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

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July 5th	Council Meeting
July 9th	New Moon
July 19th	Council Meeting
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Council meetings are currently available on Zoom.

Please check Village website for more information.

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COVER ART

Our front cover features a photograph submitted by Megan Shelly and the back page features a painting by artist/writer/historian Michael Kluckner. submitted by Jo Ledingham.

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

It is a pleasure to share them.

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MAYOR'S UPDATE
WATER COMMITTEE
(FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION)

As noted in my update in the May Issue of the Barnacle, we have moved forward on multiple issues; but one of the most important and difficult subjects to advance has been water availability for fire fighting.

The Water Committee continues its work of gathering information on water availability for our Village so that in the future event of a fire; the Village will have enough water for fire suppression, containment of damage and/or loss and to simultaneously continue to provide safe adequate drinking water without any interruption to households. Increasing the amount of available water assists in achieving this goal. This augmentation of additional water flow can be accomplished in a number of ways. Having water storage on hand, reserved for this purpose, is a common approach [think prairie villages with water towers]. The Tatlow water tank, half way up the south side of Main Avenue, serves this function. Storage has limits as to how quickly it can be brought to where it is needed and how long it lasts during use.

Another way to augment water flow is by increasing the size of the pipes or the number of pipes being used for delivery. This is very expensive [think of our last water delivery project].

We could also use the existing water delivery system and increase the volume and rate of delivery within that system. This would on a per unit basis be, by far, the least expensive approach to augment water flow BUT; and this is the big but, you need to find predictable and reliable supply, preferably already hooked into our water delivery system. This is where the water supplied by the District of North Vancouver becomes important to us. The District of North Vancouver supplies our water system and they are unable, at this time, to answer our questions about additional water supply availability and costs. Until the District of North Vancouver is able to give the information we need to answer our supply questions, we must wait.

Council and the Water Committee will not however, wait idly. Council passed motions at the June 21 council meeting with the intention of improving water accessibility. The ideas that form the foundations of these motions are to consider expanding the number of individuals that may authorize the filling of storage capacity (Tatlow tank) and to consider the resetting of storage capacity parameters so that a higher minimum storage level is maintained.

These motions have the potential of providing some additional water capacity in the event of need. These will be forwarded to the Water Committee for their comment and hopefully, an early recommendation to Council.

Council views this matter as a first priority for the Village, at this time. We are thankful for the Water Committee for its ongoing work to assist our Village: Doug Brain, Jim Chisholm, Martin Desbois, Ian Devlin (Chair), and Bruce Drake (Council liaison); all Village Staff, with special recognition to Stewart Novak, for his timely, helpful report at our last Council meeting; and Chris Boit, our engineering consultant.

SHORT TERM RENTALS

Council has approved amendments to Bylaws 580, 581 and 582 to permit short term rental accommodations and bed and breakfast operations within the Village. Council has undertaken to review these matters in one year. Council worked on these motions before other strategic plan priorities in recognition that this work had been set aside by the previous Council.

MULTIPLE USER PATHWAY (MUP)

For the long term shared interest in Village health, safety and enjoyment of out-of-doors, your Council has reviewed a program available through Translink to provide a multiple user pathway along major Village roadways. As a result, Council passed a motion and Village staff submitted to Translink a funding application under the Major Road Network and Bike Upgrades (MRNB), Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Share (BICCS) and the Walking Infrastructure to Transit (WITT). TransLink funding programs for a multi-use path consist of 75% TransLink funding (\$129,625) and 25% (\$43,208) Village of Belcarra funding, with the Village's share coming from its general capital reserve fund. Belcarra was successful during the application phase of this program and now awaits the outcome of the competitive phase, where all other municipal applications are also considered.

We have a lot of work ahead of us and the Strategic Planning Priorities will be our guide.

Happy to chat any time,

Jamie Ross

"Translink Funding Announcement"

Submitted by Klaus Bever

Belcarra is awarded a total of \$187,000 for three separate projects.

On June 24, 2021 Translink announced that it awarded a total of \$125 million for 131 projects to upgrade, maintain, or build new Metro Vancouver walkways, cycling paths and roads.

Belcarra was awarded a total of \$187,000 for 3 projects that will improve safety along Bedwell Bay Road and fund construction of a Multiple User Pathway. These awards were accomplished through the co-ordinated efforts of enthusiastic Belcarra Village staff, Council, Mayor Ross and Translink.

