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ROAD BLOCK: A utility pole struck by a vehicle on Sunday morning results in a road closure on North End Road by St. Mary Lake. Traffic was rerouted for several hours and power was temporarily lost to area residents. No official information was available on the condition of the people in the vehicle. The incident occurred after the first rainfall seen for many weeks, making roads slippery for drivers.

NSSWD

Maxwell trespassing gets worse

District to protect watershed with patrols, cameras

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As trespassers continue to damage and degrade critical watershed forests in the Maxwell Lake watershed — and in the immediate wake of a near-disaster involving a smouldering campfire — district officials plan to step up monitoring and patrols of the area.

At the Aug. 25 North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) board meeting, operations manager Vaughn Figueira told trustees the Aug. 21 fire was the sort of event the district had been fearing — and how lucky it was that the fire had been noticed and extinguished so quickly.

"It's amazing it never went up," said Figueira. "This is the exact scenario identified as the most likely cause of a forest fire up there."

A passing cyclist had spotted the smoke right off the road, went in to put some water on the fire and sped off to contact a neighbour — Greg

Bellavance, who then helped work the fire with his bobcat until Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue personnel arrived. And while this latest incursion into the sensitive watershed might have been the most dramatic, it was by no means the first; Figueira showed trustees photos of damage found all around the area, many taken right at the edge of Maxwell Lake.

In the course of their monitoring, staff noted burned-out campfires, piles of human waste, cut down trees, even a rope swing — as well as several places where the fence had been cut and new trails created. After placing a trail camera, and noting the coming and going of numerous trespassers, Figueira said they were able to estimate how many people were using the water source and its watershed recreationally.

"We saw over 10 people a day," said Figueira,

"all trespassers. Most have been swimming in the lake, some groups going in with camping gear and fishing poles. We've got significant issues."

Maxwell Lake provides drinking water to more than 700 Salt Spring addresses, and is private property owned by the district. Camping, picnicking, mountain biking and vehicle use is prohibited in the watershed — as are all lake activities. NSSWD has led education efforts in the past to explain to the public how many human activities around the lake shift sediment and runoff paths, impacting water quality and increasing risk of wildfire in summer months. A fire in the watershed could cause "devastating and permanent" damage to the district's ability to supply water, according to NSSWD analyses.

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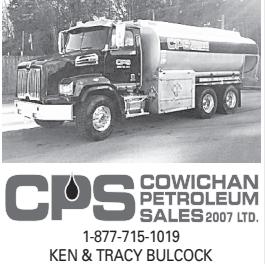


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Public Notice is hereby given that the assent of the electors is required with regard to Bylaw No. 4484, "Southern Gulf Islands Transportation Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2022".

On **Saturday, October 15, 2022**, during the 2022 Local General Election, qualified electors within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area of the CRD will be asked to vote on the following question:

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Applications from persons who wish to volunteer as a scrutineer for or against the question will be received by the Chief Election Officer between **9:00 am on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 and 4:00 pm on Friday, September 23, 2022**. Applications will be received during regular office hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, at the Capital Regional District (CRD), PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6 OR by emailing elections@crd.bc.ca.

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SSIFR

Firefighters douse VW van blaze

Explosions heard in area

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A vehicle fire near St. Paul's Catholic Church in Fulford Harbour that filled the area with smoke and brought reports of booms was quickly extinguished by Salt Spring firefighters on the evening of Monday, Aug. 29.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue (SSIFR) Engine 1 was nearby that night and reached the scene quickly, according to SSIFR Capt. Clayton Akerman.

"There was a Volkswagen bus of some sort on fire," said Akerman, "and the fire started getting into the brush on the high side of the road toward the neighbouring homes and properties."

The two SSIFR members on Engine 1 were soon joined by another eight on-call firefighters with apparatus from different fire halls, Akerman added — mainly water tenders to supply water for Engine 1.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG
Aftermath of a fire that occurred in a VW van on the evening of Aug. 29 in the 2600 block of Fulford-Ganges Road.

"Our first truck there managed to contain the fire, preventing further spread into the forested area," said Akerman, "and extinguished the vehicle fire."

Reports of booms heard in and around Fulford during the fire can be attributed to the burning bus, said Akerman, adding it was common for vehicle fires to produce small explosions.

"There are various different components, including pressurized cylinders," he said. "Those will explode when they get super heated."

Some traffic from the Skeena Queen was re-routed as it came in, according to Akerman, as firefighters had closed the road when the ferry was unloading.

No injuries were reported.

to catch everyone, Figueira told trustees.

"If we catch them in the act, on the property — and we have done it a few times — the RCMP has ticketed people," said Figueira. "But it's hit or miss. This has been going on up there for a while."

Trustees discussed options for educational outreach to the schools, additional signage and the possibility of employing "summer stewards" trained in de-escalation to engage with the public on the watershed. Figueira said staff had purchased additional cameras and were already planning to extend security time in the area.

"What I think will make a difference will be the live cameras up there," said Figueira, noting the communications infrastructure to support them would be needed for the new treatment plant anyway. "So I'm looking at ways to get that up sooner."

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Province adds \$1 million to ED project

Emergency department shortfall shrinks

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island Health has formally announced a contribution of \$1 million to the new Lady Minto Hospital Foundation emergency department expansion project.

Up until now, all funds for what began as a \$10.4-million project and was most recently estimated at \$12.8 million had come from the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and the Capital Region Hospital District (CRHD).

Island Health said Aug. 31 that construction of the 420-square-metre (4,500 square feet) emergency department had reached a significant milestone with the concrete pour for the project's foundation footings completed. Foundation wall concrete is scheduled to be poured Sept. 13.

"It is exciting to know that these construction milestones are taking place, with this emergency department expansion project now well underway," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, in a press release. "It is a testament to the hard work of the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, its funding partners and the Salt Spring Island community."

Site preparation and parking reconfiguration work is complete and excavation for the expanded emergency department is now underway.

"Island Health is pleased to contribute \$1 million to this project to ensure it fulfills the vision of all involved. We are also thankful to the CRHD for their continued support," said Island Health board chair Leah Hollins.

The CRHD has contributed \$3.73 million and the LMHF is covering the rest of the cost.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Construction on the new Lady Minto Hospital emergency department is well underway behind safety fencing in the area that was once the hospital's main parking lot.

The expanded emergency department will include new treatment rooms/bays, a medication area, dedicated check-in desk, accessible washrooms, and an expanded patient and family waiting area.

"The people of Salt Spring Island have passionately shown their support for Lady Minto Hospital and this project, with their contributions totalling more than \$7.5 million," said LMHF board chair Dave Taylor. "The board and staff wish to express our deep gratitude to Island Health, the CRHD, and all of our donors for their support to make this project a reality."

The emergency department is expected to be completed by fall 2023.

FERRIES

Fulford terminal project begins

Foot passenger area changes

BC Ferries started construction work this week at the Fulford Harbour terminal, with activities there expected to continue into October.

A replacement foot passenger walkway and operator cab at the terminal ramp is estimated to be completed by Oct. 7, with some temporary re-routing of foot passengers in the meantime. Officials said there would be signage and directions from ship and terminal staff during construction.

In addition to daytime work, which will take place on weekdays, four nights of work are planned as well. The evenings of Sept. 13, 14, 21, and 22 will see the possibility of an increase above the normal sound levels within the terminal, but "all efforts will be made" to minimize excess noise, according to a statement from BC Ferries.

Night work periods will be from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

WILDLIFE

COS says no intervention needed for cougars

Several reports collected

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Provincial wildlife officials are monitoring cougar sightings on Salt Spring Island, but thus far

are only asking islanders to continue to keep their distance and report the animals if they spot them.

The B.C. Conservation Officer Service (COS) has received a number of calls about cougars, according to the Ministry of Environment. At this time however the ministry does not

believe COS intervention is necessary.

Cougar sightings naturally increase in summer months, according to the ministry; long daylight and good weather brings people out at dawn and dusk — precisely when cougars are most active. In addition, reduced hunting time in the dark

means cougars' daylight activities are more likely to be noticed.

To avoid human-wildlife conflict, officials suggest managing animal attractants around the home — keeping pets and feed indoors, and storing garbage in cans with tight-fitting lids. If you encounter a cougar, call the COS Call Centre at 1-877-952-7277.

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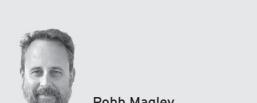
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EDITORIAL

Doing our part

A campfire made during a region-wide ban and with the fire risk rating at "extreme" could have resulted in an ecological disaster for Salt Spring.

It was only the serendipitous timing of a cyclist who observed the smoke and took initial steps to have it extinguished that prevented a potentially disastrous situation on Aug. 21.

