



# Belcarra Barnacle

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## 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.

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## Words from the Editor:

Welcome to your Community Newspaper!

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

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

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

Michelle Montico, Editor  
(604 528 0659)

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April 2nd Good Friday  
 April 5th Easter Monday  
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 April 11th New Moon  
 April 12th Council Meeting  
 April 22nd Earth Day  
 April 26th Council Meeting  
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COVER ART

Our front cover features a photograph submitted by Lorill Estar.

”Keith and Judy Evans were working out in their garden March 6th doing the typical pre Spring clean up. Buffy, their cat was outside for the first time in a long while. We captured this "moment in time" of Buffy keeping a watchful eye on her reflection in the front yard pond.”

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

It is a pleasure to share them.

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DATES FOR 2021

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

Please check Village website for more information.

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## 2021 SVFA Bursary



To all Anmore & Belcarra Grade 12 students.

Amount of Bursary : \$ 750

### Criterion:

- Resident of Anmore / Belcarra
- Available to students Graduating in 2021 and entering a Post Secondary Education program in the Area of : Fire / Police / Public Safety / Medical / Health-Care / Dental / Military / Social Service
- Students must provide 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 any volunteer work hours completed.
- 2 Letters of Reference from non-family members.

### Dates to remember :

Your completed application must be received **before** the end of business, June 9, 2021 for consideration.

**Additional information is available through  
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email : [svfa.directors@yahoo.ca](mailto:svfa.directors@yahoo.ca)**

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2021 SVFA Bursary Application



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SVFA BURSARY CHECKLIST :

- Resident of Anmore / Belcarra
- Essay included ( 750 – 1000 words )
- Documented Volunteer Hours
- Willing to provide proof of enrollment
- 2 Reference letters ( non – family )
- Attach this Application and your support materials for return before June 9, 2021. Return completed package to Career Centre for Heritage Woods Students OR to your local Village Hall ( Anmore or Belcarra ) for all other Grade 12 students.

\* Due to Covid restrictions ALL completed applications can be sent electronically to : svfa.directors@yahoo.ca



## Anmore Alternative

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What Do You Think Anmore, Belcarra, and Port Moody Residents?

Anmore Council Very Quickly Moves Ahead with Covid-19 Zoom Meetings to change the Official Community Plan for the IOCO Lands (Anmore South) from 'rural to urban'.

Background: Anmore South (the former Imperial Oil Company (IOCO) lands) encompasses 150 acres in the southern part of Anmore. "Metro Vancouver land package including loco townsite sold (Vancouver Sun January 15, 2015

A new player in Metro Vancouver real estate development — Brilliant Circle Group Investments Ltd — has bought 230 acres of Imperial Oil land in Port Moody and Anmore to develop a master-planned new village.

"We really didn't expect very much to happen there. The access is very poor. There's one main road to get out of there and it's a two-lane road. A windy road. There are creeks out there. I'm not even sure that this owner has any interest in developing this land. The selling price was quite low. It may be the land up in Anmore they were really after."

"It's a tricky piece of property with tricky politics behind it because of the access issue and everything else. It's a very politically hot piece of land ... for the city because it is so big and there is so much potential in an area with poor access and environmental issues as well ... There's a lot of wildlife out there"

"We have a standing policy that we will not add any traffic to loco road," Clay said. "It would be really tough for us to grant any new development out there unless there was a really good plan behind to it to accommodate traffic."

That would involve building an extension to David Ave., which — because it would need to extend over a creek — could cost \$50 million, Clay said.."

<https://vancouver.sun.com/news/metro/metro-vancouver-land-package-including-ioco-townsite-sold>

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 ANMORE SOUTH OCP AMENDMENT VIRTUAL OPENHOUSE FROM RURAL TO URBAN DESIGNATION

We encourage Anmore residents to join the discussion about the potential amendment to the OCP Special Study Area for Anmore South. Community engagement is integral to the process as we consider how to keep our options open for this area, and in the control of the Anmore community. The workshops and open house (via Zoom) will provide you with information as well as the opportunity to ask questions and share your input.

