



Shawnigan-Showe'luqun Focus

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"The hottest time of the year"

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Be Safe on the Lake!

Boating Licence Requirements:

- All motorized boats and PWCs (Personal Watercraft) in BC powered by 10 horsepower or more are required to have a Pleasure Craft License.
- All Canadian boaters, operating pleasure craft are required to obtain a boating license... To operate any brand of (PWC Examples: Jet Ski, Wave Runner, or Sea- Doo), you must be at least 16 years of age and carry a valid Pleasure Craft Operator Card with you.
- Not having the required Pleasure Craft Operator Card or proof of competency on board = \$250 fine

Boating Equipment:

- A Canadian-approved flotation device or lifejacket of appropriate size must be available on the boat for each passenger on board.
- Equipment required on board pleasure crafts of any size, including non-powered: Buoyant heaving line at least 15 metres in length. Watertight flashlight or Canadian approved flares – Type A, B or C. Sound-signaling device (example: a whistle).

Towing a water-skier, wakeboarder, kneeboarder or other towable device requires the use of a spotter. A spotter is a person who observes the person being towed.

- A spotter must be in the boat at all times
- The towing vessel must be equipped with an extra seat for each person that is being towed in case an emergency recovery is necessary.
- Only personal watercraft designed to carry three or more people can be used for towing a water-skier
- The person being towed must wear an approved flotation device (a 'ski belt' is not considered to be an approved flotation device)
- Do not tow water-skiers between one hour after sunset to sunrise
- It is a criminal offence, as governed by the Criminal Code of Canada, to tow a person after dark
- Boating while impaired is an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.
- While it is possible to pull a skier behind a jet ski, by law it must be a three-seater. This is because you need a driver, a second person to be a spotter and room (a seat) to recover the skier or every person on the flotation device. To pull a 150-200 pound skier, you should ideally have a 110 horsepower (or greater) jet ski.

Operators with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood are liable to the following fines:

- 1st offence: at least \$1,000 fine
- 2nd offence: at least 30 days of imprisonment
- 3rd offence: at least 120 days of imprisonment

Consumption of Alcohol on Boats Alcohol may be consumed on board the pleasure craft if it meets all of the following conditions:

- The vessel has permanent sleeping facilities
- The vessel has permanent cooking facilities
- The vessel has a permanent toilet

- The vessel is anchored or secured alongside a dock

Paddleboards

- Stand Up Paddleboards require, at a minimum, a Personal Flotation Device, a floating throwing rope and a sound signalling device. A watertight flashlight is required for low light or nighttime conditions

- Option 1 – Wear a lifejacket with a whistle (no buoyant rope required).
- Option 2: Carry a lifejacket on board with whistle and a buoyant heaving line.
- Option 3 – No safety equipment which carries a fine of \$200- \$500 for non-compliance.

The RCMP is the law for all the above infractions on Shawnigan Lake.

Please share with visitors and guests. Download HR map:

<https://shawniganfocus.ca/resources/2024/WelcometoShawnigan.pdf>

Welcome to Shawnigan

Things to Do

- Kinsol Trestle
- Mason's Beach
- Shawnigan Museum
- Shawnigan Wharf Park
- Provincial Park
- Hike Mt Baldy
- Trans Canada Trail
- Memory Island Park

On the Water

- Everyone loves cruising in their boat and looking at houses. Please remember to occasionally look behind you and minimize your wake when you are within 30m (100ft) of shore.
- Big Wake sports should be contained (start and stop) inside the Green areas on the map. All water sports should happen between dawn and dusk (1 hour after sunset.) Enjoy!
- Please make space and watch out for Swimmers and Non-powered watercraft; they ALWAYS have the right-of-way
- If you have a stereo, please use it responsibly; Loud music travels much further over water.
- Got a fast boat? Be advised the maximum speed on the lake is 65 km/h (40 mph or 35 knots)
- Please limit your maneuvering in shallow water (5m / 15ft or less.) There are lots of unmarked rocks/trees and we do not want to disturb the fish beds or the weeds. *Do your part to stop the spread of Milfoil!*
- If you brought it with you, please pack it out again.

Non-Emergency Numbers;

RCMP	(250) 743-5514
Ambulance	(250) 746-4233
Fire	(250) 743-2096
CVRD	(250) 746-2500

R.A.P.P.
Report All Poachers and Polluters
Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
1-877-952-RAPP (7277)
Cellular Dial #7277

EMERGENCY: 911



South Cowichan Library

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Summer Reading Club starts July 2. Drop in for trading cards, scavenger hunts, weekly activity sheets, prize draws, and more!

