

South of Town Events

October, 2024

From the Area C Director....

After a long wait the new qathet Regional District Resource Recovery Centre (RRC) is ready to accept your garbage! Starting on October 1st Augusta Recycling will no longer be accepting residential MSW (municipal solid waste) so please bring your household garbage to the RRC which is located just up the hill and across the street from Willingdon Beach (8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon–Sat). The transition to the new facility is happening bit by bit to make sure that everything is operating as expected. Augusta will continue to accept all other waste materials (C&D, metal, drywall, asbestos, yard waste, soil, brick, rock), and the recycling depot will stay open. With MSW removed, Augusta expects less residential traffic and is shifting operations to cater to commercial customers. For a full list of accepted materials and tipping fees visit augustarecyclers.com.

Last month marked our first meetings in our new boardroom which is a welcome change. For those of you who didn't get to experience our old boardroom, you missed out on cramped quarters, poor ventilation, and a bathroom that you entered from inside the boardroom itself. None of those aspects of the room were pleasant but even more important, the room wasn't designed for allowing access to anyone with mobility issues, especially those who required the use of a wheelchair. The new boardroom is large enough to accommodate any wheelchair, it has an accessible bathroom adjacent to it, and the ventilation is far superior to the old one. Also, the main door to the building and the door to the suite are automatic and there is an elevator available to those who have difficulty climbing stairs. I'm very happy to see that the qathet Regional District (qRD) is taking steps to become more accessible to everyone in our community.

This month the other directors and I attended the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention in Vancouver and even though the name implies that it's for municipalities, regional districts and First Nations' governments were also in attendance (they really need to update the name). There were many good sessions, and we had the opportunity to meet with staff members from five different ministries/organizations. We are usually granted meetings with actual ministers but because this is an election year, many of them opted out. Truthfully, it was probably better to speak to the staff members as they will be the constant as the ministers get shuffled around, or potentially out of office. We met with BC Ferries to discuss their poor performance and how it affects the residents of the qRD, the Ministry of Transportation regarding our request for a Safety Study of Hwy 101, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change regarding options for Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional recycling, the Ministry of Housing regarding grant flexibility, and there were a number of items that we discussed with Vancouver Coastal Health. All in all, I think the meetings were productive and hopefully we see some results eventually.

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends – Informal discussions, projects and potluck lunches - everyone welcome. Contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com for more info.

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 pm: Yoga with Danielle - \$10.00 drop-in fee. For more information call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493.

Starting October 15th, Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 pm: Chair Tai Chi - Register on the 15th at the first introductory class. \$50.00 for 4 weeks or \$15.00 drop in. Contact Judy 604-487-4499 or jacobsj@shaw.ca for more details.

Wednesdays, Sept. 25th – Oct. 30th, 11:00-noon: Mindful Moves - Yoga & More - Six-week session, 2nd session Nov. 6th – Dec. 11th. Bring your yoga mat & throw blanket. Minimum six participants required; prorated rates available. Email robin.inison@gmail to register.

Thursdays, 11:00 am (weather permitting): Fun with Plants! - Meet with friends to work in the hall gardens - everyone welcome. Bring your favourite small tools. Call 604-487-1259 for more details.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage 46th Season! – Everyone welcome, \$2.00/player. Contact Rob at 604-578-8465 for more info.

Sunday, October 27th, 10:00 am–1:00 pm: Lang Bay Hall Market – Final market of the season, tables \$25.00 - space is limited and pre-payment is required. To book a table or for more info call Kathy at 604-483-1440. Send eTransfers to langbaycommunityclub.treasurer@gmail.com.

*** Check out **Lang Bay Community Hall & Events** on Facebook for the latest updates! ***

Kelly Creek Community Church:

Sundays, 9:00 am: In-person Sunday services at 2380 Zilinsky Road. Also available on Facebook or YouTube. Contact 604-208-0446 or office.kellyck@gmail.com for more information. Check out the KCCC Facebook page for more events and information.

Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department:

Saturday, October 12th, 10:00 am-3:00 pm: Open House – celebrate Fire Prevention Week with the MVFD. New recruits welcome!

ORCA Bus

Tuesday, October 29th, 10:00 -11:30 am: Palm Beach Park - Free activities and resources for children and families. Contact Lesley at lsutherland@youthandfamily.ca for more info.