



Belcarra Barnacle

March 2021

Belcarra's Community Newspaper

Volume 42 Issue 2





Published ten times yearly by

THE BELCARRA BARNACLE.

Our purpose is to inform and involve.

The Barnacle welcomes all contributions about our local community.

If you would like to submit an article to the Editor, please be advised that your name will be listed as the author.

We also reserve the right to edit for brevity, accuracy, clarity or taste.

Photos and original art will be returned if requested.

HOW TO REACH US:

Put submissions in the Barnacle Box outside the Village Office.

Mail: The Belcarra Barnacle, 4084 Bedwell Bay Road, Belcarra, B.C. V3H 4P8.

E-Mail: belcarrabarnacle@gmail.com

For Out of Town Delivery:

The Belcarra Barnacle is available for mail, for \$20.00 per year to cover mailing expenses. Please send cheque and mailing information.

DEADLINE: The 20th of each month.

VOLUNTEERS:

Editor:

Michelle Montico 604 528 0659

Advertising:

Sandra Rietchel 604 931 4262

Members:

Treasurer and Distributor:

Clive Evans 604 931 7396

Nora Boekhout

604 937 1127

Deborah Struk

Bonni Marshall

Isabel Wilson

Michele Babineau

ON-LINE: www.belcarra.ca

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!

Michelle Montico, Editor
(604 528 0659)

belcarrabarnacle@gmail.com

ADVERTISING RATES: (Ads must be copy ready)

	<u>Per Month</u> (In Advance)	<u>5 Issues</u> (In Advance)	<u>10 Issues</u> (In Advance)
<u>Black and White</u>			
Card (2" x 3")	\$20	\$75	\$120
1/4 Page	\$25	\$90	\$150
1/2 Page	\$50	\$200	\$300
<u>Colour</u>			
1 Page (Back Page)	\$225	\$1000	\$1900
1 Page (Centre)	\$200	\$900	\$1750
1/2 Page (Centre)	\$150	\$700	\$1400

Classified ads are free for Belcarra Residents.
Please send ads by e-mail in PDF, jpeg, or tif format to

belcarrabarnacle@gmail.com

Sandra at 604 931 4262 or srietchel@shaw.ca

BELCARRA DIRECTORY

Belcarra Village Hall	604 937 4100
Belcarra Website	www.belcarra.ca
Block Watch	Carol Drew 604 937 0143 Diana Drake 604 939 4946
CRAB	Dave Warren 604 939 3010
Vol. Fire Dept.	Jay Sharpe 604 765 2944 jay.sharpe@anmore.com
SVFD Recruitment:	sasamatrecruitment@gmail.com
RCMP - Non-Emergency	604 945 1550 or 604 469 1599

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 1st	St. Davids Day
Mar 8th	Council Meeting
Mar 13th	New Moon
Mar 17th	St. Patricks Day
Mar 22nd	Council Meeting
Mar 22 - Apr 6th Spring Break.	
Mar 28th	Full Moon
Apr 2nd	Good Friday
Apr 5th	Easter Monday



**Westwood
Printing**

• INSTANT & COMMERCIAL PRINTING
• DIGITAL PRINTING

Suite 100 - 1030 Westwood Street
Coquitlam, BC V3C 4E4

Tel: 604-464-8840 Ext. 105
Fax: 604-942-2021
Email: westwoodprinting@telus.net
www.westwoodprinting.com



DATES FOR 2021

All public meetings will be cancelled until further notice...

Please check Village website for more information.

4084 Bedwell Bay Road
www.belcarra.ca

COVER ART

Our front cover features a photograph submitted by Diana Drake.

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

It is a pleasure to share them.

belcarrabarnacle@gmail.com



Jamie Ross | Mayor

☎ (778) 980-2501

✉ jross@belcarra.ca

Barnacle Article

Thank you to My Village.

On [Saturday January 23](#), 2021 at 8:00 pm our Village completed the long-standing tradition of observing and counting the vote. This tradition ensures confidence in the outcome for the candidates, their teams and; most importantly, for our community. Our democratic process is well served when we have opportunity to choose between differing opinions. In this, I offer my sincere thanks to Dr. Cole.