What's a Special Study Area and why now? A discussion guide outlining the amendment process, why Council is pursuing this now and how the amendment relates to Anmore's future is being mailed to Anmore residents and is also

how the amendment relates to Anmore's future is being mailed to Anmore residents and is also available at [https://anmore.com/business-development/planning\\_department/anmore-south](https://anmore.com/business-development/planning_department/anmore-south).

Register for the workshops and open house by emailing [village.hall@anmore.com](mailto:village.hall@anmore.com). Please include your preferred date for the workshop.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS VIA ZOOM\* (register by Apr 6)

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE VIA ZOOM (register by Apr 9)

Other Links:

<https://www.tricitynews.com/real-estate-news/anmore-considers-plan-for-4200-new-residents-on-ioco-lands-3111551>

<https://www.tricitynews.com/local-news/read-these-two-tales-of-the-ioco-lands-port-moodys-and-anmores-311553>





Anmore Alternative

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You still have time to have your voice heard. Anmore, Port Moody, and Belcarra residents can complete the Anmore Alternative News Sounding on the Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment to designate the 150 acres of Anmore South (IOCO lands) as 'Urban.' (April 12, 2021) <https://survey.app.do/rural-or-urban-anmore-south-ioco-lands>



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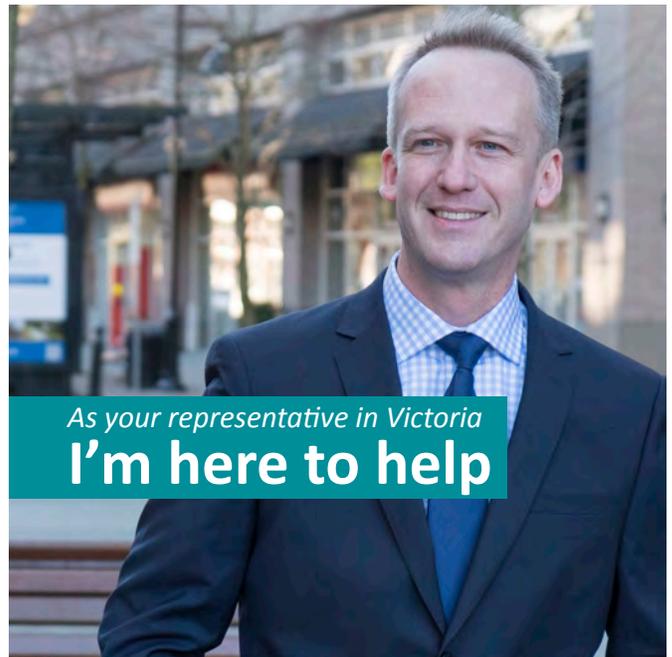
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### Pay parking set to roll out at the busiest regional park in the Tri-Cities

As people look for a safe and convenient escape from COVID-19 hibernation, local parks have been flooded by hikers, dog walkers and cyclists alike.

Source: TriCity News., Mar 9, 2021 11:13 AM

By: Stefan Labbé

As people look for a safe and convenient escape from COVID-19 hibernation, local parks have been flooded by hikers, dog walkers and cyclists alike.

But with many of those visitors come cars, so many at times that last summer, Port Moody and Belcarra shut down roadside parking in a bid to stave off crowds at Sasamat Lake and White Pine Beach.

Winter has done little to dampen park visitors. Belcarra Regional Park, which includes Sasamat Lake, saw a January surge of nearly triple the number of monthly visitors compared to those in the first month of 2020. That's prompted Metro Vancouver, which oversees the regional park system, to roll out a new pay parking scheme at some of its busiest parks.

Seasonal pay parking at Belcarra will begin April 1 and extend until Sept. 30. Costing \$2.00 per hour, the paid parking will have no time limit, confirmed a spokesperson for Metro Vancouver. No parking fees will be charged between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

By setting the hourly parking fee at \$2, Metro Vancouver is looking to balance crowd management without sacrificing equity, said John McEwen, chair of Metro Vancouver's Regional Parks Committee and mayor of Anmore.

"This is not a revenue generator. This is a traffic management tool," said McEwen. "We didn't want it to be more than a normal bus."

