

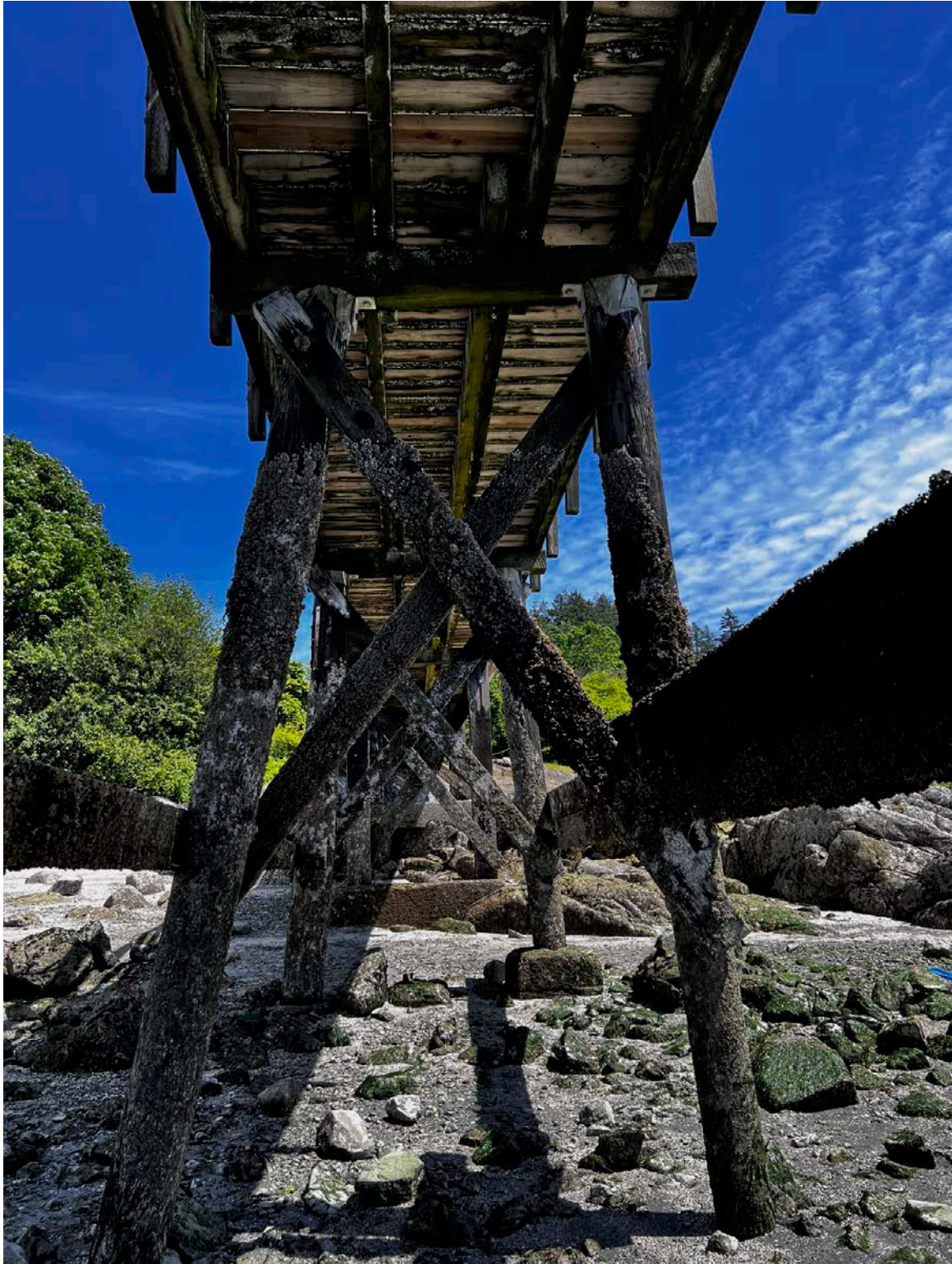


# Belcarra Barnacle

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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.

Klaus, Farley, and I are on our way home from Newfoundland. Looking forward to being back in our beautiful Village.

See you all in September!

Dayna Fitz, Editor  
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On our cover is a photo by Brenda Hogg — 'pier-spective'.