By-elections are often characterized by minimal attention and small voter turnout. We can be very proud of our Village and the large numbers that voted. They represent our neighbours and our friends. Voting demonstrates our shared commitment to community engagement, and to each other.

I was heartened throughout the campaign by the many who contacted me with their hopes for our Village. Our Villagers have a strong sense of community, respectful engagement and a tolerance and acceptance of differences. Our Villagers appreciate reasonable decisions through good process.

Our Village was built by people working together and working through their differences. This is not about change or staying the course, it is about what defines us and makes us stronger. I look forward to working with many of you. My door will always be open – to listen, to learn, and to move forward together.

I am so proud to be your mayor. I humbly accept the trust you have placed in me.

With thanks,

Jamie Ross



Belcarra Blockwatch


Submitted by Diana Drake and
Carol Drew

On the evening of Thursday January 21st, two hundred copies of the Barnacle were distributed to bus stops throughout the Village. By noon, the following day almost all were reported stolen. The dollar cost to Village residents was \$532.00. Below is a copy of the report emailed to Block Watch co-ordinators.


Anyone with information about this incident is asked to report all details to the RCMP.

The telephone number is the non-emergency #: 604-945-1550

The case file number is 2021-800023




As your representative in Victoria
I'm here to help



Rick Glumac, MLA
for Port Moody-Coquitlam

Rick.Glumac.MLA@leg.bc.ca | 604.417.0490

 **RickGlumacBC**

Possessions Involved

1/2

Items

Other | Belcarra Barnacle magazine of 28 pages

Type of Item: Other
Primary Colour: Other
Identifying Features: Belcarra Barnacle magazine of 28 pages
Do you have a serial number?: No
Property Value: \$532.00

Incident Summary

Provide a description of what happened.

200 copies of paper magazines of 28 pages in 8.5 x 11.00 inches with multi colour front and middle pages January 20121 issue were removed from from magazine holders in five bus stops within the village of Belcarra. these magazines are produced by volunteers for free distribution to residents. there is a current bye election for mayor and it is suspected that one faction in the Belcarra Bay Area are responsible. A few magazines were replaced at the Midden Road bus stop around mid day on 22nd January.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada

NOTICE OF THEFT

A special edition of the Barnacle was prepared and delivered to enable candidates to the bye election to submit a position in order that residents would have information on which to base their vote.

The preparation and organization for printing and distribution at this particular time was more difficult than usual and as always is done by volunteers as a service to residents of the Village. The cost of printing is over \$500.00 and is an amount that we can ill afford if we are to continue to maintain our service.

Distribution to the magazine holders at the bus stops was done in the late afternoon of Thursday 21st January. The following day it was reported that all copies had been removed from every stop.

The theft has been reported to the RCMP and any person who has information regarding this theft is requested to advise the RCMP on the non emergency connection. Alternately you may contact me.

Clive Evans
Barnacle Distributor
Tel: 604 931 7396
email cliveej@shaw.ca

HERE TO SERVE YOU

NELLY SHIN, MP

Port Moody, Coquitlam, Anmore and Belcarra



nellyshin.ca | www.nellyshin.ca



Emergency Department Expansion Capital
Campaign Celebration
Draft Copy A – Press Release

February 2021

[\\$5 Million Fundraising Goal for Expansion of
Emergency Department Reached](#)

Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation has reached its fundraising goal of \$5 million in cash and pledges toward the Expansion of the Emergency Department. This is a historical moment for the Foundation and the community as they cross the fundraising finish line.

Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation and the community advocated for this essential project for 10 years, and fundamental to its approval was the Foundation's commitment to raising \$5 million from the community towards the \$37.5M project. "I am so proud to be part of the of the Tri-Cities Community. It is because of amazing people of this community, its organizations, and local businesses that we made this happen. We could not have done it without them," said Tom Morton, Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation Chair. The Foundation's Executive Director, Charlene Giovannetti-King also expressed her immense gratitude to donors, community partners, sponsors and volunteers who are the game changers of health care in the Tri-Cities!"