Parking fees will be invested back into the park and help with the cost of policing.

At Metro's other regional parks in the Tri-Cities — including Colony Farm, Minnekhada and yet to be opened Widgeon park — there are no plans to introduce a pay parking scheme. McEwen said the regional body is working with the city of Coquitlam to push accessing these parks through public transit, a special shuttle and carpooling with current pandemic restrictions in mind.

This isn't the first time the regional body has introduced pay parking at its parks. In some of the busier Metro parks, like Pacific Spirit near UBC and at the base of Grouse Mountain, pay parking is already in place.

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Metro Vancouver is also planning to roll out pay parking access at Lynn Headwaters Regional Park by March 29 in conjunction with the District of North Vancouver.

"We had no idea the increased numbers we'd get through the pandemic," said McEwen, pointing to Belcarra and Lynn Valley.

Beyond the immediate public health crisis, moving to pay parking in the network's busiest parks will also contribute to the regional body's wider goal of reducing emissions from cars and managing demand from an influx of new Metro Vancouverites, a number that's expected to rise to a million new residents by 2050.

With many parks already reaching capacity, securing more land and encouraging park-goers to visit less explored parks will become increasingly important, said McEwen.

"As more and more residential towers get built, there's a huge demand on these parks," he said. "We need to secure more land."

A woman with dark hair, wearing a blue top, smiling and standing on a wooden pier overlooking a body of water at sunset. The background shows a town on a hillside.

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## Stories From The Archives

## Gold Islands Near The City

Frank Bailey, M.E., Says Action Should  
Be Taken To Develop Them

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, February 2021.  
Source: Vancouver Daily Province, Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
1933, page 34.

Within ten miles of the Vancouver Post Office, there are a number of islands on which there is gold ore capable of being developed to produce millions of dollars worth of yellow metal, according to Frank Bailey, M.E. [Mining Engineer].

Mr. Bailey argues that the government of B.C. should take stalk of the existence of such gold deposits and bring about an arrangement under which many of the men at present unemployed [due to the 1930s 'Great Depression'] could be given profitable work in those areas. Writing on the existence of those auriferous islands, Mr. Bailey says:

"The cretaceous mountains observed on each side of the North Arm [Indian Arm] of Burrard Inlet are too massive for penetration, but they are overflowed on top of the old gold formation."

"The North Arm of Burrard Inlet, being either gouged-out by glaciers or not being covered-up by the cretaceous rocks exposed to the east and the west, hold the old gold formation for some miles in a north and southerly direction which are exposed on five different islands, namely, One Tree Island, Twin Islands, Racoon Island and Jug Island."

"One Tree Island [located immediately north of 'Twin Islands'] is a very small island, covered by the 'Lost Mine' mineral claim. Twin Islands are covered by the 'Twin No.1 and No. 2' mineral claims. Racoon Island is covered by the 'Dot' fractional mineral claim, the island comprising nearly four acres of land and is situated three-quarters of a mile south-west of Twin Islands and three-quarters of a mile north-east of Jug Island, and about a mile from 'Woodlands' to the west, and a mile from 'Primrose Park' [the name Bailey gave to his property at Farrer Cove] on the east shore of the Inlet."

"The radius is ten and one-half miles from the Vancouver Post Office. Most of the assessment work has been done on Racoon Island and a few feet below the surface these iron sulphides of Bridge River and Cariboo form are exposed. It is estimated that \$30,000,000 lie between Racoon and Jug Islands in iron sulphides. A six-foot by eight-foot shaft was started this summer [1933] and about \$500 worth of work was done on an outlay of \$100 cash. No assays were attainable at the surface, but a few feet in depth gave \$1 per ton. At 200 feet in depth, \$20 ore will be extracted."

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“Jug Island lies three-quarters of a mile south-west of Racoon Island. On the island, like Racoon Island, the basic and acidic rocks are in contact, being parted by a few inches of feldspar. In and under these diorites iron sulphides are exposed. A little way to the east of Jug Island, thirty feet of quartz is exposed with parallel bands of feldspar from one to six inches in width. No samples of either the quartz or feldspar were taken, nor any assays made, but a diamond drill would prove economic ore at depth. This bore hole ought to be sunk for 1000 feet.”

