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Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce eNews - November 6/15

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Where to Remember:

Cobble Hill Village Cenotaph

Downtown Duncan - Charles Hoey Park Cenotaph

Lake Cowichan - Central Park

The Chamber will lay a wreath at the Duncan Cenotaph

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Chamber Events

Grant Writing with Jennifer Barnes Van Elk & CTRA - Nov. 18

Jennifer Barnes van Elk of [Inkwell Grant Seeking and Professional Writing](#), and the [Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association](#), presents strategies for successful grant writing. Jennifer Barnes van Elk is a professional grant seeker and writer. In addition to her independent work through Inkwell, she is the Development Officer for the CTRA and joins Rick Juliusson's team at Free Range Consulting. Jenn has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funds. This presentation shares "lessons from the road" not necessarily found in grant-writing handbooks. The session will help participants understand how strategic grant-seeking adds value to their organization.

Lunch 'n Learn: Grant Writing with Jennifer Barnes Van Elk & CTRA

Wed. Nov. 2, Noon - 1 pm

Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre & Chamber Office

Trans Canada Hwy & Bell McKinnon Rd. (Shared entrance with Forest Discovery Ctr)

FREE to Members | \$5 Non-members

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Annual General Meeting Nov. 24

Come out and enjoy networking, engage with the candidates for Director positions, and be the first to hear an exciting announcement. Details to come as the Agenda takes shape.

Annual General Meeting of the Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce

Tues. Nov. 24, 5:30 pm

The Quamichan Inn, 1478 Maple Bay Rd.

All Members Welcome | 1 Vote per Member Organization

\$10 - *Please note, the AGM is run on a partial cost recovery basis*

RSVP to: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250-748-1111

Chamber Events 2015/16

Nov. 26	Luncheon: John Elzinga of the CVRD presents on Sport Tourism
Dec. 2	Planning with Arbor Memorial & Sands Funeral Chapel
Jan. 28/16	Luncheon: Steelhead LNG Presenting
Feb. 18/16	Luncheon: Mike Corrigan Pres. & CEO BC Ferries Presenting
April 9/16	Black Tie Awards 2016
April 28/16	Luncheon: Greg Engle, CEO of Tilray (Medical Cannabis) Presents

Chamber News

Chamber Members Receive 25% Discount at Constant Contact

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[Click here to receive your Chamber discount at Constant Contact](#)

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[See Constant Contact's latest research on customer engagement preferences.](#)

Vancouver Board of Trade - Overview Federal Cabinet Appointments

Canada swore in the new majority Liberal Government on Nov. 4. The Vancouver Board of Trade published their take on the new Cabinet, along with some background on selected Ministers.

[Vancouver Board of Trade - Overview Federal Cabinet Appointments](#)

The Chamber is a member of the Vancouver Board of Trade

Chamber Column - Business Examiner Victoria

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Visitor Centre News

[The Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre November Hours](#)

Mon, Tues & Wed 10 am - 4 pm

Thur. Fri. Sat. 9 am - 5 pm

Both the Visitor Centre & the Chamber are closed on Nov. 11

[The Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre Includes 360 Pans on Google Maps](#)

The Visitor Centre (CRVC) has incorporated 360 pans of both the exterior and interior of the facility thanks to Greg Nuspel of Story in Focus. Now when anyone [searches the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre on Google Maps](#), they have the option of pulling up either an interior 360 pan, an exterior pan, along with some photos. This service is a relatively new endeavour for [Story in Focus](#), and we're delighted to be able to add these engaging visual tours to our tools for promoting tourism in Cowichan.



[CRVC Exterior Pan on Google Maps](#)

[CVRC Interior Pan on Google Maps](#)

[Visitor Centre Enjoys Strong October](#)

We serviced 1446 visitors at the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre last month...up 21 % over October 2014. We also provided outreach in the community, connecting with over 720 people at various events.

[Thank you to Dwight School Canada for Hosting Mixer - with International Quisine!](#)

Members thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the team and students of Dwight School Canada. We loved our creative mocktails created by students from the graduating class, shopping Nepalese hand-made items with proceeds going to

earthquake relief in Nepal, and cruising the book sale selections. Blaine Collett won the draw for a Cowichan sweater. If you didn't make the Mixer, Dwight wants you to know you can call or [email](mailto:admissions@dwrightcanada.org) anytime arrange a personal meeting and tour.