Details are available in The Vancouver Sun. Great news.



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June 14, 2021

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Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake
and Carol Drew

Bears are Back

Black bears are back full force in the Village. In the months of May and June there have been dozens of sightings on the streets of Belcarra. A mom, accompanied by last year's cub, made visits to back gardens on Main Avenue. A less than healthy loner entered a home on Bedwell Bay road through an open front door. He/she was not easily persuaded to leave, even advancing on the owner who confronted the interloper with an air horn. Later the same bear raided a freezer in a garage on Belcarra Bay.

Bears have very good memories. They remember where they obtained food in previous years and will return (often with cubs) to the same sites in following summers. Many will become habituated to the presence of people, showing no fear of busy streets or other areas of human habitation.

Bears also have exceptionally large noses. The area of nasal mucosa is 100x greater than that found in humans. They are thought to have the best sense of smell in the animal kingdom - 7 times more acute than a bloodhound's. This means they can easily detect the scent of potential food from many kilometres away.

Between May 20-27th 2021, there were 36 sightings of black bears in the Tri Cities. Twelve occurred in Port Moody.

Last year there was a total of over 2,000 calls to the RCMP reporting bear encounters in this same territory. 15 bears had to be put down.

So - Once again, Block Watch would like to remind all residents that the single most important and most effective way to STOP unwanted visits from our bear neighbours is:

REMOVE ALL ATTRACTANTS

This means:

- garbage. Secure all garbage indoors. Never leave bags or containers outside.
- pet food. Feed all animals inside and keep pet food stored indoors.
- bird seed. Bring all bird feeders in from April through November. Store seed indoors.
- remove all strongly scented products - candles, deodorizers, perfume - from patios and cars.
- clean barbecues after every use. Do not leave food outdoors unattended.
- remove outdoor freezers.
- put away all petroleum products including rubber, tarpaper, paint, turpentine, kerosene and charcoal fluid. Believe it or not, bears are drawn to these items!

- remove fallen fruit from the ground regularly. Pick berries and fruit in your garden as they ripen.
- sprinkle compost with lime to decrease odours. Do not compost fruit or egg shells in summer or fall.

If you do find yourself face to face with a black bear, remember:

- stay calm, and stand still.
- speak in a quiet voice and keep speaking.
- Never approach the bear. Back slowly away. Do NOT run.

-keep looking at the bear, but do not make eye contact

When hiking our trails:

- keep small children close
- keep all dogs on leads
- make noise as you go
- do not wear head phones
- do not wear perfume or strong deodorants.
- carry bear spray

These are beautiful animals. Let's keep them where they should be - safe and in the wild. Thanks for being bear-wise! Have a wonderful, vaccinated summer!

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Stories From The Archives

Seining of Anchovies Injures Salmon Run

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, June 2021.

Source: Vancouver Daily Province, Wednesday, May 21st, 1947.

"One year ago today [May 21st, 1946] sport fishermen enjoyed the finest salmon fishing at Deep Cove on the North Arm [Indian Arm] of Burrard Inlet. Great Spring salmon, many too big to be landed on the light tackle used, broke the quiet waters of the Cove, feeding on the great schools of anchovies that migrate to the area to spawn. This was the final feast of the Spring salmon before going on his spawning run in local rivers, and the monster Tyees [Spring Salmon] fattened for the fight ahead."

"The run only lasted two weeks, but since that time anglers have been waiting for this years' run. They came, but so did the commercial trawlers. During the past few weeks, hundreds of tons of anchovies have been seined in the area, anchovies that will never spawn."

"Monday evening a dozen small boats containing sport fishermen combed the waters of the area and found only one school of anchovies. One Spring salmon was landed. A year ago [1946] the

Cove was alive with the tiny fish and salmon fishing was never better."

"According to Jack Grey, noted Spring salmon fisherman, the trawlers are operating even at night, using flood lights. Grey said that one trawler, seining Bidwell Bay [sic. Bedwell Bay] that evening made a set and the catch contained a large quantity of young herring, which were dumped, most of them being killed in the process."

"Grey thinks the spawning run of Spring salmon will be greatly affected by the seining of these anchovies as they depend upon it for their final feed before working their way to heads of rivers."

"One thing for certain, sport fishermen can see one more good spot ruined."

