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**CRIME SCENE:** Salt Spring RCMP Cpl. Matthew Crist at the entrance of 1502 Fulford-Ganges Rd., a property owned by John Quesnel. Crist said Vancouver Island Integrated Major Crime Unit personnel were leading the investigation of what he called a "major incident" that occurred on Monday afternoon on the property. No further information was available at presstime. For more information, see the www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com website.

## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

# Referendum project set to roll

Rainbow and Lower Ganges pedestrian, bike path contractor chosen

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sidewalks, bike lanes and crosswalks on Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads are on the horizon at last with Phase 2 of the North Ganges Transportation Plan contracted to begin.

The Salt Spring Transportation Commission transacted a major business item last Tuesday when commissioners voted to accept the lowest bid for the construction project, even though that bid came in significantly higher than the most recent cost estimate. Don Mann Excavating's initial bid of \$1,827,571 was nearly 23 per cent higher than the \$1.49 million estimated by consultants at JE Anderson in April, while a second bid by Sparker Construction was 37 per cent higher at \$2.048 million.

CRD staff negotiated a reduced price with Don Mann Excavating that brings it closer to 14 per cent higher than the estimate, for a

total contract of \$1.696 million.

"It's expensive and I think we were all in agreement that it feels like a lot of money. We didn't have any dissenting members, but we did have a lot of discussion about what we possibly could do," commission chair Gayle Baker said after the meeting.

"It was a more difficult decision than you might think for the commissioners, staff and myself to come to," said Salt Spring's CRD director Gary Holman. "I think part of the quandary was, we could delay it but it wasn't clear at all that we would get a better bid. It's not clear that construction activity will wane, and in fact as we move through COVID recovery it will likely increase."

A staff report notes the previous cost estimate of \$1.1 million done in 2017 was largely based on figures from 2013, when the first phase of the NGTP was completed. Inflation and COVID-19 factors related to staffing, supply and transportation went into the

most recent costing.

SSITC had allocated \$2.026 million for the project according to the five-year capital plan approved in 2018. That amount was changed to somewhat over \$1.3 million in the five-year plan approved in 2020, so commissioners had to amend the plan at the May 26 meeting to account for \$955,614 in extra spending this year.

Project funding comes partly through a \$1-million special tax requisition that was collected over four years, of which \$870,000 still remains in the project's reserve fund. The fund generated another \$85,000 in interest that will be used for the project. Previous CRD director Wayne McIntyre allocated an additional \$685,000 in gas tax funds to the project. More than \$258,000 has already been spent on designs, archeological permits, project management and property acquisition.

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ISLANDS TRUST

# Sun Eagle watershed exemption request denied

Park Drive proposal also discussed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A long-standing effort by three upland property owners to have their lots reclassified from watershed to rural zoning met an unsuccessful end with the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee on May 26.

The LTC determined not to proceed with the rezoning application of three Sun Eagle Drive properties despite the argument the lands are not part of the Duck Creek (St. Mary Lake) watershed, and the owners' willingness to establish a new development permit area. Changing the zoning would have permitted the owners to subdivide each 10-acre lot into two parcels and allowed for the construction of seasonal cottages.

"At this point I can't support this," said trustee Laura Patrick. "As I get more into the work of watersheds on this island, there's more work to be done . . . but I can't support this at this point."

John Cade, who owns one of the properties, spoke on behalf of the other owners. He said the LTC had sent a letter to them back in 2009 stating the lots had erroneously been included in the rural watershed zone and that staff would fix the matter in the coming year when they had time. That never happened, so the owners requested in 2018 that staff follow through.

Since various maps have both included and excluded the properties from the watershed boundaries, the LTC asked the applicants to provide a report clarifying matters. The resulting report by Ryzuk Geotechnical found the properties were at one time part of the watershed but that stormwater ceased to flow that way after West Eagle Road was constructed.

Islands Trust freshwater specialist William Shulba said stormwater discharge is only one way to look at watershed mapping, however, and other elements "transcend the simplistic drainage idea." He added that removing properties from watershed zoning could set a dangerous precedent, since it exists

to protect drinking water sources.

"All three properties are included all or in part in the Duck Creek watershed, which supports the largest drinking water source on Salt Spring," Shulba said.

While Cade said the property owners would be willing to have a new development permit area established so that development could be regulated and areas of sensitive ecosystem on all three lots protected, Shulba's opinion was that would not be practical. A DPA would likely have to consider the headwater impacts on three different watersheds and encompass other nearby properties as well, he explained.

## Park Drive

Another matter that has been on the books for many years without seeing much movement will stay that way a little longer, with trustees voting to keep Eric Booth's application for a multifamily development on Park Drive open for another six months, despite lack of progress.

The property that includes Swan-

son's Pond has zoning for 33 units. Booth would like to increase the number to allow 49 units, to be divided between studio and one-bedroom apartments, with eight designated as affordable housing. He estimates this would mean around 60 occupants. Booth is also requesting that three-storey buildings be allowed on the property.

Sufficient water servicing through the pond and a well is at question, with a consultant's report suggesting daily needs could be met at the occupancy number Booth has provided, but flow would not be great enough for peak-use times without having extra water stored. The pond's recharge during low precipitation years was also flagged as a concern, along with what actual occupancy numbers would be.

"We're really talking about the most basic component of land use planning, which is 'Does this property have adequate water for the development proposed?'" explained planner Jason Youmans, adding this did not seem to be the case.

Booth challenged the supply

guidelines being used, which are 225 litres per person per day according to Island Health and 230 litres as per the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. He said the average use in CRD small water systems is only 108 litres per person per day if using the guideline of 2.5 residents per property.

Booth is moreover hoping to hear back from the North Salt Spring Waterworks District on the potential for lifting its moratorium on new connections for those properties served by the Maxwell Lake reservoir, which would include the Park Drive lot.

Trustee Peter Grove encouraged Booth to proceed with the 33 units allowed, which wouldn't need further consent except for the eventual water system approval by Island Health. Patrick agreed that would be a better place to start, since increasing density would be a broader issue related to much-needed Ganges village planning.

The LTC voted to give Booth another six months to find answers without closing the application.

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## LAND USE

# Douglas-fir protection strategies solidify

'Connect-the-dots' educational materials project embraced

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee and planning staff are still considering how a project to protect the Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem might be best directed, but islanders could be inspired to conserve forests in the meantime thanks to a shorter-term initiative.

The LTC voted last week to devote \$1,500 from its communications budget to an educational campaign being developed by members of Transition Salt Spring's Climate Action Group, and recommended the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance designate funds from its education and communications budget as well.

"What's kind of cool is this kind of slices across everything we do," commented trustee Laura Patrick. "This is also going to

help inform landowners who want to do the right thing."

According to a staff report, the team led by Ruth Waldick and Briony Penn proposes to distill complex research findings into digestible messaging. They will provide the most relevant and up-to-date material about forest cover and the CDF ecosystem for this specific region.

"These educational materials will connect the dots in the wealth of local forest data, teasing out the important narratives about the pivotal role these intact forests play in ensuring healthy watershed health, protecting against forest fire risk, maintaining our water quality and quantity, maintaining a stable climate, and fostering soil health and biodiversity," the proposal states. "They will convey the extent of forest cover loss on the island and the risks posed by commercial-scale logging and slash pile burning to the ability of these landscapes to provide their key ecosystem services."

Producing education about the many reasons for protecting forest cover is one of the mandates of the LTC's overall project to implement the Trust's Coastal Douglas-fir Protection Toolkit. Planning staff are currently working on a project charter and determining what the main thrust will be.

Discussion at the May 26 meeting made clear that for trustee Peter Grove, that means establishing a new development permit area as soon as possible.

"We can do what we think is best for Salt Spring and we had better step up to the plate damn quickly," Grove said. "People are expecting us to do something and I don't want to delay that."

Patrick agreed a DPA will probably be the main objective, although she suggested it could be a stronger tool that includes more elements. Collaboration with local experts including members of the Climate Action Group would help take it there, she said, and secure more community buy-in.

Patrick added she was disappointed by the results of CDF mapping that was collated by Islands Trust staff in Victoria and presented to the local planning committee. She said better mapping would become available through work being done by other groups.

SSIWPA has also decided to look at the related issues of forests, water supply and fire risk in its watershed protection work.

## TIDE TABLES at Fulford Harbour

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	TH 1729	3.1	10.2		MO 1224	0.2	0.7
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	1016	0.1	0.3		0517	2.9	9.5
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# Project to be completed by end of the year

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The construction contract requires the job to be completed within 165 days so Holman is expecting the improvements to be done by the end of the year, barring any new COVID-related upsets. The project will include a raised asphalt sidewalk/pathway — like the one created across from Country Grocer in phase one of the NGTP — and a designated bike lane on the “upland” side of Lower Ganges Road from just north of the intersection with Upper Ganges Road to Rainbow Road. The path will continue up Rainbow as far as the aquatic centre, connecting with an existing pathway.

Two crosswalks will be constructed in the Upper/Lower Ganges intersection. Holman said he and the commission will be pressing the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to install a pedestrian-activated crossing light at one of them.

Baker noted the project will resolve an important drainage issue on Rainbow Road with a new culvert going through, as well as adding important cycling and pedestrian infrastructure to the village core.

“It’s an important safety piece, and we would like to celebrate it,” said Baker.

She said work is scheduled to begin soon.

The high project cost unfortunately means the commission won’t have much left over for Ganges Hill improvements, as they were hoping would be the case. Work on the Lower Ganges Road pathway from Central to Baker Road is set to resume next week, however, with Shaw Family Grant funding in place and CRD parks and rec crews assigned to do the trail building work. Holman said he hopes to hear within the month about a grant application to Bike BC that would help with the second section between Baker and Booth Canal roads.



