

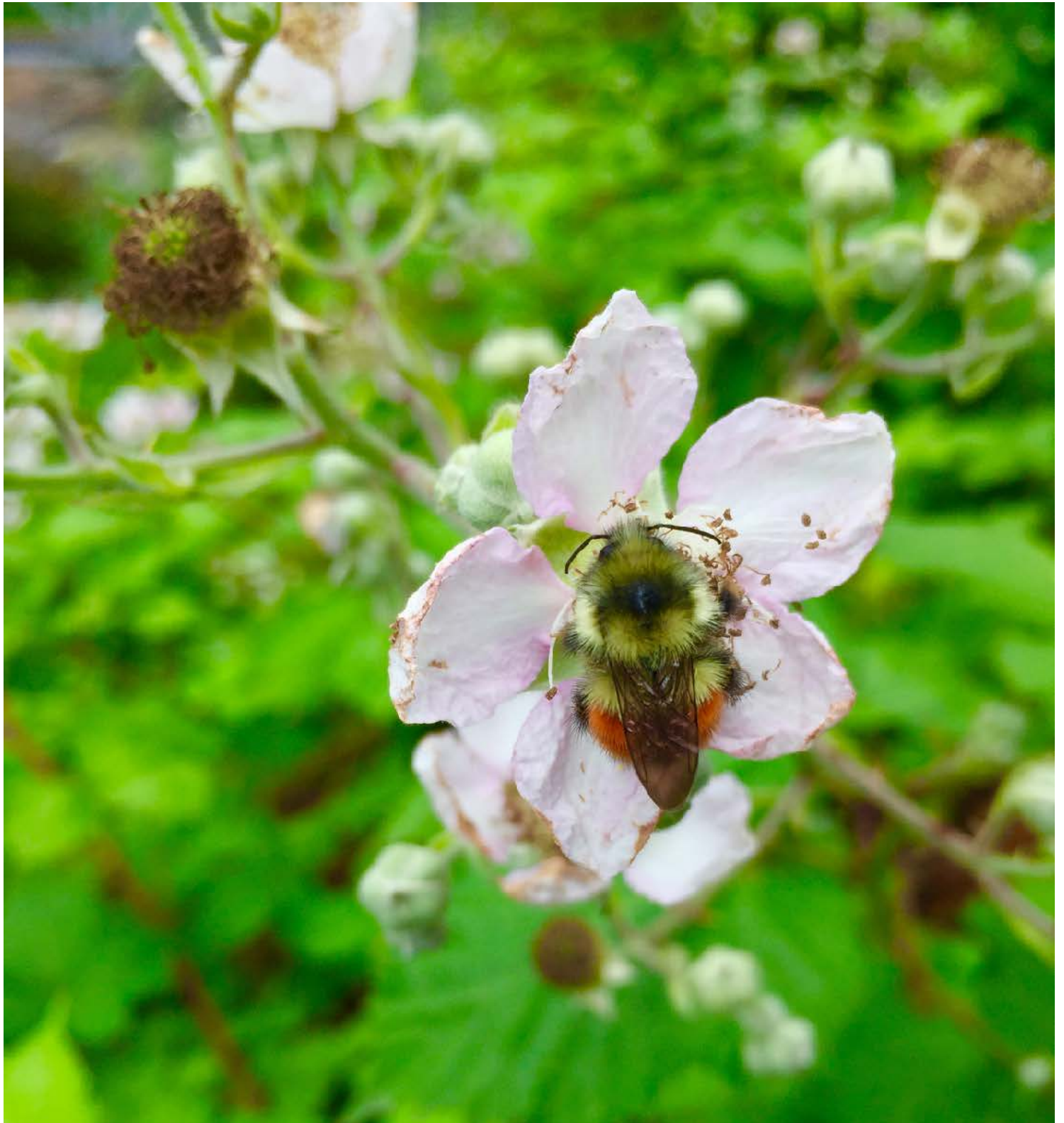


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Welcome to your Community Newspaper!

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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IMPORTANT DATES

May 2019

May 4th	New Moon
May 12th	Mothers Day!
May 13th	Council Meeting @ 7.00 pm
May 18th	Full Moon
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INVITATION TO MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

The Belcarra Barnacle invites the Mayor and Councillors to update residents six months after being elected.

CAUTION
BE BEAR AWARE

It's that time of year again!

