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3rd Annual Business Showcase is Fri. Oct. 23/15
Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn
Exhibitor Info & Schedule

With Thanks to:

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Celebrating 30 Years
Chamber Events & News

**Directors & Officers Liability Insurance with Don Hatton - Oct. 14**

Don Hatton of Hatton Insurance explains the who, what, when, why and, more importantly, "what if" of Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. Stepping up as a director makes an individual ultimately responsible for the organization's actions, successes, mistakes or misfortunes. This stands true whether the organization is a non-profit society or a business. Learn how to have the right safeguards in place to preserve you and your organization should the unanticipated happen. Lunch 'n Learns are casual, bring-your-own-lunch sessions.

**Directors & Officers Liability Insurance Lunch 'n Learn**

with Don Hatton of Hatton Insurance  
Wed. Oct. 14, Noon - 1 pm  
Sands Funeral Chapel, Trunk & Ypres  
Curb parking please  
Free to Members | $5 Non-Members (cash at the door)  
RSVP to chamber@duncancbc.ca or 250.748.1111

Thank you to Don Hatton for sharing his expertise and to Sands Funeral Chapel for providing their meeting room!

**Luncheon 5-Packs - Great Value & Flexible Too!**

Our new 5-packs are proving very popular. They are flexible - you are purchasing 5 seats - so you can use them in any configuration you choose, for anyone in your business or to bring a guest! We have a great line of speakers for the next 7 lunches. 5-packs are the route to go if you are considering attending 3 or 4 lunches this year, or wish to share among your office or, invite your clients.

Contact Elizabeth Croft to purchase your 5-Pack

Remember - we still require your RSVP for each luncheon you attend.

**Emergency First Aid for Industry - OFA Level 10 - Member Discount - Oct. 28/9**

This certification course meets first aid requirements for WorkSafeBC Occupational First Aid Level 1 and Canada Labour Code Basic First Aid. Upon successful completion, candidates will be issued a national St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid for Industry certificate, valid for 3 years, AND a CPR Level A certificate.
Suitable for learners 16 years and up. Supper included.

- Emergency scene management
- Shock, unconsciousness & fainting
- Choking in adults
- CPR with an intro to Automated External Defibrillators (AED)
- Severe bleeding
- Minor wounds & documentation
- Medical conditions

**Emergency First Aid for Industry (OFA Level 1 Equivalent) BC-ESO**

$85 Members | $95 | Supper Included
Supper Included | Accredited Training

Call St. Ambulance Directly to Register & State that You are a Chamber Member!
250-729-8889

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**Chamber Events 2015/16**

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Scotiabank Presents 3rd Annual Business Showcase

Now Wait-Listing Tables - Seminars, Luncheon & After Party RSVP’s Still Open
All tables are sold, and we are wait-listing prospective exhibitors. That said, we'd love to welcome you to the morning seminars, the Aerospace Luncheon and/or the After Party! There are tons of opportunities to participate - Showcase attendance is FREE. So be sure to drop by during the afternoon to connect with fellow members.

The Chamber's 3rd Annual Business Showcase is on Fri. Oct. 23 at the Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn.

Chamber News

All Candidates Forum - Record-Breaking Turn Out
Thank you Cowichan - more than 500 people came to listen and participate in the All Candidates Forum at the Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday night. Moderator Wade Simmons, of Amber Education, ran a tight ship so the candidates were able to share their platform and thoughts on many issues. See the article in today's Cowichan Valley Citizen. A big thank you to event sponsors, volunteers, the candidates and everyone who helped make a great event!

Sponsored by: Amber Education, Cardino Shoes, Cowichan Valley Citizen, Maple Bay Marina, Outlooks Menswear, Valley Life Insurance Solutions, and Unique Home Health Care.

Candidates for Cowichan-Malahat-Langford


Voter Information - Elections Canada

2015-2016 Board of Directors Elections Process - Now Accepting Nominations
Nominations are now being accepted to serve on the Chamber's Board of Directors. Those with interest and expertise in business, leadership or advocacy are encouraged to apply and serve on the Duncan Cowichan
Chamber of Commerce Board. For more information about the responsibilities and commitment of a Director, please contact Sonja Nagel, Executive Director, for more details and an application form. The Chamber's AGM will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 5:30 p.m. Quamichan Inn - more details to come.

