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Words from the Editor:

Welcome to your Community Newspaper!

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

This month we are celebrating our Belcarra grads. Thank you Tamryn Goodes for your suggestion and for organizing the photos.

We have a new book club column with reviews by local readers and book enthusiasts.

We are taking a break next month and will be back with another issue in September. Please remember to send us your articles and photos by August 20th.

Happy summer everyone!

Dayna Fitz, Editor
belcarrabarnacle@gmail.com

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IMPORTANT DATES
JULY 20231 **Canada Day**

- 3 Belcarra Garden Club
- 3 Full Moon
- 5 Open House Interface Wildfire
PDA Policy
- 10 Regular Council Meeting
- 17 New Moon
- 24 Regular Council Meeting

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COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023

Council meetings are in-person
at the Village Hall.

Livestream is available at:
[Village of Belcarra YouTube Channel](#)

Please email questions during the meeting to
prichardson@belcarra.ca and they will be read
at the appropriate time

Please check the Village website for more
information www.belcarra.ca .

COVERS

Thank you Deneige Davis for
capturing the spirit of Belcarra Day
in the photo collages on our front
and back covers.

Thank you Gai Anderson, Michele
Babineau, Loretta Davis, Gary
Glover, Corinna Goodman, Karen
Hall, Tim Holmes, Minnie Warner,
Liisa Wilder, and everyone who
sent in their Belcarra Day photos.



MAYOR'S REPORT

During June, Belcarra Regional Park/ təmtəmíxʷtən was the site of a jointly sponsored celebration for the Village of Belcarra. Our Belcarra Day, missed for the last three years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, took place on June 11 when we were finally able to come together again. It was jointly hosted by the Village and CRAB, and included displays by the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department, the FireSmart Program, and the Coquitlam RCMP. Many members of the Village participated and volunteered. It was good to see so many of you out for our picnic in the park. It was nice to see the young ones enjoying pony rides, turtles, bunnies, a train, a tug of war, and the amusement games.

The achievements of all Village graduates were celebrated with great pride this month. Congratulations to all of you!

Here are the Council highlights since my last update.

Council Meeting, June 5, 2023

Council received and approved the 2022 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI). Council approved the terms of reference of the Finance Standing Committee.

The 2022 Drinking Water Quality Annual Report was received and will be forwarded to the Fraser Health Authority for review and comment.

A report regarding the Village of Belcarra Interface Wildlife Development Permit Area Policy was presented to Council and will be followed by an open house including BA Blackwell and Associates.

The Village announced the hiring of a new Bylaw Officer and Ward Attendant. We welcomed Sophie Gable.

Council adopted The Village of Belcarra Growing Communities Reserve Fund Establishment (Bylaw 612, 2023).

Council Meeting, June 19, 2023

Council recognized the achievement of Capriella Pelliccia and her Port Moody U15 Girl's Lacrosse team for winning gold.

Council received and advanced amendments to the Village of Belcarra 5 - Year Financial Plan Bylaw 606, 2023 and Amendment Bylaw 613, 2023.

The Village of Belcarra 2022 Annual Report was presented and received.

Council discussed the Village of Belcarra Noise Bylaw.

Further details, and a recording of these meetings, are available on the Village website [www.belcarra.ca].

June was National Indigenous History Month. I was honoured to attend, with Metro Vancouver Board Members, the Tsawwassen First Nation Longhouse Regional Gathering for the strengthening of relationships and understanding.

Happy Canada Day!

Jamie





Belcarra Block Watch Still looking for a Coordinator

Coquitlam RCMP are looking for volunteers to coordinate Block Watch in Belcarra.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, an application form is available on the Village of Belcarra website.

If you have any questions about the Block Watch program, or the application process, please email:

Coquitlam_Blockwatch@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

If you have been missing the regular Block Watch column, please visit the www.blockwatch.com website for tips and recent articles.

Thank you SVFD



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Village of Belcarra Interface Wildfire Development Permit Area Policy

Opportunity for Public Consultation – Comments and Questions; Open House

Recent studies completed by the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction have shown that the ultimate root of the wildland-urban interface (WUI) wildfire issue is the vulnerability of structures to ignition during wildfire events, in particular their vulnerability to embers. Although wildfire conditions pass quickly in a wildland setting (approximately 60 seconds), homes will burn independently of the wildfire event, and for a long time. Wildfire then moving through an urban community most often becomes a structure-to-structure ignition and burning event. Once initial homes are on fire, they then transfer fire to other structures, and so on. This creates an urban conflagration which quickly overwhelms emergency response.

