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**Campground**  
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**EMERGENCY- 911**

### ***Did you know?***

***Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, and it's coming soon to the Alert Bay Community Hall!***

***See page 4.***

# The Echo



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## **RUNAWAY BOAT!**

While working at Pass'n Thyme last month, Candy Voeller noticed that one of the ropes tying the Straitwatch vessel to the Government Wharf had broken. Realizing the danger, she led the effort to secure the vessel. Also on scene were Harry Alfred, Harbour Attendant Norman Wadhams and RCMP Constable Andrew Curtis. Thanks to everyone, especially Candy!

Story and photos submitted by Robin Quirk

**INSIDE:**  
**BUSINESS WORKSHOPS,**  
**COUNCIL UPDATE,**  
**PICKLEBALL**  
**& COFFEE PODS!**





**Above: Danielle Barnes, local figure-skater extraordinaire. Submitted by Lois Matilpi.**  
**Below: Oct. 20 business open house. Photos submitted by Sharon Gordon.**



## TIDES OF CHANGE

On Tuesday, October 20th, a business development open house was held at the Learning Centre. The goal was to develop interest and support for any individual who would be interested in starting their own business. Sixteen community members came with open minds to learn about the business training available.

Special thanks to Barb Cranmer who shared her story about Culture Shock, and her business knowledge; Community Futures and Vancity for describing their financial and business training packages; and Rona, BC Bud Rub, Culture Shock and Vancity for the prize donations.

Most of all, I would like to thank the community of Cormorant Island. There is a very good economic climate here, with lots of opportunities, with many talented individuals. If you couldn't attend the open house, we hope to see you at the workshops this month. (See page 6).

Todd Massé  
 Economic Development Officer

## Podium



My 11-year-old granddaughter Danielle Barnes has travelled four times for her figure-skating competitions and four times she has stood on the podium. She has brought home one bronze (Ladysmith) and three silver medals (Nanaimo, Port Alberni and Victoria).

The senior skaters and Coach Elizabeth have decided that Danielle should join them! She is now skating with the older group and helping coach others in Port McNeill. Danielle will have her own figure skating solo in Port McNeill's winter show.

Danielle will be travelling again soon. She has her next competition in Parksville on November 14.

Let's hear it for Danielle!

Submitted by a very proud Gran,  
 Lois Matilpi



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

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## TREASURE MARKET!

We are pleased to announce that there will be a fall Treasure Market on Saturday November 28, 1-3pm at the Community Hall. Tables \$10 (table discount for volunteers!) Sign up at the Village Office. Come by for crafts, baking, and Christmas shopping!



## ARTISTS SOCIETY NEWS

Call for Photos! An extended deadline for B&W Photos for the MLC Facility at the Hospital. These photos must be either A: local wildlife or B: children/pets, and need to be vertical in nature (ie. "Portrait" or "the tall way"). Photos may be submitted to [alertbayartists@gmail.com](mailto:alertbayartists@gmail.com).

November 20th: "5th Annual Winter Market" starts at the ArtLoft Gallery! Shop, or bring your wares to sell!  
Gallery Hours: Fri-Sun 11:30-3:30

November 20th- December 20: "West Coast Moods" New Art Show at the ArtLoft Gallery, also includes ongoing member work, and a special "small works" section, aimed at Holiday Shoppers!

November 21: Alert Bay Artists Society Annual General Meeting.  
Email [alertbayartists@gmail.com](mailto:alertbayartists@gmail.com) for more info.

## WE WANT YOU!

The Tides of Change Economic Development committee (joint 'Namgis-Village committee) is looking for two more volunteers. Do you want to help guide Cormorant Island's economic development? Stop by the Village Office to let us know.

## FLU CLINICS!

According to the BC Centre for Disease Control, 10-20% of Canadians get the flu each year, and it can be deadly, especially for young children and the elderly. One of the best ways to keep you and your loved ones healthy this winter is to get a flu shot.

