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Fintry Delta, November 20, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith. Did you know that all our photos are submitted by readers? A whole year of spectacular photos from readers

– thank you very much. Your beautiful shots capture the very best of Westside, both before and after the devastating wildfire this summer. Your photos have made this paper so much better and we regularly receive great comments about the fabulous pictures in every edition – indeed, we have a reputation for having great photos! Don't forget to vote for "Best Cover" in the annual Reader's Choice Awards – voting on now and for the whole month.



# the westside ANNUAL READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

voting on throughout December, results in January

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Deer family in Fintry Delta. November 20, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged

by the way its animals are treated."

– Mahatma Gandhi

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#### Rants & Raves

ALL RANTS are the opinion of the individual and do not reflect the opinions of THE WESTSIDE POST. The editor reserves the right to edit for good taste and otherwise, for clarity, brevity, so please keep it short and [bitter] sweet.





Unfortunately common and problematic sight in the woods off Westside Road.
November 25, 2021, Wilson's Landing.
Photos submitted by reader, see RANT.





"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

— american author H. Jackson Brown, jr.

RAVE BIG RAVE to the Westside community! You guys helped Jennie Henderson and her 3 Chicks Walk Into a Bar co-hosts raise \$14K for uninsured families who lost their homes – 14 families will each receive \$1000 before Christmas. Wow, great job and well done, this will make a difference for so many. THANK YOU WESTSIDE. [Jennie, Westshore Estates]

RAVE Hi to The Westside Post.
Here's a wee donation for the paper with thanks for your dedication and selfless work. It looks wonderful. Can't wait to read my horoscope, it's been spot on last two issues. I do the crossword in one sitting with a cuppa in the morning.
[Nick, Vernon]

RAVE Hopefully the remediation is going well and everyone will be back home soon! Thank you for sending along the link for a sneak peek, as always everything looks so great. Always puts a smile on my face to see our ad in your paper [big smile] from a Friend of The Westside Post, [Nicole, The Property Guys, Kelowna]

RAVE The paper looks great and there's lots of good information in there. Nice work. Your readers appreciate your efforts. Take good care of yourself.

way xast sputa? Merry Christmas [Mandi, Westbank First Nation]

RANT >> Abandoned car has been in hills behind Wilson's Landing for several months. RCMP & RDCO are aware and hopefully it will be removed. Houseboat illegally moored off Bear Creek Provincial Park broke loose in November storm. It serves to show why such moorages are not permitted. Attached photos are only some of the garbage left behind in the hills. Not a pretty sight. [Karen, Wilson's Landing]

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? westsidepost@icloud.com

# **I WESTSIDE**





**Fall Harvest in the Okanagan.** Photos courtesv Sammie Hoffman.

**DID YOU KNOW** all the photos in each edition are sent in by readers? Send in your favourite photos to: westsidepost@icloud.com

hello readers and Season's Greetings,

I hope this finds you well in these difficult days of recovery. Wishing you health and every happiness in the New Year.

I'm writing to you this month from ... wait for it ... my home! I've been driving back once a month to deliver the paper and have otherwise been living at my family's farm west of Calgary, with Miss Betty and cat Gatsby. I felt lucky that I had somewhere to go. Evacuated on August 6 and finally back, living it up with internet, phone and potable water. It has been an exceedingly difficult 3 months and 12 days and I'm glad to be home.

Killiney Beach feels different. Very still. The birds are gone. A strange quiet has come over my neighbourhood, and maybe even Westside as a whole? From my front window, the outside is a flurry of white that temporarily hid the black of the wildfire for a day. Half my street is still standing, half my street is completely gone. From the top of Killarney Way to the south, every which way you look is devastating: black sticks for trees, grey ash covering the ground, homes burnt to the foundation, red fire retardant, burnt out cars, half burned logs, appliances, melted phone and electrical wire. It's hard to take in.

According to the annual **Reader's Choice Awards**, *Pet Pics* are the favourite feature in this paper. For 5 years in a row! See page 14 for the new resident and friend to Miss Betty. That said, the much-anticipated annual **Reader's Choice Awards** are on! Voting is on all month with real-time results. Vote for your favourite local businesses, final results featured in the January edition.

A sincere thank you to everyone mentioned on page 3 – your generosity, support and contribution has made our community paper possible.



As always, I look forward to your comments and please let me know if you'd like to see anything in particular, I'll do my best to get it. Happy reading,

katherine payne writer, pet lover, volunteer.



#### letters to the editor

We welcome all letters and submissions. Preference given to concise submissions, maximum 150 words and please stick to local issues. We do not accept or read anonymous letters, and may edit for length, legality, taste, grammar and clarity. Common sense will prevail in this plain language liability statement.

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- Lake Okanagan Resort
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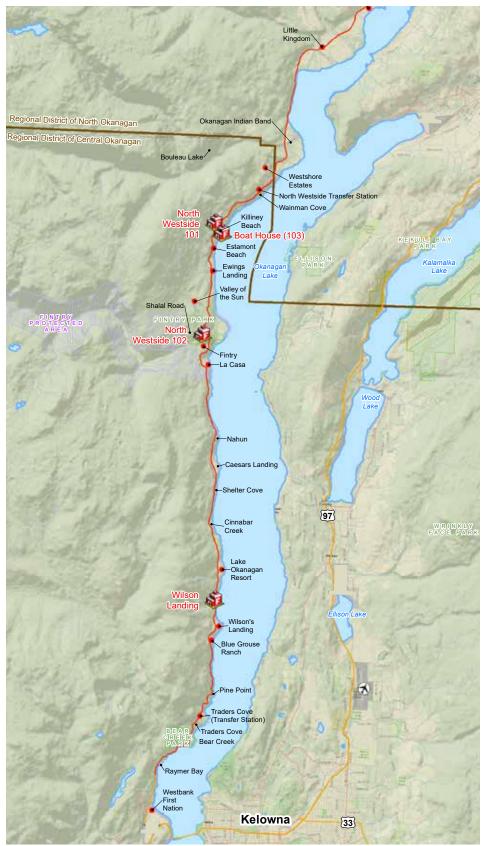
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- thanks to Dave Orlando at RDCO map update underway, should be ready for next edition



