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## Words from the Editor:

Welcome to your Community Newspaper!

Thank you all for your continuing support of your local newspaper by sending us photographs and articles.

Please remember that the deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month!

Thanks to the residents who contribute, to the residents who proofread & to all residents who read the Barnacle!

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## IMPORTANT DATES

## December 2018

Dec 1st	Anmore Christmas Market
Dec 3rd	Special Council meeting at 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Dec 6th	New Moon
Dec 8th	Carol Ships & Santa @ 7:15 pm
Dec 10th	Council Meeting @ 7.00 pm
Dec 11th	Town Hall Meeting @ 7.00 pm
Dec 21st	Winter Solstice
Dec 22nd	Full Moon
Dec 24th	Christmas Eve.
Dec 25th	Christmas Day
Dec 26th	Boxing Day
Dec 31st	New Years Eve!

Save The Date:

Jan 1st	New Years Day!
Jan 1st	Full Moon
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## COVER ART

Our front cover this month is a photograph of MAIZIE, Submitted by Wendy & Sandy Morita  
Please read article on Page 12.

The back page features The Night before Christmas.

Do send your favourite local photos and artwork to the Barnacle.

It is a pleasure to share them.

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Mayor Neil Belenkic

The first Belcarra Town Hall was held between 7-10 pm on November 21, 2018. 30+ residents attended, asking questions and sharing ideas about topics ranging from regional politics to wildfire prevention and resident safety.

The format for the evening's discussion was an open dialogue jumping between topics of interest. Topics covered were recorded on flip charts. Residents were provided progress updates from council when relevant and in turn shared invaluable history and perspectives on both partisan and friendly matters. At the end of the evening, each attendee was allowed 3 votes to mark their personal priorities, guiding council to begin investigating these popular topics further.

Please note: No decisions were attempted. Our goal was to share information and build alignment in key areas for future discussion and focus.

The topics discussed, in order of resident priority for attention, were as follows:

- Revenue Generating Opportunities (including potential densification) – 19 votes
- Wildfire Plan and Water System – 15 votes
- Farrer Cove Road Access / Internal Road Condition – 9 votes

- Tennis Courts – 5 votes
- Ward – 5 votes
- OCP Review – 5 votes
- Tree Trimming / Dangerous Trees – 5 votes
- Short Term Rentals / Airbnb – 3 votes
- Bedwell Bay Road Sidewalk – 3 votes
- Village Planning – 2 votes
- Speeding / Engine Brakes – 2 votes
- Open Hall / Community Events / Book club – 1 vote
- Parking – 1 vote
- Bear and other Wildlife Awareness / Village Pride – no votes

#### Next Steps:

- Council and staff will begin focusing on topics in order of resident assigned priority.
- Collecting information and identifying resources for each topic.
- The process to create committees will begin (for topics expected to generate a recommendation to council)
- Committees will have 5 leaders selected with the Chair of each committee receiving formal training in governance and facilitation.

- The process to create groups will begin (for topics where people would like to be involved in discussions but a specific outcome has not yet been identified).
- Groups will define their needs individually and receive Council and Staff support when requested.
- Please await guidance from staff about the process to join a committee or group.
- The date for the next Town Hall will be confirmed and shared with all residents.
- The open conversation throughout the evening was invaluable for council, providing insight and guidance related to residents' areas of interest.

A sincere thank you to everyone who attended.

For those who did not attend, please do not worry about having missed an opportunity to get involved, speak to, or learn more about a topic. The next Town Hall will continue to address all areas of established interest and identify new topics and ideas for discussion. For any other questions, feedback or ideas please contact me anytime.



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## Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake and  
Carol Drew

T'is the season for power failures. Windstorms and the possibility of heavy snow often result in outages for Belcarra during the winter months. The Village can be without power for several days.

Remember to:

- check to see if your neighbour has lost electricity too. If so, notify B.C. Hydro at 1-888-769-3766.
- turn off all tools, appliances, electronic equipment, indoor and outdoor Christmas lights - preventing injury, damage or fire when power comes back on.
- leave one light switch on to let you know when power is restored.

- do not open fridge or freezer unless absolutely necessary. A full freezer will keep food frozen 36-48hrs; partially full: 24hrs.

- use flashlights, battery operated lanterns etc. rather than candles for lighting. If candles are used, never leave them unattended.

- do not use charcoal or gas barbecues, camping heating equipment or home generators indoors. They give off carbon monoxide.

- treat downed lines - power/telephone/cable - as dangerous, and stay back ten metres. They ALL carry sufficient power to cause harm.