This incident is exactly the scenario that North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) trustees and staff are concerned about when they stress the importance of people staying out of the Maxwell Lake watershed. As the NSSWD stated in an Aug. 10 Driftwood ad, activities such as swimming, picnicking, mountain biking or use of motorbikes and ATVs "slowly degrade the watershed because the expansion of trails and pathways creates a direct route for nutrients and sediment to enter the lake during the rainy season. This nutrient loading negatively impacts water quality in both the short and long term."

It may be difficult for one person to understand how their swimming at the lake can affect drinking water quality or an ecosystem, but the impacts as described above are cumulative. Then there is the worst case scenario, which is a full-scale fire in the watershed, where ash, sediment, contaminants and soil nutrients would be flushed into the lake during and after rainstorms.

The individual who left a smouldering campfire (and evidence of a deer kill, the NSSWD reports) was obviously ignorant — wilfully or otherwise — of no trespassing, campfire ban and hunting regulations. Clearly it takes only one ignorant person to cause a disaster.

The NSSWD has in recent years tried hard to reduce public use of the watershed. It has increased fencing, signage and information campaigns to communicate its no-trespassing message. This year support from the RCMP for issuing warnings and ticketing was garnered. Security cameras have also been used and more will be installed. Use of trained volunteer wardens is also being considered for next year. They are partners in a Transition Salt Spring-led project using a federal government EcoAction Fund grant to improve resilience to fire in the watershed.

It seems hard to imagine the NSSWD could do more to protect the Maxwell Lake resource for all of us. It's time for the community to step up and do the rest by staying off the watershed lands.

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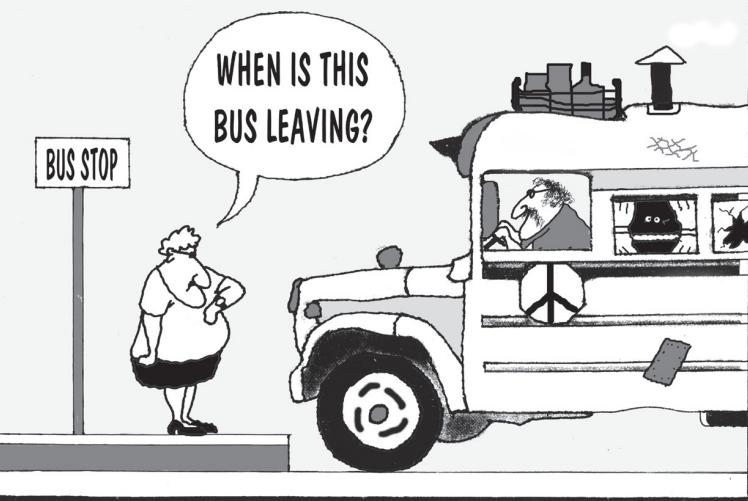


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LCC will make a difference

BY BRIAN WEBSTER

We're just a few weeks away from a chance to significantly change local government on Salt Spring Island. On Oct. 15, island residents will vote on whether to establish a local community commission (LCC).

But what does that actually mean?

An LCC is a locally elected body that — if we vote to create it — will have authority over 14 of our current local government services. It would replace four existing unelected Capital Regional District (CRD) advisory commissions with one elected body that would have full administrative powers over 11 of those services. That means the power to make all decisions on these services up to — but not including — final approval of bylaws.

For these services — everything from parks and transportation to economic development and recreation — the Salt Spring LCC will set priorities and policies. It will also establish the annual budget, which will then get sent on to the CRD board for its sign-off.

In the past, some members of our community expressed doubts about whether the CRD would agree to delegate meaningful decision-making authority to Salt Springers. Those doubts were answered in July when the CRD board voted to approve two bylaws that will give a Salt Spring LCC significant powers over a range of services if we vote YES on Oct. 15. And once established, an LCC could take the lead in working toward further consolidation.

An LCC will increase democratic representation on Salt Spring by bringing more elected voices to the decision-making table. It will improve coordination of services by giving one elected body responsibility for a variety of services, streamlining our current patchwork of commissions and other decision-making bodies.

VIEWPOINT

An LCC will open up local government decision-making and make it more accountable by requiring decisions currently made behind closed doors by a single elected person (the electoral area director) or by the CRD board in Victoria to instead be made on Salt Spring at regularly scheduled meetings open to the public.

Establishing an LCC will address concerns Salt Springers have had about local government and it will do so without reopening past divisive incorporation debates.

Would a Salt Spring LCC instantly solve all of our community's problems? Of course not. But it would be a big step in the right direction.

Creating an LCC does not affect the Islands Trust or its role. Like every other community in southern B.C., we would remain in a regional district. It would neither block nor further the aspirations of some island residents who want our island to someday incorporate as a municipality. It would not automatically create any new services or eliminate existing ones. But it would create a single locally-elected council with meaningful power over a range of government services and with a mandate to look broadly at what Salt Spring needs and make sure we have the local government services we need, delivered effectively and efficiently.

Ultimately, voters get to decide on Oct. 15 whether to carry on with the status quo or say YES to an LCC and take a positive step toward better coordination of local government decision-making, increased accountability and more diverse elected voices at the table to make decisions on our behalf.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident, farmer and business owner who helped develop the LCC discussion paper.

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ISLAND VOICES

LETTERS to the editor

Questions remain

Community rattled. An armoured vehicle, a helicopter, dozens of police officers gathered on a property to execute a firearms search warrant. Firearms.

That happens with regularity in the big cities to the south of us, our poor suffering American cousins. How could it not with the gun culture firmly entrenched and guns allowed to be bought and used unfortunately even on children at school or on the street.

Here in Canada, here on Salt Spring Island, B.C., Canada, not so much. Maybe on Vancouver Island where two brothers robbed a bank and shot it out with the police with American-style assault weapons until specially equipped reinforcements arrived and killed them both. That response was correct considering the situation.

"No charges following RCMP raid," stated the front page of the Driftwood. This one was not an active shooting. The community was rattled, says the story. The raid based on an allegation. We the public do not get to see how the process works or what information the RCMP used to do a proper

threat assessment and proper response required to deal with it effectively. In this case, from the information (allegation) was there an imminent threat? How long did the investigation run before deciding such a heavy response was needed?

According to the Driftwood story, the rationale was due to the nature of the initial information received "to ensure the safety of the community and police officers on the scene." That's due diligence. What was the threat rated as? Obviously priority one!

They interrogated the property owner and speculation reached fever pitch. Three days later the Salt Spring RCMP plus Vancouver Island General Investigation Section brass proclaimed the investigation had ended and no charges would be laid.

We all see and have interactions with local RCMP at food stores, restaurants and they are doing their job professionally. The brass? Not sure about that.

All of this transpired as a result of a claim by someone who had once lived on the property? Wow. That complaint was strong enough to send over all that manpower and fire power. Something doesn't quite make

sense here. Why couldn't the local RCMP be asked to ascertain and investigate the legitimacy of this before calling in the helicopter and heavy armoured equipment? The brass on the big island didn't have any other choice? Who signs this warrant?

All based on, as it turns out once again, worthless accusations, by who? What about the angst and fear of those living at the address? The owner of property is very forgiving after RCMP apologies. We the people are not sure we all should be. What about the neighbours? They must have had concerns for their safety at some point. All attributed to one person's claims? It's just that easy, really?

So who is accountable for this over-blown movie of the week? Who pays the bills for this quasi invasion? Where are the authorities assuring us all that this invasion of privacy will be looked into thoroughly and not repeated under the banner of public safety?

According to the article in this paper, the RCMP attended another property a year ago based on "allegations" later deemed unfounded in another press release. It seems just too easy in a country with a

"charter of rights," not one based on social media's ability to spread B.S.

D. MERKE,
SALT SPRING

Editor's note: After the Driftwood went to press last week, Salt Spring RCMP stated that they had previously responded to and investigated firearms and noise-related complaints about the property in question.

Your back yard

Regarding Greg Middleton's Aug. 24 letter, maybe he would volunteer to have the 14-story Rogers cell tower in his back yard "for the greater good!"

I am one of the protesters. We are not against having a tower, but not in a neighborhood. There are 200 acres just down the road with no proximity to homes where the tower could be built, owned by Onni Group as well.

Just saying!
R. FARRANT,
CHANNEL RIDGE



"It's amazing it never went up. This is the exact scenario identified as the most likely cause of a forest fire up there."

VAUGHN FIGUEIRA, OPERATIONS MANAGER, NSSWD, ON MAXWELL LAKE CAMPFIRE SITUATION

Opposing opinion makes for uncomfortable Trust meeting experience

I'm not entirely sure what possessed me, but I turned out for an Islands Trust meeting recently. Not the full thing, but the Salt Spring-only local Trust meeting, and I quickly realized I'd made a horrible mistake when the other people there were gathered outside for a team photo waving cardboard salmon on sticks.

These were people with opinions and points of view that weren't necessarily going to match my own and it could get ugly. But this is Salt Spring so there wasn't much aggression, just an occasional baleful glare, but I still felt like the only Democrat at a Trump rally and couldn't have felt any more friendless if I'd turned up in a tutu.

