



Village Update

~ MONTHLY NEWS ~

MAY 2011



**VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY
COUNCIL**

MAYOR Brenda Broughton

COUNCILLORS

Peach Akerhielm, Joanne Ronsley,
Ruth Simons, & Dr. Gordon Taylor

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING**

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 7 pm
Lions Bay Council Chambers
400 Centre Road, Lions Bay, BC

MUNICIPAL SERVICES OFFICE

Village Manager: Rory Mandryk
Treasurer: Anne-Marie Koiner
400 Centre Road, PO Box 141
Lions Bay, BC V0N 2E0
Tel: 604 921-9333
Fax: 604 921-6643
Email: reception@lionsbay.ca

PUBLIC WORKS

Works Manager: Chuck Partridge
5 Tidewater Way, Lions Bay BC
Tel: 604 921-9833
Email: works@lionsbay.ca

LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE

Fire Chief: Andrew Oliver
Non-Emergency: 604 690-4908
Email: aoliver@lionsbayfirerescue.ca

www.lionsbay.ca



CENTENNIAL TRAIL OPENING

Saturday May 14th

Ceremony 10:30(sharp) at the Hall
BBQ at Brunswick Trail End 11:30-1:30



Village of Lions Bay
40th Anniversary
Splendour In Serenity

1971 2011





The Centennial Trail Official Opening Program

Saturday, May 14th ~ 10:30am (Sharp) ~ Village Hall

Schedule:	Village Hall – 400 Centre Road at Cross Creek
9:30am	Doors Open
10:30	Centennial Trail Opening Ceremony Mayor Broughton will acknowledge and thank all participants who created the Trail.
10:55	Southern Entrance of Centennial Trail at Centre Rd Unveiling Bronze Plaque and Ribbon Cutting
11:00	Centennial Trail Walk led by Brunswick's long-time residents
	Walk the Trail – from south to north end at Brunswick - From 30-60 minutes
	Brunswick – Northern Trailhead
11:30 - 1:30	BBQ lunch, commemorative stamp and certificates

Note: The trail is 1.6 km. long with elevation gain and loss of 300 feet/91.44 meters.

Highlights:

Official ceremony and ribbon cutting - Receive the new Lions Bay Trail Map from the Trail Blazer hosts - Enjoy the story boards and historical photos - Music and refreshment - Bear Smart wallet cards - Purchase a commemorative DVD - Certificates to mark the official opening – Centennial Trail stamp for your passport

Parking & Transportation:

C12 Translink Bus - Limited number of complimentary bus passes for this event are available from the Village Office.

- To official opening from Brunswick - 9:43 a.m.
- To BBQ after official opening – 11:40 a.m.
- Return from Brunswick after BBQ - 12:40 p.m., 1:34 p.m. or 2:35 p.m.

Limited parking will be available at each end of Trail – LB Fire Dept will be on hand to direct. If you have special transportation needs, please contact the Village Office

What to bring:

- 40th Anniversary Passport
- Water bottle
- Wear shoes appropriate for walking on forest trails

For more information contact: Village office 604 921-9333 reception@lionsbay.ca or go on-line to www.lionsbay.net and or www.lionsbay.ca.





40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Village of Lions Bay

DEAR LIONS BAY COMMUNITY MEMBERS ~ YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

The Village of Lions Bay is celebrating our 40th Anniversary of Incorporation as a Municipality. The 40th Anniversary Celebration Committee, along with Council, invites you to attend the Official Opening of the Lions Bay Centennial Trail. Please invite family and friends to join you. All are welcome to attend.

The Celebration of the Centennial Trail Official Opening is on Saturday, May 14th at 10:30 am (*sharp*), beginning at the Village Hall, then proceeding to the unveiling of Lions Bay's first bronze Historic Plaques, ribbon cutting and walking the Centennial Trail.

Refreshments will be available when the doors open at 9:30am followed by a BBQ that will take place at the northern Trailhead in Brunswick beginning at 11:30am.

On behalf of Mayor and Council we wish to thank all of our dedicated Volunteers who, over many years, have helped toward making the dream of this trail way a reality.



Sincerely,
VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

Brenda Broughton
Mayor and Chair, 40th Anniversary Celebration Committee

UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY CENTRE/MUNICIPAL HALL

As many residents know, the Village Hall is in need of repairs or major upgrade. Here is an update for you on what is being done in this area.