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**IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER**

- 2 Labour Day
- 2 New Moon
- 3 Back to School!
- 5 SVFD Fire Trustee Meeting 7 PM
- 8 CRAB Potluck Picnic in the Park
- 9 Regular Council Meeting
- 9 Belcarra Garden Club Meeting
- 13 Anmore Adult Bingo Night
- 15 Terry Fox Run
- 17 Harvest Moon (after sunset on the 17th)
- 20 Pro D Day (SD43)
- 22 Autumnal Equinox
- 23 Regular Council Meeting
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



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## Notes from the July Council Meetings

This summary is provided by the Editor. Please be sure to visit the Village website [www.belcarra.ca](http://www.belcarra.ca) for copies of the reports and detailed minutes. Recordings of these meetings are available on the Village YouTube site.

### July 8 Council Meeting

Councillor Wilder was appointed Belcarra's voting delegate for the Municipal Insurance Association of BC's 37th Annual General Meeting scheduled for September 17, 2024. Councillor Ruzycki is the alternate.

Stewart Novak, Public Works and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, provided a report on Marine Avenue repairs. Based on ISL Engineering's detailed design and class B cost estimate, the scope and budget of the project have increased. To improve construction efficiencies and address the lack of existing base materials, it is proposed that the entire section of Marine receive a full depth reclamation. "A process where the existing pavement is recycled to create a new, improved base material and road surface." The additional funding (from \$217,811 to \$468,222) will come from the Community Works Reserve Fund. Further, Novak requested approval to proceed to the Request for Proposal stage of the project. Council deferred both decisions until staff and ISL could report back on whether the Village's drainage plan had been reviewed for the repair area.

Ken Bjorgaard, Financial Consultant, reported on the 2024 – 2034 Community Works Funding Agreement with the Union of BC Municipalities. The allowable use scope for the funds has been expanded and includes roads, drinking water, and recreational infrastructure. The Village will receive \$65K per year for the next three years.

Ken Bjorgaard, presented the Draft Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) Request for Proposals. An ATNP with identified projects is needed before the Village can apply for actual construction or project grants to build-out or enhance an active transportation network.

The Village 2024 budget includes \$75,000 to complete an ATNP, with 50% of new grant funding and 50% from the Village's Climate Action Program funds. The Draft was received by Council for information.

Paula Richardson, Chief Administrative Officer, and Ken Bjorgaard provided the status of the Strategic Priorities Work Plan Initiatives as at June 30, 2024. The update was received for information. A session to review and update the strategic plan will be scheduled.

Paula Richardson provided a departmental report for the quarter ended June 30, 2024. Council received the report for information.

Amanda Seibert, Corporate Officer, presented the Village of Belcarra Privacy Policy – Corporate Policy No. 231, 2024. Council approved the policy.

Paula Richardson advised that Metro Vancouver will review the Regional Context Statement (of the Official Community Plan) in September.

### July 22 Council Meeting

Council proclaimed July 21 to 27, 2024 National Drowning Prevention Week.

Stewart Novak and ISL Engineering reported back on the requested drainage review of the 3700 to 3900 blocks of Marine Avenue. Concerns of surface water runoff were addressed with the addition of rain curbs. Council accepted the report for information and approved additional funding in the amount of \$25,160.

Council approved that staff proceed to the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage of the Marine Avenue repairs project.

Amanda Seibert, Corporate Officer, presented new fire prevention and regulation bylaws. SVFD Chief, Jay Sharpe, provided comment on the new bylaws. The following received first, second, and third readings:

- Fire Prevention and Regulation Bylaw No. 627, 2024
- Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 517, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 629, 2024
- Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 520, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 630, 2024

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The Village of Belcarra Open Burning Policy 5.04.02B was repealed.

Ken Bjorgaard provided the "Budget Variance Report Based on Results to June 30, 2024". Council accepted the report for information.

From the public question period: Staff indicated that an update on road ends can be expected at a future meeting. The Chair requested that staff identify areas of concern where water runoff crosses Bedwell Bay Road.



### **Safety on the Roads — Our Kids are Back to School!**

Starting September 3, school zone speed limits will be back in effect:

30 kph from 8 am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

#### **Please:**

- Keep to posted Village speed limits
- Watch for children at crosswalks and obey all beacons and flashing lights.
- Watch for children on our narrow roadsides and slow down to keep them safe.
- Approach all stationary buses with increased caution, children may be crossing.
- Remind your children to wait until the bus is gone and/or they have a clear view of the road in both directions before trying to cross.