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Intersection of Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads, which will be subject to safety improvements as part of Phase 2 of the North Ganges Transportation Plan undertaken and hopefully completed this year.

## WATER RESOURCES

# NSSWD to request peer review of lake studies

Board responds to criticism of hook-up moratorium

BY GAIL SJUBERG

DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District will commission a peer review of studies that have been used to justify the moratorium on new connections that was set by the district in 2014.

“I can’t believe how often I get comments — from people in the community that I respect — that the moratorium is just B.S.,” said NSSWD chair Michael McAllister at the May 28 trustees’ meeting. “I hear things like ‘There is lots of water.’ Some comments are actually directed at staff, which I find really troubling.”

McAllister suggested and the NSSWD board approved setting up a board-staff select committee to look at getting another company to review the hydrology reports for Maxwell and St. Mary Lake watersheds created in 2015 by engineering firm Kerr Wood Leidal, and an update for St. Mary Lake published in 2018.

“I just think we need another firm,” he said. “It’s not to dis the consultants. They will appreciate it. Their reports are getting potshots taken at them. Staff are getting potshots. The board is taking potshots and I am tired of it. Let’s get them peer reviewed.”

The 2018 report concluded: “Both the maximum potential yield and the storage analysis indicate that the currently available storage is not sufficient to reliably support water withdrawals [from St. Mary Lake] at the total licensed withdrawal limit.”

The Maxwell Lake report from 2015, however, only recommended withdrawals be capped at 72 per cent of the licensed limit of 146 million gallons (which is 105 million gallons per year). Other recommendations included that more data be collected to do a multi-year drought analysis to determine if the lake would refill after 10-year return-period drought conditions.

It’s those numbers that formed the jumping-off point for a detailed critique of the moratorium composed by island developer Eric Booth that was sent to the NSSWD board last December and was on last Thursday’s meeting agenda.

Booth argues that the current and estimated future withdrawal of water from Maxwell

Lake is low enough to allow the moratorium to be lifted and affordable housing projects in Ganges to at least be serviced by NSSWD water. Using NSSWD data, Booth states that the annual average withdrawal from 2015-2018 was approximately 47 million gallons, having dropped steadily from a peak of 85 million gallons in 2011. A reduction in the amount of water lost due to leaks in the water system, and assumed conservation practices by ratepayers, have been factors, he suggests. A recent Kerr Wood Leidal technical memorandum about the Maxwell Lake water treatment plant feasibility study also notes that only about 33 per cent of the lake’s licensed capacity is used at present.

**“Mr. Booth is neither a professional engineer nor a scientist and, thus, is not qualified to conduct such an analysis . . . .”**

MEGHAN MCKEE

Acting district manager, NSSWD

A 2019 Westbrook Consulting report commissioned by the NSSWD determined that another 2.35 million gallons per year needs to be set aside for 65 additional single family and multifamily properties in the Maxwell Lake service area that are already on the NSSWD tax roll and entitled to service in the future.

For St. Mary Lake, Booth’s observations include the fact that water losses due to infrastructure leaks are still significant, being in the 26 per cent range (or 19 million gallons per year).

He also questions the per-household amount of water NSSWD assumes is used when compared to both its own data and that of other local water districts and government entities.

Booth’s full submission is available on the northsaltspringwaterworks.ca website in the May 28 trustees meeting agenda package, as is a staff report prepared by acting district manager Meghan McKee to help inform a board response to Booth.

“Mr. Booth is neither a professional engineer nor a scientist and, thus, is not qualified

to conduct such an analysis, and may not have the knowledge to understand and correctly interpret the water availability and climate change assessment reports,” she noted before addressing some specific points, such as the fact that almost all of St. Mary Lake’s live storage is consumed each year, she said.

As well, further Maxwell Lake data has been collected, as recommended by the 2015 Kerr Wood Leidal report, she said, with an update of the Maxwell study now possible as a result and expected later in 2020. Trustees had been prepared to discuss Booth’s submission, but when he sent a further letter responding to McKee’s report, after he read it on the NSSWD website as part of the public meeting package, they decided to table the matter until the next meeting.

“I invite board members to tear my math, observations and/or conclusions on Maxwell supply (based on NSSWD data) apart and show me where any statement I’ve made is erroneous,” wrote Booth in his May 27 response.

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### EDITORIAL

## Risky seas

**A** near disaster earlier this spring kicked the issue of freighters anchoring in Gulf Islands waters into the headlines once again.

On March 30 in Plumper Sound between Pender and Saturna islands, high winds caused the 198-metre-long MV Golden Cecilie to collide with the 229-metre MV Green K-Max and their anchors become entangled. Transport Canada says it inspected the vessels, but no official probe of the incident was mounted. Islands Trust Council chair Peter Luckham has since sent a letter to federal Transport Minister Marc Garneau, calling for a Transportation Safety Board investigation.

In 2018, the federal government introduced the Interim Protocol for the Use of Southern B.C. Anchorages as part of its Oceans Protection Plan. The stated aim was to reduce the impacts of large vessels at anchor in 33 different south coast spots awaiting access mainly to the Port of Vancouver and Canada's

### THE ISSUE:

Freighter anchorages

### WE SAY:

Make it an election issue

coveted grain, coal and potash supplies. While some rotation of anchorage use did result, data was collected and reports that even acknowledge complaints produced, Gulf Islands residents and regional citizens groups will attest that the initial problem is the same: noise, light and discharge pollution, damage to seabeds from dragging

anchors and the risk of fuel spills during stays that often extend up to and sometimes beyond two weeks in duration. Mooring in our waters is free. Not every jurisdiction in the world is at the mercy of international shipping interests, though. In this week's Driftwood with a nod to World Oceans Day on June 8, Salt Spring resident Christoph Rohner outlines how regulatory changes and supply chain scheduling improvements were made in the Newcastle anchorage area near Sydney, Australia, following a freighter grounding there in 2007.

The Gulf Islands anchorages issue may be languishing under the deep water of the COVID-19 crisis at the moment, but it needs to surface again and receive the dedicated attention of the federal government.

One way for islanders to make their opinions heard is through the No Freighter Anchorages group website. It contains a template for a letter asking for change directed to minister Garneau, Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson and Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Bernadette Jordan. Unless a serious mass of residents raises a fuss about this issue and ultimately makes it an election issue, Gulf Islands waters will continue to be used as a holding tank for massive cargo ships with a fuel spill risk just the worst of the impacts we live with every day.



## Respect dwelling bylaws

BY FRANTS ATTORP

Salt Spring Island is part of a protected area that was established in 1974 "to control unbridled development and to preserve and protect the islands." Today, almost half a century later, the Islands Trust has managed to stop large-scale subdivisions but has been unable to curb unregulated development.

Nobody knows for sure how many illegal dwellings — some unfit for human habitation — there are on the island, but the Trust has indicated the numbers are significant and that most offenders are "flying under the radar." The situation has been complicated by the housing crisis and the Trust's understandable reluctance to evict tenants.

While the Trust has statistics on bylaw enforcement, those numbers reflect only complaints received. At the end of last year, there were 39 open files for unlawful dwellings, a number that would undoubtedly be in the hundreds with more aggressive enforcement.

The situation is not helped by the Trust's current strategy of leniency. Standing resolution 55-2017-168 directs bylaw enforcement officers to take action only "where there is more than one unlawful dwelling on a lot." Additionally, proposed

### VIEWPOINT

Bylaw 471 would, through temporary use permits, give legal status to all manner of unlawful dwellings, including trailers, tiny homes and other wheeled residences. These steps send the message that anything goes; they undermine existing legislation and encourage more violations.

In the long term, continued recalcitrance will have a ruinous effect on the fragile environment and rural character of the island. Individually, infractions may seem insignificant, but collectively, they constitute a major assault on our official community plan. Only compliance can keep our population from surpassing the 17,000 projected under current zoning.

Following is a suggested long-term strategy to bring the situation under control without evicting anyone:

Declare an amnesty period during which all illegal dwellings on the island must be registered in an Islands Trust database. Registration must include a complete list of current tenants along with contact information. No fines would be levied at this point. However, any property owner who does not register an illegal dwell-

ing would be subject to a significant fine.

When the current occupants of the illegal dwelling move on, the Islands Trust must be notified, and the illegal dwelling shuttered if it cannot be made to conform under existing bylaws.

Any landowner who allows a new tenant to move into an illegal dwelling will be subject to a substantial fine. Again, nobody would be evicted, but the property owner would be held accountable.

If adopted, this strategy should lead to increased compliance over time. The do-as-I-please culture would fade as people realize illegal dwellings cannot be used to generate extra income.

Of course the Trust must continue to create more housing for those in need, especially local employees. There will still be development, but with a notable difference: the Trust, not the bylaw breakers, would be driving the bus.

It is sad that protection of this island requires a penalty system, but relying on voluntary compliance clearly hasn't worked. We all have to support the Trust and the vision it represents, and the best way to do that is to respect the bylaws it has passed.

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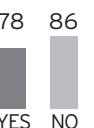
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# OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

**"Their reports are getting potshots taken at them. Staff are getting potshots. The board is taking potshots and I am tired of it.**

MICHAEL MCALLISTER, CHAIR, NSSWD BOARD

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**WE ASKED:** *What is something you learned about yourself due to COVID-19?*

**ANDREA METZGER**



Turns out I'm an "ambivert," not an extrovert.

**STAN GARROD**



I have had to learn to accept the fact that there is much happening that is completely beyond my control, and that's not a bad thing, just a reality.