- Make noise as you go
- Never approach or feed bears
- Secure food and garbage
- Keep children close to you
- Keep dogs on a leash

If you experience risky bear behaviour (not sightings)
Please contact the Conservation Office Hotline at
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COVER ART

Our front cover this month features photographs submitted by Linda Newcombe. The back page has photographs submitted by Brenda Hogg.

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

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VILLAGE OF BELCARRA

- MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019

ITEMS OF NOTE

8th April

6.1 Councillor Clark, Summary of Town Hall Meeting held March 21, 2019 regarding Resident Only Parking

Councillor Clark provided a verbal report as follows:

- Well attended considering it was Spring Break
- She toured Lions Bay & Anmore to view signage in both communities
- Consideration was given to seasonal parking enforcement
- There were 4 votes in support of Resident Only Parking
- Suggested that the Bylaw Officer tour the Village more often, especially as the weather gets improves.

Discussion ensued with regard to:

- The possibility of Coquitlam Towing removing vehicles illegally parked in the Village
- The effectiveness of a single sign at the entrance to the Village designating Resident Only Parking
- Whether one sign at the entrance to the Village would provide for legal ticketing for parking infractions
- The potential for a second Town Hall meeting to be more widely advertised

L. Dysart noted that new stickers have been ordered for resident vehicles with a numbered system.

Moved by: Councillor Begg

Seconded by: Councillor Drake


That Resident Only Parking be referred back to staff to validate the number of signs required relating to safety, service and with the anticipated cost. CARRIED

Notes extracted from the village website by Clive Evans

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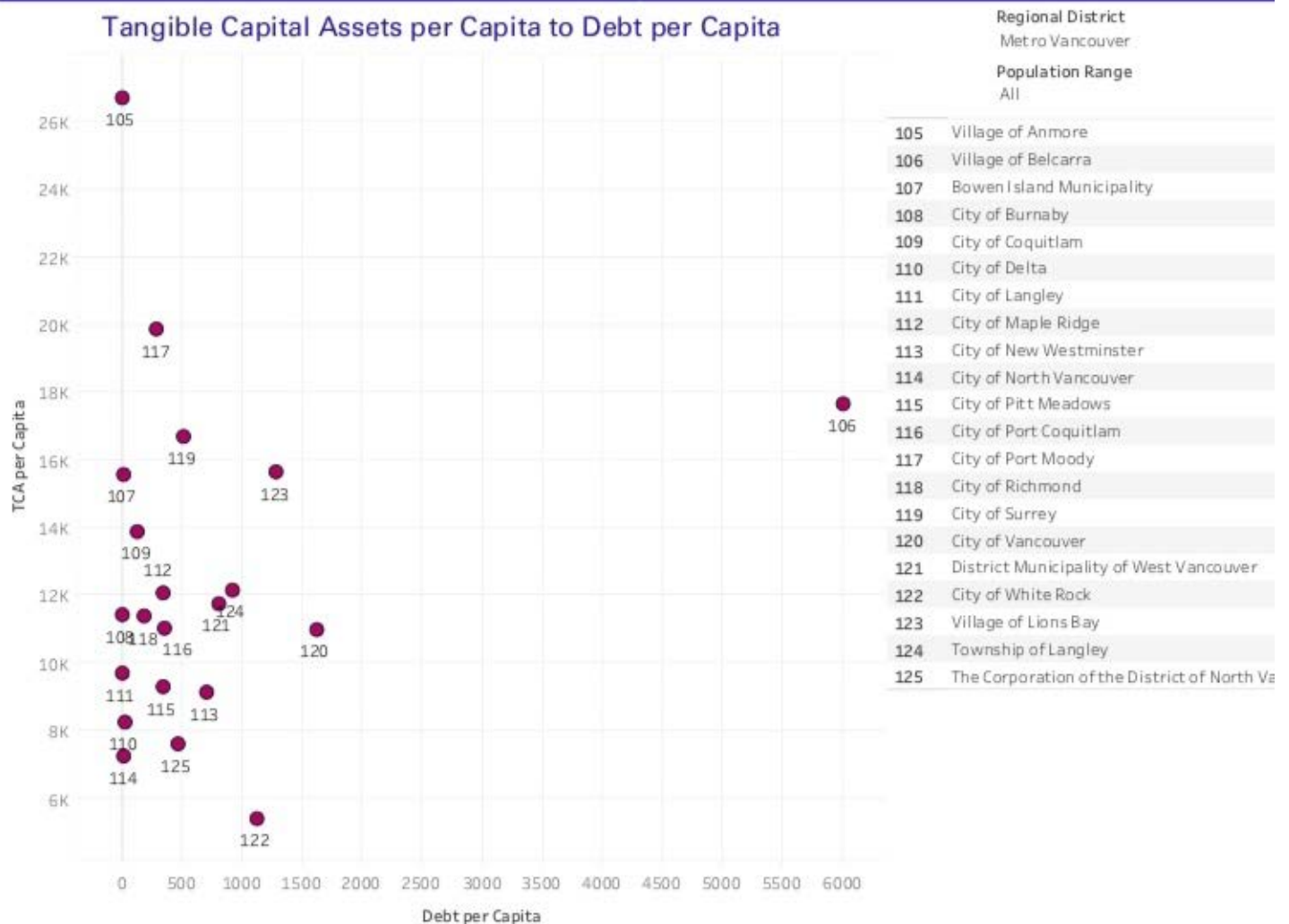
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Amount of Award / Bursary : \$ 750