Drawing for prize Cowichan sweater



Learning more about Dwight School Canada

[Dwright School Canada](http://DwrightSchoolCanada)

admissions@dwrightcanada.org | 250.929.0506

Coming Soon

NuTech I.T. Solutions & Visual Edge Graphic Design - Tickets Still Avail. for TOMORROW'S Gala - Nov. 7



As of writing there are a handful tickets left for this great event! George Gates of [Nutech I.T. Solutions](http://NutechI.T.Solutions) and Evelyn Koops of [Visual Edge Graphic Design](http://VisualEdgeGraphicDesign) are volunteering their time and expertise with the Cowichan Women Against Violence Gala Fundraiser on Sat. Nov. 7. at Mellor Hall.

The team welcomes your last-minute ticket purchase! George, who is also a Red Seal Chef, will cook an amazing 4 course gourmet meal, there will be a silent and live auction, 50/50 draw, and great music from local band Rainwood Steel. All proceeds from the Gala go towards building safe affordable housing

for local women and children leaving abusive relationships. Tickets and detailson the CWAV website.

[Gala Fundraiser for Cowichan Women Against Violence](#)

Sat. Nov. 7, 6 pm

Mellor Hall, Mays Rd. & Trans Canada Hwy.

Tickets \$125 - you receive \$50 tax receipt

[Buy Your Tickets Online](#) - Last Chance to get your tickets TODAY!

Community Bridging Dance - Fri. Nov. 6 - Intercultural Soc. TONIGHT

Everyone is welcome at the Community Bridging Dance at Duncan United Church on Fri. Nov. 6. The fun begins at 7 pm and admission is by donation. Please come and bring a friend, you can expect door prizes, snacks, beverages, and dance facilitators. This family friendly event is brought to you be the Cowichan Intercultural Society in support of the Multicultural Leadership Group.

[Community Bridging Dance: Where Cultures Connect](#)

Fri. Nov. 6, 7 pm

Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram Street

Admission: By Donation & Bring a Friend

Door Prizes, Snacks, Beverages, Dance Facilitators

Join us Where Cultures Connect!

This Just In ...

Be a Torch Bearer with Cowichan Sportsplex

The Journey Begins Nov. 13. Then for 2 weeks supporters will Pass the Torch around the community celebrating the benefits of health and fitness, and raising funds for the Cowichan Sportsplex. Join our final torchbearers for refreshments & a presentation from event sponsor Scotiabank on Nov. 27. Be a Torch Bearer for just \$100. Your participation will be

posted to Facebook, and included in the newspaper. All Torch Bearers are entered in a draw for a special prize from Cowichan Golf Club (value \$700). Contact the Sportsplex for details and to register. [See the press release here.](#)



Pass the Torch for Cowichan Sportsplex

Contact the Cowichan Sportsplex for details or to register:

250.746.5666 | torch@cowichansportsplex.com

\$100

Final reception: Nov. 27, Noon



Rotary Club of Duncan & DV Media Present 5 Weeks in Nepal - Nov. 26

Join Producer Nick Versteeg on his 5-week journey to Nepal documenting the work of the Rotary Club of Duncan. Experience the April 25 earthquake through the lens of DV Media's Nick Versteeg. Admission is \$5 and supports Rotary Club of Duncan projects. A donation table will be available for those that wish to contribute to the Rotary's efforts in Nepal.

5 Weeks in Nepal

Cowichan Performing Arts Centre, 2687 James St.

Thurs. Nov. 26, 7 pm

\$5 [Click here to buy your ticket](#)

Toys, Toques, Toiletries - 2015

It's already time for the annual Toys, Toques & Toiletries drive - so families, kids and teens all over Cowichan will have great gifts under the tree this Christmas. Watch for drop off posters at generous businesses all over Cowichan. There will be a drop off at the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre. Plus, on Dec. 5, a drop-off event at Walmart, complete with gourmet hot dogs, cooked by Chef George Gates, by donation. Watch the Facebook page for details.



