



THE eAGLE eye

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Eagle Bay Community Association

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Future Focus- Eagle Bay Community Association

submitted by Cathy Wolf on behalf of the Eagle Bay Community Association

After a very busy holiday summer at the Hall, we shift gears to welcome our local summer.

Directors move forward with plans for the coming year and begin the conversations about how well we are serving the community. What needs to change and what needs to remain. Directors also consider the long-term needs and opportunities of Eagle Bay homeowners and visitors. We are listening and watching provincial, district and local conditions.

Congratulations to our Area C Director, Marty Gibbons for being acclaimed in the October CSRD Elections. Marty has accepted our invitation to join us for our October Board Meeting to talk about his work over the last term and what he is looking forward to in his next term, particularly as it pertains to Community Associations.

In preparation for planning, Directors have taken up a variety of roles and responsibilities to ensure that our work is purposeful, meaningful and valuable. Directors have stepped forward to fulfill the current positions listed on the next page.

Our work is guided by our constitution and by-laws, which are reviewed as needed at our Annual General Meeting. The British Columbia Government regulates our activities through its Societies Act and, as a registered charity (847961281), we are also

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accountable to the Federal Government Regulations regarding registered charities and to the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) for all funds and tax receipts we issue.

We hope that our planning is well informed and to that end, we invite our readers to offer their thoughts and ideas. We are a volunteer Board, and we are, as you see, a working Board. All Directors take on leadership roles for the events and activities that are offered and we welcome volunteers and leaders from our community to join in and be part of what makes for a safe and caring community.

If you have thoughts or comments, we welcome them. It is gratifying to see that new volunteers have come forward this year to help in the bottle depot, the kitchen, and with set-up, clean-up tasks. It is greatly appreciated.

We will be having a volunteer appreciation event in 2027 to thank those of you have made time to be a part of our events. We also have had a number of donations come forward from community members. They significantly help in maintaining our \$50,000.00+ operations expenses for the hall.

Directors will be discussing and signing up for events for 2027 at our next Board meeting. We have put together a tentative list of possibilities. Take a look at the next page and feel free to provide your thoughts and comments to any of our Board Members.



eAGLE BAY
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE

President: Cathy Wolf
Vice President: Brian Howley
Treasurer: Linda Lemon
Secretary: Don Loerke

ROLES

Director Of Operations: Brian Howley
Director of Emergency Services: Connie Hundseth
Director of Grounds: Wendy Crawford
Director of Memberships: Don Loerke
Director of Hall Rentals: Geneva Whynot
Director of the Bottle Depot & Recycling: Paul Wolf
Directors of Music & Theatre: Geneva Whynot & Brian Howley
Director of Food Services: Cathy Wolf
Director of Licensed Beverages: Robert Kunka
Directors at Large: Kelly Geraghty, Wanda Parker, Rita Hart
Community Leader - Communications: Margaret McCormick

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2027 CALENDAR KICK OFF DISCUSSION

March Kick off to the season with Bingo

April will be our month to host the Spring Vendor Market. This event has proven very successful with over 25 vendors participating and an enthusiastic crowd ready to see what is available.

Mothers' Day Breakfast will again be offered in **May**. Of course, we also want to begin our Music Café series in May and will have more information for you on that soon.

We are thinking of changing up the Fathers' Day event as our turn-out for the past two years has been low. Any ideas??? Music Café for **June** is a winner.

July will begin with our AGM - hope for a big turn-out, followed by Bingo later in the month. We don't want to run interference with the "Roots and Blues" weekend in Salmon Arm so we will not be hosting a Music Café.

Eagle Bay Day maintains our tradition of 77 years in early **August** followed by an end of the month Music Café. We are also looking at hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Event in August while many folks are still here.

There has been a suggestion that we host a potluck dinner followed by a karaoke night in early **September**. What do you think? Any interest there? Bingo night is also being planned for mid-September and we will be wrapping up our Music Café series at the end of the month ...but wait

October can once again host "The Mike Is Yours" for our local and not-so-local talented musicians to take the stage. We will need a community sponsor for this event. Volunteers???