“The Bridge River iron sulphides to the north are some 3000 feet in elevation above the Vancouver group and are handicapped like the Cariboo with extensive overhead expenses, such as transportation and climatic conditions, whereas the snow never stays on Racoon Island. A 200-foot shaft would supply enough gold for the erection of a small cyanide plant on Racoon Island.”

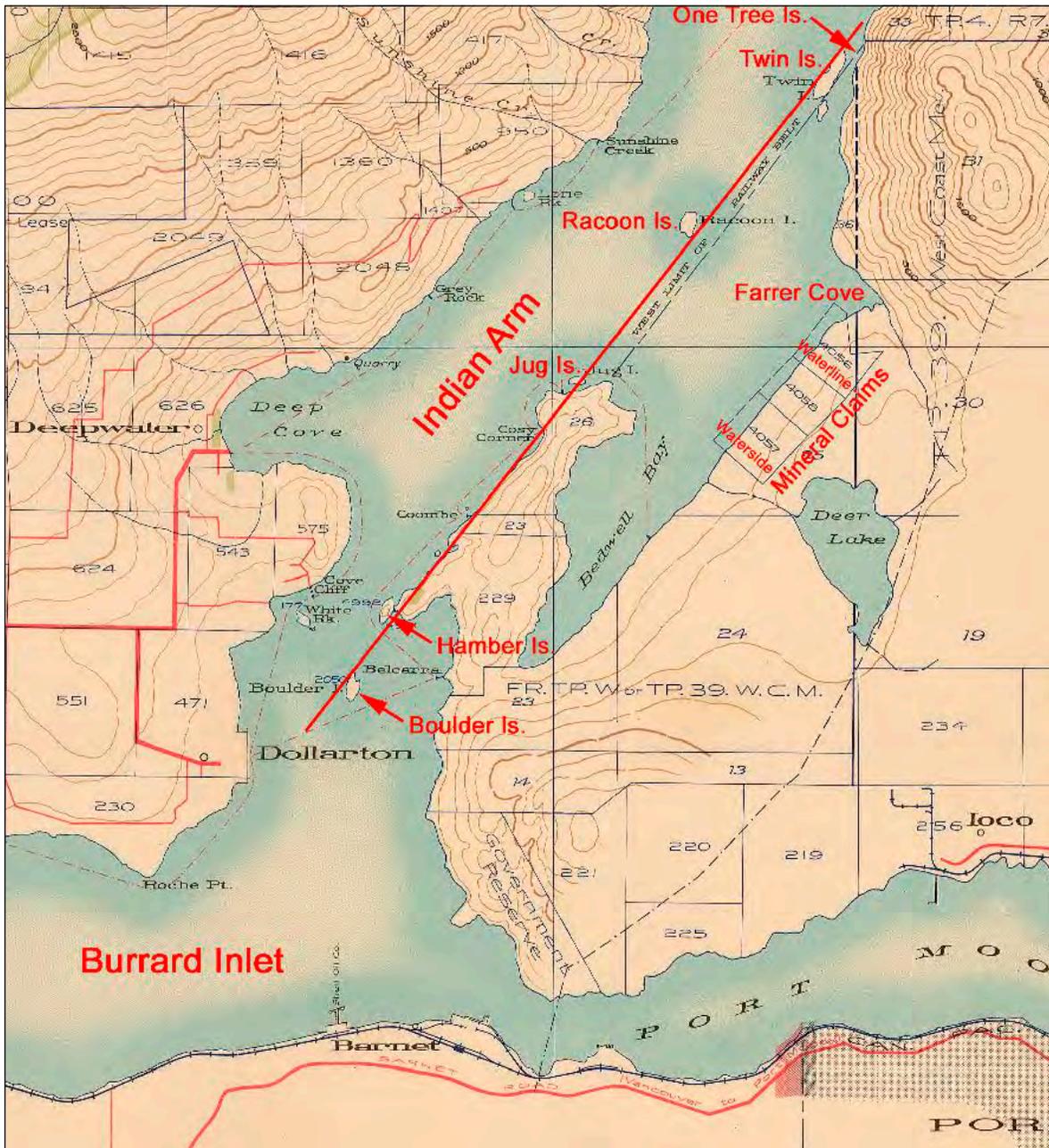
Mr. Bailey explains that preliminary steps for the formation of a company to develop those gold-bearing islands were taken some time ago, and a small amount of money raised. Further action by the parties backing the movement is meantime in abeyance.