Wishing everyone a very happy, safe  
Christmas holiday!

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Margaret Thatcher.



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## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW COUNCIL

### Neil Belenkic

Where were you born? Toronto  
 What drew you to live in Belcarra? The geography  
 What do you do for fun? Woodworking  
 What do you hope to achieve during your time on council?  
 Strengthen our financial position, help bring the community together, make Belcarra safer.  
 Why did you run for council? To help.  
 What's your favourite movie? None  
 Do you have any pets? Four young kids is about all we can handle...  
 What one thing would you change about the Village? No more rumours.  
 What one thing would you strive to keep the same about the Village? Our geography.  
 Do you/did you play sports? I competed at badminton, telemark ski racing and ultimate frisbee.  
 Do you have a day job? I run The \$2,000 Coffee and share leadership of Sploda Technologies  
 What education do you have? (Please specify which school & what degrees you attained) Harvard Business School - Finance for Senior Executives. Queens Executive School of Business - Marketing. University of Calgary - Bachelor of Arts (English). Mount Royal University - General Diploma  
 What music do you listen to/ Favourite Song/Band? Neil Young - Heart of Gold  
 What was the last book you read? Lee Child - Past Tense  
 Have you ever volunteered your time within a community, if so, what did you do? 9 years on the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department.  
 What country would you like to visit or revisit? French Polynesia

### Bruce Drake

Where were you born? Vancouver  
 What drew you to live in Belcarra? Diana found our property on a visit in 1975 and insisted we return that evening. we purchased it within a week  
 What do you do for fun? Grandchildren, reading, volunteering & travel  
 What do you hope to achieve during your time on council?  
 Helping to ensure easy access to Council for residents as well as the thorough assessment of issues and thoughtful decisions.  
 Why did you run for council? I have always been interested in the dynamics of group decision making and how proper structure can help ensure quality results.

What's your favourite movie? It's a toss up between Casablanca and the BBC TV Series "River"

Do you have any pets? A cat ( Sherlock ) and a dachshund, (Meriadoc "Merry")

What one thing would you change about the Village?  
 Increase opportunities for socializing and aging in place.

What one thing would you strive to keep the same about the Village? It's spectacular quiet & peaceful setting "between forest & sea"

Do you/did you play sports? soccer, football, rugby.

Do you have a day job? Very happily retired.

What education do you have? BCIT - Diploma - Telecom Engineering . SFU - Undergraduate Degree - Communications . UBC - MBA- Masters in Business Administration

What music do you listen to/ Favourite Song/Band? Song - Hallelujah - Jeff Buckley. Band - The Beatles

What was the last book you read? Factfulness by Hans Rosling

Have you ever volunteered your time within a community, if so, what did you do? CRAB - assisting with events- Pub Night's, Easter, Halloween - and helping to organize Belcarra Day and Bole displays at the village entrance.

What country would you like to visit or revisit? Israel is always fascinating

### Carolina Clark

Where were you born? São Paulo, Brazil.  
 What drew you to live in Belcarra? The small community way of life and the beautiful background of course.  
 What do you do for fun? I hike a lot, any activities outdoors makes me happy.  
 What do you hope to achieve during your time on council?  
 Improve communication between council and residents and give the community more power of decision in village matters is my goal.  
 Why did you run for council? Same as above.  
 What's your favourite movie? GoodFellas & Tropic Thunder  
 Do you have any pets? Yes. I have 2 lovely golden retrievers (Nala & Laika), 1 very cute and destructive rabbit (Flopsy) and 1 mini Aussie (Elroy) that has been living with me for the past 2.5 years while his family is in Northern BC.  
 What one thing would you change about the Village? The relationship between residents and local government.  
 What one thing would you strive to keep the same about the Village? I'd like to keep the small community atmosphere and style.  
 Do you/did you play sports? Yes, handball, soccer while in Brazil.



Do you have a day job? Yes, I am a small business owner. I hike, board and sit local dogs.

What education do you have? (Please specify which school & what degrees you attained) Interior Design, VCAD.

What music do you listen to/ Favourite Song/Band? I'm very eclectic when it comes to music. Favorite Band: Pearl Jam  
Favourite Song: Good Riddance (Time of Your Life) by Green Day.

What was the last book you read? 12 Rules for Life by Jordan Peterson. Current finishing The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben.

Have you ever volunteered your time within a community, if so, what did you do? Yes. In Belcarra I was part of the Zoning Advisory Committee and before that I was on the board of directors for the Brazilian Community Association.