The Raptors are joining our Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Party, 2:30-3:30 on Friday, July 5. Have a snack, make a craft, collect another trading card, and see some birds up close!

Stuffie Sleepover: drop off your most social stuffie for a late night party! Drop off by 3pm on Monday, June 15, and pick up Tuesday along with a booklet showing what they all got up to.

Button Making: Bring a picture or draw one and turn it into a button to wear! Come by between 11am and 2pm on Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27.

Baby Laptime this fall: We are planning a special Baby Laptime series to bring together babies and

seniors for songs, rhymes, and bounces through a partnership between Acacia Ty Mawr and Vancouver Island Regional Library. We're building connections in our community and bridging the gap in generations! Families interested can contact the South Cowichan library in Mill for details.

Library Mouse is hiding in a new spot each week, all summer. Write down where and enter a draw.

LEGO® Club happens every Tuesday, 2-5pm. We provide the LEGO (and Duplo) and you supply the imagination. Come ready to build! This is a free, drop-in event.

Intermediate Conversational Spanish meets 6:30 to 7:30pm on Tuesdays. Drop in to practice Spanish in a casual setting.

Conversational Scottish Gaelic. Halò. Learn and practice Scottish Gaelic with others! Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm.

Intermediate Chess meets Wednesdays at 1pm. For experienced players looking for matches.

Shawnigan Focus Weather—June 2024

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network and Weather Underground
Reported by Grant Treloar

	June Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Butler Road		Museum		Shawnigan Average	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Average High	20.2	21.4	24.0	21.0	23.4	20.7	24.0	21.3	23.0	21.1	22.4
Average Low	10.0	9.8	10.3	9.9	9.8	7.3	7.9	10.0	11.1	9.3	10.6
Extreme High	40.5	30.7	30.8	29.0	30.4	29.6	32.5	29.8	30.4	29.8	29.0
Extreme Low	0.0	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.1	2.8	3.5	6.0	7.6	5.0	6.0
Precipitation	40.0	62.8	35.8	41.2	25.9	53.0	28.7	42.8	28.5	50.0	30.0
Days w precip	11	10	2	9	3	9	4	9	3	9	4
Year Precip	631.7	780.9	604.8	588.1	453.7	654.0	541.5	592.5	435.4	653.9	449.2

Rank since 1914: 45th warmest, 21st wettest

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Lake Temperature	15°	17°	18°	19°	19°
Lake Level Change	-1 cm	+1 cm	-2.5cm	-3.8cm	-3.8
Surface Elevation	116.29	116.31	116.28	116.24	116.21

June 2024 was duller, slightly wetter, with close to normal temperatures. June 1st, 2nd and 3rd were the wettest days of the month with light showers happening on a few days for the rest of the month. Two long dry periods happened between the 5th-13th and the 18th-25th. Precipitation for the month was a bit above normal.

There were two minor heat spells between the 7th-10th and then between the 19th-21st. Warmest day of the month was on the 21st. There were two days when the temperature exceeded 30°, 7 days over 25°, and 16 when the temperature reached 20° or more. Coldest night was on the 6th.

Overall there were 4 clear days, 14 partly sunny days, 2 cloudy days, and 10 days with precipitation.

Precipitation for the year is close to normal — much wetter than this time in 2023. Water temperature at the end of June is running a couple of degrees below the 22° average and the lake level, controlled by the weir is running right on normal.

Tired of Getting Nothing for Your Taxes?

Sierra Acton
CVRD Director for Shawnigan Lake

20 years from now can you see Shawnigan Lake with safe roads? How about just well-maintained roads? What would it be like to have your roads plowed the day it snows? Dare I say, sidewalks in the village? We have a vision of a safe, beautiful, healthy community. Right now, our municipal services are provided by a regional district that is legislated to provide limited and restricted services. Our roads are owned and maintained by the Provincial Government. As an unincorporated area, our services and local government operate very differently than the municipal model that many people are used to. How can this governance model meet the needs of our community when we are bigger than 60% of the municipalities in the Province? Are we fine with the status quo? A municipality uses growth and development to get amenities such as parks, sidewalks, sewers and water

systems. However, in our current system we can't even build sidewalks, never mind require them. Development is happening regardless of the fact that we don't have a sewer system, sidewalks, safe roads, stormwater management, etc. Who will pay for it in the end? My guess is that we will. What will that do to affordability? Did you also know that I am only one vote at a table of 16? In a municipality, they usually have a Mayor and 6 Counsellors, all elected by the community. In a Regional District, it's an amalgamation of Mayors, Counsellors and Area Directors from the whole region. Myself being the only one you elected to represent the community of Shawnigan Lake, but 15 other votes hold just as much strength. Here's the breakdown of votes for all issues including those that are local to Area B;