**Potluck**  
*In The*  
**Park**

*Join us for our 6th Picnic in the Park!*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

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## SVFD is Seeking Firefighters!



### Would you like to contribute to the safety of our community in a meaningful way?

The Sasamat Fire Department is looking for residents who would be interested in becoming volunteer firefighters.

This challenging opportunity isn't for everyone but, for those who follow through, there is no greater reward than helping a neighbour in their time of need.

Our members are required to fulfil the role of first responder to a variety of emergencies which include, but are not limited to, these events:

- Fires - structural, forest, vehicle
- House alarms
- Medical emergencies
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Wires down
- Gas leaks

On average, our department responds to 120 - 130 calls per year. We will train you so that you're prepared to work in all those emergency situations.

As a member, you will be expected to train once per week. Once you receive your pager, you will be expected to respond to calls when you are available to do so.

Our basic criteria include:

- Resident of Belcarra or Anmore
- Between 18 to 55 years of age
- Fit and in good health
- Clean driving record
- No criminal record

If you're up for a challenge and want to participate in the safety of your community, this may be the opportunity you're looking for.

**If interested, submit your application online at [svfd.ca](http://svfd.ca)**

### **From Jay Sharpe, Fire Chief: Low Fire Danger Rating, Effective August 26 ,2024**

Based on the Fire Hazard Synopsys and the long term forecast from Metro Vancouver Fire Weather Information the fire danger rating has moved to Low.

Effective immediately, all previous conditions related to High Fire Danger Ratings are hereby rescinded. This includes the Campfire ban. Campfires are now allowed within the Village of Anmore provided that the owner has a valid permit and that the fire is no bigger than .5m X .5m. A reminder that campfire fire smoke needs to vent vertically and one should only be burning clean, dry fire wood. The burning of yard debris and construction debris is never allowed. The Village of Belcarra never allows campfires.

## Sasamat Fire Department Association Student Bursary By Nigel Terrett

The Sasamat Fire Department Association (SVFA - the fund-raising arm of your Sasamat Fire Department), is pleased to announce that the 2024 SVFA bursary winner is Bridget Thiele-Crocker of Anmore. Bridget will be attending SFU in the fall. We are further pleased to announce that the winner of the 2023 student bursary was Jaden Hickey of Anmore.

The SVFA student bursary is open once per year to Belcarra and Anmore students wishing to pursue a career in community services (fire, police, ambulance, etc.) Student applicants complete and submit a short composition on why a career in community services is important to them.



Bridget Thiele-Crocker and SVFA vice president, Miranda Venos

## 2024 Graduates

Congratulations, Nayte and Ryland Brown — Sue and Doug Brain's Belcarra-loving grandsons graduated from Sun Peaks Secondary Academy.

*(Ryland worked ahead a year and graduated with his brother at age 16)*



**‘Stories from the Archives —  
A Letter from W. Norman Bole’  
Researched and written by Ralph Drew  
Belcarra, BC, September 2013.**

William Norman Bole (1846–1923) arrived in North America en route from Ireland to Queensland, Australia, in 1877. At San Francisco he found that his ship had already left so the young man changed his plans, coming to Victoria early in 1877. He still had intentions of going to Australia but was persuaded, there being no other lawyer in New Westminster, to commence practice there. The temporary arrangement became permanent, and Bole soon became the senior member of the New Westminster bar. He married Florence Blanchard Coulthard (1860–1928), daughter of Major John Haning Coulthard (1832–1906), J.P., on February 26th, 1881. They had two sons, Garnet Seymour, who died in childhood and John Percy Hampton Bole (1882–1966). In 1884 Bole became New Westminster’s first police magistrate, and in 1886 he was elected as New Westminster’s representative in the BC Legislature where he “manfully stood-up for the rights of his constituency”. He was appointed a Q.C. in 1887, became a Bencher of the Law Society in 1888, and a year later County Judge of the Supreme Court.

In 1882, Bole defended John Hall against a charge of murdering his mother-in-law, and consequently acquired title to District Lot 229 (today’s ‘Belcarra’) in 1883 in lieu of his fees for services rendered. Bole gave ‘Belcarra’ its Celtic name that means “fair land on which the sun shines”, and also named the point immediately south of the picnic grounds ‘Mayo Point’; most likely naming these areas after the village of ‘Belcarra’ in County Mayo, Ireland, which is close to Castlebar where Bole was born.

