

# *South of Town Events*

*May, 2026*

## ***From the Area C Director....***

It was a slow month at the qathet Regional District so I thought I'd take the opportunity to thank the members of our community that volunteer their time in order to enrich all of our lives. I can't possibly name everyone, or even every organization that's out there doing good, but I'm going to reflect on the past year and recognize those who contributed to my personal enjoyment of our region. I know I'm going to forget a lot, so I apologize to those who aren't mentioned but should be.

First off, let's talk about the arts. Very recently our area featured the qathet International Film Festival and the Townsite Jazz Fest. I attended activities sponsored by both organizations and thoroughly enjoyed them. PRISMA just opened the Arts Hub at tiskwat and in June they'll be uncasing their instruments for their annual festival, which includes PRISMA on the Beach, a must-see event. Going back to earlier in 2026, there was the Banff Mountain Film Festival which was put on by the Knucklehead Alpine Outdoor Society (KAOS). Those guys are not only clearing the trails that I like to hike, they're also showing films that I like to watch! I can't forget the one that's nearest and dearest to my heart, the Sunshine Music Festival at Palm Beach. A weekend of amazing music, food and crafts in a beautiful setting. I know how much volunteer time goes into planning and running these events, and I appreciate every minute of it.

I mentioned KAOS already, but I also want to mention some of the others who are out there making the trails nice for us to walk and ride on. The Chain Gang, qPAWS (qathet Parks and Wilderness Society), the BOMB (Bloody Old Men's Brigade) Squad, and the qRCA (qathet Regional Cycling Association) are all out there sweating, swearing, and smoothing out those paths so that we can get out there and enjoy the wilderness. I don't ride a quad or a horse, but I know that those groups are also out there and my hat's off to them. There are also the unknown trail maintenance people – the ones who quietly trim back the blackberries or clear out the fallen trees. Keep up the good work folks - we all appreciate it.

Then there are those of you who take the time when you're walking the paths, or the beach, or along the sidewalks in town, to pick up trash. I can't tell you how much I value you. No one likes to see cigarette butts, beer cans, or bags of dog poop when you're trying to commune with nature. I know it's messy, and I know you didn't put them there, but you're making my life and the lives of others that much better when you make the effort. Thank you.

I'd be in trouble if I didn't mention all the good folks down at the Lang Bay Community Club! Every month there are activities and events that allow us to learn, to grow, and to touch base with our neighbors. Good on you, and everyone else who goes the extra mile to make our community a better place. You're an important part of our society – be proud of that.

***Clay Brander, qathet Regional District***

**Lang Bay Hall:** On FB at langbaycommunityhallandevents or at [www.langbaycommunityhall.ca](http://www.langbaycommunityhall.ca)

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 1:00-3:00: Song Circle** - Open to everyone - play, sing, or just enjoy the music. Admission by donation. For more info contact Pat at 604-485-5198.

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends** – Open to everyone - informal discussions, projects & potluck lunches. Email [lghascats@gmail.com](mailto:lghascats@gmail.com) or [lilian.thompson@telus.net](mailto:lilian.thompson@telus.net).

**Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga with Danielle** - \$10.00 drop-in fee. Call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493 for more info.

**Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:00 pm & Fridays, 9:15-10:00 am: South of Town Fitness with Paula** - A fun and effective workout targeting core and lower body with a great stretch to finish. \$10.00 drop-in fee or eTransfer [paulagiroyday@gmail.com](mailto:paulagiroyday@gmail.com). \*\* No class on May 6<sup>th</sup> \*\*

**Thursdays, 10:00 am-noon: Gardening at the Hall** – Join the volunteers tending to the hall flower gardens. Bring your favourite small gardening tools and a bucket. Contact 604-487-1259 for more details. Weather permitting.

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, noon-2:00: Lang Bay Community Club's Annual Fundraising Plant Sale** - The community is invited to donate plants to be sold as a fundraiser for Lang Bay Community Hall. There will be a raffle and 50/50 draw as well as Friends of Stillwater Bluffs & FireSmart in attendance. Plants can be dropped off at the hall Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-noon or 2:00-3:00. Contact Carol at 604-487-1259 for more details.

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***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](mailto:office.kellyck@gmail.com) for more info.

**Thursdays, May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00: Knitters' Café** - All fibre arts welcome!

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**Youth and Family Powell River**

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30 – The ORCA Bus at Palm Beach.** Fun activities for preschool children and their siblings. Go to <https://youthandfamily.ca/monthly-calendar/> for their full calendar of activities.