Notes:

1. During the late part of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century and early part of the 20<sup>th</sup>-century, exploratory shafts were dug at various locations around Indian Arm to determine if there were mineral deposits worth mining.
2. In addition to the mining claims on the five islands as noted in the above newspaper article, there were also three mineral claims registered in the Farrer Cove area: Lot 4056 ('Waterline' M.C.), Lot 4057 ('Waterside' M.C.) and Lot 4058 — (Source: British Columbia Archives, Call No. GR-0437, Series 2, Quarter Section Survey Files, Box 23.)
3. World War One veteran Frank Bailey (1868–1945) received a Dominion Government of Canada 'Soldier Grant' of 80 acres located about 100 meters north of Sasamat Lake on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1919 (Source: *ibid.*)
4. Frank Bailey purchased Lot 3 (Plan 5175) at Farrer Cove around 1920 (Source: *ibid.*) During the 1930s 'Great Depression', Bailey was on "Relief" (welfare) and had to travel to Port Moody by foot to collect his relief payments.
5. There is a 6-foot-high horizontal shaft about 30 to 40 feet deep, just above sea level near Lot 4 (Plan 5175) in Farrer Cove, along with one that is filled-in. There is also an 8-foot vertical shaft on Racoon Island, dug in 1933, that is now filled-in with shrubs and water, and another exploratory shaft on Twin Islands.

Portion of the '1929 Map of Burrard Inlet' showing the seven islands of the Belcarra Archipelago: Boulder, Hamber, Jug, Racoon, Twin and One Tree Islands.

See Page 12 for map



**LISA** 

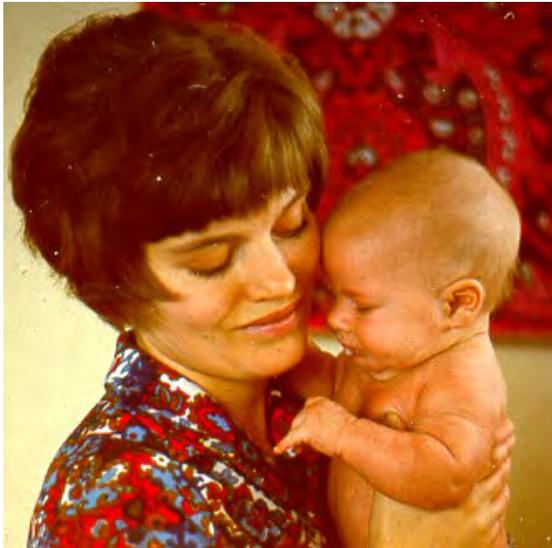
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# Sylvia Devlin

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Sylvia with son Aaron –1970

**In lieu of flowers or food trays**, donations can be made to the attached link which will be donated to Mental Health Research Department at mom's alumni The University of British Columbia.

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that Sylvia has passed away on April 8, 2021. She was a very devoted wife for me for the past 55 years and a much appreciated mother for my three children, Aaron, Allan and Christina. She loved her daughter-in-law Barbara (wife for Aaron), her son-in-law Kyle (husband for Christina), and her three Grandchildren Madelynn and James Reesor and Madison Devlin. After a strong fight to stay here with her family, that were her life, she will be free now from the pain she endured from the tough hand she was dealt in life with her health. She tried hard did the best she could.



Allan 1st Birthday -1973



Sylvia with Grandchildren – April 2021



Sylvia and her family – Maui 2007



Sylvia and daughter Christina—1980



Sylvia and her family –Big Island Hawaii 2018

# VILLAGE NEWS

## Quips and Quotes

Submitted by Barbara Shelly

“Beauty is immune to definition.  
When beauty is present, you know.”

