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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!

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Michelle Montico, Editor
(604 528 0659)

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IMPORTANT DATES

	February 2019
Feb 4th	New Moon
Feb 11th	Council Meeting @ 7.00 pm
Feb 14th	Valentines Day!
Feb 18th	BC Family Day
Feb 19th	Full Moon
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COVER ART

Our front cover this month is a photograph submitted by Deborah Struk.

The back page features photographs submitted by Linda Newcombe.

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

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Mayor Neil Belenkic

As 2018 draws to a close, it is a fitting time to share information and updates about Council and Administration's progress since inauguration on November 5. So, without further ado...

- We are very happy to report that the Metro Vancouver regional committee appointments have been announced and Belcarra has been appointed to the four committees listed below. Inclusion in these committees empower Belcarra to help lead the planning for policy and finance in these essential areas. It was a surprise and an honour to receive these high-profile appointments so relevant to our Village.
 - o RegionalParks
 - o Water
 - o ElectoralArea
 - o Mayor'sCommittee
- We are also very happy to report that the TransLink Mayor's Council committee appointments have been formalized and Belcarra has been appointed to the New Mobility committee. This is an important committee for Belcarra because the traditional transit service model does not service small communities effectively; low ridership equals limited service. Inclusion in the New Mobility committee will enable Belcarra to help lead the development of innovative services that will be more relevant for our residents and visitors.
- Belcarra received some great news from Hon. Selina Robinson, our Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Selina confirmed that Belcarra would receive 100% of required funding to install lights at our bus stops and mailboxes. Our goal in this regard, based on resident feedback, was to improve safety for children and adults using transit outside of daylight hours. Lighting strategically directed over the mailboxes will also help prevent mail theft.
- The process to build Belcarra's new website is well underway. The request for proposal (RFP) process for selection of the web service provider has been completed and the website development work will begin in the new year. The new website will become the primary source of information for residents including news, calendar of events, community bulletin board, access to all financial data, consultant's reports, Village information, emergency info, and more. We encourage residents to also sign up for our email distribution list by calling the Village office at 604-937-4100.
- Supporting our goal for Village Services to be a hotel concierge-like experience, all staff one-on-ones have been completed. Roles and responsibilities are being evolved and the foundations are being built to support feedback and development for both Administration and Council.

- As Mayor, I have met one-on-one with each neighboring Mayor. Discovering shared areas of focus and concern, opportunities to share resources, strategizing for regional initiatives and learning from other's experiences are immensely valuable as we plan for these next four years.
- Feedback from residents is that the first two Town Halls were a great success. Residents asked questions of Council, identified areas of concern/opportunity /interest, and prioritized areas for Council's attention. Based on feedback from these Town Halls, an announcement will be made in early January soliciting involvement in the following committees and groups:
 - o VillageRevenueGeneratingOpportunities
 - o WaterSystemandFireProtection
 - o FarrerCoveRoadsandSupport
 - o TreeTrimmingandDangerousTrees
 - o BelcarraDay
- Beginning in January the Village Hall will open up for social resident use. Evening and weekend access to free coffee and tea will be available. Council and Administration continue to assess the opportunity to secure a liquor license so that a small amount of beer/wine can also be available. The Hall will also be available for residents to book private events and activities. A calendar function in the new website will communicate up to date Village Hall usage information.
- The installation of cameras, microphones and recording equipment is in the final stages of installation in the Village Hall. The goal is to provide online access to videos and audio of Council Meetings and relevant events.
- The 2019 budget process is well underway. Council and Administration will meet for a third time in January to continue working through our financial plan. We remain focused on being fiscally responsible while ensuring resident safety and infrastructure support. An audit of Belcarra's assets and liabilities is underway to support our budget allocation process and we continue to focus heavily on grants and other regional initiatives for small municipality support.
- Coffee / Tea with the Mayor will begin January 4th. Every Friday afternoon between 1-4pm, I will be available to discuss any topic of interest. Drop in visitors are always welcome but I encourage residents to reserve dedicated time for conversations requiring privacy. Please email me directly to reserve a convenient time to connect. nbelenkie@belcarra.ca
- In response to resident interest regarding Bedwell Bay management and the moratorium on applications for new docks, we have proposed a major initiative with the Port Authority. Our next meeting is expected to be mid- January and we will update with any news available.
- In the interest of resident safety, the decision was made to provide Farrer Cove with a large load of road mulch for the winter season. This is the optimal material to spread wherever snow and ice create risk of transit.


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- Belcarra Councilor local appointments have been made in the following areas:
- o Bruce Drake –
Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Fire Trustee
- o Liisa Wilder –
Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Fire Trustee
- o Carolina Clark –
Alternate Director, Metro Vancouver Regional Council
- o Rob Begg – Public Works Portfolio

Please note that this update does not capture all of the work being managed by Council and Administration, it is intended as a summary of key areas of resident interest. On behalf of Belcarra's Council and Administration, we sincerely wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and New Year celebration.

