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Ignore the numbers — they're not important

By Brian Lee



Throughout the landfill debate I've tried to keep an open mind.

When I first heard about it I kind of liked the poetics of sending

our dirty smells to Sechelt.

It was like retribution for all those years of getting my ass handed to me in basketball and soccer games.

Besides, why would you want to live near garbage anyway?

After a little more thought, I changed my mind.

I went to the meetings and read the report and it's not as complicated as many would have us believe.

And please, if you come across anyone who still does not understand that closing the landfill (which is the big hole in the ground full of garbage you pour dirt on) doesn't mean closing the site (transfer station dump bins), flick them in the ear for me. Twice.

The SCR D was forced by law to commission a report to deal with the inevitable end of the current phase of landfilling at the Pender Harbour site.

Naturally the consultants took a look at the option of closing the landfill (the big hole with dirt) and maintaining a transfer station (the dump bins).

The Sperling Hansen report is very clear — they say if we close the landfill and maintain an on-site transfer station, we'll save money.

But ignore the cost figures for a second because they're not important.

The arguments for closing the landfill (big hole with dirt) invariably come from residents who live near it or distant regional directors who would rather see a consolidation of services in order to pay for costly upgrades needed at the Sechelt landfill.

Too often the discussions have centred around the environmental effects of landfilling. Whatever they are they're going to be present, at least to some degree, at the Sechelt dump, perched on a hill straddling Sechelt Inlet and Chapman Creek.

It's not a bottomless pit either. They estimate it might only be good for another 20 years and our garbage will reduce its lifespan by 15 per cent.

The report predicts at least 60 more years left in the Pender Harbour site. Assuming waste goes down through dedicated recycling services over the next six decades and we continue to expand every 30 years or so, we might have an environmentally reliable landfill for the next 100 years. Or more.

It's a valuable resource to our future community that might benefit the entire Sunshine Coast someday. But once closed it will never be allowed to reopen.

What if, in the next 100 years or so, Area A decides to incorporate? Will we wish we had the flexibility to determine how we deal with our waste? Will 2035 diesel prices ensure it's still economical to truck garbage to Sechelt?

It seems shortsighted to snuff out a resource like the Pender Harbour Landfill for a purported eight to 13 per cent savings.

It's a perfect example of budget distractions interfering with long-term local perspectives.

Sure it will be more expensive to expand the landfill.

But if short term cost was the only consideration for infrastructure investment, we wouldn't have highways.



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P.H. MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS JUAN MARTIN — OCT. 24

Juan Martin will appear at the Pender Harbour School of Music Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and available at Harbour Insurance (Madeira Park), John Henry's (Garden Bay), Visitor Info Centre (Sechelt) and Gaia's Fair Trade (Gibsons). "Breathtaking" and "exhilarating," are just two of the accolades expressed by those fortunate enough to hear Juan Martin two years ago. A celebrated Spanish virtuoso of the flamenco guitar, Martin has been voted one of the top three guitarists in the world by Guitar Magazine. Juan will be bringing a dancer and singer from Spain to this concert, which promises to be both exciting and exceptional.

HAUNT IN THE 'MONT HALLOWEEN DANCE — OCT 30

The annual Egmonster mash — Haunt in the Mont — takes place Oct. 30 in the Egmont Community Hall. Doors open at 9 p.m. with music by The Shrugs and The Whytes. Prizes for best costumes. Tickets: \$12 at door

P. H. BLUES SOCIETY HALLOWEEN BASH — OCT. 31

The Pender Harbour Blues Society is hosting the First Annual Halloween Bash at the P. H. Community Hall. Live music will be provided by the Pender Harbour R&B Allstars, featuring Juno Award Winner Tim Hearsey. There's a \$500 grand prize for best costume plus other costume prizes and games and door prizes throughout the evening. Tickets at Garden Bay Pub, Bluewater Books, or Wind Song Gallery in Sechelt. For more information visit penderharbourbluesfestival.com or call (604) 865-0640.

Juan Martin

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Harbour Spiel



Sarah Wray Hall gets fresh coat of paint

Volunteers have been dodging the rain all summer to finish off the painting of the Sarah Wray Heritage Hall in Irvines Landing.

Volunteers brought their own ladders, scaffolding and other supplies while Stonewater Homes donated more than 12 gallons of paint.

The remaining trim paint and supplies were donated by Rona.

With painting finished, the renovations are on hold awaiting final approval for a sewage outfall shared by developers of Pender Harbour Landing (who have allowed the hall to be connected through their system), Irvines Landing Marina property owner Peter Kwong and a couple of individual residences nearby.

It appears someone has been helping themselves to a donated load of gravel on the property. Volunteers would like to remind those responsible that it will soon be utilized when the renovations resume in earnest.

The Sarah Wray Heritage Hall renovation project is one of three under the umbrella of the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society.

The PHLHS has charity status which enables it to issue tax receipts for donations.

The other two charitable projects under the stewardship of the PHLHS are the P. H. Women's Connection book and April Tools event.

Volunteers or donors can contact Judy Renouf (judyrenouf@gmail.com or (604) 883-9855) or Louise Todhunter (louisetodhunter@dccnet.com or (604)883-0748) to get involved.



Fueled by cookies, volunteers have been working steadily throughout the summer to finish the exterior painting of the Sarah Wray Heritage Hall in Irvines Landing.

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Correction: Malaspina Regatta (Sept. 2009): Apologies to Claus Sjogren for incorrectly spelling his name and for getting his boat name wrong — nicknamed the *Contender*, it is actually called the *Pretender*. Sjogren had this to say about the near collision: "It is a time honoured rule that an overtaking boat has to stay clear of the boat ahead. The 'cheeky' part of that incident, from my point of view, was that *BC Navigator* attempted to overtake my boat to windward, which would be poor seamanship on my part were that to happen. 'Hardening up' sails to try to place *BC Navigator* in my wind shadow and slow him down are regular race tactics. As a result of that manoeuvre, *BC Navigator* had to alter course to leeward of my boat and sail through our wind shadow."

Reg Morton

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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Reg Morton passed away peacefully at home after a courageous struggle with cancer.

He will always be remembered for his sense of humour, creativity, social personality and the ability to make us laugh no matter what the occasion or situation.

Reg was dedicated to the scouting movement and was also a long-time member of the Sheet Metal Union Workers Union, Local 280.

He is survived by his loving and

devoted wife of 55 years Davenia; four children, Stephen (Linda), Marlene (Ron), Darren (Rose), and Sharon (Rick); and grandchildren Jennifer, Michelle, Adam, Keith, Denise and Kyle.

A celebration of life was held at the Madeira Park Legion, Branch 112 on Sept. 26.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Pender Harbour Medical Clinic would be gratefully appreciated: 5066 Francis Peninsula Rd., Madeira Park, BC, V0N 2H0.



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Egmont residents still waiting for discounts to home fire insurance

Egmont residents are still waiting for discounts to their home insurance despite having a local fire department.

Insurance companies default to a national organization called the Fire Underwriters Survey to provide a Public Fire Protection Classification.

The Egmont Fire Department is yet unclassified by the FUS but one seasonal resident (who did not wish to be named) said his insurer gave the Egmont Fire protection 0 out of 30.

FUS provides data on public fire protection for fire insurance statistical work and underwriting on behalf of most of the member companies of the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Broker Mike Fawcus of Harbour Insurance says that homeowners in the Egmont Fire District don't qualify for discounts like residents who are served by the Madeira Park and Garden Bay Fire Departments.

Fawcus says that up until three years ago, insurance companies might have taken a look at each application on a case by case basis, despite the lack of rating for the fire department.

"Unfortunately, insurance companies have really tightened up their criteria and, as a result, they aren't willing to look beyond the scope of their manual and are defaulting to the FUS," says Fawcus. "So we haven't

been able to offer a reduction in rates as of yet."

Deputy Fire Chief Doug Provost says they're close to acquiring certification.

"One of our trucks passed and the other one needs a repair... so we've been waiting for HUB to come and fix it," said Provost.

"The other challenge we have is that when trucks hit 29 years old, then they won't give you a rating for them and both our trucks are 1981."

Provost says the EVFD are looking for clarification on that but have the funds and are actively looking for a newer fire truck.

Directors all agree Area A garbage should be shipped to Sechelt

It wasn't a typical SCRD board meeting when all seven directors and even more staff made the trip to the Pender Harbour Legion.

The future of the Pender Harbour landfill was the main item on the agenda and discussions centred around the environmental and cost benefits of using the Pender Harbour Landfill site as a transfer station only.

After some lively discussion, chair Donna Shugar moved the meeting along to other business.

North and South Pender Harbour Alternate Approval Process results were announced and bylaw proposals to borrow just over \$1 million for water upgrades were certified.

Area A Director Eric Graham revealed a major funding announcement from the federal and provincial governments of \$2.03 million each for a water treatment plant for South Pender Harbour.

