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West side of Vancouver Island

Friday, December 9, 2016 SOOKE & the WEST SHORE, BC

## Fresh-cut tree this Christmas: will you or won't you?

by West Shore Voice News



**Fresh cut Christmas trees for sale!** Staff and students of the Westshore Centre for Learning & Training (WCLT) of SD62 are holding a 13-day fundraiser every wintry night up to December 13. It's to support the Colwood campus community garden and the WCLT grad event in June 2017. (From left:) Dermott Crofton, teacher; Kiarhara Iverson, Gr 12 student; Cheryl Sandhar, EA; and Catherine Reynolds, school secretary.

● **Out in the dark in the cold** is an upbeat team of staff and students to support two important school projects. For 13 days they're doing it!

They're hosting the 2nd annual Xmas Tree Sale as a fundraiser for the Westshore Centre for Learning & Training (WCLT), a division of Sooke School District 62 (SD62). Pretty much every student, teacher and staff person is involved in the venture.

"We're fundraising to support our Grad in June," says teacher Dermott Crofton. He explains that the trees are not priced like a garage sale. The trees are purchased from Saanichton Tree Farm and then resold to produce funds for grad as well as the learning garden at the Colwood campus of WCLT at 2139 Sooke Road.

And that's where the tree sale is, by day and under festive lights in the crisp night air, December 1 through 13. Remaining nights: December 9 & 10 (10am to 8pm), Sunday-December 11 (10am to 6pm), and Monday-Tuesday December 12 & 13 (3 to 7pm).

WCLT students are in many cases adults returning to complete Grade 12, as well as some recent high school grads who

need a few more courses to reorient to a new post-secondary objective.

"Some of these students need some financial support for the costs of cap and gown and other related grad expenses," says Debbie Lodewijk, a teacher who is one of the event coordinators. "We want it to be an affordable event for all as they embark with their diploma."

The tree species in the sale include spruce, pine, and several varieties of fir.

One evening, December 7, a happy young couple were excited to be heading to the car with their new Christmas tree, destined for a festive home celebration. A young mom with two children was buying some crafts that students had made. Teachers and students organizing the sale were having a wale of a time. Fun stuff. Even the most die-hard of no-freshcut-trees may want to support this cause.

## House hunting before Christmas

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● **While many people are busy with the festivities of the Christmas season**, some people need to buy a house at this time of year. Lots of reasons... relocation, death in the family, separation or divorce. Or maybe because prices ebb low during the low-demand season. It's a toss-up for Realtors... time away from family making the sale or a chance to top up the year's revenue.

Here's a look at benchmark prices on this west side of south Vancouver Island (November 2016 stats of the Greater Victoria Real Estate Board MLS):

- Langford \$505,000** (\$432,500 a year ago); raw sale average \$659,059 (50 sales)
- Colwood \$561,700** (\$466,400 a year ago); raw sale average \$551,720 (15 sales)
- Metchosin \$745,500** (\$598,300 a year ago); raw sale average \$724,257 (7 sales)
- Sooke \$420,900** (\$359,100 a year ago); raw sale average \$502,775 (20 sales)
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WSV Nighttime window-shopping in Sooke.

## Wrap it up!

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● **Make your holiday gifts look even better the natural way!** Wrapping them in fabric is the way to go. The impact is beautiful, creative and environmentally-friendly.

At the Sooke Library on Wednesday, December 14 (6pm free, drop-in) the Zero Waste Sooke group will introduce origami's lesser-known cousin, furoshiki. It's a traditional Japanese cloth-folding technique where you wrap objects of various shapes and sizes in a single piece of cloth. Both basic and fancy at the same time!

The Japanese government launched a campaign several years ago to revive furoshiki in hopes of reducing dependency on plastic bags. The technique dates from the 14th century, when clothes were wrapped into a secure bundle while visiting public baths.

The present Sooke Library is at 2065 Anna Marie Road in the town centre. As part of the Vancouver Island Regional Library's plan along with the District of Sooke, by 2018 there will be a new Sooke Library a stone's throw away on Wadams Way. Now that'll be a holiday gift to the whole community!