On the few occasions that I have thought about it, I am not in any way against the proposed Vortex development on Fulford estuary while everybody else there was vehemently opposed and armed to the eyebrows with placards and 10-minute dissertations on why the development would be a super bad idea and doom that end of the island to a polluted, poisonous wasteland. Salmon, blah, blah, blah. Septic tanks, blah de blah de blah . . . oh, and what's the point of it anyway

because rising sea levels will certainly inundate it in the next 50 or so years. I paraphrase (all right, I exaggerate) but they are not unadjacent to arguments I've encountered to just about anything since I chose to live on Salt Spring 12 years ago.

Since I was quite obviously not on their side it seemed that to many of the environmentally righteous folk there that I must have sided with mammon, a bloated plutocrat intent on making a wad by desecrating the environment. I was even asked if I didn't like Salt Spring why did I stay, which is of course, more pertinently, if I didn't like HIS vision of a bucolic, unsullied Salt Spring, why didn't I shove off back to suburbia?

On most local issues I have been the original tabula rasa, a blank slate because, apart from anything else, I usually haven't thought enough about the topic or at least had absolutely no cogent point of view. I rather like Salt Spring and am quite partial to the environment, clean water and very old trees but there is no escaping the fact that the island is beginning to look like an abandoned allotment.

And frankly, I am tired of being hectored by the same



Paul McElroy
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people on every matter that involves anything they disapprove of, which is to say, just about everything that is either potentially useful or interesting.

There are, it seems to me, three distinct camps on Salt Spring. Those of us who would like to see at least some small concession to the 21st century, those who mostly don't care much either way provided it's in someone else's backyard, and those who are determined to trap Salt Spring in aspic. This was a congress of the latter, those who are never off the op-ed pages with their obsessively researched but invariably impenetrable (to me at any rate) jibber jabber and, I suspect, any number of people who aren't entirely against a bit of development per se provided it's not near them.

This was by no means my first experience of local government. As a young reporter,

I spent hundreds of long, dull afternoons and evenings at meetings not dissimilar to this one. Different issues certainly since Long Crendon, Princes Risborough or Milton Keynes had no estuaries and salmon was confined to cans, but they DID have plenty of folks with opinions.

Long Crendon, for instance, had and possibly still has a sizable lobby against development because what had been good enough for the Earl of Buckingham in 1102 was good enough for them and (I promise this is true) any new development might threaten the weasel population. Still, Tempus fugit, Long Crendon now has an Indian restaurant and Milton Keynes is, as planned, a fully fledged city of 250,000 people. Princes Risborough is presumably still wrestling with the problem of dog excrement on the Green.

And in those days, I was mostly devoid of any point of view because I was paid (not very much, if I'm honest) to be opinion-free, a simple vessel to bring the inevitably tedious goings-on to a public who wouldn't turn out to a parish or city council meeting without being tasered. And I was only 18 in an age when most philosophical discord centred

around whether you were a Beatles or Stones fan.

But the striking difference then and there was that I at least understood the municipal hierarchy — parish council, rural district council, county council, regional district council, ministry, parliament, God . . .

On Salt Spring, not so much. There were three or four people at the table in front, a couple of trustees, a gentleman from the CRD and another guy, all stoically facing down a room full of people opposed to the plan — and me. And after three monologues extolling the virtue of leaving well alone, I left. Not in any high dudgeon, but simply because I wanted to leave and in this case, unlike my days as a green reporter, I wasn't obliged to stay.

Pity really, because in the end and despite everything, the trustees voted to allow the development to go ahead, which as it turned out was the only action they could take because the land zoning was set in stone and the Trust couldn't reach any other conclusion.

So, a waste of breath all 'round.

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Galiano resident decries use of NIMBY label

The following was sent to David Eby, Vancouver-Point Grey MLA and NDP leadership candidate, and filed with the Driftwood for publication:

BY JENNIFER MARGISON

As someone who has voted for the NDP much of my life, due to my concerns for social issues and equality in our society, I am concerned that the aspiring premier of our province would so carelessly throw around the word "NIMBY" to characterize opposition to housing developments.

In my view, this is like any other kind of stereotyping insult that ignores the very valid reasons under which someone might take a different position on an issue. It polarizes, shuts down all discussion and eliminates the possibility of compromise.

I have personal experience with accusations of "NIMBYism" in my own community, Galiano Island where I and other residents three years ago began to ask questions and express concerns about a proposed housing development in an area known as the Heritage Forest, supposedly protected from development by a land covenant that would have to be amended to allow for this development. The project doubled in size without any engagement with the neighbourhood by the housing.

While recognizing the need for affordable housing on our island and elsewhere — for workers, young families, seniors, limited income residents — we felt that this site was unsuitable for many environmental and practical rea-

IN RESPONSE

sons: in particular water sustainability in an area where neighbours are already experiencing low levels in their wells in the dry season, where proof of water relied on one winter pump test during a period of extreme precipitation and where the recommendations of an independent report for more well testing/monitoring were ignored.

Once we were labelled as NIMBYs, any well-researched concerns were simply dismissed or ignored.

Also of concern was septic contamination of down-slope wells; clearing of more than two hectares of forest in a water recharge area; a high intensity wildfire risk area rating; absence of a developed road or hydro corridor, requiring more forest removal and resulting in high offsite development costs; destruction of a valued recreational area; distance from any services necessitating vehicle ownership, reducing affordability for residents; violation of climate change mitigation measures and more.

It is important to note that the bylaws of our island's official community plan (OCP) and the

policies of the Islands Trust who function as our land use regulator with a mandate to "preserve and protect," all appeared to present these same issues as reasons to prevent development on such a site. We also felt that such an unsuitable location would make public funding difficult to obtain in this very competitive market.

The OCP bylaw amendment that will enable this rezoning in the Heritage Forest has been passed by our local Trust committee and is now before the municipal affairs minister for approval. While the OCP requires any high-density rezoning to be "exclusively" for affordable, seniors and special needs housing, this amendment replaces "exclusively" with "primarily," thereby allowing for up to 49 per cent market housing. The housing society now does not speak of affordable housing but of "purpose-built rental housing," a far cry from what was originally presented in their rezoning application.

Once we were labelled as NIMBYs, any well-researched concerns were simply dismissed or ignored. We were not even permitted to present our concerns in our local island publication. The personal toll has been significant.

This, Mr. Eby, is what you create when you thoughtlessly use the term "NIMBY." It belittles anyone who speaks up and it makes many afraid to do so, throttling essential public discourse and participation.

Yes, this proposed housing site

is in our backyard. Consequently, we know it well, love this land and want to protect it as was intended when it was rezoned to Heritage Forest. Are those who care about oil tankers in the Salish Sea also "NIMBYs"?

If those of us who want to defend our natural environment from over-densification, more unresolved transportation problems and our recreational areas from degradation are labelled as such, better solutions to both affordable housing and environmental protection will not be found.

You may want to reflect on a battle in the 1950s and '60s between Robert Moses, a New York City planner and community activist, Jane Jacobs. Among other things, Moses was determined to run a 10-lane highway through Washington Square Park, a 10-acre green space,

and classify a large area of Greenwich Village as "blighted," in order to enable large-scale redevelopment. Jacobs wrote: "It is very discouraging to do our best to make the city more habitable and then to learn that the city is thinking up schemes to make it uninhabitable." Moses also tried to eliminate public hearings.

Perhaps you, Mr. Eby, will go down in history as a modern-day Robert Moses, stifling public opposition and running roads through parks. While Jacobs is remembered as a distinguished author and urban planner, Moses descended into obscurity. He died in 1981, Jacobs in 2006 — one largely reviled, the other revered.

The writer describes herself as a Galiano resident who believes if we protect nature, nature will protect us.

Rants + ROSES

Roses

A rose to Banana Joe, who interrupted a garden tour and found an Allan wrench in his tool box so I could tighten the bolts of my bicycle seat, which had become dangerously loose while riding along North End Road. John Denniston

An island wrapped in flowers to express my belated thanks to all of the folks who make our beloved hospital what it is. I was remiss in not including you in Jim's obituary in August, so hope that this will say what should have been said. Jim spoke so well of all of you and the care he received, there. He even thought the food was great! So thanks, all. We're so lucky to have you! Carol Helset

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Committee Membership Opportunity

Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3131, real property owners or residents in the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner, resident or other person who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2023.

Total membership on the committee is five (5), including the Electoral Area Director, three (3) real property owners and one (1) resident, real property owner, or other person who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancies:

- One (1) resident, real property owner or other person who is prepared to represent the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Area.
- One (1) real property owner who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, clearly print the Committee name in the subject line, your full name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full name, telephone number and residential address.

New appointments to the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director's recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, September 30, 2022**.