Area A will have to match another third of the cost possibly requiring an AAP to borrow \$1.38 million.

Regarding Area A's promised bus service, Graham said it's a lengthy process with no solution in sight but one that will ultimately save operational costs.

After regular business ended, the Harbour Spiel asked the directors where they stood on the landfill is-

sue and all but one were candid about which option they preferred.

Eric Graham said he would follow the wishes of the Area A majority while the other six directors were unanimous — the landfill should become a transfer station and Area A garbage should be shipped to Sechelt.



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The ladies from the Company B Big Band at Painted Boat on Saturday.



Neil Cruikshank and Rob Bracken of Brickhouse.



D of D and the Hot Club of Mars played a standing (and dancing) room only gig at the Grasshopper Pub Saturday night.

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The dance floor didn't empty the entire night after Brickhouse took the stage at the P. H. Community Hall on Saturday.



Due to overwhelming crowds the last two years, admission was charged to see Laila Biali at Motoko's Gallery on Sunday. They still came.

Pender Harbour hosts first Dragon Boat festival

Six teams braved angry winds for Pender Harbour's first dragon boat competition, the Pender Final Fling.

As 20 to 30 knot northwest winds whipped up whitecaps elsewhere in the Harbour, the relatively sheltered Garden Bay course was reasonably calm for the competition.

Local wood carver Jack Crabb was on hand to present his carved dragon head which will eventually adorn the Pender Harbour club's boat.

It was painted by Deb Warburton and nicknamed Truman after Crabb's dog, who gave up his soupbones to be carved into the dragon's teeth.

The winner was determined by cumulative times from three races.

Each team raced twice over the 250m straight course before tackling an obstacle course which required the teams of 20-plus to weave in and out of the buoys, placing and retrieving a hula hoop and completing a 360 degree turn before making it back to the finish line.

Going into the obstacle course, the Mackenzie Mussels from Sechelt



Pender Harbour Dragontinis edge out Sunshine Dragons Abreast in the final heat of regular racing.

had the lead and managed to extend it to take first place. Their prize as listed in the race program?

"Bragging rights."

FINAL RESULTS

- 1st - McKenzie Mussels - 10:82.12
- 2nd - Porpoise Paddlers - 11:15.35
- 3rd - Paddling for Life - 11:57.42
- 4th - Nautigals - 12:13.56
- 5th - Sunshine Dragons Abreast - 12:61.44
- 6th - Dragontinis - 12:83.19



Jack Crabb carved and Deb Warburton painted the dragon head that will someday adorn the Pender Harbour Dragontinis' boat.

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New skipper takes the helm at Madeira Park Elementary School

By Brian Lee

The newest principal at Madeira Park Elementary comes to us from nearby Powell River and most recently, James Thompson Elementary.

Not only did Fred Thorsell work in Powell River at a number of schools as a teacher and principal since the early '80s, he grew up there.

His dad was a principal in Powell River for many years and he naturally got his teacher's certificate after leaving high school.

After graduating Thorsell moved back to Powell River — but not to teach. Thorsell became a fisherman.

Thorsell trolled salmon and if it weren't for losing his boat, the *Restless*, to a fire in the Queen Charlotte Islands in 1980, he might still be doing it.

"I loved fishing," he says.

"It was lousy for home life but it was a great job."

Thorsell logged for awhile after that until they were snowed in and, by chance, a substitute teaching job came along and he took it.

As he explored the huge investment it would require to build a new boat he decided the dwindling fishing time couldn't pay for it.

Thorsell decided to keep teaching.

He and his wife have raised four



Apparently seniority counts at Madeira Park Elementary. New principal Fred Thorsell is the last to get a desk after the recent renovations. He's worked through September sitting at a hobbit-sized table.

kids together and he says now that they're all out of school, they were looking for a change.

Two jobs came up on an electronic newsletter — one job was in Saudi Arabia and the other here.

Thorsell says he called his wife and asked if he should apply and when she gave him the green light he did.

As it turned out, the Saudi Arabia job was already filled so he landed here.

It's a one-year position but he says he'd love to stay on afterwards. He and his wife recently purchased a house down Narrows Road and he loves the commute.

"I rode my bike today for the first time and it barely took me 10 minutes," he says.

Thorsell faces some challenges as he starts the school year in Madeira Park.

One of those challenges is enrolment. Over the last few years some parents transferred their children from Madeira Park to the newer elementary school in Halfmoon Bay.

School funding is determined by head count and if this trend continues, it will hurt the school as a whole.

But Thorsell downplays the effects it's had on his new school's enrolment.

"We're down only about eight kids from last year. Part of that is because the class that left is bigger than the one that came in but we did have about three or four that went to Halfmoon Bay," he says.

"Generally speaking, if you only lose that many, you're probably OK. But with such a small group already, three or four has to be a concern."

At the start of this school year, Madeira Park Elementary had an enrolment of 106 kids.

For funding purposes, the prov-

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Corinne



What used to be a fenced cage underneath the classrooms at the entrance to the school is now an insulated storage area. The new siding and trim all contribute to the Madeira Park Elementary School's new look for Fall.

ince counts kindergarten students as a half so the school receives funding for 99 full-time equivalencies.

Using last year's funding formula, the break-even point is approximately 22 students per grade, well above the average of 14 per grade in the school now.

But those long-term enrolment implications aren't the priority for Thorsell as he gets acquainted with his new school.

He says his style is to hang back and listen rather than come into a school with sweeping changes.

Despite that, he can't help but

talk about some exciting ideas he has about how to promote leadership in the higher grades, to boost recognition for good attendance and how he plans to hold regular school assemblies.

There's plenty of time for that and for now he'd like to get a feel for the community and invites input from teachers and parents.

Thorsell arrives at an interesting time at MPES.

The school underwent a massive renovation during the summer and has a revitalized look.

Besides the less obvious seismic



One of the most welcome changes at the school will surely be the extra headroom in the hallway thanks to a vaulted ceiling.

upgrade it received, the school now boasts vaulted ceilings in the formerly tunnel-like hallway.

It's a small touch but combined with new floors and fresh paint all around, the renovations have made a profound difference to the character of the 57-year-old building.

Exterior siding and paint have revitalized what is undoubtedly a cornerstone of downtown Madeira Park.

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Brindley newest Sakinaw chief

By Brian Lee

Sitting in her office decorated with some of the art and knick-knacks she's collected over the years, Nancy Brindley admits she's always had a soft spot for teaching high school.

"That's where I started my career and spent most of it," she says.

Brindley is the new principal at the Pender Harbour High School after six years at Roberts Creek Elementary.

She's happy to be back surrounded by high school kids and Pender Harbour was a perfect fit for her.

"I really enjoy small communities, because I was raised in a small community in southern Ontario where everyone knew everyone," she says.

"So looking at the Sunshine Coast and possibilities, a small rural secondary school was of interest to me and when a position became available here last spring, I thought, 'I want to try that.'"

Brindley lives in West Sechelt with her husband and two dogs.

It's her first job as principal of a high school and she loves the energy here.

"The staff here are outstanding. There's not a single teacher here who's just in it for the nine to three and summer holiday experience and teachers sometimes get a bad rap for



After six years as principal of Roberts Creek Elementary, new PHSS principal Nancy Brindley is ecstatic to finally be rid of her patchouli and dreadlocks.

being that and I can say I'm just overwhelmed with this staff."

Only two weeks into her job, she seems familiar with many of the parents and kids at PHSS but says it's her priority for the next few months to get better acquainted.

"The parents I've met are fiercely committed to their kids. Incredibly accessible and available for support and the kids, for the most part — there's always a few, right," she says with a smile.

"The kids seem like a really neat small-town, small-community, open and engaged group."

Other than her position, Brindley says there's very little that's physically changed with the school from last year to this.

She's a French and social studies teacher but won't teach any classes in the near term as she sorts out the details of her new position.

Pender Harbour Secondary has seemed to suffer some morale problems over the last couple of years and Brindley hopes that will be a thing of the past.

I ask her what she sees as the biggest challenges she's facing in her new job and she doesn't hesitate in

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her response.

“Layers of government bureaucracy that are very time-consuming, combined with establishing new relationships in a brand new community.”

At a time when she would prefer to be out getting acquainted with the school community, Brindley’s often forced to stay in her office, completing paperwork.

“The provincial requirements of startup have been increasingly complex,” she says.

“It’s quite a bit more complicated than in an elementary school and the most important part for me is establishing relationships and getting to know the kids and staff and parents.”

The enrolment at PHSS sits at 177 full-time equivalents at the start of this school year. At the secondary level, a full-time equivalent is a budgeting tool meant to indicate a theoretical student taking a full course load.

The budget is based on actual course enrolment, not student head count so the actual number of students enrolled this year is likely slightly higher than the full time equivalent.

It’s yet another way the provincial government has been able to justify dwindling education budgets but Brindley says they should be OK this year.

“I was left with a nice surplus from the previous administration and his projections were quite accurate.