We are excited to continue our work in 2019 and look forward to another year in the most beautiful Village in the world.



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Joanne McLeod


Submitted by Barbara Shelly

How can I convey the loss of such a dear friend?

Joanne moved into her home on Marine Avenue just before I bought my property in 1967. We quickly became friends, an extraordinary relationship that lasted a lifetime. Joanne cared for my daughter during her infancy and was a caring, loving grandmother from then on. She was a woman of immense integrity and compassion, and was consistently guided by her pervading faith. She will always be in our hearts: her legacy is indelible.




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Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake and
Carol Drew

February is, understandably, one of the busiest times of the year for the use of dating apps and websites. This increasingly popular method of searching for a 'significant other' comes with its own set of safety risks and rules. The RCMP recently issued a list of do's and don'ts for people choosing to meet, in person, someone encountered online:

- meet in public and stay in public for the entire date.

- plan your own transportation to and from your home, so your address is kept private and you are never alone with your date.

- tell a friend/family member your date's name and the website you met him/her on. Let them know where you are going and for approximately how long.

- plan to check in with that person once you get home.

- never leave your drink unattended.

- watch out for the 'romance scam'. Do not lend money or provide financial information.

- if something feels wrong trust that feeling and end the date.



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MARCH 4, 2019



IMPORTANT NOTICE: The chipping program shall only take place once per year. Please utilize the organics bins for smaller amounts of chipping or take your larger amounts to the Coquitlam Transfer Station (Wastech) at 1200 United Boulevard.

Residents are encouraged to dispose of their chipping material in the Organics bin at the Waste and Recycle Depot. Tuesday is a good day for adding larger amounts as the bin is hauled and emptied on Wednesdays.

Please note there is a change in procedure:

- Each residence is allowed one free chipping pile which does not require a tag.
- A maximum of 2 additional tags are available at the Village office at a cost of \$25 each.
- Tags are available at the Village Hall until 4:00 pm the Friday before chipping day.
- No tags will be provided once chipping has commenced.
- Each road will be serviced only once. Staff will not return to areas already chipped.

Important Details:

- Pile size must not exceed 1.0M x 1.0M x 3.0M (3' x 3' x 10')
- Clean, uncontaminated branches **up to 0.1 metres (4 inches) in diameter** to be stacked at the front of the property from which the material originated, with the larger ends aligned in the direction of travel. (This allows Workers to chip the branches with minimum exposure to traffic.)
- **Piles will NOT BE CHIPPED that:**
 - do not conform to specifications and requirements
 - are considered contaminated containing: stumps, root-balls, grass, ivy, leaves (bagged or piled), blackberry vines, vegetation with thistles, thorns or irritants, or soil, rocks, wire, metal and nails.
- Unsuitable piles will be tagged and will be left for appropriate removal by the Resident or Owner

Please note:

- Larger volumes of vegetation for removal should be contracted to a tree service company.
- Keep the roadway clear for the passage of traffic.
- **Success of the program depends on Resident cooperation – follow instructions carefully and contact Village Hall at 604 937-4100 if you have any questions.**
- Farrer Cove Residents (road access only), may call the Village Hall if they wish to participate in the roadside chipping program.



"How do I love thee?
Let me count the ways.
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sight for the ends of
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Elizabeth Barrett Browning
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Denice Bougie

Submitted by Ryan Bougie

Denice Bougie from Port Coquitlam passed away at the age of 63. She was diagnosed with Bile Duct Cancer a couple of years ago and did everything she could to battle the cancer that eventually took over her body, but never her spirit. She was comfortable and at peace with her family by her side at the time of her passing at Crossroads Hospice in Port Moody on November 30th at 8:45 PM

Denice was born April 2, 1955 in Vancouver with her parents George and Ella (Miller) Mihoiluk. Growing up in South Vancouver Denice excelled in academic subjects. She skipped two grades before eventually being recruited by the Churchill School for the gifted. She became fluent in French and moved to Montreal to complete her High School Diploma. After graduation Denice returned to Vancouver to attend the University of British Columbia. In 1977 she graduated with honours with a bachelor of commerce in urban land economics. Shortly after she was married to her surviving husband Norman Bougie. Six years later in 1983 they had their first child Ryan Bougie. Their daughter Chantal Bougie was born 2 years later. Denice always put her family first and was the best mother any family could ever have asked for. She ensured her children were well equipped to take on the challenges of the world and was always their biggest fan. Denice was involved with the Summer Program through CRAB and many other social events. She, with her family and mother LOVED living on Belcarra Bay. They reluctantly moved when the kids had grown and it was time to downsize. Denice travelled the world and worked hard at everything she undertook. Her greatest joy later in life was the birth of her two grandsons, Hunter and Jack from Sean and Chantal (Bougie) Zubor. Her dog Beau gave her unwavering companionship and laughs. Another thing she greatly anticipated was the wedding being planned with her son Ryan to Marie Blouin.



