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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

APRIL 2022

April 2nd	Ramadan begins
April 6th	OCP Review Meeting
April 7th	World Health Day
April 11th	Regular Council Meeting
April 14th	Vaisakhi
April 15th	Good Friday
April 15/23rd	Passover
April 16th	Full Moon
April 17th	Easter Sunday
April 17th at 10:30	at the park CRAB will host the annual Easter Candy Egg Hunt
April 18th	Easter Monday
April 22nd	Earth Day
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April 23rd	St. Georges' Day
April 25th	Regular Council Meeting
April 30th	New Moon



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COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2022

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 Brenda Hogg.

The back page has a photograph submitted by Deborah Struk.

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

It is a pleasure to share them.

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Mayor's Report

I was reviewing my notes on my inauguration as your Mayor.

My main effort at the start of my term in office was to support an atmosphere in Council that permitted enthusiastic, spirited, passionate debate with opportunities for the airing of all sides to an issue. That the work would be respectful and mutually supportive, as well as productive for our Village was, and remains my approach.

My notes spoke to issues now in process such as the review of the Official Community Plan, Asset Management Plan and parking within the village. My notes also spoke to improved safety within the Village and specifically for pedestrian safety along Bedwell Bay Road.

Many Villagers walk alongside Bedwell Bay Road and many Villagers have commented, over the years, that it doesn't always seem safe. We must make it safer for everyone. I agree with so many of you that the need for improved safety cannot come at the risk of financial ruin. I believe that we can do both, provide improved safety and maintain sound financial viability. And I agree with many of you that we must also find a way to provide improved safety for all path users without penalizing property owners.

I remain committed to a vision of improvement towards safety. I do not support expropriation. The multi-use path/sidewalk we build must be safe, accessible and available to everyone; of all abilities.

I have asked my Council colleagues to join me in supporting the idea that until we have all the information we need to make a fully informed decision on the matter of a multi-use path/sidewalk to serve everyone, we do not dismiss the opportunity. Many of you have already demonstrated an interest in the idea. Many of you have also demonstrated a healthy skepticism in our abilities to overcome both the difficulties of the terrain and the anticipated costs. A first step to getting the facts to address those concerns is often an engineering study. I ask for your support to gather information and ensure our community members have all the information to make an informed decision. In doing this we will honour those pioneers who built our Village: by looking forward, working together and working through differences.

Happy to chat,
Jamie Ross

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Need to recycle or drop off trash?
Metro Vancouver's new transfer station
opens in Coquitlam

Source: [Janis Cleugh](#) Tri-City News

Mar 8, 2022 1:11 PM

Submitted by Ralph Drew

The new Metro Vancouver transfer centre on United Boulevard in Coquitlam cost \$77.6M to construct.

"It's a one-stop shop," Metro Vancouver CAO Jerry Dobrovolsky told the Tri-City News last Friday during an exclusive tour with board chair Sav Dhaliwal, a Burnaby city councillor, and Jack Froese, the mayor of Langley Township and the chair of Metro's Zero Waste Committee.

"We expect to see up to 700 vehicles a day coming through here to drop off garbage and recycling. It will serve our region well."

Located on 15.5 acres, the new facility is on land owned by the regional district and is therefore exempt from city property taxes.

In fact, Henderson said, the new site is so big that residential and commercial vehicles can be separated on site to head to the scales or recycling depot. At the current station, vehicles often spilled out onto United Boulevard to queue up to drop unwanted goods.

It will be open every day except Christmas and New Year's Day from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and "anybody in the region can use it," Henderson said.

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Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake
and Carol Drew

The Coquitlam RCMP and the North Vancouver RCMP are now participating in a pilot project that allows Hate Motivated Incidents (HMI) to be reported online for the first time.

HMI are not defined as a criminal offence. Such an incident occurs when:

“.....a person is targeted by another based on a motivation of hate or a suspected motivation of hate. This could include hate motivated correspondence, someone being treated poorly, hateful speech or insults towards a person based on race, gender or sexual orientation.”

A HMI is NOT a hate motivated crime which is a criminal offence - that is, inciting violence or threats toward an identifiable group; vandalism to a home (graffiti); damage to a place of worship; actual physical assault based on race, gender or sexual orientation. These offences **MUST** be reported in person.