What country would you like to visit or revisit? I'd love to go to Egypt to see the pyramids one day.

### Liisa Wilder

Where were you born? - Ladysmith, BC

What drew you to live in Belcarra? - we were originally looking to relocate from NE Coquitlam to West Van, and just "happened" upon this piece of paradise (and that there was cell phone service was a bonus!). An offer was made that day!

What do you do for fun? - boating, volunteering, travelling

What do you hope to achieve during your time on council?

- open communication with residents, road to Farrer Cove, multi-use course, heritage designation for the Belcarra South cottage, Sewage Designation for Bedwell Bay

Why did you run for council? - I had a lot of community support and was ready for a new challenge

What's your favourite movie? - none really

Do you have any pets? - a Cavapoo (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel & poodle X) named Finnegan "Finn", our 1st dog who just celebrated his 5th birthday

What one thing would you change about the Village? - more mixing & socializing

What one thing would you strive to keep the same about the Village? - retain our independence and our peaceful enjoyment of life we have here

Do you/did you play sports? - not really

Do you have a day job? - I contract part-time as a Paralegal and am the account manager for our business

What education do you have? (Please specify which school & what degrees you attained) - Ladysmith Secondary School graduate, post-secondary certificates

in bookkeeping, legal admin and conveyancing - no degrees

What music do you listen to/ Favourite Song/Band? - my husband is the audiophile so I tend to listen to his great choice of tunes. But I do love Eva Cassidy and Michael Buble.

What was the last book you read? - just finished "Ship of Brides" a novel by Jojo Moyes, a post-WW2 story of the war brides who crossed the seas by the 1000's to face their unknown futures

Have you ever volunteered your time within a community, if so, what did you do? - CRAB for 15 years (just retired from the board), member of OCP committee, assisted with Group Wharfage bylaws

What country would you like to visit or revisit? - I would love to go back to New Zealand, and one day travel throughout Europe

### Robert Begg

Where were you born? Vancouver BC

What drew you to live in Belcarra? Boating

What do you do for fun? Boating

What do you hope to achieve during your time on council?

Simplify processes using a common-sense approach

Why did you run for council? Requests from villagers

What's your favourite movie? Love Actually

Do you have any pets? Not presently

What one thing would you change about the Village? Rumors

What one thing would you strive to keep the same about the Village? Small town feel

Do you/did you play sports? Soccer, Baseball, Collegiate Volleyball,

Do you have a day job? Yes, President of 20/20 Marketing, and 20/20 Accessory Source

What education do you have? (Please specify which school & what degrees you attained) Simon Fraser (Never finished)

What music do you listen to/ Favourite Song/Band? Broken Halos

What was the last book you read? A road less travelled (again)

Have you ever volunteered your time within a community, if so, what did you do? Coached soccer 9 years, coached Little League 5 years

What country would you like to visit or revisit? More of the west coast of BC



## Matthew Sebastiani announces bid for Conservative MP Nomination in Port Moody-Coquitlam

Submitted by: Alana Douglas

Tri-Cities resident Matthew Sebastiani has announced his intention to run for Conservative Party nomination in Port Moody-Coquitlam. He has lived his entire life in the riding.

Matthew is just about to finish a Masters in Business (Finance) from UBC's Sauder School of Business (Dec 2018) and previously graduated from SFU where he studied Economics.

Matthew has worked in government, financial services, and biotech. Much of his work experience was as a policy advisor to the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. In that role, he provided analysis on various policies and legislation ranging from items in the budget, infrastructure projects, health policies, and free trade agreements. He also worked as an insurance broker prior to entering the MBA program at UBC.

Matthew is a passionate community leader for health and accessibility related causes. He is currently serving as President of the Vancouver Chapter of Crohn's and Colitis Canada (CCC), where he has helped to increase awareness of inflammatory bowel diseases, and has helped fundraise for a cure and better patient programs. He has also been appointed in 2017 & 2018 to the City of Coquitlam's Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee as a community

representative, to advise ways to improve access in the city for those with visible and invisible disabilities.

Matthew has an interesting connection to Belcarra. His grandfather used to be a caretaker of the home owned by the Delesalle family. Matthew stated: "As kids, my brother and I would sometimes go with my grandfather to the Delesalle home. I enjoyed visiting Hamber Island, which the family owned. Before the bridge was built to the Island, I remember having to wait until low-tide to walk across. I've always found the beauty of Belcarra breathtaking."