**JOI FREED-GARROD**



My senses have taken over from my mind and provided me with heightened awareness and gratitude for the beauty and abundance of the natural world and the special people in my life.

**RICK COLLIU**



I no longer take casual conversation for granted.

**MARCIA JANSEN**



What I've learned about myself during COVID-19 is that I am less of an extrovert than I thought I was.

## LETTERS to the editor

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### Healthier air

It has been so much more pleasant to ride my mobility scooter since COVID-19 with less traffic and cleaner air.

According to the World Health Organization, each year about seven million people in the world die of air pollution from smog, fires, grid-lock, and just sitting or standing to wait at a stop sign in Ganges.

Driving my scooter along Lower Ganges had sometimes been an ordeal with all the traffic: blessings on electric cars but curses on diesel vehicles that stink and foul the air.

In the name of progress and comfort, whether we drive gas guzzlers or rely on trucks to deliver goods, we breathe life-sapping pollution.

We monitor deaths from COVID-19 but many more continually die from the pollution of our air, water and soil. We fear this pandemic but promote the soup of a pandemic that surrounds us bringing comfort to some and death to others.

This time of cleared air given us through COVID-19 restrictions means better health on

Salt Spring.

Let's use it to support our organizations that are working with us to return to a healthier and cleaner "normal."

**EILEEN WTEWAALL,**  
SALT SPRING

### Good things

Salt Spring is an arts community. As well, it's a cultural hub.

We have an arts council — the Salt Spring Arts Council — a folk club, an artisan market, farm-to-table dining, workshops, forums, lectures, operas by satellite. We invite international talent: dancers, quartets, trios, comedy troupes to our concert hall — ArtSpring.

It's no easy feat to create this kind of environment. It takes talent, dedication, creativity and ideas. It's a labour of love and it adds to our lives.

PitchFork Social invites singer songwriters to perform small-scale concerts. Musicians sing to us. They synthesize the world we live in and put words to music. It's one of the best things humans do. It's a gift.

We have suffered a collective shock. We have been robbed of

intimacy and connection. The arts and artists are suffering. Let's bring them opportunity. Let's do what we can and give them our support. David and Nadia Youngson of PitchFork Social are willing and able to do this. They always find a way to bring us music. They generate ideas and bringing PitchFork Social to The Cottages is their latest inspiration/innovation.

Please support them. Don't resist the good things — the positive things humans can do and bring to each other. Ten concerts a season can't hurt anyone — in any way — but it can help us.

**HELEN MEARS,**  
SALT SPRING

### Back yard

Shameless promotion by Karen Stene and Wayne Tepper of the PitchFork Social musical events over five or so months is nothing short of astounding (May 27 "Finest Example of Who We Are" letter).

They seem to be the experts and arbiters of musical taste, inflicting their tastes of first-quality musicians from around the world on our neighbour-

hood — like that makes a difference for those in the vicinity. They are self-proclaimed experts on noise, traffic control, water use. They gush that if this was in their neighbourhood they would embrace and enjoy the music benefits for the island as a whole. Wow.

They and their friends are obviously dues-paying members of (IMNY) — in my back yard. Well, as a resident of Cedar Lane, I and my neighbours wish this party was proposed (IYBY) — in your back yard!

They make pronouncements about supposed emotional, spiritual and economic benefits for the island. I'm not sure I share their spiritual or emotional belief system.

And the biggest insult to those living in my neighbourhood is the statement, "Don't let NIMBY ruin our island life." Sounds like their idea of island life, not "ours." The regular gathering of 400 musical lovers attending this party every two weeks is just too much for all the stated reasons! No thank you.

**DAVID MERKE,**  
CEDAR LANE

## Dad's DIY haircuts recalled by pandemic shagginess

My hairdresser has finally agreed to service me, which is a great relief since my wife, bless her, was preparing to cut my hair for me and that would have been beyond a disaster. I've seen what she can do with a pair of scissors and it is seldom a pretty sight.

I don't want to give you the impression that I am even slightly vain or that my wife is in any way cack-handed, but when you get to my age any part of the anatomy that hasn't completely atrophied is worth protecting. And my hair, a delicate confection of spun gold and silver, is almost a national treasure and deserves better than the ministrations of someone more acquainted with pruning shears and small axes.

Mind you, it was touch and go. Procuring an appointment with my lady barber, après pestilence, was a bit like fixing an appointment with the head of CSIS, and actually getting a place in her revolving chair carries all the ritualistic rigmarole of joining the Freemasons. She will be masked, and I will be masked, which presumably precludes getting my beard trimmed or my nose hairs tamed. Only one person may be in the salon at any one time (presumably one person plus the hairdresser) and I'm not allowed to bleed or scream if she inadvertently stabs me with her scissors because she is working at arm's length.

But it will be worth it. Rachael (for that is her name) is an ace with the scissors and in my opinion gives the finest haircut on the planet. And let me tell you, I've had some monstrous haircuts in my time. One in particular comes to mind, in Helsinki, which was so truly awful my wife was reduced to tears when I arrived home looking like Friar Tuck.

On another occasion, this time in London where I was in such a hurry that I hadn't realized I'd agreed to have my hair cut by some tonsorial Michelangelo, an "international



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stylist" who gave me a half-decent cut and then charged me more than £100 (\$170 in real money) for it. I was so traumatized by the bill I had to be anaesthetized for my next haircut.

But coiffures have come an exceptionally long way since the days of the short, back and sides, extra Brylcream ("A little dab'll do ya"), and "Something for the weekend, sir?" I don't know if these are purely English euphemisms, but the first described the only, abominable haircut most barbers were capable of giving back then and the second was the sale of a pack of prophylactics in a time when it was assumed intimacy only took place on your days off.

And it was unthinkable a chap would submit to the ministrations of a woman. The barber's chair was a male sanctuary where the discussions were about football, cars and "what a bloody shower the government was," while the ladies were elsewhere under driers, their hair peroxidized to within an inch of its life, discussing knitting patterns and their monstrous husbands.

Things weren't all bad, though. For an extra shilling you could get a "Boston," which marked you out as a person to be reckoned with and involved the barber trimming your hair at the back into a straight line instead of the usual turkey wattle of shaved neck and bloody nicks. And for the uber-trendy there was the "DA," in which

the barber cut your hair at the back into a "V." Incidentally, DA was an abbreviation for "Duck's Arse," which is what it resembled, and was much frowned on by decent society. It was a fashion for Teddy Boys, Rockers and spivs, and not wholesome young men whose parents knew better.

And God knows nobody knew better than my dad when it came to tonsorial massacres. Only Sweeney Todd, the Mad Barber of Fleet Street, was more frightening than my father with a pair of hair clippers, which he invariably ordered from the small ads in the Sunday tabloids. He figured that 10 shillings on a Heath-Robinson contraption of comb and razor ("Cut hair like an Italian professional!") was good for at least 20 hair cuts at a shilling each at the barber's. Never mind that my brother and I looked like Dickensian waifs, he was saving a small fortune, but it was especially miserable for my younger brother who had ears that were a hazard in a high wind and stood out from his head like a pair of dockside cranes.

Dad only had one style: short. His many years as a warrant officer in the Royal Air Force had convinced him that any haircut that ended anywhere close to the top of the ear was the slippery slope to decadence and if he didn't leave us looking like marines conscripts we'd soon be wanting to wear frocks.

It is my belief that the Swinging Sixties and the dawning of hippies had nothing to do with the peace movement, free love or hallucinogenic drugs, but was more to do with a generation finally escaping the demon barbers and their dad's DIY haircuts. Why, it's come so far from the short, back and sides that it wouldn't surprise me to eventually see men sporting ponytails!

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# Projecting meaning and other human habits

BY BOB WEEDEN

We didn't see the birthing, but we watched mom trying.

She's under an old fir, deep in grass brilliantly lit by a newborn sun. Rising to her feet she turns clumsily in her tracks. She lets her forelegs curl and collapse, hind legs following willy-nilly. She rolls onto her side. Her ribs pump, her legs stretch and recoil in slow pulsations. Up once more, turn, flop, pulse, and rise again. She stumbles into shadows and vanishes.

In our 30 years here hardly a day has been empty of deer. In winter they prune shrubs as if paid by the nibble. In spring they crop fresh lawn grass and clover. Groups of long-yearlings, does and bucks in autumn cavort like amateurs through mating rituals a million years old. In December we'll eat the odd meal of venison if a bow-carrying friend gets lucky. (Yes, the relationship between deer and us is a good news-bad news thing, but that pretty well describes life, doesn't it?)

This doe's parturition struggles set me thinking about this thing that distinguishes everything alive from everything that isn't: its fixation on perpetuating its kind. While the doe pushes at its fetus a towhee's body heat stirs the chemistry in eggs cupped in grass nearby. A flea crawls in the incubating birds' feathers, and, as Ogden Nash playfully reminded us, "Bigger fleas have smaller fleas, and lesser fleas to bite 'em. Lesser fleas have lesser fleas, and so on, ad infinitum." In the soil beneath the panting deer, fibrils of fungi make good on their free trade agreement with fir rootlets, minerals for carbohydrates, so that fir cones and mushrooms can send pollen and spores into the far-travelling breezes.

## GUEST COLUMN

Why does life try so hard to continue? I've paid close and enjoyable attention to nature going about its business for 80 years, and I haven't a clue. "God's will," many people would answer, and they could be right, but to me that's solving a puzzle with a mystery. Scientists with microscopes, macrosopes, mathematics and big budgets tell us that life replicates itself because it must; that's where the rules about particles and energy have taken it.