"F. Warne of the Department of Fisheries said today that anchovy seiners are in the area and have been for the past week. Prior to that they had been seining at Departure Bay and at Barkley Sound, but the run had petered-out. He said also that the operation was being closely watched by the board of research. The fish are being canned to help the shortage of food in Europe and other parts of the world."

"Mr. Warne also stated that anchovies were

After Notes:

1. Following the above events, the 'Deep Cove Ratepayers Association' declared that anchovy fishing had ruined sport fishing at the resort. A petition signed by 1202 persons asked that commercial fishing in the North Arm be prohibited.

2. A compromise agreement was reached to protect the interests of sport and commercial fishermen alike until the anchovy population was better understood.
3. The area subsequently closed to seiners was extended from Deep Cove itself across the North Arm between Cove Cliff and Turtle Island [Hamber Island] to the south and 'The Quarries' [Quarry Rock] and Jug Island to the north.
4. The two North Shore canneries, in West Vancouver and North Vancouver, were the only canneries in the British Empire packing anchovies.



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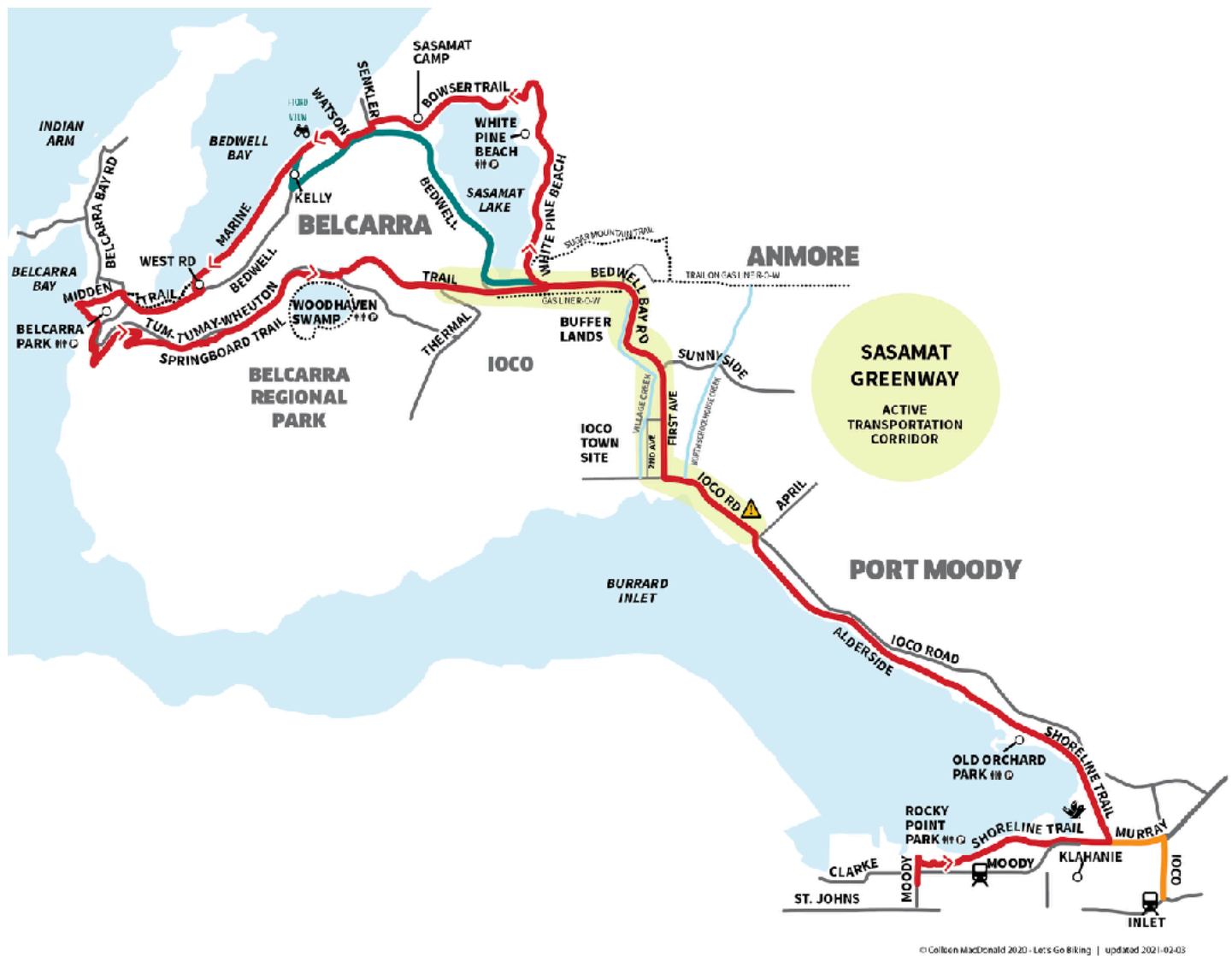
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Submitted by Lorill Estar