As Member of Parliament, Matthew believes in providing change for a better tomorrow. Matthew said "I now want to take the skills I have learned in my various work experience and education to be a strong, fresh voice for the residents of Port Moody, Coquitlam, Anmore and Belcarra in Ottawa. I am passionate about being part of the next generation of leaders who will shape Canadian policy."

The next federal election is scheduled to be held in October 2019. The date for the Conservative Party of Canada's nomination meeting in Port Moody-Coquitlam is yet to be selected. Only residents of the riding who are members of the party can vote in the nomination. To support Matthew, memberships can be purchased at <https://donate.conservative.ca/membership/>. He can also be contacted by email: [votesebastiani@outlook.com](mailto:votesebastiani@outlook.com) to answer any questions.

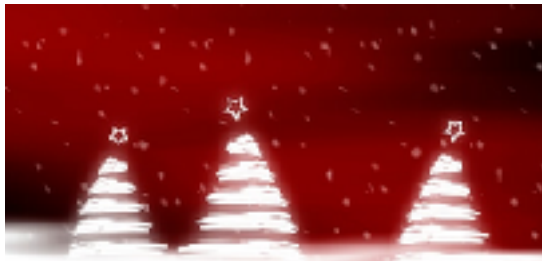


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The Belcarra Barnacle thanks all Contributors in 2018 and wishes one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

We don't publish in January ... See you in February 2019!



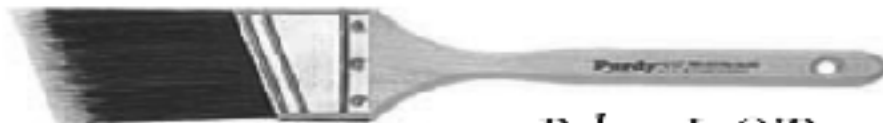
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November 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 & 31.

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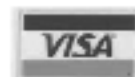
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## MAIZIE

Submitted by Wendy and Sandy Morita.

Hello. I am Wendy Morita. I have lived in this beautiful village for 29 years. Until this morning we have had a wonderful dog named Maizie. She has brought fun, joy and peace to us for 14 years. She was a free spirit and loved living here as we do. What happened to her was so unnecessary. Some people in this village apparently do not understand the nature of living in the forest. We live with bears, raccoons, cougars, rabbits, eagles, rats, mice etc. Many, many forest creatures. We need to understand that this is their home. Was their home first. Appreciate them. Watch them. Care for them. Do not put out RAT POISON or anything that might hurt, kill them.

Bring your garbage in, use live traps for rats and mice. Can you imagine the suffering inflicted on an animal as they bleed out internally from poison. I hope no one else loses their pet this way. I hope everyone will take a step back from city life and embrace the fact you live in paradise with nature.

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## Stories From The Archives —

### Burrard Inlet Becoming A Resort

Researched and written by: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC,  
November 2018.

“Burrard Inlet, since completion of the ‘North Road’, is becoming quite a resort for pleasure-seekers. Several parties went-out last week, and on Good Friday, Mr. Herkimer drove out a wagon load, who were highly pleased with their excursion.”

– British Columbian, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1861.

The ‘Colony of British Columbia’ was proclaimed at Fort Langley on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1858. In early 1859, Colonel Richard Clement Moody, R.E., selected the site for the capital of the colony on the north side of the Fraser River where the river branches. The Royal Engineers established their camp at ‘Sapperton’ and proceeded to layout the future townsite of ‘Queensborough’ (later ‘New Westminster’). On July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1860, ‘New Westminster’ incorporated to become the first municipality in Western Canada.

During the winter of 1858–59, the Fraser River froze-over for several months and Colonel Moody realized his vulnerable position when neither supply boat nor gun-boat could come to his aid in case of an attack by the United States on the capital of the new colony. As a consequence, in the summer of 1859, Colonel Moody decided to build a “road” to Burrard Inlet as a military expediency, in order that ships might be accessible via salt water.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1859, Colonel Moody signed a contract with ‘The Burrard Inlet Trail Company’, a company of trail-builders, to open a “road” from the Royal Engineers’ Camp at ‘Sapperton’ on the Fraser River “due north” in a straight line to Burrard Inlet. The “North Road” was initially just a pack trail that was completed in February 1860. In 1861, the pack trail was upgraded to a wagon road — known today as ‘North Road’.