“In fact he projected on the low side, so my budget is going to be fine this year.”

All of the programs will remain intact but Brindley says there have been cuts to department budgets which is partly due to lower enrolment.

“They’re all funded but some

areas might have a little less.”

She says she maintains an open-door policy for community members and is open to new ideas.

Brindley looks forward to a time when she’ll be able to get out of her office to help build on the positive energy that seems to have coincided

with her arrival.

“If there’s some little toxic piece, it spreads and if there’s some little healthy piece, it spreads,” Brindley says.

“So that’s what I’m hoping, is to create a little corner of health that will start infecting people and that this is a place you want to be.”



Pender Harbour Landfill Facts Overview

The Pender Harbour landfill is a complex issue. There are no easy answers.

Why can't we leave the Pender Harbour landfill the way it is?

The size of all landfills is regulated by the province. The Pender Harbour Landfill is expected to reach its capacity within two years and we are obligated by law to either close the landfill, expand it, or put in a transfer station. SCRD is looking into the expansion and transfer options.

If we expand the landfill, what are the environmental and economic costs?

Enlarging the footprint of the landfill expands it into previously unspoiled territory. The estimated costs of running an expanded landfill are higher than the costs of running a transfer station.

What would be accepted at the transfer station?

All the same materials will be accepted, including your household garbage.

How is the Pender landfill paid for? Is it from taxes?

No, the Pender landfill does not receive any money from taxation. The Pender landfill is funded solely from tipping fee revenues from the Pender and Sechelt landfills combined.

What happens to the jobs at the landfill if the transfer station is chosen?

There would be no impact on SCRD staff employed at the Pender Harbour landfill. Hours would be retained, and jobs would alter only slightly. Contracted services will change, but not be eliminated.

What about a Zero Waste program?

An effective Zero Waste management program for the SCRD is in development, but will take more than two years to establish. We will need a facility to deal with continued waste disposal issues for the communities of Pender Harbour/Egmont.

Why can't we have a greenhouse gas management system at the Pender Landfill?

The site is too small, even with an expansion, to make such a system feasible.

If we go with a transfer station, there'll be more trucks on the road and more greenhouse gas emissions.

The increased greenhouse gas emissions from the trucking of waste will be offset by reducing GHG emissions through the landfill gas collection system at the Sechelt landfill. Traffic on the highway is estimated to increase by 1-2 truck trips per week.

More details are available at www.scrd.ca.

Click “Pender Harbour Landfill Options” under the Popular Links listing.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Thursday, October 8

- 9:30 a.m. Special Board
- 9:30 a.m. Special Corporate and Administrative Services
- 1:30 p.m. Infrastructure Services

Thursday, October 15

- 1:30 p.m. Planning and Development Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Board

Thursday, October 22

- 10:00 a.m. Special Infrastructure Services (Watershed)
- 1:30 p.m. Community Services

Thursday, October 29

- 1:30 p.m. Corporate and Administrative Services
- 7:30 p.m. Board

DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Director Eric Graham is available to meet with residents to discuss local issues related to the Sunshine Coast Regional District government. He can be reached at home at (604) 883-9061 or by email, ericgraham@dccnet.com.

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Area A APC will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.** at the Pender Harbour High School.

LANDFILL HOURS

Pender Harbour landfill winter hours go into effect after Labour Day:

Closed: Sunday

Open: Monday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Wednesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

STATUTORY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Sechelt and Pender Harbour Landfill sites will be closed on Thanksgiving, Monday, Oct. 12.

All SCRD offices will also be closed for Thanksgiving.

SPRINKLING HOURS ARE NOW IN EFFECT

North Pender Harbour sprinkling times:

Houses with ODD numbered addresses on ODD calendar dates

7:00 a.m. – 9 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Houses with EVEN numbered addresses on EVEN calendar dates

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

ABSOLUTELY NO OVERNIGHT SPRINKLING - Reservoirs need full pressure to refill overnight

South Pender Harbour sprinkling times:

The recent warm, dry weather and high water use has resulted in a lower lake storage level than usual for this time of year. In order to maintain enough water in lake storage to last through the summer months, the SCRD is implementing reduced sprinkling times for South Pender water-users.

Odd addresses: Odd dates (1, 3, 5, ...)

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ONLY

Even addresses: Even dates (2, 4, 6, ...)

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ONLY

NO MORNING SPRINKLING - Further restrictions may be implemented as necessary

For more information, call the SCRD South Pender Office at (604) 885-6877 or visit the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca.

These regulations are enforced - Hand watering OK at any time in both North and South Pender Harbour.

Water, bus, landfill, water, bus, landfill, water, bus, landfill, water, b



By Eric Graham
SCRD Director,
Area A

SOUTH AND NORTH PENDER WATER WORKS

The Alter-
native Approval

Process for both the South and North Water Initiatives Loan Authorization was approved by the electors.

This means that the users of the water in both areas will borrow \$1 million and receive \$1 million in matching grant funding from the federal government.

I am very glad to announce another grant the SCRD applied for was successful in the amount of \$4,060,000 to construct a South Pender water treatment plant.

It is contingent on the South Pender Water users approving another Initiative Loan Authorization.

This was a \$2,030,000 from the federal government and \$2,030,000 from the provincial government and is contingent upon the water users of South Pender coming up with an additional \$2,030,000.

This will be achieved through grant money and the rest through another Alternate Approval Process.

This is just for South Pender Water Users. If approved South Pender will get its water treatment plant, hopefully by the end of 2011 — and there will be no more water advisory notices for South Pender.

Unfortunately the grant application for North Pender Water (Garden Bay Lake) was not successful.

It's too bad but I think most will agree that South Pender's water quality should be addressed first.

I would like to thank the staff who worked very hard on both grant

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applications. Without them I would not be able to advise you of the good news. For more information contact Dave Crosby (604) 885-6800.

FIRST SCRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD IN MADEIRA PARK IN MANY YEARS

Twice a month, the SCRD holds their regular board meeting (open to the public) at the SCRD offices in Wilson Creek but on Thursday, Sept. 24 it was held at the Canadian Legion in Madeira Park.

It was important to Area A because it gave the residents the opportunity to have their say on the Pender Harbour Landfill — and they did.

The main issue is whether to continue putting the garbage in our landfill or to continue accepting everything at the landfill but compacting it and trucking it to the Sechelt Landfill.

It sounds simple but, no matter what your opinion, the approval by the Ministry of Environment has to be given and because this is a regional solid water and recycling function, the final decision has to be by the majority of the regional directors.

It was apparent at the meeting, that, because of the environment and the cost, the other seven directors want to take the garbage currently put in our landfill, and truck it to the Sechelt Landfill.

A decision has to be made within approximately six months. For more information contact Dion Whyte (604) 885-6800.

THE BUS

Here it is September and the bus is still parked. We have submitted a contract to a business that already has authority to operate on scheduled runs and charters.

The contract is for a schedule between Egmont and Sechelt twice a week and then be available for charters the rest of the time. This would be for one year and if we can prove to BC Transit there is a need in Area A we can apply for an operating grant and go to the taxpayers for funding.

Hopefully we can work out a contract. If not there are other options which will take time, but if we do it right and there is ridership there will be an Egmont/Pender Harbour Community Bus.

OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

Congratulations to the Pender Harbour Community School for receiving two successful grants to host the Olympic Torch Relay at the High School on the Highway and the Elementary School in Madeira Park on Feb. 4, 2010. It will be a great celebration.

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Garden Bay's Whelan makes and records history in Canada's Arctic

Garden Bay author, photographer and filmmaker Dianne Whelan recently arrived home from the Calgary film festival where she premiered her documentary *This Land*.

In March 2007 Whelan joined a team of seven Inuit and Canadian Forces men to cover more than 2,000 km of the harshest terrain on the planet in order to raise a flag on the northernmost tip of Canadian soil.

The team travelled by snowmobile from Resolute to the Canadian Forces Station Alert, and planted a Canadian flag en route at Ward Hunt Island.

Months before ever setting foot in Canada's north, Whelan was inspired by an image of a snowmobile carrying a Canadian flag across the Arctic landscape.

"I feel very protective of Canada's north despite never having been there before this trip.

"When I hear the United States challenging our sovereignty of the Northwest Passage or hear Russia wants to challenge existing political



Dianne Whelan photo

Dianne Whelan looking triumphant at the top of the planet after overcoming her snowmobile catching fire and plunging into a 20-foot crack in the ice.

boundaries in the north, I go from being a laid-back pacifist to a fiercely protective warrior; I'm like a mother with a newborn.

"Again, I can't understand these feelings. They simply exist."

Produced by the National Film Board, *This Land* documents the largest sovereignty patrol undertaken in the High Arctic and the first to reach this destination since American explorer Robert E. Peary's famous expedition in 1906.

The journey fulfilled a lifelong dream of Whelan's to photograph the Arctic and the political and environmental threats to Canada's arctic made the opportunity impossible to pass up.