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### The slow slide to home base

As everyone ramps up their holiday planning and festive participation, attention to matters of the busy world begins to slowly slide. The postponed call, the rescheduled meeting... often more instinctive than deliberate, it's all part of the eagerly anticipated pause of the season. **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

At some point in the few days ahead of Christmas, the slow slide to home base is kicking up dust and everyone is focussed on their trajectory to closing the shutters and revelling in that delightful pause of the cosmic cycle that is Christmas eve and Christmas Day. The world takes a breather. Good things are set in motion. Hope rises anew.

Even those who end up in quirky or sad circumstances at Christmas know at some level that the hand of the world at large is with them. It's a magical time, this thing called the Christmas season. The pause that refreshes. ■



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### New therapeutic health care college for BC



Specialized health care professionals like clinical perfusionists (using heart-lung machines during cardiac surgery) would be overseen by proposed new BC health care college.

A new college of diagnostic and therapeutic health professions is being proposed by the BC government. The idea is to enhance patient safety and quality of care in British Columbia. **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

The BC Ministry of Health in a release on Dec 9 said the new college would initially oversee four types of health care professionals: respiratory therapists, radiation therapists, clinical perfusionists and medical laboratory technologists.

"Diagnostic and therapeutic health professionals are a key part of our health system," BC Health Minister Terry Lake said. "They provide a number of functions to support diagnosis and treatment of patients. For example, running the bypass machine during cardiac surgery or providing support to make sure a patient's airway is open while being treated for trauma in intensive care. Creating a new college for these professions will help further support high standards of care and provide greater oversight focused on patient safety."

The new college is proposed following extensive consultation with stakeholders. Eleven diagnostic and therapeutic health professions were examined. Self-regulation under the Health Professions Act has been recommended as a priority for respiratory therapists, radiation therapists, clinical perfusionists and medical laboratory technologists because they perform invasive procedures and/or provide care that poses a higher degree of potential risk to patients.

Once the new college has been substantially implemented, the ministry will continue its work on regulatory options for a number of other diagnostic and therapeutic health-care occupations including nuclear medicine technologists, medical radiography technologists, magnetic resonance imaging technologists, medical laboratory assistants, cardiology technologists, diagnostic medical sonographers and medical physicists.

As required by the Health Professions Act, the proposed regulation outlining the four occupations that will form a new college are posted for feedback until March 9, 2017, see: [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/professional-regulation](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/professional-regulation)

Following this consultation, the new college is anticipated to be established within about 18 to 24 months.

The Ministry of Health says a professional college serves and protects the public, and acts in the public interest at all times, making sure its members are qualified, competent and follow defined standards of practice and ethics: "Professional colleges are responsible for responding to complaints from patients and the public. They can also take action if one of their registrants is practising in a manner that is incompetent, unethical, illegal or impaired by alcohol, drugs or illness."

BC currently has 26 regulated health professions, 25 of which are self-regulating and governed by 22 regulatory colleges under the Health Professions Act.

Access to high-quality diagnostic services is a key component of the ministry's Setting Priorities for the BC Health System. The better regulation and oversight of the targeted professions by a college include development of a formal complaints process and a strengthening of professional development. "This contributes to a system of care that focuses on the needs and safety of patients," says the Ministry. **WSV**

### Deer, oh dear



Deer in some urban areas will be targeted for culls, relocation or immuno-contraception.

Four BC municipalities have been approved for grants to support local governments that are experiencing challenges with urban deer.

Under the Provincial Urban Deer Cost-Share Program, the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations announced December 9 that they are providing up to \$100,000 in cost-share funding, to a maximum of \$20,000 per eligible community, for projects that focus on deer culls and research into methods for population control such

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### What's in those xmas gifts?