“After the capital of British Columbia was moved to Victoria in 1869, the ‘North Road’ deteriorated into nothing more than a trail for Indians; a track you could not get a horse over, because all the bridges put-up by the Royal Engineers on the North Road had been burned-out. There was no way in which a horse could be got to the Burrard Inlet end of the North Road until 1881.” – John Murray, son of Lance Corporal John Murray, R.E., to city of Vancouver archivist Major J.S. Matthews in July 1934.




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### Belcarra's New Council

(Left To Right: Robert Begg, Liisa Wilder, Neil Belenkie, Carolina Clark, Bruce Drake).

## REMEMBRANCE DAY!

Submitted by Don & Michele Babineau











### Lights at La Farge Lake

Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018 – Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019

Dusk to 11 p.m. nightly

Through midnight on New Year's Eve



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

In Danish = Glædelig jul og godt nytår

In Dutch = Prettige kerstdagen en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar!

In French = Joyeux Noël et bonne année

In German = Fröhliche Weihnacht und ein gutes neues Jahr

In Hawaiian = Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou

In Italian = Buon Natale e felice anno nuovo

In Scots = A Blythe Yule an a Guíd Hogmanay

In Spanish = ¡Feliz Navidad y próspero año Nuevo.

In Welsh = Nadolig llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda



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## Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

'Enjoy living in Belcarra; paradise this side of paradise'

Greetings and salutations all you wonderful Belcarrians near and far. Can you believe 2018 is coming to a close? It hardly seems to be possible. So many thoughts and reflections with reams of gratitude for this past year. I really feel amiss typing on a keyboard. I would much rather be completing this with pen and ink, allowing the words to flow from my heart onto the paper. Aye, but then the mistakes and drafts and leaving our incredible editor, Michelle Montico, to transcribe into text, would really be unfair. Alas, I will try to do my best putting these thoughts, with feeling, onto the screen. Listening to a Celtic Christmas CD in the background is helping.

I am very proud of the residents that live in Belcarra. You have proven to be a very generous community this past year, through giving to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department, Mossom Creek, Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation and so many other local and not so local, charitable foundations. You truly do have big hearts. Thank you.

Many residents also give much of their time volunteering for CRAB, refugee organizations, Mossom Creek Hatchery, Terry Fox Foundation, homeless, hospitals, Operation Red Nose, prisons and the like.

How can one NOT be proud of the good things that come from the residents of this wonderful Village? I know I am.

Many blessings upon each and every one of you. You warm my heart. Volunteering is what makes the world go round and people 'see' love in action. Thank you.

I am wondering 'if' we could start a list of volunteer opportunities so that residents with like-minded interests could partner with time, resources or carpooling?

I had the opportunity to work at Quest in Vancouver helping package grocery items. That was an amazing opportunity, but so far away. I think having a list of closer-to-home opportunities to effectively fulfil Tri-City needs can be done. Is anyone else on the same page? Contact me please and let's see what we can do. Deborah at [pilgrimsinthisland@yahoo.com](mailto:pilgrimsinthisland@yahoo.com)

I look forward to getting to connect with residents in the new year with the committees and events that council will be starting. The vibrancy and care of the council is exciting. I do hope residents are motivated to be involved and attend, online or in person, council meetings and committees.

A very Blessed and Happy Christmas! Hope to see many of you on December 8th at the park.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

## VILLAGE NEWS

### QUIPS AND QUOTES

Submitted by Barbara Shelly

I would like to dedicate this month's "Quips and Quotes" to Joanne McLeod, a resident on Marine Avenue from the mid 60's until her move to Kelowna three years ago. Joanne was 'grandmother' to Megan since infancy, and sadly she died unexpectedly on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

"Over the years, I've accumulated plenty to reflect on: chest ripping joy, strange fortune, disembowelment by betrayal, and love cratered deeper by the loss of far too many, including my mother."

Amy Tan, Where the Past Begins

Dedicated to Joanne's daughters, Candace, Barbara and Beverly, who grew up here in Belcarra.

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## Kid'z Space

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Dr. Seuss (1904-1991), American author  
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## Underwater Alphabet

Fun factoids about local marine wildlife, one letter at a time

Written by Isabelle Côté, Belcarra's Professor of Marine Ecology

**N** is for... northern feather duster worm! Northern feather duster worms are large tube-dwelling worms usually found on docks, pilings and rocks. I took the photo below at the bottom of a wooden wall near the Westridge marine terminal in Burrard Inlet (before TransMountain inconsiderately surrounded the area with razor wire...). Feather duster worms aggregate in clusters of dozens, or even hundreds or thousands, of animals, like beautiful black-and-maroon-banded bouquets.