Mail or email your submission to:

Attention: Acting Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, V9B 1H7
Email: iwsadministration@crd.bc.ca

Bylaw No. 3131 is available for viewing on the CRD website:
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Committee Membership Opportunity

Skana Water Service Committee

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3133, real property owners or residents in the Skana Water Local Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner, resident or other person who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2023.

Total membership on the committee is five (5), including the Electoral Area Director, three (3) real property owners and one (1) resident, real property owner or other person who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancies:

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New appointments to the Skana Water Service Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director's recommendation.

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SUMMER NIGHTS: From left, Centennial Park is filled with people listening to music and dancing at the last of the Thursday night Summer Outdoor Concert Series events put on by Salt Spring Arts, as headliner Daniel Lapp tells a story before a song performed with Adam Dobres and Adrian Dolan. Opening act performers were three young musicians from Pender Island who have been in the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts program at Gulf Islands Secondary School: Sóley Ella May, Angelina Holland and Isabelle Muir.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

New ArtSpring season announced

Twenty-eight shows and events scheduled

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Who's ready for a big new season of live music, dance, theatre and art?

ArtSpring Presents, under the direction of Howard Jang, is back to entertain and inspire our island community, with 28 live performances and an international visual art exhibition.

The season gets underway in fine style with the world premiere of Ballet Victoria's tribute to iconic show tunes, *Broadway on Pointe*. From one exhilarating dance performance to another – Joshua Beamish returns with a collection of short works, Proximity. Innovative work from composer Caroline Shaw and dancer/choreographer Vanessa Goodman, Graveyards and Gardens, and Tara Cheyenne's solo piece *Body Parts* are also program highlights. And in a hybrid performance blending western dance and music with Japanese Noh theatre, Hiromoto Iida brings us *Birthday Present for Myself*.

The wide-ranging world of classical music is celebrated this season. Leading cellist Elinor Frey directs Accademia De' Dissonanti, and vocal storytellers Mirror Visions Ensemble set text to the music of much-loved composers. Unique Quebec wind instrument ensemble Pentaèdre brings us original chamber music repertoire, and the captivating Constantinople return with their blend of classical and eastern musical traditions. Much-loved harpsichordist Steven Devine and Victoria Baroque are here in the new year, as well as the always captivating pianist Ian Parker. Two trios present fascinating shows: the Gryphon Trio, with a multimedia collaboration with Indigenous artists, and *Percussiano3*, featuring the four hands of piano duo Elizabeth and



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH DELAGE
 Cellist Elinor Frey, artistic director of Accademi de' Dissonanti, who will perform with her colleagues at ArtSpring on Oct. 13.

Marcel Bergmann and the many percussion instruments of Rod Thomas Squance. The final classical concerts see the Ladom Ensemble pair acoustic chamber music with a global repertoire, and the Elektra Women's Choir shows why it's a leader in the choral arts.

We're thrilled to have New York based jazz pianist Michael Weiss join us with Vancouver saxophonist Cory Weeds. And another brilliant jazz musician, bassist Jodi Proznick, is part of a unique collaboration with members of the Vancouver Chinese Music Ensemble, Jasmine Jazz. An exciting blues double bill features Australian guitarist Lloyd Spiegel and the gorgeous vocals and guitar work of Niagara's Suzie Vinnick. Folk music is represented by mandolin master, John Reischman, and The Slocan Ramblers, heralded as Canada's bluegrass band to watch. Andrew Allen — singer/songwriter and multi-top-ten hitmaker — rounds out our contemporary music program.

Diverse theatre performances see Salt Spring's Nayana Fielkov inviting us to stay at Hotel Vortruba, Japanese-Canadian

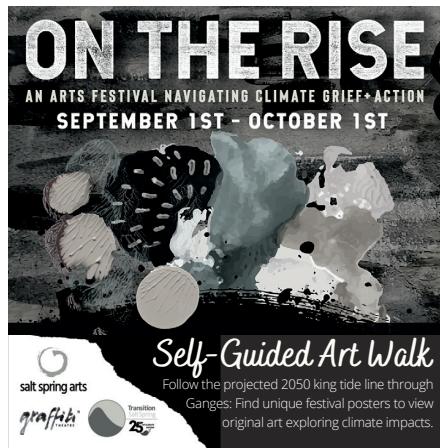
history under the spotlight in Mark Kunji Ikeda's *Sansei: The Storyteller*, and Axis Theatre entertains family audiences with *Th'owxiya: the Hungry Feast Dish*.

Young performers also take their place in the line-up, with end-of-term concerts from ArtSpring's Makana Youth Choir, and Victoria's Conservatory of Music showcases some of the best musicians from its Young Artists Collegium Program.

In our first international art exhibition ArtSpring collaborates with Salt Spring Arts and the San Juan Islands Museum of Art for *Archipelago: Contemporary Art of the Salish Sea*. Six of the finest visual artists working in the San Juan Islands will feature in our gallery.

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 9:00 Commercial vendors &
 exhibitors open
 10:00-2:00 Egg Smash Contest
 10:30 Pet Parade registration /
 Free bus shuttle to/from the
 fairgrounds /
 Food concessions open /
 Games open
 ↳ 10:00-11:15... **Alan Moberg**
 10:30 Indoor exhibits open to all fair-goers
 11:00 Pet Parade / Sawmill Demonstration /
 Blacksmith Demo ongoing /
 Most fragrant rose judged
 ↳ 11:25-11:55... **Terry Warbey and Gordo**
 11:30 Sheep Dog Demonstration

12:00 Chicken races/Sheep shearing
 ↳ 12:05-12:35... **Edgar Hann and Em Walker with Backstage**
 12:30 Threshing Demonstration
 ↳ 12:50-1:30... **Sharon Bailey with Craig McKerron**
 1:00 Zucchini Races
 ↳ 1:40-2:20... **Kathy Stack with Tom Bowler & Bob Delion**
 1:45 Longest lasting rose bloom & dahlia announced
 2:00 Tractor Pull / Rooster Calling Contest
 2:30 Sheep Dog Demonstration
 ↳ 2:40-3:20... **Marianne Grittani & Friends**

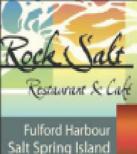
3:00 Sawmill Demonstration /
 Poultry auction
 3:30 Rotary Club Muffin Madness
 ↳ 3:30-4:10... **Nate Poetker**
 3:45 Chicken races
 3:00-5:00 Prize money may be
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COMMUNITY CHOIR

Salt Spring Singers welcomes new members

First gathering of the season on Sept. 13

BY MARY HUGHES
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Salt Spring Singers want to grow again as their 50th festive season approaches.

Like many other organizations, the choir shut down for 18 months during Covid. It started up again last fall with two dozen intrepid singers braving a chilly rehearsal hall and the challenge of singing in masks.

"We all felt safer wearing masks," said Kitty Martinho, the choir's president. "But we adjusted because we love to sing. Still, to be viable, we need more singers this fall."

The choir has had its ups and downs during its nearly 50 years on the island. First organized in late 1973, the premier performance took place at the opening of the Activity Centre in Ganges. According to photographs, it featured a dozen singers, all women. They were led by newcomer Ruth Barclay, a woman with impeccable choral credentials. In its early years the Singers performed at community events and Lady Minto Hospital, but for some reason was inactive from 1976 to 1978.

Starting up again in 1979, Joy Johnsen led the small group at performances in Mahon Hall and the United Church. When soprano Connie Holmes joined in 1987

there were 45 voices and houses were packed.

Holmes remembers that for several years Gary Lundy provided a piano interlude of light music at every concert. But when Johnsen retired for health reasons, the choir "almost folded," said Connie. "Tuned Air was starting up and we had to make a conscious decision to continue. Eventually Lloyd English was recruited, but it was a bit bumpy for a while. However, Lloyd being younger and male, we were able to attract more men to the choir."

Growth was steady through the '90s under the batons of English, Wendy Milton and Bruce Smith. Sixty-three Singers celebrated 25 years of music-making in 1999 with the choir's first performance at ArtSpring. Tickets were \$12 and the choir regularly sold out three performances.

A highlight of Milton's tenure was the first presentation of excerpts from *Messiah*.

She explained, "There were over 90 singers on stage with a small pit orchestra of local players and off-island ringers. Norman Nelson was the concertmaster. He was a founding member of the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, concertmaster of the Vancouver Symphony and most recently the director of the Sooke Philharmonic."

I joined the choir in 2003 for Smith's production of *Carmina Burana*. For someone who hadn't sung in a choir since high school, that was a demanding work. We did it again in 2008 with the indomitable



PHOTO BY WENDY MILTON

Salt Spring Singers perform at ArtSpring last Christmas when masks were still required.

Mitch Howard. His hilarious roasted swan can still be seen on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97tmcliUiw8>.