Municipalities:

- Town of Lake Cowichan - 1 Director (Mayor of Lake Cowichan)
- Town of Ladysmith - 1 Director (Mayor of

- Ladysmith)
 - City of Duncan - 1 Director (Mayor of Duncan)
 - Municipality of North Cowichan - 4 Directors (Mayor and 3 Counsellors)
- Electoral Areas**
- Area A (Mill Bay / Malahat) - 1 Director
 - Area B (Shawnigan Lake) - 1 Director (Same population as Ladysmith and smaller population only to North Cowichan who gets 4 votes.
 - Area C (Cobble Hill) - 1 Director
 - Area D (Cowichan Bay) - 1 Director
 - Area E (Cowichan Station / Sahtlam / Glenora) - 1 Director
 - Area F (Cowichan Lake South / Skutz Falls) - 1 Director
 - Area G (Saltair / Gulf Islands) - 1 Director
 - Area H (North Oyster / Diamond) - 1 Director
 - Area I (Youbou / Meade Creek) - 1 Director

What can you do to help shape a better future?

In the coming months the CVRD is conducting a community issues assessment. This is being funded by the Province so they can get a better understanding of how to help our community and what challenges we have with the current governance model. Go to planyourcowichan.ca to register for

information and be sure to participate. I also encourage you to go to open houses when developers hold them. Silence is a tacit form of approval. It is up to each and every one of us to help shape the future of our community. As always I'm available, Sierra.

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VICTORIA AQUA SKI CLUB
ANNUAL NOVICE TOURNAMENT

SHAWNIGAN LAKE, AUGUST 16TH, 17TH & 18TH

3 EVENTS

Trick * Jump * Slalom

FRIDAY | REGISTRATION - 5PM TILL DARK
* \$40 for First Event * \$5 for each Additional Event *
(t-shirt included for all registered participants)

ALL COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE
WSWBC Membership / Registration - REQUIRED - \$40

SATURDAY | SUNDAY - 7AM START TILL 4:30PM
* Tricking * Jumping * Slalom *
PRIZES & AWARDS

SATURDAY NIGHT - 6PM
* POT LUCK DINNER *

EVERYONE WELCOME - FREE ADMISSION
2586 Lavinia Road
(off Munsie Road - limited parking)

CONCESSION * SILENT AUCTION * CLOTHING SALES

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Maple Bay

Robert Amos
Artist & Author

In January 1996 Pat Salmon called to ask if my wife Sarah and I would join her and E. J. Hughes for lunch at Maple Bay. Naturally, we agreed. By arrangement we met them in the parking lot of the White Spot in Duncan. When they drove up in Hughes's Jaguar Van Den Plas, Pat offered me the keys, thinking I might like to get behind the wheel of a new "Jag". I deferred to Sarah, who was happy to drive us all to visit Hughes's home, and then to Maple Bay.

There were lots of scenic things along the way, the late winter bushes showing lovely warm neutral colours against the blue hills. Approached down a steep hill, the shoreline at Maple Bay was fronted by a scenic roadway with a pub and restaurant at the north

end and a public wharf at the centre.

