

SPRING NEWSFLASH

Hello, members and volunteers!

It looks as though winter may now be behind us, and we can jump into spring! So exciting to see that yoga is now available regularly at the Centre, and that spaces are available to sign up! connect@alignwithjessica.com

The Chemainus Arts group will be hosting a show from May 3rd through 5th, in the gym, and you are invited to come by and see some local talent, and enhance your art collection. A nice gift for Mother's Day, perhaps? 7-9 p.m. on Friday, the 3rd, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, the 4th and 5th.

Tuesday's Quilting group is also very busy, with many new projects on the go. Knitting, weaving, fibre artists of all sorts are always welcome.

Our resident Massage Therapist, JEM Massage, is available for appointments. Call (250) 245-0808.

As the May 6th Nanaimo-Ladysmith Federal By-election draws near, candidates are scheduling public meetings in the gym, and knocking on doors. It was inspiring to hear MP Elizabeth May rave about our community centre when she was here on April 5th. Saltair appreciates her efforts to mitigate the idling of ships off our fragile coast line, and her taking petitions to Ottawa on our behalf.

Our very first inaugural Seedy Sunday was held at the back of the gym, outside on Sunday April 7th, with a great turn out from families and aspiring green thumbs. Thanks to the Sandpiper in Chemainus for the Gift Basket donated for our raffle to support the new community gardens at the southeast corner of the building. A marvelous educational opportunity for everyone, but especially the children in the daycare, one of our anchor tenants. You will see fences being moved to create more parking at the west side, and a new play area for the daycare developed on the east side very soon. The community gardens are being spear headed by Judith (250) 616-7060, so give her a call if you want in on the action. Plans are under way for a first meeting of those interested on April 29th. If you have hoses or tools to donate, please let us know. We hope that excess

produce will be given to the Food Banks, and flowers given to shut ins and local hospices, as available. Looking for wood to frame the gardens, and some fencing material, too!

May 1st will be a meeting of the Ratepayer's Association at 7 pm in the gym. New members welcome.

Friday, May 10th, starting at 9 a.m., we will host The Village Project all day. This is an educational and interactive program to address reconciliation and the 94 Calls to Action. "Cultural Connections has a story to share about reconciliation: its highs and lows, the emotions it stirs up and unimaginable gifts. A team of Cowichan Elders will take you through the story of the first 145 years of Canada's history and into the era of reconciliation. Participants will laugh, reconsider, reflect, answer some tough questions and perhaps inspire a few new ones. \$40 includes lunch, morning snacks, tea and coffee. Payable through EventBrite or at the door."

April 26th at 11 a.m. will be the official opening of the Saltair/Chemainus Corridor of the Cowichan Valley Trail (Cook Street Entrance).

Coming soon = WiFi will be installed at the Centre very soon. Members, send in your info for the next News Flash, events, ideas, etc. We want to make our Community Centre a hub for great things. 778-927-4991.

