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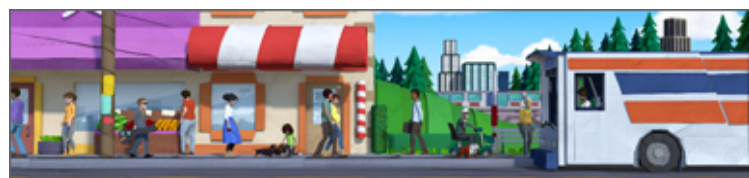



[Sunfest donates 100 Opening Night Tickets for Kick Off Summer BBQ!](#)



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[100 Opening Night Sunfest Tickets to Give Away at the Kick Off Summer BBQ!](#)



Are you registered for, and attending, the June 23 BBQ? Then you'll receive an opening night ticket for Sunfest - a \$75 value. Want more than one night at Sunfest? No problem - you can "trade up" and apply the opening night ticket as a credit when you buy a full weekend pass. You have to be registered and attend the BBQ to get your ticket!

[Thank you Sunfest](#) for supporting Chamber members!

Sunfest is July 28 - 31 at

[Laketown Ranch Music & Recreation Park](#) in Lake Cowichan

[Cowichan Chambers Kick Off Summer BBQ June 23 - Got Your Ticket?? RSVP Deadline Tues. June 21 NOON](#)

Join us for the Chamber's annual Kick Off Summer event. This year we're having a BBQ at the Visitor Centre. This is a rain-or-shine, bring your-own-lawn chair event. You'll enjoy gourmet burgers and salad buffet from [Vancouver Island Event Catering](#). [Unsworth Vineyards](#), [Enrico Winery](#), [Rocky Creek Winery](#), [Averill Creek Vineyard](#), [Blue Grouse Estate Winery](#) and [Damali Winery](#) are pouring samples. Plus - the [Time to Heal](#) team will be on-site offering "try-it" massages.



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Cowichan Chambers Kick Off Summer BBQ

Thurs. June 23, 5:30 pm
\$25 Tax Incl. | Cash Bar

Cowichan Regional Visitor Ctr, Bell McKinnon & Trans Canada
[Register online](#), or contact the Chamber: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca
Chamber events are open to all member staff.
[Download event info to share/print](#)



Thank you to Draw Prize Contributors

We're tickled to have received so many draw prizes from members! We'll be busy all evening announcing happy winners! Be sure to bring your business cards so you can enter for these prizes:

- Cowichan Sound & Cellular - LG Smartwatch
- Pioneer House Restaurant - Gift Certificates
- Telus - Golf Goodies & More Gift Basket
- Arbutus Ridge Golf - Green Fees
- Unsworth Vineyards - 2015 Sauvignette VS
- Blue Grouse 2014 Quill Red - Double Gold All Canadian Wine Championships
- Wine from Averill Creek
- Legal Services from Penny Lehan
- Damali Wine
- QMS Swag
- Village Chippery Gift Certificates
- Station Street Eyecare - Ray-Ban sunglasses
- Beach2Peaks - Clutch Purse
- Island Trade Link - Details to come

Thinking you might like to donate a draw prize item? Please contact Elizabeth at the Chamber office.

[Elizabeth Croft](#) | 250.748.1111

We'll share your contribution on social media too.



Thanks for the Likes!

The Chamber reached 500 likes on our Facebook page - thank you for liking and visiting. We post/share member news, event news, pictures and any and all items we think you'll find helpful or interesting.

That brings to mind - the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre has [a great Facebook page](#) - with latest news on events, whale sightings, tips on accommodations, availability, attractions, and more and more. All particularly helpful during the summer season! We can't imagine why they are only at 416 likes - and (truth be told) they are NOT happy about coming second. So, help us keep peace here at the office, and [like the Visitor Centre page](#) to get them up to 500 likes. With all the great information, you'll be glad you did (and so will we!).

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2016/17 Event Season

We've started booking the 2016/17 Event Season. Register now, or save the dates.

[Luncheon - Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit, Thurs. Sept. 29](#) - on location at the Motorsport Circuit!