The Village of Belcarra's 2021 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) provides an analysis of wildfire threat to the community and recommendations to reduce it. The wildfire threat analysis conducted, shown below on Map 1, identifies most of the public land within the municipality's wildland-urban interface as having a moderate or high wildfire risk, which will likely only increase in the future due to the predicted environmental changes associated with climate change. Although wildfire risk was not analyzed on private land as part of the CWRP analysis (due to project funding requirements), it is expected, and was qualitatively recorded, that the private land threat profile is similar to the wildfire threat on adjacent public land. One of the key challenges highlighted in the CWRP is managing wildfire risk on private land, recognizing that the structures and associated vegetation are part of the overall community's wildfire environment. The central recommendation for reducing wildfire risk on private land is the establishment of a new Interface Wildfire Development Permit Area (DPA). Interface Wildfire DPAs are an effective tool for municipalities and governments to enact to manage development (both single lot and subdivision) through a FireSmartTM lens. An Interface Wildfire DPA uses development regulations available to the municipality under the Local Government Act to introduce design guidelines to both exteriors of structures and surrounding landscaping/vegetation that will reduce wildfire hazard to, and on, the subject property. Over time, the Wildfire DPA results in a reduction in wildfire hazard to the community as new developments implement the DPA policies.

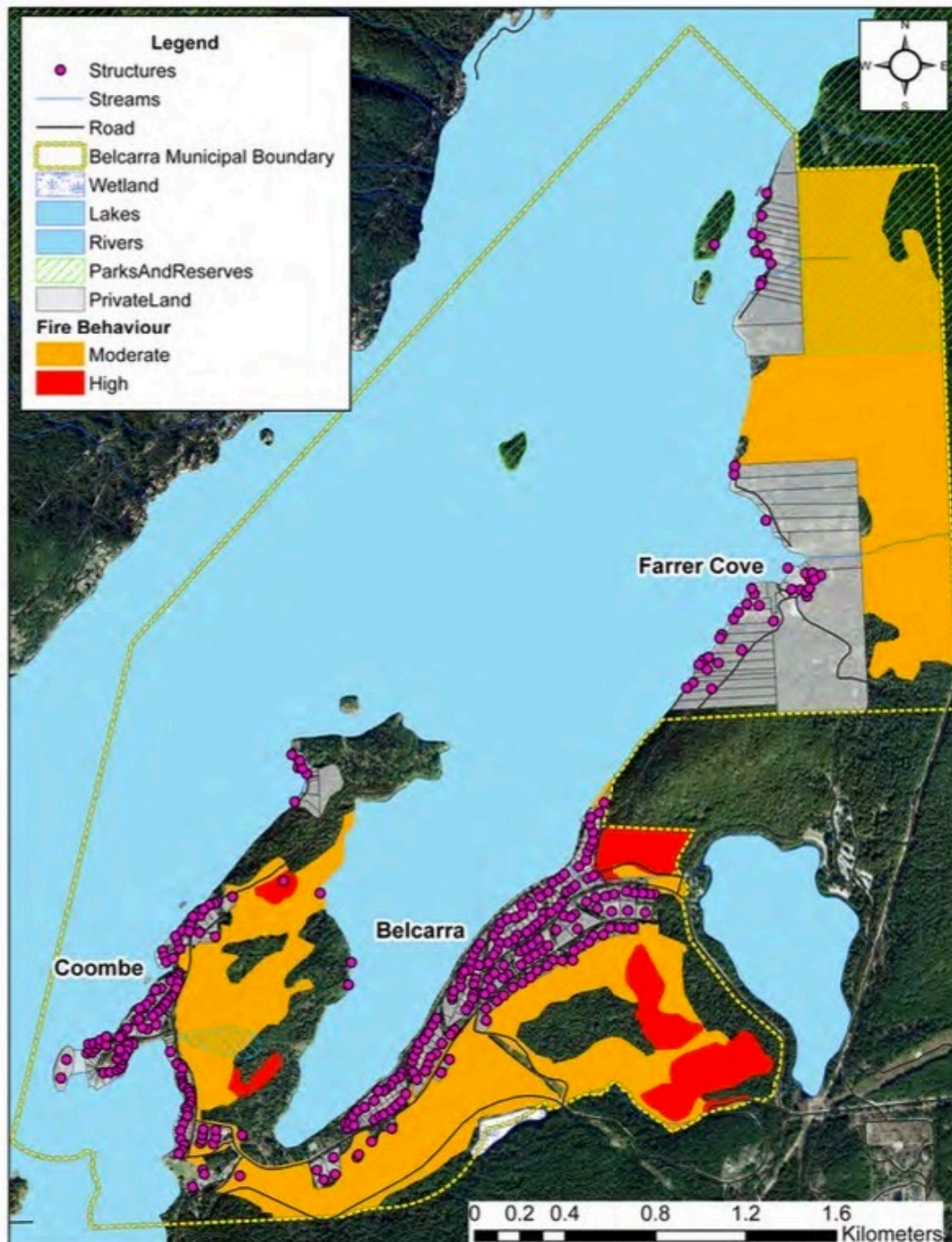
The Village has retained B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. to develop Interface Wildfire DPA policy and associated mapping for the municipality. The process undertaken in the development of the Interface Wildfire DPA policy involved a combination of research and engagement in coordination with Village of Belcarra staff and its elected Council. The resulting Interface Wildfire DPA policy is based on the context of the neighbourhoods within the municipality and their unique challenges relating to wildfire threat and emergency access and egress.