#### headline highlights from around the province & nation

by reader request, headlines gathered over the last month from local and national papers, press releases, CBC and others

#### Do you have flood insurance?

Only 5% of people live in homes that have such a high risk of flooding that insurance isn't available. Yet, only half of Canadians have overland flood insurance – and that's more than double compared to 20% in 2017.

### Okanagan chief questions sincerity of possible visit from Pope

'I wouldn't be worried about our forgiveness. I would be worried about ... the crimes that were committed in God's name,' says OKIB chief.

### A billion trees planted will benefit BC for generations

British Columbia has planted more than one billion trees since 2018, including 301 million trees this year.

### New affordable rental homes coming to Vernon

Families, seniors and people with disabilities in Vernon will soon have additional rental homes they can afford as construction begins on a 13-unit housing project in partnership with the Okanagan Village Housing Society.

### BC to phase out all mink farm operations

"Mink farming continues to be a health hazard ..." says Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry. The Ministry of Agriculture made the decision to phase out these farms over the next two years and end this inhumane, unhealthy activity.

#### New high school in West Kelowna

"The need for this new secondary school is incredibly urgent," says Board Chairperson, Moyra Baxter.

# Government takes action on old-growth deferrals

The Province will work in partnership with First Nations to defer harvest of ancient, rare and priority large stands of old growth within 2.6M hectares of BCs most at-risk old-growth forests.



OKIB announced it reached an agreement to purchase 2,310 acres of land — the O'Keefe Range for \$26.8M. OKIB chief and council settled on the purchase agreement, however, in January 2022, the Okanagan Indian Band community will vote on whether they should proceed with the purchase. "I believe it is our duty to return this land to the original owners," said chief Byron Louis.

### Provincial state of emergency declared

Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, made the declaration on Nov. 17, 2021, effective immediately. The BC government declared a provincial state of emergency to mitigate impacts on transportation networks and movement of essential goods and supplies, and to support the provincewide response and recovery from the widespread damage caused by severe flooding and landslides in British Columbia.

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#### **news & notes** from around the district

the Regional District of Central Okanagan encompasses over 314,000 hectares of diverse topography straddling the shoreline of Okanagan Lake



Views from Fintry Delta. November 20, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith.



DID YOU KNOW Narcan is available to BC First Nations at no cost. Nasal Naloxone is available to First Nations Health Authority clients. Adding Nasal Naloxone as a drug benefit is intended to save lives.

Naloxone has a serious side effect: IT SAVES LIVES.

#### WFN news highlights

#### Health & Wellness Christmas closure

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to ensure your needs are considered during the Christmas closure. It is important to plan ahead and arrange for alternate care or services. Our office will be closed at 4:30 pm on Thursday, December 23, 2021, and will re-open at 8:30 am on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. During the closure, a staff member will be available to accept phone calls during regular business hours.

#### Covid 3rd dose vs. booster dose

The WFN health team will be holding 2 small Booster Vaccine Clinics for Indigenous WFN Elders 55+ and the members of their households. Clinics in the Siya room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Community Services building:

- Monday, December 13: morning
- Tuesday, December 14: afternoon

A member of the WFN health team will be contacting all eligible Elders 55+ to book an appointment for those that want the booster shot.

#### WFN hires new Chief Financial Officer

Westbank First Nation (WFN) is pleased to announce that Jim Bauer, CPA, CMA, has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer for WFN commencing November 29, 2021.

#### Masks mandatory at WFN buildings

Reminder that a non-medical mask or face covering is required to be worn in all WFN operated spaces and facilities.



Get more details about these and other stories at: wfn.ca/news

#### January water rate increase

A reminder for RDCO water customers that starting January 1, new User and Asset Renewal fees take effect. This water rate adjustment was approved in 2019. Online Water Rate Estimator tool to help assess your estimated consumption: <a href="mailto:rdco.com/waterrates">rdco.com/waterrates</a>



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**Photo of our Westside team. Thank you for your service.** NW Fire members wish all residents a happy holiday season from all their firefighter neighbours. Photos courtesy of Shawn Barnes, North Westside Firefighters Association.



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**Dramatic skies on the night of the first atmospheric river.** As seen from Parker Cove, November 13, 2021. Photo submitted by subscriber.

#### Helping wildfire impacted residents

The RDCO White Rock Lake wildfire Recovery/Resiliency Office completed its final livestream update on November 9. Staff will continue to work directly with residents that sustained property losses or damage.

Steve Schell, who is overseeing the recovery office, says the RDCO remains committed to helping residents over the long term and continues its one-on-one assistance for those that lost their homes as they navigate through the rebuilding process.

"We've recently added a step-by-step guide to our recovery webpage to help guide impacted residents through the demolition and rebuilding process." "We're also able to connect people with resources offered through other agencies for help with insurance questions or claims, clean up and the various environmental assessments that are underway in the aftermath of the fire."

### questions or for information on the recovery program services:

- call 250.469.6111
- email recovery@rdco.com
- detailed information for residents is also available on the RDCO website: rdco.com/recovery
- website updated frequently, as soon as new info is available
- sign up to receive our Wildfire Recovery newsletters

#### Seasonal RDCO closure

The RDCO office will be closed through Christmas and New Year's. From 4 pm, Friday, December 24, through Sunday, January 2. The office reopens to serve you at 8 am, Monday, January 3.