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- Must be a Resident of Anmore / Belcarra
- Available to Graduating Students entering a Post Secondary Education program in the field of : Fire / Police / Public Safety / Medical / Health-Care / Dental / Military / Social Services /
- Students will need to provide basic proof of enrollment in a post secondary program within one year.
- 750 – 1000 word essay on the topic : **“Why volunteering is important in my community”**.
- Reference(s) detailing volunteer work hours completed.
- 2 Letters of Reference from non-family members

Important items to remember :

Reference letters must accompany application.

All applications to be completed and submitted no later than June 5, 2019.

- Heritage Woods Students can return completed applications to their Career Centre before deadline for pick up by SVFA or you can also return completed applications to your respective Village Hall (Anmore or Belcarra) before the deadline.

Contact and Additional information is available at :

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2019 Award / Bursary Application

Student(s) Name : _____

Address : _____

Postal Code : _____ Phone # : _____

Graduating Year : _____ Grade : _____

Post Secondary Plan : _____

(a brief description of what field you plan to study)

Planning to enroll at : _____

Accepted by : _____

(List where you have been accepted by, if none as of this application, you may need to provide proof of acceptance within one calendar year)

CHECKLIST :

- ☐ Resident of Anmore / Belcarra – (Graduating from Grade 12 this school year)
- ☐ Essay included (750 – 1000 words)
- ☐ Volunteer Hours – documented
- ☐ Proof of acceptance at post secondary and or enrollment within one year.
- ☐ 2 Reference Letters (non – family)
- ☐ **Attach this Application to the front of the support materials and return before June 5, 2019 to the Career Centre for Heritage Woods Students OR you may submit your application to your local Village Hall (Anmore or Belcarra).**

How wildfire smoke could mess with your summer plans

Jesse Johnston · CBC News · Posted: Mar 27, 2019

If you plan to take in a ball game this July, attend an outdoor wedding in August or go to a music festival in September, you might want to make a backup plan.

UBC professor Christopher Carlsten, who is the head of the University's Respiratory Medicine Division, says many outdoor events this summer will likely be cancelled due to wildfire smoke.

"Every summer recently, there's been at least one major period of fire smoke and it's predicted to happen again and that's just something to be to be ready for," he said.

"No serious climate scientists thinks that this is just a random thing."

Carlsten says there are two easy ways people can protect themselves from smoke — buying an air purifier for your home and wearing a mask.

Also, he recommends putting off outdoor exercise on days when pollution is especially bad.

"Mask use on the higher pollution days is actually something that's reasonable to do, especially for people that are outside and exercising," he said.

"Why not have a safety sort of oriented approach as long as we don't go overboard and overreact?"

Fighting Wildfires

There are few people who know more about how to handle wildfire smoke than Belcarra Mayor Neil Belenkie.

He spent a decade with the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department before he was elected in 2018. Belenkie says there's no better feeling than watching smoke dissipate after getting the upper hand on a wildfire.

The only downside is the bees and wasps wake up when the air clears.

"They're really, really groggy, but they're angry," he said. "There's lots of stings, so you have to have EpiPen."

His experiences on the frontlines are one of the big reasons why he's now so focused on prevention.

Fireproofing your house

A team of volunteers in Belcarra will go out on weekends this spring and summer to clear underbrush to reduce the community's fire risk.