[Toys, Toques & Toiletries on Facebook](#)

Hashtag for this year's drive is: #TTT15

2 for 1 Ticket Offer for Gordie MacKeeman & His Rhythm Boys - Performing Arts Centre Nov. 19

Thursday, November 19 at 7:30pm Hailing from Prince Edward Island, multi-award winning Gordie MacKeeman & His Rhythm Boys are renowned for their high-energy exhilarating live show, jaw-dropping stagecraft and showmanship. The quartet rocks a signature style that infuses their love of traditional bluegrass and old-time roots music together to deliver an eclectic wardrobe of tunes that's as unique and entertaining as they are.



2 for 1 Ticket Offer for Gordie MacKeeman & His Rhythm Boys

Thurs. Nov. 19, 7:30 pm

Cowichan Performing Arts Centre, 2687 James St.

2 for 1 Tickets: Available in person at the Ticket Centre or call 250.748.7529

Make Your Christmas Light Up Lush! Lush Eco Lawns Offers Holiday Lighting & More

Lush Eco Lawns is again offering their Holiday Lighting Service. It includes set up, removal AND all the lights/decor. You don't have to climb the ladder or store all that beautiful (but cluttery) stuff! It's also the perfect time for yard clean up and tree/shrub trimming too. Contact Lush Eco Lawn and spruce up for Christmas.



[Lush Eco Lawn - Holiday Lighting](http://www.lush ecolawns.com)
john@lush ecolawns.com | 250.597.0408



SD79 Appoints New Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

The Cowichan Valley Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Karen Blow, CPA, CA, as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Cowichan Valley School District. Ms. Blow assumes the role as of Jan. 4/16. She comes to SD79 from a similar role with the Sea to Sky School District.

Matrea Centre - Partners in Raising \$25,000 for Syrian Refugees - Challenges Organizations to Raise \$500

The Matrea Centre has partnered with the Cowichan Intercultural Society and PLAN Canada to raise \$50,000 for Syrian refugees. The federal government will match every dollar raised by Dec. 31/15. By raising \$25,000 locally, we send \$50,000 to the refugee crisis region - where they are struggling to meet basic needs. The funds will support PLAN Canada's Syrian Refugee relief efforts to benefit displaced Syrian children. Our plan is to reach out to businesses & groups in Cowichan with a challenge to raise \$500. In addition, we are hosting a Silent Auction Fundraising event on Nov. 19 from 7:30 to 10 pm at the Silver Bridge Inn in order to raise at least \$3000, and aim for \$2000 in other donations.



Cowichan Community - Business Challenge to Aid Refugees

To participate in the Cowichan Community Business Challenge call:
250.709.5495

\$500 Challenge Details | Silent Auction to Aid Refugees

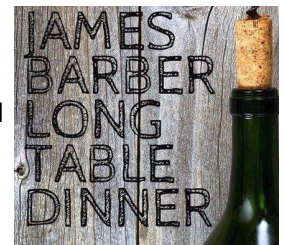
Thur. Nov. 19, 7:30 - 10 pm
Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn, 140 Trans Canada Hwy
Admission by Silent Auction Donation



Please like and share on Facebook!

Long Table Dinner at Providence Farm - Nov. 15

Local chefs and Providence Farm host the Long Table Dinner in honour of chef & author James Barber. The theme this year is Fire and Smoke featuring the James Barber wood burning oven. The menu showcases 6 courses of local food, much which is sourced from Providence. There will be fine local wines, ciders, beers and even a cocktail. Expect delicious results. Chefs: Allan Aikman VIU | Bill Jones Deerholme Farm Cory Pelan The Whole Beast | Dan Hudson Hudson's on First | Janice Mansfield Real Food Made Easy | Rob Martin & Ian Blom The Old Firehouse Wine Bar



Providence Farm - James Barber Long Table Dinner

Sun. Nov. 15. Noon - 4 pm
Providence Farm. 1843 Tzouhalem Road
250-746-4204
\$104.10 [Tickets online](#) | Tax receipt available
Expect delicious!

LNG 101 - Steelhead LNG Information Sessions - Mill Bay & Brentwood Bay

Steelhead LNG is hosting a series of small group public information sessions. To preserve the opportunity to best share the information, sessions are limited to 15 seats - so registration is required. Four information sessions are currently booked for Mill Bay & Brentwood Bay. And more will be scheduled in other locations. Refreshments provided.



LNG 101 Information Sessions

Mill Bay: Wed. Nov. 18 Lunch & Dinner Sessions (15 seats ea.)

Please RSVP by Nov. 12

Thurs. Nov. 26 Lunch & Dinner Sessions (15 seats ea.)