Sonja Nagel.
250-748-1111

Chamber Column in OCT Business Examiner

Chamber column Business Examiner Vancouver Island

**BC Chamber Applauds Conclusion of Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)**

The B.C. Chamber applauds Canada's successful conclusion to the negotiations to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the economic benefit and jobs this trade agreement will bring communities and businesses in B.C. and business across Canada. The BC Chamber was a strong supporter of the need for a successful conclusion to these talks and as Canada's only Pacific province, B.C. businesses and residents stand to benefit significantly.

[Click here for the complete press release.](#)

Cdn Gov't Information on TPP

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**New Member Welcome Program**

The Chamber offers members the opportunity to reach out to new members. We prepare and distribute about 50 Welcome Packages for new members every year. Each new member receives a welcome letter, membership certificate and a selection of information about members' businesses and services. This may include information, offers, coupons, or other enticements. The package is often of particular interest to start-up businesses. Whenever possible, the package is personally delivered by Marilyn Cringan, the Chamber's Welcome Ambassador.

As of Oct. 1, the Welcome Package becomes a cost recovery program. For a nominal fee of $25 per year, members can include their materials in the Welcome Package. Because the package is personally presented, you can be sure that your materials will be highlighted and brought to the attention of the new members.

The Packages are well received - we often received a thank you email, in appreciation of the personal touch, and the valuable information.

**New Member Welcome Program**

$25 per year

*Put your business top of mind with new Chamber members*

Contact Elizabeth Croft at the Chamber
chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

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**Visitor Centre News**

**Halloween Train Tickets - Early Bird Savings**

Get your Halloween Train Tickets at the Visitor Centre to receive Early Bird Pricing. Plus, your ticket entitles you to expedited admission - meaning less waiting and more fun.

**Halloween Train 2015 - Early Bird Savings**

- Adults & Seniors $10
- Youth & Children $8
- 2 & Under Free

**Visitor Centre Hours**

Mon - Sat: 9 am - 5 pm

*Save up to 20% when you purchase early!*

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**Coming Soon**

**Cowichan Estuary Restoration & Conservation Assoc Fundraiser - TONIGHT - Oct. 9**

The Cowichan Estuary Restoration and Conservation Association (CERCA) invites you to their fundraising dinner to
support priority projects in the Cowichan Estuary. Guests will enjoy a fine dinner and art auction and spectacular views of Gulf Islands and Mount Baker at the Arbutus Ridge Banquet Room. An auction of exquisite original pieces of art will be the highlight of the evening presented by well-known artist, and witty auctioneer Will Millar. Grammy-nominated pianist Michael Creber provides the musical entertainment. RSVP's requested by Sept. 15.

CERCA Fundraising VIP Dinner & Art Auction
Fri. Oct. 9, 6 pm
Arbutus Ridge Golf Club
1500 Telegraph Rd.
$150 ea, Table Wine Included
RSVP: weber_beate@t-online.de | 250.748.4878
Please click here to share this invitation

Sponsored by Island Savings, a Division of First West Credit Union

Excellent Frameworks Grand Opening - Thurs. Oct. 15
Susan Kostiuk, new owner of Excellent Frameworks is proud to invite you to the Grand Opening of Excellent Frameworks - Home of the EJ Hughes Gallery on Thurs. Oct. 15, 5:30 - 9 pm. There will be two artists in attendance during the event, Diana Durrand and Morgan Saddington. Diana is a visual artist from Victoria and has just moved to Chemainus. Morgan is a local Cowichan Station jeweler who does one-of-a-kind designs. There will be signed open editions from E.J. Hughes, a special offer to guests in attendance, and a "mystery" door prize! Wine and desserts are on the menu as well. If that isn't enough to entice you, Under the Red Umbrella Artwalk is the same evening with more than a dozen local businesses featuring local artists work in their shops. Make an evening of it - dress warmly, watch for the red umbrellas outside participating businesses.

Excellent Frameworks Home of the EJ Hughes Gallery
Grand Opening, Thurs. Oct. 15, 5:30 - 9 pm
28 Station St.
info@excellentframeworks.ca | 250-746-7112

Come to the Grand Opening, and then tour Under the Red Umbrella Artwalk!