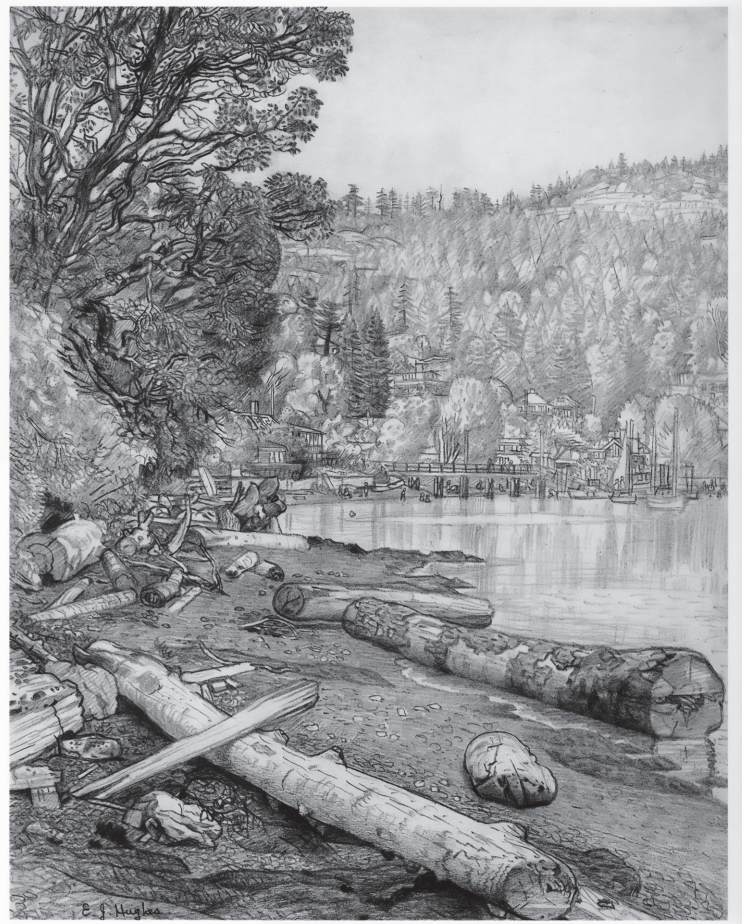
Upon arrival, we went into The Brigantine Pub for lunch. I suggested that our table there would be a nice warm spot to sit and paint from, with a view over the bend of bay, a well-placed arbutus tree and Mt. Maxwell in the distance. But Hughes let me know he would never want to paint in a place where people could look over his shoulder.

Hughes asked if I would like a drink, though it was early in the day. He told me that if he drank anything in the daytime it made him lazy and put him right off painting, but as he wasn't going to get back into the studio that afternoon he could allow himself a glass of wine. His schedule was to paint in the afternoon, six days a week, taking Sunday off. He asked if I had tried a white wine called Toscana, a BC wine which he recommended.

After our lunch we drove from Maple Bay to Genoa Bay and Bird's Eye Cove, with Pat up front and Sarah at the wheel. Hughes and I were in the back seat. He was eager to show us as many of his sketching sites as he could. I had never expected to be sitting side by side with him, looking at his chosen landscapes and seeing them as if through his eyes.

Hughes drew the vertical view of Maple Bay illustrating this story from the front seat of his car in 1970. In this case, Hughes did not write his colour annotations on the sketch, making it a work of art on its own. His handling of the change between the calm water of the bay and the place where it is gently ruffled with a breeze is exquisite, as is the attention he paid to the logs washed up on the shore. This image became an oil painting in 1972, and then a watercolour in 1998.

Vanguard Magazine



E. J. Hughes Maple Bay (1970) pencil

featured the painting on the cover of the issue of 10 December 1981, to highlight an article about Hughes by Anthony Robertson titled "A Pensive Clarity". Later, it was printed on the front of the menu for a banquet

to honour the visit of the Queen Elizabeth II to Vancouver in 1983. It's one of my personal favorites and I used it across from the "author's biography" page in my 2023 book, *E. J. Hughes: Life at the Lake*.



St. John's Academy Spotlight Shawnigan Lake



Visit our website for additional information:
www.stjohnsacademy.ca



It's a win-win! Seawolves of Shawnigan Lake Win & Expansion Update

Known to be smart, hard-working and resourceful, the Seawolves at St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake (SJASL) are growing. With the kick-off of a new school year just two months away, we're excited to see the return of the growing boy's academy and the start of a football academy for girls.



As the first athletic brand for the school, we are proud of what they have accomplished to date. In May the St. John's Football Academy won their first ever tournament. The boys won 2-0 in the finals of the 2024 Canadian Club Championship in Kelowna.

Curious? The Football Academy fee includes:

- A culture of character and showcase opportunities.
- Partnership with professional team Pacific FC (2021 CPL Champions and 2022 Concacaf League, Round of 16)
- Expert coaching (Jamar Dixon) guest appearances from coaches and professional players.
- Access to advice from professional footballers.
- Academy kit.
- Equipment.
- Transportation to professional facilities.
- Education at an IB accredited school.

For more information Jamar Dixon, Academy Director, Jamar.Dixon@stjohnsacademy.ca

SJASL is currently taking applications for the 2024-2025 academic year.

We're in our fifth year of operations and as an International Baccalaureate (IB) Accredited school we offer BC curriculum to Grades 4 through 12, enhanced by the framework provided through the IB's Middle Years Programme (MYP) for Grades 6-10.

At SJASL students have three graduation pathways.

