bowling at the Alert Bay Community Hall:

Saturday January 2 4-9pm

Sunday January 3 4-9pm

Free shoe rental too! Sorry, no discount on snacks.

WHEELS FOR WELLNESS

To ensure that all North Island residents, including Cormorant Islanders, will be able to travel to medical appointments down island, Wheels for Wellness is providing a second Mount Waddington van.

This is a pilot project, happening only Jan 1 – Mar 31 2016. To access the service please call 1-250-338-0196.

Questions? Please call Chris (MW Health Network Coordinator): 250 956 3161, or Shirley (Chair, MW Transit Committee) at the Port McNeill town office: 250 956 3111



PODIUM

Thank you to everyone who put up beautiful holiday lights this season! We are awarding prizes for the best island residential and business holiday displays in February.

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

ECHO SUBMISSIONS

We love getting submissions from community members! Send your photos, stories, poems, drawings, events and ideas to echo@alertbay.ca by Tuesday, January 26 for the February issue of the Echo.

A CHAT WITH A COUNCILLOR

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VILLAGE COUNCIL UPDATES FROM COUNCILLOR DENNIS BUCHANAN

Hello again to the citizens of Alert Bay. I have now completed one year on Council and it has been a real learning experience. I have enjoyed my first year and I hope to enjoy the next three as well.

I would like to welcome Dave Leslie, the newest member of Public Works. As you may know, Dave will be taking over as head of Public Works from Pete Nelson-Smith. Solid waste management is my portfolio, and I look forward to working with Dave.

One of my other portfolios is beautification. In this area I am much like a lost Charlie Brown. I need help from volunteers—which happens to be another of my portfolios.



The number of tourists coming to Alert Bay is increasing, and the number one thing that the tourists say they like about the island is the people. That says a lot about the people living here. We want your ideas about cleaning up and beautifying the island. At our Council meeting on December 14, we had a presentation from Paul Friesen about ways to beautify the Bay. We are open to new ideas and would welcome suggestions. They can be brought to me, Paul, or the Village Office.

This past summer we had one work party per month from May to September to work on the trails. The growth that took place on the trails this year was incredible due to the warm weather that we enjoyed. Trail three was almost completely overgrown. Thanks to Norman from Public Works a lot of the overgrowth has been cleared. In 2016 we will again be looking for volunteers to help keep the trails clear. This only entails two-three hours once a month for five months. As these trails are used by both locals and tourists we want to keep them in good shape. The tourists that visit will stay and spend money here if there are things for them to do.

We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful spot in the world and we all have to work together to keep it that way. I look forward to hearing ideas from all of the citizens of Cormorant Island. Your Village Council and office staff are working very hard to make sure that we move forward in a positive way to the benefit of everyone who lives on the island. Till next time.

Councillor Dennis Buchanan

VILLAGE OFFICE UPDATES

NEW PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN

Our new Public Works Foreman is Dave Leslie, but Public Works still has the same phone number. Call 974-7091 with any Public Works questions, or for Public Works emergencies. You can email him at foreman@alertbay.ca.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Last chance! Deadline to submit nominations for 2015 Citizen and Youth of the year is Monday January 4 at noon. Nomination forms are available at the Village Office.

TOTE BAGS

Check out our new Village of Alert Bay tote bags! Made of sturdy cotton, these bags are perfect for picking up some groceries at Shoprite, or returning your library books. Available for \$12, including tax, at the Village Office.



A CONVERSATION WITH A CONSTABLE

WELCOME, CONSTABLE PULLIN!

The Alert Bay RCMP is pleased to welcome Ryan Pullin as its newest Constable. Ryan grew up in the Comox Valley and prior to arriving in Alert Bay, he has lived in Campbell River, Victoria and Prince Rupert. Ryan comes to Alert Bay after spending six and a half years serving the community of Campbell River. While in Campbell River, Ryan gained experience in a wide variety of policing duties, including time spent on a specialized unit focused on property crime and drug enforcement.

Ryan moved to "The Bay" with his wife Trish and two young sons. The decision to move was influenced by both the beauty of the area and the family-oriented lifestyle that the community offers.

In the short time that they have been in Alert Bay, Ryan and his family have met many friendly people at a number of community events. Ryan looks forward to the experiences and memories to be made in the coming years.



Coming Events

Get organised month!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY! VILLAGE OFFICE, TRANSFER STN & ICBC CLOSED | 2 FREE BOWLING AT THE COMMUNITY HALL 4-9PM! |
| 3 FREE BOWLING AT THE COMMUNITY HALL 4-9PM! | 4 | 5 REFINE YOUR RESOLUTION DAY! IS YOUR GOAL SPECIFIC AND MEASURABLE? | 6 BEAN DAY  | 7 | 8 PUZZLE DAY  | 9 |
| 10 SOUP DAY!  | 11 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM  | 12 | 13 | 14 THERE IS NO SHAME IN REVISING YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION DAY | 15 | 16 POPCORN DAY!  |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 PENGUIN AWARENESS DAY!  | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM  | 26 SHOPRITE CUS- TOMER & SENIOR APPRECIATION DAY!  | 27 | | 29 READ A POEM OUT LOUD DAY! | 30 Sat 31 Sun |

Call 974-5448 for Bowling !