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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

We're on the Web
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LANDFILL HOURS

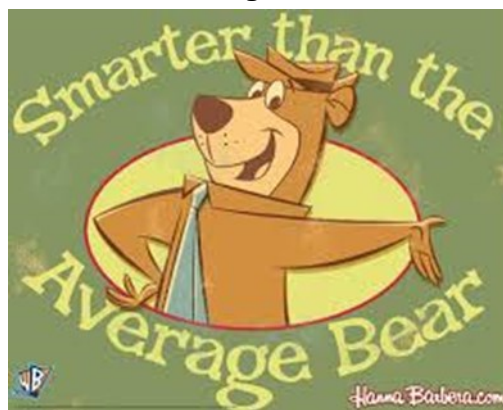
Monday -Friday 10am-3pm
And they will be open
the 1st Saturday ONLY of every
month 11am-3pm



Thank you to the many volunteers in Port Clements who help to make each year's Remembrance Day Service such a great success. Also Thank you to the Museum for providing coffee and a warm place to meet prior to the service and the Seniors for coffee and snacks after the service.

Emergency Preparedness Tips

At a recent Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting it was decided that we would utilize the last page of every Newsletter to pass along some helpful hints and reminders regarding Emergency Preparedness for individuals and/or families. Like Yogi Bear—be smarter than the average bear



and plan ahead. Make sure your entire household knows:

1. Where all the safest places are in your house.
2. The quickest way to get out of the house.
3. Where to meet if you get separated while leaving the house
4. Agree on an out of town contact person that you can each call to indicate you are ok if you are separated.



The most frightening thing about an earthquake is not knowing what to do. The next most frightening thing is to believe there is nothing you

can do. It is normal to be afraid of earthquakes. However, fears and anxieties can be lessened by planning and practising what to do BEFORE an earthquake occurs. You and your family CAN learn to react correctly and automatically when the first jolt or shaking is felt.

Don't stick your head in the sand, discuss and drill as a family and be

EARTHQUAKE PREPARED!

Google "PreparedBC" for some great tips and educational material about disaster readiness.

THE LEADER

PORT BUCKS ARE HERE AGAIN!

It is that time of year again when the Village of Port Clements sends out Port Bucks to the residents courtesy of the Gwaii Trust Christmas allocation.

As has happened for the past several years, we are including one coupon with your utility bill and newsletter so make sure you look to see that you have one and don't accidentally throw it away. Port Bucks can be used at any participating businesses within Port Clements. Letters were sent out to businesses earlier this month along with a sign that they can post in their workplace identifying them as someone who will accept Port Bucks.

This year residents will also have the

option of donating their Port Bucks towards the upgrading of playground equipment at the Community Park. If you are interested in doing this please bring your Port Bucks back to the Village Office and we will mark them as donations for that purpose.

Finally, you can also donate your Port Bucks to the church for their Christmas hamper program. If you wish to do that please talk to Paster Wes Harder from Cedarview Church prior to December 5th so that they can plan their hamper budget accordingly.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office at 250-557-4295. Renters will need to come in to receive their Port Bucks.

Happy Halloween

Thank you to the Fire Department Volunteers who put on another great Halloween event for the families of Port Clements. It is these types of events which make small town living so great!!



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SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- Aerobic Dance Tuesdays 4:30-6:00pm in gym
- Badminton Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm in gym
- Seniors Social Mondays 12-4pm in Senior's Room
- Children's theatre Mondays 3-5pm in the gym
- After school Art Initiative Tuesdays 5:00-6:30pm in Senior's Room
- No school Monday Nov. 16,
- Family Games night at PCES Tuesday Nov. 24 5-7:30pm

Educational Resources regarding Mould & Your Health

We recently received a booklet and DVD about mould and your health. If anyone would like to borrow the DVD please drop by the Village Office. For online resources regarding the health impacts of mould in your home please check out: www.healthcanada.gc.ca/mould For information about mould clean

up and retrofitting projects check out: www.cmhc.ca/mold

Mould is caused by moisture and since we live in a damp environment we need to be very vigilant. Make sure you check window sills regularly for moisture and have good ventilation in your home. Improve ventilation by ensuring your

clothes dryer vents to the exterior of your house, turn on the exhaust fan over the stove when boiling/cooking or in the bathroom when bathing, open windows when practical or have a fan to move air around. Keep your home warm, keep furniture and other belongings off of exterior walls and avoid storing cardboard boxes on basement floors.

Say hello to our two newest Village staff members. Danielle Dysserinck comes to us from a Municipal Internship in Valemount, BC. Danielle is the new Deputy Clerk. Danielle has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and is a strong believer in community involvement having already joined the Fire Department and Ambulance. Second is Terry Wallace our interim Public Works Assistant. Terry is a recent transplant to Haida Gwaii as well and comes to us with extensive experience in grounds maintenance. Terry will be helping out until Oliver is back to work. We are happy to have two such cheery additions to our staff!

SHAKE OUT BC 2015 RECAP

On October 15, 2015 598,000 registered participants took part in the province wide "drop, Cover and Hold" drill. Internationally over 14 million people participated in this emergency preparedness event!!

We hope that you and your family participated.

To help you be prepared go to www.shakeoutbc.ca for infor-



What have we been up to??

The following is a recap of activities that the Village is currently or has recently been working on.

Currently we are working on the installation of the biomass boiler which will be located by the Fire Hall and will supply heat to the multiplex and the fire hall. The project was paid for by funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust, Gwaii Trust and Provincial Gas Tax funding. This project should reduce our propane costs for the two buildings in the neighbourhood of 25-35% once it is operational. We are also happy as this venture allows us to support Haida Gwaii Forest Products with their new business venture of creating wood pucks from wood waste for heating.

Councillors O'Brien Anderson and Cunningham have been reviewing the Sunset Park Management document created last year. They also created the questionnaire that was sent out with the last newsletter and are using the results to help them form policy around the management, upgrades and maintenance of the Park going forward.

The Rec Committee has been grappling with what upgrades to consider for the Community Park. On the list are new

playground equipment as well as covered bleachers. We are also working on where to find funding for them. We wish to acknowledge donations from LNR and Bayview towards upgrades for the community park. Both businesses donated \$5,000 each to the Village to be used towards a major park project. We will be using these funds as matching funds, along with other Municipal reserves, in conjunction with a Gwaii Trust major infrastructure application in early January. Therefore we hope to have new playground equipment in place by spring of 2016.

Council is in preliminary Discussions with Community Futures in regards to a

Want to Contribute?

The Village of Port Clements is looking for contributions to our Newsletter. We want to hear from people in town. If you have a good story you want to share please email them to cao@portclements.ca. Articles or columns can be between 150 and 225 words on topics of interest coming up. Please refrain from Slanderous comments and should you include personal information about someone, ensure you have their permission.

potential mural project for Port Clements. This is in its infancy yet so more information will be forthcoming regarding this somewhere down the road.

Council also lobbied the Provincial government on various issues when they attended the Union of BC Municipalities annual meeting in Vancouver the end of September. It was a great learning and networking experience which will hopefully reap rewards for our community.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

THE REC COMMISSION IS PUTTING ON BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH AT THE MULTIPLEX BUILDING. WATCH FOR POSTERS WITH MORE INFORMATION OUT SOON.