"Because it must." And that ends that conversation. Let's discuss pyramids or the last time the Boston Red Sox won a championship.

Well, maybe not the absolute last. When superstar astrophysicists like Stephen Hawking or Brian Greene assert that there is no meaning out there in the universe, my first response is a glib, "Science doesn't have the tools to find meaning. You can't hit feathers with a pile driver." Then a second thought. "OK, so the internal workings of the universe are nothing but the laws of thermodynamics. Does that still leave a possibility of something more emerging from the complex we call the individual organism, or a collective society of them?" Then, showing my real bias, I wonder to myself, "Surely even if the lives of fir trees and deer have no meaning, people are special?"

"Yep!" says Dr. Greene in his 2020 book, *Until The End Of Time*. People are special. Like a few other social animals we have



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Spotted fawn on Salt Spring Island.

genes giving us cooperative instincts, a sense of fairness, empathy and the ability to love. In us, though, memory and communication skills are huge. We've used them to develop a culture that's almost an independent thing, where the imagination, reason, and knowledge of generations stirs around with astounding creativity. We've dreamed up the idea of meaning in this stewpot. It's our unique delusion, and we're stuck with it.

One thing we've done inside this delusion is to project meaning back out into the universe. From woodland sprites to demigods to papal encyclicals, in 30,000 years we have constructed powerful ideas of a spiritual world, ideas leading to bloody wars and to millions of unrecorded good deeds.

Others are happy to let meaning be a mystery strictly of human devising, one

we'll never solve — the joy is in the looking, not the finding — but one that somehow brings out the best in us. Remember Nevil Shute's *On The Beach*, in which, after almost everyone has died in a nuclear holocaust, the last living people decided that the best course in the final days was to be as good to your neighbours as you could? Even in the last days, acts mean something.

Listen to Brian Greene: "How wondrous it is that a small collection of the universe's particles can rise up, examine themselves and the reality they inhabit, determine just how transitory they are, and with a fitting burst of activity create beauty, establish connection and illuminate mystery." Even the guru of non-meaning feels the worth of something.

Chances are that someday soon I'll come across the doe and her gorgeous fawn on the farm. Bewildered by everything, the fawn will take its cues from the doe. She'll watch me, unafraid but more attentive than my students ever were.

"Lady," I'll say, "it's the silly season for sure. You've born your pain because you must. It's the outcome of every atomic decal and electronic collision under your skin. You haven't the foggiest notion why. My mate and I had fawns, too. We might have been more conscious of what we were doing, but no closer to knowing why. There's no shortage of deer or people."

"But for reasons I can't explain, I wish you well. I wish us well."

*The Salt Spring writer is the author of The County of Heart, Eye and Hand: Essays From Nature, and inhabits Whims Farm.*

# Post-pandemic tourism: an opportunity to rethink the model?

BY JAYNE LLOYD-JONES

While our focus is still on COVID-19 and how to safely move forward with Phase Three of the BC Restart Plan, it is never too early to consider how we might hone our tourism strategy to welcome visitors back to Salt Spring when the time is right.

Several Driftwood pieces last week discussed how we might shape our tourism messages. David Fullbrook's "Economic Benefit" letter proposed "a more rewarding and environmentally sustainable tourism model," building on our assets like PitchFork Social that offer a cultural experience, and add value

to the "per-visitor" stay. It's a tourism tactic we can expand to other experiences.

Also, Salt Spring Solutions imagined a better way forward after the pandemic, with scenarios like "What if we made a new relocalized, caring, green economy . . . ?" Making the Southern Gulf Islands a destination for conscious travellers should be a part of our strategy (think volunteerism, encouraging pedestrian and bike traffic, socially responsible visitorship).

Let's also consider the bigger picture: international visitors to B.C. make up 25 per cent of the total

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numbers of tourists to the province, yet this 25 per cent contributes 50 per cent of the tourism revenue of \$7 billion. So while we may hope that island residents and regional visitors enjoying staycations will generate some income this year, revenues will fall far short of previous years. Indeed, some local businesses may not even weather the storm unless the community supports them. Backing our local retailers and restaurants to keep

them in business can be as simple as ordering a take-out meal or dining in, buying a gift certificate, or purchasing our needs on-island rather than online. (According the Ganges post office, they have experienced Christmas-level parcel traffic as residents are going online to fulfill their needs.)

During this pause due to the pandemic, we have an opportunity to stop and consider how to go forward, but differently. This time of isolation has developed better communication between Salt Spring's separated "silo" organizations. Will this convert into action? Let's

use this opportunity wisely to create consensus on how tourism, our main economic driver, can offer the visitor experiences that reflect our community's priorities — sustainability, educational opportunities, agri-tourism and social responsibility.

It's not like flicking a switch: this "new normal" will develop gradually, with care and thoughtfulness, to create a more sustainable future for tourism.

*The writer is a Salt Spring resident who has co-owned a PR agency specializing in tourism for 25 years.*

# Spirit of Salt Spring



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This profile is the ninth in a series of Salt Spring Island farm profiles the Driftwood is running to support island growers, many of whom have been hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis.

This is our final Local Farmer feature of the series. Thank you to Kelly Fitzpatrick, Brian Kirk-Young and the Business and Farm Response and Recovery Task Force for partnering with us on this project!

**FARM NAME:** Windsor Farm  
**OWNERS:** Darryl and Sheila Windsor

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**Origins:**  
We bought our farm in 2009, and slowly started climbing each step of the ladder; we built the chicken coop for the laying flock, tilled and amended the veggie garden, and added fencing, fencing and more fencing. The first year we only grew meat birds and had a garden a quarter the size we do at present. After this came sheep, then beef cows, then an expansion of the garden, then pigs, and finally goats.

**Crops and Products:**  
We have grown to become a rich and varied farm; our orchard produces apples, pears, plums, peaches, nectarines, almonds and hazelnuts. The berry patch has blueberries, currants, raspberries, loganberries, strawberries and elderberries. We grow most vegetables, from asparagus to zucchini. For meat we grow beef, pork, lamb, goat, chicken,

and turkey, all of which are processed at the local abattoir. We also have herbs, soap, jams, jellies, pickles, sheepskins, wool blankets, and both chicken and duck eggs.

**How has COVID-19 affected your farm?**

COVID-19 has been challenging, causing a huge loss of business to most local farms. However, the Buy Local movement has increased the flow of customers to our farm tremendously, and the development of the Tour SaltSpring delivery service has made it possible to pick up orders from the farm, and deliver them directly to customers' driveways. In order to adapt to the health crisis, we have stepped up our cleaning program and learned how to send and receive e-transfers.

**Where can Salt Springers buy your produce?**

We have a farm stand in our

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Sheila Windsor with farm pigs; Darryl Windsor; packaged herbs from Windsor Farm.

driveway, and offer delivery through TourSaltSpring, or by joining our email list. We are hoping to eventually attend the Tuesday Market but the garden has a lot of growing to do first.

**What message would you like to convey to Salt Springers at this time?**

We are extremely thankful for everyone who is shopping locally and supporting our farm! We are all in this together and we couldn't do it without you.



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## GARDENING

# Zucchini failure? It could happen to you!

BY LINDA GILKESON

One of the most common questions people ask in my gardening workshops is why their squash plants start to grow tiny fruit, which then shrivels and falls off.

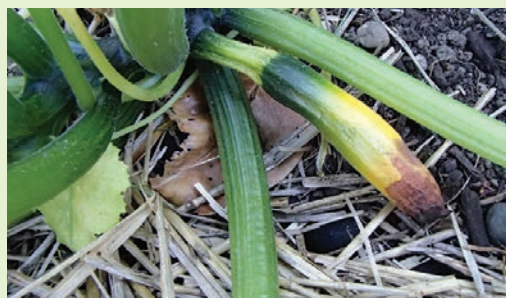
Some people are quite sheepish when they confess to failing with zucchinis, the notorious subject of all those surplus squash jokes. If plants produce flowers, but no fruit, it is because the flowers were not pollinated. The confusing thing is that the tiny, unfertilized squash can actually grow a little before they shrivel and fall off — so it looks like something else might be causing the problem. The flowers need bees to pollinate them and bees are scarcer now. Even where there are good numbers of bees, they may be attracted to other flowers or the weather might be too cool and wet for them to work. If you know how to hand pollinate squash flowers, you will ensure bumper crops.

Another benefit of hand pollinating is that you can make sure the earliest flowers of winter squashes are fertilized, which gives the fruit the rest of the summer to ripen fully.

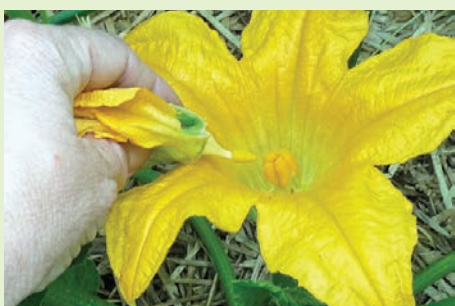
Squash flowers open in the morning, which is a good time to do the job. First, look for an open female flower: it will have a tiny, miniature fruit on the stem just beneath the flower. Then find an open male flower: they have a straight stem, without the miniature fruit below the flower. You can also see the pollen, like bright yellow dust, on the centre structure of the flower. Pick the male flower, peel back the petals and gently dab some of the pollen onto the centre structure of an open female flower. You can dust several female flowers with the pollen from one male flower.