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CRAB

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Cover page photo credit to resident Tim Holmes looking back at Belcarra Park from the pier in

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

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**CRAB**

Submitted by Dave Warren

Another lonely winter has elapsed without CRAB offering an adult social or a family event due to COVID. It is anticipated by September 2021 most Belcarrians will have received their two shots of a miracle vaccine. Hence CRAB is considering a modified Annual Picnic in the Park including social distancing and no sharing of food. The concept and logistics are bigger than my mind can work out and I am requesting input from the villagers how to implement this planned event.

Should we each bring our own picnic lunches or order in a food truck? Other alternatives I missed are most welcome.

Please offer your thoughts to a CRAB director. You may have conceived an idea we can explore and possibly develop into a healthy safe event.

Keep Safe
Dave

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Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

Summertime, Summertime, Summ, Summ,
Summertime!

Hello neighbours. I hope you are all well and in full swing enjoying the glorious Belcarra outdoors.

I was looking at that ancient map (1908 I believe) showing renderings of Belcarra and the Woodhaven subdivision. Oh my, how different we would be if that had been done. Perhaps, that was motivation to give Block 48 to Metro for the road. Our learned historian could maybe submit an old article from the archives about that subdivision. It still boggles my mind that could have ever been. The upside would have been a greater tax base and likely another exit (think fire safety) out of Belcarra.

I am very thankful to hear Canada Day remained to be celebrated in many communities. It is a sad thing to have our right to celebrate taken away because of huge atrocities in our history.

It is true, every nation and culture have endured egregious periods of which they are ashamed. Uncivilized brutality is sadly very much a part of the human race.

There is not a country, nation or person without sin. No one is perfect. It is important we acknowledge these and commit to change., not continue to pretend they did not happen.

I am not perfect... far from it and I still mess up. Many know that. If I were constantly hounded, beat down or reminded of my faults, I would be a mess. Grace is what has helped. Giving others grace is what I try to do. Grace is underserved kindness, acceptance and forgiveness.

We can be proud of Canada's values, service to the world, our diversity and tolerance; while, at the same time, looking at the atrocities of our past with a commitment to change. To be proud, contemplative, remorseful and forward thinking is critical.

Oh Canada, God keep our land, glorious and free.

My hope is this summer will be full of wonderful, surprise filled blessings for you and your family.

Peace and grace,
Deborah





Letter To The Editor

Hello fellow residents,

Being that it seems our Prime Minister will call an election this year, I thought it best to clarify I am no longer working at our MPs office. I have not been there since last fall. I felt it necessary to clarify since most anyone I would run into thought I was still employed by the House of Commons. I decided last fall that being a Nana was much more important. Yes, Canada, this riding and it's constituents are important to me but having this chance to be a first time Nana in my 60s, I thought it more important to embrace this role. Sincerely, Mrs. Deborah Struk



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I would love to know the name of the local artist who built this, but unfortunately I don't. This was given to me by my neighbors prior to them selling their house 6 years ago. I know some more residents here have one of those.

For the first time ever a family of chickadees made themselves at home in this bird house :)
If you zoom in you can see momma has fresh dinner for the baby birds!

Submitted by Carolina Clark

Here's a 'head's up' on a news story that hasn't hit the headlines yet.

A brand new caper was opened last night at the Shelly residence -- outdoor dining featuring rare cuisine.

The first patron arrived shortly after sundown, picked up his entrée, and shuffled up the stairs to the carpeted mezzanine level. You see, he can be rather shy because his dining skills are not fully developed, and he tends to 'tear' into his food in a manner that can be offensive to nearby diners. Then, to the chef's chagrin, our patron turned his tuxedoed back on his initial tasting, and left the premises without so much as leaving a 'tip'. (We hope!).