"We're going to start actual work parties with the fire departments support and chipping and other services, as well as removing underbrush in dedicated areas that we identify as high risk," Belenkie said.

"They'll help us reduce the risk but it's not something we'll ever finish."

Belenkie says the biggest thing communities can do to mitigate fire risk is to get rid of fuel sources, which can be as simple as removing brush from your yard around your home.

"There needs to be a way for the fire to transfer from the underbrush and the trees to burn a structure," he said.

"Overhanging trees are going to drop burning embers and that can be into the bushes that are up against the side of your house."

Wildfire budget

During the 2017 wildfire season, which was one of the worst in B.C.'s history, the province's firefighting budget was \$63 million.

It wound up spending \$568 million.

The following year, the province went more than four times over its wildfire budget.

The B.C. government is now increasing its budget from \$63 million to \$101 million.

Forests Minister Doug Donaldson says, however, fire fighting is one area where the province will spend whatever it takes to keep people safe. "We have contingency funds set aside each year in case of extreme conditions and natural disasters like we saw the last two years," he said. "I just want to ensure the people of B.C., the funding will be there for public safety."

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Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake and
Carol Drew

Beware the Bear

April fair, brings forth the bear - or, less poetically, the Black Bear is back, awake and on the lookout for easy pickings. Sightings were made in Pt. Moody as early as the first week of last month.

So.....the B.C Conservation Officer Service is reminding those of us who live in or near bear country to ensure that these amazing animals have ZERO ACCESS to garbage, compost, bird feeders, greasy barbecues, pet food and fallen fruit. Once bears become habituated to these kinds of food sources, it is almost impossible to change their behaviour. They will literally "go through walls" once they get wind of tasty refuse.

And with their incredible sense of smell, they can pick up tempting odours from kilometres away. Habituated bears are considered a serious danger because of their proximity to humans and are most often euthanized. Only a very lucky few are relocated. Although the number killed has fallen steadily since the 1990's, there were still close to 500 Black Bears put down last year in B.C.

Protect Belcarra's wildlife neighbours in the months to come by keeping decks, gardens and garages clear of tempting food sources.

Things to note about Black Bears:

- they are immensely strong and can flip boulders weighing over 140kg with a single paw.
- they are terrific swimmers. One adult was observed swimming for 9 miles along the coast.

- they are thought to have the most powerful sense of smell of any animal on the planet - 2000x more acute than a human.

- they are able to run at 40kph over short distances.

- they are intelligent - able to open car doors and 'wheel away' garbage bins (see you tube videos!)

- and like all bears they have the potential to be extremely dangerous.

Given that last point, here is a review of some basic tips to avoid unpleasant encounters of the bear kind:

- hike in a group and make lots of noise: talking loudly, singing.

- if a black bear 'mock charges' stand your ground, make yourself as big as possible (arms outstretched or above the head), look it straight in the eye, shout.

- ensure bear has a clear, safe escape route.

- if bear is rooting through garbage, leave the area immediately and get indoors.

- finally, (and hopefully, a last resort) to report a conflict with wildlife that threatens public safety keep the number for the B.C Conservation Officer Service handy: [1-877-952-7277](tel:1-877-952-7277).



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Stories From The Archives —

Booms Broken by Wind on North Arm of Inlet

Source: Vancouver Daily News, Saturday, January 9th,
1909.

Researched by Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, April, 2019.

Vancouver, January 8th — A bad wind blowing down the North Arm of the inlet last night set every boom of logs which was tied-up adrift and this morning preparations were made to intercept the logs at Deep Cove. The wind corresponded to a Squamish, and it simply howled down the North Arm. Boom after boom broke adrift and the fact was reported as soon as possible.

At Patterson's Camp near Lake Beautiful [Buntzen Lake] six million feet [one board foot equals 12" x 12" x 1" thick] of logs went adrift, and to save as many as possible the tugs 'We Two' and 'Takara Maru' were dispatched from 'Hind Brothers' slip [on the south shore in Vancouver Harbour] this morning with 10 boom sticks. These will be stretched across the inlet from Deep Cove, and it is hoped that this means will round-up the logs as they come down before the high wind. Booms of shingle-bolts have also gone adrift and the whole North Arm is reported to be covered with logs of all sizes. The prompt manner in which the tugs were dispatched should result in most of the logs being secured.