During this time, any emergencies for customers of the RDCO water systems can be reported to 250.868.5299.

#### 2022 Business Licences

If you run a business operating in the RDCO electoral areas, you're required to have a business licence with the Regional District.

The deadline for existing business licence renewals at the \$85 rate is December 31. After that all license renewals will be \$110 which includes a \$25 late fee.

You can pay online at rdco.com/payments or through online banking. Payments are also accepted by mail or in person at 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna BC V1W 3Z4.

The RDCO is also a participating local government in the Inter-Community Business License program. This allows businesses to operate in other participating jurisdictions for a separate fee of \$150.

For more information on business licensing visit the <a href="rdco.com/businesslicense">rdco.com/businesslicense</a>, contact Community Services at 250.469.6211 or email business@rdco.com



#### New RDCO Board Chair elected

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Directors have elected a new chairperson. Following a secret ballot vote at the November 4 Regional Board annual inaugural meeting, Director Loyal Wooldridge was named to succeed Gail Given who served as chair for seven years from December 2014 to November 2021. Wooldridge was appointed to the Board in the fall of 2018, the same year he was first elected to Kelowna City Council. Wooldridge is well-known in the local business community and passionately supports many organizations such as the KGH Foundation, Kelowna Women's Shelter and Etcetera Youth Kelowna. Originally from Creston, Wooldridge has lived in Kelowna since 1993. See page 12 for meeting highlights and list of members of the Board.



#### Join up with North Westside Fire Rescue

Whether it's responding to a medical emergency, structure fire or providing fire prevention information, members of North Westside Fire Rescue are always ready to answer the call for help from a neighbour. Their dedication, efforts and resolve were clearly displayed during the White Rock Lake wildfire.

If you'd like to join them, applications are being accepted until **4 pm, Friday, December 10** for new members to serve communities along Westside Road from Caesar's Landing and north to Westshore Estates.

Prospects must must be between the ages of 19 and 65, in good physical condition and live within 8 kms of fire hall stations 101, 102 or 103.

If you're interested in becoming a paidon-call North Westside firefighter: call 250.545.1195 or email <a href="mailto:nwfr.chief@rdco.com">nwfr.chief@rdco.com</a>

Include your name, phone number and email address. Potential recruits will be contacted regarding next steps. Applications and recruitment information is available online: rdco.com/firerecruit



### Season's Greetings from your RDCO



The Regional District of Central Okanagan is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - We're closed from Dec. 25 to Jan. 2 for the holidays



We're always open at rdco.com / Like us on facebook.com/regionaldistrict





#### **RDCO Board meeting highlights:** November 4 + 22



Beautiful fall colours. Fintry Delta, as seen from Westside Road South. November 20, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith.

#### next RDCO meetings:

- Monday, December 6 at 7 pm
- Thursday, January 13 at 8:30 am
- Monday, January 24 at 7 pm

Meetings take place at the Regional District office at 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Boardroom).

Limited public attendance allowed with health orders on public gatherings in place.



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### Innaugural meeting and election of Board Chair, 2021-22

At the Inaugural meeting of the Regional District Board, Kelowna Councillor Loyal Wooldridge was elected as Chair by Directors. West Kelowna Mayor Gord Milsom was acclaimed as Vice-Chair serving for a fourth year. Past Chair Gail Given was recognized with a certificate for her seven years of leadership to the region from Kelowna-Lake Country MP Tracy Gray.

The Regional District Board consists of 13 voting members: Chair Loyal Wooldridge, Councillor, City of Kelowna; Vice-Chair Gord Milsom, Mayor West Kelowna; Mark Bartyik, Central Okanagan East Electoral Area; Wayne Carson, Central Okanagan West Electoral Area; Colin Basran, Mayor Kelowna; James Baker, Mayor Lake Country; Cindy Fortin, Mayor Peachland; City of Kelowna councillors: Maxine DeHart, Gail Given, Charlie Hodge, Brad Sieben, Luke Stack. Stephen Johnston, Councillor, City of West Kelowna; Jordan Coble, Councillor Westbank First Nation.

### Floodplain Management Plan update Update received on Regional Floodplair

Update received on Regional Floodplain Management Plan.

#### Regional parkland tenure agreements

Renewed Crown Land Licences of Occupation for portions of Glen Canyon and Johns Family Nature Conservancy regional parks.

#### Regional Housing Strategy

Update received.

from November 22

#### FireSmart projects grant application

Supports applying for 2 FireSmart Community Funding projects.

#### Central Okanagan Search and Rescue

Discussed options for an improved facility for the Central Okanagan Search and Rescue Society (COSAR); directed RDCO staff to work with stakeholders to identify possible options.

#### Joe Rich Community Hall Agreement

Approved: new Operating and Recreational Programming Agreement with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society.

#### Boundary adjustment supported

The Board supports a request from the City of Kelowna to extend its boundary to include a property at 4150 Old Vernon Road.

#### **Agricultural Land Commission**

The Board *does not* support forwarding an application from a property owner at 4995 Trepanier Road to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).

Highlights from the Regional Board meetings are included here as space allows and are available from the Regional District, usually within a day. Get more details and/or audio of any of these meetings from the RDCO at rdco.com/board or on Wayne Carson's website: waynecarson.ca

#### wayne's world: working for you

Regional Director for Central Okanagan West discusses ideas and issues from around the electoral area

First, a recovery update. As of Nov. 22, the RDCO has received and approved 39 demolition permit requests as well as 3 building permit requests. There have been no requests for RV Temp. or Development permits. I suspect that the building permit request activity will increase as people resolve their insurance issues and begin to move forward. The RDCO White Rock Lake Wildfire Community Recovery page is there to help you, including contacts to help you with insurance issues. Contacts for residents needing help or information are: recovery@rdco.com or call 250.469.6111.