Don Conley took over in 2012 and continues to inspire us with his brilliant programming, his wit and fabulous piano playing. For Christmas this year he's created a program that includes several seasonal favourites old and new.

"What's kept me in the group," said Holmes of her 35 years as a Salt Spring Singer, "is the different directions our directors have taken us. There's been such a variety

of music that it's always been interesting."

The Salt Spring Singers is a community choir. There are no auditions and you do not have to read music. Everyone is welcome.

Registration is \$135 per session for adults and \$40 for students. Registration may be done online at www.saltspringsingers.ca or drop by the Baptist Church at 520 Lower Ganges Rd. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. and join us.

For more information people can contact presidentssingers@gmail.com.

Capital Regional District



Membership Opportunities

Water and Sewer Commissions

The Capital Regional District (CRD) invites applications for volunteers to serve as members of various Water and Sewer Commissions. Terms are for two years, starting January 1 each year.

At their Annual General Meetings (AGM's) held earlier this year, the following Commissions did not receive the required amount of nominations for upcoming vacancies.

- ▶ **Beddis Water Service Commission** (1 position available) - includes 4 members within the Beddis water service area (3 members must be owners of real property; and 1 member may be a resident or owner of real property). The service consists of 137 parcels and provides drinking water to 128 connections.
- ▶ **Cedar Lane Water Service Commission** (up to 2 positions available) - includes 3 resident or owners of real property within the Cedar Lane water service area; or a person who is prepared to represent the service area. The system provides drinking water to 37 connections.
- ▶ **Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission** (1 position available for a 1 year term from January 1, 2023 -December 31, 2023) - includes 4 members Fernwood and Highland Water service area (3 members resident electors; and 1 member may be a resident elector of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area). The system consists of 333 parcels, and provides drinking water to 321 connections.
- ▶ **Ganges Sewer Service Commission** (up to 3 positions available) - includes 5 members Ganges Sewer service area (4 members must be residents or owners of a business; 1 member may be a resident or owner of a business within the Electoral area; and 1 of the 5 members may be an employee or member of the school district, hospital, or community care facility which owns or manages property within the service area). The service consists of 416 parcels, and provides sewer service to 591 connections.
- ▶ **Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Commission** (up to 3 positions available) - Total membership on the committee is five plus the Electoral Area Director (five members must be persons entitled to vote on Salt Spring Island for the Electoral Area Director; one member must be from the Ganges Sewer Local Services Commission; and one member must be from the Maliview Sewer Local Service area).

Please submit your letter of interest and background information no later than **October 1, 2022** to:

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Suite 108-121 McPhillips Avenue, BC V8W 2S6
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Capital Regional District



Committee Membership Opportunity

Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Local Services Committee

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 1875, real property owners or residents in the Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Local Services Area are invited to nominate themselves or another owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2023.

Total membership on the committee is six (6), including the Electoral Area Director, four (4) owners or residents of the Local Service Area, and the current holder or representative of the holder of Conditional Water License No. 26480.

Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancies:

- ▶ Two (2) owners or residents who are prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, clearly print the Committee name in the subject line, your full name, telephone number and residential address, along with the nominee's full name, telephone number and residential address.

New appointments to the Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Local Services Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director's recommendation.

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DANCE

Dancers present Moving in Peace

Heiwa Garden event on Sept. 18

SUBMITTED BY JAPANESE GARDEN SOCIETY

The Japanese Garden Society is inviting the community to an improvised dance performance by Ontario dance duo Suzanne Liska and Takako Segawa.

The Moving in Peace event takes place at Heiwa Garden on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.

We are fortunate to have Liska and Segawa stop on Salt Spring Island to dance following their participation in the first GEI Art Symposium of Japanese Canadian Artists in Victoria. Liska is third/fourth and Segawa is first-generation Japanese.

The duo will perform an improvisational dance piece in response to and inspired by the Heiwa Garden in honour of the history of the island's Japanese-Canadian pioneers. They will be accompanied by the sound of a shakuhachi played by Masa Ito from Vancouver. Liska will also guide an interactive movement weaving through the garden with members of the audience who wish to honour and experience the garden in a new way. Tetsu Aoyama will assist with the sound for the performance.

The Heiwa Garden for peace and reconciliation was created by the



PHOTO COURTESY JAPANESE GARDEN SOCIETY

Suzanne Liska and Takako Segawa in performance.

Japanese Garden Society in 2009. It is to commemorate the island's Japanese-Canadian pioneers and their internment and is located at the Peace Park across from ArtSpring in Ganges.

For more information about the artists and the event, people can visit the Japanese Garden Society website: saltspringjapanesegarden.com.



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Sept. 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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The K-Tones. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Museum. Open in Bittancourt House on the Farmers' Institute grounds on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Sept. 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Ian Skorscha. Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11 p.m.

Jake & Cables. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Open Mic. At the Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

MotherGoose. New session of a weekly program for families and children aged 0 to 4 begins today in the library program room. 11 a.m. to noon.

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Fri.

Sept. 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Grant Lawrence and Friends. An evening of stories and songs at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

DJ Tetsu. Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11:30 p.m.

Rough & Tumble. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ASK Salt Spring. This week's guests are declared CRD candidates. United Church Meadow. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

StoryWalk. Self-guided family activity. Follow the signs from the Salt Spring Public Library through Mouat Park toward Rainbow Road. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays through Mondays.

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Sat.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Synergy. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Della Kit & Creeasian. Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Fall Fair. See pages 8 and 9 for the full schedule of events.



Sept. 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vargo. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Probus Club of Salt Spring Island Meeting. Guest speaker is Dr. Edward Ishiguro, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Biochemistry & Microbiology, UVic, on Decoding the Human Genome; A New Era in Biomedical Research. Lions Hall. 10 a.m.

Salt Spring Singers Season Start. New singers welcome to join the community choir at the Baptist Church. 6:30 p.m. More information available from emailing presidentssingers@gmail.com.

Tuesday Farmers' Market. Weekly market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Wed.

Sept. 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Keven Snowden. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Teen Discussion Forum: All We Can Save. A reading from the bestselling anthology All We Can Save, as participants learn practical first steps towards minimizing their ecological footprint and taking climate action leadership in our community. For ages 13-19 in the library's Teen Zone. 4:15 p.m. Part of the On the Rise festival.

Salt Spring Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.

Sun.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Alan Moberg. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Fall Fair. See pages 8 and 9 for the full schedule of events.

StoryWalk. See Friday listing.

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Sept. 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

StoryWalk. See Friday listing.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Fall Fair. See pages 8 and 9 for the full schedule of events.

StoryWalk. See Friday listing.

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Mon.

Sept. 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Harry Warner & Friends. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

StoryWalk. See Friday listing.

THE FRITZ CINEMA

• **National Theatre Live: Straight Line Crazy - Ralph Fiennes** runs on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

• **Bullet Train** runs from Friday, Sept. 9 to Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. each night, plus a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee.

For more movie info, see thefritz.ca.

EXHIBITIONS

• **JINSET-SWELOKE** (Family Growing Ourselves Up), a multidisciplinary exhibit of work by four members of the Elliott family from WSÁNEĆ: Myrna Crossley and TEMOSET̄ET, Charles Elliott, and family members, emerging artists TEMOSEN Chazz Elliott and Matthew Parlby-Elliott is the Showcase Exhibition at Mahon Hall through Sept. 18, daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Olga Szabarnicki presents **Bedsheets & Recurring Dreams, Monumental Dance Portraits**, at Salt Spring Gallery until Sept. 14, Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Self-Guided Art Walk** - part of the **On the Rise Climate Arts Festival**. Grab a map at Mahon Hall and head downtown for the self-guided art tour of work by over a dozen local artists accessed via poster QR codes and your phone.

• Local island textile artists share their perspectives and stories about climate change in **A Planet in Crisis** exhibit at ArtSpring through September. Part of the **On the Rise Climate Arts Festival**.

• **Ultimatum of the Scattered World** is an art installation on display at the Salt Spring Public Library program room from Sept. 3 to 27. Part of the **On the Rise Climate Arts Festival**.

• **Arctraft** show and sale of work by more than 100 Gulf Islands artisans runs daily at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 18.

• **Pierre Mineau** is showing black and white landscape images in the **Country Grocer Café** for the month of September 2022.

Salt Spring Fall Fair

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Marine search and rescue recruiting volunteers



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Members of the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue group in local waters aboard the rigid hull inflatable Amarah Gabriel.

People invited to stop by booth at fall fair this weekend

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue unit is looking for a few new members.

This fall marks the beginning of a recruitment drive for Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 25 (RCMSAR25), a 100 per cent volunteer service that responds to boaters

in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The group's media officer Brad Grindler said it's a great opportunity to give back to the community and meet like-minded service-oriented people who love being on the water.

"We'll establish a cohort, a group that will start training this fall," said Grindler. "We'll train that cohort together, so they go through all the learning as a group."