"Almost half of Canada is in the Arctic and our home is vanishing," says Whelan.

"There might not be any icebergs to photograph in 20 years. I needed to document this landscape before it disappears."

The journey was not without danger and Whelan herself narrowly escaped injury after plunging through a 20-foot crack in the ice.

The spectacular footage of the Arctic landscape is supported by a

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mesmerizing soundtrack featuring Nunavut-born singer Tanya Tagaq.

This Land will also be featured at the upcoming Vancouver International Film Festival with two screenings on Oct. 13 and 15.

Whelan's journey will also be documented in a book, *This Vanishing Land: A Woman's Journey to the Canadian Arctic*.

This Vanishing Land will be published by Halfmoon Bay's Caitlin Press later this month.

Dianne is currently in pre-production for her next film, *40 Days at Base Camp*, which will be filmed at 17,000 feet on Mount Everest in the spring of 2010.



Dianne Whelan photo

The expedition of eight travelled by snowmobile from Resolute to the Canadian Forces Station Alert in the northernmost reaches of Canada's Arctic.

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By Jim Rutherford &
Nolan Sawatzky

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PINCHING THEM IS THE SECRET

During the growing season and right into fall, pinch herbs back to keep them bushy and compact.

This also encourages them to produce new tender shoots.

A pinch is done with your thumb opposing your forefinger.

You can feel when you're not getting the tender shoots, as you can feel too much resistance and have to

use pruners.

Only use in cooking what you can easily pinch off, discarding the woody stems and faded leaves.

SAGE

As fall approaches, many types of sage will produce until frost.

Purple-leafed sage will give fall colour, planted in combination with flowering kale, fall asters and chrysanthemums.

Sage in all its varieties give stuffings (turkey time), soups, veggies and meats a distinctive flavor.

Provide full sun for sage and well drained, moderately fertile soil for sage.

THYME

Thyme, one of the most versatile herbs, is a favourite for use with fish, poultry, meats, vegetables, soups, stews and again, stuffings.

Full sun to partial shade and plant in well-drained soil of low to moderate fertility.

Thyme also makes an attractive, durable ground cover between steppers along paths. This use depends on the variety you choose, so check the height of growth on the label.

ROSEMARY

Rosemary we leave in the perennial beds, not in containers as they can

get up to five feet high and wide.

Great for flavouring lamb, fish, and potato (Quaille) dishes, breads, oil and more stuffings.

MARJORAM

Marjoram (origanum) is grown as an herb rather than a flowering ornamental.

All types are sun lovers, but some are only moderately hardy, and all like well-drained soil again.

Basil, tarragon, cilantro Greek oregano, parsley, dill and such we treat as annuals.

Don't forget chives as a perennial that really has to be used (cut back) to produce new growth.

Their flowers go well in salads.

A SPRING SURPRISE

As you discard spent annuals or semi hardy plants done in by frost, with a trowel, dig a hole deeper than you need for herbs by cutting any fibrous roots away from surrounding plants without disturbing them.

In the bottom of the hole, place some spring bulbs. Check the packages for depth requirements.

Narcissus (daffodils) work well in deer-prone areas and tulips where the deer can't get to them.

Place three bulbs in each hole (but don't let the bulbs touch — they

Gardening 101

Announces:

- Ellen McGillveray has joined the crew as our in-house plant guru.
- Nolan manages us all
- Our Lady Ma "Donna" is our flower bed lady
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seem to hate crowding) and give them a nice splotch of bone meal.

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In a container, three to five pockets with three bulbs each will give you a nice full display with fresh herbs at your finger tips.

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CocoEarth and mulch out with evergreen mulch (fir, hemlock, cedar bark mulch).

For a sweeter soil, amend with lime and manure but this time mulch with leaf mold (decomposing deciduous leaves, maple etc.)

Note: The tannins in walnut and oak leaves are toxic (tannic acid) to

most plants, so they're wonderful as a weed barrier if you're not planning on any plants.

Next time new crew member Ellen comments on rubber mulch.

That's right, rubber.



TODDLERS AND TEETH



Any parent will know that children have a real knack for falling over, running into or tumbling off just about anything, anywhere.

Sometimes these mishaps result in an injury to the mouth and teeth.

About 30 per cent of children experience dental trauma, which can have serious long-term consequences if not dealt with as soon as possible after injury.

The top front four teeth are most often involved in a dental injury in children.

Most injuries to baby teeth displace or move the tooth rather than actually breaking the crown or root.

That's because in small children, the supporting bone for these teeth is quite forgiving.

It allows the tooth to move to the side, tip to the front or back, or drive directly up into the bone. If the primary (baby) tooth actually comes out it is usually recommended that the tooth not be put back into the socket.

In older children however the permanent teeth are usually broken rather than moved out of position.

Because an adult (permanent) tooth has no replacement waiting underneath to take its place, if it is

displaced or totally lost, the treatment is different than with primary teeth.

If any loss of consciousness is associated with the injury, take your child first to a doctor, then a dentist.

Generally the sooner a dentist sees the child the more likely the injured tooth can be saved.

The dental exam will include a full exam of the head and neck.

This exam will rule out less obvious injuries that can sometimes go unnoticed.

What do you do if your child's adult tooth is knocked out?

- When picking up the tooth do not touch the root of the tooth.

- Do not scrape debris from the tooth rather rinse it off in water.

- If possible replace the tooth in its socket, holding it gently in place.

- If you cannot reposition the tooth, place it in a solution of milk or saline.

- Never allow the tooth to dry out.

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Please keep them short.

A Harbour Seal of Approval and a big thank you to all of the **home care nurses: Kathy, Nancy, Susan and Linda** for being so supporting to Reg and I and making it possible to have Reg at home with his family and friends.

Davenia Morton and family

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **all the staff at the Pender Harbour Medical Clinic**, especially **Dr. Robert Hynd, Sheena and Leila** for improving Reg's quality of life in his final days. He always looked forward to his Friday visits.

Davenia Morton

A Harbour Seal of Disapproval to the people who advertise as **bathroom specialists who "Love renovations."**

Laura Jensen and Judi Georgetti

A Seal of Approval to **Construction Aggregates Ltd., BA Blacktop and Tom Simmons** for donating gravel, machinery and their time to our parking lot. It looks great and is more user friendly now.

Beverly Saunders
Egmont Heritage Centre

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Dr. Bruce Robinson** — a big thank you.

Davenia Morton

A hearty Seal of Approval to the **"All Good Community Services"** for a donation of \$2,500 to Area A Seniors Housing Project, raised through the Memory Lane Thrift Mart Store, with promises of more to come on a regular basis.

Rose Doepel
Area A Seniors Housing Project

To the **Pender kids** who organized and participated in the parking lot party in Madeira. You shut it down when asked to and cleaned up all the mess. And to **the drivers** at said party who left their cars behind and found another way home

Pam Paterson

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Alois, Roland and Fred** for making the best of a bad situation.

Laura Jensen and Judi Georgetti

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **everyone in the community who answered my survey** with good grace and was friendly about it.

Niall Craddock

A huge Seal to **Ron and Marita from Garden Bay Pub** for coming to our rescue the other night. Thank you from Heather, Amanda, Claire and Carolyn.

Carolyn Ireland

A Harbour Seal to **Barbara and Paul Kappelli** for being such fantastic neighbours and for creating such a beautiful garden that we all get to enjoy.

Carolyn Ireland

A Seal of Approval to **Sawyer Cote and Christopher Joseph**. Their designs for the Olympic Banners were chosen and they both hang in Sechelt on Cowier Street. We are very proud of both of you Pender boys!

Bruno and Charlene Cote

A Harbour Seal of Approval to all the **supporters of the EDVFD native carving fundraiser**. The winner was Steve Morris.

Beth Callahan

A great big Harbour Seal of Approval to **Judy Renouf** for coming and visiting us while our mum is at work. Purrs and tail wags from Carolyn's fur kids.

Carolyn Ireland

A huge Harbour Seal of Disapproval to **the person who stole our "Vacancy" sign off our motel**. We know who you and your accomplices are and we will escalate the theft to further channels if it is not returned. Please hang it back up where it belongs and we will consider the matter closed.

Vicky Martin
Bathgate Resort & Marina
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*Area A Seniors' Housing
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PHOTOJOURNAL



Memory Lane Thrift Store's Joseph Mayer and Gordon Sanders present what could be the first of many cheques to local charities. Here Rose Doepel and Gil Yard of Pender Harbour Abbeyfield House accept \$2,500 from the first profits at the thrift store on Francis Peninsula Road. Sanders says business has been slower than expected and had hoped they'd have donated more by now. As a result, he's been forced to close on Sunday and Monday to reduce operating expenses.

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School's back and better than ever

By Cheyenne Lightbourn



School is in session and another summer has come and gone, leaving most kids with some shiny new memories and for

the lucky few, a couple inches added to their height.

Last year any parent, student or community member could tell you that things at PHSS were not entirely well.