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Easter in Belcarra

Photos submitted by Liisa Wilder and Bruce Drake



VILLAGE NEWS

QUIPS AND QUOTES

Submitted by Barbara Shelly

Referring to Frida Kahlo:

She is "a woman pressed into the shape of a small jar, possibly attempting to dance in there. It shows in the way she places a seashell on a windowsill, a red-painted chair in the corner: she practised the art of creating a still life and taking up residence in it."

The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver



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Belcarra's 40th
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Makunudu island - one of the Maldiv Islands (off the coast of India)

Lyn & Earl Masse

Update re: Group Generator Service Program article in the April issue of the Belcarra Barnacle.

I've been corresponding with various people/ households in Belcarra since mid-March in regard to coordinating a Group generator service program.

I'm pleased to report that as of last week, we have a final total of 11+ generators in the Group. Total Power has confirmed that we have met the original requirement of 8. Total Power required signed service contracts for a five year commitment for annual service on a minimum of 8 generators in order to form a Group large enough to be considered for a discount. We now have 11 - and we are officially a Group, so it's all systems go!...no pun intended ;)

I would like to thank everyone for their interest and co-operation in getting this Group organized.

Anyone who isn't currently part of the Group is welcome to get onboard with the rest of us if they wish. There is somewhat of a deadline however. In order for the Group service program to work, we were all required to agree to have our generators serviced during a specific week in September each year. I am currently waiting for Total Power to confirm which week that will be. So if there is anyone who is interested in joining the Group, they would have to do so prior to September 2019, as this will be when the first annual service is done on the 11 generators currently in the Group.

Cheers!

Bonni Marshall

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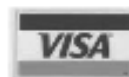
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Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

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

I think everyone is excited May is here and Winter is long gone. Yes, it means more weeding but it also means flowers, sunshine, more birds and wildlife sightings!

I am also excited and hopeful for the reopening of the Tea House at Camp Howdy. Last month Peter and I had the privilege of visiting the Highland Springs Resort that ELC runs just a 35 minute drive out of Palm Springs in Cherry Valley. This is where they grow their lavender. What an amazing, quaint place. If anyone is concerned about development or flipping Camp Howdy, you only need visit here to quash those doubts.

At Highland Springs they run a restaurant a few days a week with delicious organically sourced food. We arrived on a Wednesday which is 'BURGER and BEER' night. It was filled with tourists and people from all over. There were families, couples and a few guy groups...because burger and beers right!?. At the same time ELC was running a church conference in a separate part of the building.

Other than running into the occasional participant in the Grand Lobby, you wouldn't have known there was a church conference happening at the same time.

The buildings are all rustic. They have tried very hard to preserve and maintain the history and ambience.

In 1862, Smith's Ranch (at the time) was a stagecoach stop. In the 1930's Albert Einstein was a regular guest at Highland Springs.

The original Highland Home Hotel (1884) burnt to the ground in 1970. The new facilities were built with the aim of preserving the historic character and charm of the property. Antiques and old photos give the feeling that you have stepped back in time. The old barns and carriage houses have kept historic exteriors, but are transformed into warm, modern conference rooms. One main goal is to preserve and maintain the history of the property as well as the natural habitat and wildlife. The oldest 'resident' is the 1,100 year old oak tree which Peter and I stood by in awe! It is the backdrop for many a wedding. We toured the lavender fields and olive groves.

We got to see and hear how they operate the still for obtaining the oils from their own lavender, rosemary, olives and more. That was a cool learning experience!

It really was a special place and the food was scrumptious! We really would love to return for steak night and will try to get to the lavender festival. They run science day camps for kids and host many other events.

Visit the website www.hsresort.com

It is a wonderful place to visit and a testament to what we have been told. We need not fear development but can embrace the beauty of what they hope to bring to Belcarra. It will become a place we can be proud to showcase beyond all the natural beauty we have.

Last year I took the 8Corners Camp Howdy sourdough bread making class. Now I am enjoying making my own sourdough creations. My family is pretty happy too.

Enjoy Spring! And here's to having a cup of tea at Camp Howdy once again. Hopefully with some scrumptious soup and sandwiches. Yum!

N.B. I am in no way affiliated with the camp, it's business or church. I merely took time to dig in and learn 'who bought our camp', from the get go. My skepticism washed away as I learned about Highland Springs...even before ELC took possession of our beloved Camp Howdy



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Kid'z Space

Editors Note: Last month the last paragraph of the Underwater Alphabet was not included.

Q is for... quillback rockfish.