While the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue operates Canada-wide, RCMSAR25 is funded by the non-profit Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society;

the group operates from Gabriola down to Swartz Bay, working together with the Canadian Coast Guard's Ganges Harbour station.

"Things happen sometimes, no one wants to have a bad day on the water," said Grindler.

Over the years, he said, Vesuvius-based RCMSAR25 has responded to everything from mechanical failures to boats that have struck logs to overturned kayakers. During a big storm a few years ago, they helped secure unmoored float homes in Maple Bay.

"Sometimes it can be a challenge keeping everything staffed because it is volunteer," said Grindler, "and we have to have a certain number of crew available for our calls. So we're always looking for new members. It's a great opportunity, especially for people who are new to the island."

No matter how much someone knows about boating and navigation, there's always something new to learn at the off- and on-water training sessions.

In addition, RCMSAR25 members perform safety checks at local sailing clubs, boating safety programs in schools and host a robust junior crew program in partnership with Gulf

Islands Secondary School work experience students.

Anyone interested in committing to regular weekly meetings and on-the-water-trainings — in-person, these days — and who lives within a 25-minute drive of Vesuvius should visit RCMSAR25 members at their booth this weekend at the Salt Spring Fall Fair, or check out the website: www.rcmsar25.com.

Marriage Commissioner

The Vital Statistics Agency, Ministry of Health, is looking for an individual to serve as a Marriage Commissioner for Pender Island. The individual will perform civil marriages within their community on behalf of the agency. Applicants must reside on Pender Island in order to be considered for this position.

For information and an application form
please visit our website at:
gov.bc.ca/becoming-a-marriage-commissioner



Capital Regional District



Notice of Applications for Volunteer Scrutineers

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Assent Voting

Public Notice is hereby given that the assent of the electors is required with regard to Bylaw No. 4507, "Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2022".

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, during the 2022 Local General Election, qualified electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area will be asked to vote on the following question:

"Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board adopting Bylaw No. 4507,

"Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2022", authorizing the establishment of a local community commission for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area, to be comprised of four elected commissioners and the Electoral Area Director, to oversee and advise on economic development, wastewater disposal, community parks and recreation, small craft harbour facilities, transit and transportation, street lighting, grants-in-aid, compensation for livestock injured by dogs, and the contribution services for arts, public library, and search and rescue?

YES or NO?

Application for Scrutineers

Scrutineers for and against the question must be appointed if applications are received from persons who wish to volunteer for the positions. Only persons entitled to vote as electors on the question noted above are entitled to act as scrutineers. If sufficient applications are received, one scrutineer for and one scrutineer against the question will be appointed for each voting place. One scrutineer for the question and one scrutineer against the question will also be appointed to be present at the determination of the official results and, if necessary, at a judicial recount.

Applications from persons who wish to volunteer as a scrutineer for or against the question will be received by the Chief Election Officer between 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 and 4:00 pm on Friday, September 23, 2022. Applications will be received during regular office hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, at the Capital Regional District (CRD), PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6 OR by emailing elections@crd.bc.ca.

To obtain an application form, or for questions about the application process, contact Marlene Lagoa, Deputy Chief Election Officer, by emailing elections@crd.bc.ca, call 250.360.3127 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3127.

Dated this 31st day of August 2022

Kristen Morley,
Chief Election Officer

For more information, including a synopsis and copy of Bylaw No. 4507, visit:
www.crd.bc.ca/LCC-vote

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8	0057	3.0	9.8	12	0548	2.9	9.5
TH	0847	0.4	1.3	11	1141	1.3	4.3
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COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

Climate action gets creative with On the Rise

Month-long self-guided art walk plus exhibits and activities



BY ANDREA PALFRAMAN
TRANSITION SALT SPRING

It's a festival that weaves passion and purpose.

That's the vision behind "On the Rise", a month-long celebration of arts based climate action taking place this September on Salt Spring.

With multimedia presentations popping up all over the island, On the Rise aims to engage islanders through multimedia storytelling, visual arts, poetry, theatre and — yes — a vibrant community parade and dance party.

According to organizer Darlene Gage, "Transition Salt Spring and other social change organizations are doing a great job at teaching people about the science of climate change. But what we're not so good at is finding a way to reach people on an emotional level."

"Our economic system, our food system, our governance systems, the way that we house ourselves: all of those things are undergoing massive transformations," says Gage. "People tend to protect themselves from that kind of complexity by shutting down. The arts are able to reach people in their hearts, bypassing some of our survival mechanisms and expanding our capacity to see things in different ways."

On the Rise kicked off this past Saturday at Beaver Point Hall with Call Me CC, presented by the Dusty Flowerpot Cabaret, the beloved theatre company responsible for Vancouver's

famous Parade of Lost Souls.

Then on Sept. 4, Robert George, an elder from Cowichan, was at Xwaaqw'um to share stories about Indigenous ways of knowing and relating to the land. As islanders reconnect with the knowledge around growing and finding our own food, working cooperatively with each other and governing ourselves in a way that keeps our ecosystems healthy over the long haul, the wisdom from Indigenous stewards like George offers rich lessons in sustainability and coping with change.

The festival lineup also includes collaborations with local poets, First Nations, textile artists, multimedia artists and storytellers, all seeking to find new ways to communicate and understand our current climate reality.

Salt Spring Arts is hosting a self-guided artwork downtown along the higher tide line predicted for the coming decades, inviting us to imagine scenarios where most of downtown Ganges will be either underwater or flooded during king tides and storm surges. By physically walking this line — and interacting with digital art that will greet them along the route — people will get a much deeper physical sense of what changes are coming.

"The Sept. 24 Community Procession is the thing that I'm personally most excited about," says Gage. "It's an opportunity to use puppets, costumes, dance, and artful expression. Inspired by the Pride parade, it's a

chance to move from the shadows into the light, so that anyone who struggles privately with the magnitude of the climate crisis can come together to express their grief, their hope, their overwhelm, their inspiration and their motivation. Everyone can join in, and express themselves however they like."

The procession kicks off at Mahon Hall and weaves through Ganges, ending with a Climate Convergence street party in the parking lot between the Mateada, Transition Thrift Store and Pharmasave. The folks at Mateada are hosting a family-friendly afternoon and evening with amazing performances: it's a chance to connect with community after the busy summer months.

Says Gage, "Our roles as community organizers is to help people and ourselves to face the losses that are happening all around us, and help people to plan and get ready for a changed world. While we are diving into the messy and painful grieving that goes along with climate change, our goal is also to uplift and inspire."

Transition Salt Spring is collaborating with DAISI (Diverse and Inclusive Salt Spring Island) to end the festival with a dance party on Saturday, October 1.

"The whole festival is a chance for folks who might not normally pay much attention to get connected in easy and accessible ways," Gage continues. "We really hope that folks will choose a couple of events and try it out. Who knew climate change could be so much fun?"

On the Rise collaborators Salt Spring Arts, Graffiti Theatre and Transition Salt Spring are grateful for the support of Salt Spring Foundation. Tickets and more information can be found at <https://transitionsaltspring.com/calendar/rise/>

Interactive art walk — here's how it works



PHOTO BY ROBB MAGLEY

On the Rise art walk poster at the Salt Spring Public Library with QR code that takes people to a page with an image of artwork, artist statement and more.

Sept. 1 marked the start of a month-long climate action festival on Salt Spring, with a host of events framed by a self-guided art walk through Ganges.

The walk, part of On the Rise — An Arts Festival Navigating Climate Grief + Action, roughly follows the projected 2050 king tide line through town. It begins at Mahon Hall and finishes at Salt Spring Books, highlighting individual art pieces along the way, each tied to a specific climate challenge. As they progress, walkers will find a series of festival posters with QR codes which, once scanned, lead to web pages discussing the artist and the issue — from biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse to extreme weather and entrenched government policy.

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Committee Membership Opportunity

Sticks Allison Water Local Service Committee

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 2558, real property owners in the Sticks Allison Water Local Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2023.

Total membership on the committee is five (5), including the Electoral Area Director, and four (4) owners of real property within the Local Service Area. Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancies:

- Two (2) real property owners who are prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, clearly print the committee name in the subject line, your full name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full name, telephone number and residential address.

New appointments to the Sticks Allison Water Local Service Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director's recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, September 30, 2022**.

Mail or email your submission to:

Attention: Acting Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, V9B 1H7
Email: iwsadministration@crd.bc.ca

Bylaw No. 2558 is available for viewing on the CRD website at: www.crd.bc.ca/sticks-ws

NATURE

Summer bird query answered

Island bird expert responds to question about lack of backyard birds

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Reader and Salt Spring Island songbird enthusiast Yvonne Saunders contacted us a couple of weeks ago on behalf of her neighbourhood to ask, where have all the backyard birds gone this summer?