Their crown is made up of feathery tentacles, and serves to both breathe and capture food. Small planktonic plants and animals that drift into the tentacles get trapped and sent down a funnel-like groove along the side of the worm. The smallest bits reach the mouth near the bottom; the largest ones that don't fit in the groove are spit out. Medium-sized bits get stuck near the top of the groove and are glued together with mucus to make the leathery tube. The tubes can be up to 50 cm long, to house a worm about half that length. Feather dusters can regenerate their crown if it's nipped by fishy predators, but they can't rebuild their tube if removed from it.

Fun factoid about northern feather duster worms: You might well be tempted to pick up a feather duster worm, but that's trickier than you might think. With lightning speed (in fact, about 7 metres per second!!), they pull into their tubes as soon as they detect shadows above. How do they do that? They have eyespots that are very sensitive to light levels on their tentacles, and giant nerve fibers that run down the entire length of their body and allow for this super-fast reflex. Oh, and did I mention that they have green blood?





## CRAB CORNER

Submitted by Dave Warren  
& Liisa Wilder

Santa is coming!

Please mark your calendars for the annual Santa's Christmas Ships this year on Saturday, December 8 @ 7:15 pm where Santa will make his landing at the pier at Belcarra Park and disembark his sleigh ride for all the village children, grand-kiddies, nieces and nephews to meet and greet him and sign his infamous Great Book before he heads back to the North Pole.

I want to share a suggestion for a community Christmas idea.

Years ago, the residents along Belcarra Bay got together with an idea to put Christmas lights in the water side and specifically Trees. The idea was kind of a "Bay of Trees" that would look spectacular from the water, to entice the Carol Ships to come into the bay.

And every year, the Papove family still puts up a huge "tree" of green lights on their dock and wish to re-challenge their friends and neighbours in Belcarra Bay, Turtlehead, Whiskey Cove, as well as Cosy Cove and Bedwell Bay.



A big thank you to Cheryl for this wonderful suggestion which could be for all residents as well as a fun community challenge to light up our beautiful community!

Here are other dates you can see the beautifully decorated boats in the Bays:

Bedwell Bay on November 30, December 7 and again on the 15th with fireworks display from Deep Cove, Brighton Beach and Camp Howdy.

Belcarra Bay on December 1, 14 and again on the 22nd.

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The WILDest children's Halloween party hosted by CRAB on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, included 36 young colourful costumed trickery treaters with at least as many parents in tow. Perhaps the main event Urban Safari Rescue Cinemazoo sponsored by realtor Monet Tyler of Royal LePage West Real estate service drew the crowd. All of the snakes, spiders, turtles and other creepy critters were rescued pets. Both children and adults participated in handling and stroking the unusual specimens. Some kids who wore snakes as scarves were more brazen than many adults especially me.

This event involved numerous Belcarrian volunteer planners, decorators, hosts, cleaners, etc. Those spooky dangling decorative spiders and vocal door knockers among other unique items were installed by Bruce and Diana Drake. Under the direction of organizer Michelle McCarty her three offspring Adrian, Kara and Reid helped decorate and later clean up, while her parents Ray and Jacque Reny with Deborah Struk gutted over 35 pumpkins. Other noted decorators were organizers Emma Callaghan and Deborah Struk who with Michelle McCarty directed the whole complicated project.

When the doors opened Abby Rice aided the little ones to develop original Halloween cookies and Emma Callaghan along with daughters Olive and Anya helped the kids to create the bat craft. Kara McCarty also assisted at the craft table.

Due to everyone's hard work and contributions the event was grander than anticipated and a splendid success. The children were able to take home the pumpkins they carved as well as knitted fuzzy pet donated by a mystery woman. A huge Thank You to the mystery resident who handmade and donated hanging pompom spiders with a candy treat for all of the children. On behalf of CRAB, I thank everyone who helped and participated.

Unlike the Children's party, the attendance for the fireworks display at the park was less than expected. Only about thirty folks braved the weather to enjoy hot chocolate while watching sunbursts ignited by Doug, Jeff, and Graham. Hopefully the next CRAB event, the annual Santa Parade at the park Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7:15 PM, will require more vats of hot chocolate and generate glee from many children and parents. CRAB and Santa want to see you there.



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An easy recipe to make and freeze for the holidays!