In her last will and testament Denice made a large donation to help children in need. Denice was cremated and then laid to rest at Valley View Cemetery in Surrey with her immediate family in attendance. Her family planned a celebration of life on Dec. 15th at 3 PM at their residence in Port Coquitlam.

Her family will forever carry her strength and energy in their hearts and minds. In lieu of flowers it is asked that you consider a donation to the Salvation Army or the BC Cancer Foundation.

“Love begets Love”

(Mid 17th Century Proverb)

Mike & Rosemary Cotton

Submitted by Nancy Cotton

I am bringing to your attention the passing of Mike Cotton, a long-time Belcarra resident and former Belcarra Councillor from 1987 through 1990:

[http://www.belcarra.ca/photos/Belcarra_Council_\(1987\)-m.jpg](http://www.belcarra.ca/photos/Belcarra_Council_(1987)-m.jpg)

Mike's obituary can be accessed here:

www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/obituaries/cotton-michael-leigh/

Mike was very involved in the community and worked in the early establishment of the Belcarra Block Watch Program:

<http://www.belcarra.ca/reports/vob-RCMP-block-watch-award.htm>

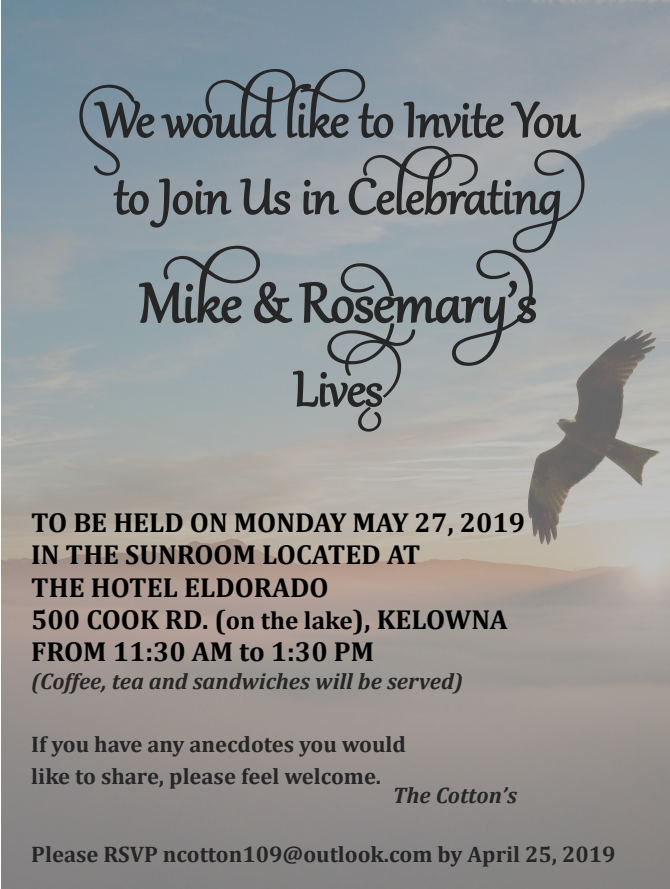
In June 2001, Belcarra said "Thank You!" to Mike and Rosemary Cotton when they retired to Kelowna to be close to their daughter Nancy, and their two grandsons:

<http://www.belcarra.ca/vob-cottons-thankyou.htm>

Rosemary passed a couple of months ago, and their will be a "Celebration of Life" on May 27th, 2019, in Kelowna.

"In time the Rockies
may crumble, Gibraltar
may tumble, they're
only made of clay, but
our love is here to
stay".

(Ira Gershwin 1896 – 1983)



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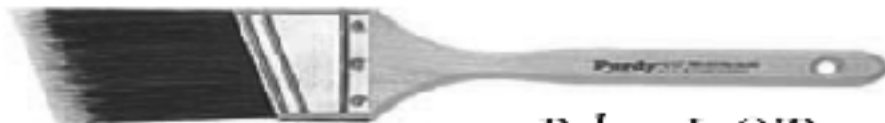
March 5th, 1947 – December 8th, 2018.

It is with great sadness that the family of Sharon Daoust announces her passing after a long battle with Cancer. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. After graduating VGH Nursing School, Sharon spent most of her career working at Queens Medical Centre in Hawaii. She is predeceased by her mother and father. She is survived by her brother, Robert and his extended family and her sister, Lari and her extended family. She will be fondly remembered for her love of family and friends, her sense of humour, her love for cats and football.