In 2009-10, a Community Centre Task Force under the leadership of resident Pieter Dorsman took an extensive and good look at possible programming and design options for a new Community Centre/Municipal Hall (CCMH). A great vote of thanks is owed to the Task Force for this work over two years. Its consultations with residents were very valuable in providing a clear picture of what Lions Bay would like in the future at such a facility. At the time consultations were conducted, two possible sites were being considered – rebuilding at the existing site and combining the CCMH with the Village school at the school site. A report by CEI is available on the Village website at www.lionsbay.ca/community_centre.html. It takes a high-level look at the design and costs for a facility at either site or spread over both sites, which would fulfil most residents' hopes. Costs of \$7 million to \$9 million would be involved.

When the Community Centre Task Force made its final set of recommendations to Council, it noted that potential philanthropic donations were most likely linked to learning and development and could therefore only be realized in relation to the school. This might not necessarily involve infrastructure. In addition, discussions with the School Board had shown that trying to place the CCMH at the school site would involve too many complexities and possibly a financial risk, since the Village could not control costs at the site. Community feedback also favoured retaining the Community Centre at the existing site.

The Task Force therefore recommended to Council that the CCMH project proceed at the existing site, while some Task Force members will continue to explore a learning-related development at the school, working with all interested parties including representatives from Council. This will proceed as a separate initiative, however.

Council accepted these recommendations and is having research conducted into the costs of an upgrade or complete reconstruction of the Village Hall at the existing site. Funding for the new facility is likely to require one or more of the following: debt financing (which translates into taxes paid by residents), government grants, sales of parcels of land which the Village owns in Lions Bay, and fundraising.

by Councillor Peach Akerhielm





MUNICIPAL NEWS

The Village of Lions Bay

HOW TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

The Village of Lions Bay has heard back from the RCMP regarding how to report any suspicious activity occurring in the Village and what a resident might do.

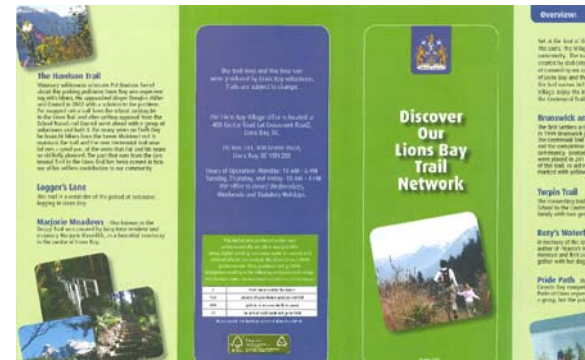
Anyone with information on any suspicious activity in the Village should contact the RCMP directly at 1-604-892-6100.

If you wish to remain anonymous you may contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

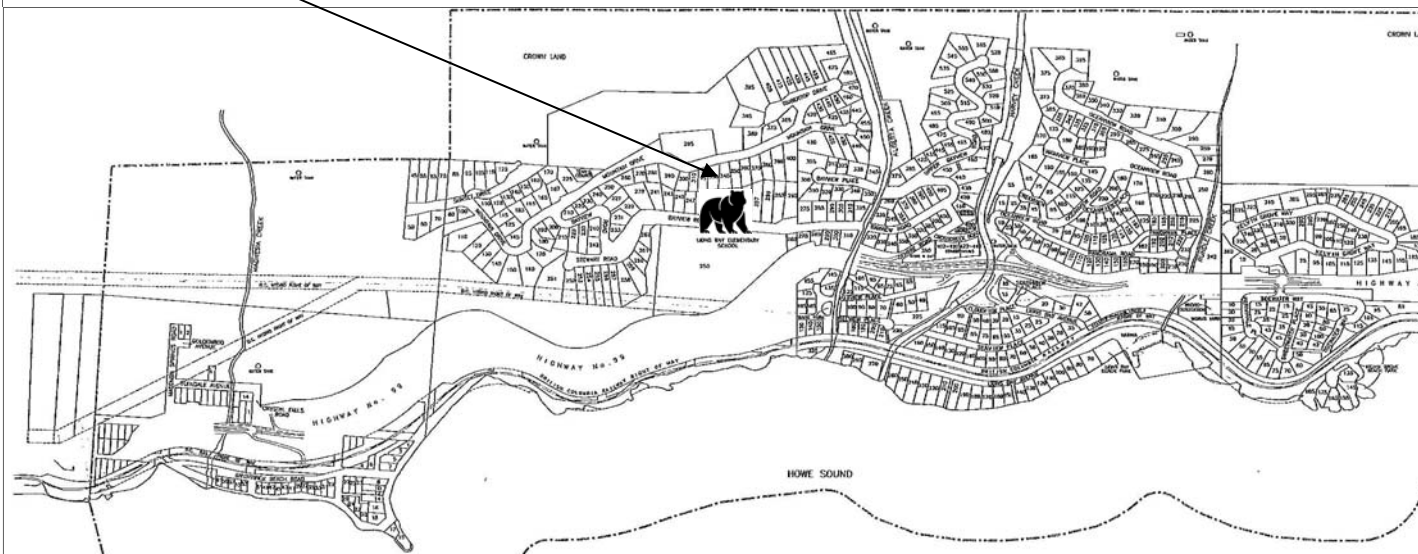
Report any suspicious persons or activity to Police at the earliest opportunity (to enable patrols, potential police dog tracking, etc.), engage in neighbourhood watch, and provide better lighting around your home.

VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY TRAIL MAPS AVAILABLE

Please visit the Village Office to pick up your copy of the Village of Lions Bay Trail Map. The Trails brochure was a collaborative effort, initiated and coordinated by Councillor Simons. The brochure was designed and produced by Jonathan Wreglesworth; Ken Moore mapped the trails; Trudi Luethy and John Dudley provided input to the wording, with input from various knowledge experts in the community.



April 17 The Village of Lions Bay: Bear Sightings for April, 2011





NOTICES

The Village of Lions Bay

TALKING ON YOUR CELLPHONE, OR TEXTING, WHILE DRIVING - IT'S AGAINST THE LAW

It only takes a second of lost concentration to initiate a series of events that can turn a vehicle into a statistic. The figures:

On average, 117 people die, and 1400 people require hospitalization, each year in British Columbia because of distracted driving. Cellphone use while driving is the number one cause of distracted driving. (<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2009/10/21/bc-cellphone-driving-ban.html>)

When you are driving, don't talk on your cellphone unless you have a hands-free device, and don't text while driving.

Please, don't be Lions Bay's newest statistic.



LIONS BAY PARKS HOURS OF OPERATION

Hours of Use: All parks and beaches in the Village of Lions Bay are open to the use of the public from:

6:30 AM to 10:00 PM every day.

The use of these public spaces should be carried out with quiet consideration for other park and beach users, and for local residents. After all, for those who are trying to sleep in the morning, a noisy arrival at 6:15 AM is not a welcome wake-up call.

DOG DAYS OF SPRING ATTENTION ALL DOGS:

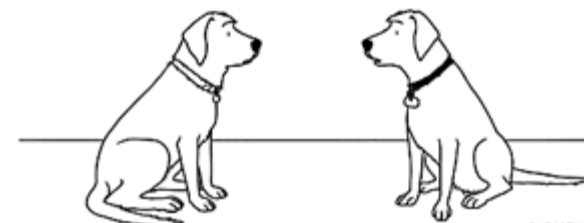
Flowers are finally showing their white, yellow, and purple petals to the sun; robins are out *en masse* rooting amongst the remnant foliage of winter for grubs; trees are shyly showing off their buds.

Unfortunately, another harbinger of Spring is the sound of barking in the park; an off-leash blur running amok the school field; and, worst of all, biscuits (both plain and bagged) of the nether kind left to compost where humans tread, especially our Public Works friends who trim the verge where such biscuits often lurk.

Dogs, we know you like to bark excitedly, but remember that you are sharing this space with others who appreciate the quiet nature of our Village.

Please remind your owner that you don't need to be 'unleashed' onto the Village; one of your dog friends was recently hit because they ran onto the highway.

We also understand the importance of 'p-mail', but any of your other business needs should be put inside one of the green bags we provide, and 'filed' straight into a waste container.



"I had my own blog for a while, but I decided to go back to just pointless, incessant barking."





MUNICIPAL NOTES

THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

MARIJUANA GROW OPERATIONS

Marijuana Grow Operations are on the rise in British Columbia. "Grow Ops" pose a serious risk to public safety: these illegal marijuana crops set up in homes or apartments pose a fire hazard, health hazard and are often the site of violent crime. Learn how to spot the signs of a grow op in your neighbourhood so that you can report any suspicious activity to your local police department or [CrimeStoppers](#).

