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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!

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

Michelle Montico, Editor
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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 2022

May 1st	Beltane
May 2nd	Belcarra Garden Club Mtg
May 2 & 3	Village Roadside Chipping
May 3rd	End of Ramadan
May 4th	OCP Review Committee Mtg
May 7th	World Naked Gardening Day
May 8th	Mother's Day
May 8th	Birthday of Buddha
May 9th	Regular Council Meeting
May 14th	World Migratory Bird Day
May 15th	Full Moon
May 15th	International Day of Families
May 20th	World Bee Day
May 21st	International Tea Day
May 23rd	Victoria Day
May 24th	Regular Council Meeting
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May 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 of Dave Warren handing a "golden egg" prize to Owen Drake.

The back page has a photograph submitted by Abby Pix of Huxley and Lucy.

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

April is a month of rebirth and renewal, which for Belcarra has seen the reemergence of the Easter Bunny and the Easter Egg Hunt. My wife Sylvia, my daughter Katherine, and our dog Sulli watched and fondly reflected on this returning Belcarra tradition. Thanks to C.R.A.B, Dave Warren and all of his Easter Bunny volunteer helpers.

On April 25th, Belcarra Council declined to support a motion that would have provided funding for an engineering study along Bedwell Bay Road. This study would have given the Village engineering findings for future decisions on drainage, culvert replacement and a multi-use path (MUP). The often misunderstood circumstances surrounding this motion were passionately debated. There were many Villagers that attended, some spoke eagerly, sincerely and eloquently. In the end, the motion was narrowly defeated by three votes to two. I urge that interested Villagers view the full debate on the Village website.

Belcarra's financial audit was received on April 25 and provided no surprises. The Village remains in good shape financially.

Now we move on. On behalf of our Village, I will thank TransLink for their support and encouragement over the past year. The funds that they provided for the MUP will be returned. Council will move forward with their work on the OCP Review, Parking, and Asset Management.

I want to thank everyone who was involved in Council's recent decisions. On a personal note, I want to thank my Council colleagues for their passion and willingness to engage over the recent months. I consider myself lucky to work with this Council.

Happy to chat,
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2022 ANNUAL CHIPPING

MAY 2 & 3, 2022



IMPORTANT NOTICE: The chipping program shall only take place once per year.

Please utilize the organics bins for smaller amounts of chipping. Take your larger amounts to the United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre at 995 United Boulevard.

Residents are encouraged to dispose of their green waste material in the Organics bin at the Village Waste and Recycle Depot. Tuesday is a good day for adding larger amounts as the bin is hauled and emptied on Wednesdays.

Please note there is a change in procedure:

- Each residence is allowed one free chipping pile which does not require a tag.
- Due to the COVID 19 pandemic situation, additional tags will not be sold this year.
- Each road will be serviced only once. Staff will not return to areas already chipped.

Important Details:

- Chipping material must be out before **7:30 am** on the above date to ensure that it will be picked up.
- Pile size must not exceed 1.0M x 1.0M x 3.0M (3' x 3' x 10')
- Clean, uncontaminated branches **up to 0.1 metres (4 inches) in diameter** to be stacked at the front of the property from which the material originated, with the larger ends aligned in the direction of travel. (This allows Workers to chip the branches with minimum exposure to traffic.)
- **Piles will NOT BE CHIPPED that:**
 - do not conform to specifications and requirements
 - are considered contaminated containing: stumps, root-balls, grass, ivy, leaves (bagged or piled), blackberry vines, vegetation with thistles, thorns or irritants, or soil, rocks, wire, metal and nails.
- Unsuitable piles will be tagged and will be left for appropriate removal by the Resident or Owner and must be removed within 7 days of the chipping date above.

Please note:

- Larger volumes of vegetation for removal should be contracted to a tree service company.
- Keep the roadway clear for the passage of traffic.
- **Success of the program depends on Resident cooperation – follow instructions carefully and contact Village Hall at 604 937-4100 if you have any questions.**



Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake
and Carol Drew

A big 'thank you' to Barbara Shelly for her candid letter in the April issue of the Belcarra Barnacle, reminding us all about the 'grandparent phone (or text) scam.' This is a particularly insidious crime that preys on many caring, kind seniors.

