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## Chamber Events

### [More Than A Mixer at Cowichan Sound & Cellular Sept. 22](#)

Cowichan Sound & Cellular is hosting More Than A Mixer on Tues. Sept. 22. This is a themed event (but that's top secret for the moment!), with a Fitbit grand prize, and more fun. Chef Terry from the [OceanView Restaurant](#) in Cowichan Bay is making some special creations just for this event! And we'll enjoy [Cherry Point](#) wines. (There will be non-alcoholic options too.) Plus, Telus will be there with information about the recent upgrade that now supplies our area with high grade, super fast fiber optic technology - meaning more and better Internet access and communication for business and home.

#### **More Than a Mixer - [Cowichan Sound & Cellular](#)**

Tues. Sept. 22, 5:30 pm

951 A Canada Ave.

Free to Members & Guests

RSVP to [chamber@duncancc.bc.ca](mailto:chamber@duncancc.bc.ca) | 250.748.1111

### [Luncheon at Providence Farm - Sept. 24](#)

We are looking forward to the hospitality of the folks at Providence Farm on Thurs. Sept. 24. Guests will enjoy some farm to table menu items - grown right on site. We will learn about the suite of programs Providence provides to Cowichan, and why volunteers come from all over the world to contribute their labour and expertise.



#### **Luncheon at Providence Farm**

Thurs. Sept. 24

1847 Tzouhalem Rd.

11:30 Networking & Check-in | Noon Buffet & Presentation | 1 pm Wrap

Members: \$29 | Non-Members \$30

[Please register online](#), or contact [Elizabeth Croft](#) | 250.748.1111

*Providence Farm is a Therapeutic Community, dedicated to restoring the spirit & skills of those with physical, mental and emotional challenges. Programs include horticulture, art, woodworking, nutrition, textiles & more.*

### [Open House at Forever Fit - Sept. 30](#)

Forever Fit is having an Open House the evening of Wed. Sept. 30. hosted in Forever Fit's bright and airy neighbourhood fitness studio. This facility is designed and outfitted for fun, effective activities for every fitness level. You'll meet happy, long-term clients who make up the Forever Fit community. Host, Forever Fit owner, and accredited Fitness Expert Nancy McNeil will be there to share her expertise. Snacks and beverages (both alcoholic and non) will be served. Come join the fun and meet

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the members.

## Open House at Forever Fit

Wed. Sept. 30, 4 - 8 pm

5837 Brier Ave, N. off Tzouhalem just E of Lakes Rd. intersection

Please RSVP directly to Nancy McNeil of Forever Fit

250.510.0595 | [nancyisforeverfit@gmail.com](mailto:nancyisforeverfit@gmail.com)

## Chamber Events 2015/16

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| Oct. 28 & 29 | Lvl. 1 First Aid. Accredited & special Members-only pricing!                                                                                                                                                     |
| Oct. 6       | <a href="#">All Candidates Meeting</a> , Federal Candidates                                                                                                                                                      |
| Oct. 23      | <a href="#">Business Showcase</a> , Seminars & Monthly Luncheon: Marketing Analysis for Sm. Bus seminar; Digital Marketing for Sm. Bus, & Chamber Luncheon with Aerospace Industries Assoc. of Canada presenting |
| Nov. 4       | <a href="#">Introduction to Google Analytics with Radar Hill Technology</a>                                                                                                                                      |
| Nov. 24      | Chamber AGM                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Nov. 26      | <a href="#">Luncheon: John Elzinga of the CVRD presents on Sport Tourism</a>                                                                                                                                     |
| Jan. 28/16   | <a href="#">Luncheon: Steelhead LNG Presenting</a>                                                                                                                                                               |
| Feb. 18/16   | <a href="#">Luncheon: Mike Corrigan Pres. &amp; CEO BC Ferries Presenting</a>                                                                                                                                    |
| April 9/16   | Black Tie Awards 2016                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| April 28/16  | <a href="#">Luncheon: Greg Engle, CEO of Tilray (Medical Cannabis) Presents</a>                                                                                                                                  |

## All Candidates Meeting OCT 6

### All Candidates Meeting - Oct. 6

The Chamber is holding an All Candidates' Meeting for the Federal Election on Tues. Oct. 6, 7 pm at the Cowichan Performing Arts Centre. **This is a free, public event**; please mark your calendars.