Wild Wings Festival - Art Exhibition Open Oct. 15 at Just Jake's
This year's WildWings Art Exhibition, put on in partnership with the Cowichan Valley Arts Council, will be held at Just Jake's Restaurant and will feature local artists renditions of nature and wildlife. The opening night cocktail mixer (October 15th, 8-10pm) will act as the after-party for the Duncan Business Improvement Area Society's Under the Umbrella Art Walk making for a fantastic night of culture in the heart of Duncan. Lastly, longtime weaver Maria Curtis will host a basket weaving workshop on the 18th where participants can learn to weave using local materials including invasive species harvested from the marsh.

Wild Wings Festival - Art Exhibition Opening
Oct. 15, 8 - 10 pm
Just Jake's Restaurant on Craig St.
Complete Details - Wild Wings Art Exhibition and Auction

This Just In ...

Social Media is Simple & Friends Present Instagram Training Session at the Old Firehouse - Oct. 21
Here is the latest training offering from Social Media is Simple, and it's going to be outstanding. Cory Towriss who looks after The Old Firehouse Wine Bar's Instagram account and Bob Ianson who is a photographer extraordinaire and owner of an awesome Instagram account, are going to explain Instagram 101, hands on, in the ambience of The Old Firehouse Wine Bar. The cost? Your time, the cost of lunch if you choose to order, and a donation to Toys, Toques, and Toiletries. Instagram is Particularly effective for the hospitality and retail sector: B & B's, restaurants, beverage establishments and accommodations.

Social Media is Simple - Instagram Seminar
Old Firehouse Wine Bar, Ingram St. & Canada Ave.Wed. Oct. 21, Noon - 1 pm
Click here for details & registration.
By donation to Toys, Toques & Toiletries

Brentwood College School All Candidates Forum - Oct. 13
Brentwood College School is pleased to announce they are hosting candidates from 4 major political parties in candidates meeting at 11 am - 12:30pm on Tues. Oct. 13 in the Bunch Centre For The Performing Arts on Brentwood campus. Seating is limited to 100 seats so please visit booking at theatre.brentwood.bc.ca
Brentwood College Candidates Meeting

Premier Christy Clark Keynote Speaker at VIEA Summit Dinner - Oct. 28
VIEA is pleased to welcome Premier Christie Clark as the keynote speaker at the Summit Dinner on Wed. Oct. 28. 2015. Premier Clark will address delegates gathered for the 9th annual State of the Island Economic Summit at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo.

Premier Christy Clark - Keynote Speaker - Vancouver Island Economic Alliance Summit Dinner
Wed. Oct. 28
Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo
Premier Clark's Appearance is sponsored by the Nanaimo Economic Development Corporation

Community Futures Celebrate 30 Years of Service
Community Futures Cowichan over 30 years has loaned more than $25 million to local businesses, helping to create and maintain 2600 full and part time jobs in our region. CF Cowichan has also initiated and/or funded hundreds of community projects, which have assisted in the creation of a long-term, sustainable business environment. You'll see Community Futures Programs and their clients represented at the Chamber's Business Showcase on Oct. 23. And be sure to stay for the Community Futures sponsored After Party ... and help Community Futures celebrate 30 years in Cowichan!
See the latest Community Futures Cowichan Newsletter Here.

CVRD - Bylaw No. 3931 - Arts & Culture Residential Tax - Public Input Required - Deadline Nov. 18
The Cowichan Valley Regional District is proposing to adopt "CVRD Bylaw No. 3931 - Arts & Culture Initiatives Service Establishment Bylaw, 2015", which would allow the Regional District to requisition up to $130,000 per year or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of $0.01029 per $1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements ($0.85 per $100,000 for residential property). The purpose of the Service is to support Arts & Culture initiatives and programs within the regional district comprised of Electoral Areas.
If you are opposed to the adoption of this bylaw, you may indicate your opposition by signing and returning this Elector Response Form to the Regional District office by 4:30 pm, Wed. Nov. 18/15.
Download the Elector Response Form

NuTech I.T. Solutions & Visual Edge Graphic Design Sponsor Gala Dinner for CWAV, Nov. 7 Tickets Now Avail.
George Gates of Nutech I.T. Solutions and Evelyn Koops of Visual Edge Graphic Design are volunteering their time and expertise with the Cowichan Women Against Violence Gala Fundraiser on Sat. Nov. 7, at Mellor Hall. We hope local businesses will come out and show their support. 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. Get your tickets and more details about the event from the CWAV website.

