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EMERGENCY- 911

Did you know?

It's mainly volunteers who put on events like June Sports, the Alert Bay Summer Market and our Canada Day celebration. These volunteers would love more help! Volunteer at the Band office or Village Office.



June Sports



Photos from top:

Women's final:
Benicia George and Danielle Hudson

Semi-final game collision between a Twin Arrow player and an Alert Bay Cormorant

Twin Arrow James Nannakin-Moss and Wolves' George Thomas in the men's final

Photos by David Faren

INSIDE!
SUMMER MARKET,
ARTFEST INFO,
COUNCIL & RCMP UPDATE
AND MORE!

ICBC hours are changing! As of August 31, ICBC will be open noon to 4pm, M-F.



Above: Tidi Nelson, David Suzuki, Alex Nelson-Smith, Giselle Alfred, Lyra Fletcher, & Riley Anderson at the Coastal Connections dialogue June 4. Submitted by Heather Nelson-Smith.

U'MISTA RECEIVES HERITAGE GRANT

The U'mista Cultural Society will receive funding of \$49,694 to create an exhibition showcasing Kwakwaka'wakw women and weaving. The new exhibit is inspired by a rare ceremonial chillkat blanket created by celebrated weaver Anisalaga (Mary Ebbets Hunt), a high-ranking Tlingit noblewoman who settled near Port Hardy, on northern Vancouver Island, around 1850.

Funding will also enable a secondary project focus. The Centre will produce a disaster planning manual, which will include best practices, policies and procedures to manage fire, theft, flooding and infestation. Once completed, this document will be shared with other museums and help build professional practices for the preservation of Aboriginal artefacts.

Source: John Duncan press release

HELP THE ECHO!

Send your photos, poems, articles, etc. to Adriana! aproton@alertbay.ca.
August Echo deadline: Noon July 29



SCHOLARSHIP FOR LOCAL ARTIST

Cole Speck, an Alert Bay artist, is one of nine B.C. First Nations artists who will each be awarded \$5,000 by the YVR Art Foundation for their creative excellence and commitment to further develop their art practice. After attending an art institute or studying for a mentor with a year, scholarship recipients will have their art work exhibited at YVR for one year.

YVRAF Scholarships are awarded annually to emerging artists of B.C. First Nations ancestry in the Youth (under age 27) and Mid-Career (age 27 and up) category. The Foundation awards Youth Artist scholarships to those who wish to develop their artistic potential and Mid-Career Artist scholarships to those who wish to further their careers or extend their work into a new scale or area.

Source: YVR Art Foundation press release



Kids from Alert Bay Elementary prepared a presentation at the David Suzuki Coastal Connections dialogue June 4 at the Lawrence Ambers Rec Centre. The students from Ms. Nelson's grade 5 class gave a thought-provoking and inspiring speech to remind us to stop and think about the impact we have on the environment. Their message of urging people to think about what they can do to make the community and world a better place will be heard all over the island.

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 July 26 at 1pm at the campground.

Bring your pruners or use ours. Trail mix provided!

ICBC!

The Village is now automated for driver licensing services! This means we can now take your picture too. Please note that our hours for ICBC and driver licensing will be changing. As of Aug. 31, we are open noon-4pm.

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! There will be three markets in the town square this summer: July 1, July 26 and August 16.

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 will be a cruise ship in town on July 26, so we are expecting traditional foods and small souvenirs to be popular. 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.



8TH ALERT BAY ANNUAL ARTFEST
CALL FOR ENTRY
 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE SHOWROOM, THE LIBRARY, VILLAGE OFFICE, OR THE ARTLOFT
 OR EMAIL alertbayartists@gmail.com
 OR WEB www.alertbayartists.org
 APPLICATION / PAYMENT DEADLINE: JULY 5TH 2015 •
 ARTWORK DEADLINE: JULY 19TH 2015 •
 • MUST BE A RESIDENT OF ALERT BAY •
 ...ASPIRE ...INSPIRE...
 2015
 HOSTED BY THE ALERT BAY ARTISTS SOCIETY

HEY ARTISTS! The July theme is "My Alert Bay" so preference will be given to Alert Bay scenes, but we are beginning the Salon Summer show early, so bring in any art, old or new, to showcase! Must be a member to participate, and art must be ready to display. Drop off at the ArtLoft during gallery hours: Thurs-Sun 12-3:30.



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!
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A CHAT WITH A COUNCILLOR

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COUNCILLOR DENNIS BUCHANAN UPDATES US ON COUNCIL GOINGS-ON

It's now been seven months that I have been on Council and it has been a steep learning curve. I have been catching up on the projects that were happening before I was elected and then getting involved with the new initiatives that are taking place. I think that we have a good bunch in the office and on Council. One thing I have noticed is that we cannot make everybody happy with our limited budget. We are striving to do the best job that we can with what we have. We are very fortunate living here for a variety of reasons. The scenery, the marine life, the eagles that we see every day. The people living here are some of the friendliest anywhere, and it's a safe place for children. The laid back pace where people tend to live longer because of less stress. This is also a community that pulls together to help each other when things do not go well, which is not found in many other places.