Black Swan Green by David Mitchell

## Village of Belcarra



## RESIDENT DIRECTORY

### 2021

## 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](mailto:lesbramley@shaw.ca)



### CRAB



2021 Resident Directories are ready ... if you haven't received your copy yet, please email [crab4084@gmail.com](mailto:crab4084@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

Cover page photo credit to resident Tim Holmes

looking back at Belcarra Park from the pier in

Belcarra Bay on a sunny winter's day

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CRAB CORNER

Submitted by Dave Warren

Most of us survived the ides of March and the medical discomfort that followed ST Patrick's day and some us managed a little love on Valentines Day. Now as we approach the Easter long weekend CRAB is unable, due to COVID to offer neither the traditional Belcarra pancake breakfast nor Children's Easter egg hunt at the park.

CRAB is still seeking new directors and ideas to maintain and expand upon programs and events. Only prerequisites are energy, a few spare hours and of course an ability to work with others of different personalities. Other desirable attributes but not absolutely necessary include planning, organizing and smiling. Enlist now to become a benefactor to our community.





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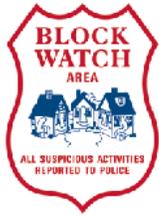
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## Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake and  
Carol Drew

### Cougar Alert

The weather is warming and the usually elusive 'big cats' are being seen more frequently. During the month of March, there were five cougar attacks on dogs in the Tri-Cities area. One was a puppy from Anmore.

In the last six weeks cougars have been sighted on trails, in back yards and around schools. Three have been trapped and euthanized. Conservation officers stated that this was an 'unfortunate outcome' but necessary as the animals had obviously become habituated to residential areas and were no longer afraid of humans.

The increase of people (and pets) outside, walking and hiking trails during the pandemic, has meant a higher likelihood of encounters with wildlife. The number of visitors to Belcarra park, alone, has tripled when compared to a similar period in 2019.

"People should be vigilant....," says one expert, "especially during the few hours leading up to and immediately after dawn and dusk..." These are the times when cougars are most active.

"Small children and household pets should be watched closely and people should avoid walking in wooded areas...during the hours mentioned."

Also:

- do not rely on fencing to keep predators out. Cougars can jump over obstacles as high as 5.5 metres!
- keep all pets indoors after dusk.
- avoid walking dogs at night.
- keep small dogs on a short leash (2 metres) when out walking.
- to avoid encouraging both bears and cougars to visit your home, keep pet food indoors and bring in bird feeders with the arrival of Spring.
- if a cougar is encountered, make yourself as tall as possible, yell aggressively and maintain eye contact.
- never turn your back; never run.
- keep small children and pets close; pick them up if possible and hold them.
- make loud noises - clapping, shouting, whistling.
- carry bear spray if hiking.

Please report all sightings in the Village to the B.C. Conservation Officers Service. They will then be able to track the cougars movements over time. That number is: [1-877-952-7277](tel:1-877-952-7277)



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Beautiful Chinese New Year Meal lovingly prepared by Judy - so tasty - the best chow mein I have ever had - so delicious.

A great photo of Keith and Judy to mark the occasion.

Submitted by Lorill Estar



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I found this egg sac in our little pond on the Easter weekend. It's obviously not a basket of Easter eggs! LOL! The eggs seem too large for our little Pacific tree frog so I'm thinking they might be salamander eggs. I've sectioned them off from our little goldfish that managed to overwinter in the pond. Hopefully I will get to see the eggs develop! It brings back such happy memories of all the tadpoles we used to raise in my classroom! Ironic story here... the very first froglet I ever managed to raise, was eaten the next day by one of the accompanying salamanders! After that, I was very careful to separate the two types of eggs!

Submitted by Nora Boekhout.



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Alice & the Easter Bunny are having a costume party!  
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COVID PROTOCOLS IN PLACE

Belcarra's entrance is featuring a new inflatable bunny this year.

Submitted by Bruce Drake



Nana, Daughter & Grand-daughter

EasterArt

Submitted by Deborah Struk



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### Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

Happy Belated Easter to you all!