Construction of the new Emergency Department is over 45% complete, and is

projected to open in April 2022. Unique to this project is that the clinical team with emergency care experience led the design process in collaboration with the architects. The new 21,000- square-foot facility will have three times the current space, with the latest technology to ensure our physicians and healthcare workers are able to deliver the high quality care Eagle Ridge Hospital is known for. "We designed a department that will process patients faster and safer. In an emergency that's what you want: efficient, fast, safe treatment. This expansion will change the way we deliver care to the Tri-Cities. I think it will make a huge difference in patient experience and the overall health of our community", explained Emergency Physician, Dr. Michael Mostrenko. This expansion is one that is long overdue. "The number of patients we see have more than doubled since this hospital was built in 1984. It has been remarkable to see the level of care and compassion that we have managed to provide in this facility that is over thirty years old", noted Scott Brolin, Executive Director, New Westminster and Tri-Cities Health Services and Eagle Ridge Hospital. The features that are coming with this expansion will ensure that Eagle Ridge Hospital continues to be recognized as a health care leader amongst BC's community hospitals providing first-class patient care. More information about the expansion of the Emergency Department can be found at www.erhf.ca

Features of the new Emergency Department:

- One two-bay resuscitation room with ceiling mounted diagnostic tools that will double the current capacity
- Private exam and consultation spaces with glass sliding doors
- Separate entries for ambulances and walk-ins
- Dedicated family and child-centered waiting spaces
- High acuity rooms with space for donning and doffing Personal Protective Equipment
- Isolation spaces for containing infectious diseases.
- Mental health interview space

<http://www.erhf.ca>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eagleridgehospitalfoundation>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/erhf1>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/erhfoundation/>

-30-

About Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation

The Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation opened its doors in 1982 and since then has raised nearly \$40 million dollars to support the needs of Eagle Ridge Hospital. The Foundation strives to ensure that Eagle Ridge Hospital continues to provide the best patient centred care, with the right equipment, technology and programs for our community through philanthropy and advocacy.

Editors Note: Please see photograph on Page 12.





Residents of Belcarra re the moving of the 2021 Door-to-Door Campaign for the Heart & Stroke Foundation to ONLINE ONLY during the month of February.

I received a letter from the Heart & Stroke Foundation in December notifying canvassers of the change for canvassing for 2021. Here is an excerpt from this letter. "...we wanted to share that the traditional door-to-door campaign will be moving to an online only, virtual, canvassing program for Heart Month 2021 (February) and we will not have Canvassers go door to door as they have in the past this Winter..."

Belcarra residents can still donate individually to this worthwhile cause through the heart and stroke website:

WWW.HEARTANDSTROKE.CA

Thank you.

Koko Carlson
Captain/Canvasser



terrapacific
LAND SURVEYING LTD

- Property Boundaries
- Environmental
- Construction
- Topographic

604-463-2509
22371 St. Anne Ave.
Maple Ridge
mike@terrapacific.ca
www.terrapacific.ca



ABLE DRAIN
+ WATERMAIN

604-290-2750 or 604-464-5844
abledrain@shaw.ca




COQUITLAM CONCRETE (1993) LTD.
1530 PIPELINE ROAD, COQUITLAM B.C. V3C 3V4

STAC-A-BLOC™
WILL FIT YOU TO A TEE

READY-MIX CONCRETE
- PUMPING - PLACING
- FINISHING

944-9422

100%
CANADIAN OWNED
& OPERATED



Stories From The Archives — A Bear Story

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, January 2021.
Source: Port Moody Gazette, Saturday, March 15th, 1884

“Some of the boys thought of a plan to amuse themselves the other night, and introduced a live bear (tame) into the sleeping department of the ‘Caledonia House’ [in Port Moody]. “There was a sound of revelry by night”, when the presence of his bearship was discovered, and more than one of the boarders displayed remarkable ability and presence of mind in getting out of his way.”

“But the laugh was the other way when mine host Kelly [Robert Kelly] attacked bruin with one of the largest boots in British Columbia — of course, it was not his own, but belonged to a man who has since left town. Every thud was like the sound of a pile-driver and the bear just beat the best time of ‘Maud S.’ [a legendary race horse] by a half-second in getting down stairs, accompanying himself the while in a voice which scared the wolves away over at the North Arm [Indian Arm].”