**From the Mainland Guardian, Saturday, July 3rd, 1886.**

*Gentlemen — In obedience to a largely signed requisition, addressed to me by my fellow-citizens, I have allowed myself to be nominated a candidate to represent our city in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.*

*As I have already publicly stated I am in opposition to the present Government, in as much as I consider they have not satisfactorily discharged the trust reposed in them by the people of this Province.*

*I am opposed to monopoly of all kinds, especially in land.*

*Being in entire sympathy with the wants and requirements of the workingman as I regard those who sustain themselves by manual labour as the basis on which all civilized society is built — every measure calculated to advance the condition and protect the interests of the toiling masses shall have my hearty support.*

*I am in favour of the restriction of Chinese immigration.*

*I am opposed to reckless and lavish expenditure of the public revenue, as such a course must heavily increase the burden of taxation on the taxpayer.*

*I think the time has come that we should expect to find good roads in other parts of the Province as well as around Victoria; and the people of this City and District have a right to expect a great improvement in this direction.*

*The fishing, agriculture, lumber and mineral resources of the Province should be encouraged and developed — more especially as the completion of the C.P.R. must give a great impetus to trade and add largely to our population.*

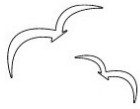
*There are other matters not strictly in the jurisdiction of the Local Legislature, but in respect of which an expression of opinion by that body might effect some good:*

*Namely — The question of mail service to this city, which should not be interfered with except to increase the present facilities, as any other change would be an outrage on the City, the District, and Province; as, also, the important and necessary step of dredging the Fraser channel, thus rendering New Westminster and ocean port.*

*In conclusion, I beg to say that if returned as your Representative, your interests, which are mine, shall be guarded and furthered to the best of my ability.*

*W. Norman Bole,  
New Westminster, 24th June 1886.*





## Down by the Bay

by Clive Evans



Where the birds all sing and the flowers bloom.  
What have you seen in your garden lately?

No notice of seeing a bear in its underwear lately, but with the apples now falling you may be surprised. Unlike reports of sightings in Belcarra Bay, there are regular sightings of mother seal and pup in Bedwell Bay, along with many large swarms of white jelly fish.

The long period of sunshine has certainly influenced the garden growth with many flowers and fruit appearing before their usual time. Right now we have a glorious showing of a conical hydrangea and a gorgeous dark red lily with phlox, Japanese anemones, acanthus, gooseneck loosestrife, and others I can't find the names for.

A fourth flowering of one weigelia shrub and the continuing bloom of our white climbing rose round out showings. My raspberries have finished their brief hibernation, and the later varieties are producing some good size fruit. Apples are now starting to fall, and the crop is looking good. Arugula is again prolific this year as is the lemon balm, and the runner beans are flowering.

Doing a bird count each day provides some amusement watching the many varieties in their pecking order. A flock of 18 band-tailed pigeons showing up is getting quite frequent, and the relocation of my hummingbird feeder shows me how feisty they are with rarely more than one feeding at a time. Learning from E-Canada Bird notes; it has become increasingly difficult to determine each species, due to the moulting and growing of new feathers over the last weeks. Particularly difficult is determining the black-headed grosbeaks with the females and immatures looking more like an evening grosbeak.

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Park Visitors by Deborah Struk



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## Village News

### SVFD Fire Trustee Meeting

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Location TBA

Agenda available at

<https://anmore.com/event/sasamat-volunteer-fire-department-board-of-trustees-meeting-3/>

### The Belcarra Garden Club

Our September BGC meeting is on Monday, September 9, at 2pm. It will be held at the Belcarra Park picnic shelters.

To become a member of the BGC, please contact us at 604-937-7103 or email [lesbramley@shaw.ca](mailto:lesbramley@shaw.ca)

Happy Gardening!



### Belcarra in the Headlines

**Replacing old fire halls sparks tension between Anmore and Belcarra over cost sharing**  
**Tri-Cities Dispatch — July 8, 2024**

Quotes from Mayor McEwen of Anmore and Belcarra's former Mayor Ralph Drew. On June 19, the Village of Belcarra issued a letter to the Village of Anmore, the province, and Metro Vancouver, notifying that it will be seeking a formal service review in relation to the SVFD.