Scam artists will use a grandparent's love and concern to separate an unsuspecting grandparent from their money.

Police in both Canada and the USA have reported a sudden uptick in seniors getting frantic telephone calls or texts - even knocks on doors - alerting them that a grandchild has been in a serious car accident or has been arrested. Sometimes the call will be from the 'grandchild' him/herself, the voice disguised by so-called 'injuries'.

The caller will then demand money to help pay bail or legal fees. There is always urgency and secrecy involved: "Please don't let my Mom and Dad know."

Many gangs have turned to the grandparents scam as a source of quick, easy cash. And it *is* extremely lucrative. In one eleven month period in 2021, seventy American seniors were defrauded of 2 million dollars through a country-wide operation. A national ring of fraudsters, making use of well-rehearsed scripts and information gleaned from the grandchild's social media, were involved.

Criminals are also aware that this type of theft is very hard to track and perpetrators suffer less severe or stringent penalties and sentences than with other more violent crimes. There are now literal "boiler rooms and call centres" in India, China and Russia operating around this scheme.

The RCMP offer the following tips to help protect residents in the area:

- Be suspicious of any such emergency calls, especially if they occur late at night.
- Never withdraw and send money to anyone you do not know.
- Never give out personal information on the phone or online to someone you do not know. The police or the courts will not ask for personal information over the phone.
- If the person is saying a family member is in trouble, confirm with that family member or other family members prior to taking action.
- If the caller claims to be a grandchild and you are in doubt, ask questions that only he/she would know the answer to.
- If you have a gut feeling that something is not right, trust it. Hang up and call your local RCMP.

Anyone who suspects they have been targeted in a phone or computer scam is encouraged to contact their local police, and also the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at [1-888-495-8501](tel:1-888-495-8501) or online at <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>.



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Mighty Harbour Plan Proposed For Indian Arm

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, February 2022.

Source: Vancouver Province, Thursday, September 23rd, 1958, page 14.

"Gottfrid Dahlstrom is probably many years ahead of the actual need, but his proposal for the Indian Arm of Vancouver Harbour is so unique and ambitious that it merits airing."

"A consulting engineer who came here from Vastervik, Sweden, about five years ago [1953], Dahlstrom looked over the growing metropolis area and his eyes lit on the east shore of Indian Arm, just outside the mouth of Bedwell Bay, across the water from Deep Cove [the west side of the Belcarra Peninsula]. There he feels is a geographic situation ripe for development."

"Mr. Dahlstrom thinks big, as the following outline will demonstrate: 'We propose that B.C. Electric [today, B.C. Hydro] move its now-building thermal power plant [Burrard Thermal Plant] from Ioco to the Indian Arm site where it could be buried in the rock bluff shore, much as Alcan's Kemano power house is built inside a mountain.' Utilizing Swedish techniques, he says, would material increase the efficiency of the plant."

"The excavated rock fill, dumped along the shoreline, would create 6,800 feet [2,073 m] of quay for deep sea shipping piers. Grain elevators could be erected at the site."

"In the area, estimated Dahlstrom, there are over 500 acres [over 200 ha = almost all of Belcarra] of land suitable for light and heavy industry plants."

"The CPR, he continues, could build a three-mile [4.8 km] spur line from Ioco, providing a rail link. An oil line could be run from Imperial's refinery. A natural gas pipeline could also be run into the site with comparative ease."

"Continuing, Mr. Dahlstrom envisions a road rimming the [Belcarra] peninsula to reach the site, and possibly a tunnel under the Indian Arm, at its narrow point, to provide a link with Cove Cliff and North Vancouver. Water for boilers could be pumped-in from adjacent Buntzen Lake."

"The Indian Arm is deep enough for heavy vessels, he says, and navigation charts would certainly seem to bear him out."

"'It's a most perfect location for industrial development', says the Swedish engineer."