Fires and vandalism were becoming common place and students were unhappy with the way things were going.

The famous lockless lockers were suddenly bearing the weight of combination locks due to stealing and mistrust — ordinarily foreign to Pender.

After waiting months for action, the students realized that solving the issues at the high school was going to come down to the students themselves.

I was one of the unhappy students among the frustrated hordes.

I decided to start a Facebook group as an outlet for concerns.

It was kind of like a safe forum for the parents and students to discuss the issues, hoping that awareness might bring change, or at least hoping

that discussing it and showing concern would induce a little bit more leadership in the student body.

Within one evening 200 members joined and comments, messages, opinions and concerns were pouring in.

The day after the group was created an assembly was held in the school gymnasium at PHSS.

Parents and staff and a couple students were present and spoke and, almost instantly, change was apparent.

The fires stopped, so did the vandalism and school spirit was back on the rise.

Slowly but surely, the school seemed to be reverting to the amazing place that it had been, and seemed to be pulling itself back together.

But the question was, would the vandalism and slew of other issues come back when students did, after summer holidays?

Well, school is back in session, but I am happy to say that the issues are not.

It seems we at Pender had a fresh start this year and we definitely turned over a new leaf.

We have a new principal, the wonderful and charismatic Mrs. Brindley, whom I have only heard amazing things about and everything seems to be pointing towards a spectacular year.

We may have had to tough it through a little bit of a rough patch but it is easy to see that Pender is now resuming its status as a great place to be and an amazing school with some extraordinary and caring students.

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Heather Smith photo

The kids from the P. H. Community School summer camp came by the Centre to see the museum and watch carver Arnie Jones work on the totem pole. He brought along a new mask he had recently carved and the kids loved it. Pictured with Jones is Natasha Jamieson trying on the mask.



With over 100 cars and bikes to look at, the most popular attraction at Crossroad Grill's annual Rodz 'n Hogz was the beer garden featuring band 'Altered.' The event on Sept. 12 raised \$1,000 each for the Coastal Food Bank and the P. H. Health Centre.



Jill Wagner photo

Rick Wagner, Jr. holds up a 28 lb Spring salmon he caught in Bargain Harbour on Aug. 30. After no luck fishing all day at the Little Qualicum River on Vancouver Island, he hooked this lunker in 110 feet of water on the way in. Jigging no less.



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Demystify mushrooms with a real fun guy

By Ann Harmer

If I hadn't known better, I would have assumed that the two-inch-thick book filled with Latin names, diagrams, details and numerous photos of arcane fungi would have been drier than the driest university textbook.

But this book — *Mushrooms Demystified* by David Arora — had been recommended at a mushroom ID course, so I took a chance.

Now it's my constant companion when I need to identify another weird and wonderful fungus I've found in the rainforest.

Each time I consult it, not only do I learn something new, but I also get a good giggle.

David Arora is a mushroom expert with a sense of humour.

You can use his book to "key out" any kind of mushroom (by a process of elimination).

Then you're directed to a page in the book where you'll find a detailed description, habitat information, edibility and even microscopic details about the size and shape of the spores.

But it's in the comments about each mushroom where Mr Arora's wit

shines. Sometimes they're brief:

"Unknown, and like most of us, likely to remain so."

And sometimes self-deprecating:

"My one attempt at cooking it was a failure."

Now, everyone else who has an interest in mushrooms can own a copy of *Mushrooms Demystified* — signed by the author.

David Arora will be the keynote speaker at the first annual Sunshine Coast Mushroom Festival.

He'll give a presentation Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Community Hall, followed by a book-signing.

His books will also be available that afternoon when the mushroom festival is in full swing.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, 30 fortunate individuals will join Mr Arora on a foray somewhere in our local forests where he'll share his extensive knowledge of the world of fungi.

Join us for an afternoon of celebrating the rainforest's bounty (see ad on page 43 for details), and spend an evening in the company of David Arora, mushroom expert extraordinaire.

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~ ORGANIZATIONS ~

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER MONTH

The Canadian Cancer Society Group from Pender Harbour is hosting the first October Breast Cancer Candle-lifelighting ceremony on Sunday Oct. 4 at the Madeira Park Legion Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Pink candles with drippers will be sold at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. A meaningful ceremony is being prepared for all to enjoy. Contact Lucille Oakey for more information. (604) 883-9755

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RECITAL FOR A CAUSE

Tenor Edmund Arceo will stage a recital at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2:30 p.m. He will be accompanied on the piano by Joy McLeod, music director of the Pender Harbour Choir and Suncoast Singers. Proceeds will go towards the Children's Choir that will be organized in Pender Harbour this fall. Admission is by donation.

P. H. PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

The piecemakers need more members. We meet every first and third Wednesday of the month starting at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Andrews Anglican Church, 12856 Harbour View (Sunshine Coast Hwy) Madeira Park. All interested in quilting (beginners too) are very welcome. Present members are always willing to lend a teaching hand.

HARBOUR GALLERY SILENT AUCTION

The Harbour Gallery is holding a silent auction on Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the P. H. School of Music. Hay rides will stop at the bottom of the driveway to let people go in to bid on the various paintings available.

Mark Hodges RN

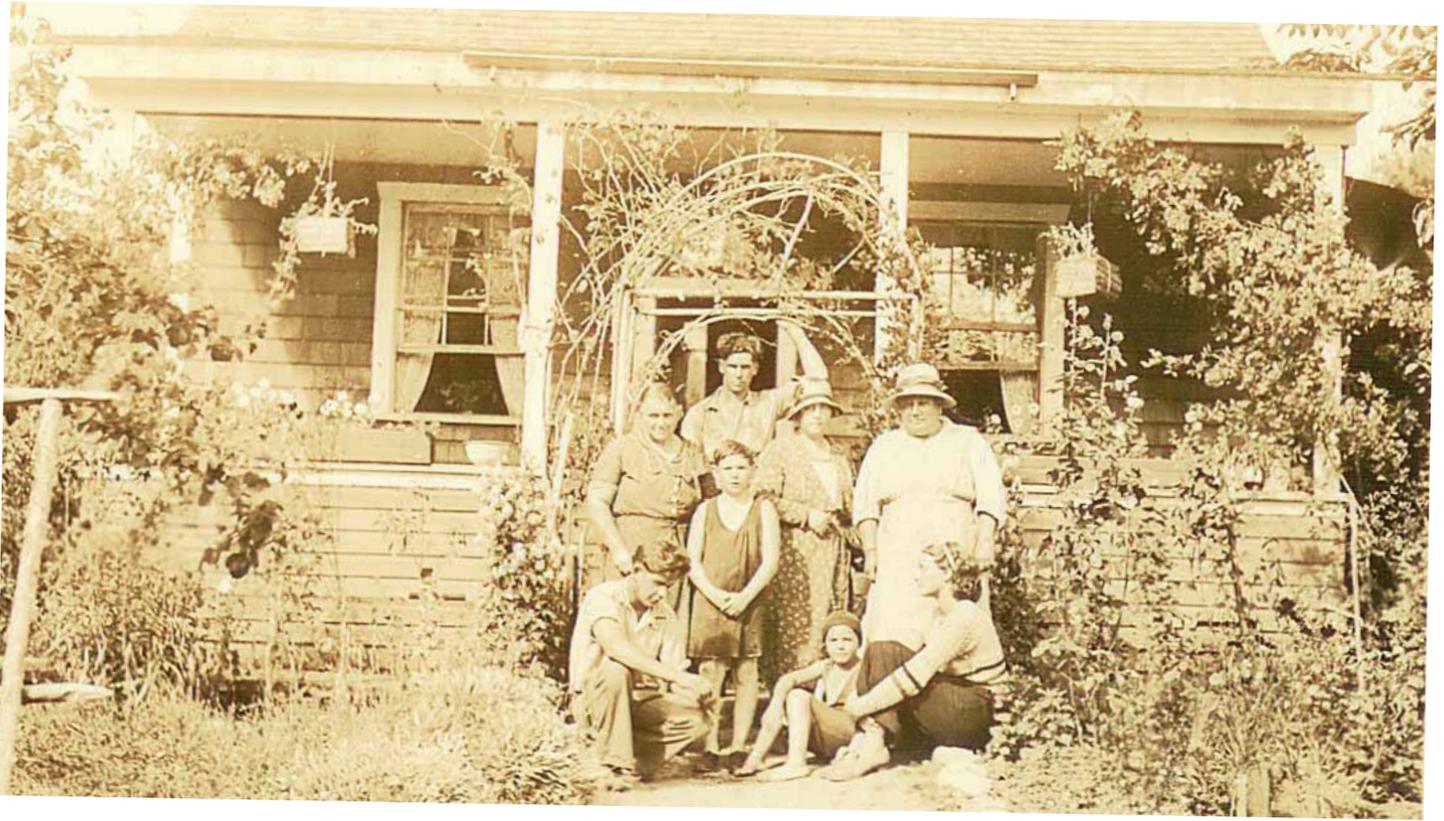
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Roger Duncan family photo collection

The Duncan family at Duncan Bay (Cove) in August 1933.