"Normally this time of year, outside my bedroom window at 5:00 in the morning, there's all this singing going on," said Saunders. "It seemed as if suddenly about three weeks ago there were nearly no birds in the mulberry tree in my garden — and probably half the

READERS ASK

amount of hummingbirds everywhere else."

The Driftwood reached out to renown Salt Spring nature recordist, wildlife writer and lecturer John Neville, who told us songbirds in our backyards sing most often during nesting season, and once the young have fledged — usually about June 20 — most male birds stop singing.

"This year, spring was late," said Neville, "and some of the thrushes and sparrows were still fledging young at the beginning of July."

But since then, he agreed, it has become much quieter in our backyards. Neville writes:

"There does seem to have been a reduction in the number and variety of species occupying and passing through our yard. For

example, we have had no Pacific slope flycatcher or Pacific wren in our yard for several years. Some of the flycatchers, swallows and warblers have been affected by the changing pattern of insect abundance, due to global warming.

"On the other side of the coin, purple martins (which are swallows) have made a tremendous recovery after Salt Spring naturalists have put up over 100 nesting boxes. As I write, several members of the Fernwood dock colony are flying over our yard calling, hawking for insects.

"If readers would like to take a positive step concerning their lack of birds and global warming, there is a petition at Nature Canada asking the federal government to put action to protect nature and all species at the centre of Canada's new climate adaptation strategy: act.nature-canada.ca/page/109758/"

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HENRY BRAAK
June 17, 1962 – Sept. 2, 2022

Predeceased by Henry Sr. who was the rock that his home was built on. Survived by his mother, Wilhelmina, the most caring, loving woman any man would hope for. Brother Jacob (Jack) whose support was unwavering. Brother Robert, his wife Deidre, children Holly and Spencer who remain the apple of my eye. There are too many relatives to name. I say thank you to them. I made the choice when to leave this world. The cancer treatment was horrible and the cancer had spread. To my thirty years within the school, I ask the entire staff to forgive me whenever I put things away the wrong way. To the entire student body I thank you for all you taught me. Take care and God bless.

We are extremely sad to say goodbye on September 2, 2022 to our son and brother, Henry Braak. He passed away peacefully at his home on Salt Spring Island with the help of Doctor Slakov.

Henry loved golf and attempted it almost every day. He fought to maintain his independence never wanting to feel like he was a burden to anybody. He somehow played his last round of golf on Thursday September 1st.

Henry was born in Powell River on June 17, 1962 (Father's Day). He had a love of sports and particularly enjoyed playing soccer and golf. His schooling took him to Malaspina College in Nainiaco, the University of Victoria and the University of Prince George.

There are so many people that went out of their way to visit, share kind words and do the things that made the last year better. Thanks for caring so much.

Upon request, there will be no memorial service or celebration of life.

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TIP OF THE WEEK: READ MORE IN MY NEWSLETTER. SIGN-UP IS FREE ON MY WEBSITE.

This is a big week! Mercury turns stationary retrograde on September 9 and the Moon waxes to Full in Pisces on the 10th. Then there is the anniversary of 9/11 on the 11th, the day the world powerfully changed forever. On that very day, the Moon in Aries forms a conjunction to Jupiter followed by Chiron on the 12th, igniting appeals for reconsideration and justice. The Mercury Retrograde cycle includes about half the days in Libra and the other half in Virgo. The Full Moon at 17 Pisces 41 carries within it a dynamic, colourful, emotional and imaginative energy pattern. Thanks to a socially stimulating aspect to Uranus in Taurus, it could prove to be a wonderful window of opportunity to enjoy the last official weeks of summer. Moods are likely to be up and mannerisms largely harmonious and positive, if somewhat dreamy and impressionable – a good time to attend a live performance or go on a 'healing journey' on the wings of memory and imagination.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) Making specific improvements and repairs is featured this week. These may be directed to relationships as well as to your physical environment. Either way, your energy levels should be up, inspiring you to venture out beyond any usual comfort zone. If you go, do so with someone you love.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) Creative projects guided by beauty and excellence will ignite your passions this week. Doing so will uplift your spirits. Just be sure to play the roles of author, producer, director and actor, to some extent at least. This is not a time to be relegated to background staff, Picasso!

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) Virgo time tends to activate both your practical plan and design intuitions, on one hand, and your cleansing and purging instincts, on the other. This can be interpreted as a time to do renovations. This can be literal regarding your material world, or they can prove more emotional and psychological.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22) A noticeable activation of your perspectives towards new interpretations is likely of late. These will be guided by an adventurous spirit of imaginative euphoria coloured with philosophical hues. Some measure of determination and courage may be required, however, to break through cognitive dissonance.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23) Getting clearer about what is important to you, what is high on the list of your priorities, is prompting you to ask 'what do I want?' Counteracting these and other such reflections with an outline of your more pressing responsibilities will help you to get clear regarding what is desired, what is possible and what is genuinely needed.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22) The weekend's Full Moon will serve to illuminate your relationship life with bright colours and a dash of drama, or two. An ardent charge of vim and vigour will guide your aspirations to manifest works of art and beauty. Weave wine or some other elixir of wonder with romance to embrace the rapture.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) An impulse to retreat has more to do with inner exploration than mere respite. Such windows of opportunity are rarer than not, and beckon a fuller embrace and imagination. Like hopping on the magic bus, this is your invitation to explore uncharted realms according to your nature and style.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) Sparkling lights of individuality want to well up from the deeper reaches of your mind. Yet, it is for you to allow them the opportunity. In doing so, you will be flooded with waves of inspired imagination able to open hidden chambers of wonder-hosting magic. How will you do it?

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) That which makes you believe you know more than you actually might will be activated by this Full Moon. This realm of imagination and intuition is the means by which your mind reaches beyond fact to consider fantastic possibilities. Rendering these as fact may have to do more with belief, but is still a thrill!

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) The reason you reach for realism is not because you are more realistic in your core, but less. Yes, less. Your soul chose the Sun of Capricorn to bring you down to earth again or perhaps to scale the slopes of Olympus, literally or figuratively, both requiring diligent, dutiful discipline. Imagine that! Can you hear the trumpets?

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19) Virgo time is one during which the opportunity to shed old skins becomes more available. What changes do you desire? The Pisces Full Moon meanwhile is like a deep pond with more at the bottom than mud and beckons you to dive in to discover what wonders await your will to transform and be reborn.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20) Who are you? Simple answers will not do because you are much more than you probably know. Taking the risk to allow this unknowing to open your mind to new realizations and interpretations is the way of the spiritual warrior. Be willing to awaken the sleeping aspects of your sense of self.

Celebrations

Celebrations



Tracy Lynn Underwood

November 11, 1974 -
August 11, 2022

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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It came as a shock to all of us to lose our Tracy.

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Tracy leaves behind her mother, Marina Roland. Sisters - Bridgette Underwood, Christine Spencer, Penny Spencer. Nieces - Mackenzie Clark, Cleo Kaye, Emma Kaye, Addison Lemieux, roommate Kurt Aloisio and many, many cousins.

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Obituaries

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DENNIS JAMES BRANSON
April 28, 1957 to June 21, 2022



With deep sorrow for dreams left unfulfilled, the Branson family announces the passing of Dennis James Branson on June 21st. Dennis passed away unexpectedly, at the young age of 65, at the family home on Salt Spring Island. He was predeceased by his father, Cecil O.D. Branson, Q.C. in 2015. Dennis leaves behind his mother June Branson of Salt Spring Island, son James Branson of Ontario (Amanda and their family), daughter Jasmine Purpura (Joey and their family), sister Leslie Goldammer and nephews Chris and Kyle Goldammer of Kelowna, his extended family of aunts and cousins (the Willis Clan) and his fiancée Sosima Inolino of the Philippines.

Dennis grew up in Victoria and following in the footsteps of his dad attended St. Michaels University School, then just known as University School. He loved the ocean, dogs, boats and loved to scuba dive and sail as a young man. Dennis lived in Ontario for years before returning to Kelowna BC. His dream was to live out his retirement on a beach in the Philippines with Sosima.

At his request, Dennis' ashes will set sail from Salt Spring Island to the Pacific Ocean.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Soccer season dates outlined for youth

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Malcolm Legg
SOCER
ROUND-UP

September has arrived and with that comes another season of Salt Spring United soccer.

It is a time for youth to get signed up to play on our many teams, or join the academy training program, become a coach, or better still become a referee and experience the beautiful game at its best.

Dates

These are critical dates that families with children playing soccer should note:

Sept. 17-18: Opening weekend for the soccer season for full-sided teams, small-sided teams, house and tots programs.

Sept. 21: AGM for SS United is tentatively set for the Portlock Park portable at 6 p.m.

Sept. 23: SS United Academy program starts and runs for 10 weeks until Friday, Nov. 25.

Dec. 17, 2022 to Jan. 8, 2023: Christmas break.

Teams

These are our teams:

Tots program: Boys/Girls ages two to four years old.