Get your flu shot during the flu clinics at the Cormorant Island Community Health Centre (Hospital):

Wednesday November 4 9am-4pm  
Thursday November 5 9am-4pm

Extra day at the 'Namgis Health Centre:  
Tuesday November 10 4:30-7pm

## COMMUNITY DINNER

All residents of Cormorant Island are invited to a community dinner Monday November 9 at the 'Namgis Council Hall, 5-7pm.

*We would like to introduce:*

**New Band Administrator**  
**Hopeton Louden**

**New Village Administrator**  
**Justin Beadle**

*We would like to present:*

**New Pain Management Strategies**  
**Dr. Cutfeet**

**Drugs: What the Community Can Do to Help**  
**Constable Bandurak**



# A MOMENT WITH THE MAYOR

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## VILLAGE COUNCIL UPDATES FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I hope that you enjoyed Halloween and that the 'treats' out-did the 'tricks'! The last few months have been very busy for your Council and Staff in the Village. As you can see, there are many projects that have moved ahead, including the Boardwalk re-lighting project; installation of new floats at the boat launch; the start of informative signage (Tides of Change Economic Development Strategy); completion of Library/Visitor Centre roofing; and airport runway crack repairs. Kudos to our Public Works Staff for moving these important initiatives forward.

There is also a lot of work going on behind the scenes. As most are likely aware, our much-valued Chief Administrator (CAO), Heather Nelson-Smith, has moved on to Port Hardy to take up a position there (all the best, Heather). We are pleased to welcome Justin Beadle as your new CAO, responsible for senior administrative duties. Council is also hiring a Public Works Foreman to fill Pete Nelson-Smith's position when he leaves us at the end of December. Council sincerely acknowledges the extra effort from staff, Adriana Proton (Acting CAO), Kim Van Velzen, Norine Smith, Pete Nelson-Smith and PW crew, during this transition.



Boardwalk lighting was replaced by LEDs in October.  
Photo submitted by Robin Quirk.

Village and 'Namgis Councils have also been busy on the Economic Development front (a.k.a. the Tides of Change). We are awaiting a response to our joint application for funding to move the community-identified priority projects along. Apart from the 'quick-starts', such as information signage and reducing litter, we are focusing on harbor redevelopment with special focus on marine fuel supply and increased moorage to attract and retain visitors.

Please feel free to contact the Village Office at <http://www.alertbay.ca/contact> or 974-5213 if you would like to arrange a time to meet with the Mayor or any Councillor to discuss anything that will make our wonderful community even better. Stay warm and safe; please remember that we have lots of 'Alerts' but could always use more volunteers.

Mayor Michael

## PICKLEBALL !

The Village has purchased pickleball equipment for the Community Hall and starting in mid-November, we will be offering beginner pickleball sessions. Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.

Pickleball aficionado Deborah Emery thinks this up-and-coming sport is fun for all ages, and a great winter exercise opportunity. Keep your eyes peeled for pickleball schedule updates!



# VILLAGE OFFICE UPDATES

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Village is accepting nominations for Citizen and Youth of the Year until January 4 at noon. Do you know someone who showed their love for Alert Bay in 2015? Stop by the Village Office to pick up a nomination form!

## RECYCLING UPDATE

Now accepted in your curbside recycle bin: single-use coffee pods! Lids and contents must be removed.



## TRAIL PRUNING

Thanks to the kind citizens who have been pruning our trails! If you do prune the trails, please place the clippings back in the bush instead of on the trail. Clippings on the trail make the trail slippery when they rot and can make it hard to see the condition of the trail and find one's footing.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Village Office, ICBC and Public Works will be closed for Remembrance Day, Wednesday November 11. All residential recycling will be picked up on Thursday November 12.



## A SESSION WITH A SERGEANT

RCMP UPDATE FROM ALERT BAY DETACHMENT COMMANDER SERGEANT BRETT SINDEN

The Alert Bay RCMP continues to receive reports of ongoing unsafe driving practices. Significant efforts have been made to correct these behaviors through educational campaigns as well as written warnings and letters to offending drivers locally. In conjunction with the Christmas party season impaired driving initiatives, the Alert Bay RCMP will be increasing enforcement action in all areas of driving safety in our ongoing efforts to support safe roadways for our community members. Please be aware of the consequences of some commonly reported infractions. Failing to wear seat belts, using electronic devices while driving (3 demerit points), and failing to obey stop signs (3 demerit points) all carry a \$167.00 fine.