What is a 'grow op'?

- A marijuana grow operation, or grow-op, is an illegal enterprise in which marijuana plants are grown and sold for profit
- To maintain optimal growing conditions, grow-ops are set up indoors, in urban residences and industrial rental properties
- Organized crime and local criminals are involved in marijuana production for distribution locally, regionally and internationally

Facts About Grow Ops

- The number of grow-ops and drug seizures in the Lower Mainland has risen dramatically in recent years
- In British Columbia, a large percentage of police resources is spent dealing with grow-ops
- Grow ops are often accompanied by violent crimes
- Marijuana growers are often in possession of dangerous weapons and violent guard dogs which pose a danger to the public

Safety Risks

- **Electrocution:** Electrical rewiring poses a potential danger for marijuana growers, emergency personnel and the neighbouring community.
- **Environmental Damage:** Hazardous chemicals are often disposed of in household drains and end up in local water systems.
- **Fire Hazards:** Exposed wires, high intensity bulbs and exhaust fans used in grow-ops put the grow-op home and the surrounding houses at risk.
- **Structural Damage to Homes:** Marijuana grow-ops often involve altering rented homes in order to produce a larger crop. Often, structural walls are

removed, placing the home at risk of collapsing. Humidity and condensation build-up can cause highly toxic mold and fungus, damaging insulation, walls, ceilings and floors.

- **Violence:** Grow-ops are often the target of violent robberies because of the lucrative crop and cash on the premises. This criminal activity puts residents of the neighborhood at risk.

How to Spot a Grow Op

- Residence does not appear to be lived in (i.e. flyers are left in mailbox or on ground floor, children's toys left outside with no children seen at home)
- Windows covered with black plastic, tin foil, or heavy curtains pressed against windows
- Condensation on windows
- A skunk-like odor mixed with a vegetable smell
- Sounds of electric humming
- Neighbouring residents experience "power surges"
- Hoses run from doors or windows to the exterior of the home
- Discarded equipment such as pots, wiring and soil left in the yard
- Unusual visitor behaviour, i.e. expensive vehicles come and go, staying for only several minutes at a time
- Suspects drive expensive automobiles, but do not appear to attend regular jobs
- Residents keep to themselves and do not socialize with neighbours
- Occupants appear to have moved in during the night

What to do?

If you think there could be a grow-op in your neighborhood, contact Squamish RCMP at 604-892-6100. If you wish to report a crime anonymously, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or leave a secure tip online at www.bccrimestoppers.com.



Article Courtesy of Squamish RCMP





~ P U B L I C N O T I C E S ~

2011 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

COTW & REGULAR MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole Council Meetings are scheduled to be held on the same day as Regular Council Meetings, at 1 PM in Council Chambers, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay, BC

Regular Council Meetings are scheduled to be held on the Council Chambers, according to the schedule below:

January 10 & 17
February 7 & 21
March 7 & 21
April 4 & 18
May 3 & 16
June 6 & 20
July 4 & 18
August—no meetings scheduled
September 6 (Tuesday) & 19
October 3 & 17
November 7 & 21
December 5 & 19

This schedule is subject to change. Please contact the Village Office at either 604-921-9333, or office@lionsbay.ca

Residents may address Council for up to 2 minutes in the Public Participation portion of a Regular Council Meeting with no pre-registration. Residents who wish to address Council for 10 minutes must pre-register and complete a Delegation Request Form by 4PM the Wednesday prior to a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Agendas and Information Reports are available for viewing at the Village Office and online 24 hours prior to a meeting.

MAY 2011 Council Meeting Schedule

Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, May 3, 2011 @ 1 PM

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2011 @ 7 PM

Committee of the Whole
Monday, May 16, 2011 @ 1 PM

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2011 @ 7 PM

A MORE COLOURFUL UPDATE

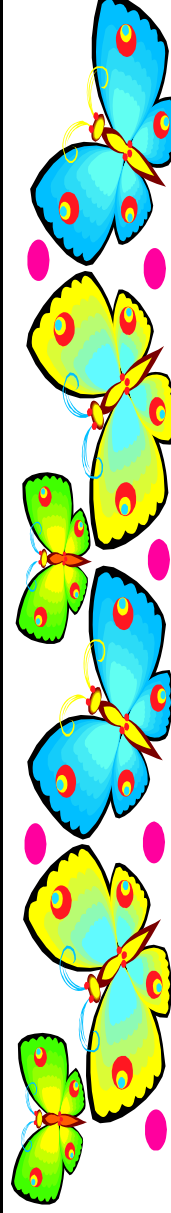
The cost of printing 325 copies of the Village Update in black and white on the old SHARP machine was \$204.