In 1882, Col. John Thomas Scott (1821–1908) of New Westminster and his son-in-law Robert Brenton Kelly (1849–1908) built the ‘Caledonia Hotel’ at the north foot of ‘Queen Street’ which they opened in December 1882. It was during 1883 that Kelly built a trail south from ‘Kyle Street’ in Port Moody up the hill to the surveyor’s “cut-line” that defined the boundary between Townships 38 & 39 (Como Lake Road) which would later become part of ‘Coquitlam’ in 1891.

In 1891, Robert Brenton Kelly, J.P., became the first Reeve (Mayor) for the new ‘District of Coquitlam’ and served for five years from 1891 until 1896. Kelly also operated the Coquitlam Post Office from 1891 to 1898. Kelly was born in Galashiels, Scottish Borders, Scotland, in 1849, and in 1880 married the daughter of New Westminster pioneer Col. J. T. Scott. In 1880, Kelly was also one of four trustees who founded the ‘Royal City Planing Mills Company’ in New Westminster along with John Hendry. Robert Brenton Kelly died suddenly on July 12th, 1908, at age 59.



City of Vancouver Archives (CVA Hot P19), photograph by J. A. (John Allan) Brock, Vancouver, B.C.

Col. J. T. Scott’s ‘Caledonia Hotel’ in Port Moody, 1886 — view looking south — the hotel was built on pilings next to the dock projecting north from Queen Street.



LISA
BAKX



ROYAL LEPAGE

Sterling Realty
INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

778-882-7275
lisabakx.BC@gmail.com
www.bcfindmyhome.com

Hmmmm the things you see while walking.

Who else can find it?

Submitted by Deborah Struk



VILLAGE NEWS

Quíps and Quotes

Submitted by Barbara Shelly

"...I had the house salad – a terrific concoction of iceberg greens, cold blue cheese and warm red bacon. If I were a country, I would have made it my flag."

"Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles

BELCARRA GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Les Bramley

If you have any gardening questions or wish to become a member please contact us at. 604-937-7103. e mail lesbramley@shaw.ca



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!

St David's Day



At Aging My Way Home Care

Certified Companion Aides (CCAs)[®] help you live life on your own terms, in your own style and without burdening family.

Caring companionship • Meal planning and preparation • Incidental transportation • Running errands • Light housekeeping • Medication reminders • Monitoring of safety while bathing • Assistance with bill paying

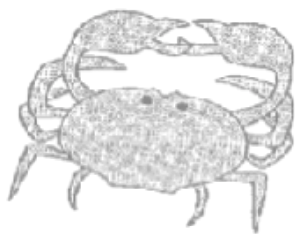
Affordable rates available from 1 hour to 24-hour care.

There is No Place Like Home

Call today for a free assessment and a full list of services

604-290-8331

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have assisted living in the privacy and comfort of your own home?



CRAB CORNER

Submitted by Liisa Wilder

2021 Resident Directory

Calling all Belcarra photographers, artists, cartoonists, Crayola colouring cuteness! We are looking for contributions for the Cover and inside pages of the coveted Resident Directory.

Please submit your photos, artwork, etc on or before January 31, 2021 either by email or they can be dropped off at the village hall, attn: 2021 DIRECTORY.

By submitting your work you are giving CRAB your permission to publish. All winners will be notified in advance. Directories will be available by mid-February.

Please advise if there are any changes to your current information (phone, email, etc). If you are new to the village, please contact us and we would be pleased to include you in the Directory.