House program: Boys U-6/7, Girls U-6/7, Boys U-8 and Girls U-8/9.

House league: Boys U-9/10.

Small-sided teams: Boys U-11 (two teams), Boys U-12, Boys U-13/14 and

Boys U-15/16. Girls U-11, Girls U-12/13, Girls U-14/15 and Girls U-16/17/18.

Registration for our teams is done on our website www.saltspring-soccer.com. For assistance, contact Maggie Montague at ssiuregistrar@gmail.com.

SS United Academy

Our special training program runs every Friday from Sept 23 to Nov. 25 from noon to 4 p.m. at Portlock Park. Our technical staff will work with youths to enhance their skills and team play.

Contact Josip Bratanovic (jbratanovic@shaw.ca) for information, or register on the website at www.saltspring-soccer.com.

Coaching

If anyone, youth or adult, is interested in being a coach for one of the club's teams, please contact Josip Bratanovic at jbratanovic@shaw.ca.

Refereeing

If anyone, youth or adult, is interested in refereeing, please contact me at mallegg@shaw.ca. We will be having a small-sided referees course for youths aged 12 and up this fall.

Please contact me for information or to request to be added to course list.

That is all for now as we will have more details coming. If you have any questions, contact myself at mallegg@shaw.ca. I will be pleased to assist you. Or just go to our website at www.saltspring-soccer.com to register for programs or find info.



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POWDERED MAPLES: A maple tree's leaves show powdery mildew that is especially noticeable this year. The mildew isn't terribly harmful to trees, according to Salt Spring forest geneticist Jean Brouard, adding that the island has seen a particularly heavy load since July, likely because of the moist spring. "If the fungus develops late in the life of the leaf, it will inflict minimal damage to the tree – the leaves will fall off anyway at the end of the summer," said Brouard. "Provided there has been photosynthesis in the early part of the year, the tree still comes out ahead in terms of accumulated carbohydrates." Brouard added that heavy mildew infestation several years in a row could cause some growth losses, and that the mildew seen could be any one of several species, including *Phylactinia marissallii*, *Swadaea tulansnei*, or others.

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Commission Membership Opportunity

Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 2972, persons in the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area are invited to nominate themselves or other individuals who are prepared to represent the Southern Gulf Islands Small Craft Harbours Service to stand on the commission for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2023.

Total membership on the commission is Seven (7), including the Electoral Area Director and six (6) other individuals: one each from Galiano Island, Mayne Island, Saturna Island, North Pender Island, South Pender Island and Piers Island.

Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancies:

- One (1) individual **representing Mayne Island** on the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission
- One (1) individual **representing Saturna Island** on the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission
- One (1) individual **representing North Pender Island** on the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission
- One (1) individual **representing South Pender Island** on the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission
- One (1) individual **representing Piers Island** on the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission

Nomination Instructions: when submitting your nomination, clearly print the commission name in the subject line, your full name, telephone number, residential address, along with the nominee's full name, telephone number, residential address and the service you are nominating for.

New appointments to the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director's recommendation. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, September 30, 2022**.

Mail or email your submission to:

Attention: Acting Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, V9B 1H7
Email: iwsadministration@crd.bc.ca

Bylaw No. 2339 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca/magiclake-ws

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Committee Membership Opportunity

Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Committee

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 2339, real property owners or residents in the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2023.

Total membership on the committee is seven (7), including the Electoral Area Director and six (6) real property owners or residents who are prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancies:

- Three (3) residents or property owners of the Magic Lake Estates **Water and Sewer** Local Service Area

Nomination Instructions: when submitting your nomination, clearly print the Committee name in the subject line, your full name, telephone number and residential address, along with the nominee's full name, telephone number, residential address and the service you are nominating for.

New appointments to the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director's recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, September 30, 2022**.

Mail or email your submission to:

Attention: Acting Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, V9B 1H7
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ISLAND HISTORY

Structure fire, bank theft among past stories

From the archives of the Gulf Islands Driftwood.

5 years ago

Sept. 6, 2017

- Salt Spring Fire-Rescue crews spent the last hours of the Labour Day long weekend putting out a structure fire on Rainbow Road.

Soaring weekend temperatures and extra dry conditions were likely factors in the incident, which started sometime after 8 p.m. when the occupant of a small cabin was working on his electric bike.

Cabin tenant Hugh Pomeroy is a chef at Meadowbrook and also has a sideline building electric bikes. He said although the lithium batteries are usually quite safe, they can short if pressure is put on them. This happened without him noticing as he was working on the bike inside.

"It happened very very quickly. It only took five seconds for the house to start to burn," Pomeroy said, adding lithium batteries don't require oxygen to burn.

• Two of Salt Spring's three elected officials have made their positions regarding incorporation pub-

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lic in advance of the Sept. 9 vote.

Trustee George Grams and Wayne McIntyre, Salt Spring's electoral area director to the Capital Regional District, have issued statements with their opinions that incorporation is the best option for local governance.

Trustee Peter Grove stated last week that he will not add his personal opinion to the discussion despite pressure from both sides of the debate to do so.

25 years ago

Sept. 3, 1997

- Pender Islanders are aghast following a city-style bank break-in where perpetrators bored through a wall to enter the island's small Hongkong Bank of Canada branch last Tuesday.

The crime occurred at about 10 p.m. when thieves jimmied a lock in the Silk 'N Petals craft store, and then used all sorts of tools to kick a

hold in the wall and crawl into the bank. Once in the bank, they used a pry bar to bend back the safe's door far enough to get a hand inside.

Although police are not releasing the amount of money stolen, Pender RCMP Cpl. Henry Proce said it was a large quantity — "more than both of us will make in the next several months," he told the Driftwood.

- Ganges motorists were angered last week when tow truck operators began removing vehicles from a new bus parking zone in front of the Tourist Information Centre.

About four parking slots on Lower Ganges Road are now reserved for tour buses, which will use the space to drop off and pick up passengers.

By Thursday there was talk of a petition to have the no-parking signs removed. Meanwhile, police and a tow truck were kept busy for at least two days removing offending vehicles from the bus zone.

- Fifty to 75 party-goers were sent home by Ganges RCMP Saturday night after a small gathering at a Maliview Drive duplex turned into a wild party.

Police said the 15-year-old occupant of the home asked for assistance after she invited five girls over, left to walk to Fernwood Store and returned to find a party in full swing. Police arrived to find a window smashed and intoxicated youths milling about the house and on the street.

60 years ago

Sept. 6, 1962

- Mr. H. Carlin, the official Ganges weather observer, reports that this August has been the wettest in his records, which cover 36 years. The total rainfall this year was 3.16 inches, compared with 1.10 for August last year. The highest temperature reached was 76 degrees on the 29th and the lowest was 49 on the 26th. Last year's high was 87.

- Subscribers to North Salt Spring Water District will be allowed in the future to use up to 3,000 gallons for a monthly charge of \$4, as against previous maximum consumption of 2,500 gallons at the same cost, C.R. Horel, chairman of the Water Board, stated at a public meeting held Aug. 29 in Mahon Hall.

The meeting was called to explain

necessity of the recently introduced parcel tax.

Mr. Horel reviewed the history of the water system and said that while never financially robust, it was able to function without taxation, but only because of financial assistance given when needed by the late Gavin C. Mouat. Increase in the number of users, and heavier consumption of water, has result in breakdowns in the now inadequate system and the need for replacements and line extensions, he said.

- Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Frattinger have announced the sale of the Scott Point Marina to Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bradley.

The Frattingers opened this popular marina on May 24, 1959. Since then, they have developed rock and bush into a real resort, with a lodge, swimming pool, picnicking facilities and the marina itself. They will reside temporarily in Nanaimo while Mr. Frattinger continues to work for BC Forest Products.

The Bradleys hope to carry on the splendid work done by Mr. and Mrs. Frattinger in the past; the policy of allowing the public to swim in the pool after Labour Day will continue.



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SOCIAL GROUPS

Scottish dance club holds open house



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO
Pauline King and Derek Emmerson, who provided entertainment at a Salt Spring Scottish Country Dance Club event in 2015.

Friendly and supportive environment for learning

The Salt Spring Scottish Country Dance Club is resuming its activities this fall and welcomes new people to join the fun.

In a press release the group says the club is ideal for people who like to move to lively music with like-minded friends, and those who are interested in learning a new skill in a friendly and supportive environment.

"The health benefits of exercise are undeniable," states the club. "Scottish country dancing is a weekly workout for the heart, body and mind. You will get an aerobic workout and stretch your brain as you learn new footwork and dance patterns, while making new friends. Scottish country dancing will improve your quality of life in a fun, safe, sociable environment."

No partner is needed and Scottish heritage is not a prerequisite.

People are welcome to give it a try for free at the club's open house on Monday, Sept. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at All Saints Anglican Church on Park Drive.

Dancers must provide proof of a double Covid vaccination.