1. A full IB Diploma and the BC Dogwood.
2. An IB Certificate for individual Diploma Programme courses and the BC Dogwood.
3. A BC Dogwood.

Hello Shawnigan Lake!

We are wishing everyone a safe summer. The team at SJASL will be enjoying much deserved time off with family and friends, and recharging. School will be back before we know it.

Thank you for a great year. So much took place - the Mary Poppins play, the Fun Fair, the growth and success of the Football Academy and so much more.

Mark Your Calendars

August 29th - New Student Orientation Day

September 10th - Parent Community Engagement Group (PCEG) Meeting

September 18th - Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Advisor Night for Students and Families

September 19th & 20th - Eco Camping Trip for Grades 4 to 7

September 26th & 27th - Eco Camping Trip Grades 8 to 10

For weekly updates and day-to-day happenings, follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

For a tour of the campus please contact:
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Education can change the world.

Shawnigan Focus

Safer Roads Start with Me

Sarah Davidge-Cardinal
SCCP

Have you stopped to think about how the traffic has increased in our communities?

Have you stopped to think about the amount of motor vehicles incidents?

Have you stopped to think about what part of the safer roads in our community can you contribute to?

When you wake up in the morning, are you leaving your house knowing that you need to speed all the way to your destination, or have you given yourself enough time to get to their safely, taking in to account that there may be areas with construction, turkeys crossing the road, or a four legged family out

socializing?

As we come to realize that sharing the road is critical to the safety and wellbeing of our community families, both two and four-legged, are we willing to plan extra time for safety driving habits?

Let's talk about the effects of speeding. As you continue to accelerate with your foot on the gas pedal, travelling down one of the twisty turns that make up our beautiful community roads. Your vehicle goes over the solid line onto the shoulder, only to connect with a cyclist who has chosen to support our environment by cycling to their destination. Let us stop and think about this scenario; the cyclist has now been hit, thrown off their bike, and medical

emergency personnel are responding at the scene. Now you are two hours late with serious injuries both to a human life, and the impacted parties' emotional state/wellbeing. Just some food for thought. Instead of accelerating on the gas pedal like you're Mario Andretti driving on a racetrack, you made some better driving choices. You took your foot off the gas pedal, reduced your speed and safely stayed within your driving lane as your approach that curvy-windy corner and then continue on your merry way with no casualties. Would this not be a more productive day for both you and others that you are sharing the road with?

When we think about driving our vehicles,

whether it be a truck, car, or motorcycle, are we aware that this is a weapon which has the ability to cause life threatening injuries and even death to those we share the road with. What would happen if we stopped to think about how "Safer Roads Start with Me" as we continue to our destinations. How about when you are cycling, walking, skateboarding, jogging, or out walking with a stroller or a four-legged family member? Are we paying attention to do our part to share the road with oncoming traffic? Are we using the crosswalks provided in the safest way? Are we choosing to make eye contact before stepping out in front of an oncoming vehicles rather than assuming they have already seen us, and that we can safely cross? Reflecting on these



important questions can foster change in our daily road use routines. So, as you sip on your morning coffee or tea, pause for a moment and ask yourself these questions: What am I contributing to the safety of this community? Is there anything that I can do differently?

Safer Roads Start with Me Working together to promote safety and awareness where we live, work and play.

Volunteer with us at sccp@shaw.ca

Who Knows About the Roots of Sylvan United Church?

Judy van der Boom
Sylvan United Church

The church is a wonderful labour of love by its congregation. In the early years, settlers came with their religious beliefs

and needed a church to gather in and conduct their services.

Through the years, two churches in Shawnigan Lake amalgamated to become the Shawnigan Presbyterian Church

which changed name when it was decided that Canada needed one United Church, composed of several protestant churches. Later, Mill Bay United Church and Shawnigan United Church decided to become one congregation.

In 1954 the construction of our church in the heart of Shawnigan Village was started and officially welcomed our congregation in January 1956. We worshipped in our church until 1999 when it became apparent that we needed a larger facility as our congregation had outgrown its home. Sourcing a property, finding architects, and ultimately building our new home took time, so while waiting for our new church to finish being built, the congregation met every

Sunday in the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre. In 2004 our new home was finished.

Twenty years ago, on November 22nd, our new church was dedicated, a home for our congregation. Some community members may remember the Sunday morning "Pilgrimage" along Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road to the new site, Sylvan United Church.