The Coquitlam RCMP see being able to report HMI online as an additional way to ensure public safety and also to improve police response.

Citizens with a valid email address can now report HMI that occur in Coquitlam, Pt Coquitlam, Anmore and Belcarra using: report.rcmp.ca

Other online reporting includes:

- damage/mischief to property under \$5,000
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A second shipping container will store oil and antifreeze at Coquitlam's new recycling hub.

Source: Kyle Balzer Tri City News
Submitted by Ralph Drew

Metro Vancouver recently received a grant from the BC Used Oil Management Association (BCUOMA) to add a 20-foot modified sea container to the United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre (995 United Blvd.), which officially opened to the public on March 14.

As well, the BCUOMA is giving two 1,000-litre intermediate bulk containers for the facility's use.

Residents can use the station for free and are encouraged to bring any of the following:

- Used lubricating oil
- Used oil filters,
- Used oil containers
- Used antifreeze
- Other antifreeze containers

"The new United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre is three times larger than the previous facility, and it is the perfect central location for a used oil recycling centre," said BCUOMA CEO David Lawes in a news release today (April 5).

"This new full-service recycling and waste centre in Coquitlam, with a dedicated used oil recycling facility, is a great example of organizations working together to create cleaner and environmentally safer communities."

Residents can drop off their used oil and antifreeze materials at the United Boulevard facility during the following operating hours:

- Monday to Friday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Lucky Family Tells of Mudslide Terror

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, February 2022.
Source: Vancouver Province, Thursday, October 7th, 1965,
page 1.

"Logger Adam Yorke is digging his Indian Arm logging camp out from tons of rock, mud and debris that roared down and smashed it like match boxes. He is already making plans to rebuild."

"The slide hit the camp about midnight Tuesday, but spared the lives of Yorke and his family."

"It picked-up one of the camp buildings and hurled it out to sea [Indian Arm], demolishing a boat and a dock. Another building was also pushed into the inlet and another wrapped around a tree. Another tree six feet [2 m] in diameter rammed end-first through the cook's quarters."

"The camp is a half-mile [800 m] south of Wigwam Inn and on the west side of Indian Arm. It is 20 miles [32 km] northeast of Vancouver."

"Water in the inlet is still brown with mud and covered with floating pieces of smashed wood. The slide covers about 300 yards [300 m] of beachfront and is about a half-mile [800 m] long."

"I can't understand how we escaped,' says Yorke."

"He said his wife, oldest son Bob and daughter-in-law were in the cookhouse when the slide struck. He and his two younger children were in a nearby cabin."

"The cookhouse was smashed against a tree and filled with mud, burying Mrs. Yorke up to her neck. Her son dug her out."

"'It was just like an earthquake,' said Yorke. 'The ground was shaking and noisy as all get-out. I thought sure we were all going to get killed.'"

"'The cabin was pushed almost into the chuck [Indian Arm]. I looked out at the cookhouse and didn't figure anybody in there was alive.'"

"'The slide knocked the powerhouse out, so they were lighting matches to see. They found the flashlight in the mud in the oven, and when I saw the light, I knew at least somebody was still alive. I went over and found out that there wasn't a scratch on anybody. It was a miracle.'"

"He said the bunkhouse, which was lifted into the air and dropped on a 22-foot [6.7 m] cabin cruiser, had been vacated just three days before by three hired hands."

"'We haven't even found a sliver of the boat yet. And the dock built of three-inch [7.6 cm thick] planks and huge logs was just wiped-out.'"

"'When we found we were all right, I went down the shore to a cabin just around the next point and we broke-in to stay for the night.'"

"'In the morning, some of the men from the Canadian Collieries camp [a logging camp on Indian River] came in to see if we were all right.'"


"The slide followed two days of torrential rain in the Indian Arm area."

“There was a big slide up back beyond those mountains last August,’ said Yorke. ‘I guess it made a natural dam and the water just got loose.’”

“A creek [Clementine Creek] previously about 300 yards [300 m] away from the camp [to the south], now runs through the spot where the camp was.”

“Yorke estimates the total damage at about \$80,000 [about \$675,000 today]. He said he has not yet found if he is covered by insurance.”