Killiney Beach got the all clear on the water system on Nov. 10; the potable water station at Station 102 will remain in operation for those residents in areas where water is still not back to potable standards. Water user fees will not apply on the public system for residents until the water can be turned on again when they rebuild. Garbage and recycling fees have been waived from October until residents rebuild. The RDCO Board

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get a subscription or book an ad today support *your* local paper has approved an application through UBCM for FireSmart Funding, this would be used as incentive to FireSmart your property.

As well, there are two Wildfire Hazard Risk Assessments being done by The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development (FLNRO); the Reconnaissance Report identified areas at risk that include Killiney Beach, Estamont and the length of Attenborough Road. The assessments and recommended actions to mitigate the risks should be available in mid-December and are being done by an engineering firm that specializes in identifying these types of hazards. This will be a review of the drainages in the Killiney Beach area. This review should include the area upslope to the height of land from Morden Creek in the south to the start of the Sugar Loaf Forest Service Road in the north. Both MOTI and RDCO workers in the area will be monitoring and reporting any changes they observe in the areas of concern, as identified in the assessment due mid-December.

I have met with Chair Wooldridge and we have set some priorities for EA West. We discussed the sewage issue in Brent Road, fire protection for areas within EA West without fire protection and FireSmarting Community Parks. The North Westside Governance Study Terms of Reference will come before



Wayne Carson, Regional Director, Central Okanagan West waynecarson.ca | 250.801.4859

the RDCO Board Dec. 5, then things should get moving in January. We discussed generators for the Killiney and Westshore water systems and a structural sprinkler pilot bylaw for the North Westside Fire Protection District. Other topics of discussion were purchase of land in North Westside for future school/park space and the possibility of an Electoral Area Committee to allow greater access for EA residents and service delivery agencies to provide delegation input for the information record. More information at RDCO.com and waynecarson.ca - stay informed.

Wishing you all a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous 2022!





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Reader's Choice Winner

#### **Annual Reader's Choice Awards** – voting on all month

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#### ANNUAL READER'S **CHOICE AWARDS**

voting throughout December with real-time results, final results in January edition

#### important:

Categories listed in no particular order, shown here with winners from previous year. Submit new favourites as you vote.

Real-time results online, with final results published in the January edition with top 3 in each category.

The results are not modified in any way, you do not have to sign in and we do not track your information.

Revised and streamlined, the survey is now the 31 most popular categories + new categories as requested in the survey last year.

You must answer at least 10 categories for your vote to count. And yes, you can vote for yourself.

Good luck!

#### highlights from last year

- 511 respondents
- 35 comments
- new category suggestions including: Best Neighbourhood, Best Food Truck, Best Burger, Favourite Lawn Care, Best Fitness Studio, Favourite Pet Sitter, Best Pet Store

#### CATEGORIES FOR THIS YEAR – voting on all month

shown here with 1st place winners from last year

- 1. favourite feature Pet Pics
- 2. best coffee shop RATIO
- 3. best bakery Little Kingdom
- 4. best cheese buns Little Kingdom
- 5. best donuts RATIO
- 6. best stylist Renée Hair Loft
- 7. best barber The Gentlemen's Shop & Shave Parlour
- 8. best esthetics Laura at Just for You
- 9. best nail bar Emma's Nails
- 10. best vet Creekside Animal
- 11. favourite contractor Tile-in-Style
- 12. best tree care Full Throttle Tree Services
- 13. best cleaning service Mike's Window Cleaning
- 14. favourite real estate agent Joanne Borowsky Salt/Fowler ReMax
- 15. best grocery store Save-on Foods Village Green Vernon
- 16. best hardware Home Building Centre Vernon 27 Street

- 17. best tire shop KalTire Westbank
- 18. best drug store Shopper's Drug Mart Vernon 27 Street
- 19. best wine stores/suppliers Correales'
- 20. best women's clothing store Casabella
- 21. best pizza Canadian 2-for-1 Armstrong
- 22. best community beach Killiney Beach
- 23. best westside campground Fintry
- 24. favourite charity BCSPCA
- 25. favourite winery Gray Monk
- 26. best cannabis supplier Spiritleaf
- 27. favourite ski hill Silver Star
- 28. favourite golf courses Two Eagles
- 29. favourite cover photo da bears!
- 30. favourite elected official Wayne Carson
- 31. favourite local personality Miss Betty



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**westside pet pics** – voted favourite feature 5 years in a row in our annual Reader's Choice Awards – enjoy!



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**DID YOU KNOW** you can donate your empties to the SPCA and make a huge difference for the animals? **No need to sort, drop-off 8 – 4, Tuesday – Saturday** or leave at donation hut near the gates.

#### Happy "tails"



Lizzie, 12 year old black lab

A beautiful and gentle girl and friend to Miss
Betty, Lizzie is from my family farm where
we evacuated to. She's enjoying a nice
retirement here in the Okanagan, with Miss
Betty and housekeeper Katherine. She loves
to retrieve the ball and relax by the fire.

Thanks to all our pets
for making our lives better and
helping us get through these
difficult times.



Miss Betty, 7, is our Delivery Assistant and Complaints Manager, seen here with her "listening ear" on!

Send in your favourite pet pics by the 24th: westsidepost@icloud.com

#### your local history: water power - amazing engineering for the time

by reader request, this history series by local writer Shannon Jorgenson features profiles of people and places along and around historic Westside Road.