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Middle row: Grandma, Lizzie (?), Armenia Myers

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- Oct. 7 ~ Marlene Kracklauer.
- Oct. 9 ~ Norm Caron and Jolaine Percival.
- Oct. 10 ~ Daryl Hegyi, Mitch Jones, Katrina Woodard, Rick Higgins, Val Silvey and Kate Daniels.
- Oct. 11 ~ Bruno Cote.
- Oct. 12 ~ Alison Stoutenburg and Bricin Lyons.
- Oct. 13 ~ PD Smith and Judy Sim.
- Oct. 14 ~ Nicole Forsyth.
- Oct. 15 ~ Courtney Hanna, Kaiden Bosch and Richard Norrish.
- Oct. 16 ~ Ursula Hardwick, Dane Hanna and Terri Welander.
- Oct. 17 ~ Peter Vaughan.
- Oct. 18 ~ Karen Stiglitz, Tommy Gamble, Tessa Rand and Cody Honeybourne-Kincaide.

- Oct. 19 ~ Doug Hardwick and Hans Schroeder.
- Oct. 20 ~ Lonny Edwardson and Doug Richardson.
- Oct. 22 ~ Susan Foreman, Pat Wood, Katheryn Kelly, Alysa English and Mark Clay.
- Oct. 23 ~ Bill Clayton and Diane Dennis.
- Oct. 24 ~ Roxanne Gregory and Larry Honeybourne.
- Oct. 25 ~ Doug Davis and Kerry Rand.
- Oct. 27 ~ Dave Malcolm and Cindy Rayko.
- Oct. 28 ~ Eric McDermott and Rob Metcalfe.
- Oct. 29 ~ Colleen Silvey and Nicholas Silvey.
- Oct. 30 ~ Jack Bowden.
- Oct. 31 ~ Richard Mills and twins Savannah & Sawyer Cote.

OCTOBER ASTROLOGY

LIBRA: SEPT. 24 – OCT. 23

Libras seek perfection and harmony and passionately believe in fairness and equality. They are diplomatic, charming, stylish, self-expressive, and spontaneous. Libras do well at arithmetic but overcook seafood and are slovenly.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. They are capable of great patience and can be profoundly insightful as well as deeply cynical. Scorpios will be especially sensitive to the smell of bleach during the October lunar cycle.

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Many remember the story of a small group of teens who, in 1977, were walking back to Francis Peninsula from Madeira Park after a party at community hall.

They'd shared a bottle of Canadian Club on the way and by the

time they got to the cemetery on Warnock Road they were feeling adventurous. The fog and half moonlight made for an eerie drift across the graveyard — the perfect setting to trade ghost stories.

It wasn't long before the bottle was empty as they retold tales of the undead. As the laughter and shrieks died down from one particularly creepy tale about a hand reaching out of a grave and grabbing a young girl's ankle, they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows.

Daryl had just gone off to relieve himself and one girl yelled "Very funny, Dirtbag."

"It's not me," Daryl shot back opposite from where the tapping was coming from.

Huddled together, the group cautiously moved towards the sound to find an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones.

"Jesus Christ, man!" said Alan, his voice quivering.

"You scared us half to death. What the hell are you doing working here so late at night?"

"Those damn fools," the old chiseller grumbled, "They misspelled my name."

OCTOBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (Merry Island)

Our average daily high temperature in October is 12.8 C and our average daily low is 8.5 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 10.7 C. Our average first-frost date (at sea level) is Oct. 30. The highest October temperature recorded was 21.1 C (Oct. 1, 1975); the lowest October temperature recorded was -4 C (Oct.31, 1984).

PRECIPITATION (Merry Island)

October has an average of 115 hours of bright sunshine and averages 16 days with measurable rainfall and a total of 108.8 mm for the month. The highest October daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island in October was 62.2 mm (Oct. 21, 1963). The Canadian record for the greatest rainfall in a 24-hour period is 489 mm (Ucluelet BC, Oct. 6, 1967).



DATE/TIME - SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large),
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Oct. 2	10:07 am -L, 4:27 +L
Oct. 3	10:58 am -L, 4:33 pm +L
Oct. 4	11:49 am -L, 4:58 pm +L
Oct. 5	12:38 pm -M, 5:20 pm +L
Oct. 6	1:25 pm -M, 5:44 pm +L
Oct. 7	2:12 pm -M, 6:22 pm +L
Oct. 8	3:01 pm -M, 7:04 pm +M
Oct. 9	3:55 pm -S, 7:52 pm +M
Oct. 10	10:53 am +XL, 4:55 pm -S
Oct. 11	11:52 am +XL, 6:16 pm -M
Oct. 12	12:56 pm +XL, 7:32 pm -M
Oct. 13	1:49 pm +XL, 8:34 pm -M
Oct. 14	7:47 am -L, 2:36 pm +XL
Oct. 15	9:01 am -L, 3:21 pm +XL
Oct. 16	9:59 am -L, 3:50 pm +L
Oct. 17	10:59 am -L, 4:18 pm +L
Oct. 18	12:00 pm -M, 4:46 pm +L
Oct. 19	12:45 pm -M, 5:17 pm +M
Oct. 20	1:27 pm -M, 5:51 pm +M
Oct. 21	2:09 pm -M, 6:38 pm +M
Oct. 22	8:52 am +XL, 2:53 pm -M
Oct. 23	9:40 am +XL, 3:52 pm -M
Oct. 24	10:28 am +XL, 4:54 pm -M
Oct. 25	11:48 am +XL, 5:33 pm -M
Oct. 26	12:42 pm +XL, 7:15 pm -M
Oct. 27	1:27 pm +L, 8:05 pm -M
Oct. 28	1:32 pm +L, 8:53 pm -L
Oct. 29	7:36 am -M, 2:08 pm +L
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Bananas score a bunch on new field

The new field at the Lions' Park in Kleindale proved to be a boon to the local Over-30 men's soccer team, the Pender Harbour Bananas on Sept. 13.

Playing against the newest team in the league, the Gibsons Bruins, the Bananas struck hard in the first 15 minutes, notching five quick goals.

With a healthy lead going into halftime, they showed sportsmanship by switching up some key positions.

It equalized the field a little more and allowed the visitors to tap in three goals before the game ended 9-3.

Joe Lanteigne had the honour of scoring the first goal on the new field and was rewarded with a postgame beer shower.

The Bananas' next home game is Sunday, Oct. 25 at the Pender Harbour Lions field.



The new field at the Lions' Park was as much a spectacle as its first official game on Sept. 13. Here goalkeeper Alan Stewart recites real estate stats to stave off boredom at the Bananas' end.



Despite his team's bounty of goals and opportunities like this one, Bananas striker Rod Kammerle was held scoreless throughout the entire game.

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Summer season winds down at the Pender Harbour Golf Course



By Jan Watson

Mother Nature has been very kind to us this year except for the occasional monsoon.

Hats off to the greens crew for keeping the course in great shape.

Pender Harbour was represented by one of our members, Merv Oleksyn, at the World Amateur Golf Championship held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in August.

There were 3,060 golfers from around the world.

Merv met people from France, Italy, Australia and many other countries. There were 70 flights by age and handicap with 50 people per flight.

After playing 72 holes on 4 courses, Merv came in 23rd of 50 in his flight.

MEN'S CLUB

On Sept. 8 the men played Blind Partners and the winning pair were John Duggan and Bill Jack with a score of 139. Second was Eldy Gandy and Ross Elliott with 140. The Kp on No. 3 was Bruce Forbes and on No. 6 it was Ian Archer.

On Sept. 15 it was Stroke Play. Low Gross winner was Brian Disney with 79. Low Net winner was Ron Needham 65 and second after a four way tie-breaker was Al Wendland with 66. Kp No. 3 was John Cameron and on No. 6, Bruce Forbes.

LADIES CLUB

On August 20 the ladies held their annual "Field Day" and once again had a very successful event with 60 players taking part.

This years theme was "The Mad Hatters Tee-Par-Tee" with visitors from all the clubs on the Sunshine Coast, including Powell River

plus ladies from California, Florida, Washington and the Lower Mainland.

The winning team was Kathy Bergman (P. H.), Wendy Haddock (P.H.), Diana Whyte (Sechelt) and Lilo Buchhorn (Sunshine Coast) with 108.

Sept. 3 saw a skins game and the big winner was Crusher Cranston with six skins and runner up was Lori Wilson with five.

On Sept. 10, the ladies played a shamble. In this game the best drive is taken and then everyone plays their own ball from that point on. The winning team was Krystina Parranto, Bev

Provost and Reni Ducich with 290.

LADIES STEAK NIGHT & SCRAMBLE

Sept. 4 was the last one for this year with 24 golfers and once again it was great to see new faces and new golfers. The winning team with a three under par 33 was Moni Langham, Jeri Hooper, Lorna Lycan and Linda Williams.