“He will try to rebuild the camp. He recovered most of his logs from the water and boomed them. He said the money they bring-in will pay to get the camp going again.”



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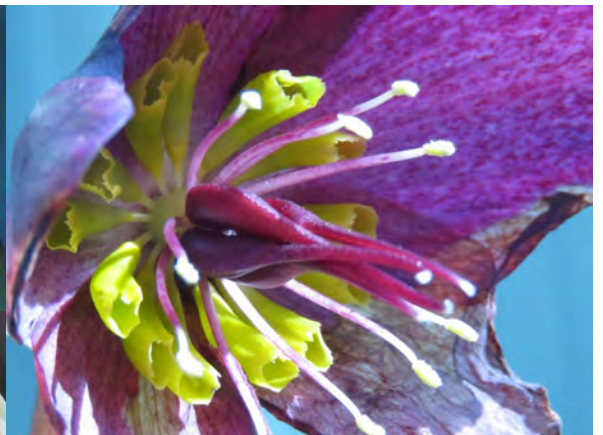


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“Hellebore Heaven”

Submitted by Nora Boekhout



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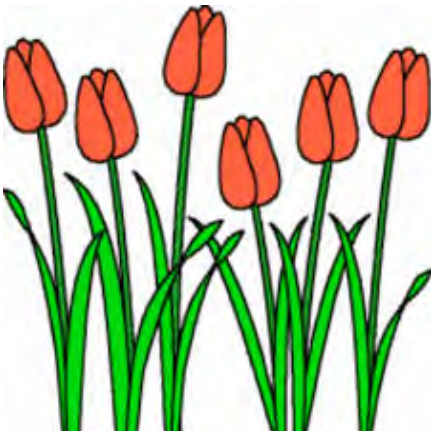
Submitted by Dave Warren

This Year Belcarrians were spared the wrath of the ides of March. And the leprechauns deprived us from celebrating St Patrick's Day at the hall while they hid the bar. Fortunately the Easter bunny is more amenable to caring for our village folk than the other mystic legends. On Easter Sunday April 17th at 10:30 at the park CRAB will host the annual Easter Candy Egg Hunt for Belcarra offspring and grandchildren. As usual the children will be divided into three groups, depending upon ages, to different challenging caches deposited by the Easter Bunny. CRAB directors invite you to bring a child with a basket and enjoy conversation with neighbours coming out of winter hibernation. Masks are not required but neither are they frowned upon.

A word of caution: If during the Easter season a COVID variant should become prevalent in the broader community, this event will be cancelled. Some of the candy might get distributed to known family households receptive to delivery. Presently we are looking good but come mid-April things could change with wind and travellers from distant lands. Keep an eye on the CRAB sign at the entrance to the village for updates of the Easter Bunny's scheme.

The Barnacle magazine holders have been damaged again.

This time it was at the Kelly Road bus stop where a plastic holder was wrenched off the wall. This occurred at about the time of the incident when a local youth was threatened by an individual driving a Mercedes-Benz car (as reported in the Barnacle Together online site)



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THE BELCARRA GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Les Bramley

Hi, everybody ! Our next garden club meeting at the Belcarra Picnic Area Shelters will be on Monday May the 2nd at 2pm, rain or shine.

In our April meeting we covered composting and how to avoid wild animals being attracted by the wrong methods.

In May we will cover the many benefits of having a worm farm. Several people in the village have worm farms, saving a considerable amount of waste from going into the village compost bin. Another good thing to help our environment and our budget.

We will have the details of our day trip in the June issue of the Belcarra Barnacle, many thanks for publishing in the local paper, it is much appreciated.

All are welcome to join us on our garden day trip - member or not.

HAPPY GARDENING

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

P.S. It's free.

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An old postcard of Belcarra Park

Submitted by Nancy Strain





Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

Spring is here!!!

The days are gradually getting warmer and longer. As I write, the crocuses are pretty much spent and the daffodils are opening! Come April 1st, surely many more bulbs will have bloomed!

I have planted peas and garlic outdoors and started many seeds inside. This is the first year where I am trying to implement plans to my gardening. Aha, a feat for this one who prefers improvising.

I am ever thankful for the expertise and connections through the Belcarra Garden Club. We have many gardeners at all levels, helpful and patient, sharing tips and seeds. It is an excellent way to get connected with other villagers.