## Butter Tart Squares

From : Canadian House and Home

Submitted by Sandra Reitchel

### Crust

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
- 2 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1 cup unsalted butter, cold, diced

### Filling

- 3 large eggs
- 2 ¼ cups dark brown sugar, packed
- ¾ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tbsp. white or cider vinegar
- 1 ½ tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups raisins
- ½ cup chopped pecans, toasted



- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease 9" x 13" baking pan and line with parchment paper.
1. To make crust combine ingredients in a food processor or blender. Blend until a fine meal. Press into pan and bake until edges are lightly brown, 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from oven. When cool to touch, press crust edges back to sides of pan to fill any gaps.
  2. To make filling, whisk eggs, sugar, butter, vinegar and vanilla in large bowl until smooth. Stir in raisins and pecans. Pour mixture over crust, spreading evenly. Bake until evenly brown and filling is set, 30 to 35 minutes.
  3. Cool completely and cut into squares. Store in airtight container up to 5 days or freeze.



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Sun 2	1.56 AM/11.4 ft	7.04 AM/6.9 ft	2.08 PM/15.5 ft	8.54 PM/5.7 ft			7.46 AM	4.14 PM
Mon 3	3.14 AM/12.2 ft	8.08 AM/8.0 ft	2.47 PM/15.3 ft	9.37 PM/4.5 ft			7.48 AM	4.14 PM
Tues 4	4.20 AM/13.1 ft	9.10 AM/9.0 ft	3.23 PM/15.1 ft	10.16 PM/3.5 ft			7.49 AM	4.14 PM
Wed 5	5.17 AM/14.0 ft	10.08 AM/9.7 ft	3.57 PM/14.7 ft	10.52 PM/2.7 ft			7.50 AM	4.13 PM
Thur 6	6.07 AM/14.7 ft	11.01 AM/10.3 ft	4.30 PM/14.3 ft	11.27 PM/2.3 ft		New Moon	7.51 AM	4.13 PM
Fri 7	6.52 AM/15.2 ft	11.50 AM/10.7 ft	5.00 PM/13.9 ft				7.52 AM	4.13 PM
Sat 8		12.01 AM/2.2 ft	7.35 AM/15.5 ft	12.36 PM/10.9 ft	5.29 PM/13.5 ft		7.53 AM	4.12 PM
Sun 9		12.23 AM/2.3 ft	8.16 AM/15.6 ft	1.21 PM/11.0 ft	5.57 PM/13.0 ft		7.54 AM	4.12 PM
Mon 10		1.10 AM/2.5 ft	8.56 AM/15.5 ft	2.05 PM/10.9 ft	6.26 PM/12.6 ft		7.55 AM	4.12 PM
Tues 11		1.46 AM/3.0 ft	9.37 AM/15.4 ft	2.52 PM/10.8 ft	6.58 PM/12.1 ft		7.56 AM	4.12 PM
Wed 12		2.24 AM/3.6 ft	10.19 AM/15.2 ft	3.44 PM/10.5 ft	7.38 PM/11.6 ft		7.57 AM	4.12 PM
Thur 13		3.05 AM/4.3 ft	11.00 AM/15.0 ft	4.41 PM/10.1 ft	8.40 PM/11.0 ft		7.58 AM	4.12 PM
Fri 14		3.48 AM/5.2 ft	11.40 PM/14.8 ft	5.42 PM/9.5 ft	10.30 PM/10.4 ft		7.59 AM	4.13 PM
Sat 15		4.31 AM/6.1 ft	12.19 PM/14.7 ft	6.41 PM/8.6 ft		First Quarter	8.00 AM	4.13 PM
Sun 16	12.23 AM/10.4	5.27 AM/7.2 ft	12.55 PM/14.5 ft	7.31 PM/7.5 ft			8.01 AM	4.13 PM
Mon 17	1.53 AM/10.9 ft	6.25 AM/8.2 ft	1.29 PM/14.5 ft	8.15 PM/6.3 ft			8.01 AM	4.13 PM
Tues 18	3.06 AM/11.7 ft	7.27 AM/9.1 ft	2.00 PM/14.4 ft	8.56 PM/5.0 ft			8.02 AM	4.13 PM
Wed 19	4.08 AM/12.8	8.30 AM/9.8 ft	2.31 PM/14.4 ft	9.36 PM/3.8 ft			8.03 AM	4.14 PM
Thur 20	5.01 AM/13.8 ft	9.32 AM/10.4 ft	3.03 PM/14.5 ft	10.17 PM/2.6 ft			8.03 AM	4.14 PM
Fri 21	5.50 AM/14.8	10.29 AM/10.8 ft	3.40 PM/14.6 ft	10.59 PM/1.7 ft			8.04 AM	4.15 PM
Sat 22	6.36 AM/15.5 ft	11.23 AM/11.0 ft	4.20 PM/14.6 ft	11.42 PM/1.0 ft		Full Moon	8.04 AM	4.15 PM
Sun 23	7.22 AM/16.1 ft	12.16 PM/11.0 ft	5.04 PM/14.5 ft				8.05 AM	4.16 PM
Mon 24		12.27 AM/0.7 ft	8.07 PM/16.4 ft	1.09 AM/10.9 ft	5.53 PM/14.2 ft		8.05 AM	4.16 PM
Tues 25		1.13 AM/0.9 ft	8.53 PM/16.5 ft	2.04 PM/10.6 ft	6.47 PM/13.7 ft		8.05 AM	4.17 PM
Wed 26		2.00 AM/1.5 ft	9.39 AM/16.4 ft	3.03 PM/10.1 ft	7.51 PM/13.0 ft		8.06 AM	4.18 PM
Thur 27		2.48 AM/2.5 ft	10.25 AM/16.3 ft	4.08 PM/9.4 ft	9.10 PM/12.2 ft		8.06 AM	4.19 PM
Fri 28		3.38 AM/3.9 ft	11.10 AM/16.1 ft	5.18 PM/8.5 ft	10.45 PM/11.5 ft		8.06 AM	4.20 PM
Sat 29		4.30 AM/5.4 ft	11.54 AM/15.9 ft	6.27 PM/7.4 ft		Last Quarter	8.06 AM	4.20 PM
Sun 30	12.23 AM/11.4 ft	5.27 AM/7.1 ft	12.38 PM/15.7 ft	7.31 PM/6.1 ft			8.06 AM	4.21 PM
Mon 31	1.55 AM/11.8 ft	6.30 AM/8.6 ft	1.21 PM/15.3 ft	8.27 PM/5.0 ft	4.58 AM/4.4 ft		8.06 AM	4.22 PM