Public engagement is now requested to give residents and stakeholders in the community a chance to participate in the process. Engagement is an integral and ongoing element of the process. It allows for information to flow, giving residents a better understanding of the proposed policy and how it affects them, as well as giving Council a gauge on the level of support for implementing the Interface Wildfire DPA Guidelines.

Engagement is available as follows:

- Please take the time to review the proposed draft guidelines available on the Village website www.belcarra.ca.
- Questions and comments were received from Tuesday, June 6 to Friday, June 23, 2023.
- An open house will be taking place on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall and will include Interface Wildfire DPA policy development professionals from B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd.

Map 1: Village of Belcarra Forest Interface and Wildfire Threat Analysis





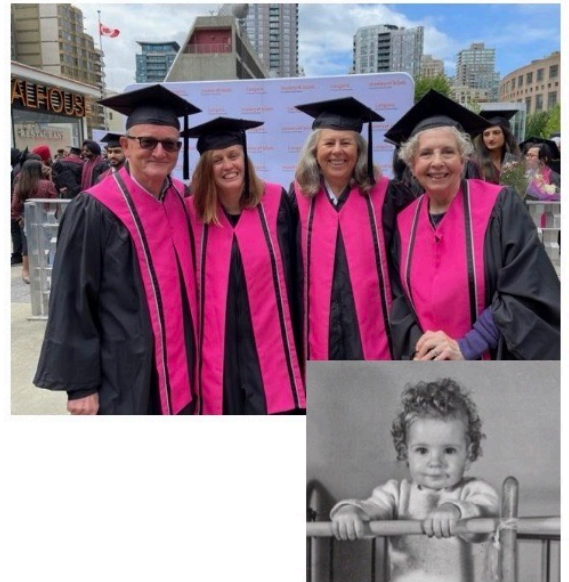
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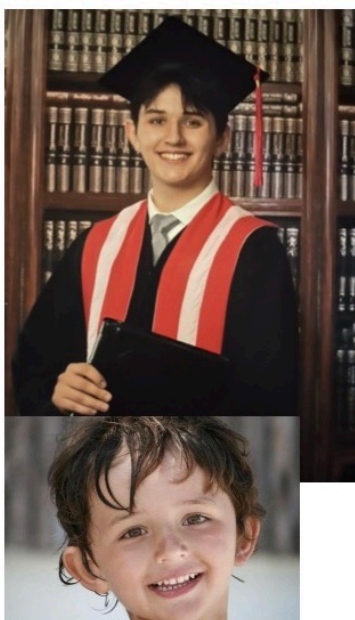
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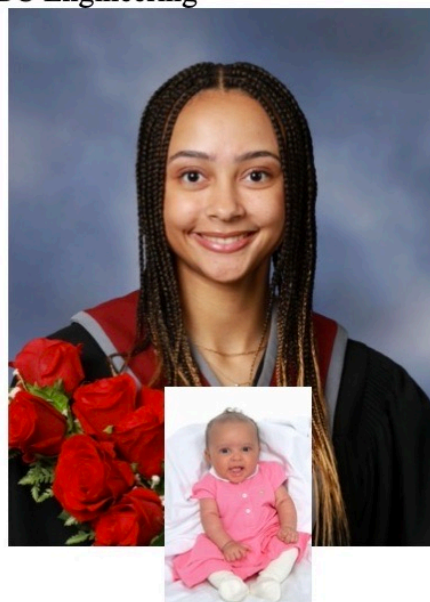
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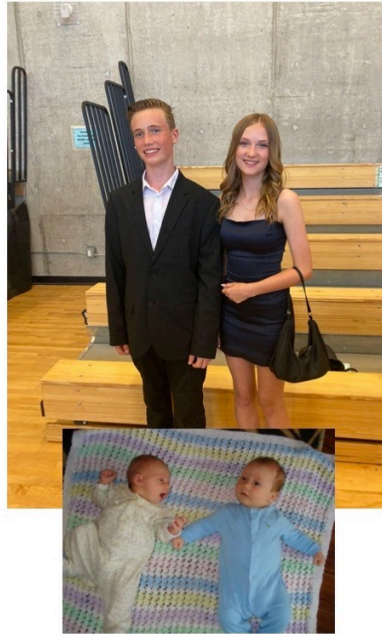
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Another Dawn Breaks For Port Moody Town

Source: Vancouver Daily World, Thursday, April 13th, 1911, page 2.