My portfolios include Solid Waste, Village Beautification, Parks and Recreation and Volunteers. So far this year we have had two work parties to keep the trails clear. We can always use more volunteers to help keep Alert Bay looking good. If you are interested in volunteering for the trails or flower beds around town please get in touch with me or drop by the Village Office. I'm especially excited about the Tides of Change strategy for revitalizing Alert Bay economically. This is a joint project with the 'Namgis First Nation. What a wonderful opportunity for everyone to pull together and make it happen.

I came here in 1970 for a job and fell in love with the people and the place. Where else do you go down the road and people wave, smile and greet you with your name. Here is a little glimpse of my personal life. I like to play golf, or should I say that I attempt to play golf. I like to cook and one of my favourite dishes is Halibut with Lemon Caper Sauce. I enjoy trying different foods when Dixie and I travel. We enjoy road trips around North America as one gets to see and learn about the history. My favourite movie is Star Wars.

If anyone in the community has any suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 250-974-5928.



CORMORANT ISLAND *Tides of Change*



UPDATE FROM THE TIDES OF CHANGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

- **5 historical signs** are expected to arrive and be installed this month: 'Namgis Burial Grounds, St. Michael's, 'Namgis Netloft, Courthouse and Alert Bay 'Hub of the North'. A grant from Heritage BC will allow us to order 7 more signs.
- **Summer Markets** are scheduled for July 1, 26 and August 1. Several grants and donations have allowed the purchase of tables and tents. The summer market volunteers are looking for more volunteers and vendors!
- **Vancity** is now open and is ready to help you! Please drop in Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am-3pm and support your local financial institution.
- **Business development-** the committee has been working with Reconciliation Canada, which is planning on delivering a mentorship program. Once the details are confirmed, we will post advertisements.
- **The full-time Economic Development Officer** job posting to help implement the strategy has closed, and we hope to announce the successful candidate later this month.

We want to thank everyone again for all their input into the strategy.

You told us what kind of development you want to see to support our economy and our residents!

Current members: Kelly Speck, Robert Mountain, Sharon Gordon, Michael Berry, Heather Nelson-Smith & Adriana Proton.

VILLAGE OFFICE UPDATES

SALMONBERRIES & BOULEVARDS

Some citizens have asked the Village to leave the bushes beside the road as undisturbed bird habitat, but Council has decided to prioritize public safety and cut them back, off the road.

Last month, we published an article about homeowners' responsibility for trimming their boulevards.

If you have questions about these or any other Village bylaws or decisions, please contact the Village Office or your elected officials.

FERAL CATS

Want to help reduce our feral cat population? There is some funding available for spaying and neutering. Let the Village Office know if you want to help by trapping feral cats like Public Works kitty (below)!



VANCE CONWAY POSTER

Vance Conway Jr. is a Communication Design student at North Island College. He's created a poster about cigarette butt litter. The Village also wants to clean up our streets: to protect animals and the environment, to have a cleaner place to live, and because litter was the #1 tourist complaint in our visitor survey last year.

We've put up his poster around town. Check it out and think before you drop your butt on the ground! Thanks, Vance!

A CONVERSATION WITH A CORPORAL

WHY DOESN'T MY CALL TO POLICE GET ANSWERED IN ALERT BAY? CORPORAL DON BIRCH REPORTS.

The Alert Bay RCMP would like to clarify some questions that have been received regarding reporting information and incidents to Police.

Being a small detachment there is often no one in the office to answer direct phone calls from the community.

When we can't answer the phone, calls are forwarded to Courtenay. Courtenay dispatches calls for service to Alert Bay RCMP. Dispatchers call police via radio if on duty but out of office, or at home in off hours.

All information is valuable to the police and Dispatch will take the information and pass it along to police immediately if necessary.