Specialized *tree care*

Locally Owned & Operated in Coquitlam BC



Fully Insured, Licensed & Accredited



Specializing in:

- Pruning
- Chipping
- Tree Removal
- Stump Removal
- Tree Planting
- Site Clearing
- View Enhancement
- Commercial and Residential

Aaron Minicola
President & Owner



info@specializedtreecare.ca | www.specializedtreecare.ca 778-847-0658

Kid'z Space



**Port Moody
Animal Hospital**



Dr. Judith Siegert
#2 - 2810 St. Johns St.
Port Moody, B.C.
V3H 2C1

Tel: (604) 469-5589

Fax: (604) 469-5590
www.portmoodyanimalhospital.com



This photo was taken by Megan who walks our neighbour's 4 month-old puppy. Little 'Yogi' is being introduced to 'Ziggy' the adult poodle who lives at the opposite end of Marine Avenue.

Submitted by Barbara Shelly

Cool to see Outdoor
Creativity
Submitted by Deborah Struk



Painting Contractors Corp.



Robert J. O'Brien

604-728-5643

For all your interior and exterior painting needs

- *Established in 1982*

Many Belcarra, Annmore, and Westwood references



The Applicant

Submitted by Klaus Bever

An unintended association of name and expectation can be surprising.

In the 1970's my twenty year old first cousin Fred Bever completed an application for summer work. This was with The Frontier College in Northern Ontario. The job was extra-gang railroad labour during the day, replacing worn ties and rails; and teaching fellow workers in the evening. The teaching was basic upgrading for adults in reading, writing or arithmetic skills. The class rooms were old sleeper railcars on sidings near settlements by the Albany River flowing into James Bay.

The job interview was somewhere downtown on the University of Toronto grounds. Fred was then studying Canadian History at Carleton University in Ottawa. His qualifications for the job up north were exceptional.

Fred was tall, tanned and wore hair to his waist. He was an enthusiastic yet quiet and studious sort, more likely to listen than speak. Fred also had a loose unhurried gait, learned while partridge hunting with his father in the Haliburton Hills.

And so he ambled into the small conference room given over to the Frontier College for their interviews.

The interviewers had come a very long way to see this applicant. They were astonished by his almost blond, not black hair. They had apparently misspelled his last name, Beaver not Bever. On the telephone application that spring, Fred had given them his proper first name as Wolfgang, in its contracted form Wolf.

Fred tells the story that some of the people of Northern Ontario were surprised when Wolf Beaver was not exactly what they had imagined or hoped for. But he, and they, had a wonderful summer of learning together.

see 'frontier college.ca'



MORTGAGE RATES HAVE DROPPED!

Call me Today for your Special Rate!

**5 YEAR
FIXED
1.64%**

**VARIABLE RATE
MORTGAGE
5 YEAR VARIABLE)
(PRIME
LESS .85%) 1.60%**



Karen Hall, AMP, MBI
Mortgage Broker

*Let's
talk!*

Self-Employed? Credit Problems? Separated/Divorced?
As a seasoned mortgage broker I will work with you to explore your options and find your best rate!



Karen Hall
604-936-7740 • www.karenhall.ca

#3-2929 St. Johns Street, Port Moody

Dynamic Mortgages Karen Hall Mortgages Inc. - Independently owned & operated

Belcarra Blessings

Submitted by Deborah Struk

Wow! Once again Belcarra shines with a high voter turnout. We are not a sleepy hollow that blindly trusts. A wonderful change after the decades of elections won by acclamation.

Kudos to everyone for allowing the democratic processes to work. Thank you to both Colm and Jamie for putting their names forward. Now that the rubber meets the road, we undoubtedly all are watching to see how everything unfolds. The best to Jamie as he assumes his role. It was decades ago when I watched you leading the Coquitlam local Teachers Union, so it will be interesting watching you in this capacity.

My biggest hope is for continued transparency and greater unity in the Village. We dare not go back to the favouritism of old, nor the tactics of silencing those voicing displeasure with inequities. It is obvious with the voter turn out and results that people do care and are paying attention.

I am hopeful!

Spring is beginning to push forth new life as bulbs push aside the dirt, ready to flourish. I look forward to hearing and seeing more community involvement and connection.

I really would like to see a promotion of #shoplocal in the Village. We are so blessed with floral artists, seamstresses, painters, labourers, detailers, writers, web designers, dog walkers and so much more.

What a great way to get to know and appreciate fellow villagers. East/West, big door/small door, ocean/inland, young/old, rich/not so rich(though we are all rich because we live in paradise), vegan/omnivore, working/retired, no matter what, we are all neighbours and we have much to share.