Lunch 'n Learn Intercultural Fluency with Cowichan Intercultural Society - Wed. Oct. 5

[Luncheon - John Hankins, CEO Nanaimo Economic Development Fri. Oct. 21](#)

Annual Business Showcase Fri. Oct. 21 at Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn

Annual General Meeting - Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce, Tues. Nov. 22

Luncheon - [SD79 Supt Rod Allen & Chair Candace Spilsbury, Thurs. Nov. 24](#)

Luncheon - [Destination BC CEO Marsha Walden, Jan. 26/17](#)



Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre

A Big Thank you to all the Customer Service Staff who attended our Familiarization Event Friday. So great to have representatives from [Cowichan Community Policing and Crime Prevention](#), South Cowichan Info Booth, [Best Western Cowichan Valley Inn](#), [Best Western Plus Chemainus Inn](#), [BC Forest Discovery Centre](#), [Village Chipperry](#), Cowichan Lodge Adult Tertiary Care, [Community Futures Cowichan](#), [Volunteer Cowichan](#), [Ocean EcoVentures Whale Watching - Cowichan Bay](#), [Duncan Foam & Futons](#), [Discovery Honda](#). Draw Prize Winners will be notified.

Time to Heal Offers Free Acupressure at Visitor Centre Sat & Sun

Time to Heal is helping you treat Dad to a great weekend by offering free acupressure at the Visitor Centre this Sat. & Sun. Now Dad can enjoy a train ride, and relaxing acupressure on his special weekend.

[Time to Heal - Free Acupressure](#)

Sat. June 18 10:30 am - 4 pm

Sun. June 19 11:30 am - 2 pm

Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre
Bell McKinnon & Trans Canada Hwy.

[Visitor Centre Mobile Services - Farmer's Market on Saturday's](#)

Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre (CRVC) volunteers and staff will be out and about throughout the summer delivering mobile visitor services - to make sure more Cowichan visitors have every opportunity to know about all our wonderful region has to offer. This Saturday CRVC will be at the Duncan Farmers' Market, sharing space at the Market Information Table. Drop by to say "Hi", and bring your questions!

[Jan's Restaurant Pick - Cow Bay Café West Coast Grill](#)



The Cow Bay Café boasts one of the valley's best outdoor decks, nestled on the water's edge in the funky village of Cowichan Bay. We enjoyed a crisp local wine with fresh, stylish cuisine while we watched kayakers, boaters and a dragon boat team on the bay. I am crazy about salads full of tasty bites, so the West Coast Chop Salad, loaded with candied walnuts, cranberries and feta really hit the spot. I added the Ginger

Steak Lettuce Spears to my starter size salad. My husband said the Baseball Steak was excellent, and he especially loved the crunchy roast potatoes with a sprinkling of parmesan cheese that accompanied it. The deck at the Cow Bay Café is a wonderful setting for summer eating.

[Cow Cafe West Coast Grill](#)

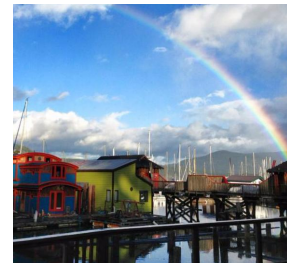
1765 Cowichan Bay Rd.

Mon. - Tues. 11 am - 8 pm | Wed. - Sat. 11 am - 9 pm

Sun. 11 am - 8 pm

info@cowcafe grill.ca | 250-597-4353

*Members & volunteers loved our Wednesday
Wine Down at Cow Cafe in May!*



View from deck with optional rainbow :)

Member Benefits

[First Data Merchant Services - No Cancellation Fee for New Accounts](#)

First Data has a "try it" promotion for the month of June for new clients. Start up a new account with First Data during the month of June - if you decide it's not for you, there's no cancellation fee.

[First Data June Offer](#)

[First Data Preferred Chamber Member Rates](#)



[Budget Brake & Muffler - Preferred Member Pricing](#)

Operating costs can be a major expense when operating vehicles for your business. And that's why Budget Brake & Muffler Auto Centre designed a fleet program for members of the Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce with cost savings for all members to enjoy.

- Hourly preferred member fleet program labour rate: \$79.00 + taxes - **\$20 per hour Savings!**
- Parts pricing discounted **10% - 35%** depending on parts manufacturer
- Pricing in effect until Dec. 31/1



[Budget Brake & Muffler Auto Centre - Member Pricing](#)

5420 Trans Canada Hwy. (Just south of the Silver Bridge)

bbmduncan@shaw.ca | 250-715-1573

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am - 5 pm | Sat. 8:30 am - 4 pm

Closed Sunday & Stat. Holidays.