<https://tricitiedispatch.com/feud-firehalls-anmore-belcarra/>

**RCMP rescue bear that locked itself inside car in Belcarra, B.C. — July 12, 2024 CBC**

The bear was saved! The car, not so much...

A good reminder to all of us to keep our doors and windows closed and locked to bear entry.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/rcmp-rescue-bear-that-locked-itself-inside-car-in-belcarra-1.7262396>



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## CRAB Corner

By Penny Moen



I hope you have been able to take advantage of the exceptional weather this summer and have been getting out and talking to your neighbours. We have much in common as residents in one of the most beautiful settings in the world. As we love our homes, we should try to love our neighbours.

CRAB is giving you an opportunity to mingle on September 8th at the potluck picnic in Belcarra Park. Bring your favourite dish to share. CRAB will have available plates and cutlery, but you are encouraged to bring your own to cut down on single-use disposables. CRAB will also provide cold beverages. Make sure to welcome any new residents and let them know what a wonderful group of people Belcarra residents are.

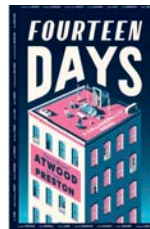
## BOOK REVIEWS



**14 Days** edited by Margaret Atwood and Douglas Preston

This is a collaborative novel written by 36 authors in the Authors Guild Foundation, the charitable and education arm of the Authors Guild. During 14 days of the Covid-19 quarantine when no-one could leave their homes, a group of residents in a rundown Lower Manhattan apartment building met every evening on the roof top in the fresh air. Little by little, they start to open up and tell their stories. It's a wonderful group of short, extraordinary, and surprising stories each of the 14 days.

Yet they are bound together by the thread of the pandemic and the desire to have social contact. You will love the wide variety of people, stories and an ending that you did not expect!  
CG



**Finding the Mother Tree** by Suzanne Simard

This is a wonderful combination of the author's personal challenges and successes combined with the world of trees and forests. A great story and I learned so much along the way. Highly Recommend, especially for all of you who love walking in our woods. CB



## September's "Harvest Moon"

From the Farmer's Almanac ([almanac.com](http://almanac.com)):

'The full Moon that happens nearest to the fall equinox always takes on the name "Harvest Moon." Unlike other full Moons, this full Moon rises at nearly the same time—around sunset—for several evenings in a row, giving farmers several extra evenings of moonlight and allowing them to finish their harvests before the frosts of fall arrive.'

In September, October, and November the full moons will be "supermoons". A "supermoon" is a moon that appears larger than typical because it is closer to Earth.



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1. HOW CAN YOU MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS GET STRAIGHT A'S?
2. WHAT DO YOU CALL A FISH WITH NO EYES?
3. HOW DO YOU GET A PIKACHU ON THE SCHOOL BUS?
4. WHAT CAN YOU SAY TO COMFORT A CRYING GRAMMAR TEACHER?

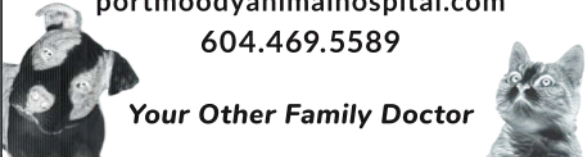
1. Use a ruler!
2. A fish!
3. Poke him on!
4. Their, there, they're...

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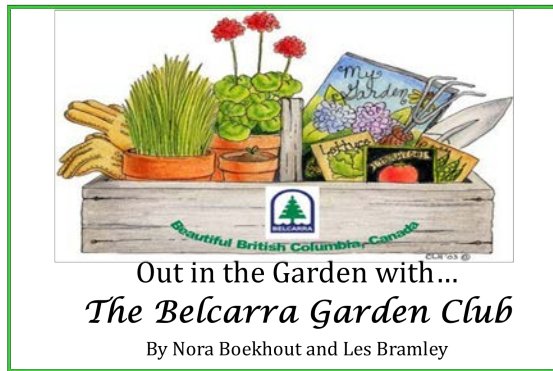
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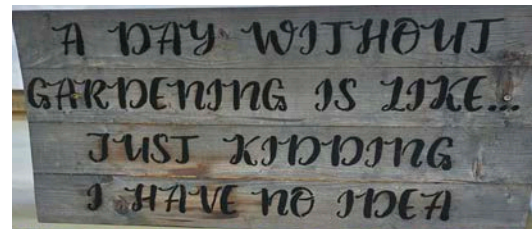
If you want some fantastic garden “eye candy”, then a visit to the Community Gardens at Colony Farm ʔéxətəm (tla-hut-um) Regional Park is a wonderful free experience! Our BGC was amazed at the number and variety of gardens there; more than 300 gardeners take care of 650 plots! Joining them would be a challenge though... the seven year waitlist is currently closed!