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"One way or another, every British Columbian relies on mining," says BC Minister of Energy and Mines Bill Bennett. "From the cars we drive to our smartphones and tablets, our medicines, our cosmetics, our clothing, everything we use in our everyday lives either is made with materials from the earth or made with metal tools. We may not think about it, but we sure depend on mining!"

Resources mined right here in BC - like gold, copper, silver, lead, zinc and molybdenum - are not only used to make many of the Christmas gifts that British Columbians purchase each year, these resources are also used in building the trucks, ships and planes we rely on to transport these products to stores in communities throughout the province. **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

When you're entering your holiday shopping list into your smartphone, mining is probably the furthest thing from your mind. But, on average, these devices contain 16 grams of copper and .03 grams of gold, as well as an industrial silica for the screens. While that may not seem like much material for an individual smartphone, consider that in BC alone, over three million adults own smartphones.

No matter your mode of transport this holiday season - bicycle, bus or car - you're relying on BC's mining sector to keep you moving:

Every material used in bicycles, from the steel processed by burning metallurgical coal to the aluminum, titanium or carbon fibre in the frame, is derived from mining. The average car requires about of 630 kilograms of steelmaking coal to produce. Buses require steel and aluminum, with over 2,500 operating in BC in over 130 communities. **WSV**

as relocation and immuno-contraception.

Successful grant applicants for this round of funding are Invermere, Grand Forks, Elkford and Cranbrook. A fifth application from Oak Bay is still under consideration while ministry staff help refine the proposal. **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

Grand Forks will receive \$16,000 to cull 80 deer in the community, Invermere has been approved for \$10,200 to cull 51 deer, and Elkford will receive \$10,000 to cull 50 deer. Cranbrook will receive a \$19,900 grant to study the feasibility of relocating deer that have taken up residence in urban environments. Cranbrook's study will build upon research that Elkford started last year, which involved urban deer in Cranbrook, Elkford, Invermere and Kimberley.

Oak Bay's proposal involves the use of immuno-contraceptive drugs designed to prevent deer from reproducing. However, the Ministry says this is a complex undertaking requiring further research into the availability of drugs plus careful planning to ensure the drugs are delivered in a humane and effective way.

The Provincial Urban Deer Cost-Share Program follows through on a commitment made by government at the 2015 Union of BC Municipalities annual meeting. The program offers matching funds; support varies among regions: culls in the BC Interior cost \$200/deer, while on the Coast the rate is \$300 where deer are in better natural food environments and are less likely to come to baits.

The ministry's call for proposals was issued Oct 26. Grant agreements are scheduled to be finalized this month; completion reports due March 17, 2017. **WSV**

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## 2016: Biggest Little Craft Fair

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● This year's 'Biggest Little Craft Fair' by Sooke Fall Fair on Nov 26 saw about 80 vendors in place and a sizeable crowd coming out to Sooke Community Hall. "There was an excellent variety of products at good prices," says organizer Ellen Lewers. It was a fundraiser for Sooke Marine Search & Rescue and the Sooke girls soccer team. Swags were made by the soccer team to help decorate Sooke. **WSV**



Sooke Soccer team members made swags with team coach Glyse Clarkston at the Nov 26 'Biggest Little Craft Fair'. **WSV**

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Ellen Lewers ~ Sooke Fall Fair

## Your disposal plan for 2017

● Many of us generate a lot of garbage, recycling and food scraps during the holiday season. It's as good a time as any to rethink what you might be doing with all that.

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Curbside blue box recycling for paper, plastics and cans/bottles is provided by CRD. Things like batteries and electronics can be taken to the Alpine Depot in Langford for recycling (with the additional bottle depot in Sooke on Idlemore). **WSV**

## BC NDP candidate Mitzi Dean

West Shore Voice News

● Running as the BC NDP Candidate in Esquimalt-Metchosin for the May 9, 2017 provincial election is community services organizer Mitzi Dean.