"In total it's an admirable conception by a veteran engineer who has nothing more in mind than the betterment of his new home city. The local interests with whom Mr. Dahlstrom has discussed the scheme generally recognize it has merit."

"Unfortunately, however, their consensus appears to be — 'premature'. (The metropolitan area has plenty of waterfront for its deep-sea needs for some years to come.)"

"Premature, unless B.C. Electric (BCE) were captivated by that increased efficiency factor which Dahlstrom suggests is available. If the power company moved, there is little doubt that other facets of the imaginative scheme would promptly fall into place."

"But that's one for the BCE engineers."

PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

The Village survey ended on 27 April, 2022.

Tune into your May 9th Council Meeting to learn about the results and see the final report.

OCP

The results of the OCP Community Survey and feedback from the Virtual Open House are now available on the Village website in a presentation by Urban Systems:

<https://belcarra.ca/assets/media/2022/04/2022-03-25-OCP-Review-Committee-Meeting-Presentation-April-6.pdf>



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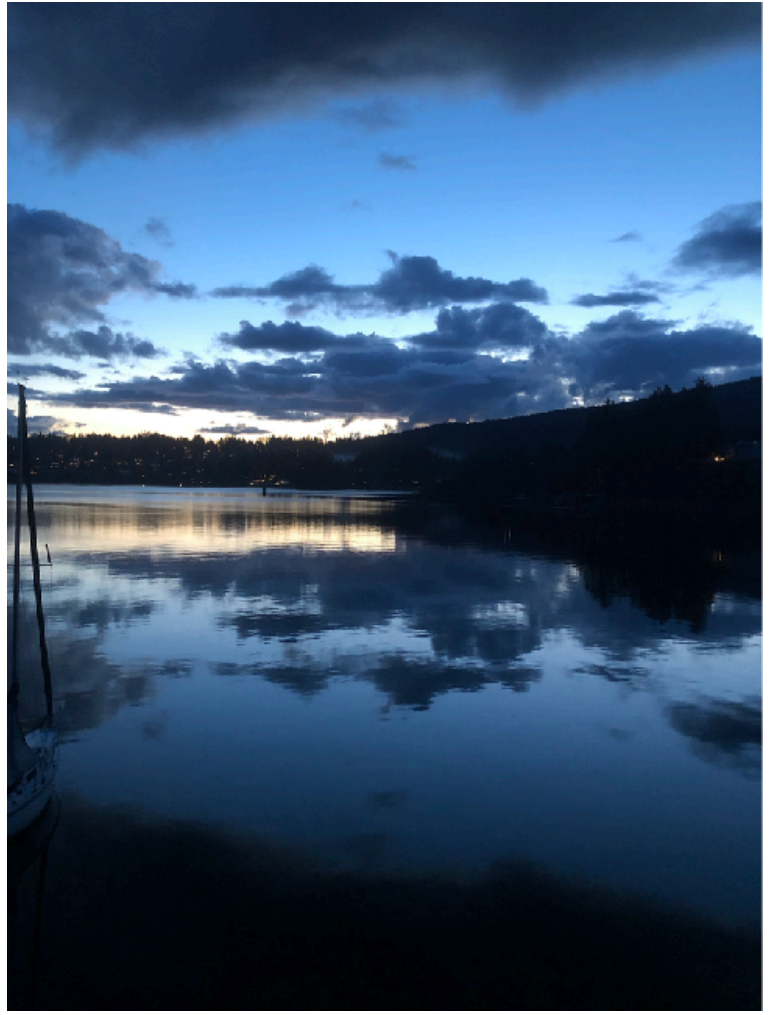