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Thur 3	5.15 AM/14.3 ft	9.55 AM/11.2 ft	3.20 PM/14.4 ft	10.31 PM/2.8 ft			8.06 AM	4.25 PM
Fri 4	6.01 AM/15.0 ft	10.53 AM/11.4	3.57 PM/14.0 ft	11.07 PM/2.6 ft			8.06 AM	4.26 PM
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Sun 6	7.20 AM/15.6 ft	12.23 PM/11.3 ft	5.08 PM/13.4 ft				8.05 AM	4.28 PM
Mon 7		12.15 AM/2.6 ft	7.56 PM/13.6 ft	1.02 PM/11.1 ft	5.43 PM/13.1 ft		8.05 AM	4.30 PM
Tues 8		12.50 PM/2.9 ft	8.31 PM/13.5 ft	1.40 PM/10.8 ft	6.18 PM/12.8 ft		8.05 AM	4.31 PM
Wed 9		1.24 AM/3.3 ft	9.06 AM/13.4 ft	2.20 PM/10.5 ft	6.57 PM/12.5 ft		8.04 AM	4.32 PM
Thur 10		1.59 AM/3.8 ft	9.39 AM/13.2 ft	3.03 PM/10.1 ft	7.42 PM/12.0 ft		8.04 AM	4.33 PM
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Tues 22		12.13 AM/0.8 ft	7.47 PM/16.6 ft	12.57 PM/10.4 ft	5.58 PM/14.4 ft		7.55 AM	4.51 PM
Wed 23		12.59 AM/1.2 ft	8.27 PM/16.7 ft	1.49 PM/9.8 ft	6.59 PM/13.9 ft		7.54 AM	4.53 PM
Thur 24		1.45 AM/2.0 ft	9.07 AM/16.6 ft	2.44 PM/9.0 ft	8.06 PM/13.3 ft		7.52 AM	4.54 PM
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Sat 26		3.16 AM/4.9 ft	10.26 AM/16.0 ft	4.42 PM/7.2 ft	10.44 PM/12.1 ft		7.50 AM	4.57 PM
Sun 27		4.04 AM/6.7 ft	11.06 AM/15.7 ft	5.45 PM/6.4 ft		Last Quarter	7.49 AM	4.59 PM
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T'was the night before Christmas, when all through the house. Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads. And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer. With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name! "Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet!, On, Cupid!, on Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot. A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack. His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly! He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself! A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose! He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, "ere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

A Visit from St. Nicholas - T'was the night before Christmas. Clement C. Moore (1779-1863).