"Only one other thing could have tempted me away from the work I do at Pacific Centre Family Services Association (PCFSA). And it came up. Being the MLA for Esquimalt-Metchosin would allow me to try and do more," says Dean who is the executive director for PCFSA. **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

Dean will soon be coming up to her 10-year anniversary at PCFSA. She has much to look forward to there – opening the new 15,000 sq ft PCFSA building at 324 Goldstream Ave in summer 2017, the 50th anniversary of PCFSA in 2018, and an affordable housing project in 2019.

But being a provincial MLA "would bring a rounded and comprehensive perspective to representing our community,"



Mitzi Dean (left) - NDP Candidate for the new riding of Esquimalt-Metchosin at her nomination meeting Nov 13 with BC NDP Leader John Horgan and NDP MLA Maurine Karigian. **WSV**

Lawrence Herzog

Dean told West Shore Voice News this week. "The economy and local business is important as well (as social aspects)," she explained, saying there would be a chance to also effect change that impacts affordability and transit.

"I would like to do even more for the community," says Dean. She'll do some canvassing in January, and ramp up the full campaign closer to spring. **WSV**

## Protecting veggies in winter

● The Compost Education Centre in Victoria teaches composting and plant-growing techniques. In the summer they tend to fruits, veggies, herbs, native plants as well as bees and bugs!

How do they protect their veggies through the winter? "First, I always choose to grow from seed that is locally produced and therefore adapted to our climate," says Site Manager & Community Education Coordinator Alysha Punnett.

"To protect roots from damage caused by freezing soils, I insulate winter vegetable gardens with six to 10 inches of dried leaves or straw. Soils around perennial plants are also covered with at least six inches of mulch.

"Lastly, I use protective covers such as plastic or re-may to cover more tender plants when cold weather really hits. It's important to note that plants will freeze and look wilted, but often are not dead and will perk back up if you just let them thaw out," says Punnett. **WSV**



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## Grocery Prices this Week

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FOOD ITEM	THRIFTY FOODS*	FAIRWAY MARKETS*
Lean ground beef (small pkg, per kg)	\$11.88	\$11.88
Range eggs (1 dozen)	\$5.59	\$5.49
White Rice (2 kg bag)	\$5.99 sale	\$5.99
Green leaf lettuce (1 head)	\$1.89	\$1.99
Tomato (on vine) (per lb)	\$2.69	\$2.49
Milk, 2% (1L jug)	\$5.59	\$5.79
Bananas (per lb)	66¢	79¢
Apple juice (1L tetra pak)	\$2.39	4 for \$5.00
Wheat Bread Loaf (white, sliced, 570 g)	\$2.39	\$1.99
Broccoli crowns (per lb)	\$1.99	\$1.99

\* = This is a news service (not a paid advertisement). The same 'food basket' products will be surveyed each week. STARTING NEXT WEEK this feature will be posted at [www.westshorevoicenews.com](http://www.westshorevoicenews.com)

## Parks & Trails leadership



● Taking a holiday season breather at the Annual Christmas Open House this week at MLA John Horgan's constituency office in Langford: Sooke Parks & Trails Committee chair John Boquist and District of Sooke Councillor Brenda Parkinson.

The Parks & Trails Committee held its last meeting December 6. Three new District of Sooke committees start in January 2017, with broader strokes: Protective Services & Community Safety; Community Development; Arts & Culture. **WSV**



## A tall order: restoring the Sheringham Lighthouse

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● Restoration of the causeway to the Sheringham Lighthouse tower is well underway. The west side has been completed with boulders and gravel reinforcing the

causeway. This project is part of the overall plan to restore, protect and preserve the heritage lighthouse site at 1 Sheringham Point Rd. Funds for this portion of the restoration are from dozens of personal donations to the Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society and from private foundations. **Photo:** View of the east side, with workers creating a concrete form to pour materials to reinforce the cliff and increase stability of the causeway. **WSV**

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## Capitalizing on oceanfront: Le Sooke Spa

**BUSINESS FEATURE**

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● An oceanview spa is quite a treat! Offering that experience is Le Sooke Spa, located on Level 1 at the Prestige Oceanfront Resort.