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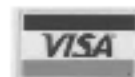
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Stories From The Archives — Campers Presentation to the Captain and Purser of the S.S. Defiance

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, June 2017.
Source: Vancouver Daily World, Thursday, September 10th,
1908, page 10.

Representatives of steam service [Captain and Purser of the 'S.S. Defiance'] were presented, and Purser Rockwell received, a purse of pipes, and an address signed by the campers from Underhills [Frame's Landing], Lake Buntzen, Sunshine, Woodlands, Deep Cove, Eldridges [Jug Island Beach], and Coombe [Belcarra Peninsula], was handed to each.

That to the captain stated: "The time has come with the closing of the camping season when the North Arm [Indian Arm] campers and the genial captain of the 'S.S. Defiance' must for this season say good-bye to each other, and we feel that we cannot let the occasion pass without giving tangible expression to our kindly feelings to you for the courtesy and the many kindnesses shown us during the past season.

"To those who have for some months spent about four days on the 'Defiance', the repartee of her genial captain has been a source of pleasure, while the assiduity with which our many small wants have been supplied has rendered you a grateful person to one and all." Having learned from the old sailor song that a 'Sailor's wife his star should be', we have in giving expression to our kindly feeling for you, sought also to include your wife, and we hope that you and she may be spared for many years to drink from this urn 'the cup that cheers but not inebriates'."

The address to the purser said: "Not only from the pilot house, but also to a marked degree from the purser's office have the campers of the North Arm received courtesy and kindly treatment, and to you also are due and hereby tendered the good wishes of the summer residents of Underhills, Lake Buntzen, Sunshine, Woodlands, Eldridges, Deep Cove and Coombe. We therefore had you this small memento of our feelings and express the hope that as long as you decide to remain single, we may help to soothe the reveries of a bachelor.



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Farrer Cove Windstorm

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- Fire Chief Jay Sharpe



NOVEMBER 2018!



DECEMBER 2018!



Submitted by Liisa Wilder



VILLAGE NEWS

Hauoli Makahiki Hou.

Kathy & Leslie Bramley

QUIPS AND QUOTES

Submitted by Barbara Shelly

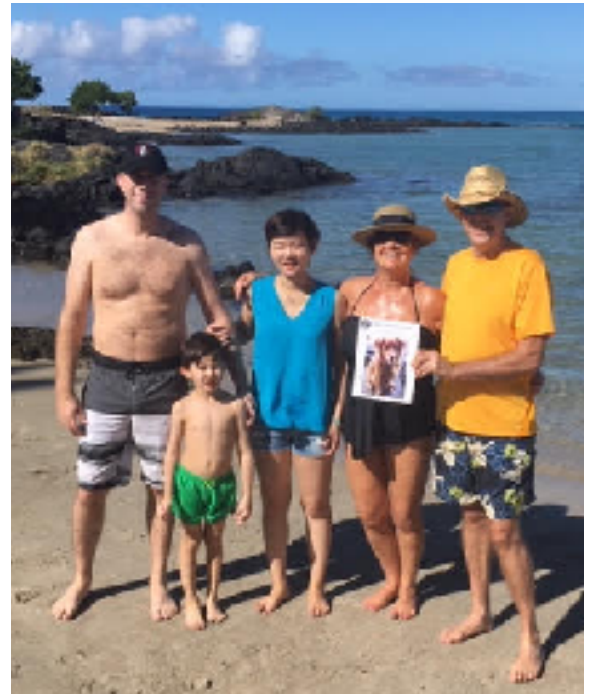
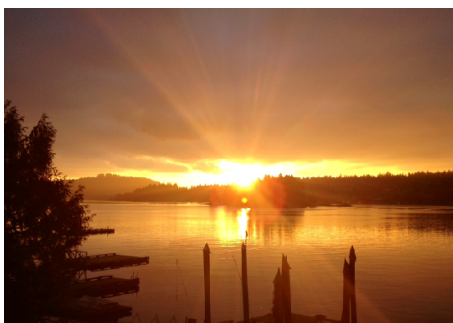
Artist/Mentor Leon Golub took a look at a painting by street artist Robbie Conal and advised,

“Get rid of three-quarters of this and keep the quarter you haven’t painted yet.”



BARNACLE TRAVELS!

The Belcarra Barnacle invites you to take your local newspaper with you when you travel, send us a photograph of yourself holding a copy of The Belcarra Barnacle and we'll publish your photograph!



Belcarra Regional Park: Bedwell Bay Trail – temporary closure

Work to replace the deck and railings on the Ray Creek Bridge in Belcarra Regional Park is scheduled for late January 2019. The work will take about two weeks and require the section of Bedwell Bay Trail between the tennis courts and the junction with the trail to Belcarra Bay Bluffs to be temporarily closed. Please plan alternate routes. For more information contact Metro Vancouver Regional Parks (Central Area) at 604-520-6442 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



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Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department February News



Happy New Year: To everyone in the two communities, happy New Year!