MONDAY MIXED TWILIGHT SCRAMBLES

Sept. 14 saw the last one of the season with four teams.

Winners at three under par 33 were Brian Disney, Bob Ducich, Kathy Needham and Lorna Lycan.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE...

The difference between golf and government is that, in golf, you can't improve your lie.

~ George Deukmejian



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Compiled by Linda Goble

BADL – Basic Active Daily Living: what is it and how can we improve it?

Basic Active Daily Living is just that, the activities we do on a day to day basis that are vital to our existence.

The eating, dressing, walking, bathing, using the bathroom and everything else we do that requires our bodies to move with balance, agility, flexibility and strength.

Simply getting out of a chair or transferring your weight to sit yourself down on a bed requires strength in the legs, hips and arms (to aid in rising) as well as enough balance to make these weight transfers without falling.

RANGE OF MOTION

The same sitting movement also requires flexibility or range of motion (ROM) in the ankles, knees and hips.

ROM is the normal range of motion for a joint — how far it can be stretched and how far it can be bent.

In the shoulder joint, for example, how far we can stretch up to the cupboard to retrieve a can of soup and how far we can bring the arm back to put the can on a table is your shoulder's ROM.

Walking demands strength in the ankles, hips, legs and even the upper back, which will help maintain posture, proper alignment and balance.

Balance is needed to transfer weight from one foot to the next, sustain a one-footed stance and maintain an appropriate stride length and normal gait.

Confidence in your ability to walk without falling is essential for this movement.

Younger, fitter individuals take

these abilities for granted.

As we age our muscle mass decreases, our muscles lose elasticity; our co-ordination, stability and endurance decrease, our bones become brittle and our speed and accuracy diminish.

These indications of getting older can lead to falls and fractures.

But they can be slowed down to prolong our independent living and increase our enjoyment of life.

How? Exercise.

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If you have osteoporosis, a condition where the bones thin and become brittle as we grow older, you may not feel confident about exercising, which in turn increases your risk of falling.

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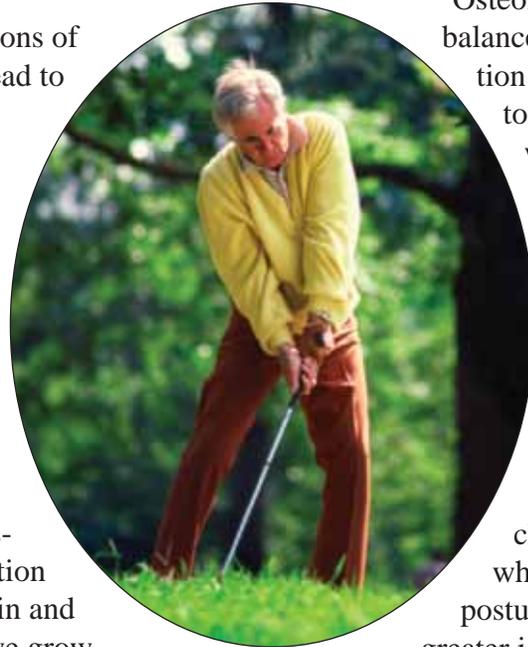
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Harmonized Sales Tax and its effect on real estate



By Alan Stewart

You've no doubt heard about the government's new HST.

But have you considered its effect on the real estate market here on the Sunshine Coast? Here's the impact in a nutshell:

1. The new HST will come into effect on July 1, 2010 and it will apply only to new homes priced above \$400,000. New homes under \$400,000 will be taxed under the old GST system.

2. New homes sold above

\$400,000 will have the new 12 per cent tax applied minus a \$20,000 rebate.

3. To further complicate matters, there will also be embedded PST input credits that will further reduce the HST amount. These credits are estimated at 2-2.5% and are the amount of PST paid by the builder in the construction process that will be credited towards the PST payable.

3. Pre-sale contracts entered into prior to the HST announcement but that complete after July 1, 2010 will most likely be grandfathered under the old GST system.

On the Sunshine Coast, there have been 430 detached home sales in

the past 12 months.

Of those, 28 were of new construction and subject to GST — and subject to the HST next year.

However, only eight new homes sold for more than \$400,000 so in reality less than two per cent of all home sales transactions last year would have been impacted by the new tax.

But for those eight sales, the additional costs would have run anywhere between \$141 (sale price of \$402,830) and \$7,750 (sale price of \$555,000).

The new tax will also apply to bare land sales which would have been taxed under the GST system.

There's no doubt that the new tax will have a costly impact on higher end buyers.

The BC Real Estate Association, the Urban Development Institute and a number of other associations have launched initiatives to protest the new tax. As a result, there may be modifications to the tax prior to its launch next year.

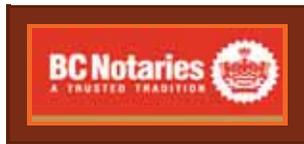
My advice is to contact your accountant about the applicability of the tax if you are involved in selling or buying a new home or a bare land parcel.

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We're dumb and getting dumber

By Shane McCune



Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge. That's what we're doing.

— Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales

More like *some* of all human knowledge, Jimmy. There's a lot of blarney on

Wikipedia.

Still, it's true that the internet offers more information than the most learned scholars dreamed of just 30 years ago. And with BlackBerrys, iPhones and ever-smaller computers, tapping that deluge of data gets easier every day.

So why are we getting dumber? Consider:

- The portion of Americans who read any work of literature in a year dropped by 10 percentage points — about 20 million people — from 1982 to 2002.

- The average teenager's vocabulary is half what it was in the 1950s.

- More than a million British Columbians — almost one in four — cannot read a newspaper or fill out a job application.

- A 2007 StatsCan study showed that, while more Canadians than ever are graduating from universities and colleges, they are less literate than their counterparts of past generations. (From the website of the University of Victoria Counselling Service: "Many students think it is cheating not to read every word in a book. Not so. You are cheating yourself when you waste time reading material not essential to your purpose.")

- Only 41% of Canadians can identify a picture of Sir John A. Macdonald, even though his portrait is on every \$10 bill. Worse, 88% can identify Celine Dion.

- Ben Mulroney has a career.

How can this be? I mean, as I write this on my computer, with a click of my mouse I can gorge on a limitless banquet of brain food: Great novels, scientific research, medical breakthroughs, instructions on how to —

Hey, check out this video of a goat licking an electric fence!

Oops. There's the rub: The most awesome concentration of information ever assembled doesn't seem to make a dent in humanity's genius for stupidity. As Dorothy Parker said, you can lead a horticulture but you can't make her think.

Some say our dumbed-down society is the fault of

parents who don't read to their children, or television, or a school system that allows students with inadequate reading skills to advance year after year lest their feelings get hurt.

But none of that explains why many of us who read voraciously in our youth now have trouble sitting still with a book.

The biggest culprit may be the very technology that is supposed to increase our knowledge. Google, video games and the computer screen itself are rewiring our brains, changing the way we think — and probably not for the better.

Reading a book, even a drug store bestseller, requires active concentration and reflection. Looking at a screen we become passive. Staring at photons on glass tends to numb the mind, whether those photons are conveying a chapter of *David Copperfield* or that tiresome twit flogging the SlapChop.

"My mind now expects to take in information the way the net distributes it: in a swiftly moving stream of particles," writer Nicholas Carr lamented in *The Atlantic*. "Once I was a scuba diver in the sea of words. Now I zip along the surface like a guy on a Jet Ski."

A 2007 University College London study commissioned by the British Library found that computer use has impaired reading ability in people of all ages and education levels.

"Everyone exhibits a bouncing, flicking behaviour, which sees them searching horizontally rather than vertically," said the study. "Power browsing and viewing is the norm for all."

This is not just a problem for educators, publishers and those of us who make a living with words. Computers are replacing wisdom with "knowledge" dispensed in tiny bytes that we swallow like so many Flintstones vitamins. We're taking in more of our information via images, but we reason with words.

In short, we're not thinking as well as we used to. And the world needs more thinking, not less. If you doubt that, just look at Fox News in the U.S., where war and hate merchants such as Sean Hannity and Glenn Beck owe their tremendous ratings and influence to a legion of mouth-breathers who couldn't read a book of matches.

"Only the educated are free," said the Greek philosopher Epictetus. And he didn't have a university degree. Or a laptop.

Victoria's historical Point Ellice House inspires a library of books



By Theresa Kishkan

Keith Shaw photo

Those of you who have read my earlier columns know that I am interested in

British Columbia — its histories (regional, human, natural), its landscape, its stories. Sometimes I come across fascinating footnotes to these histories and stories in unexpected places.

Point Ellice House is a beautiful National Historic site on the lower Gorge waterway in Victoria. Though once an area of gracious homes, this part of the Gorge is now heavily industrial.

The contemporary surroundings, all noise and dust and huge equipment, serve to highlight the remarkable ambience of Point Ellice, once the home of Peter O'Reilly and his family, and now a museum.