The Alert Bay RCMP encourages members of our community to continue to report dangerous activity as we work together in the area of road safety. Please contact the detachment at 250-974-5544. Should the call be after hours or when members are tied up on other matters please leave a message on non-urgent matters or select the option to speak with a dispatcher if it relates to something requiring more urgent attention.

As always, 911 remains the emergency contact for crimes in progress such as a drunk drivers, violent incidents or thefts in progress. We wish everyone all the best as we move into the holiday season and look forward to interacting with designated drivers at our ongoing checkstops.

Sgt Brett Sinden, Detachment Commander, Alert Bay RCMP

*Thanks, Sergeant Sinden!*



## **Business Development Workshops**

### Alert Bay Learning Centre

**Getting Started - October 27** **6-8 pm**

- \* What it takes to start a business
- \* Benefits of starting a business
- \* Getting a business idea

**Business Planning - November 3** **6-8 pm**

- \* Making a business plan
- \* Researching your idea
- \* Setting goals

**Financials - November 17** **6-8 pm**

- \* Start-up budget
- \* Break-even analysis
- \* Cash flow analysis

**Making it Happen - November 24** **6-8 pm**

- \* Management and operations
- \* Marketing and sales
- \* Action plan

**Contact Riley if you wish to learn more:**  
**250.956.2220 [riley@cfmw.ca](mailto:riley@cfmw.ca) or cell/text 250.230.0041**





# NOTICE OF A MAINTENANCE POWER OUTAGE NORTH ISLAND COMMUNITIES

We will be making electrical system improvements in your area. To ensure the safety of our work crews, it will be necessary to interrupt electrical service for approximately eight hours.

**Where:** North Island Communities - Woss, Telegraph Cove, Alert Bay, Malcolm Island, Port McNeill, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Coal Harbour, Holberg, Quatsino, Winter Harbour and surrounding areas

**When:** Sunday, November 8, 2015

**Time:** 12:01 a.m. to 8:01 a.m.

To prepare for this interruption and protect your equipment from damage, please turn off all lights, electrical heaters and major appliances and unplug all electronics.

















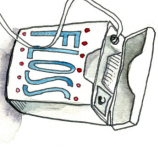
We are sorry for the inconvenience. We will restore power as soon as we can.

Visit [bchydro.com/outages](http://bchydro.com/outages) or call 1 888 POWERON (1 888 769 3766) for more information.

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# Coming Events *Month of Thankfulness*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: FALL BACK @ 2AM 	2 <i>I AM Thankful</i>	3 BUSINESS PLANNING WORKSHOP 6-8PM LEARNING CENTRE	4 FLU CLINIC @ HOSPITAL 9AM-4PM 	5 FLU CLINIC @ HOSPITAL 9AM-4PM 	6 CRANBERRY DAY! 	7
8 POWER OUTAGE 12:01AM TO 8:01AM	9 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM 	10 FLU CLINIC @ HEALTH CENTRE 4:30PM-7PM 	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY VILLAGE OFFICE & ICBC CLOSED	12 ALL ISLAND RECYCLING TODAY 	13 <i>I AM Thankful</i>	14 PICKLE DAY! 
15 <i>I AM Thankful</i>	16 HOMEMADE BREAD DAY! 	17 BUSINESS FINANCIALS WORKSHOP 6-8PM LEARNING CENTRE	18 LESS STUFF DAY! 	19	20 SHOPRITE CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY + ANNUAL TURKEY LUNCHEON! 	21
22 CASHEW DAY! 	23 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM 	24 MAKING IT HAPPEN BUSINESS WORKSHOP 6-8PM LEARNING CENTRE	25 SHOPRITE SENIORS DAY! 	26 <i>I AM Thankful</i>	27 MOONLIGHT MADNESS! BUSINESS SPECIALS ALL AROUND TOWN! 	28 TREASURE MARKET 1-3PM COMMUNITY HALL 
29	30 FLOSS DAY! 					

**Call 974-5448 for Bowling !**