| Gala Fundraiser for Cowichan Women Against Violence |
| Meet Hon. Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Education on Wed. Oct. 21 |
| Members are invited to join the Cowichan Valley BC Liberal Riding Association for an evening at Merridale Cidery with the Honourable Andrew Wilkinson, MLA for Vancouver-Quilchena. He is a former physician, lawyer, Rhodes Scholar, Deputy Minister and is currently the MLA for Vancouver-Quilchena. He is smart, articulate, engaging and fun. He knows BC politics and Advance Education inside out. So if you want the inside scoop, come on out. |
| Meet & Greet - Hon. Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Education |
| Wed. Oct. 21, 6 - 8:30 pm |
| Merridale Cidery, 1230 Merridale Road, Cobble Hill |
| Tickets: $75 Available Online, partial tax receipt |
| Generous appies + complementary glass of finest cider. After that, a no-host bar. |

Teafarm in Fall - Open Thanksgiving Monday!
Ca tch up with the latest renovations, tea flavours and specials at Teafarm in their latest newsletter. Or order your favourite Teafarm tea online.

Member News

2016 Cowichan Vacation Guide & Online Advertising Opportunity - Deadline Oct. 30
Tourism businesses - get your message in front of a large, targeted and motivated audience! Combine print and online advertising for the best advertising value and advertise in the 2016 Vacation Guide. Travellers use the Cowichan Vacation Guide for trip planning and during their stay in the Cowichan Region. Click here for pricing and complete details. Chamber members can save with special pricing - contact Cathy Mailhot for details. 2016 Cowichan Vacation Guide - Reservation Deadline Oct. 30 cmailhot@tourismcowichan.com

Visits to Tourism Cowichan have increased almost 70% since the website launched last year!

Community Options Society - Fall Programs
The Community Options Society (COS) provides free counselling, and outreach and support services for youth and families. They are often the agency of choice with referrals from school counsellors, social workers, governments and others. However, no referral is necessary! Take a look at the programs below, and contact the Community Options Society for details or drop by and see if it's the program for you.

Click here to see the complete line up of COS programming. Improv Drop In - Wed. 4 - 6 pm Youth Wellness Drop In - Tues. 3:45 - 5 pm Parenting Course - Wed. 6:30 - 8 pm. Pls. call to register
Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association Receives Canada Post Grant

The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association (CTRA) has received $10,000 from the Canada Post Community Foundation. This funding will support the program in hiring a program assistant, and offering programs to 15 new participants. Often called a "therapy in disguise," therapeutic riding and equine-based therapies offer highly engaging opportunities for personal growth, empowerment, and social connection for participants. CTRA's program is made possible through the efforts of over 100 community volunteers contributing over 4000 hours of time each year.

Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association
1847 Tzouhalem Rd.
250.746.1028  |  info@ctra.ca

October is Small Business Month in BC

Small Business BC is celebrating Small Business Month with six new seminars and offering up a whole bunch of free seminars and webinars. Topics range from naming your business to financing, marketing to motivating employees. The seminars are offered live in Vancouver and via webinar for those who prefer to learn from home or abroad.

Small Business BC - Seminars & Webinars

Small Business BC is also launching this year's Small Business Awards - Nominations are open until Nov. 30.

Click here for details or to nominate.

Duncan Dynamic Gymnastics - Family Drop-ins - Come Play with your Child!!

Duncan Gymnastics is pleased to announce our newly formatted Family Drop-ins on Wednesdays and Fridays from Noon until 12:45pm. Ages: Crawling through age 5 and the parents too. That's right - *Everyone* gets to play now!!

$20 insurance per person the first time you come - this covers anything you do at the gym until August 31, 2016.

$6 per person session fee.

Duncan Dynamics Gymnastics
2687 James St (inside the Island Savings Center, James St entrance)
250.746.0193

Get Social for a Chance to Win Deluxe Emergency Kit from St. John Ambulance

Do you have questions about Emergency Preparedness? Send them to St. John Ambulance for a chance to win a Deluxe Emergency Preparedness Kits worth $87.95. This contest runs on Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to send your tweets with the hashtag "EPready, or submit to our Facebook page. Top Questions will be answered on emergencyready.ca during the week of Oct. 12

Get #EPReady & Win with St. John Ambulance
For a Chance to Win a Deluxe Emergency Kit
Submit your questions to Facebook or Tweet @SJA_BCYT
Watch for answers on our blog.

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