Belcarrians, feel free to pop a small classified ads into the Belcarra Barnacle. Ads are free for Belcarra Residents. Note on p.2 Advertising Rates article.

Have a wonderful blessed February. May your Family Day, Feb. 8 be more special than you thought it could be and Happy Valentine's Day.



K & T Contracting

Local Contractor

Specializing in:

Excavating

Backfill

Drainage (New & Repairs)

Demolition

Rock Walls

Water lines

Scott McCracken Kelly McCracken

778-355-4762

778-867-4100 OR

604 230-3787



Letter To The Editor

Submitted by Diana Drake

To All Belcarra Residents -

It has been a sad descent into 'dark' politics these last two elections in Belcarra. From alarmist misinformation through personal attacks, to misuse of private email addresses, censorship and out and out theft, there has been a steady decline in civility.

What's next? I ask this because in less than two years we will again be facing an election. Will this ^{descent} continue?

Surely we can lower the temperature on our differences of opinion. We are neighbours and friends, who in face to face discussions are invariably polite and can disagree without being disagreeable.

Therefore, anonymous "friends of Belcarra" and/or "concerned residents", I speak for many when I say, please sign your names to the blitz of emails, website missives and 'flyers'. Feeling as strongly as you obviously do, why not make yourselves more visible. Come out of the shadows, enter into the realm of accountability and run for office.

The 'masked marauder' political approach risks undermining the general good will and community co-operation that has, for years, been a hallmark of this small, very beautiful village. And it could ultimately discourage other, very capable candidates, from being willing to place themselves in the line of fire.

This brings me to the principal reason for my letter; to an example of the very worst masked marauder political style: the theft of the January edition of our community newspaper, the Belcarra Barnacle.

On Thursday evening, January 21st, two hundred copies of the Belcarra Barnacle were distributed to bus shelters throughout the Village. By Friday morning (10:30 am), the day before the election, they had been stolen.

If this was done to silence- that is censor-political opinions as expressed in the paper's articles and letters, it was unconscionable. This was a step too far. Not a prank, not an amusing bit of political skulduggery but theft, pure and simple and on many different levels:

First: The taxpayers of Belcarra contribute financial support every year to the printing of the Barnacle. In a very physical and solid sense it is our collective property, stolen from us.

As well, our community paper is supported by advertising. Businesses, big and small, local and in the Tri Cities, pay to have their ads run. That hard earned money was, effectively, also stolen.

Second: Stealing this pre-election edition of the Belcarra Barnacle is theft of an ethical nature. It reveals a deep disregard for the rights of others and a serious misunderstanding of what is meant by freedom of the press.

Censorship of this sort can only be construed as the product of self interest and intolerance.

Third: Personal contributions of time and effort cannot be measured in dollars, but they are invaluable to the healthy life of a community. The work of volunteers who make the Belcarra Barnacle possible and of residents who contribute articles, photos, recipes, stories etc. to the paper, was also stolen.

Lastly, if the theft was an attempt to suppress one particular viewpoint in favour of another, it fails utterly. It points, instead, to the thief's/thieves' very evident uncertainty as to the validity of their arguments; that they obviously felt their views would do poorly when contested in an open and fair debate

Finally, it suggests that the thieves believe village residents lack the intelligence and perception to determine for themselves what is true and what may be of benefit to the community.

Now is the time for us to start anew; to congratulate our new Mayor, Jamie Ross as well as our new councillor, John Snell and wish them all the best in their endeavours on our behalf.

Sincerely,
Diana Drake



Letter To The Editor

Submitted by Klaus Bever

The last edition of the Belcarra Barnacle was published on Thursday, January 21, 2021 and placed in its usual distribution slots at all Belcarra bus stops. All copies of this edition disappeared by morning. This loss was reported to the Village Hall. Soon after, the Village circulated an e-mail noting that the edition was available on-line.

This was not a simple prank. This was an attempt by individuals or groups to prevent the timely distribution of information. The information was intended to allow Villagers to have a broader discussion about local politics and the by-election for Mayor being held on January 23. This theft was censorship, and has a cost.