First Responder Medical Training: As the response stats suggest, a lot of our callouts are for medical emergencies. To work alongside BC Ambulance, each of our members maintains a First Responder Level III medical license and AED endorsement. Thanks goes out to instructors Britt Anderson, Doug Bakker, Dave McCloskey, and Darin Macdonald for the continual training.

Power Outages and Generators: Power outages are an unpleasant fact in our communities each winter and many people rely on backup generators. These portable generators are great, but they also carry the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Remember to follow all manufacturer directions and never operate generators in an enclosed space. During power outages, BC Hydro response crews will work through their calls on a priority basis. To avoid the risk of electrocution, people must stay back 10 meters from any downed power lines. As with other communities, a road will be closed until Hydro safely removes downed power lines from that road. Please be courteous and patient to road crews as they look to ensure everyone's safety.

Member profile: This month, we profile brother and sister, Mitchell and Amanda Kong

When Mitchell found out about the Sasamat Fire department, he immediately took the initiative to join. In his words, he always felt that the best way to give back to a community is his time. He wanted to spend his time and effort to help Anmore and Belcarra residents in times of need. In his role, he maintained his utmost commitment and attended a record-breaking number of calls. His dedication and preservation inspired his sister, Amanda to join the department. They both were involved in many department fundraisers and community events. In fact, Amanda created the "StandUp logo" as a reminder to stand up "to gather" support for diversity and inclusivity. For those interested. Check out [@StandUp2gather](https://twitter.com/standup2gather?lang=en) (<https://twitter.com/standup2gather?lang=en>)

Sincerely,

Jay Sharpe (*Fire Chief*)

Dave Gregory (*Dist. Chief Anmore*)

Jol Drake (*Dist. Chief Belcarra*)

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Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department February News



What it means to us:

Mitchell: Sasamat Fire means family. When I first joined, I did not know anything about firefighting, I simply signed up because I wanted to help out. Looking back, I realized that I joined a family the day I showed up. In many ways, my interactions with this "extended family" have helped shaped who I am today. Every member on the Department will drop anything they are doing, at a moment's notice, to go help somebody that they may have never met in their life. When you are surrounded by people who care this much about the wellbeing of others, it is hard not to feel a sense of pride and admiration for what they do, and it is an absolute privilege to be part of this family.

Amanda:

Sasamat Fire has given me opportunities to push myself out of typical stereotypes and boundaries. During callouts, the unpredictable nature of calls and associated element of risk helped me develop a sense of empowerment and competence. By putting myself out there, I wanted to continually strengthen my skills to help more people. For these reasons, Sasamat Fire means continually working harder, as a team, to help others face life's challenges and adversities.



Our Memorable Moments:

Mitchell:

I find this an interesting one because it is weird how sometimes the smallest things are the things you remember the most. I was responding to a call at Country Side Village for a breathing issue, and I had the pleasure of taking care of the patient's 5-year-old son. He was playing video games on an iPad, but it was clear that he was acutely aware of everything that was happening. As the call was wrapping up, Chief Gregory discretely passed me a "Trauma Pup", which is a stuffed toy that we give to children who may be affected by calls. I still remember the look on his face when he received it and seeing that smile stuck with me for weeks after, and it is still something I remember till this day.

Amanda:

In every fire, MVA and medical call, I always felt useful and helpful. Every call where I helped someone in some way felt worthwhile. My most memorable call was being there for a family member that went through an unexpected and tragic loss. It was devastating as I realized the impact we have on someone's life. I learned from that call that loss, death, and danger affects people in multiple ways. I feel incredibly fortunate that Sasamat Fire equipped me with the necessary skills to help people in their worst moments. I am happy to be part of a team of dedicated firefighters.



Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

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

Welcome to 2019! I must say that we have had quite a mild winter thus far. Often, it's hard to fathom, Winter officially starts just before Christmas and continues through to March, that in itself is confusing. Here we are a third into January and not even a month into winter, and when the sun shines, even a tad, we are so ready for Spring. Right?!

When asking people, "What is your favourite season." Winter usually doesn't fare well, except, it seems, with those who's highest goal is to enjoy the snow and winter sports. It is no wonder then, this constant longing, for most of us, of clear skies and sunshine. And 'oh the joy' when buds start to come out and bulbs burst forth from their wintery prison. Do you find that as you see the bulbs burst forth, you're watching each day to see how tall they grow? Then, it's awaiting the bumps to become buds and for glorious flowers to burst forth, adding colour to the landscape.