Special thanks to **Amber Education, Cardino Shoes, Outlooks Menswear, Valley Life Insurance Solutions and Unique Home Health Care** for sponsoring!

### All Candidates Meeting - Federal Election

Tues. Oct. 6, 7 pm

Cowichan Performing Arts Centre

[chamber@duncancc.bc.ca](mailto:chamber@duncancc.bc.ca) | 250.748.1111



## Business Showcase

### Registration for 3rd Annual Business Showcase 36% Sold

Registration is now open for the Chamber's 3rd Annual Business Showcase on Fri. Oct. 23 at the Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn. The price is the same - just \$100 for a 6 or 8 foot table. Power is included on a first come, first served basis. This year we've added a second morning seminar and members can attend both sessions for just \$20. Similar last year, your registration includes attendance for 1 individual at both morning seminars. That's great value for your dollar!

The [Chamber luncheon takes place onsite](#), also on Oct. 23. We'll have a guest

[Province of BC - Business Management Tools](#)

## Opportunities

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speaker presenting on BC's Aerospace Industry, with an emphasis on the activity on Vancouver Island. Based on previous years' experience, we often receive registration requests after spaces sell out. So, check the information and your schedules - we hope we'll be seeing you at the Business Showcase this Oct. 23.

[Download Information & Registrations: 3rd Annual Business Showcase Oct. 23](#)

### **Community Futures Celebrates 30 Years - Nanaimo Chamber Event Sept. 17**

For more than 30 years Community Futures has been helping Islanders turn their business dreams into reality by providing business advisory services and access to capital. Community Futures Central Island and the Greater Nanaimo



Chamber of Commerce are hosting a celebration for Chamber members of all the island Chambers and their neighbour Community Futures organizations. Fittingly, the event includes a showcase of clients businesses and projects. This free event is at Nanaimo's Port Theatre the evening of Sept. 17.



#### **Community Futures 30th Anniversary with Nanaimo Chamber**

Thurs. Sept. 17, 4 - 7 pm

Port Theatre, 125 Front St., Nanaimo

Light appetizers, no-host bar

RSVP by Sept. 11 to [wanda@cfnanaimo.org](mailto:wanda@cfnanaimo.org)

*Don't miss Community Futures' Cowichan Celebration at the After Showcase Mixer, it's part of the Chamber's Business Showcase*

## Chamber News

### **Staples Advantage Program Additional Services**

Chamber members throughout BC have excellent savings when they sign up for the Staples Advantage Program. And they've just added flower delivery (to anywhere in Canada) to their services. Their newsletter, "EasyNews" also offers concise research and articles on workplace issues.

[Advantage Program for Chamber Members](#)

[Current Issue easynews](#)

### **Introducing Luncheon 5-Pack - Prepurchase Chamber Luncheons**

The new Luncheon 5-Pack is proving to be very popular - we've already pre-sold about 60 luncheon seats. Available in packs of 5, these prepaid seats can be applied to any Chamber luncheons during the 2015/16 season. They are transferable to anyone in your company ... just be sure to RSVP.