Colony Farm officially opened in 1910 and was an extremely successful farm until it closed in 1983. A public campaign resulted in the land becoming protected as a Metro Vancouver regional park in 1996. The 260 hectares is located in the lower Coquitlam River watershed.

We certainly were in the presence of master gardeners... the produce was incredible! Giant gourds and squash, huge tomatoes (the black variety was new to several of us), beans, cabbage, asparagus, kale, grapes... you name it! It was fascinating to see the corn cobs, lovingly protected by netting! Huge sunflower patches towered above us and rows of dazzling dahlias and patches of colourful flowers punctuated the mass of vegetables.



The garden plots reflected the many personalities! Whimsical Fairy garden arrangements and hand woven gates and arbours, made of twigs and vines, accompanied full-size manikins dressed "to the nines". Some gardens looked like carefully groomed garden shop displays; others had looser, more relaxed collections of assorted plants. There were boots filled with succulents, mini greenhouses, and several plots had little tables beside garden chairs... for those necessary "break times"!



The gardeners we met were so friendly and happy to tell us about their community. You could tell they are really proud of their efforts and obviously spend most of their summers working in their plots. The whole area is totally organic with no insecticides allowed. Although the entrance sign warned us not to pick anything, we still were gifted several seed pods. BTW, garden "thieves" also include bears, deer, rabbits, and rodents!

We finished off our visit with a picnic on the grass followed by lots of good conversation. We brought lawn chairs but wooden picnic tables (and a great washroom!) made the spot very inviting. You should visit!

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





## **Belcarra Blessings** **By Deborah Struk**

Hello September! Once again, summer holidays went by so fast. However, most of us have so much to be thankful for. It has been heartwarming to hear Villagers share their memorable trips and adventures or hosting visitors here, in our Belcarra paradise. What a blessing to share our Village and area ABOUND with the beauty of creation; the ocean, the lake, the plants, trees and wildlife. Plus, all the wonderful people that live here.

Today's world has no shortage of trials, troubles and atrocities. The beauty of all creation can bring a calm, a peace, a grounding. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Though many feel far from heaven or simply do not believe, we do have access to God's peace through His begotten son, Christ Jesus. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble, take heart. I have overcome the world."

There is so much trouble in the world, wars and rumours of war, the economic troubles, fear and hatred. Fear is constantly being stirred up; watch out for disease, food prices and shortages, and to be scared of the climate. I am thankful for the Prince of Peace, Christ Jesus.

Did you know Christ means anointed one, or Messiah in Hebrew? He really is more than a mere man or wise prophet. He is there for all who call on Him. He is our peace who has broken down every wall. You may not choose or believe in Him now but one day, every knee will bow, every tongue will confess, "Jesus Christ is LORD". Always know the Heavenly Father sees and knows you, He loves you. For God so loved the world, He sent His only begotten son.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. The truth of His great love for you speaks through all of creation. May His face shine upon you. Be blessed each and every day.

## **Seed Stratification** **By Les Bramley**

We only started to stratify seeds in the fridge three years ago. Before that we just did it the old-fashioned way; sow the seeds as per the instructions on the packet and let nature do the rest. When doing this, the birds, mice, voles, and whatever else, seem to get some of the seeds. Since stratifying our seeds and planting them in pots, we are getting far better return on our efforts.

### How to stratify seeds indoors

Place seeds in a moistened paper towel. Sprinkle cinnamon powder on the seeds to prevent mould forming. Place in a plastic bag and seal. Mark the seed type, starting date, and finishing date on the bag. We pop our seed bags in the wine fridge that is set at 38 F. The stratification times vary greatly; some seeds require two weeks and others as much as three months. Follow the packet instructions.

So now I am raiding Kathy's cupboard for cinnamon. This spice is obtained from the inner bark of trees native to Sri Lanka and the West Indies. Cinnamon contains cinnamaldehyde, cinnamate, cinnamic acid, and essential oils. It is a natural fungicide, antibacterial, and antimicrobial agent.

