

THE HIGHLANDER

October 2017

Newsletter of the Highlands District Community Association (HDCA) & the Highland Heritage Park Society (HHPS)

COMING EVENTS

Come out to the events, meet your neighbours and participate. Support YOUR community volunteer organizations.

Tuesday, Oct. 31st Community Hall 729 Finlayson Arm Road





Sunday Nov. 19th



Festive refreshments and mulled cider available in the Pike House

Hallowe'en Bonfire & Fireworks beginning at 7:00 PM

Families are invited to join us at the West Fire Hall for:

- Bonfire
- Free hot dogs and
- Refreshments / coffee while awaiting the fireworks.

Please bring:

• a non-perishable food item for the local food bank

We'll have a spectacular show! Come one, Come all, Come in costume, lets have a ball

Sponsored by the Highlands Firefighters Association

26th Highlands Winter Craft Fair

Pike House, Schoolhouse, Highlands Community Museum, and Community Hall

Caleb Pike Heritage Park 1589 Millstream Rd and Highlands Community Hall 729 Finlaysoin Arm Road

Free Admission

Enjoy hot, mulled apple juice and home made baked goods while browsing through a great selection of pottery, jams, home-made edibles, jewelry, handcrafted gifts and more by over 30 vendors.

For more information please contact Bessie at <u>highlandswintercraftfair@gmail.com</u>

Or Bob at bobmcminn@shaw.ca or 250-478-4403

The HDCA



THANKS



All Volunteers



You're Awesome!

The 2017 Highlands Fling

Do you remember our first cold rainy day after a long hot summer? Well, it was Saturday September 9th, and while the rain was a worthy cause for celebration it was also the day of our annual Highlands Family Fling, and if you weren't able to join us this year, here's what you missed...:

The Caleb Pike Heritage Park, was filled with live music. Cookeilidh played traditional and modernized Celtic tunes followed by some good of Rock and Roll by the exceptional cover band BackTrack There was no shortage of complementary food; including hotdogs and fresh buttered corn on the cob, cupcakes, iced tea, coffee and fabulous hot popcorn.

The Firefighter's Dunk Tank was a success, raising \$ 493.00 for MD as residents paid for the pleasure of dunking Greg, Sheriden, and Scott many times over.

Children were entertained with crafts and games hosted by the Juan de Fuca Rec. volunteers, had their faces painted, played in the Bouncy Castle, and were able to try the all new Firefighter's obstacle course. Some of our accomplished local crafters set up a market to give us the jump on Christmas shopping. Our Mayor treated us to a version of Music Bingo that was fun and entertaining.

It did rain, but it didn't dampen our hardy Highlands spirits. Many came out and enjoyed the festivities and met up with friends and neighbours. It was a great day in the Highlands.

Now mark Saturday, September 8th 2018 on your calendar, bring your family and friends and join us to help celebrate OUR community.

Volunteers

Brochure Design: Dawn Kirkham Tents donated by: Peninsula Co-op, Thrifty Foods Tent Assembly: Joel Collier; Dave Mackas; and Paul Henry Food Purchases: Libby McMinn, Joanne Collier Popcorn: Bill; Mark; Alexander and Anna Vogel Corn Delivery: Bob McMinn Face Painting: Amelia Oram and Lauren Gunn Kids Games and Crafts: Warren Lee JDF Special Events Staff: Heather Kyle, Cam Gray, Rachel Smith Highlands Volunteer Firefighters: Deputy Chief Gregg Fletcher; Assistant Chief Jason Schuttinga; Safety officer Ken Zavediuk and Firefighters Jen Zado; Mark Hull; Sheriden Plant; Johann Boraks; and Bob Brown. FLINGO Recording: Ken Williams Appreciation as well to: Victoria Natural History Society; Greater Victoria Public Library; Ted Nawrocki - Highlands Emergency Radio Coordinator; and all Highlands Market merchants: Dana; Jude; Leslie; Melissa; Renee; Rena and Tina; Museum curator: Daphne Allen.

A VERY Special Thanks to Ed and Gwenn

Thank You to our 2017 FLING SPONSORS

2017 Fling Sponsors

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Highlands Emergency Local Preparedness

Fall Update

Last Spring Council approached the HDCA with a request to rejuvenate the HELP Groups that were established around 2006. That initiative was partially in response to severe winter storms over the previous decade, but also in recognition that as a small rural community we will likely be isolated longer than most communities in the event of catastrophic weather, fire or earthquake.

We are pleased to report that we have 10 out of the 11 previously established small neighbourhood groups up and running again. We plan to double the number in 2018. If you are in a 10 - 25 house neighbourhood in the Highlands and would like to establish a HELP group for your area, please leave your name and contact info with the Municipal Office or Scott (250)478-2526.

As winter approaches this is a good time to check some of the obvious and not so obvious preparations...

- Is your gas generator / chainsaw operational with fresh gas?
- Do you have a good reserve water supply?
- Do you have a safe source of heat if the power cuts out for an extended period?

These are just a few of the steps we can build into our routine the same way we check smoke detectors when we move the clocks back.

For many more suggestions, go the the Highlands website... http://www.highlands.bc.ca/183/Emergency-Preparedness

The Pike House..





Highland Heritage School House...

Available for Rental...

The Highland Heritage School House

And Pike House

Are you or someone you know looking for a character venue for a personal or community event?

The Pike House and the Highland Heritage School House are available for rental for birthday parties, weddings, or other private celebrations.

For rental rates and bookings, please phone 474-7601.

2nd Saturday Monthly Oct. - July



Appearing in November: Los Gringo Locos

\$5.00 /person - tea/coffee & goodies included. Under the age of 15: free.

Know the history of your community!



HIGHLANDS COFFEE HOUSE

Caleb Pike House 1589 Millstream Rd.

Doors Open at 7:00 PM - Music starts at 7:30

A great family neighbourhood outing

Evenings at the Highlands Coffee House are filled with great music, a good variety of musicians, desert and people who enjoy music and great events to go to with friends, neighbours and family. There is an "open" mic that begins the evening.

Congratuations to the Highlands Coffee House for hosting Auntie Kate & Uncles of Funk in the 'big house' October 14th!

November 11, 2015 Los Gringo Locos

December 9, 2015 Three Worlds

Contact: Zhinoos at: 778-678-2409 or email: <u>zhinoos9@gmail.com</u> for more information or to offer to play!

- Ideal Gift -

History of the Highlands!

Get your copy of the book Beautiful Rocks, a fascinating history of the place we now call the Highlands.

Available at the Craft Fair, Municipal Office or by calling Daphne at 250-478-7338

Please consider purchasing or renewing your membership in one or both of the sponsoring organizations for this publication.

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Purpose of HDCA is "to foster community in the District of the Highlands and engage all Highlands residents and property owners in the process." Purpose of the HHPS is the preservation and ongoing care and maintenance of the Caleb Pike Homestead and Heritage Orchard.

For more on Highlands District Community Association see: http://www.highlands.bc.ca/volunteer_orgs/hdca/
For more on Highland Heritage Park Society see: http://www.calebpikeheritagepark.ca