[Email Elizabeth Croft to Purchase Your 2015/16 Luncheon 5-Pack](#)

### Chamber Luncheons for 2015/16

Thurs. Sept. 24/15: [Providence Farm](#)

Thurs. Oct. 23/15: [Aerospace Industries Association of Canada Pacific](#)

Thurs. Nov. 26: [Sport Tourism in Cowichan, John Elzinga of the CVRD](#)

Thurs. Jan. 28/16: [Steelhead LNG regarding Malahat & Port Alberni projects](#)

Thurs. Feb. 18/16: [BC Ferries Pres. & CEO Mike Corrigan](#)

Thurs. Apr. 28/16: [Tilray CEO Greg Engle \(Medical Cannabis Sector\)](#)

## Visitor Centre News



### **Stats are in for August: Up 12 %!**

Last month, we serviced over 3800 visitors at the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre, up 12 % over August 2014. Additionally, we provided outreach in the community with our new Mobile Visitor Services program (provided through a special Pilot Project program with Destination BC). In August, we serviced 930 visitors out and about in the community at various events. Here we are at the Oceanfront Suites Cowichan Bay Dragon Boat Festival.

### **End of Season T-Shirt Sale - 40% Off**

We're having an end of season sale - 40 % off Cowichan and BC branded t-shirts. Pop by to pick up a shirt for yourself, family and friends (great gift ideas!)...sale pricing = shirts less than \$15! Volunteer Diane showing off our sale rack:



### **Firewood Permits Now on Sale at CRVC**

Firewood Permits for Island Timberlands Dahl Main are now available at the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre (CVRC) for cutting firewood this coming weekend: Sept. 5, 6, 7.

#### **Timberlands Firewood Permits Avail. Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre**

Pick-up load \$20 per day,

Pick-up & trailer load \$40 per day

*The CVRC is open 9 am - 5 pm, 7 days per week.*

## Coming Soon ....

### **Happy Birthday 105th Birthday to Samson the Steam Engine - Sept. 5, 6 & 7**

The BC Forest Discovery Centre is having a 3-day birthday party over the Labour Day Long Weekend. Samson, the World's Friendliest Steam Engine is turning 105! Tons of fun at this family event: Birthday Cakes & Singing at Noon each day, Cotton Candy, Crafts, Bar-B-Q, and Birthday Cards to colour and sign. Pay once, and attend all 3 days.

#### **Samson's 105th Birthday Party**

Sept. 5, 6 & 7, 10 am - 4 pm

BC Forest Discovery Centre, Bell McKinnon Rd. & Trans Canada Hwy.

\$8 Adults, Seniors & Youth | \$6 Children 3 - 12 | 2 Yr. & Under FREE | 105 yr. & Over FREE



# COME CELEBRATE SAMSON'S 105<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

## [Nominate a Tourism Industry Shining Star for a BC Tourism Industry Award! Deadline TODAY Sept. 4/15](#)

These awards recognize a business or individual who raises the bar and surpasses industry standards. Nominations are being accepted for the 2015 BC Tourism Industry Awards in the following categories:

- Employees First Award, sponsored by go2hr
- Customer Service Award, sponsored by WorldHost
- BC Destination Marketing Organization Association Professional Excellence Award, sponsored by Simpleview
- Innovation Award sponsored by FCV Technologies
- Remarkable Experience Award sponsored by Destination Think!

Awards will be presented at the Gala Awards Evening on October 20th, 2015 at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

### **[BC Tourism Industry Award - Nomination Deadline Sept. 4](#)**

## [Times Colonist Cowichan Feature Advertising Opportunity Booking Deadline - Sept. 10](#)

This is the last Cowichan feature of the year - Thurs. Sept. 17. The piece will focus on food & drink of Cowichan and the Savour Cowichan Festival. Be sure your ad is in front of more than 250,000 readers who are motivated to explore Cowichan. Save up to 60% off regular ad rates - starting at just \$78!!

### **Times Colonist Cowichan Feature - [Ad Rates & Sizes](#)**

To reserve your ad space contact

Martin Olivier, Times Colonist Advertising Sales Representative:

[molivier@timescolonist.com](mailto:molivier@timescolonist.com) | 250-380-5243

Deadline to reserve ad space is **September 10**.