While this is very quick and easy,

there is one complication: Pacific Northwest gardeners commonly grow three different species of squash and the pollen from one species won't fertilize the flowers of a different species. Most summer squash are in the Cucurbita pepo group, which means that flowers from zucchini can be used to pollinate pattypan or yellow crooknecks and vice versa. Many winter squash are in the Cucurbita maxima group so these can fertilize each other. Butternut squash and Tromboncino are among the few in the Cucurbita moschata group. As long as you stay within the group, you can use the pollen from one variety to fertilize the flowers of a different variety. Seed companies usually provide the species name on the package or in the catalogue description. If you don't know what group your squash or pumpkins belongs to, stick to moving pollen from male flowers to female flowers of the same variety and you won't go wrong.



PHOTOS BY LINDA GILKESON  
From top: unfertilized zucchini fruit; male and female flowers; how to fertilize the female flower by hand.



## FIRE PROTECTION

# Chipping program comes to island properties

Next invasive drop-off day also scheduled for June 7

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue started bringing yard clean-up solutions straight to people's front gates on Monday in the form of mobile wood-chipping units.

Three island companies have been recruited to offer the pilot residential chipping program, which will increase FireSmart practices thanks to grant funding under the Community Resiliency Investment Program.

The Capital Regional District partnered with the fire department as the local govern-

ment entity eligible to apply for the provincial grant.

"I think this is a very neat initiative. Hopefully we can make this the first of many," said Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George.

Open burning was prohibited throughout B.C. as of March 26 to reduce the likelihood of human-caused wildfires and to improve air quality during the pandemic, although campfires are still allowed at this time. George said the chipping pilot project, which runs through the month of June as long as funds last, will help reduce the combustible fuel loads that have been growing as a result.

"We felt it was important to do whatever we could for the community," said George, who added chipping is a safe and effective

way to FireSmart around the home.

George said 67 people had signed up in just one week. The fire chief hopes the service will spark interest in a long-term permanent chipper project, which is something he's advocated as a good way to deal with wood waste in light of recent hot, dry summers.

"Fire season seems to be getting longer and longer, but burning bans are getting earlier and earlier. Chipping is also good for air quality and reducing smoke," George said.

He added that spring burn piles are a major source of calls to the fire department. At this time last year, crews had attended 10 calls for brush fires and in each case where there was a problem, fire had escaped from a burn pile. In contrast, the department received only a few

calls regarding unapproved open burning this spring and had no brush fires to manage.

The application form is available on the fire department's website, saltspringfire.com.

The fire department has also been offering invasive species drop-off days this spring in partnership with Transition Salt Spring and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. The second date to drop off broom, gorse, ivy and other invasives takes place this Sunday, June 7 at the Central Fire Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations are required to cover the cost of this service. The May 23 event at Fulford Hall received record-breaking deliveries of material, but the approximately \$700 in donations received did not cover the \$1,200 chipping cost.

## PARKS AND REC

## PARC gets started on child-care facilities

Grant funding also secures bus purchase

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Parks and Recreation is making headway on increasing child-care spaces available on island after receiving more than \$1 million in grant funding.

Earth-moving machines are now at work on the Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre property in preparation for the utility installation that will connect a new portable building set to arrive this summer. Construction is also slated to begin this year on an extension to the pool building. The portable and the new multipurpose room will provide space for preschool and daycare, with the first option slated to start in the portable this September.

Total grant funding received for the multipurpose room project is \$832,275, coming through the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development in a program administered by the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

The new space will be available for a new or existing non-profit child-care provider to occupy during weekdays and will be open to community groups and recreation programs in the evenings and weekends. It is scheduled to open in September 2021.

The grant includes \$75,000 for the purchase of a 24-seat bus that will be used by the child-care operators and other PARC programs, and follows on an earlier grant of \$214,000 provided by MCFD for the portable.

"Kudos to government. They really are investing an unprecedented amount of money [in child-care]," said Salt Spring's Capital Regional District director Gary Holman.

Holman gave further credit to the



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Salt Spring Parks and Recreation manager Dan Ovington, left, and staff members, from left, Stevie Freer, MacKenzie Williamson and Chelsea Harris at the Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre site where a new portable building is being installed this summer.

shared space model, with the province encouraging child-care spaces created within recreation and school settings.

Members of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission meeting via tele-conference last Tuesday voted to change PARC's five-year capital plan to allow the multipurpose room construction to be completed by 2022, which is a condition of the grant.

Parks and rec manager Dan Ovington told the commission that in light of recent circumstances, the organization is now seeking to amend its licence to permit full-day daycare for essential service workers and others.

"In the current climate there may be more demand for that right now rather than a recreational half-day program," Ovington explained.

While not much activity has been taking place in the pool building as of late during COVID-19 shut-downs, Ovington said PARC is working on a plan with the Capital Regional District's health and safety officer for gradual

reopening for some access.

Outdoor recreational programs such as day camps are also set to go ahead this summer; both will be limited by the numbers of people that can be in a space or gathered together. A site-specific safety plan will be developed for each area that is being opened up.

Day camps will have a 10-to-one ratio of kids to supervisors. Pool use will be complicated by the fact that each user will need a buffer around them, which means only 15 occupants at a time. For that reason, open public swims are not being contemplated. Ovington said pre-booking for small programs will be more likely.

"Different offerings may be added week to week. [It will be] very slow, very gradual. I think it needs to be a phased approach," Ovington said.

Ovington confirmed that free showers for people in the community who need them will continue to be available at the pool on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by appointment.

## HEALTH CARE

## COVID-19 survey has rural-specific focus

Info will help in future planning

Island residents are being asked to complete an online survey about how they and their communities have been impacted by COVID-19.

The survey is an initiative of the Centre for Rural Health Research, within UBC's Department of Family Practice, in partnership with the BC Rural Health Network.

Findings will be used to help understand rural community solutions and resiliency in the face of the COVID-19


pandemic, and will be shared with participating rural and remote B.C. communities in order to support learning and collaboration across communities. Additionally, the findings will be shared with the B.C. Ministry of Health and health authorities to support rural health-care planning.

The anonymous survey can be found at <http://bit.ly/RER-COVID-19>. No deadline has been set for its completion.

The CRHR survey is different from one distributed by the provincial government that had a response deadline of May 31.

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### WORLD OCEANS DAY

# Australia provides ship lessons

Newcastle experience demonstrates that reducing freighter anchorage use is possible

BY CHRISTOPH ROHNER

SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

There is an important lesson from Australia for the Southern Gulf Islands in dealing with the economic and environmental risks of cargo ship anchorages. The grounding of a cargo ship at a popular beach near Newcastle, Australia, was a crisis that triggered major innovations in port efficiency and marine traffic management that could also be applied here.

"It can take a crisis for an innovative approach to gain traction, but only if lessons are learnt," says professor Trevor Heaver of the UBC Sauder School of Business in a recent article addressing this topic, published in Lloyd's List, a world-leading journal for the shipping industry.

Existing conditions are not always satisfactory. He points out that "an increase in the number of ships at anchor at ports is often a sign that problems exist in a maritime supply chain, much like a rash is evidence of measles."

These problems at port have become a major issue in the Southern Gulf Islands in recent years. Intrusions of anchoring bulk carriers from port have reached maximum heights this winter and spring, and have caused widespread concerns about negative impacts on the protected environment of this unique group of islands and their residents.

COVID-19 is challenging us all to rethink existing approaches and improve the reliability and safety in supply chains. Heaver describes how another crisis, the grounding of the ship Pasha Bulker at a popular beach close to the port of Newcastle near Sydney in Australia on June 8, 2007, had exactly this effect.

In the fallout of the accident, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau launched an investigation. One of the conclusions of the May 2008 report found "any measure which effectively controls the congestion and reduces the number of ships, waiting at anchor, in the queue also reduces the risks to the ships, the port and the environment."

Newcastle is a major port with a large volume in bulk exports such as coal and grain, comparable to Vancouver, which also has a high number of visiting ships. In 2007, port congestion and long stays at anchor were common in Newcastle, a situation similar to present conditions at the Port of Vancouver. The new objective in Newcastle was to limit stays at anchor to 48 hours and reduce the demand for anchorages.

How were the objectives achieved? One part of the solution was to include the buyers of exports more into supply chain scheduling. Bulk exports are usually delivered to buyers at port terminals, and that is as far as supply chain management extends. But if the buyers who send ships to pick up goods at terminals are not fully included, any uncertainties in delivery can easily escalate into port congestion, and doz-



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Bystanders in Newcastle near Sydney, Australia watch the grounded Pasha Bulker cargo ship in 2007. The incident triggered improvements in efficiency for the management of cargo ships that reduced the use of anchorages for that port.

ens of waiting ships will idle at anchor in the Gulf Islands.

A number of lessons apply to the operation of supply chains. One lesson of interest is that both producers and buyers needed to shift expectations when entering into contracts several weeks before delivery at port. Expectations for delivery should not be derived from peak capacity, but from realistic average conditions in the supply chain. In our local situation, this would be particularly during cold and wet conditions in winter, and considering other exceptional delays that will always occur.

Without realistic expectations for loading rates at port, too many vessels are scheduled to arrive, and it will be difficult to avoid vessel congestion and overflowing demand for anchorages. The upside of shifting expectations is that the supply chain will become more efficient, and trade become more reliable and less uncertain.

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The other important component is information management. In Newcastle, all components of the supply chain needed to cooperate and share critical information. Under the port authority, a newly created Vessel Traffic Information Centre integrated the locations and movements of ships as far into the future as 14 days before arrival. When delays in deliveries are expected, vessels heading towards port are advised to slow down to arrive later. Exact rules safeguard that buyers keep their priority in the lineup for delivery.

What are the lessons for the Port of Vancouver and the Gulf Islands? "Anchorage is an economic and environmental cost, it needs to be managed proactively when possible," Heaver explains.