I also love the Westcoast seeds website and their offshoot, Mind and Soil. They have amazing resources and videos on youtube.

<https://m.youtube.com/c/MindandSoil/videos>

Spring represents life and the hope of new life. Gardening is healing and very therapeutic. After two years of lockdowns, masks, illness and death, hope is a lifeline.

Fear has overtaken much of what many do on a day to day basis. Yikes, who would've thought a mere cough or sneeze could affect us on such a psychological level? I am saddened to see and hear of so many living in fear. Getting out to smell the flowers, or digging in the dirt helps.

We need faith and hope in the world today.

Klaus Schwab (World Economic Forum / Davos) has boasted about infiltrating governments and he seems to adore our Prime Minister. Our PM admires how communist China is able to rule their citizens. We should pay attention, but not be in fear.

Faith and hope are the victors over fear. Jesus says, "Fear not!", as He has overcome the world.

The Bible describes, some of, what the world will look like and the 'One World Order'. 'The Great Reset' (or build back better) moves towards that and QR codes can easily morph into us submitting to the one world order.

This is why many today are wary about accepting this method of access and tracking. The last two years with the doom and gloom re: disease (viral), climate crisis, food shortages, supply chain shortages, wars and rumours of wars all fits into the prophecies of 'end times' mentioned in the Bible.

We can be thankful for the Easter message: Jesus, His death and His resurrection. He conquered all evil and the power of the grave. Jesus is our hope. He is The Way, The Truth and The Life. You can give all your cares to Him because He truly cares for you. Jesus promises to be your rock, shield and comforter. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus is the risen saviour of the world. He will return one day, we know not the day or hour. He is the true example of loving others. (Oh I fall so short, so often of loving others as He did). The world desperately needs the love and compassion Jesus demonstrated. We also need to be wise. As the good word says 'to those who have ears, let them hear'. Fear not, He has risen!

Easter Blessings be upon you and all your family and loved ones, now and into the future. You are loved.

Happy Easter!




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Letter to the Editor

Yesterday afternoon my grandson Carter phoned in a state of anxiety to ask for help. He'd been a passenger in a car accident and had a broken nose and cut lip, so was unable to speak clearly. He had made a mistake when the police arrived at the scene, was jailed with serious charges. He made his one call to me, asking for help, not wanting his parents to learn about the problem until he had taken care of it. I told him I would do anything to help him. He gave me the number of a lawyer who had mere hours to get the charges dropped: otherwise Carter would have a permanent record.

After three attempts, the lawyer answered, explaining he'd slipped out of court to take my call. He instructed me to raise \$9800 in cash, and to call him when he got back to his office with further instructions. I tried to call Carter to see if he was home from school, but there was no answer, so I drove to the Royal Bank where the teller and the associate manager both suspected fraud. From the manager's office, I called the Coquitlam RCMP and two officers arrived within minutes. I went thru the scenario in detail, and by then a fresh news release had just popped up on the Bank's website, "Grandmother Scam" in our area.

All in all, a three hour ordeal.

Barbara Shelly



Letter to the Editor

When will Canada take national defence more seriously?

Re: [Ukraine war sparks fresh calls for urgency on upgrading North America's defences](#) (March 5, 2022)

I am writing to express my extreme concern regarding the federal government's lack of response on upgrading the NORAD [North American Aerospace Defence Command] defence systems and investing in Canada's military capabilities.

When will the federal government act decisively to invest in NORAD and address this serious national defence deficiency?

The 2021 Fraser Valley flood event highlighted the lack of capability of Canada's armed forces to response to civil emergencies in Canada, let alone provide any sort of military assistance to our NATO allies [North Atlantic Treaty Organization].

When will the federal government act to meet its NATO obligations and budget two per cent of GDP to refurbishing the capability of the Canadian military?

A timely response by our federal government to the foregoing two questions is urgently needed!

Ralph Drew



For Every Body in Belcarra

Warm greetings to every 'body' in Belcarra who might benefit from adjustments to apparel after two years of restrictions.

Taking on new projects is always fun, so don't hesitate to give me a call and come by the studio to chat about what you need or envision.

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Hope to see you soon!

Barbara Shelly

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