Here are five things that cinnamon is good for in the garden:

1. As a natural rooting hormone
2. As an ant repellent
3. To control fungus gnats / flies
4. To combat mould, mildew, and fungus
5. To treat plant injuries

Look up cinnamon uses online. There is a ton of information available.





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## Letter to the Editor

### Council Meeting Attendance

By Robert Begg

The implications of nobody attending council meetings can have various negative consequences:

#### 1. Lack of Community Input:

Without community attendance, there's a risk of missing valuable input and perspectives from residents. This can result in decisions being made without a comprehensive understanding of community needs and concerns.

#### 2. Reduced Accountability:

Attendance at council meetings is a way for residents to hold elected officials accountable. If nobody attends, there's a potential lack of oversight, and officials may operate with less scrutiny, potentially leading to decisions that don't align with community interests.

#### 3. Limited Transparency:

Council meetings serve as a platform for transparency in decision-making. A lack of attendance may contribute to reduced transparency, leaving residents uninformed about key issues, policies, and decisions affecting their community.

#### 4. Difficulty in Establishing Priorities:

Council meetings are forums for discussing and prioritizing community issues. Without attendance, it becomes challenging to identify and address the most pressing concerns, hindering effective governance and resource allocation.

#### 5. Ineffective Communication:

Council meetings are a means of communication between local government and the community. If nobody attends, there's a breakdown in this communication channel, making it difficult for officials to convey important information and for residents to express their opinions.

#### 6. Democracy and Civic Engagement:

Low attendance can be indicative of reduced civic engagement. For a healthy democracy, it's crucial that residents actively participate in local governance. When attendance is low, the democratic process is weakened, and decision-making may not truly reflect the will of the people.

To address these implications, efforts should be made to encourage sincere community participation creating an environment that fosters civic engagement not that of special interest groups, private agendas, and or personal gain.



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**Letter to the Editor**  
**Water System Upgrade**  
 By Ralph Drew

During the Council meeting on July 8th, 2024, a resident suggested that Belcarra's water system "needed to be upgraded" by "looping"; that is, the installation of cross-connections between water distribution lines to eliminate dead end pipes. The purpose of this letter is to point-out that full implementation of such an approach is not possible in Belcarra.

In an ideal world, cross-connection of water lines ("looping") is utilized to avoid dead end pipes, and this approach was used in at least two instances for the water mains located within the Woodhaven Subdivision.

An examination of a map, however, immediately identifies that it is not possible to install cross-connections ("looping") for the Coombe Lane (north end) and Senkler Road (north end) water mains. It is simply a matter of geography that prevents "looping" for those water mains; that is, cross-connections for those two locations are simply not possible.

At first glance, it appears possible to install a cross-connection between the eastern ends of the Bedwell Bay Road and Main Avenue water mains. However, these two water mains are, in fact, two different and separate pressure zones which preclude a cross-connection.

Notwithstanding the above, there is one solution that warrants further consideration by Council and that is connection of Camp Sasamat (MV property) to the eastern end of the Bedwell Bay Road water main. Such a connection would be a win-win scenario which would eliminate the need to spill water at that end of the system.



This month's contribution is from Bonni Marshall  
 — A delicious dessert for a dinner party.

**KEY LIME PIE**

Crust

1 ½ cups Graham cracker crumbs  
 6 Tbsps. Melted butter  
 6 Tbsps. Fancy coconut (shredded)  
 2 tsps. Icing sugar

Heat oven to 325 degrees.

Mix above ingredients together and press into pie plate.

Bake for 10 mins. and then cool.

Increase oven temperature to 350 degrees in order to bake the pie.

Pie Filling

1 can Condensed milk  
 4 Egg yolks  
 ¾ cup Fresh Lime juice (about 4 or 5 limes, depending on how juicy they are)  
 ¾ cup Sour cream

Mix all ingredients together (with electric mixer) and pour over cooled pie crust.

Bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and top with lime zest.

Optional: Serve with whipped cream if desired.





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- Address issues you may be having with federal ministries or agencies
- Provide information on locating government services and contact information
- Assist in understanding government policies and services
- Receive information to attend community events
- Advocate on behalf of the community to government
- Provide congratulatory and greeting messages
- Provide government documents and other web-based forms if you don't have internet access



My constituency office is here to address the needs of the community and I encourage you to reach out if you require assistance.

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