The situation is complex and multiple ownership in supply chains and port terminals pose obstacles to sharing information, but a more efficient and more reliable supply chain will

benefit both the economy and the environment. Heaver concludes, "It is time to apply the lessons from the Newcastle coal chain to more dry bulk trades."

Producers should assume responsibility for optimizing logistics and efficiency in the supply chain. They lead the complex negotiations and they ultimately benefit from an efficient flow of exports.

Vessel Arrival Systems (VAS) are better operated by a port authority, which is independent and not a party in export contracts, and can be impartial towards buyers, sellers and different companies operating in the supply chain. Also, because environmental concerns are involved, the government will have a mandate in taking responsibility for the aspect of vessel traffic management.

In addition to Heaver's conclusions, it would also make sense to have an integrated vessel management centre at port responsible for both reducing traffic and securing maritime safety. The volume and risks of maritime shipping are increasing in our region. A predicted 14 per cent of vessel traffic will be transporting petroleum products in our waters. The potential for accidents should be minimized by making movements of all vessels more efficient. With such measures, anchorages in the Gulf Islands can be phased out, and trips between the Gulf Islands and intersecting with major shipping routes can be eliminated as a possible source for accidents.

We have not seen a major fuel or oil spill in the Gulf Islands, but we are not immune to it. With a letter of April 24, 2020, the Islands Trust Council called for a Transportation Safety Board Investigation into a collision between two bulk carriers that occurred in the area in March, and requested that "the federal government take all measures possible to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the use of the 33 commercial freighter anchorage sites in the Southern Gulf Islands."

World Oceans Day on June 8 is a reminder to care for the safety of our oceans. The hope is that we can learn from crises, learn the lessons, and turn the challenges into benefits for both the environment and the economy.

*The writer has a background in environmental sciences and is a resident of Salt Spring Island.*

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## Award honours anti-racism work



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From left, Access to Media Education Society founder Deblekha Guin of Galiano Island, and a group from DisPLACEMENT project, which brought together Indigenous, migrant and refugee youth to create videos about displacement, dispossession and discrimination.

### Deblekha Guin combats discrimination with media projects

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In a climate where acts of racism and hate-motivated violence have become shockingly frequent, it's comforting to know there are people within the community whose work is dedicated to reversing the trend and establishing social justice for all.

Galiano Island's Deblekha Guin has dedicated the past 25 years to such work as founder and executive director of the Access to Media Education Society. The provincial government honoured her commitment recently with one of two Intercultural Trust Awards at the 2020 Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Awards.

The awards are hosted annually by the province with advice and support from the B.C. Multicultural Advisory Council. This year's honours were presented at a live-streamed event on the B.C. government's Facebook page, with results announced last Wednesday.

"I'm grateful for the recognition," Guin told the Driftwood. "But as I said in my speech, I long for the day when this sort of work isn't considered exceptional."

The Access to Media Education Society exists to provide youth with the tools to make and share their own stories, and to engage each other in critical issues. As their website puts it, the society "has been investing in the imaginations and skill sets of up-and-coming media artists, digital activists and creative change makers for over two decades."

Guin was inspired to create such programming after she happened to move next door to the Gulf Islands Film and Television School in the mid 1990s — but she wanted to reach people whose stories were not usually told. As a graduate student in the School of Communication at Simon Fraser University, she was interested in questions of equity and how power differentials are perpetuated in culture.

"I saw the GIFTS model and how powerful it was, but the idea was to extend it to people whose stories had been invisible

in the mainstream media. It was really about getting the tools of media production into the hands of those whose stories are usually told by others, so marginalized people," Guin said.

Grant funding secured in 1996 allowed a fledgling group to offer education to different cohorts of youth who were Indigenous, people of colour, street workers, identified as queer, and who were HIV positive. Once the facilitators saw the powerful content those first groups created, a second goal became to get their products into schools as tools to help motivate change.

Guin explained the two places that youth experience discrimination most often and most hurtfully are in the media and at school.

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DEBLEKHA GUIN  
*Access to Media Education Society*

"The idea was to use media to heal the wounding inflicted by media, and going to the scene of the crime," Guin said.

AMES is now an established non-profit society with a number of skilled staff and "core collaborators," trained adult and youth facilitators, and an impressive board of directors. In the first 20 years more than 2,000 participants made some 350 videos, and 450 workshops were delivered in schools. Anti-discrimination programming by youth for youth reached 70,000 students and educators.

Programs have historically served youth from the Lower Mainland, although there have been rural tours and outreach projects when funding has allowed. One of the most recent projects called DisPLACEMENT brought together Indigenous, migrant and refugee youth to create videos about displacement and discrimination.

In the early days, even having access to

filmmaking technology was radical. These days most youth are familiar with making and posting videos, but learning how to use technology as a tool for change is still important. Facilitators help participants think deeply and critically about the issues affecting them, as well as helping them to create stories through the medium of film. AMES also devotes time to creating workshops, activities and curriculum, doing facilitator training for youth peers and adults, and providing professional development for teachers.

Current realities mean the society is now thinking about how to deliver more programming via online platforms while still engaging the participants in a meaningful way, although Guin believes nothing beats hands-on learning and personal connections.

The ongoing importance of AMES' work cannot be doubted. Guin went into the provincial awards event highly aware of recent racist acts, both close to home and further afield. The day after she received the honour she woke up to news about George Floyd, the black man killed by a police officer in Minneapolis whose fate has now sparked protests across the U.S. and Canada.

"At this historical moment when so many inequities have been laid bare, and when so much racial hate is being surfaced, it's more important than ever for everyone to step up in whatever way we can," Guin said.

She feels knowledge of blatantly racist acts taking place elsewhere does not mean people here can congratulate themselves or step back from doing deeper work to examine their privilege and internal biases.

"We're not immune to it here on Salt Spring. It happens all the time," Guin said. "If we're going to have everyone here do their part, I think sometimes that might be the most important first steps: to try to carve out a space for that kind of honest work."

To see a recent AMES video made by youth called Words Matter, visit the society's Facebook page. The cohort involved will soon be creating workshop outlines and activities to support exploring the concepts covered. More information can be found at <https://accesstomedia.org>.

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On Wednesday May 13th at 10pm, Viola Mary Stoltzmann (nee Bettcher) passed away in Hillside Village in Salmon Arm, B.C. at the age of 85.

Viola was born on a farm on August 3, 1934 in Saskatchewan. As a child she moved to BC with her family. All her life Viola was involved in church life: youth groups, choirs, board member. Viola was an athletic outdoors person enjoying baseball, skiing, hiking fishing, camping, and sailing. She had a successful career with Shell Canada for over 25 years. Viola met and married Manfred Stoltzmann and they resided in New Westminster until their retirement when they moved to Pender Island where they built a beautiful home together. In her retirement Viola sailed, travelled and learned how to paint. She loved being with family and always enjoyed having visitors to Pender. Her life on Pender included many friends who were like family to her.


Viola is predeceased by her loving husband, Manfred Stoltzmann, father, Walter Bettcher, mother, Pauline Bettcher, and brother inlaws, Siegfried Kammholz and Edward Wiens. She is survived by her sister Loreen Wiens, brother, Lawrence Fred Bettcher (Lynda), sister-law Vera Mash (Gunter) and sister-in-law, Rita Kammholz. Viola is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and many friends.

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Gill passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at Lady Minto Hospital on May 11, 2020.

She is survived by David, her loving husband whom she had been with for 53 years, and children Anton (Jaclyn), Bianca (Matt) and grandchildren Henry and Maggie.

Gill was born on December 24, 1949 in Laren, Netherlands and grew up in Durban, South Africa. In 1981, she emigrated to Toronto with her young family. She requalified as a pharmacist and worked in two large hospitals. She found a vibrant community and made lasting friendships.

She and David moved to Salt Spring in 2003 where she volunteered at the library, Art Spring and Island Women Against Violence. She helped found the Salt Spring literacy program and participated in art groups. She had a great love for the arts, books and travel.

Our dear Gilly was warm, laid-back and fun. Always enthused, always saying yes, never worrying about the small stuff. Her personality shone in her handling of the physical challenges she experienced later in life; she faced them with determination, grace and patience. She welcomed everyone with openness and kindness, and always without judgment. Her joie de vivre was infectious. She was loved by all.

We like to believe she is soaring in the trees above her home, free to move as she pleases.

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Gemini time is synchronizing with amped-up communications riddled with emotion. This is due to Mercury in Cancer where it will remain until August 5, due to turning retrograde on the 17th of this month. Mercury in Cancer is among its most difficult positions, especially when retrograde. This is due to the already challenging prospect to be objectively exacerbated by the high levels of the subjectivity of Cancer. Add the retrograde downturn to the equation and you get a deep, submerged, complex cacophony of mixed messages. Meditation would help to offset this negative state and may even prove deeper and more beneficial than usual.

The Moon waxes to full in the mid degrees of Sagittarius. With Jupiter in Capricorn, this could well manifest as a new round of government authority, as the pendulum swings. Moreover, it is a penumbral Lunar Eclipse, which basically means it could take on a yellow hue. More importantly, where it lands in your chart and the aspects it makes to your Natal planets is the real question regarding the probable synchronicities.

### Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

Mercury and Mars in water signs Cancer and Pisces will synchronize as an internal reach. You will want to be quieter than usual, listening more perhaps and talking less. Venus in Gemini and retrograde all the while will direct you to multi-task. The results could be quite positive as long as you can keep productively and creatively busy.

### Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)

More than usual, your perspectives could be colored by strong feelings, emotions, and sentimentality of late. This will continue for a couple of months, even, so you may have to make extra efforts to not allow your subjectivity to close your mind to new knowledge, perspectives, and approaches. There is 'always' another way and sometimes finding it produces clever, creative, genius.

### Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Security is the keyword now and it will continue for many weeks with added emphasis. What it is and means to you personally and how you can best orient your focus to create it will be your top priority. Perhaps your greatest challenge will be to not close yourself off and hide mentally and emotionally as doing so will only result in the illusion of security.

### Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Mercury in your sign could actually coincide with an added measure of focus. Positively, it will also increase your ability to emotional intelligence and it allows you to really feel into the messages you are receiving and what others are really saying and feeling. Yet, you may have to want to exercise this faculty lest you get caught in simply projecting your own emotions.

### Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

It may be time for you to turn within for a while. Let the outer world do what it will and take a break from all the drama. By doing so, you could be very productive with your own affairs and it could also manifest as deep, meditative, contemplative, and peaceful states. This would certainly be ideal and prove very healing. However, you do it, retreat.

### Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Things are seldom quite as they seem or as we perceive them. If fact, the deeper one digs, the more overlooked facts one finds. Thus, keeping an open mind also includes respecting the views and interpretations of others. That said, you could be dealing with confusing people and situations and you are probably wise to speak less and listen and observe more for a while.

### Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

More than many, you have been contending with some pretty heavy realities in your home and personal life. Although your confidence may be growing, circumstances are making you earn every ounce. This will not only continue but stands to amplify over the coming weeks and months even. Your confidence levels could rise and fall, steadily and rhythmically so focus to not react to the extremes.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

A reflective, contemplative, and philosophical mood is lingering it will continue for a while yet. These are water element themes and you may also feel inspired to literally get by, onto or into the water, literally. Doing so can have a way of calming and balancing unsettled emotions as the up and down rhythms are matched. You may, however, still feel undecided or unclear about career or practical matters.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Sometimes the renovation that is need is more internal than external. This may well be one of those times. Of course, you get to decide what that means and feels and looks like. Meanwhile, you may be receiving mixed or conflicting messages from others and this could deepen significantly. Probably the best response is to conduct your own research and aim for journalistic objectivity.

### Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

As eager as you are to expand your front, you may first have to contract. As excited as you may be to receive sound intel from significant others, you may only be getting their perspective. So, as do we all in these complex times, you are left to do more thinking and less listening, for a while, so that you can hear your own opinion. Opinion is the keyword and it can be contracted or stretched and expanded.

### Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Despite the urge for fun and play, it may feel like you are swimming upstream. The good news is that doing so usually results in spawning new ideas and perspectives. Meanwhile, much is going on within and it is pushing you to lay claim to deep reserves of inner faith, perhaps digging more deeply than you have had to for some time. Yet by doing so, you will also lay claim to more personal power.

### Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

The pendulum is swinging in your public and/or professional life. Perhaps it is your actual career or perhaps it is your opinion about world affairs. Either way, circumstances are challenging you to see through the murky waters stirred by emotional reaction, you're own, and those of others. Hardly a time for crystal clear perspectives, but you will probably feel compelled to try.



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## WILDLIFE

# Bats need help in COVID era

Annual bat count coming up; local participation welcomed

BY PETER OMMUNDSEN

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In Canada, you are five times more likely to die from inhaling viruses aerosolized from mouse droppings in your basement or garage than to die from contact with a bat. Bats have had bad press despite their high economic value in consuming agricultural pests and other insect species, and landowners can help prevent bats from getting human diseases.

There is no evidence that any North American bat species carries the COVID-19 virus, and it is important that people avoid transmitting this novel coronavirus to bats and other wildlife. Contact with bats and all other wildlife should be avoided.

Bats as a group do not host disproportionately more human disease viruses than other groups of wildlife relative to number of species, according to a recent report from the National Academy of Sciences. Some bats may get rabies (about 0.1 per cent in Western Canada), but rabies cases detected in Canada have been twice as prevalent in carnivores (raccoons, foxes, skunks, etc.).

Life as a bat is a challenge at the best of times. Most Salt Spring bats have only one pup per year, and pups can have a low survival rate over their first winter. Bat conservation involves protecting known bat roosts and bat habitat, which includes wetlands, large-diameter old trees, including dead trees (snags), rock crevices, caves and outbuildings. Bats are vulnerable to pesticides entering the food chain, free-roaming cats, windmills and disease.

In 2019, the Salt Spring bat program biologists made 67 site visits to farms and other Salt Spring properties to survey bats and help with bat conservation. This year biologists are available for telephone or email consultation and can do (unaccompanied) habitat assessments and will collect dead bats (which should not be touched with bare skin). Bat boxes are



PHOTO BY SHARON LAUGHLIN

Townsend's long-eared bat, one of the species found on Salt Spring Island.

available at no charge if bats are being displaced from a building due to renovation.

B.C.'s annual bat counts take place in June and July, so if you have a bat colony that emerges single file in the evening, and is thus countable, here is an opportunity to collect useful information on bat population trends for the provincial data base. Mechanical tally counters are available from the bat program and further instructions can be found at [bcbats.ca](http://bcbats.ca).

The Salt Spring bat program can be contacted at 1-855-922-2287 (go to extension 16), or at [saltspring@bcbats.ca](mailto:saltspring@bcbats.ca).

The bat program has been supported by generous donations from community members and funding from the Government of Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program, the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation and the Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia.

## CULTURE

## COVID Chronicles project invites writing and artwork

Salt Spring Arts Council holds all-ages online exhibit

Salt Spring Arts Council has a new project and invitation for entries called the Salt Spring COVID Chronicles.

The online exhibit of photography and writing — titled Everyday Life From Your Point of View — is launching on the SSAC website on Friday, June 5.

"As we navigate the realities of a global pandemic, our particular experiences of social distancing and daily life can contribute to an historic account of this time," a council website post explains. "The SSAC wants to learn how you are adapt-

ing to both the good and bad of life at this time. Share with us your writing in stories, poems or memoirs or with a series of photos that define your daily or weekly activities and we will post them on the SSAC website as an online exhibit."

Written submissions may include a short story, journal entry, narrative or poem up to a maximum of 1,500 words in length. Photographic submissions may include between three and seven photos.

More detailed guidelines are available on the website at [www.ssartscouncil.com](http://www.ssartscouncil.com).

COVID Chronicles continues through June 30 and contributions can be added throughout the month up to June 29.

### Practise Your Physical Distancing

Leave 2 metres (6 feet) of space between yourself and other people!

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### Currently, all SPCA shelters are closed to the general public.

Staff is still available to answer emails and return phone messages.

To see adoptable animals around the province, please visit the SPCA website and fill out the convenient online application.

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# Remember

## WHEN

### Five years ago

• All but one member of the Salt Spring Liquid Waste Disposal Service Commission resigned after years of delays and frustration regarding upgrades to the Burgoyne Bay treatment facility. Commissioners blamed Capital Regional District staff in Victoria for mismanagement including no plan in place seven years after ratepayers approved a \$2.1-million borrowing referendum. "We no longer want to be involved in a flawed process and now feel responsible to notify the local taxpayers of our reasons for leaving the commission," ex-commissioners Peter Lake, Maxine Leichter, Sharon Bywater and Wayne Lee wrote in a letter to the public.

### Ten years ago

• A Vancouver Island Health Authority report recommended repurposing the Lady Minto Hospital operating room and shifting funds toward mental health nursing and supports for seniors, while reinstating local endoscopy service. The operating room had been closed two years earlier after the health authority forced the retirement of the island's surgeon, Dr. Roy Preshaw.

### Twenty years ago

• Four people, including 87-year-old Janet Nevill, were arrested for civil contempt of court for blocking a loaded Texada logging truck on the Burgoyne Bay Road, marking increased intensity of police response to the ongoing situation. Protest action was planned to move to the Islands Trust office next, with news the timber company intended to reactivate an old log dump that was on the opposite side of the bay and had a different road access.

### Thirty years ago

• Around 50 islanders who were angry about Crofton pulp mill operations and frustrated at owner Fletcher Challenge's refusal to acknowledge their concerns attended two meetings on Salt Spring with vice-president Ron Woznow. Although Fletcher Challenge had pledged \$350 million over the next three years to upgrade the mill, Woznow acknowledged the mill had little or no credibility with people on the island. He also admitted the upcoming renovations would not eliminate all pollutants.

### Forty years ago

• Daniel Paul Wilson, a Vancouver man who had been living on Galiano for approximately two weeks, was charged with assault causing bodily harm after he attacked a local shopkeeper. A friend of the shopkeeper who happened to have a gun shot Wilson in the leg to stop the attack. Wilson was transported to Lady Minto Hospital and treated for a minor leg wound.

### Fifty years ago

• Dr. R. Bourdillon of Cranberry Road wrote a letter to the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce to complain that water deflecting curbs placed on Ganges streets were dangerous to pedestrians. The doctor's letter also reiterated the need for an enclosed ditch along Ganges Hill, which the chamber discussed with sympathy. The department of highways had already been asked to consider enclosing the ditch and to provide a footpath for children using the road.

### Sixty years ago

• Salt Spring Island High School won the Sooke-Saanich-Salt Spring Island Inter-District track and field meet held at Victoria High School. The Salt Spring senior and junior girls teams each won three of their four running events. The senior boys won four out of five races and the junior boys two out of four. The individual champs all came from Salt Spring as well. They included Malcolm Bond, who took the senior boys' honours, and Garry Kaye, who won the shot put.

# Parc

Over the phone registration is open **Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm** at 250-537-1402. No in-person registration at this time.

Registration closes at 4:00pm the Friday before the Camps and Programs starts, no same day or late registrations.