Mid **November** has been targeted for our last Bingo Night of 2027 and we will continue to have our Family Christmas event in **December** - with perhaps a potluck lunch??

What about **January** and **February** you say? Well, we need suggestions and ideas. Perhaps some cooking classes, garden experts to offer ideas for the spring, movie night? What else??

Directors will be publishing a plan in the November Eagle Eye so you can mark your 2027 calendars. Give it some thought and let Directors know.

EAGLE BAY ACTIVITIES

HALL ACTIVITIES

Quilting

Mon 10-2ish
Inez 250 675-4531

Crafts

Combined with Quilting until further notice

Eagle Bay Explorers

Back September 8th
Kat 778 549-8111

Fitness

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9-10:15 am
Wanda 250 675-5098

Eagle Bay Music Café

4th Saturday (except July)
May, June,
Aug, Sept
5:30-9pm

September Bingo!

Close to 50 either lucky (or unlucky) players joined caller Sam for the September Bingo. All reports indicate a great time was had by all and a first - six players shared the final grand prize pot!

As always, a big thanks to our volunteers who made the night so much fun!



EAGLE BAY EXPLORERS ARE BACK!

It feels like we simply blinked and September has come and gone!

Eagle Bay Explorers are enjoying the start to the Fall immensely. This month has held activities such as Kayaking at Eagle Bay Camp, playing some soccer and basketball together, learning about matter, and adventuring to the first look-out spot of the White Lake Lookout hike.



A lot of fun has been had already and even more so with the addition of a few more families this year. May next month be as wonderful as this one!



This month we salute our Eagle Bay Music Café volunteers.

What a season. Five events. Five sellouts. More than \$10,000 in net profit raised for the Eagle Bay Community Association. And, most importantly, five really fun evenings that brought our community together.

We started the season with Chris Stevens and Friends for Greek Night, followed by Mike Gouchie and our Country BBQ. Summer brought Marina Funky Time for Italian Night and the Dixie Fried Hep Katz for Country Roast, before Down Yonder returned to close out the season with Bluegrass Night and homemade perogies.

Of course, none of it happens without volunteers, and we had a pretty remarkable crew behind this series.

Cathy, Tracey and Rita led the kitchen, supported each month by a great group of helpers who somehow managed to feed a sold-out hall and make it look easy.

Robert and Shannon kept the bar running, with Shannon's Featured Cocktails becoming a Music Café attraction all on their own and, quite possibly, responsible for a good portion of that \$10,000!

Nigel stepped in to run the door and ticket sales, while Paul and Brian took charge of the 50/50 at every event and somehow managed to raise more money each time.

Linda handled the money for us, which may not be the most visible job in the room, but it is certainly one of the biggest and most important.

And then there were all the people who set up tables, decorated, served food, washed dishes, worked the bar, sold tickets, cleaned up and jumped in wherever they were needed. It truly took a team every single time.

I've had the pleasure of coordinating the Music Café series, from booking the bands and promoting the show to pulling all the moving pieces together for each event. As I step away from that role, I'm especially pleased that we now have such a strong model in place for the next coordinator to build on, along with a volunteer team that already knows how to make these evenings work.

To every volunteer, musician and guest who helped make the 2026 Music Café series such a success, thank you.

Five sellouts, more than \$10,000 raised, and a whole lot of good memories along the way.



EAGLE BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eagle Bay Fire Department Open House

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it out to our annual Open House on its rescheduled date. It was great to see everyone! The weather cooperated and it was a great day of fun and food.

Eagle Bay Fire Department STSS Accreditation

On September 15th, with the help of the Shuswap Fire Department and the White Lake Fire Department, we completed our skills refresher for our water shuttle accreditation. We are grateful to have such wonderful mutual aid partners.

Thank you, Eagle Bay, for being mindful when the emergency vehicles are on the road and pulling over to let us pass so that we can respond to an emergency in a timely manner. It's greatly appreciated.