I must say, however, a huge delight is watching the winter birds! The forest birds and the waterfowl abound! No, they aren't squeamish like me, when it comes to the chill air. One of my favourite local (outside of Belcarra) spots to watch the birds, especially this time of year, is the shoreline trail in Port Moody. There are SO many birds to see there. Or, the newly created Blakeburn Lagoon in Port Coquitlam. It is an amazing sanctuary very close to Costco, in Port Coquitlam: the ground is level, for strollers or those liking an easy walk. You wander along wide trails through a figure eight around the two lagoons and feast your eyes upon birds from all over. It is a very worthwhile place to check out and maybe even start to learn about different bird species.

But, bringing it all back home, I love birding from my own yard. Oh yes, this place which is between the forest and the sea, so many amazing beautiful birds to see. The first week of January I was treated with the sight of 3 adult Bald Eagles soaring above Turtlehead! I love watching the Barrows Goldeye on the water. They are adorable to watch as they flip under the floats, then back up and under, up and under. There can be a handful or up to about 80 of them. They are such fun to watch. The Northern Flickers seem to be birds of habit that stay all year round. I do enjoy watching the Towhees. They do seem to have a character that fits so well with how they move and feed. Their colour and markings are stunning.

With Valentine's around the corner, how about a bird walk date? If you are so inclined. Better yet, those with families may want to get out and learn a few new bird species. I have really enjoyed joining others, through Burke Mountain Naturalists and going on bird walks or bat counting adventures. Burke Mountain Naturalists is NOT just for those living on Burke Mountain. In fact, there are many members who are from Belcarra, and it's not just about birds but enjoying all of creation around us!

So enjoy your February! May it be full of love, friendship and good company. Enjoy the birds and don't eat too much chocolate.

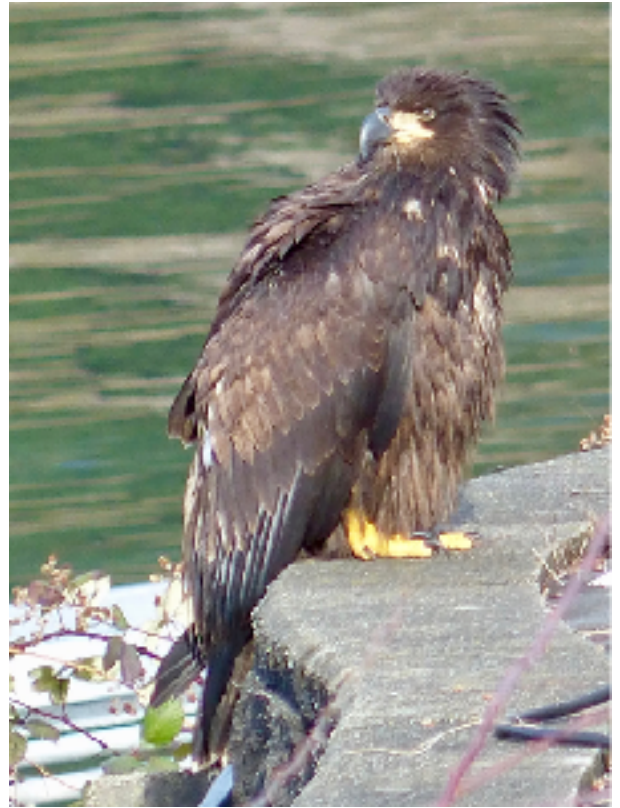


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Recycling! Not for the “Lazy” or “Just Don’t Care” Individuals.

By Rosemary Smetana

When my husband and I built our home in Belcarra 35 years ago, we dropped all our garbage into a large, open garbage bin next to the 3-way stop at Sasamat Lake. Paper, plastic, glass, tin cans, Styrofoam, kitchen and yard waste were all dumped in together and ended-up in the landfill. It also attracted bears and other wildlife. I would hope we have become more aware of the damage we have been doing to the planet.

Before the convenience of the single drop bin, residents had to take their garbage to a landfill dump on Barnet Highway. After speaking with a few of the really long-time Belcarrians, I understand that they had very little to carry-out.

On May 30th, 1990, Belcarra’s recycling depot was opened, recycling newspaper, bottles and cans, even though we have come a long way in our knowledge of recycling; consumer packaging continues to make-up a very large volume of our garbage.

Take-out food containers, household appliances, even small toys and electronic devices, all come packaged in cardboard, plastic and/or Styrofoam.

We have developed a love of plastic...Plastic food wrap, plastic bags, plastic food containers, plastic water and juice bottles.

As of July 2017, 91 percent of plastic produced is still not recycled. It can take from 450 years and up to 1000 years for plastic to decompose in landfills.

For years garbage has been barged-out and dumped in the ocean, creating islands of waste, killing our oceans and marine life.

The very fish we eat have plastic and tobacco molecules in them.