It exists out of time, an Italianate Victorian house in a leafy garden and

small remnant of undisturbed natural forest.

I first explored the house and gardens in the mid-1970s when I worked for the Provincial Parks Branch which maintained the grounds. Now I visit whenever I can, most recently in mid-September when tea on the croquet lawn had me musing about history and our relationship to it.

Peter O'Reilly* was variously Chief Gold Commissioner for B.C., a judge, a member of the legislative council and Indian Reserve Commissioner from 1880 until his retirement in 1898. He married Caroline Trutch, sister of the province's first Lieutenant-Governor, Joseph Trutch.

He brought his young family to Point Ellice House in 1867, the year his daughter Kathleen was born; she lived there until her death in 1945. Her nephew owned the house until 1974 when he sold it to the Province.

Point Ellice House has been uniquely documented and preserved through family letters, journals, photographs, and other sources.

Caroline O'Reilly's cooking notebook (published in 2004 by Endeavour Books as *Mrs. O'Reilly's*

Notebook of Recipes: Victorian Meals from Point Ellice House, edited by Sylvia Sluggett) is a little window into meal preparation and food preservation in a rich and influential household.

The book is filled with extracts from the letters and diaries of family members and these provide context for the recipes.

On Oct. 31, 1875, Peter wrote to Caroline to report that he'd shot 45 snipe and 110 ducks which he was sending home for their own larder and to share with friends. Not surprisingly, there's a recipe for Scotch woodcock.

On my recent visit, I bought John Adams' *Point Ellice House: a Victorian Household* (Point Ellice House Preservation Society, 2009) in the visitors' centre. It's a perfect introduction to the house and its family. Adams takes us through the rooms and tells us something of their furnishings, their functions, the people who lived in them and who visited them (Chief Justice Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie was a frequent dinner guest and Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. MacDonald, dined at Point Ellice House in 1886).



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Because the family was wealthy and well-placed in Victoria's social hierarchy, and because they kept everything, there's a dense photographic record of the house and its inhabitants, some of which John Adams uses to great effect in this small book.

It's Kathleen, or Kitty, who intrigues me most. Beautiful, talented, privileged, she lived her entire life at Point Ellice, apart from some schooling in England. She loved fashion.

An excellent monograph, *Responding to Fashion: the Clothing of the O'Reilly Family* (Royal British Columbia Museum, 1993), written by Virginia Careless, catalogues and examines the family's clothing and it's Kitty who receives the most attention. One can read her wardrobe as a code for women's roles, expectations, activities (Kitty loved tennis) and resourcefulness — the making over of garments from season to season is revealing, particularly after a reversal in the family's fortunes at the beginning of the 20th century.

There's evidence of Kitty's taste and accomplishments everywhere at Point Ellice House. Her paintings grace the walls, her harp — a gift from her aunt, Lady Trutch — waits for her in the drawing room, her rose-coloured velvet opera cloak is draped on a chair in her bedroom. Photographs show her at work in the garden, drinking tea on the lawn, and

posed regally in her gown with its long train at her presentation to Lord Cudogan at Dublin Castle in 1897.

Kitty never married, but not for lack of suitors. Courted by Henry Stanhope, later Lord Chesterfield, she almost accepted his marriage proposal but then explained her decision to refuse him in a letter to her father:

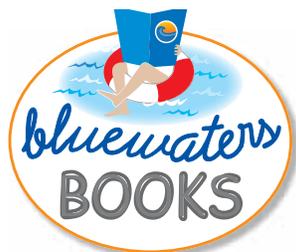
"I did not want to be married, I love being here with you all, and I don't believe any one has ever had a happier house and life than I have."

Some people insist that Point Ellice House is haunted and report sightings of a woman in a blue dress. Others have heard the sound of a piano.

I've never heard the piano or seen that woman but I have to say the house does resonate — the table in the dining room, opulently laid for dinner, candles waiting to be lit and elegant napkins crowning each plate; the croquet set on the lawn; the cabbages ripe... it's as though the past hasn't gone anywhere but is quietly and palpably ever-present.

*The writer Lynne Stonier-Newman is preparing a biography of Peter O'Reilly for publication in the near future.

Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana. (Groucho Marx)



This Month's Featured Local Author:

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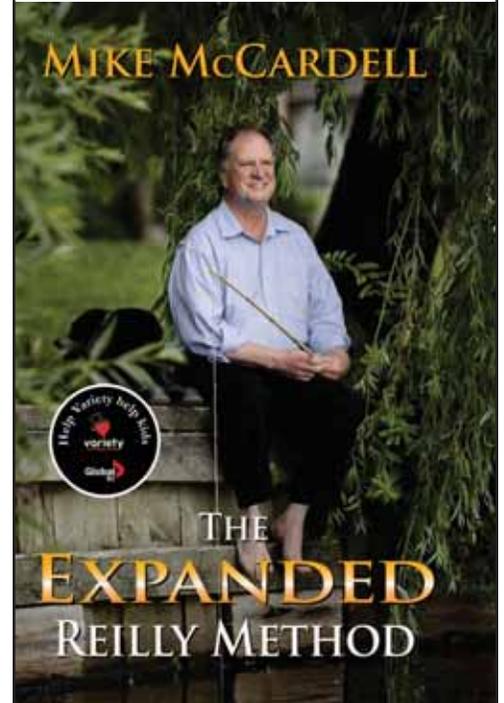
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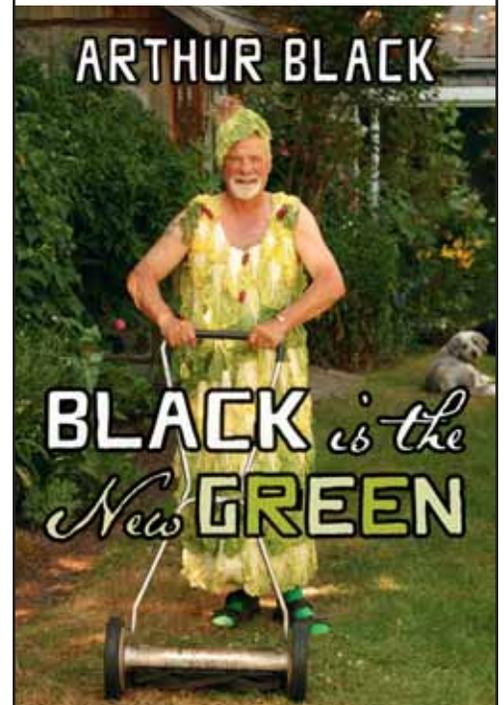
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- Fri. Oct. 2.....The Blue Voodoo - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 3.....9th Annual Pender Harbour Fall Faire - P. H. Legion, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 3.....Harbour Gallery Silent Auction - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m to 3 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 3.....Meet local author Theresa Kishkan (The Age of Water Lilies) - Bluewater Books, 1 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 3.....The Blue Voodoo - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 4.....Breast Cancer Candle lighting Ceremony - P.H. Legion, 6:30 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 4.....Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 11.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. Oct. 12.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, Noon
 Tues. Oct. 13.....P. H. Womens Connection meeting - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
 Fri. Oct. 16-18.....1st Annual Sunshine Coast Mushroom Festival - Various locations
 Sat. Oct. 17.....P. H. Golf Club AAGM and awards night - P. H. Golf Course
 Sat. Oct. 17.....Irish Pub Night - P. H. Legion, 5 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 17.....Fibreworks workshop "Felted Flowers and Collars" - Fibreworks Gallery
 Sat. Oct. 17.....Soup & Song - St. Andrew's Church Hall, 5:30 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 18.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 18.....Recital by vocalist Edmund Arceo with Joy McLeod on the piano, P. H. School of Music, 2:30 p.m.
 Tues. Oct. 20.....P. H. Wildlife Society present lightkeepers Don and Kathy Richards - PHSS, 7:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Oct. 22.....P. H. And Egmont Chamber of Commerce AGM - Royal Canadian Legion #112, 7 p.m.
 Thurs. Oct. 22.....Flu shot clinic - P. H. Legion, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 24.....P. H. Music Society presents Juan Martin - P. H. School of Music, 8 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 25.....Pender Harbour Bananas home game - P. H. Lions Field, 10 a.m.
 Mon. Oct. 26.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Tues. Oct. 27.....P. H. Womens Connection meeting - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
 Tues. Oct. 27-31.....Fibreworks workshop "Design Inspired by Art and Architecture" - Fibreworks Gallery
 Thurs. Oct. 29.....Flu shot Clinic - P. H. Legion, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Fri. Oct. 30.....Pender Harbour Poppy Campaign begins
 Fri. Oct. 30.....Haunt in the Mont Halloween Dance - Egmont Community Hall, 9 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 31.....P. H. Blues Society Halloween Bash - P. H. Community Hall, 8 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 31.....Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department Halloween fireworks - Millennium Park, 7:30 p.m.

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