The cost of printing 325 copies of the Village Update in colour on the new RICOH machine is \$236.




The differential of \$32 disappears as quickly as the extra copies left in the post office vanish – and as quickly as they need replenishing.

The cost of this communication - priceless! We hope you are enjoying the new colour Village Update.





Community Calendar for MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Contacts: Adult Creative Crafts Marsha Mackay 604-921-9090 mamac-kay55@hotmail.com	Fitball - Stanley Wu 778-908-0111 peakpotentialfitness@gmail.com Playgroup - Tracy O'Brien 778-829-2503 Volleyball - Tina Schneider tinaaker@aol.com	Stretch & Tone Diana Chalk 604-926-8626 dandchalk@gmail.com Yoga - Shannon Nering snering@shaw.ca	Fire Rescue Andrew Olivier aoliver@lionsbayfirerescue.ca SAR (Search & Rescue) Sandro Frei sandrofrei@hotmail.com	Dance Laura Zieroth laurazieroth@email.com Kinder-Soccer Scott Ando wsmando@hotmail.com	Tae Kwon Do Lena Cuthbertson 604-921-6259	
1 Library 2-4 pm	2 Federal Election Village Hall 7am-7pm SAR 7 pm KB	3 Stretch & Tone 9-10 am COTW 1 pm CC Council Meeting 7 pm CC Tae Kwon Do 3:45-7:00 pm Library 7:30-9 pm Yoga 8-9 pm	4 Fitball 8-9 am Yoga 9:10-10:10 am Library 10 am-12 pm Fire Rescue 7 pm KB	5 Stretch&Tone 9-10 am Library 3:30-5 pm Yoga 8-9 pm	6  Green Waste Pickup Garbage, Recycling Pickups	7
8 Library 2-4 pm	9 Fitball 8-9 am Playgroup 9:30-11:30 am SAR 7 pm KB Volleyball 8-10 pm	10 Stretch & Tone 9-10 am Tae Kwon Do 3:45-7:00 pm Library 7:30-9 pm Yoga 8-9 pm	11 Fitball 8-9 am Yoga 9:10-10:10 am Library 10 am-12 pm Fire Rescue 7 pm KB	12 Stretch&Tone 9-10 am Library 3:30-5 pm Yoga 8-9 pm	13 Garbage, Recycling Pickups	14 Centennial Trail Official Opening 10:30 am (Sharp) Village Hall BBQ 11:30-1:30 at Bruns- wick Trail End
15 Adult Creative Crafts 8 am-5:30 pm 	16 Fitball 8-9 am Playgroup 9:30-11:30 am COTW 1 pm CC Council Meeting 7 pm CC SAR 7 pm KB Volleyball 8-10 pm	17 Stretch & Tone 9-10 am Tae Kwon Do 3:45-7:00 pm Library 7:30-9 pm Yoga 8-9 pm	18 Fitball 8-9 am Yoga 9:10-10:10 am Library 10am-12pm Fire Rescue 7 pm KB	19 Stretch&Tone 9 - 10 am Library 3:30-5 pm Yoga 8-9 pm	20  Green Waste Pickup Garbage, Recycling Pickups	21
22 Library 2-4 pm	23 Victoria Day Village Office Closed Fitball 8-9 am Playgroup 9:30-11:30 am SAR 7 pm KB	24 Stretch & Tone 9-10 am Library 7:30-9 pm Yoga 8-9 pm	25 Fitball 8-9 am Yoga 9:10-10:10 am Library 10am-12pm Fire Rescue 7 pm KB	26 Stretch&Tone 9 - 10 am Library 3:30-5 pm Yoga 8-9 pm	27 Garbage, Recycling Pick-ups	28
29 Library 2-4 pm	30 Fitball 8-9 am Playgroup 9:30-11:30 am SAR 7 pm KB	31 Stretch & Tone 9-10 am ESS Meeting 7 pm KB Library 7:30-9 pm Yoga 8-9 pm				