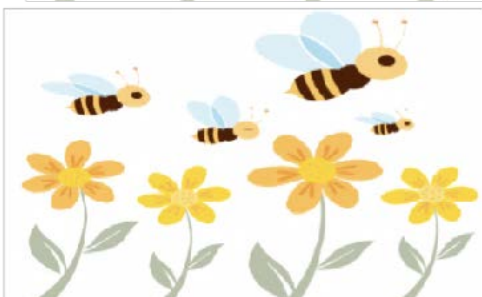
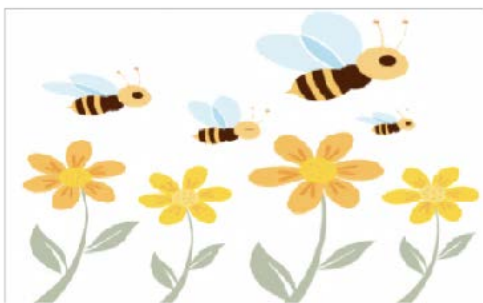
Fun factoid about quillback rockfish: The main reason why quillback populations cannot handle much fishing is because they take so much time to reach all of their important life milestones. For example, by age 11, only half of the quillback are ready to breed for the first time. The other half takes longer than that. That's really late! Other fish that we like to eat, like lingcod or Pacific cod, mature in less than half the time. The oldest quillback rockfish known was 95 years old when it was caught!!

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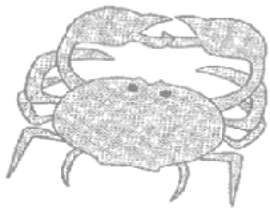
Written by Isabelle Côté, Belcarra's Professor of Marine Ecology
Fun factoids about local marine wildlife, one letter at a time.

R is for... red rock crab. Red rock crabs are the hummers of our local crab species, with their robust, brick-red carapaces, hefty, black-tipped claws and generally uncooperative demeanour – especially when holding on to the mesh of a crab trap. Belcarra folks are already well acquainted with red rock crab, but many people might not realise how important red rock crabs are in their underwater ecosystem.

Red rock crabs are major predators whose mere smell literally shapes the looks and behaviour of their prey. For example, when hermit crabs smell a nearby red rock crab, they spend far less time hiding in their shell, where they might be sitting ducks for a hungry predator, and far more time running around, trying to get away from the smell. Marine snails kept in water where a red rock crab has been (but is no longer) develop, over just a few weeks, thicker, rounder or more ornate shells, which are harder for crabs to handle and crack open. Snails also try to escape the smell of red rock crabs by climbing upwards, if they're from rocky shores, or by crawling into holes, if they're from mud flats. Scared snails all but stop eating, and grow far more slowly than snails in safe-smelling water. For a lot of marine animals in Indian Arm, danger smells like a red rock crab.

Fun factoid about red rock crabs: Juvenile red rock crabs can be red, orange, white, green or brown, with or without various stripes or spots. Why? It's not because of their diet or to match the background they're on. Instead, the diversity of colours and patterns seems to prevent predators from being able to form a search image, increasing the survival of young crabs.





Submitted by Dave Warren &
Liisa Wilder

On Easter Sunday more than 100 diners enjoyed scrumptious hot pancakes and sausages, along with Diana Drake's special fresh fruit salad topped with whipped cream. A beautiful flower arrangement donated by Port Moody Flowers for the door prize was won by Allen Hirsch. Belcarra is abundant with many young budding artists who submitted works of art for the colouring contest where the lucky winners, Aubrey, Rainn, Chelsea, Dyson & Kalima, received gifts donated by The Village Toy Shop in Newport Village and Lisa Bakx of Re/Max Sabre Realty. Special effort stickers were awarded to Deckin, Von, Ashton, Emma, Hudson, Maya, Jordan, Anya, Safia, Dyson & Olive.

After wrangling the kiddies together for a group photo at the Belcarra picnic grounds, 38 children quickly scoured the bushes for candy Easter eggs and chocolate rabbits, as parents embraced spring sun rays while becoming reacquainted with snowbird neighbours.

Thanks & kudos to all the amazing volunteers who made this annual event such a success. Special thanks are extended to the chefs extraordinaire: Doug Brain, Jeff Dillabough, Bruce Drake, Keith Evans & Peter Clark ("Pancake Pete").