This Weekend and Coming Soon

[Father's Day Weekend at the BC Forest Discovery Centre - June 18 & 19](#)

Once again the Vintage Machinery Society presents the Father's Day Tractor Show at the BC Forest Discovery Centre, Sat. June 18 & Sun. June 19. Special admission rate for fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers of \$3 when accompanied by their children.

[See full media release for more details](#)



[Cowichan Therapeutic Riding 30th Anniversary Party - June 18](#)

The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association (CTRA) is hosting a big 30th anniversary party! CTRA welcomes everyone to come and toast their big 3-0 at the CTRA facility on Providence Farm. Grab a hot dog and a piece of birthday cake, walk the grounds, check out the new riding arena and visit the horses!

Entertainment includes a therapeutic riding demonstration and a showcase of CTRA's latest program - equestrian vaulting. Other activities include a treasure hunt, a "toddlers-to-teens" silent auction, face-painting and family-friendly games. Complimentary refreshments provided and don't forget to cast your vote in the 5th Annual Chili-Cook-Off!

[Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association 30 th Anniversary Party](#)

1843 Tzoulahem Rd.

Sat. June 18



[Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program - DEADLINE - June 22](#)

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program deadline is this coming Wed. June 22 at 1 pm. With \$46.2 million available for community infrastructure, the Government of Canada will invest in projects that celebrate our heritage, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for Canadians.

Priority given to:

Recreational facilities | Clean growth economy | Indigenous communities and Peoples

[Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program](#)

Applications in Western Canada will be accepted until Wed. June 22 @ 1 pm Pacific Time

[Dance Under the Stars at Providence Farm - TOMORROW - June 18](#)

It's time for the Providence Farm annual Dance Under the Stars on Sat. June 18. The event runs from 6 pm - midnight. There will be live music on stage, Licensed Beverage Garden and yummy farm food! Tickets are just \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members. Dance the night away and help Providence Farm raise funds for critical repairs to the historic Providence House! Rain or shine event.

Live music from:

Monte & the Providers | Deb Rhymer Blues Band | Smiley Family Band | Cookie Monsters

[Dance Under the Stars at Providence Farm](#)

Sat. June 18, 6 pm - midnight, 1843 Tzouhalem Rd.

\$30 Non-members | \$25 Members

Tickets available at the door, [online](#) or in person at:

Providence Farm | Ten Old Books | Sports Traders

[Details about Providence House Restoration](#)



[Ethos Honours National Aboriginal Day with Film Viewing *The Spirit Has No Colour* - June 21](#)



Ethos Career Management Group is hosting a presentation of the film *The Spirit Has No Colour* for National Aboriginal Day on Tues. June 21, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in downtown Duncan. Attendees are invited to view and discuss the film, and hear about local Aboriginal Employment Program successes.



everyone.

Ethos offers the [Aboriginal Work Connections Program](#) - a 12 week job search program that is open to

[Ethos Career Management Group](#) - National Aboriginal Day

View & Discuss: *The Spirit Has No Colour*

Tues. June 21, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Free - Lunch Will be Served

#216 - 71 Station St.

RSVP: tricia.bowler@gmail.com

[Safety at Home Workshop - June 22](#)

Cowichan Independent Living and Safe at Home Support Services present this workshop about being safe at home. The events is Wed. June 22 at 1 pm in downtown Duncan.

Save at Home Workshop

Wed. June 22, 1 pm

103 - 121 First Street

RSVP to Daena - 250.709.5863 or to Cowichan Independent Living 250.746.3930

Footloose, The Musical, Opens June 10 at Chemainus Theatre Festival

Now is the time to "cut loose" and relive the exuberant '80's - with *Footloose, The Musical* at the Chemainus Theatre Festival's big-number, big-fun musical, *Footloose*, plays evening and matinee shows from June 10 to Aug. 27, 2016.