Intolerance and prejudice is evident in this action. Elements of political partisanship exceeded reasonable limits and should be denounced. Village Council should consider having this investigated.

For the financially prudent in our Village, there may be little comfort that the \$500 cost of this edition was their money.

Klaus Bever

Tri-Cities Gardeners BC Connects Local Gardeners

By Glenna Barron



Last month, I put together a much-needed Facebook page and group for new and experienced gardeners in the Tri-Cities: Tri-Cities Gardeners BC.

The Tri-Cities Gardeners BC Facebook page curates garden advice and garden humour, garden art and more. It's a great resource for articles by many of the top BC garden writers.

The group—of the same name—helps gardeners connect with each other to share tips and to ask questions.

For a long time, I saw the need to connect Tri-Cities gardening enthusiasts and gardening beginners. There wasn't a Facebook page and group for that. Gardening for mental health and growing your own food became popular during the pandemic amid concerns about food security, and the desire to grow plants is likely continue. Gardeners know that home-grown fruit and vegetables are so much better tasting than store-bought food, so it's positive reinforcement to continue. And I'd love to help with that.

I'm getting excited about spring and my sprawling Anmore garden, flipping through this year's now-dog-eared seed catalogues. Let's share our gardening journey.

<https://tinyurl.com/TCGardenersBC>

CUSTOM HOMES • RENOVATIONS + ADDITIONS • CUSTOM DECKS + FENCES

You have a vision of your dream home. **Black Thumb Construction** has the skills and resources to make it a reality. No two homes we've built are alike because no two clients we have are alike. **That's why we tailor our process and outcomes to suit you.**



BLACK THUMB CONTRACTING LTD.

BLACKTHUMBCONTRACTING.COM



Need help with an upcoming project? **CALL US TODAY!**

☎ 604.767.5046 ✉ info@blackthumbcontracting.com

ORIENTAL CHICKEN WINGS - Judy Evans

2 lb. chicken wings	1/2 tsp. garlic salt
1 chicken cube	1/4 tsp. anise seed
1/4 c. soya sauce	1/4 tsp. ginger powder
3/4 c. brown sugar	

Cut 2 pounds of chicken wings; cover in flour, salt and pepper. Fry until golden brown.

Sauce: Dissolve 1 chicken cube in 1/2 cup boiling water. Add soya sauce, brown sugar, ginger powder, garlic salt and anise seed. Place fried chicken in pan and pour over the sauce. Place in oven and simmer for 1 hour or longer. The longer you cook, the thicker the sauce on the chicken. Turn chicken at least twice in sauce.

CHEESE-SAUSAGE BALLS WITH SAUCE (Great To Make Ahead And Freeze)

2 1/2 c. Bisquick	<u>Sauce:</u>
1 lb. pork sausage meat	1 bottle chili sauce
1 lb. sharp cheese, grated	1/2 small bottle ketchup
	Garlic and onion to taste
	1/4 c. brown sugar

Mix together with hands until well blended. Form into round balls; place in freezer. Bake at 325°F for 20 to 30 minutes on a greased pan.

Sauce: Mix all ingredients together, heat and use as accompaniment for sausage balls.

"BATTERED" WIENERS - Keith Patterson

1 pkg. or 8 to 12 wieners, all beef	1/2 tsp. dry mustard
	1/4 tsp. seasoned salt
	3/4 c. water

Batter:

1 c. pancake mix
1/2 tsp. onion powder

Prepare batter. Cut wieners into approximately 1-inch pieces. Dip into batter. Fry in deep fat at 375°F for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes. Makes 4 to 5 dozen appetizers.

A giraffe with a brown and white patterned coat is shown from the chest up, looking directly at the camera. Its long neck is extended upwards, and its head is slightly tilted forward. The giraffe's eyes are large and dark, and its ears are visible on either side of its head.

We made a big
investment in
your community.

Bringing you faster internet
speeds than ever before.

Call Jon to learn how TELUS is staying
safe while keeping you connected
(778) 833 - 3314

telus.com/WholeHome