CRAB memberships were renewed which help the volunteers to continue to provide events for Belcarrians. These memberships entitle you to the coveted Resident Directory, in conjunction with recycled beverage containers deposited at the WARD and are necessary for CRAB to deliver programmes and events such as Pub Nights, Easter, Picnic in the Park, Halloween, Christmas.

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Late Snowfall Was Tough on Newts

Submitted by Jo Ledingham

The late snowfall in March, with snow plowed up against the sides of Tum-tumay-whueton Drive, delayed the Rough-skinned newts' Spring migration in the area of Woodhaven Swamp. Suddenly, the weather warmed, the snow was gone and the newts were quickly on the move in numbers. Unfortunately, this late migration coincided with Spring Break, the weather was fine, traffic was heavy on the road and the carnage on those first few days was horrendous. After that first rush, newts – alive or dead – dwindled.

Metro Vancouver Regional District Parks – in Head Office – has been aware of the problem for several years and promised studies but, to date, those studies have not materialized.

Meanwhile, the newts appear to be in serious decline. Each of us in Belcarra South who go in and out the road on a daily basis might have picked up 25-35 every day as recently as 2015. We have been late to work and arrived soaking wet after carrying newts across the road!

This year the most I picked up in one day was 5 and, on many days, there were none.

Some hope for the newts is on the horizon. Markus Mertens, Natural Resource Management Specialist with Parks reports, "We want to place monitoring stations all around the swamp to determine which directions and in what relative numbers the newts are moving. I will see if this can be done for the fall migration period. " That, however, will not stop the road kill.

The short-term solution is to close Tum-tumay-whueton Road for a 3-week period in March/April and again in September/October and shift the traffic to Bedwell Bay Road. The City of Chilliwack had a road closure for toads and eventually built an underpass to secure their safe migration. If Chilliwack can do it, so can we.

A brief road closure seems little to ask in order to save our dwindling population of newts until a long-term solution can be found. Who knows what important part of the ecology these fragile little creatures play?



"THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY"**A Double Duck-Out****by Barbara Shelly**

Editors Note: Barbara Shelly's story was broadcast across Canada on CBC FM on April 18th

It was the summer of 1957 and my boyfriend Doug was taking me to see Elvis Presley, live at the PNE. My exposure to Elvis was two-fold – snatches of Red Robinson's after-school radio show while babysitting a fussy kid, and Presley's first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show on Grandpa's new-fangled TV set. The latter left a very snowy impression of glittery duds, a gyrating mop of hair and hips and a guitar that couldn't be heard over the sounds of shrieking.

Mom and Dad were visiting neighbours, so I was on my own to get a quick bite to eat. I have no idea why I reached for the deep fryer at the back of the stove – I don't think 'fast food' was coined in those days. Nonetheless, I fired up the element and went to see what I could borrow from my mother's wardrobe...

Dressed, I dashed back to the kitchen to fry a bit of dinner. Time stood still long enough for me to realize that the fat had ignited, and Mom and Dad stood in a grotto of soot, mute.

The doorbell rang. And to this day I will never understand how they let me go.


Doug had borrowed his mother's pink Cadillac, so off we went, the prince with his 'sort of' Cinderella in reverse. Our seats were fabulous, the sky was clear and clean, and the audience waited quietly for the preshow to end.

'The King' entered to screams. Clearly uneasy, he waited minutes for things to die down. He struck a stance, he struck a cord, he began to sing ... for what seemed mere seconds before a throng of shrieking fans leapt from their seats and crushed the rim of the stage. Elvis exited. Management entered. They sent the confusion back to their seats, with warnings.

Elvis returned. They hit the stage again in a tide of delirium. He tried one more time, but we never saw him again.

It was Saturday, February 11, 2012 when The Vancouver Sun featured a double-page photo of Elvis in his gold lame jacket and revealed the final episode of his appearance at Empire Stadium on August 31, 1957.

After being frightened by surging fans, Elvis abruptly left the stage. Unknown to the audience, Elvis gave his lame jacket to someone in his entourage who then ran away as a distraction so that Elvis could flee. Vancouver Sun photographer Ralph Bower said, "They knocked the fence over and chased him. They came like a herd of cattle."