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, B.C., May 2023

Town Now Lit by Electricity — Neglected in the Past, Burg is Now Coming into its Own

"Port Moody regained glory last night. But a generation ago [early 1880s] it was the center of the land boom in British Columbia, but when it was definitely settled that Vancouver was to be the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Dame Fortune appeared to neglect it for a while. It seemed to sink into oblivion, but now another dawn has broken and the old place is coming back to its own. Some indication of this is provided by the fact that Port Moody was last night lit-up by electricity supplied by the B.C.E.R. [British Columbia Electric Railway Company] It was merely a trial by the company, and the regular service does not come into operation until tonight."

"People walked along the street in apparent surprise for it was something new for old Port Moody to be illuminated to such an extent. Any house claiming any pretension as a residence was lit by electricity. Blinds were up reflecting the warm glow across the [wood plank] sidewalks, and with the aid of the parish lantern, better known as the moon, pedestrianism was easier than it had been for months. Port Moody took on a new lease. Tonight, all will be working well, for the full service will be installed."

"Besides stores and houses, there will be a distributing service for [electric] motors in the district. The [CPR Train] station at Port Moody is equipped with the most up-to-date devices that have yet been invented. The high-tension wires not only connect with Port Moody, but also feed Barnet and district, the pipe and chemical works [Nichols Chemical Company], but also the Asylum farm [Colony Farm], Mount Coquitlam [Burke Mountain], Westminster Junction [Port Coquitlam] and the works of the B.C.E.R. at Coquitlam Lake."

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A Celebration by Patty Neibel

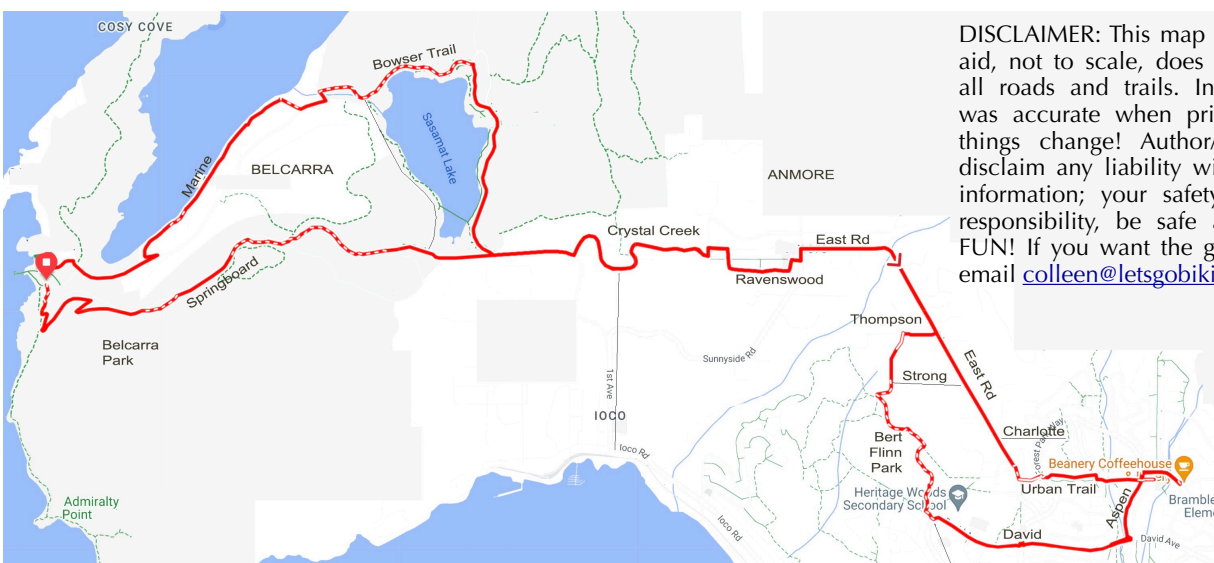
We celebrated on May 28th at Baci Ristorante. Our Anniversary is March 28th, but we chose to celebrate in early spring!! We hosted over 100 family and friends for an evening of fun, food, mingling, renewal of vows, dancing etc etc. We tried to celebrate 50 years together three years ago but couldn't because of Covid. So this Celebration was 53 years, plus Murray's 80th Birthday!! I'm not sure what the secret is to a long and happy marriage. Just glad we're here to celebrate all the years we have been together with our children, grandchildren, and wonderful friends. I think a give and take philosophy, along with compassion, caring, and a genuine interest in each other, goes a long way to ensuring a lasting Marriage.

Congratulations Patty and Murray Neibel!