Re-live the high-energy and open-minded fun of this hit 1984 film. Featuring a score of flashy dance tunes and a rock combo band, this Tony nominated show is undeniably entertaining. Show enhancements include: free "talk-backs" with the cast and crew following Wed. performances; a special show-themed dinner add-on in the contemporary Playbill Dining Room: a full "Getaway" package at the Best Western Plus Chemainus Inn that includes accommodations, show dinner, deluxe breakfast buffet, use of the indoor mineral pool, hot tub and fitness centre.

Footloose at the Chemainus Theatre Festival

June 10 - Aug. 27

Get your tickets online, or call the Box Office 1-800-565-7738

This Just In ...

Be Part of Canada's Premiere Tea Harvest at Teafarm on Canada Day Weekend

Raise a cup and celebrate a national first - the release and tasting of the first Canadian estate-grown tea on July 1, 2 & 3. The journey to the first Canadian tea began as an experiment in 2010, planting 200 *Camellia sinensis* seedlings on the south-facing slopes of the farm. The young plants survived the first deep freeze of winter, and have thrived in the local climate. Another 400 plants were added in 2014 and 200 more in 2015. After six years of work and waiting, Teafarm is proud to offer a premium green tea made from the leaves and buds of the first spring flush. Margit Nelleman has created commemorative handbuilt cups for this special occasion!

Teafarm Presents Canada's Premiere Tea Harvest on Canada Day Weekend

July 1 + 2 + 3

8350 Richards Trail, Westholme

info@teafarm.ca | 250.748.3811 | [Shop Teafarm](#)*Be part of tea history and enjoy an experience you will not find anywhere else.***Jacque Gordon's Bed & Breakfast Selected for 2016 Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor**

Jacque Gordon is excited to announce that Jacquie Gordon's Bed and Breakfast has been selected for The 2016 Certificate of Excellence, reflecting the consistently great reviews earned on TripAdvisor.

**Jacque Gordon's Bed & Breakfast**

A Heritage Bed & Breakfast Close to Duncan

2231 Quamichan Park Place

jacquegordon@shaw.ca | 250.746.7736*Way to go Jacquie!***Mid-Week June Savings & New Entrees at Merridale**

Merridale has opened the the orchard deck and is presenting new entrees. Come and enjoy the new items and then share you thoughts for savings! Download the coupon to save \$20 (\$32 instead of the regular \$52). The Tuesday's through Friday's until June 30. You'll also enjoy a self-guided tour of the cellar and orchard, tasting followed by a meal in the bistro. [Download the coupon for details, and print to take with you to Merridale.](#)

The Merridale mid-week adventure for two is \$32 (plus taxes) and includes:

- 2 Cider Tastings at our Tasting Bar - New Word Flight
- 2 Glasses of House or House Dry - At your bistro table
- 2 Entrees of your choice - Maximum value \$17 per person

Merridale Mid-Week Adventure for Two

Tues. through Fri. until June 30

Reservations recommended 250.743.4293\$32 for 2 (Regularly \$52)
[And Pizza Nights are back for the summer starting tonight!](#)



Chemainus Chamber of Commerce - Jeanne Ross is Retiring

Jeanne Ross, Manager of our neighbour Chemainus of Chamber of Commerce, is retiring. The Chemainus Chamber is hosting a wine and cheese event to on Tuesday, July 19th, from 5 to 7 pm to thank Jeanne for her commitment to the Chamber. Contact the Chemainus Chamber for details: chamber@chemainus.bc.ca



Chemainus Visitor Stats Increase

The Chemainus Visitor Centre reports tourism stats are up again this past month, by 20% from last year, and buses are up 14%!

Island Savings Centre Parking Lot Closure - June 28

The west parking lot at the Island Savings Centre will be partially closed beginning Tues. June 28 so North Cowichan can replace the sanitary sewer lines. The entrance driveway on James Street will be closed and access to the drop off zone and electric vehicle charging stations will be blocked.

Parking will be available during construction via James Street between the ISC and the Cowichan Aquatic Centre, and via University Way for the lot across from VIU.