Please RSVP by Nov. 18

Brentwood Bay: Thurs. Nov. 19 Lunch & Dinner Sessions (15 seats ea.)

Please RSVP by Nov. 12

Wed. Nov. 25 Lunch & Dinner Sessions (15 seats ea.)

Please RSVP by Nov. 18

To RSVP or find out more about LNG contact: info@malahatlng.com | 1.855.860.8744



@SteelheadLNG

Member News

Duncan Farmers' Market Positions Open



The Duncan Farmers' Market has two open positions and is accepting applications until Nov. 15. Follow the links below for details.

[Executive Director Posting](#)

[Site Manager Posting](#)



Cut Red Tape Project Open for Your Input Until Dec.3/15

Minister of Small Business & Red Tape Reduction, Coralee Oaks, is seeking input to spot & resolve processes that frustrate those using or accessing government services. The BC government has been working for more than a decade to deliver services that are faster, easier to access and simpler to use.

Individuals, organizations and businesses are invited share stories and ideas about how the B.C. government can save time, and provide easier access to services. You are the experts when it comes to using and accessing government services.

To share your stories and opinions between now and Dec. 3:

1. [Comment online](#) or give a thumbs up or down on other's suggestions or ideas
2. Email your ideas or suggestions to citizenengagement@gov.bc.ca
3. Submit your stories or ideas to [@coraleeoakes](https://twitter.com/coraleeoakes) on Twitter using #helpcutredtape

[Reducing Red Tape for British Columbians](#) - Deadline Dec. 3/15

Get Youth Working Available in Cowichan

The Get Youth Working! Program has received NEW funding and is available Cowichan. This Program, funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Job Fund, offers employers in specified regions a \$2,800 hiring incentive to hire eligible youth 15 to 29 years of age. Additionally, employers may request up to \$1,000 to purchase training for the newly hired youth. The Program is open to all [employers and youth who meet the criteria available here](#).

[Get Youth Working](#)

[Time to Book Your Christmas Season Events at Arbutus Ridge Golf](#)

Biggest Little Christmas Party: Looking for the easy Christmas party option for you business, friends or family? We unite small groups with our Biggest Little Christmas Parties. Groups of two or larger are welcome - dinner and entertainment included.

Reserve your space at the Biggest Little Christmas Party
amonks@golfbc.com | 250.743.5100 ext. 29

Christmas Party Package: Private events for larger groups.

Sunday Brunch with Santa: December 13, and 20...complete with a kids gingerbread decorating station! Member 10% discount applies.

New Years Eve Dinner: Enjoy a three course meal with seasonal ingredients and cheer. Good times! Reservations required please 250.743.5100. Member 10% discount applies.

New Years Day Brunch: Join us January 1, 2015 for the ultimate cure! Our annual New Years Day Brunch is back by popular demand. Member 10% discount applies. Reservations required please: 250.743.5100

CTRA Founder Jane James - North Cowichan-Duncan Sports Wall of Fame

Jane James will be inducted to the North Cowichan-Duncan Sports Wall of Fame on Nov. 14. at the . Jane is the founder of the Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association and one of the key contributors to therapeutic riding and para-equestrian sport in Canada. Jane began her career in the 1960s, riding and training horses in the Duncan area. She completed accreditation as an equestrian coach by the 1980s teaching many to ride and serving as a Leader with the local 4H club. In 1986 Jane founded a local chapter of Pacific Riding for the Disabled, a program that provided therapeutic riding for persons with disabilities. Soon after, this fledgling program became an independent entity named the Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association (CTRA). [See the complete press release here.](#)

North Cowichan - Duncan Sport Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Sat. Nov. 14

Cowichan Golf and Country Club

\$15

Contact the Municipality of North Cowichan for details:

Ernie Mansueti,

Director of Parks & Recreation Municipality of North Cowichan

ernie.mansueti@northcowichan.ca | 250.746.3110

CVRD Wants Your Input on Curbside Collection Survey

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board of Directors has requested that CVRD Recycling and Waste Management staff conduct a survey of residents in the Electoral Areas to assess the interest of additional curbside collection services. The survey asks residents if they are interested in adding garbage collection (in areas that do not already receive this service from the CVRD) or garbage and organics collection to the existing recycling pick up.

<http://cvrld.bc.ca/index.aspx?NID=2012>

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