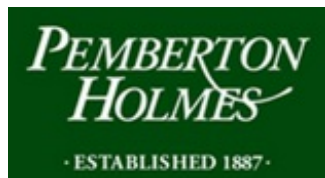
Please call Cathy at Tourism Cowichan, 250-510-5586, for any questions.

## **This Just In ...**

### [Cowichan Therapeutic Riding - Job Opening - Program Assistant](#)

The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association is looking for a dynamic individual to join our team. The Program Assistant serves multiple roles within the organization. The Program Assistant's primary duties are to work in the capacity of reception and administrative assistance.

[Click here for complete job description and posting.](#)



### [Jackie Wood, Pemberton Holmes Enhances Online Resources](#)

Jackie Wood of Pemberton Holmes has added a mortgage calculator and blog to the website - to help prospective home buyers sort out their options. See Jackie's blog for an overview of the current market and other helpful information.

[Mortgage Calculator](#)

[Jackie Wood Pemberton Holmes Blog](#)

Contact Jackie Wood 250-710-5282

## [Ken Lavigne Performs at Red Serge Dinner - Supports Tour de Rock - Sept. 29](#)

The Red Serge Dinner has very special guest this year - Ken Lavigne will be performing! The dinner is being held at a

NEW location - Mellor Hall at the Cowichan Exhibition Grounds. Cocktails start at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and the amazing musical stylings of Mr. Lavigne at 7:30 pm. There are lots of ways to help the kids and get something great for yourself with a raffle, and silent or live auction items. Tickets are on sale now and cost just \$40. You can purchase your ticket in any of these convenient locations: Coast Capital Savings Branches, Canadian Cancer Soc. at 394 Duncan St., 89.7 Juice FM, and the RCMP Detachment.

Ken Lavigne Performs at Ted Serge Dinner - in Support of [Tour de Rock](#)

Tues. Sept. 29, 5:30 pm

Mellor Hall, Cowichan Exhibition, 7380 Trans Canada Hwy.

For details contact: David Armstrong 250.701.4101 | [jbaker@vistaradio.ca](mailto:jbaker@vistaradio.ca)



### **[Trans Mountain Expansion Project - New Procurement Newsletter.](#)**

Trans Mountain has launched a [procurement newsletter](#) with the latest information on the estimated construction schedule, procurement objectives and the products and services they will need. If approved, early works could begin in June 2016, followed by pipeline construction in Sept./16. The Project is anticipated to require approximately \$4.5 billion in goods and services. If you see products or services you can provide, [register online here](#).

All individuals and businesses signing up through the registry will receive a call from the procurement team and receive additional information.

**[Trans Mountain Expansion Project - Procurement](#)**

**[Procurement Newsletter](#)**

**[Register as a potential provider](#)**

### **[Exclusive Limited-Time Offer from St. John Ambulance FREE Wall-Mount for New AED's](#)**

Purchase a new Powerheart® G5 Automated Electronic Defibrillator between Sept. 1 - Nov. 30/15 and get a security-enabled wall-mount cabinet FREE - a \$249.00 value!\*

**[Click here for the details, and to order.](#)**

### **[Cowichan Valley Arts Council \(CVAC\) Launches Word & Vision Exhibit and Book Sept. 9 - 29](#)**

The Cowichan Valley Arts Council is launching the exhibit A Vision of Words and their newly published companion book "Word & Vision: Creative Collaborations". The Exhibit shows collaborative works from writers and visual and performance artists. The show runs from Sept. 9 - 29 at Portals in James St. The book launch is the opening night of the show, Sept. 9. 6:30 - 9 pm.

**[Word & Vision Book Launch & Exhibition](#)**

Opening Night Book Launch on Sept. 9, 6:30 - 9 pm

Exhibit runs Sept. 9 - 29

Portals, 2687 James St.

