

TOWN LOG



Town of Port McNeill
Phone 956-3111

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March 2011

Mayor and Council

Gerry Furney

Shirley Ackland

Shelley Downey

Aaron Frost

Gaby Wickstrom

Office Hours

Open 9 am—5 pm
Monday thru Friday

Closed for Holidays

For Public Works Emergencies
after hours call 956-4521
Listen to the message for
numbers to call.

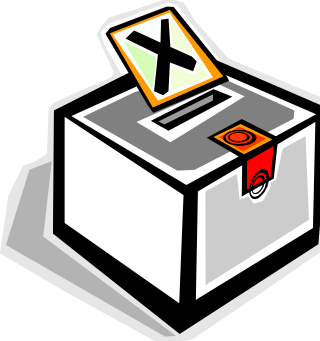
Election Year 2011

Here's a heads-up to all you
civic minded residents out
there. Nomination papers for
municipal elections will be
available on October 4th. Vot-
ing day is November 19, 2011.
The term is for three years.
Think about it.

Volunteer Wanted

Harbour Advisory Committee
The Town of Port McNeill is
seeking a dedicated volunteer
to sit on the Harbour Advisory
Committee. This committee
could meet at least once a
month.

Please submit applications, in
writing, by March 9, 2011 to:
Deputy Administrator, Box
728, Port McNeill, B.C.
V0N 2R0, or email
pmassist@telus.net



Winter Roads

Snow is still possible. Be sure
to park off the road to allow a
clear path for plowing and
brining. Also remember that
residents are responsible to
clear snow from sidewalks
adjoining their property. Clear
sidewalks and roads are safer.



Port McNeill Museum

March Hours: 1pm—4pm
Saturday and Sunday

For rentals or tours call

Rupa at 956-4387 or

Marg at 956-4202



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Meetings:

**Council—March 7th
and 21st at 7:30 pm in
the Council Chambers**

**Harbour Committee—
March 1st at 6:30 pm in
the Harbour Office**

**Advisory Planning
Committee—TBA**

Port McNeill Harbour

Office Winter Hours

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Harbour Manager

Hiltje Ramsay

Ph: 250-956-3881

Fx: 250-956-2847

pmharbour@telus.net

1594 Beach Drive





LIBRARY HOURS	
Sunday & Monday	Closed
Tuesday and Wednesday	1-5 & 6-8
Thursday	10-12 & 1-5
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10-3

Story time

Come and join us each Thursday 9:30—10:00 am

March 10, 17 & 31st

See column at left for our regular hours.



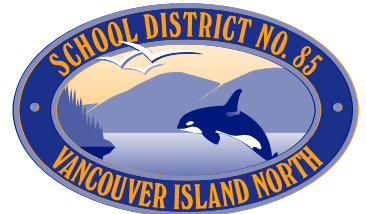
Kindergarten Registration

Full day Kindergarten registration in School District 85 will take place during normal school hours at local SD85 public schools from February 28-March 4, 2011.

Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2011 to enter Kindergarten in September. Please bring with you your child's birth certificate at the time of registration. If your child was not immunized on the North Island, please also bring with you your child's personal care card and immunization record.

Please note that all parents registering their child for kindergarten in Port McNeill will do so at Cheslakees Elementary School.

If your child has special needs, please contact Mr. Wally Wright at 250-949-6618, Ext. 2229 at the time of registration.



Competition is hard. Let's get out and cheer them on!

Figure Skating Competition in Port McNeill !!

The Port McNeill Figure Skating Club is pleased to be hosting for the first time...

The 35th Memorial Barbara Rasmussen Figure Skating Competition

Please join us on March 18-20, 2011 for this very exciting event at the Chilton Regional Arena.

For more info, call Elizabeth 250-956-3995



Be sure to book your appointment for a mammogram in Port McNeill on April 26-28

Call 1-800-663-9203

WOMEN ARE DOING IT!

JOIN THE OVER 300,000 WOMEN WHO ARE DOING IT. THEY HAVE REGULAR SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS

Second Look Thrift Store

Open Monday thru Saturday 10am—4pm



Yoga Classes

Yoga Classes with Clement Lam
Wednesday nights 7-9pm

March 9th/2011 - April 27th/2011

\$70 for 7 classes (no class over spring break)

Must call to pre-register for session (no drop-ins). Suitable for all levels.