This and other fascinating facts are included in a book that a workgroup put together to commemorate this happy event. Many members submitted articles and memories for this historical book that became a lovely recount of an event that is close to our hearts. I'm

sure those who have lived in this area for generations may recognize some of the folks in the photos and remember the events. To those who are new to the area, this book is a wealth of information. Currently, we are taking pre-orders at \$25 each. To place your order please contact: admin@sylvanunited.ca

Join us for our annual summer Raspberry Tea and Quilt Show on Saturday, July 27 from 2-4 at our home at 985 Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road. At a minimal cost of \$10, you can enjoy tea and homemade raspberry shortcake before or after a walk around our home and property viewing the work of congregational and community fabric artists.



Eco Ways to Stay and Play

Marcy Fenske
Shawnigan Basin Society

There are many opportunities for visitors and permanent residents to show their love for Shawnigan Lake by being mindful of the impact of our activities and prioritizing ecological sensitivity in everything we do. In addition to providing a habitat for aquatic, amphibious, bird and terrestrial species, the lake provides drinking water to over 12,000 people.

Human waste and septic systems. Don't poop in the lake! Maintain your septic system by ensuring holding tanks are emptied, drain fields functioning. Be mindful of what goes down the drain (chemical products). Foreshore vegetation and

landscape planning does make a difference. Check out our Natural Edge Foreshore Restoration Program, we can help!

Avoid use of chemical fertilizers/herbicides/pest control. Everything eventually ends up in the lake through ground absorption and runoff. Fertilizers create nutrient loads that allows invasive species like milfoil and toxic algae to flourish and greatly degrades water quality. Herbicides kill more than intended targets and can decimate insect populations. Rodent poison can inadvertently kill predatory birds and carnivorous mammals that feed on them.

Fire safety. Approximately 53% of our watershed is comprised of industrially

managed forests that are different than mature, biodiverse natural forests that retain and hold moisture throughout dry months. As a result, there are vast sections of surrounding forest that are extremely vulnerable. Abide by posted fire risk levels and open fire regulations. Use of recreation trail vehicles with hot exhausts also poses a risk. Please dispose of cigarettes/cigars responsibly.

Water conservation. Follow staged level water restriction guidelines. With minimal to zero precipitation during the summer months, creativity is key. Reduce household water draw (intermittent flushing, low flow faucets, shorter showers). Irrigate landscaping with grey water within 24hrs for non-edible

plants/shrubs or recaptured kitchen water (washing fruits/vegetables, cooking water from vegetables/pasta). Collect water while waiting for it to warm or cool. Water before 9am and after 7pm to avoid loss through evaporation.

Sunscreen use. Use mineral sunscreen or physical blocker (clothing/hats). Long sleeved SPF Child/Youth Shawnigan Basin Society shirts available in some local stores or contact us! We'll get you set up!

Garbage and recycling. Store food waste responsibly - it attracts animals and increases risk to them/us. Do not litter, pick up what you can. Report dumping/polluting using the RAPP program. Recycle - especially plastic, flexible packaging, styrofoam, batteries and propellant/oil/fuel/paint containers.

Human powered motion. Walk, run, bike, blade, skateboard, scooter, swim, paddle boats and boards.

Boat care and use. Maintain your boat - mechanical systems and exterior hull. Clean - Drain - Dry. Please be considerate of noise, excessive speed and wake creation. Keep waste in your boat.

Support the human ecosystem and buy local from independent farmers/producers, businesses, restaurants, museums and environmental societies in the village and surrounding areas. They appreciate it!!

Learn. Ecology is the study of interconnected relationships of living organisms and their environment, including us. Learn about nature. Everything is connected!

In Praise of our Youth

Kim Barnard
*Founder-President-
 StoryGatherer*

“We See You!” We recently enjoyed a delightful afternoon at the St. John’s Academy Paddle-a-thon, cheering on the students and sharing our stories at our information table. Picture a spirited race afloat, amongst all manner of watercraft, that began well in advance with a challenge to collect pledges to help the work of our Shawnigan Lake’s Rotary EcoClub! Many thanks from all of us!

“Support Local” Through coordinating Duncan Rotary’s “Student of the

Month” awards on behalf of our sponsor club, I’ve met extraordinary young people who gladly gave of their time and talents, led by example, and faithfully volunteered. To our youth here in Shawnigan who merit similar recognition, especially in stewardship of our shared environment, we salute you! Watch for a Shawnigan EcoClub Awards launch.

“Growing Connections” This month we get to harvest at the FKSS Student Gardens for the Mill Bay Food Bank. We are also looking for collaborations to help us connect young gardeners with a special garden revitalization project

being proposed at the Trillium (formerly Acacia) Lodge. Please reach out to become a part of this caring initiative.