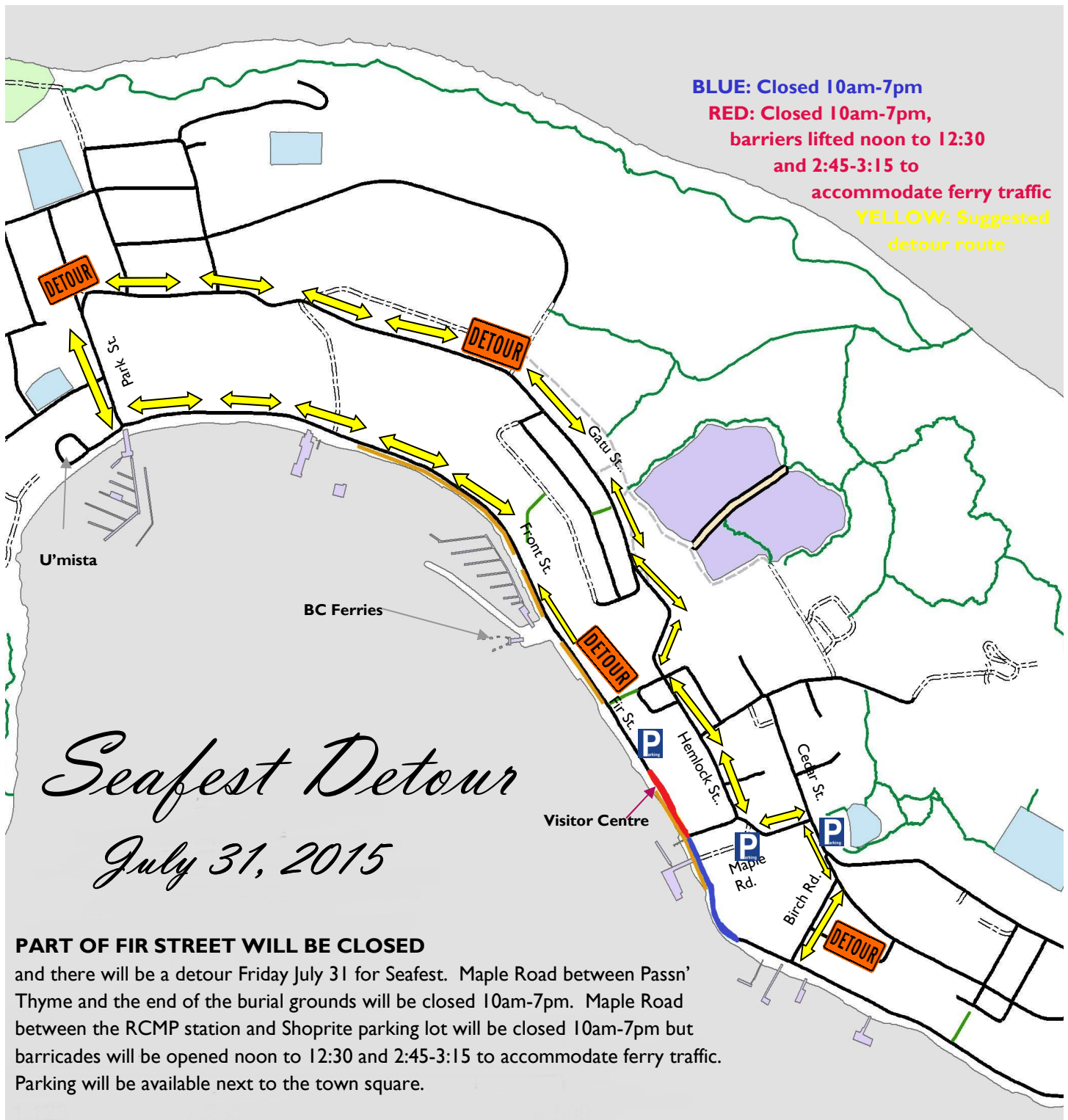
This may be if an incident has recently taken place or is in progress.

In situations where there is not an urgent need for police to attend and they are not currently on duty, information is passed along to police when they are back at work. The information is passed along as required depending on the situation.

Do not feel that when speaking to a dispatcher in Courtenay that it isn't getting through to Police in Alert Bay. Police may not attend at the time of the call, but we will follow up with any complaint and speak to persons providing information if required.

Thanks, Corporal Birch!





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 ◆

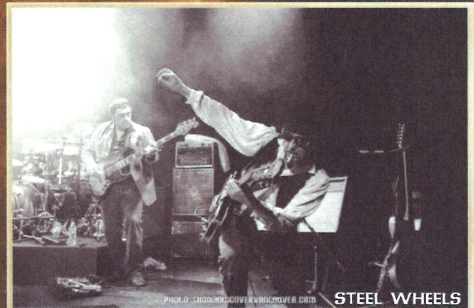
- ARTFEST 10am-3:00pm Netloft on Government Dock
- The 7th Annual ALERT BAY 360 - 11:00am
- A Nautical Race around Cormorant Island -

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

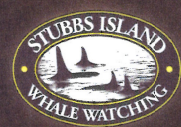


STEEL WHEELS



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

Picnic Month!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 VILLAGE OFFICE & ICBC CLOSED CANADA DAY! ALERT BAY SUMMER MARKET @ TOWN SQUARE 10-2	2 MUNICIPAL TAXES DUE @ 5PM	3 MAKE UP A JOKE DAY!	4 
5 FRY AN EGG ON YOUR SIDEWALK DAY! 	6	7 TRANSFER STN CLOSED	8	9 SPINACH DAY! 	10	11 SLURPEE DAY! 
12	13 CHILI DOG DAY! 	14	15 HAMMOCK DAY! 	16	17 COW APPRECIATION DAY! 	18 CRUISE SHIP VISITING!
19 SHOPRITE CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY! 			22 DOONERISM SPAY! 	23	24	25 SHOPRITE CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY! 
26 ALERT BAY SUMMER MARKET TODAY @ TOWN SQUARE CRUISE SHIP VISITING! TRAIL CLEAN-UP 1PM @ CAMPGROUND	27 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM! 	28	29	30 LOLLIPOP DAY! 	31 SEAFEST! 	

Check out the Alert Bay Summer Market on July 1, 26, and August 16! See inside for more details.

Call 974-5448 for Bowling !