Cowichan Valley Arts Council - Summer Programs & More

See the CVAC latest newsletter for their July Kids Camps, Creative Drops In's. It's just \$5 to drop in. Plus Cowichan Valley Children's author/illustrator Kaye Smillie will read from her books on July 13 & 14. [Follow this link for details.](#)



Member News

Duncan Day - July 16 in Downtown Duncan



Downtown Duncan Day! is now a one-day-only event Sat. July 16. The downtown streets will be closed for one jam-packed day of family fun. The activities start at 8 am with the Duncan Rotary Club's pancake breakfast taking place and the Duncan Farmers' Market will be in full swing by 9am. The morning Kids' Parade is at Kenneth and Jubilee at 9:30 with an outerspace theme. By 10 am, stores and vendors will fill the streets with tents and lots of great merchandise and fabulous summer sales. The rides are back this year - the El Paso Train, 5-in-1 Wacky inflatable house for the little ones, a Climbing Wall and a Fun-Swing for both kids and adults! The Grand

Parade presented by the Duncan Cowichan Festival Society and sponsored by RIBA Holdings Ltd. starts at 11 am. Look for the brand new motorcycle Show and Shine running from 10 am - 4 pm.

Boost Your Productivity Live Webinar June 28

Productivity is top of mind for many small business owners and employees, as most are already working hard to balance multiple roles and responsibilities.

The Boost Your Productivity live webinar will help you:

- Reduce distractions and recurring interruptions
- Stop multitasking and begin working more effectively
- Develop a weekly routine to identify your most important work

- Create a meaningful task list by using the '2-Do' list method
- Stay focused and block out your schedule for top priority work
- Manage your energy and focus instead of your time

[Boost Your Productivity - Live Webinar](#)

June 28, 10 am - Noon
\$49 | Small Business BC

[Presented by Scott Friesen of Simpletivity](#)



[Cowichan Intercultural Society 2016 AGM - June 28](#)

The Cowichan Intercultural Society is holding their Annual General Meeting on Tues. June 28, from 5 - 8 pm at the Duncan Community Lodge. Refreshments served after the Close of Business. This also means it's time to be sure you have renewed your membership to fully participate at the AGM.

2016 Cultural Intercultural Society - AGM

Tues. June 28, 6 - 8 pm

Please contact the Intercultural Society for details, or if you require transportation

relationships@cis-iwc.org | 250.748.3112



[Folki Herb Open House June 25](#)



Folki Herbs is opening their farm and new gift shop/showroom to the public on Sat. June 25, from 10 am to 4 PM. Sponsored by [Economusee](#), events include artisans at work in the field of essential oils and herbology. The event will welcome the [Cow-op](#), Sarah Wilson reading tea leaves for the day, Joel MacGregor from Way of Play for family entertainment and much more. Lavender wand making and other fun activities will be available.

[Folki Herbs - Open House](#)

Sat. June 25, 10 am - 4 pm

[7180 Tom Windsor Rd.](#)

1-844-67-FOLKI

Folki Herbs featured in the [latest newsletter of the Cowichan Green Community](#)

[Latest News from the Cowichan Green Community](#)

The Cowichan Green Community is looking forward to a busy summer:

- KinPark Kid's Camp Registration Open for kids 6 - 12
- FruitSave seeks volunteers to organize picks in their neighbourhoods - Contact fruitsave@cowichangreencommunity.org

[For these stories and more, see the Cowichan Green Community Newsletter](#)

[New Funding Available for the Get Youth Working Program - Deadline June 30](#)

Funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Job Fund, Get Youth Working offers employers a \$2,800 wage subsidy to hire and train eligible youth 15 to 29 years of age. The funding helps BC Youth improve existing skills and gain new ones through practical experience and on-the-job-training. Under the current program funding stream, funding is still available but applications can only be accepted until June 30th, 2016.

No complicated paperwork! Employers conduct their own recruiting and can apply anytime during recruiting for the funding. The approval process is quick and easy. If the employer and proposed new hire meet the program criteria, they are eligible for the funding. Get started today! Complete an online application.

[Get Youth Working Employer Application](#)

For more information and complete Program details please visit

www.getyouthworking.ca



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Submit Your Member News

The Chamber eNews is disseminated to the business community every Friday and carries Chamber and Member news. Please send your news to chamber@duncancc.bc.ca by noon on Thurs. for the Fri. eNews. Fifty word maximum, voiced in 3rd person. Please be sure to include date, time, location, and price as appropriate. We include links, contact information & social media. Items may be edited for brevity & clarity. Images should be suitable for thumbnail size. Items run for 3 - 4 weeks.

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