Butch Kaneda and Angus Gray, and possibly Kaneda's son (middle), in 1943, at the suspension bridge. Suspension bridge (1960s?). Photos courtesy Fintry Archives.

The Friends of Fintry is a non-profit society dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of the Fintry Estate. For more info or to become a member: info@fintry.ca

The flooding events of the past few weeks across BC serve to remind us of the power of water. In 1912, James Cameron Dun-Waters decided to use the force of Shorts Creek waterfall to irrigate the Fintry orchards and to produce electricity for the estate.

With the help of his men, Dun-Waters first buried a network of wood stave, wire-wrapped or cast-iron pipe all over the delta, and then dammed Shorts Creek above the middle falls. Water was piped across the gorge by an extraordinary suspension bridge system. From there it was carried down to the delta. There was terrific water pressure by that time, enough to grind grain, run

a sawmill and channel water through those underground pipes to all the houses, gardens and orchards.

Fintry had running water and spray irrigation years before anyone else on the delta. Neighbours were still using pails, pumps or relying on open ditch irrigation.

The suspension bridge system that piped the water ran between two cliffs of the gorge with a ledge halfway across. The bridges were not decked and to cross, one had to balance their way along a 12-inch wooden pipe. According to Angus Gray, many otherwise brave men crossed by crawling on their hands and knees. By 1943, parts of the bridge were in disrepair. Butch Kaneda and Angus Gray repaired sections and rebuilt the suspension bridges at the upper falls.

Dun-Waters installed a Pelton wheel generator in the Shorts Creek channel, which provided electricity to the entire estate. The Pelton wheel had eight flat buckets and a stationary nozzle. As the fast-moving water forced through the nozzle, the even faster outgoing jet hit the buckets, rotating the turbine to produce energy. The Manor House, octagonal dairy barn and most of the estate's buildings had electricity. The curling rink was also lighted, with overhead lights to illuminate the throws when the men played before dawn. The packinghouse was fitted with a second Pelton wheel turbine in 1924 to generate electrical power for the cold storage of the fruit and the fruit-sorting machine.

Fintry also had its own telephone system with seven phones on the exchange, connecting the Manor House, Burnside, the White house, the dairy barn, the packinghouse, the powerhouse and High Farm.

Amazing engineering for that time and that isolated an area.

#### WHAT'S ON - community groups & other cool stuff like the library

announcements • community groups • events • library news • word of the month

### groups & events

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Are you looking for community support? Join an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Anyone who thinks they may have a problem with their drinking is welcome. When: Tuesday Nights, 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Community Hall at 516 Udell Road. Please contact Joe for more information at: 403.630.7458

#### Fintry Manor House & Barn

Closed for the season. Visit us online for virtual tours, to join or volunteer: <a href="mailto:fintry.ca">fintry.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:info@fintry.ca">info@fintry.ca</a>

#### Moms n' Muffins

On hiatus. For more info or to volunteer: Ona: 250.260.6642

### Senior Citizens Association of Killiney Beach

We are pleased to restart the Wednesday Potluck Lunches at the Killiney Beach Community Hall at noon. Everyone welcome! Foodbank Collection started on Nov. 8, the collection points are: Killiney Beach Community Hall, library + Transfer Station. Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 11 at the Killiney Beach Hall, doors open 5 pm, dinner 6 pm. Santa, gift exchange, entertainment at 7 pm. Tickets presale \$15/person. Contact: Wayne Nixon 250.545.2460. Covid protocols will be in place.

#### **Westside Community Church**

Sunday Services at 10 am. *Don't be a stranger, everyone welcome.* For more info, call the office: 250.558.1516

#### **Westside Community Library**

The library is open. We invite you to visit the library beside the Killiney Beach Hall, just off Westside Road. Address: 516 Udell Road. Public health protocols in place. We have books for adults, young adults, youth & children, plus audiobooks and DVDs.

weekly hours: Mon. 6-8 pm; Wed. 11 am -1 pm; Sat. 1-3 pm with kids crafts, activities and story time. Everyone is welcome at the library. We are wheelchair accessible. Find us on FaceBook @NWLibrary or for more info: Andrea library@nwcaonline.ca

#### Westside Senior Citizens Service Association Activity Centre

To get involved with your community or find new recreation activities, get in touch with us. *Everyone welcome!* Office: 250,768,4004. On hiatus.

#### **Westside Wolfpack Soccer**

On hiatus until the Spring. For more info or to volunteer, contact: Coach Mike 250.309.3692

#### **GET ON THE LIST**

To have your community group or event included, send an email by the 24th to: westsidepost@icloud.com

# "There is no friend as loyal as a book."

Ernest Hemingway

#### word/phrase of the month

#### Way xast spúta?

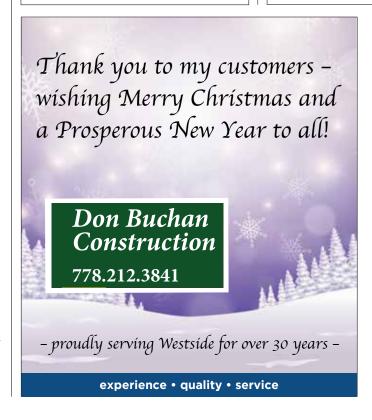
commonly understood as

Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays

more literal translation

Happy celebration / Happy gathering
/ It's good to gather

everyday usage example xast wikntsn, way xast spúta? It is good for me to see you, happy celebration / Christmas / holidays



#### WHAT'S ON – community groups & other cool stuff like the library

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**Fall series from the City of Kelowna.** Thank you to the City of Kelowna for continued support and contribution to our community paper. It's a pleasure to include events, messages and even letters from Mayor Colin Basran.