“Yes We Can!” Funds for our Planting Projects are growing through the Return-It South Cowichan July Charity-of-the-Month program - an easy no-sort dropoff! We also celebrate collaborations with Mason’s and the Black Swan Pub, with Return-It bins and a Rotary seacan arriving soon! Thank you to the Legion for recommending us for the Victoria Depot’s collection route. Your container donations will be spent to help keep



“Cheering!” - Kim and Gordie at the St. John’s Academy Paddle-a-thon on June 20th, 2024

Shawnigan beautiful! “Look Out!” Thank you to everyone who looks out for our kids, and helps get great things started. Try volunteering together or getting out for a friendly

disc golf game - visit our website for tips. We are always on the lookout for community champions who know how to have fun!
www.ShawniganRotaryEcoClub.ca

Shawnigan Residents Association

Paul Jolicoeur
SRA Member

The Shawnigan Residents Association’s AGM was held June 20th at the Shawnigan Community Centre, and it turned out to be the last day of service for three longtime Board members who

have given so much to the community. Gary Horwood, Alex Acton and Dinah Clark announced that they were finishing off their years of service to the community that they love. Devoted to the betterment of the citizens of Shawnigan Lake, along with the entire Board of

Directors, they focused on tending to the good health of our dear lake and protecting the beauty we are blessed with in the village of Shawnigan Lake.

Anyone who has served on a committee knows how challenging it can be. The challenges that the SRA face in our sweet village are numerous, and

opinions as to how issues should be addressed are numerous as well. Gary, Alex and Dinah are to be thanked and commended for giving so much of their energy and time over the years, and for standing tall for Shawnigan... even when so many of us stood on the road to block trucks from bringing contaminated wastes into

our beautiful Shawnigan Lake. Now the Board needs some “new blood”... energized and committed people to come forward to fill in the gaps left behind, and we need new SRA members to support the Board through the challenges ahead. Please consider getting involved. Many thanks to the remaining Board members...and thank you, Gary, Alex and Dinah.

Shawnigan Lake
MOVIE in the PARK

TOP GUN
 @
Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park
Saturday, July 13th
Field OPENS 7:30 - MOVIE @ Dusk ~ 9:15
ENTRANCE by DONATION
 REMEMBER . . . bring your lawn chairs, blankets, whatever makes you comfy!
 YES - there will be a Portable Cession for snacking.
www.shawniganlakecommunityassociation.ca
 SLCA - Shawnigan Lake Community Association
 Sponsored by Cowichan Valley Employees CUPE Local #358
 with the support of the Province of British Columbia




Shawnigan Lake Fire Department

Phone: (250)743-2096 Non-emergency: (250) 812-8030 shawniganfire@shaw.ca

June 2024 Report

Department Members Attended 34 Incidents in June

- Saturday, Jun 1 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Jun 1 - Assistance on Courtney Way
- Sunday, Jun 2 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Monday, Jun 3 - 1st Responder off Silvermine Rd
- Tuesday, Jun 4 - 1st Responder off Elford Rd
- Tuesday, Jun 4 - Hydro Lines on Ida Rd
- Tuesday, Jun 4 - 1st Responder off Lovers Ln
- Wednesday, Jun 5 - Vehicle Fire on Sarita Rd
- Thursday, Jun 6 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Jun 6 - MVI on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Friday, Jun 7 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Friday, Jun 7 - 1st Responder off Harvey Rd
- Saturday, Jun 8 - 1st Responder off Empress Rd
- Saturday, Jun 8 - 1st Responder off Empress Rd
- Saturday, Jun 8 - 1st Responder off Silvermine Rd
- Sunday, Jun 9 - 1st Responder off Heald Rd
- Sunday, Jun 9 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Sunday, Jun 9 - 1st Responder off Filgate Rd
- Sunday, Jun 9 - Bush Fire on Renfrew Rd
- Sunday, Jun 9 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- Monday, Jun 10 - 1st Responder off Sylvester Rd
- Tuesday, Jun 11 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Jun 11 - Hydro Lines on
- Tuesday, Jun 11 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Tuesday, Jun 11 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Jun 13 - Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Friday, Jun 14 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Jun 15 - 1st Responder off Elford Rd
- Saturday, Jun 15 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Jun 20 - MVI on Thain Rd
- Saturday, Jun 22 - 1st Responder off Heald Rd
- Monday, Jun 24 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Jun 25 - Burning Complaint on Memory Island
- Wednesday, Jun 26 - Alarms Activated on Fitzgerald Rd

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Summer Solstice

Jennie Stevens
CSAG

Cowichan South Arts Guild hosted a warm welcome to Summer, this past Solstice, under our beautiful timber framed Shawnigan Pavilion at Elsie Miles Park. Cowichan Folkdancers joined musical friends this year for the regular seasonal singalong, and also taught a few lively dances to the enthusiastic group who attended. For more information about local arts programming, contact: hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com



Opinion—Restore Rail

Eric J. Ronse
Shawnigan Lake

I am amazed that the issue has not been debated on the floor of the House of Parliament!