BEANERY LOOP - Belcarra - Anmore 25km - By Colleen MacDonald

For a great lunch, head over to Anmore and visit The Beanery on Forest Park Way. This route takes you along Marine Avenue and through Bowser Trail, then south on White Pine Beach Road. Head east on Bedwell Bay Road and then climb up through Crystal Creek. A fire road connects the top of Crystal Creek to Anmore. Follow Ravenswood to Anmore City Hall then enjoy the MUP (Multi-Use Path) on East Road [*This MUP is to be expanded this year*]. Just past Charlotte, go east on the Urban Trail up to Aspenwood School and follow the trail to Noons Creek Park. The Beanery is right across the street!

Return via the same route, or add in a couple of parks. Go south on Aspen and west on the David Way MUP. The trail through Bert Flinn Park is fun! From Thomson head north on the East Road MUP again. Just past the new Anmore City Hall, an option is Ravenswood Trail (but it does have two sets of stairs.) Roll back down Crystal Creek, head west on Bedwell Bay, then connect to the Springboard Trail to Belcarra Park. I hope you enjoy this route!



DISCLAIMER: This map is a route aid, not to scale, does not show all roads and trails. Information was accurate when printed, but things change! Author/Publisher disclaim any liability with use of information; your safety is your responsibility, be safe and have FUN! If you want the gps tracks, email colleen@letsgobiking.net

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- Store flammable materials (such as propane and firewood) at least 10m from any home
- Clean your roof and gutters annually to remove leaves and needles
- Consider replacing flammable vegetation like cedar and yew hedging with fire-resistant plants
- Opt out of mulching your garden this year
- Stay aware of fire danger ratings and regulations
- Keep grass cut to less than 10cm
- Install screens on vents and other openings
- Create an evacuation plan for your family
- Clear fuel and combustible materials from underneath decks

IMMEDIATE ZONE

After choosing non-combustible building materials, treatment of the Immediate Zone is the first area to focus on when implementing FireSmart guidelines on your property. Treating this zone (0m – 1.5m) reduces the potential for embers to ignite the home. This zone should be free of all combustible materials and vegetation.

INTERMEDIATE ZONE

Treating this zone (1.5m – 10m) ensures that direct flame contact with the building cannot occur, and reduces the potential for radiative heat to ignite the home. Maintaining this buffer around your home helps create a defensible space. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and helps to protect homes from catching fire from direct flame or radiant heat.

EXTENDED ZONE

Treating this zone (10m – 30m) is to reduce potential fire intensity. Coniferous (i.e., evergreen) trees should be thinned to create a minimum of 3m of space between tree crowns. Branches should be pruned to a height of 2m from the ground. Accumulations of branches and needles should be regularly cleaned.



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VILLAGE NEWS

Quips and Quotes

By Barbara Shelley

"There were books piled up inside him,
demanding to be born."

Salman Rushdie
Joseph Anton, p. 147

Communities in Bloom

May photos are posted!
<http://tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85>
Send in your June Belcarra PURPLE
photos (flowers, plants, garden deco)
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Monty Moose and the Barnacle were in Osoyoos at the Cactus Jalopies Car Show



Photo Submitted by Nora Boekhout

The Belcarra Garden Club

By Les Bramley

Hey Everybody !

The August Belcarra Garden Club meeting is on Tuesday, August 1st, at 1pm. It will be held at Betty & Bernie Lewendon's home at 3761 Bedwell Bay Rd.

On Thursday, September 7th, the BGC is heading to Chilliwack to take two courses. The first course will be given at 11am by Jack, an edible landscape designer and owner of Fruits And Shoots - a boutique garden nursery in Chilliwack. He will guide us along the way as we convert our growing space into a beautiful and productive garden. Jack is giving BGC members a 20% coupon for those who wish to purchase any plants.

The second course will be given at 1:30 pm by Dan Oostenbrink, the primary instructor and market gardener at Local Harvest. Dan will help you gain confidence in the garden.

He's passionate about organic growing and gives a practical, no-nonsense approach for gardening that will maximize your garden's productivity.

We will be leaving the Village Hall at 9:30am, and as usual, carpooling.

Please let me know if you wish to join us on this trip. All are welcome.

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CRAB Corner

By Penny Moen

I want to send out a big THANK YOU!!! to all the volunteers who made Belcarra Day so wonderful.

Don Babineau, Michele Babineau, Klaus Bever, Doug Brain, Sue Brain, Kathy Bramley, Les Bramley, Jim Chisholm, Deneige Davis, Irene Fenton, Jim Fenton, Dayna Fitz, Koen Fu, Gary Glover, Hilton Goode, Karen Hall, Brian Hirsch, Lyn Jagger, Betty Lewendon, Cathy MacDonald, Fraser MacDonald, Steve Marchese, Earl Massey, Bill Quinn, Gordie Sadler and 5 on a String, Evelyn Schuller, Irene VanderSpek, Deborah Struk, Peter Struk, SVFD, Alyson Wall, Michael Wall, Dave Warren, Liisa Wilder.