#### – holiday closure reminder –

The RDCO will be closed over the holidays. Staff will not be available by phone, email or in person from 4 pm Friday, December 24, through Sunday, January 2.

We reopen to serve you at 8 am on Monday, January 3, 2022. During this closure, emergency service is available for RDCO water customers at 250.868.5299.

#### puzzle solution for this month

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### Westside Community Associations

#### NWC.A

North Westside Communities Association

Serving the residents of the North Westside since 1975 – Westshore Estates to Caesar's Landing.

**Contact**: Darryl Hordo president@nwcaonline.ca

**Hall Rentals:** Alicia rentals@nwcaonline.ca

For more info: nwcaonline.ca

**EMERGENCY 250.870.6858** 

#### WLCS

Wilson's Landing and Communities Society

Serving our communities from cove to cove – Traders Cove to Shelter Cove.

For more info, to volunteer or to join our community society, contact Karen Bennison, 250.769.3673
There's strength in numbers.

Get involved with your community association today and make a difference for tomorrow.

#### One Stop Brew Mart

#101-1711 Kalamalka Lake Road Vernon, BC V1T 6V4

250.549.2739 brewmart@shaw.ca brewmart.ca



#### Welcome Westside!

All of us at *One Stop Brew Mart* would like to congratulate Jill from Correales' on her retirement and thank her for her exclusive trust in us. We look forward to meeting each of you and continuing to make your wine inhouse or providing the supplies for those of you who like to DIY!

## WESTSIDE TRANSFER STATIONS HOLIDAY HOURS

#### North Westside

Monday, Wednesday and Sunday: 8 am – noon Saturday: 8 am – 4 pm

\* closed December 25, 26 and January 1

#### **Traders Cove**

Wednesday: 6:30 - 10:30 am

Saturday and Sunday: 9 am – 1 pm

\* closed December 25 and January 1

# Create memories, not garbage



This holiday season Kira is giving Paul two weeks of dog walking (and sitting) services.



For more info visit
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#### health & wellness: features by reader request

your horoscope by local expert + Healthwise column



featuring internationally recognized

Psychic/Astrologer Heather Zais

of Kelowna

Heather Zais, a psychic since birth, is internationally recognized and featured regularly online and in print. She has taught and lectured in schools, colleges and institutes and has clients around the world.

She keeps an office downtown and is available for psychic and astrology readings in person, by phone or e-mail. Heather does personal, relationship and past life charts; tarot, palm and tea reading; remote viewer, medium and dream analyst. To book an appointment with Heather, please call 250.868.9978 or e-mail psychicheatherzais@telus.net



#### star gazing: horoscope

ARIES: Apply pressure in a subtle way so feathers do not get ruffled. Certain things need to get done now.

TAURUS: Relationships become more passionate as you see more of what you have in common. Plan.

GEMINI: You become more set in your position and it is obvious who is on the same page. Get details.

CANCER: Assess what you really want out of relationships either personal or business. Clear the path.

LEO: The wait is over when deciding on home or property matters. Others involved express opinions.

VIRGO: Enjoy the holidays with those you care about or they care for you. Relationships improve easily.

LIBRA: Decide where you want to be even if its temporary or a holiday spot. Either way it is worth it.

SCORPIO: Your poker face works well when negotiating with others. Buying time gets desired results.

SAGITTARIUS: Others want to hear from you to know where you stand. This will affect choices made.

CAPRICORN: Added perks, gifts or other financial luck is timely. You feel good about moving forward.

AQUARIUS: Wishes can come true. You feel lucky and you are right now. Line up your priorities etc.

PISCES: Changes that occur will end up in your favour no matter how they begin. Keep your focus.





#### healthwise: your pandemic stress response

by reader request, popular Healthwise column by Davidicus Wong MD

When I connect with my patients – virtually or in person – we often check in with how we've been coping during the pandemic.

The pandemic has brought with it heightened levels of stress in every part of the world. All of us have been affected with greater impacts on the most vulnerable, including young children, our elders, the homeless and others who have been socially isolated.

At the beginning of last year, I had optimistically expected that we would be united in supporting one another and beating the pandemic.

Instead, we've seen unforeseen levels of stress and divisive responses to that stress. Previously normally functioning families have been divided by conflicting responses to the pandemic. Many of my patients have reported that they are no longer talking to some of their siblings because of the gulf between their personal pandemic responses. Mutual love (or at least tolerance) have been replaced by anger and distrust.

At the beginning, we were divided by just the belief that the virus was a serious threat and the need for social distancing. The divisions grew deeper with debates on mask wearing. Today, family discussions about vaccinations are more heated that those involving sex, politics, religion and money. We are all vulnerable to stress, and stress is an inevitable part of being human and living in this world. For each of us, there is an optimal level of stress.

In situations, where the challenge is far below our ability to manage (such as a really easy job or class well below our potential), we feel bored (and likely spend a lot of time looking at our phones).

When we hit the sweet spot where the challenges of the situation are perfectly matched by the peak of our abilities, we are in the zone that has been called the state of flow by psychologist, Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi (who just passed away on October 20, 2021, at age 87).

But good stress (eustress) becomes distress when the challenges of our situation exceed our capacity to cope. This can happen with a heavy academic load for a student, unrealistic work demands in an understaffed office, or a hospital or clinic overwhelmed with multitudes of seriously ill patients.

In these situations, most of us initially feel helpless and anxious. If these overwhelming demands continue, many eventually feel hopeless, burnt out and depressed.