It goes without saying that I am a proponent to see the rail line rehabilitated and used for transportation which would see a significant decrease of vehicular

traffic, and its attendant fuel emissions, on the Malahat Highway!

To give some perspective, France runs a busy, underground train line some 225 km long. London's is 400 km.

What would be the cost of remediating our above-ground line?

We should also include the positive monetary

impact that visitors to the Island would contribute to the coffers of government.

This is not simply a rail line left to deteriorate as it is now. It is shameful that no one in a position of power has taken the reins to restore the line. It could be electrified further reducing our footprint so often referred to.

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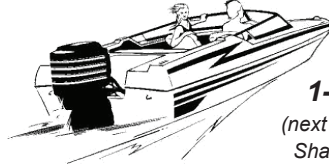
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- **CVRD Director for Shawnigan Lake Area B**
Sierra.Acton@cprd.bc.ca
- **Area B Parks Advisory and Area B Advisory Planning Commission**
https://www.cprd.ca/list.aspx# (sign up for meeting notifications)
- **CVRD Public Input to the whole Board**
LegislativeServices@cprd.bc.ca
- **Shawnigan Improvement District**
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- **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
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museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com (web): shawniganlakemuseum.com
- **Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)**
For info: (web): *www.thesra.ca*
- **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**
Contact: *bburr@shaw.ca*
- **Shawnigan Basin Society**
#102-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: *info@shawniganbasinsociety.org*
- **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: *ysagssl@gmail.com (web): blog.ysag.ca*
- **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**
Contact: 250-929-7222(web): *southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca*
- **Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134**
Saturday Meat Draw 3:00-5:00pm. Contact: *rc134@shaw.ca 250-643-4621*
- **Cowichan South Arts Guild (CSAG)**
Contact: *hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com (web): cowichansouthartsguild.com*
- **Shawnigan Quilters** - Wed. 9-2 at Lion's Hall (former Sylvania School)
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5 Weeks to Go!

Lori Treloar
Executive Director
Shawnigan Lake Museum

We live in a community that is passionate about Shawnigan Lake!

The Shawnigan Lake Museum exists to share that passion, and to celebrate the rich history of the area through the stories of people and places and how those stories fit into the larger historical context.

The Shawnigan Lake Historical Society was established in 1977 with the purpose of opening a museum. After a few temporary locations, the museum found a permanent home, in 1983, in the original Shawnigan

Lake Firehall. Soon after, the Society decided that the building needed an expansion, but it didn't happen. Almost 30 years later, the expansion topic resurfaced. The museum was at capacity and it was a challenge to offer programming and events in the space. In addition, there were no accessible washrooms. As part of the expansion, two public washrooms for the village have been included. Access is from the back of the building, facing Elsie Miles Park, and these will be managed by the CVRD.

The lead up to Project Impact (the expansion of the museum) began with a personal \$100k donation. The funds that were raised

are a combination of generous donations from community members and supporters, grants that were written and fundraising events. When we started the campaign to expand, the estimate was \$950,000. Then it was \$1.4 million. After Covid, it was 1.9 million and when we went to tender, in 2023, it was 2.4 million. It turns out that the full project costs will be closer to \$3m. To get the project started, we had to cut some features. With the addition of another successful grant, we were able to add back some of those features, but they came at a higher price. We have worked very hard for the last 5-6 years to make this expansion a reality. We are now roughly five weeks away from the completion of construction!

It is very exciting, and we hope that the new space will surprise and delight, but there is still a lot of work to be done before we can invite the community to the Grand Opening, which will likely be sometime in September. In the meantime, there is a lot of re-organizing to be done before we can open.

We continue to fundraise, as there are many things



that we need for the new building. Let us know if you can help...we can issue tax receipts for any amount over \$25.

The museum is a great place to contribute to the community. We

will have a Volunteer Recruitment session on Saturday, July 13th from 11-12, in the theatre in our current building. Let us know if you are interested in attending by emailing museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com



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