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Submitted by Bonni Marshall



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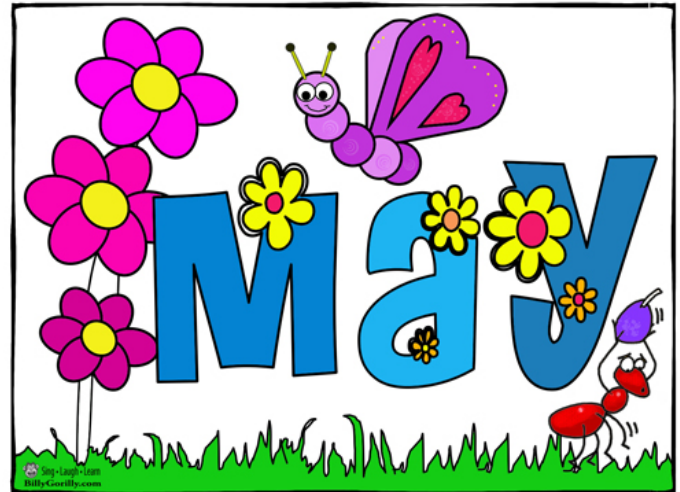
CRAB

Submitted by Dave Warren

The Children's Easter Candy Egg Hunt at the park this year sponsored by CRAB was an enjoyable success due to the radiance of the sun and the synergy of Deborah Struk, Emma, and Olive and Anya Callaghan. The ladies' diligence of concealing candy in the park was fun for everyone and mystical magic for the toddlers. More than 30 Belcarra children and grandchildren foraging for sweets among the weeds and other natures' obstacles. Most of the participants brought their parents and or grandparents to observe the event and socialize outdoors with neighbours. Among the challengers for the solid chocolate rabbits the youngest contestants persevered to secure the esteemed prizes ahead of the older kids.

Although some excited preteens charged into the play zone there were no casualties.

The previous couple of CRAB Annual General Meetings were conducted on ZOOM to avoid unnecessary exposure of attendees to possible COVID virus. At this time it is uncertain if the 2022 AGM will again be on ZOOM or at an indoor venue. ZOOM is fine for the business side of the meeting but to partake in an animated social with an elixir libation an in person gathering is preferred. Keep an eye on the CRAB sign at Village entrance and the Barnacle for an update of plans for an AGM.



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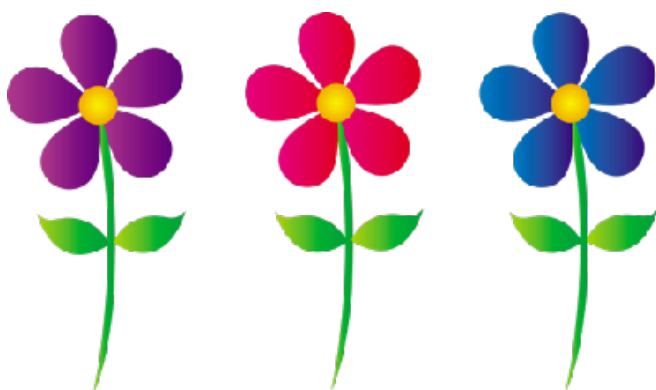
Submitted by Les Bramley

Hi everybody! Our next garden club meeting at the village hall car park will be on Monday, June the 6th at 4pm.

Be comfortable, bring a deck chair.

Happy to report Belcarra Garden Club members now receive a 10% discount at the Amsterdam Garden Centre with their club membership card. This card is renewed every year.

In June we will look in to putting our collective life experiences in gardening together for the betterment of our environment.



I was busy in my garden and the neighbour looked over the fence and said.. "What are you doing?"

I said "I'm putting all my plants in alphabetical order..."

She replied "Really? I don't know how you find the time..!"

Oh that's easy I said, "It's right next to the sage."

Example: Growing plants to help species on the endangered list, like the Monarch butterfly, survive. I think that over time we can all learn to do better in this respect. We find in our rustic garden we are having to slowly adapt to climate change.

We have 21 members now. All are welcome to join this fun group.

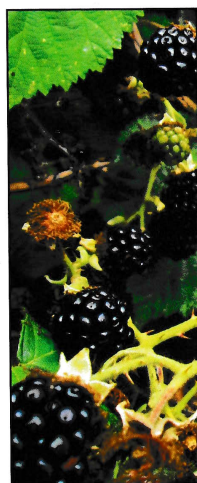
Our gardening day trip destination will now be released in the July edition of the Belcarra Barnacle.

HAPPY GARDENING!