When pushed to the extreme, we behave in different ways – expressing our personal stress response. We've seen the pandemic stress response expressed



**Dr. Davidicus Wong** is a family physician. His Healthwise column appears regularly

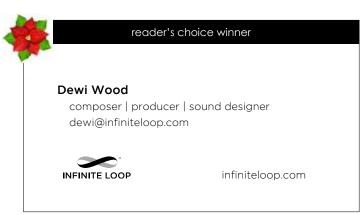
in this paper. For more on achieving your positive potential in health, read his blog: davidicuswong.wordpress.com

as anxiety in most (including young children), depression in some (including many teens) and anger in others (a lot of adults).

Fortunately, there is help available once we recognize we need it. A starting point is looking at your situation and distinguishing those aspects of your life over which you have no control from those over which you do have control.

For temporary situations over which we have no control, we need to accept them – the only other choice is to get upset or angry but that won't change the situation. We need to recognize those areas of our life over which we do have control and choose to act according to our deepest positive values.

The pandemic has shown us that we can only get through this by working together. The sooner all of us have accepted this reality, the sooner we will have it under control.





#### Okanagan real estate market very strong – latest numbers from local experts

market updates and trends from realtors who live and work on the Westside

"Buy land, they're not making it anymore."

Ernest Hemingway



Season's Greetings! Here is the snapshot of the current activity in the North and Central Okanagan. Main points: inventory and days on market are down which means there is less to buy and what is on the market is selling faster. This has also affected the sales volume for both districts. Moving forward into the holiday season – if you are thinking about selling, now is still a good time; less competition in the winter months and there are still buyers. Interest rates have been rising which could affect some buyers ability to purchase.

Please keep in mind these numbers encompass all types of properties, from lots to waterfront and everything in between. Latest stats include both Central and North Okanagan, as at end of October (the most recent available):

**Inventory**: down 40% in Central Okanagan and 33% for the North Okanagan

Days on market: down 38% for Central Okanagan and 54% for the North

Sales Volume for this year – Central Okanagan \$526,746,332 down >1.0%

this time last year \$527,766,470

units listed this year: 826 – up 4%

last year: 797

units sold this year: 619 – down 20%

last year: 722

Sales Volume for this year – North Okanagan \$143,401,388 down 16%

this time last year \$171,132,888

units listed this year: 326 – up 9%

last year: 302

units sold this year: 222 – down 25%

last year: 296

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2022.

Latest stats provided courtesy of the SaltFowler Team. Joanne Borowsky is a Westside resident, realtor and feature contributor to The Westside Post. She can be reached at 236.599.0512 or joanne@saltfowler.com





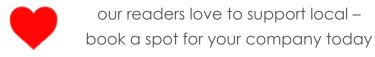












#### Alice's puzzle pages

#### STAGE PLAY

Universal Sunday Crossword – release date: NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Explosion sound in a comic book
- 5 L.A. Galaxy's org.
- 8 Tatters
- 12 D-flat's equivalent
- 18 Entertainer's resurgence
- 20 Silence breakers' hashtag
- 21 "Now it's clear!"
- 22 Authoritative theater star?
- 24 Moral of the story
- 25 Got up
- 26 "Aquaman" actor Jason
- 27 Sunburn soother
- 29 Most lazy
- 32 Stage items for a military character?
- 38 Place to dance, per Martha and the Vandellas
- 40 Celestial sphere
- 43 App's early phase
- 44 Funeral blaze

- 45 Contented sigh
- 46 Forbid
- 47 Spay or geld
- 49 Old term for a young woman
- 51 Exit part of a show rapidly?
- 54 Door handle
- 56 Short-sleeved shirt
- 57 Horses with speckled coats
- 58 Ref. for word lovers
- 59 Shuttle-launching org.
- 61 Unwraps
- 63 Not fooled by
- 64 One returned for E.T.
- 66 ID assigned at birth
- 67 Requests at a restaurant
- 69 Rehearsing every song?
- 74 Messenger bird
- 75 Before, to a bard
- 76 Band's booking

- 77 Silicon Valley industry, briefly
- 80 Actor Baron Cohen
- 81 81, for a square of side length 9
- 83 Comrade
- 85 American Red Cross founder Barton
- 86 Grp. with prohibited items
- 87 Annoy
- 89 Scenery for a Broadway adaptation of "Breaking Bad"?
- 93 After a long wait
- 95 Honda rival
- 97 Salary
- 98 Be in the red
- 99 Toppled
- 100 South Asian garment
- 102 Petrol, across the pond
- 103 Illegal driving maneuvers,

- 105 Showstopper such as "Defying Gravity"?
- 108 Peaceful
- 110 Actor Bana
- 111 Like many state fair treats
- 114 Home to the giant panda
- 118 Genre for Bob Marley
- 122 Insulting dialogue?
- 126 Mistakes in a book
- 127 Paperless exams
- 128 Frenetic
- 129 "Bombshell" actress Robbie
- 130 Easter flower
- 131 Vote for?
- 132 Online crafts store

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Stealthily emails
- 2 Pirate's booty
- 3 Foam darts, for a Nerf toy
- 4 Relative of an autobiography
- 5 Guy
- 6 Type of display, for short
- 7 Reads quickly
- 8 Move, in Realtor-speak
- 9 Top squad of athletes
- 10 Coastal state in India
- 11 Onetime fountain operators
- 12 State that John Denver aptly sang about
- 3 They're counted in darkness
- 14 That stag's
- 15 Long-eared beast
- 16 \_\_\_ Speedwagon
- 17 BIC product
- 19 Accountants often write them off
- 20 "Grand" letters in Vegas
- 23 Never
- 28 Developer's purchase
- 30 Rachel's sister
- 31 Raison d'\_
- 33 "Honest" prez
- 34 Spinning speed, for short
- 35 Time for seaside shucking
- 36 Fusses over oneself
- 37 Tennis great Monica
- 38 Cutting room?
- 39 With melodramatic flair
- 41 Woodwind essential
- 42 Toasted barbecue staple
- 45 Questlove's hairstyle
- 48 On pins and needles
- 50 Residence
- 52 "Stop it!"