Chimney Fires

Every year, we receive callouts to attend to chimney fires. With the cooler weather coming, it's a good time to have your chimney cleaned to ensure a safe and warm fall and winter. In addition to the regular key chimney fire prevention strategies:

- Keep a fire extinguisher or fire blanket nearby for small fires.
- Avoid overloading the fireplace with wood, which can increase flue temperatures and creosote deposition.
- Ensure that all household members are aware of fire safety procedures and emergency exits.



By following these steps, homeowners can significantly reduce the risk of chimney fires, protect their property, and maintain a safe, efficient heating system.

Open Fire Bans - Rescinded

All Open Fire (Category 1, 2 & 3) restrictions are rescinded as of Friday, October 2nd at noon.

Please remember, anyone lighting a Category 3 fire must first obtain a burn registration number by calling 1-888-797-1717 or complete the online registration form.



EAGLE BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT



Total Call Outs 2026 = 17

Fire Department Personnel

Firefighters: 20

Junior Firefighters: 3

First Responders: 5

Total: 28

Recruitment

EBFD is actively seeking new members to join the Fire Department. If you would like more information, give us a call and we will discuss what's involved in joining. Call Stephen at: 250-209-2450.

John Edry - Fire Chief

Email: eaglebayVFD@csrd.bc.ca Cell: 250-515-4790

Facebook: www.facebook.com/EBFireDepartment

EAGLE BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Submitted by Michelle DeFrene

"But you do not know what will happen tomorrow! Your life is like a mist. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away." James 4:14

I recently watched an interview where a woman made the statement that she didn't think that most Christians really believed what they claimed to believe. Her reasoning was that if they truly believed in the teachings of Jesus their lives would look completely different, and honestly, she's not wrong. Imagine for a minute that you were able to travel back in time fifty years. Investment would be a no brainer. There would be no need for caution, you could go all in without fear of loss. You'd be crazy not to! According to Google a one thousand dollar Apple investment in 1985 would be worth approximately 5.6 million dollars today.

The bible teaches, "Don't store treasures for yourselves here on earth where moths and rust will destroy them and thieves can break in and steal them. But store your treasures in heaven where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them." Matthew 6:19-20

We know that our time on earth is short. Many of us would say we believe in a next life, but what priority is placed in preparing for it? Most of us spend our lives preparing for a future that is not guaranteed. The tongue in cheek quote "You never see a hearse pulling a U-haul" is true. One of the shortest parables that Jesus taught was on this subject. "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. One day a man found the treasure, and then he hid it in the field again. He was so happy that he went and sold everything he owned to buy that field." Matthew 13:44

This parable is about recognizing that God's kingdom is higher in value than anything else in life. Having money isn't bad. Placing money in priority above God is where the issue lies. "The love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Timothy 6:10

This verse is often misquoted to say that money is the root of all evil but that isn't what it says. Money is amoral. Where we place it in priority in our heart becomes the issue. What things do you treasure most in life? Where does your time, attention, money etc. show that you place your value? Just as a time traveller would want to make whatever temporary sacrifices they needed to scrape together every possible cent to invest in a sure bet, we too can invest in the future with confidence. Now is the time to prepare. This isn't about somehow buying our way into heaven.

That's not possible. It's about where we place our value and our focus. Tomorrow isn't promised to any of us. Take some time today to take stock of your long term investments.

EAGLE BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

This month we said goodbye to the Denhollander family who have moved on to the next chapter in their lives in Enderby. They have played a very key part in the revival of our little church over the past few years and will be dearly missed.



The church enjoyed a fall kickoff hot dog roast at the Nickel's.

AREA C DIRECTOR REPORT

With provincial and local government elections taking place in October, I will pause Area C News while I meet with Area C residents and stakeholders to gather input and help shape our goals and vision for the next four years. Throughout this work, I will remain guided by my three fiscal responsibility principles:

1. Will this create value for Area C taxpayers?
2. Does this service fall within the scope or jurisdiction of local government?
3. Is this an efficient and effective use of your tax dollars?

As always, I encourage Area C residents to contact me with questions or input on our community's goals and vision. You can reach me at mgibbons@csrd.bc.ca or 250-463-1484. Wishing everyone a happy and safe October,

Marty Gibbons, CSRD Area C Director



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