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# Summer

## RECREATION

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## CAMPS

Due to the uncertainty of the restrictions surrounding COVID-19 some changes have been made to our normal summer camp offerings, so we can offer camps this summer. The camps are available for registration on June 3rd and are subject to change based on the potential lifting/ changing of Federal/Provincial and Local authority restrictions.

**PARC is working extremely hard to ensure that all camps are in compliance with social distancing guidelines and health policies some adaptations have been put in place at this time.**

### CURRENT CHANGES INCLUDE:

- All camps will be weekly registration – No Daily registration camps
- No Pre or Post Camp offerings
- Staff will be trained in specialized equipment cleaning procedures
- Activities have been modified to support social distancing wherever possible
- Activity equipment will not be shared.
- All children who are sick or required to self-isolate **MUST** stay home.
- Enhanced COVID-19 based Summer camp policies and procedures to be sent out and signed off on prior to starting camp.

*We truly appreciate your patience as we navigate these uncertain times and aim to bring your child/children the best care and summer possible.*



### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP (5-12 yrs)

An immersive outdoor adventure! Each week is full of themed activities, outdoor exploration, colorful individual crafts, and plenty of classic and outrageous games. You'll be sure to have a blast and make some new friends! Campers will be split into teams based on their age. Every Wednesday of each week will be designated for out trips. Pick up and drop off locations for out trips will be released upon opening of registration.

Instructor: PARC Program Staff

**M,Tu,Th,F 8:30am-3:30pm Jun 29 – Jul 3 (no camp Jul 1) \$128/week**

**M-F 8:30am-3:30pm Jul 6 – 10 \$160/week**

**M-F 8:30am-3:30pm Jul 13 – 17 \$160/week**

**M-F 8:30am-3:30pm Jul 20 – 24 \$160/week**

**M-F 8:30am-3:30pm Jul 27 – 31 \$160/week**

**T-F 8:30am-3:30pm Aug 4 – 7 \$128/week**

**M-F 8:30am-3:30pm Aug 10 – 14 \$160/week**

**M-F 8:30am-3:30pm Aug 17 – 21 \$160/week**

**M-F 8:30am-3:30pm Aug 24 – 28 \$160/week**

**M-F 8:30am-3:30pm Aug 31- Sept 4 \$160/week**

Location: SS Elementary School Gym

### PRESCHOOL NATURE CAMP (3-5 yrs)

Big outdoor fun for little ones – Enjoy story time, sharing, creative arts, games, introductory sports and more. We will fill your little camper's morning with activities, imagination and creative play. Please bring snacks, water, and outdoor clothes.

Instructor: PARC Program Staff

**M-F 9:30am-12pm Jul 6 – 10 \$89/week**

**M-F 9:30am-12pm Jul 20 – 24 \$89/week**

**Tu-F 9:30am-12pm Aug 4 – 7 \$71/week**

Location: Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre

### TREAD HEADS BIKE CAMP 8-12 yrs

Join us for an exciting week on two wheels! This Camp is all about improving your riding, pushing your boundaries, and having fun! Riders will spend the week mastering the Mouat bike park, adventuring to island beaches, and learning how to care for their bicycle. Campers bring their own bike and helmet.

Instructor: PARC Program Staff

**M-F 8:30am-3:30pm Aug 10 – 14**

**\$180/week**

Location: Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre Field

### ELI PASQUALE BASKETBALL CAMP

6 – 9 yrs, 8 – 14 yrs, 10 – 14 yrs

These upbeat, instructional sessions are perfect for players wanting to learn the FUNDamentals of basketball. This camp provides Eli's Classic half day program plus full day campers will learn offensive and defensive skills. Progressive skills are taught using fun games, drills, and scrimmages under the supervision of Eli Pasquale's enthusiastic coaches.

**M-F 9am-12pm Jul 20 – 24 6 – 9 yrs**

**\$135/week**

**M-F 9am-12pm Jul 20 – 24 10 – 14 yrs**

**\$135/week**

**M-F 9am-4pm Jul 20 – 24 8 – 14 yrs**

**\$220/week**

Location: SIMS Gym

### SOCCERTRON

These upbeat, instructional sessions are perfect for players wanting to learn the FUNDamentals of soccer. Soccertron stresses learning the correct techniques so players can thoroughly enjoy soccer for the rest of their careers. Progressive skills are taught using fun games, drills, and scrimmages under the supervision of Soccertron's enthusiastic coaches.

**M-F 9:30am-10:30am Jul 13 – 17 3 - 4 years**

**\$85/week**

**M-F 10:45am-11:45am Jul 13 – 17 4 - 5 years**

**\$85/week**

**M-F 9am-12pm Jul 13 – 17 6 - 9 years**

**\$135/week**

**M-F 9am-12pm Jul 13 – 17 10 - 14 years**

**\$135/week**

**M-F 9am-4pm Jul 13 – 17 7 - 14 years**

**\$220/week**

Location: Portlock Park Picnic Shelter

**All camps and programs are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions.**



### FREE PUBLIC SHOWERS

are available at Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre, during the COVID public health emergency, 9am – 1pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (excluding stat holidays).

Patrons can drop-in or reserve ahead of time via phone 250-537-1402 or email [ssiparc@crd.bc.ca](mailto:ssiparc@crd.bc.ca).

## ADULT PROGRAMS

**Adult Fitness at Portlock Park** Enjoy group fitness in the open air. Classes are designed to allow participants to maintain physical distance while getting a great workout. Classes will be held under the picnic shelter in the event of rain. \*Pre-Registration is required for all classes. To register visit our website [crd.bc.ca/ssiparc](http://crd.bc.ca/ssiparc) or contact us at 250-537-1402 for more help.

### STRONG

Torch and Tone all over with this Martial Arts based HIIT group fitness class! This class is high intensity and meant for those who want a challenge! We will be squatting, kicking, punching, planking, lunging, and doing push ups, crunches, back extensions, tricep dips and more! Please bring a yoga mat or towel and a water bottle. \*no class Aug. 3

Instructor: Shal Friesen

**M 6:15pm - 7:15pm**

**Jun 15 – Aug 17 \$90/9**

Location: Portlock Park Field/Picnic Shelter

### YOGA IN THE PARK 16 yrs+

Designed for all levels we will work with breath and movement in slow-flowing sequences to help stretch, strengthen & move with ease. Classes will work on different areas of the body and explore new postures each week. Paying attention to alignment, understanding of posture, & their effects on the body, mind and spirit. \*Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle.

Instructor: Sarah Jane

**Tu 9:15am-10:15am**

**Jun 16 – Jul 21 \$72/6**

Location: Portlock Park field/Picnic Shelter

### TRX

This intense workout will use your own body weight and gravity to build long lean muscle, balance, stability and flexibility in one efficient class. Whether you are an athlete or just want to get back into shape, the TRX is an excellent cross training tool to reach your fitness goals.

Instructor: Molly Black

**Tu 8am-9am Jun 16 – Jul 28 \$70/7**

**Th 8am-9am Jun 18 – Aug 6 \$70/7**

**\*no class July 16\***

Location: Portlock Picnic Shelter

### SIT N' FIT FOR SENIORS

Sit & get fit in the park! Chairs sterilized before and after each class. Gentle mobility work to keep you moving and thriving in your body! Classes can be done seated, standing with or without the chair for assistance, or a mix! Work at your level outdoors in a safe and inviting environment.

Instructor: Shal Friesen

**W 8:15am-9:15am**

**Jun 17 – Jul 8 \$20/4**

Location: Portlock Park Field/Picnic Shelter

### INTRO TO OUTDOOR BARRE 16 yrs+

This private or semi-private full body workout reduces impact on joints and features cross training, toning and sculpting effects that will help elongate the spine & correct poor posture. \*Bring your own equipment or you can purchase your own for \$59.00\*

Instructor: Tanja Akerman

**Th Jul 2 10am-11:30am \$75**

**W Jul 15 10am-11:30am \$75**

**Th Aug 6 10am-11:30am \$75**

**W Aug 12 10am-11:30am \$75**

Location: Portlock Park Picnic Shelter

### COMBINED QI GONG AND TAI CHI 19 yrs+

Join us in the park this summer for Combined Qi Gong and Tai Chi. Practices work toward restoring and improving health via internal exercise comparable to a self-controlled deep massage.

Instructor: Gordon Muir

**W 5:15pm-6:45pm**

**July 8 – Aug 19 \$91/7**

Location: Portlock Park Field/Picnic Shelter

### PERSONAL TRAINING

Personal Training is back! Enhanced policies have been put into effect to ensure the safety of you and your instructor. Contact Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation for more information. 250-537-1402 [sfreer@crd.bc.ca](mailto:sfreer@crd.bc.ca).

## VIRTUAL YOUTH SAFETY AND FIRST AID COURSES:

### BABYSITTER TRAINING 11-15 yrs

Become a certified babysitter. Topics covered include behavior management, and basic first aid training. To ensure success in this new virtual program, it is recommended that family members help with assignments between sessions. Participants will need access to a device with video conferencing capabilities and internet access.

Instructor: Chelsea Harris

**F 10am-1pm Jun 12 -26 \$65**

**Th 10am-1pm Jul 23-Aug 6 \$65**

Location: Online program

### STAY SAFE! 9-12 yrs

Designed for children and adolescents that would like to spend time home alone for short periods. Course focuses on home and personal safety. To ensure success in this new virtual program, it is recommended that family members help with assignments between sessions. Participants will need access to a device with video conferencing capabilities and internet access.

Instructor: Chelsea Harris

**Th 10am-12pm Jul 2- 16 \$35**

**Th 10am-12pm Aug 13- 27 \$35**

Location: Online program