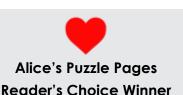




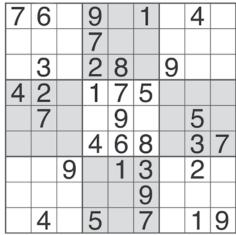




- 53 Any day now
- 55 Watts of "Birdman"
- 60 Former advice columnist Landers
- 62 In a sassy way
- 64 Game with many Wild cards
- 65 Semester-ending test
- 66 That doe
- 68 "On the Basis of Sex" monogram
- 70 Closes in on
- 71 "\_\_\_ whiz!"
- 72 "SNL" alum Morgan
- 73 Fruit with a wrinkly rind
- 74 Mauve or baby blue
- 78 Captains lead them
- 79 Despise
- 80 Personnel
- 82 In fashion again
- 83 Org. fighting the fur industry
- 84 Piles up
- 85 Admit defeat
- 88 Enthusiastic response to "How's your meal?"
- 90 Refuse to share
- 91 San Antonio NBA player
- 92 \_\_\_\_ Britain (art museum)
- 94 Rope-a-dope boxer
- 96 Lube
- 101 "\_\_\_ was saying ..."
- 104 Bring on board again
- 106 "Super-duper!"
- 107 Butcher's discards
- 109 Give moral guidance to
- 112 Depend (on)
- 113 Useful connections
- 115 Still competing
- 116 Loch \_\_\_ monster
- 117 Pale
- 118 Dream sleep acronym
- 119 The Roaring Twenties, e.g.
- 120 (I'm so angry!)
- 121 Running joke
- 123 Part of TGIF (Abbr.)
- 124 Peace sign shape
- 125 Actress Mendes



Favourite Feature



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

#### about Sudoku

Sudoku is the Japanese word combining "number" and "single". Its origin stems from an 18<sup>th</sup> century game by a Swiss mathematician. His game was named *Latin Squares*. This is truly an international game.

Sudoku Daily is a puzzle that uses numbers instead of words. It's a grid of 81 squares, divided into nine blocks of nine squares each. Some of the squares contain a digit. The goal is to fill in the empty squares so that the digits 1 through 9 appear just once in every row, column and individual block.

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

The aficionados of modern-day Sudoku are keen to point out that it is not a mathematical problem. Logic is what's required.

Good Luck!

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆

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#### business + services

your local business + service guide



Fall folliage and colours make a perfect frame for this beautiful view from Killiney Beach. From the Fall Reflection series, November 2021. Photo courtesy of Sammie Hoffman.



puzzle solutions for this month

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#### cannabis retailers

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#### **Dog Licences**

250.469.6344 | rdco.com/dogs

Outdoor Burning Hotline 1.855.262.2876

Poison Control Centre 1.800.567.8911

#### Roads & Maintenance – Acciona

- paving, snow clearing, road kill 1.866.222.4204

### Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) 250.763.4918

#### after hours emergency 250.868.5299

[this would be something like a broken water main/hydrant]

#### **Regional Director**

Wayne Carson 250.801.4859

#### **Burning Information Line**

1.855.262.2876

#### Waste/Waste Reduction + to report

**illegal dumping** 1.250.469.6250

### **Dog Control** 250.469.6284 **EMERGENCY:** 250.979.0925

info-dogcontrol@rdco.com

• have address, date, time, breed

#### Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Curtis Svenson 250.469.6214 protective.services@rdco.com

#### community numbers

#### City of Kelowna

Community Development & Culture 250.469.8650 | <u>culture@kelowna.ca</u> kelowna.ca/culture

#### Fire halls

North Westside 250.545.1195 Wilson's Landing 250.469.6161

#### Friends of Fintry

Kathy Drew kathdin@shaw.ca

#### Killiney Beach Community Library

Andrea Kveton library@nwcaonline.ca

### **Killiney Beach Hall Rental** 250.938.5008 rentals@nwcaonline.ca

#### Senior Citizens Association of Killiney Beach

Wayne Nixon 250.545.2460

### North Westside Communities Association (NWCA)

Darryl Hordo <u>president@nwcaonline.ca</u>

#### North Westside Fellowship Church

Pastor Jerry Spoor 250.558.1516

#### North Westside Firefighters Society

Shawn Barnes 604.454.8248

**OKIB Office** 250.542.4328

okibadmin@okanagan.org

#### Westbank First Nation (WFN)

250.769.4999 main | mail@wfn.ca 250.768.0227 community services

#### Westside social accounts

- @CoyoteXing
- @People of the North Westside
- @Westside Women
- @Westside Rd Community Road Reports
- @NWCALibrary
- @Northwestsidecommunityassociation

### Wilson's Landing & Communities Society (WLCS) 250.769.3673

#### hospitals + RCMP

Vernon Jubilee Hospital 250.545.2211

Kelowna General Hospital 250.862.4000

#### RCMP emergency 9-1-1

non-emergency Vernon 250.545.7171 non-emergency Kelowna 250.762.3300

#### **Indigenous Policing Liaison**

RCMP Constable Kyle Camalush \*no phone number provided kyle.camalush@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



support your local humane society & BC SPCA

## BCSPCA Animal Cruelty & Wildlife Hotline 1.855.622.7722

Vernon 250.549.7297Kelowna 250.861.7722

## If you're concerned about an animal in distress, including wildlife, please call

take a pic of this or please consider putting number in your phone