Our volunteers are the reason we can make these community events happen. I believe that it is so important for us to come together as a community because when we know each other, we care about each other, and we care about the community.

Thanks to Deneige Davis for all of your work on those very special posters and ads. Thank you Jim for raffle ticket sales. We raised \$814 for the SVFD!! Don and Michele, the races were so much fun. Lyn Jagger, the carnival games were new for us this year and a big hit. Gordie and Five on a String, [www.5onastring.com] THANK YOU!!!

SVFD hot dogs were great (loved the onions). Thanks to our Artists and Authors, Pascal Teste and Anna Kan, Barbara and Megan Shelly, Colleen MacDonald, Clive Evans, Ralph Drew. All of you who helped with set up, clean up, at the games, candy store, and helped the vendors...

THANK YOU!!



Belcarra... between forest and sea so we're outside a LOT! Walking, gardening, boating, paddling, fishing, crabbing Sometimes it's great to simply sit in the sun (or shade)... and what better excuse than a good book!

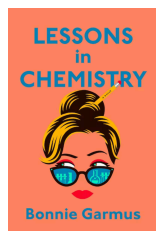
Introducing the Barnacle Book Club – a monthly recommendation of books to read and reviews from locals!

Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes



"Clothes make the Man" or in this case 'insanely expensive shoes make the woman'...? I thought this was going to be just a quick 'chick lite' summer read... but it actually was well written, fun characters, surprisingly thought provoking. Still... I'm not purchasing any L... shoes anytime soon... I'd just wobble and look silly! A recommended read. (cscap)

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus



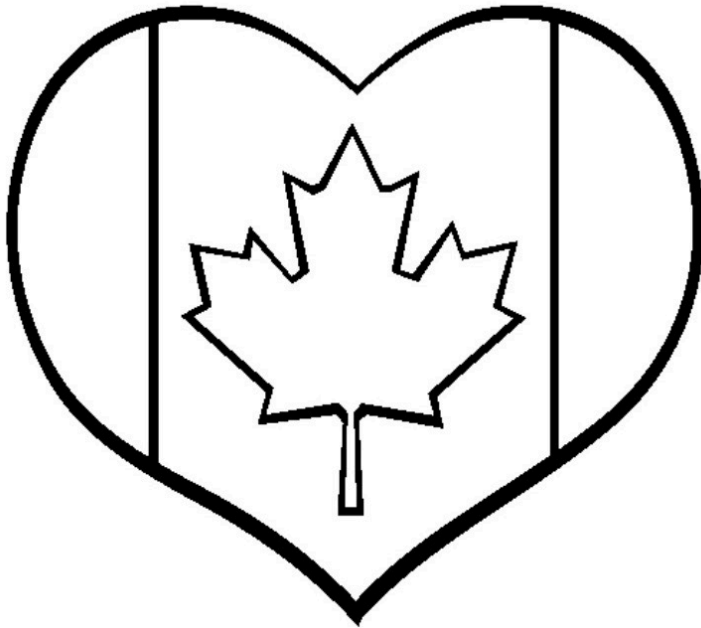
A delightful book. I listened to the audible version while weeding this spring and laughed out loud in the garden many times. The writing is clever and thought provoking and the book is great for a book club discussion. (cmac)

What Strange Paradise by Omar El Akkad



This is the story of a young Syrian immigrant who escapes across the sea to an island of freedom. Amir meets a young girl Vanna who helps him navigate the island and the officials. Be prepared for a surprise ending! (cgood)

Kid'z Space



Canada Crossword



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1. How much of Canada's land is covered in forest?

- A) 25%
- B) 33%
- C) 40%
- D) 55%

2. What year did 'O Canada' become this country's national anthem?

- A) 1880
- B) 1939
- C) 1980
- D) 1964

3. What are the three main groups of Indigenous Peoples in Canada?

4. Canada is known for its abundance of lakes and rivers. What percentage of the planet's total freshwater is found in Canada?

- A) 16%
- B) 4%
- C) 30%
- D) 20%

5. After English and French, what is the third most common language spoken in Canada?

- A) Mandarin
- B) Cantonese
- C) Punjabi
- D) Spanish

6. Which of the following popular games was invented in Canada?

- A) Scrabble
- B) Trivial Pursuit
- C) Monopoly
- D) Yahtzee

7. According to the Canadian Kennel Club, this dog breed has been the most popular in Canada for 28 years in a row.

- A) Golden Retriever
- B) Labrador Retriever
- C) French Bulldog
- D) German Shepherd

8. Indigenous people inspired which two sports?

- A) Hockey and soccer
- B) Basketball and lacrosse
- C) Hockey and lacrosse
- D) Basketball and baseball