For more information or to register please contact Mel Williams @ 250-230-2303 or melkwilliams@gmail.com



Fundraiser for Grad 2011

The grad class of 2011 is collecting recyclables for dry grad. If you would like to contribute you can drop them off at Island Foods Recycling Depot during business hours. We will be accepting contributions until April 2011. The grad account is #147601. Thank you for your support. FMI please contact NISS Vice Principal Jay Dixon 956-3394.

Young Naturalists Club of Northern Vancouver Island

Join us for great family, nature adventures.

Upcoming "Explorer Days"

March 19th – **Mount Cain Kids Fest**

March 26th – **Mysterious Minkes** with Jared Towers of the Marine Education and Research Society. Jared has been studying local Minke whales for the last seven years. This is a very difficult (cryptic) whale species to study and he will share what he has learned about these mysterious whales.

April 16th – **Eco-Art** with Jillian Brown and members of the Eagle View Elementary Eco Art Club.

For \$25/family, you enjoy:

Access to the monthly "Explorer Days" – a family nature event.

A welcome pack containing a participation passport, a bird and insect ID card, a bird checklist, an official membership card and a magnifying glass.

A wonderful natural history magazine 4 times a year called "Nature Wild".

The possibility of the children earning the recognition of awards for environmental action and awareness.

For details of the organization and these events see

www.ync.ca

Local contact (volunteer): Jackie Hilderling; 956-3525; earthlingenterprises@telus.net



March 19 Mount Cain Kids Fest. See you there!

Pound Notes

The problem:

Too many cats and dogs and not enough homes!

In just 7 years, one un spayed cat and her offspring can produce over 450,000 cats! (Ave. litter of 3, twice a year)

In 7 years, one dog and her offspring can produce over 4,000 dogs! (1 Ave. litter of 4)

The Solution?

- Have your own pet spayed or neutered.
- Encourage friends, family

and neighbours to have their animals spayed and neutered.

Sponsor the spaying and neutering of a shelter animal.

Shouldn't A Female Pet Have One Litter First?

Allowing a female dog or cat to produce a litter does not have any benefits. There are health risks to the mother during the pregnancy and when giving birth.

Does Having My Pet Spayed/Neutered Make Me

A Responsible Pet Guardian?

Having your pet spayed or neutered is only one important part of being a responsible pet guardian. Being responsible also means providing your pet with a warm, safe and loving environment, food and water, plenty of exercise and proper veterinary care. You should also obey the leash, "poop and scoop" and licensing laws in your community.

Licensing of your dog or cat is mandatory in Port McNeill.

Tags are available at the town office for a fee of \$15 spayed/neutered or \$30 un spayed/un neutered.

Please remember to clean up after your pet. There are many places around town to pick up your FREE bags!! Thanks to all of you that already do, it really helps keep our sidewalks, streets & shoes clean!

Bear Aware Myth

Myth: A bungee cord to hold down the lid of a garbage can makes it bear proof.

Truth: "...if it can be dismantled using a crowbar then it is not bear proof." - www.bearsmart.com

Bears are incredibly strong and persistent, a bungee cord is no match for a black bear. Store your garbage cans securely in your garage, workshop, or other bear-proof enclosure until garbage pick up day and then place the cans curb side

as close to pick up time as possible. For tried and tested bear proof curb side solutions visit www.bearsaver.com, www.unbearablebins.com, www.bearbins.com and "Schaeffer Bins" by Rollins Machinery to view various polycarts that are relatively inexpensive, easily moved and come in different sizes.

Myth: All bears that come into our community are "problem" bears.

Truth: "Problem" bears are

made not born. Conditioning to non-natural food sources brings bears into frequent contact with humans and results in a higher chance of human-bear conflicts. Preventative measures such as thoroughly burning off the BBQ grill after each use, removing bird feeders from your property, properly storing garbage in a bear-proof facility or enclosure until pick up day and keeping pet food/dishes indoors will encourage a peaceful co-existence between black bears and humans.



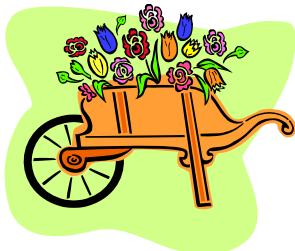
Watch for more myths and facts in future issues.

Brought to you by:

Christina Brack
Director of Communications
Bear Smart BC Society
(250) 723-9200



Communities in Bloom



Category #6 - FLORAL DISPLAYS

Residential Floral displays have a huge impact on the enjoyment of our neighbourhoods. We are so lucky to be living in Port McNeill. We can have colour blossoming in our gardens every month of the year, starting with snowdrops in January and ending with Lenten Roses in December.