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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Phase	Sunrise	Sunset
Wed 01	4:53 AM 4.24 m	11:31 AM 1.86 m	5:18 PM 3.52 m	11:07 PM 2.13 m			5:49 AM	8:27 PM
Thu 02	5:19 AM 4.20 m	12:03 PM 1.57 m	6:05 PM 3.72 m	11:48 PM 2.24 m			5:48 AM	8:29 PM
Fri 03	5:42 AM 4.17 m	12:36 PM 1.29 m	6:52 PM 3.90 m				5:46 AM	8:31 PM
Sat 04		12:27 AM 2.38 m	6:05 AM 4.15 m	1:11 PM 1.05 m	7:37 PM 4.05 m	New Moon	5:44 AM	8:32 PM
Sun 05		1:07 AM 2.54 m	6:30 AM 4.14 m	1:46 PM 0.84 m	8:24 PM 4.18 m		5:43 AM	8:33 PM
Mon 06		1:47 AM 2.70 m	6:54 AM 4.13 m	2:23 PM 0.70 m	9:11 PM 4.28 m		5:41 AM	8:35 PM
Tue 07		2:30 AM 2.87 m	7:19 AM 4.09 m	3:02 PM 0.63 m	10:01 PM 4.35 m		5:40 AM	8:36 PM
Wed 08		3:16 AM 3.01 m	7:46 AM 4.02 m	3:43 PM 0.62 m	10:53 PM 4.40 m		5:38 AM	8:38 PM
Thu 09		4:09 AM 3.13 m	8:18 AM 3.90 m	4:28 PM 0.69 m	11:48 PM 4.44 m		5:36 AM	8:39 PM
Fri 10		5:11 AM 3.17 m	9:07 AM 3.72 m	5:17 PM 0.84 m			5:35 AM	8:41 PM
Sat 11	12:44 AM 4.47 m	6:26 AM 3.11 m	10:32 AM 3.50 m	6:13 PM 1.04 m		First Quarter	5:33 AM	8:42 PM
Sun 12	1:40 AM 4.50 m	7:49 AM 2.88 m	12:16 PM 3.35 m	7:18 PM 1.29 m			5:32 AM	8:44 PM
Mon 13	2:32 AM 4.52 m	9:00 AM 2.50 m	1:56 PM 3.34 m	8:28 PM 1.54 m			5:30 AM	8:45 PM
Tue 14	3:19 AM 4.52 m	9:56 AM 2.06 m	3:26 PM 3.49 m	9:36 PM 1.79 m			5:29 AM	8:46 PM
Wed 15	4:02 AM 4.51 m	10:44 AM 1.61 m	4:42 PM 3.72 m	10:36 PM 2.04 m			5:28 AM	8:48 PM
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Fri 17	5:18 AM 4.41 m	12:14 PM 0.85 m	6:46 PM 4.21 m				5:25 AM	8:50 PM
Sat 18		12:21 AM 2.53 m	5:52 AM 4.34 m	12:57 PM 0.62 m	7:41 PM 4.39 m	Full Moon	5:24 AM	8:52 PM
Sun 19		1:08 AM 2.76 m	6:24 AM 4.26 m	1:40 PM 0.50 m	8:32 PM 4.52 m		5:23 AM	8:53 PM
Mon 20		1:53 AM 2.94 m	6:54 AM 4.16 m	2:21 PM 0.50 m	9:20 PM 4.58 m		5:21 AM	8:54 PM
Tue 21		2:39 AM 3.07 m	7:22 AM 4.03 m	3:00 PM 0.60 m	10:07 PM 4.60 m		5:20 AM	8:56 PM
Wed 22		3:26 AM 3.16 m	7:51 AM 3.88 m	3:39 PM 0.78 m	10:52 PM 4.59 m		5:19 AM	8:57 PM
Thu 23		4:19 AM 3.20 m	8:24 AM 3.69 m	4:17 PM 1.01 m	11:37 PM 4.56 m		5:18 AM	8:58 PM
Fri 24		5:21 AM 3.18 m	9:10 AM 3.46 m	4:53 PM 1.27 m			5:17 AM	8:59 PM
Sat 25	12:23 AM 4.52 m	6:39 AM 3.08 m	10:22 AM 3.23 m	5:31 PM 1.54 m			5:16 AM	9:00 PM
Sun 26	1:09 AM 4.48 m	8:12 AM 2.85 m	11:50 AM 3.05 m	6:15 PM 1.81 m		Last Quarter	5:15 AM	9:02 PM
Mon 27	1:53 AM 4.43 m	9:09 AM 2.56 m	1:23 PM 2.99 m	7:10 PM 2.07 m			5:14 AM	9:03 PM
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