We are closing temporarily to reconsider what we deem an inspired menu offering "Feed on Weed", and will let you know when we come up with a more enticing entree for our privileged clientele.

submitted by Barbara Shelly



Letter To The Editor

I found this odd key on the side of the road yesterday afternoon just before 3pm.

It was lying on the North side of Bedwell Bay Rd. (ocean side of the road), next to the curb in an area slightly west (or uphill) from Kelly Rd.

It has the number AW4219 on it. I did attempt to Google it, but didn't come up with anything helpful. I have also called a locksmith, but have had no luck with that either.

I'm hoping, if we can get the pic out to the community, someone will recognize the key or know who it belongs to.

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Thank you.

Bonni Marshall



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Sasamat Greenway

A Safe Active Transportation Corridor

By Colleen MacDonald for HUB TriCities

HUB Cycling TriCities has asked Port Moody council to prioritize "The Sasamat Greenway" – a safe active transportation route from April Road to White Pine Beach.

During the summer of 2020, Port Moody residents heading towards Sasamat, White Pine Beach and other outdoor destinations experienced roads and parking lots jammed with cars, further worsening a problem that has existed for many years. The White Pine Beach parking area was often full by early morning, and the elimination of parking on Bedwell Bay Road reduced access to the west side of Sasamat Lake. People parked further away and walked into the parks on the road. This created a dangerous situation for people driving, walking, and cycling; wheelchair users; and especially parents with strollers. For those who live in Belcarra it often created delays getting in and out of the village.

Currently there is no safe, comfortable way for people of all ages and abilities to cycle or walk to Sasamat Lake and Belcarra Park. The Shoreline Trail to Old Orchard Park and traffic-calmed Alderside Road provides a starting point, but only takes people walking and cycling halfway to Belcarra Park and Sasamat Lake. A greenway from April Road to Sasamat Lake would encourage people to walk, run or cycle on a continuous and safe route.

The Sasamat Greenway is a priority in Metro Vancouver's Regional Greenways 2050 plan, HUB Cycling TriCities places this route as one of the top five Tri-Cities "Map Gaps"; and Port Moody's climate action plan is to double the percentage of trips taken using active transportation from 20% to 40% of trips by 2030. HUB TriCities is asking Port Moody Council to accelerate these timelines and respond to current needs. Rather than waiting for 2030 or 2050, we would like to get started now.

There are many possibilities for trail placement beside the road or through the forest. From the Ioco townsite, for example, a trail could follow Village Creek in the Ioco Lands Buffer Zone and the gas line right-of-way to provide an off-road trail. Alternatively, with proper placement of concrete barriers, a safe and separated pathway could be created along one side of Bedwell Bay Road.

The Village of Belcarra would benefit from reduced car traffic, fewer emissions, and safe active travel not only to the parks, but to our communities themselves. Belcarra and Anmore councils endorse this project. It would be so exciting to see a safe active transportation path come to fruition in our community.

See Centre pages for Map.

About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 22 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environmental, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB has educated thousands of people, motivated thousands more, and championed improvements that [#UnGapTheMap](#) to create a connected cycling network. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often. HUB Cycling has close to 3,000 members and more than 45,000 direct supporters. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that encourage cycling for all ages and abilities (AAA) in municipalities across Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit bikehub.ca.



Lack of parking forces people to park further and walk on Bedwell Bay Road – Summer 2020





Letter To The Editor

As a long time resident, I'm writing to endorse proposed plans to create a safer and more accessible community pathway and trails. We should take full advantage of provincial funding available to us now. Please voice your backing of this plan if you understand the healthy benefits it provides our residents. Belcarra is for people who like to be close to nature. Better trails means more access to nature for everyone.

Jeff Chute



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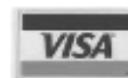
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After a three-and-a-half year struggle, Metro Vancouver Regional District Parks has successfully terminated the lease on all the Belcarra South cottages. For me, it has been a 57-year relationship with Belcarra and my cottage beginning in 1964 when my family began leasing from the private owner prior to Metro's expropriation in 1971. I have lived on my own in Mayo Point Lodge – named by the builder Judge Bole early in the 20th century – year 'round since 1978. It's heartbreaking to consider leaving the cottage and the Village.

I am looking for a house – or an above-ground suite with lots of light – so I can remain in the Village. Please let me know if you have a place or know of one coming up. My deadline for moving out is March 1, 2022.

Jo Ledingham