An effective floral display can be as simple as a wonderful planter or a hanging basket, or as elaborate as an entire yard. To make the best floral display:

- Pick colours that you love and that complement your house colour.
 - Consider leaf colour and texture to add interest to your display.
 - For ease of maintenance, choose plants that love our climate.
- For year-round colour, choose plants that bloom at different times of the year.
- If you are new to gardening, ask a neighbouring gardener for guidance and check with Jodi at the 'Garden Gate' or

Sonya at 'Your Garden Angel' for both common and unusual plants that grow well in Port McNeill. Spring is pushing winter aside so now is the time to get planning. Let's see how beautiful we can make our neighbourhoods.



"Recognition of Excellence Gala & Business Awards" 2011

due to circumstances beyond our control the Business awards and social gala will be postponed. Please stay tuned to email notices and chamber updates for further information!

Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce

Congratulations to the 2011 Executive and Board of directors!

President— Sharon Barratt
 Vice President— David Mitchell
 Treasurer— Terrence Eissfeldt
 Secretary— Miles Trevor

The board of directors— Barry Foster, Jerry Hempler, Chris Sharpe, Kathryn Rosback, Angela Smith, Jonathan Lok and Les Beech

Town Council Representative—Gaby Wickstrom

~Chamber feature~
 Sportsman Steak & Pizza's Spring Break!

Closed February 20- April 7
 The restaurant will be closed while Arta and Yannis enjoy a well deserved holiday!

Submissions to Chamber Update:Members can make submissions to the Town Log

Phone 956-3131, fax 956-3132 or email "pmccc@island.net"

With appreciation, we honor outgoing past president Carol Westrum for her many years of service in the Chamber of Commerce as a president and many years as a director. Her dedication and commitment to business and community have set the standard for those that follow.

Port McNeill Hospital Auxiliary



Bake Sale April 17, 2011
 See you at the Lions Hall!

The Hospital Showcase is a project operated by the Auxiliary. The showcase contains items for patient's comfort available for purchase including baby outfits

Another of our projects is the Hospital Holiday Tray Favour. At any holiday time patient's dinner trays are brightened with a small favour to let them know someone cares. It might be a flower or a trinket in the holiday theme.

Project Coordinators can be contacted directly if you have questions about these worthwhile projects or if you have items you may want to donate. Showcase: Valdene Bono at 956-2213 and Carol Manke at 956-4929



Holiday Trays Favours: Leslie Mercier at 956-3823

New members are more than welcome.

Our next large project is a bake sale at the Lioness Garage Sale on April 17, 2011.

Garage sale items can also be donated through any auxiliary member.

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Old School Recreation Centre. Next meeting is March 9th at 7 pm. Please contact Sue @ 956-3504 for more information.

Port McNeill Family Centre

Room #6 Old School, 375 Shelley
Call/Fax 956-2273

Email: pmfamilycentre@telus.net

Coordinator: Charlotte Johnson

YOUTH GYMNASTICS:

Another session will begin March 29th. Participants from the 1st session will have 1st rights to registration however spaces will and do become available. If you are interested in a space for your

child for the up-coming session please call us at 250-956-2273. Runs 11 weeks - Tuesdays at Cheslakees School. Instructor: Heidi Mathieson Gymnastics BC Certified.

FOOD SAFE – LEVEL I BASIC

Now taking names for a 2nd course. Registration is limited! Please call 250-956-2273 Instructor: Bonnie Ellis. Cost: \$45.00 (includes manual & certificate) Date: TBA

JR.CHEFS – call for interest:

Children aged 6-12 will enjoy learning how to prepare & cook food using various methods, plus clean up after themselves! Held after school from 3:30-5:00pm for 6 weeks. Monday or Tuesday classes starting in March.

Please call us 250-956-2273 to register your child.



TEEN CENTRE: Friday Nights Time: 6-11pm, Age: 13-18yrs Cost: Free! Call: Peter at 250- 230-3513. Food and movie and gym time provided each evening. Come out and get involved with the Skate Park committee too! Volunteers always needed!

FITNESS CLASSES:

Hoping to begin another Boot Camp session in April after spring break.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE:

Cost \$27.00 per person (includes manual).