Some residents still refuse to sort their composting material and household garbage properly, arriving at the recycling depot with one plastic garbage bag to put in the household garbage container. What are they doing with the paper, plastic, glass and or cans? Maybe they are rushed for time, maybe they think that is why there is a WARD attendant. The attendant’s job at the recycling facility is not to sort our garbage, but to supervise that it is done properly.

Our WARD facilities have been set-up for this purpose. In my opinion, our Belcarra recycling depot is one of the most “user friendly”. Bins are clearly marked as to what goes where. Still, improperly sorted composting material and household garbage can result in the Village being fined for contaminated loads which cost us extra. We are doing much better with the separating of our garbage, as statistics show that in 2018 the Village incurred no fines for contaminated loads.

However, that only means the percentage of contamination was below 5%, which is still unacceptable. The attendant has also noted that non-compostable plastic bags are being put in the organic waste bin.

With Metro Vancouver banning all Styrofoam going into the landfill, we have to be extra vigilant — perhaps the cost of a separate bin for Styrofoam, similar to the electronics bin, would offset the cost of contaminated loads.

Rewards for recycling properly:

Our Village saves money by diverting waste from the garbage bin and not incurring fines for contaminated loads going to the landfill.

Parents become role models for their children who are learning in school about the damage we are doing to our planet. Parents' behaviour can support what the children are learning.

Land values will benefit from the Village having a sustainable, inexpensive recycling program which every resident influences. Help keep Belcarra the type of village we want — LETS RECYCLE CORRECTLY!

When will mankind learn that the health of our planet is in our hands?

Programs worth mentioning are: Plastic Bank – <https://www.plasticbank.com/>

1 Million Women – <https://www.1millionwomen.com.au/>

Next issue: How to cut-down on packaging, what we can use instead of plastic to keep our vegetables fresh and how we can clean our houses without harsh chemicals which eventually end-up in our local water, affecting the fish and crab.



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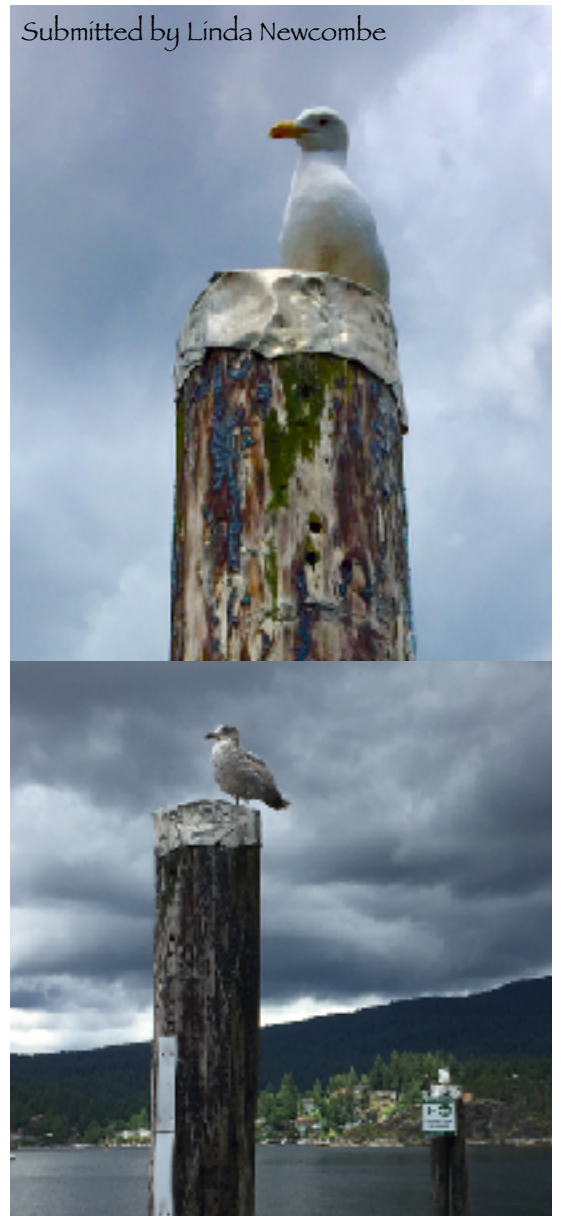


Scout

Submitted by Linda Newcombe



Submitted by Linda Newcombe



Underwater Alphabet

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

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

O is for... octopus, of course! BC is home to nine species of octopus, but the best known by far is the Giant Pacific octopus. The largest Giant Pacific octopus recorded in the Guinness book of world records is a true giant: 136 kg with an arm span of 9.8 m, but most individuals – including those seen in Indian Arm – are much smaller, just up to 15 kg with 2 m-long arms. Giant Pacific octopuses (that's right! The plural of octopus is octopuses, not octopi) are the rightful recipients of most invertebrate superlatives. They are masters of disguise, going from dark to pale, from smooth to bumpy-skinned in seconds to hide from predators or sneak up on prey. Females are the most devoted of mothers, hanging each of their 100,000 or so eggs on the ceiling of small caves, keeping them clean and constantly supplied with oxygen for months without eating, and dying soon after the eggs hatch. They are also very intelligent. They are the only invertebrate capable of observational learning, that is watching another solve a problem, like unscrewing the lid of a glass jar to get a treat inside, and then doing the same on their first try. They have long memories and can recognise individual people, even when those people wear the same clothes. Grumpy octopuses that encounter annoying divers have been known to try to pull off divers' masks and regulators, surely the most effective deterrent to harassment. So when I see an octopus underwater, I watch in awe but from a respectful distance.