9. What was Canada's first capital city?

10. What sport was invented by a Canadian in 1891?

11. Name two of the four provinces that formed the dominion of Canada in 1867

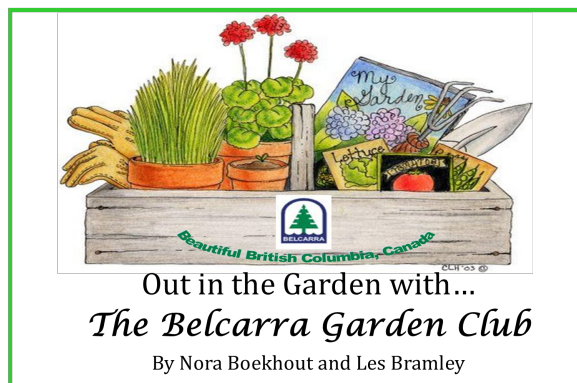
12. Forests cover greater than 36% of Canada. How much of Canada's forest land is publicly owned?

- A) 54%
- B) 64%
- C) 84%
- D) 94%



ANSWERS:

1. C) 2. C) 3. First Nations, Metis, Inuit 4. D)
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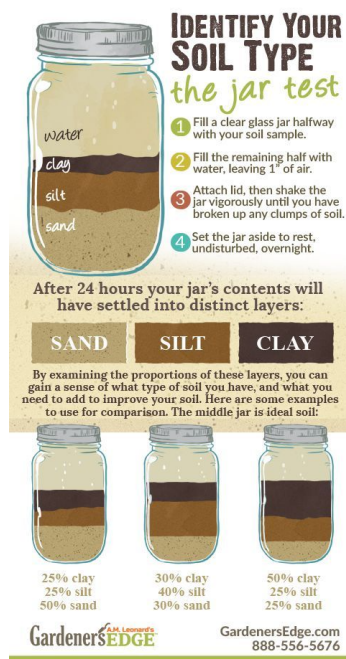
Garden Soils

Our “fearless BCG leader”, Les, has become passionate about investigating soils this month!

“Growing up in England we had Percy Thrower as our gardening guru on Vegetable and Herb growing. His consistent mantra was “It’s all in the soil”, and I have to say, “How right he was!” Science has discovered so much more since then and now no-till gardening/farming and growing native plants are slowly taking over. These methods sequester ten times more carbon than trees do! The Canadian Wildlife Federation claims over 4 million acres of garden land across Canada can be recreated as healthy habitats for insects, butterflies, animals & birds!

In our own Belcarra garden, the soil is very poor! We are slowly improving it, and by the time we “snuff it” (Oh Les, you have a way with words!) hopefully we will leave behind soil and plants that are sequestering lots of carbon. It looks like the most prolific soil in BC is Humo-Ferric Podzol, and Belcarra seems to be no exception.

So... what are our soils and commercial soils actually comprised of? The best garden soils are deep (for roots to grow), porous (allowing air and water to move), and loamy. “Loamy soil” has a balance of sand, silt (a mixture of sand and clay), and clay as well as being rich in organic humus.



Soil types may be loamy, silty, clay, sandy, peaty, chalky. Different plants prefer different soil types, so know their needs!

Check your garden soil at different levels. Clay soils feel sticky and sandy soils are gritty. Add water to containers and let them drain for a day. The results will indicate clay or sand. Test your soil to provide information

as to pH and organic matter. It will show the levels of nutrients that plants need most: nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium.

Commercial garden soil is a blend of natural topsoil or sand mixed with inexpensive organic material. It improves the water-holding capacity of sandy soils and loosens heavy clay soils, important for root development. Potting mix or potting soil may contain peat moss, composted manure, perlite or pine bark, vermiculite, coconut coir, soil-release fertilizers. Read your ingredients when purchasing and check the specifics that they are intended for.

The bottom line seems to be less than an exact science. Find out your general soil type and make adjustments, use homemade/purchased composts, and get your soil tested every so often. Keep a journal and record what is/is not working for YOUR garden and YOUR plants! It’s fun and informative!



Full article and links are available on our webpage: <http://tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85>



Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

School is out! Summer is here. Hooray!

Congratulations to all our graduates residing here in Belcarra and those having studied afar. You have worked hard to graduate. Blessings of motivation, joy, wisdom, direction and provision be upon you. May you soar like an eagle on the wind.

Many of us are very thankful that celebrations are once again permitted. Too many were robbed of celebrations: whether it be grads, weddings, funerals and the like. As for those robbed of family, friends and people connections over the last three years, my hope and prayer are for much healing and restoration. I know many who jumped through obedience hoops and sadly suffered mentally and emotionally.

With the narratives of health or climate 'problems' we may be faced with more government mandated restrictions over the next 7 years.

There is a huge shaking occurring and we cannot take for granted what we have now. This is not just with regard to physical possessions, rather the internal blessings: joy, peace, wisdom and love (for example). We do need to maintain connections with others, build each other up and care for each other.