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- There are only three kinds of bees in a hive: Queen, Worker and Drone.
- The queen bee lays the eggs. She will lay around 1,500 eggs per day.
- The worker bees are all female. They do all of the work for the hive. They clean, feed baby bees, feed and care for the queen, pack pollen and nectar into the comb, build and repair the honeycombs, and they cool and guard the hive.
- Outside the hive, the worker bees gather the nectar and pollen.
- Bees have two stomachs - one for eating and the other special stomach to store and carry nectar and water back to their hive.
- Males bees are called drones. Their job is to mate with the queen. Male drone bees do not have stingers.
- The worker bees have stingers. If a worker bee uses her stinger, she will die.
- Bees are classified as insects.
- Bees have five eyes and six legs.
- Bees go through four stages of development: Egg, Larvae, Pupae and Adult Bee.
- Bees use their honeycomb cells to raise their babies in, and to store nectar, honey, pollen and water.

- Nectar is a sweet watery substance that the bees gather. After they process the nectar in their special stomach, they regurgitate it into the honeycomb cells in their hive. Next they fan with their wings to remove excess moisture. The final result is HONEY!
- Bees are the only insect in the world that make food that humans can eat.
- A beehive in summer can have as many as 50,000 to 80,000 bees. A bee must collect nectar from about 2 million flowers to make 1 pound of honey. It requires 556 worker bees to gather a pound of honey. Bees fly more than once around the world to gather a pound of honey.
- The average worker bee makes about 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.



It's hard to say what a bee's favourite day is, but 20 May is the birth date of Anton Janša (1734–1773), a Slovenian beekeeper, one of the pioneers of modern beekeeping.



Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

I can see clearly now the rains are gone. Gonna be bright, bright, bright sunshiny days. Here is hoping, seriously I do hope and pray NO drought this year, but perfect amounts of rain. Wishful thinking, once again, for rain every night from say, 2-4 am, therefore alleviating need to water lawns and plants. I can hope... right?

I have so much to be thankful for over the last several months. First, in early spring my daughter and granddaughter were here to visit for several weeks. What a joyful delight. To all the Nanas and Papas, grandmas and grandpas, babushkas and dadushkas, babas and guídos, nonnas and nonnos or whatever your little ones address you by, isn't it the best calling in life? Such a precious gift. The smiles, the hugs, the ever endearing moments. Belcarra is such a beautiful place to share with our grandkids. So much to do, if not to simply enjoy nature and the quietness. We have such incredible gifts of creation all around to share with the younger generation.

Driving into Belcarra, just as you reach the lake it feels like a different world. Everything just unwinds and gets left behind as you drive into our beautiful village. I remember feeling this long before I ever moved into the village. You don't even have to experience the forest or ocean, just the peaceful drive is calming. The drive out of the village down 'Evans and Foster Hill' with the spectacular view of Indian Arm is breathtaking. No wonder we so often come upon visitors stopping in the middle of the road to capture a shot. It is a little scary and unnerving when they stop like that, but I get it.

There is so much to appreciate in Belcarra. My sweet Harper loves to sit still and watch the Towhees, Chickadees, and so many more, even a Pileated Woodpecker, at our feeder. She will patiently watch the water for otters, seabirds, harbour seals, hoping to see Orcas. Better yet she loves a hike to Maple Beach, to Ray Creek or the beautiful Sasamat Loop.

One 'modern' highlight for kids (and adults) is our Little Library. Harper has enjoyed borrowing and placing books into that wonderful library. I too, have found a book or two to read. Such a joy. Thank you to everyone who keeps it stocked. Recently the Belcarra Garden Club shared a plant sharing idea and ooooooh it would be a magnificent idea. It would be wonderful if we were a simple village and not bound by bureaucracy to set up such a wonderful idea.

Now how about that Easter Egg Hunt, what an awesome turnout! It was delightful and the sun pierced through to take that cold brisk wind edge away. There were so many smiling faces that day. A welcome return to a Village holiday event.

Please remember to send in your amazing photos. Always thankful for our beautiful Village and all stories and photos residents send in.

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