Fun factoid about octopus: Octopus eyes are similar to ours in many ways, but they don't have the design flaw found in the human eye. In humans, the nerve fibres that connect the eye to the brain do so in front of the retina. They must go through the retina to exit the eye and so create a blind spot. We don't notice this because our brain interpolates the missing information. In octopus eyes, the nerve fibres are more sensibly connected to the back of the retina so there is no need for an exit hole, and hence, no blind spot.





CRAB CORNER

Submitted by Dave Warren

Another year depleted resembling a discarded, abandoned empty beverage containers at the WARD then followed with some afterthought pleasant memories shared with neighbours. CRAB extends many thank-yous for the last event of 2018, the Santa Ships parade at the park jointly sponsored with the Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron, accompanied with other boaters and RCM-SAR. The colourful armada consisted of over 20 vessels brightly adorned with Christmas lights, decorations and music. Then, Santa Claus with his trusty elves sipped hot chocolate while amusing children and signing his Great Book. Possibly due to comfortable weather more than 60 folks attended this low cost to CRAB event which exceeded the Hallowe'en fireworks display in participation. Speaking of fireworks, a special thank you to Dan Greenwood on Boulder Island for igniting enough of them to motivate Santa & friends to pause to watch the show for a few minutes.

Other remembered events hosted by CRAB in 2018, include the annual Easter pancake breakfast, children's Easter egg hunt, Spring Into Summer Pub Night, Potluck Picnic in the Park, children's Hallowe'en party and fireworks, and of course, participation at Belcarra Day. All of these events were planned and executed by CRAB volunteers and financed from proceeds of recycled beverage containers donated and left at the WARD.

Our first event for 2019 is a the Irish Spring Pub Night on Saturday 16th March to celebrate Saint Patrick's special day. You too can be Irish for an evening by indulging in beer or wine with neighbours & friends while, back by popular demand, dining on Henry's Outdoor BBQ Chicken at the Belcarra Hall Irish Tavern. Also there will be an opportunity to do a gig or dance the salsa or wiggle any way you prefer. Bring some twoonies to try your luck to win a bottle of Irish dreams. Tickets will be pre-sold so please reserve by emailing crab4084@gmail.com.

And do not forget to renew or purchase your CRAB membership that entitles you to the coveted and updated 2019 Resident's Directory which will be available at the Irish Spring pub night.

Stay tuned for more info on our upcoming Paint & Sip Night!



CRAB Directory

Submitted by Liisa Wilder

We are putting the final touches on the 2019 Resident Directory due out just in time for the spring pub nite March 16!

We are looking for a new photo or art page for the directory cover. Please submit your best photo or art from in and around the village and tell us a little bit about your submission for your chance to win the spot on the cover page. Deadline is February 28.

There have been a number of changes already since the last edition was published however we would like to capture any further changes.

Please confirm if either your phone # &/or email address have changed (e.g. maybe you no longer have a land line? have you changed from Telus to Shaw or vice-versa?). Further please let us know if you wish your email address included in directory (or just in the community email fan-outs).

If you are not already listed (or not sure if you are) and wish to be included in the directory, please provide your information together with permission to print. Please note that the directory is published in hard copy only and not available online. It is only distributed to paid CRAB membership (\$30 annual).




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Sat 02	5:40 AM 14.92	10:52 AM 11.33	3:48 PM 13.44 ft	10:47 PM 3.40 ft			7:41 AM	5:09 PM
Sun 03	6:17 AM 15.16	11:32 AM 11.02	4:32 PM 13.37 ft	11:23 PM 3.36 ft			7:40 AM	5:11 PM
Mon 04	6:52 AM 15.25	12:05 PM 10.65	5:13 PM 13.31 ft	11:57 PM 3.44 ft		New Moon	7:38 AM	5:12 PM
Tue 05	7:24 AM 15.23	12:38 PM 10.23	5:52 PM 13.22 ft				7:36 AM	5:14 PM
Wed 06		12:30 AM 3.66	7:54 AM 15.15 ft	1:11 PM 9.76 ft	6:31 PM 13.07 ft		7:35 AM	5:16 PM
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