Students must be 11 yrs+. Please call to be added to the next course registration list. Date TBA

TODDLER TIME DROP-IN:

Tuesday mornings. 9:30-11:00am In the gym. Facilitator:

Cheryl Verbrugge. Program content geared towards children between the ages of 1-3. All children under the age of 6yrs are welcome. Parents & caregivers are to accompany children. Cost \$1.00 per child (over 12 months) per visit.

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS & TOTS MORNINGS:

Wednesdays & Thursdays

9:30-11:00am. Old School gym. Call 250-956-2273 for more info. For parents & caregivers with children 0-5yrs. Play, socialize & get out of the house! Facilitators: Charlotte Johnson & Cheryl Verbrugge. Cost \$1.00 per child (over 12 months) per visit.

PROMISING BABIES:

Run's Tuesdays 11am-

12:30pm in Room #6 at the Old School. Contact Chris Koop for more information at 250-956-3134. This program is geared towards expecting parents, and parents with babies 0-1 yrs.

OTHER: Car Seat Help: Questions? We have trained technicians available to help you! Call 956-CARE.

Can Port McNeill Be Hockeyville?

Our arena has been nominated for the Kraft Hockeyville promotion. From the nominations filed, the top ten will be picked by judges. These ten will be whittled down to 5 through audience votes.

That's where the fine people of Port McNeill and the entire north island can get involved. The window for voting is March 8th to 13th. If we are on the ballot we will need lots of support in order to compete with larger centers.

If it is successful we could win a \$100,000 arena upgrade grant plus an NHL exhibition game and much more. For more details contact Rob at the arena 250-956-3522 or visit www.krafthockeyville.ca



Like to Game! Join a Club

Last month's Town Log has sparked some new interest in gaming. Want to join us? Want to try out something new? Or looking for someone to join your current games? Contact Paul at 250-956-2919 or at nigaming@live.ca to get in touch with others who share this interesting hobby. Newcomers are welcome. Varied interests = many possibilities!

- Roleplaying Games
- Designer Board Games
- Miniature Wargaming
- Competitive Card Games



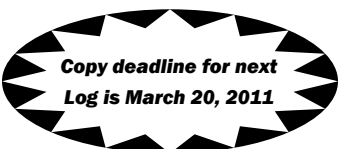


Hall Rentals contact:
St. John Gualbert Hall
956-3533
Lions Hall 956-4296
Old School Rec Centre
956-3111
Guide/Scout Hall
956-2986
Curling Club 956-4898
Legion Hall 956-4551
Museum Room
956-4202
Regional Arena
956-3522

Regular Meetings
& Activities

Alcoholics Anonymous
 Mondays & Fridays 8:00 to 9:00 Room 3, Old School Recreation Centre
Narcotics Anonymous
 Wednesdays and Saturdays 7:30 to 8:30 Room 3, Old School Recreation Centre
Alanon Meetings
 Wednesdays 7:30 St. Mary's Church
Recycling Options:
 - Second Look Thrift Shop
 —7 mile Landfill & Recycling 949-1681
 - Port McNeill Recycling Depot Open Mondays noon to 7:00 pm and Saturdays noon to 5:00 pm 230-0568

Editors Eileen and Karen can be contacted at pminast@telus.net



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Top Island Econauts

Diving every weekend.

Lingcod Egg Mass Surveys for the Vancouver Aquarium happening in early March. All upcoming dives and events listed under "events" at:

www.econauts.org.

We are a non-profit society aimed at facilitating environmentally sound and safe recreational diving on

northern Vancouver Island.

To apply for membership contact: Jackie Hilderling; econauts@telus.net

Next meeting: March 1st; 7:30 PM at NISS.

Lions and Lioness Club Information

General Meetings are the 3rd Monday each month 7 pm at the Lions Hall. FMI 956-4400

Community Garage Sale April 17th 1-3 pm. FMI call Helen Scott 956-3673

Christmas Showcase 2011 will be held Dec 3rd. FMI call Anne 956-3770 or email "marcanne@telus.net"

Port McNeill Seniors donated \$118.50 to Lioness Hearing Dog Fund in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts. 55+ seniors have monthly potluck dinners. FMI 956-4253

Coming events: Mar. 3rd 10 am Pension Seminar for people 55+ Presented by Ms. Tzena Russell of Service Canada, Victoria.

Please attend—be sure to get your benefits. Lion Joe Varga has new beneficiary for the proceeds of the aluminum can pull tabs—Easter Seal House! Any tabs from pop, juice, beer or food cans qualify. Easter Seal House serves as a home away from home in Victoria. Easter Seal House 1-877-718-3388