### **[Cowichan Estuary Restoration & Conservation Assoc Fundraiser - 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 by Sept. 15: [weber\\_beate@t-online.de](mailto:weber_beate@t-online.de) | 250.748.4878

**[VIEA OCT 28 and 29 - Are you planning to attend?](#)**

Vancouver Island Economic Summit is Oct. 28 and 29 in Nanaimo. Great line up of keynote speakers and concurrent sessions, including:

**[Tackling the Downside of the Tourism Upswing](#)**

Registration available for the 2-day Summit [here](#)

**[United Way Kick-Off Pancake Breakfast & Fundraiser - Sept. 19](#)**



The United Way Kick-Off Breakfast takes place in Charles Hoey Park, in downtown Duncan. You'll enjoy live entertainment, 50/50 draw, and raffles. Breakfast available by donation. This fun family event runs Sat. Sept. 19 from 9 - 11 am.

**[United Way Kick-Off Pancake Breakfast & Fundraiser](#)**

Sat. Sept. 19, 9 - 11 am

Charles Hoey Park in downtown Duncan

250.748.1312

**Member News**

**[Small Business BC participates in Business Showcase Duncan, and MyBiz Day Vancouver Island](#)**

We are partnering with Small Business BC as they will be facilitating one of our morning sessions at

**[Business Showcase on OCT 23](#)**

Small Business BC is also reaching out to small businesses on Vancouver Island. They will be offering a FREE full day event which will include a mix of education, workshops, interactive sessions, and networking - **Nanaimo, OCT 21 8:30 - 5:00**. Check it out at [MyBiz Day Vancouver Island](#).

**[Open House - Friendship FUNdamentals Learning Center Sept. 11 - 14](#)**

Chamber members are invited to the Friendship FUNdamentals Open House on Sept. 11 - 14. Drop in anytime between 10 am - 2 pm each



day. Located on an idyllic 5 acres in Maple Bay, the Centre supports home schooled children - special needs children develop the ability to learn social thinking and self regulation skills. FUNdamentals Learning offers behaviour support, family therapy and group recreational activities. The children participate in organic gardening, building projects, animal care, and they learn about the environment. Facilities include an indoor and outdoor sensory gym, workshop, and greenhouses. Come by during the Open House Sept. 11 - 14 to see all Friendship FUNdamentals has to offer.

**[Friendship FUNdamentals Learning Centre](#)**

Open House - Sept. 11 - 14

6616 Genoa Bay Rd.

250.221.0679 | [jaimhhh3@hotmail.com](mailto:jaimhhh3@hotmail.com)

*Ribbon Cutting at Noon on Sept. 11*

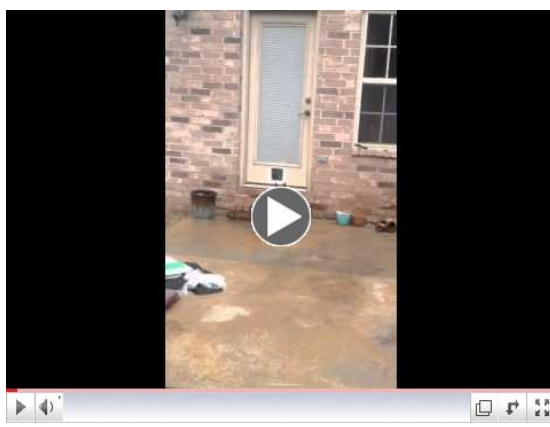
**[Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Associations' Annual Round-Up Fundraiser - Sept. 26](#)**

The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association (CTRA) is excited to announce that they will be holding their second annual Round Up Fundraiser on Saturday September 26 2015. This year's event will be a dance party held at the Eagles Hall in Duncan (2965 Boys Road, Duncan) and will feature the live rock stylings of local band Thor and the Thundercats. Other event entertainment includes raffles, door prizes, and a silent auction. CTRA is looking to raise funds to cover the costs of feeding the association's charity horses. The goal is to raise \$35,000 - enough to feed the entire herd for a year.

**[CTRA's Annual Round Up](#)**

**Amazing Video**





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