I don't know about you, but I am thankful for the hope that spring, Belcarra neighbours, sunshine, smiles, new life and Easter bring. We are needing hope more than ever. With nature all around us it is much easier to be hopeful, I think, than those surrounded by high rises and roads.

It will be wonderful once we can connect in much more meaningful ways than Zoom, phone calls or email. Even masks on and 2 meters apart just doesn't seem to be enough. Once, things change, however they do, it will add a level of integrity and meaningfulness that is sorely needed. All this has taken a toll on me and many others. Prior to Covid, it was difficult trying to get people connected and involved in CRAB, all the more since. On top of that since the Belcarra by-election and the email that irked a number of residents, I was taken off as CRAB email admin. So I feel bad that I can not answer your questions when you stop me on the street or call me asking. Sorry. My hope is spring brings more transparency, clarity and unity throughout the Village.

It is exciting to see the number of people biking AND even the increase in eBikes in the Village. Thank you to Colleen MacDonald for inspiring many of us. I have been nursing a problem with my Achilles tendon but can easily bike.

How can one not LOVE Love our Belcarra Park, Woodhaven Swamp, Sasamat Loop? Wow!!! Cycling alongside the lake, then along Marine is so refreshing! The scenery we have. Driving it is uplifting, cycling all the more. Oh so beautiful.

The new blooms and blossoms are delightful. I was at Blakeburn Lagoons last week midMarch and the Pussywillows were plentiful. I have NEVER seen so many in my entire life. So beautiful!!! The flowers are gorgeous. Sadly, I planted over 50 crocuses on my lawn and only 4 came up!! The colours I see throughout Belcarra are beautiful. Are the heathers brighter this year, or is it me just noticing the vibrant purple? Wow!

Have a beautiful, hopeful Spring.



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## Letter To The Editor

To: Mayor and Council  
March 9, 2021

From: THE CONCERNED TAYPAYER  
Sherry Chisholm

After the Zoom council meeting of March 8, I feel it is necessary to, once again, ask for council's support regarding the question period being an open discussion on any subject and not limited to only agenda items. You on council must remember your promises of openness and availability to Villagers.

I also wish to address Mayor Ross and his protectiveness of the councillors. Mayor Ross, you are there to represent and allow your constituents to voice their interests and concerns and keep the meetings in order. You must not overly protect your councillors at the expense of the Villagers.

We are a small community and I feel we should operate accordingly. It really doesn't matter what procedure the larger municipalities operate under as it doesn't really apply to our small and very actively involved gallery at our meetings. We are unique in the Village, so let's keep that in mind and not try to duplicate the procedures of the large and more uninvolved residents in larger municipalities.

The councillors need to read the agenda and get fully prepared in advance of the meetings so that when the items come on the table the councillors are ready to give an opinion and are ready to MOVE FORWARD on the item under discussion.

There is the appearance of TOO MUCH DELAY and councillors needing more time to look into subjects on the agenda. Let's try to move forward more quickly on the simple stuff like short term rental.

The subject of dock permits in Bedwell Bay is also a long awaited ruling. The Village has operated in this regard for years so it should not be so complicated to continue with a few changes. We all know that building docks is going to be allowed so GET ON WITH IT. The Villagers have waited long enough and now our own council is delaying. WHY?

Mayor Ross I understand from your employment history at district 43 that you may tend to bring that experience to the council meetings, however, this is a very different stage. I think you are the Mayor to represent the voters of the village rather than protect a councillor who is in what appears to be conflict. The councillor whom I refer to has openly stated they will be operating a short term rental in their home. The short term rentals will obviously get approved, so why not step away for appearance sake?

I hope you will consider my letter as a guide and best advice to help in future meetings.

Keep Villagers involved in meetings with the promise of input on ANY subject otherwise the gallery feels why bother to attend and TRY to participate.

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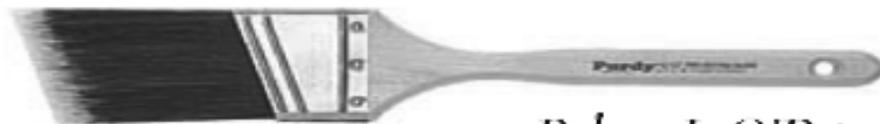
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