My heart breaks when I hear of division within our tiny Village.

As humans we tend to be easily offended; some of us more easily than others (I am guilty of that. Just ask Peter.).

There should be no favouritism, yet it happens. There should be no punitive thoughts or actions towards our neighbours. Some like small houses, while others despise them. Some love trees and abhor any concrete. Some swear by medical choices, others do not. To each his own. We need to honour one another, regardless of our choices and differences.

Sometimes, I may speak negatively of those who disregard others. Perhaps, I should not. But it is painful when I learn of residents being treated unfairly or disregarded by neighbours or staff.

Admittedly, there may be wrongdoings by others and we all have shortcomings. However, we need to learn to respect and honour those around us. If not, we really cannot judge another country for attacking others because we, in our own way, use our emotional or physical arsenal against those around us.

We as humans, created in the image of God, have much to offer each other. Go forth today and give your patience and kindness to others. We do reap what we sow.

Enjoy the summer. Grace and peace be with you all.



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Letter to the Editor
Reduce and Redistribute
By Alex Augustyniak

Howdy, we live in Belcarra and I volunteer for a group called Foodmesh (www.foodmesh.ca) that focuses on reducing the amount of food waste and other waste going to compost and the landfill. Generally all the grocery stores and produce stores put their expired, nearly expired or dented / damaged container products, as well as slightly used toys, etc., to the side. We pick these items up weekly and distribute to those in need and for those wanting to help reduce waste with partners throughout the lower mainland. On the expired goods, if not acceptable for consumption we connect with farmers who will use the food with various livestock feed mix as an amendment. An example recently involved friends who operate produce greenhouses. They redistributed 5,000 heads of lettuce to the soup kitchens, food banks and SHARE in Port Moody.

I have been seeing lots of slightly used toys being thrown away in the garbage bin and wondered if we could put up a sign or some indication where villagers could put the items? I could collect them weekly to redistribute to those who would give them a second life. This would also reduce the amount of garbage to be taken away each week.

If you would like to see some of the things being donated, we also use the 'Buy Nothing', Port Moody and Anmore Facebook pages to show available items.



Letter to the Editor
A Safety Update
By Klaus Bever

For some months, I have written about my hopes that health and safety issues before Council and Municipal staff receive attention and some urgency. This is my update.

The Tatlow Tank, a vital link to our drinking water, is no more secure than when this Council took office. Testing of the tank has not been reported. Former Councillors and committee members have reminded me that this issue was first brought forward more than two years ago.

Bedwell Bay Road safety, especially for pedestrians and cyclists, was given support by all members of Council before their election. The community has so far received nothing to demonstrate that Council is serious about its safety along this roadway.

Fire safety and water availability related issues are stalled amid distractions from residents, consultants, and a Council that is increasingly hopeful to have this topic moved to inclusion with "strategic priorities".

By this edition of the Barnacle, this Council is nine months old. They have yet to show much evidence of their commitment to community safety concerns.

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Grad 2023 Spotlight:**William Mostrenko****By Catherina Van Beek**

Congratulations to William on being awarded the Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal by Ms. Renee Mazzucco (Vice Principal, HWSS) and Mr. Todd Clarkson (Principal, HWSS) at the Heritage Woods Secondary School convocation ceremony at SFU on June 17, 2023. This Academic Medal is awarded to the high school student graduating with the highest average. The Academic Medal awards were started in 1873 to encourage academic excellence across the nation. Over the years, they have become the most prestigious award that students in Canadian schools can receive. Pierre Trudeau, Tommy Douglas, and Kim Campbell are just some of the more than 50,000 people who have received the Governor General's Academic Medal as the start of a life of accomplishment.

William plays 1st Chair violin and received the 2023 HWSS Top String Orchestra Student award on June 7, 2023 for his music excellence. He is also preparing for his Royal Conservatory of Music Grade 10 piano exam in August.

William and his teammate placed 3rd in VEX Robotics, Canada and placed 26th out of 20,000 teams worldwide in the 2023 VEX Robotics Competition skills challenge. His team also was the division semi-finalist in the 2023 VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas.

William was instrumental in helping develop the digital/technology leadership program at HWSS.

He received the HWSS Top Academic Grade 10 Student award and HWSS Top All-Around Grade 11 Student award (excellence in academic, performing, social responsibility).

William has volunteered countless hours fundraising for Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation and successfully raised over \$11,000 in his community.

In his spare time, William has been known to help his Belcarra neighbours by walking their dogs, mowing lawns, doing yardwork, and helping with manual labour. He has a passion for photography.

William will be studying Computer Science at the University of British Columbia in September 2023.



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ALTERATIONS

I've yet to meet a challenge too difficult, so don't be afraid to drop by to see if I can help with fitting or stylistic details that need a revamp!

I'm usually in the studio from 9-5, and can be available evenings and weekends.
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