In the Christmas season, gift certificates for the many services and products at Le Sooke Spa are popular for their flexibility – either in a specific dollar value or for a preferred treatment/package. It also saves a retail shopping trip in busy malls and means you're shopping local.

"You can treat that special loved one, family member or friend as we offer virtually every thing at our spa," says Elysia Pradine who works at the spa. "We also provide mobile in room treatments for guests staying at Sooke Harbour House or Point-No-Point Resort."

The well-appointed salon is open daily, 9 to 5 on Sundays through Wednesdays, and 9 to 6 Thursday to Saturday. On Christmas Eve (Dec 24) they will be open 9 am to 3 pm. They maintain a customer database, so it's easy to get a gift certificate for exactly what your special person will enjoy.

Stocking stuffers on hand include soaps by Saltspring Soapworks and the taste delight of Rogers Chocolates. Body care product gift baskets (\$10 to \$50) are themed: Very Merry Vanilla, Cranberrylicious, Rosemary Mint or Lavender. Or customize your own with bath bomb or soap bar duos or trios.

Some higher end beauty products are carried by Le Sooke Spa including OPI nail colours, Moor Mud, Yonka facial products, Sarnya Key hair products and Jane Iredale makeup. | [www.lesookespa.com](http://www.lesookespa.com)

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High-end OPI nail laquers are sold at Le Sooke Spa.

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## Sooke Library joins all VIRL branches for holiday hours

● The Sooke Library will be open Dec 24 from 10 am to 4 pm, then closed Sun Dec 25 through Tues Dec 27 for the Christmas break. All branches in the Vancouver Island Regional Library will be following the same hours, says Sooke Library manager Adrienne Wass.

Then on Wed Dec 28 they're open at 10am through to 8:15 pm. Plus Thurs & Fri 10 am to 4pm. On Sat Dec 31 the Sooke Library will be open 10-4, closing early for New Year's Eve. Like most other places, all VIRL branches will be closed Jan 1 & 2, then start off 2017 at 10am on Wed Jan 3 with normal hours. **WSV**

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## Common sense winter driving

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● If driving isn't necessary, the best choice is to either stay home during winter snow storms, or take another form of transportation, such as public transit, says the BC Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI).

Motorists are encouraged to please check DriveBC, for regular updates on their routes at [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca). For local traffic advisories, see the traffic updates page at [www.westshorevoiceneeds.com](http://www.westshorevoiceneeds.com)



Snowfall in the south Vancouver Island area this week has revved up people's snowday action plans.

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MOTI will advise of road conditions using digital message signs, particularly in the Lower Mainland around the bridges that have been causing traffic issues in recent snow storms. Traffic control personnel may also be on site directing traffic. **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

Drivers are reminded to adjust their driving to the winter conditions they encounter. This includes slowing down, increasing following distance to at least four seconds, and using extra caution.

Here in the south island area, winter tires are mandatory on the Trans Canada Highway (Hwy 1) Malahat section, and on Hwy 18 in the Cowichan Valley area, as well as on West Coast Road (Hwy 14) west of Sooke.

● The Malahat on Hwy 1 is well known for challenging driving conditions even in good weather. It is an unavoidable section of highway if travelling to/from the Greater Victoria area to/from upisland.

● Highway 18 is a short, 42 km long main vehicle route in the Cowichan Valley Regional District on Vancouver Island, connecting the city of Duncan on the Trans-Canada Highway with the community of Youbou, on the north shore of Lake Cowichan.

● Highway 14 (Sooke Rd / called West Coast Rd in the section that is west of Otter Point Road in Sooke town centre), requires winter tires anywhere west of the Grant Rd W intersection (heading west to Kemp Lake and beyond).

In anticipation of this weather event, Mainroad winter operations will be in effect on all Highways. Their regular winter crews are on shift 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

"Extra manpower and equipment are brought in as conditions warrant and will continue until the conditions change and highways are back to normal," says Leon Bohmer, Operations Manager, Mainroad South Island Contracting LP.

"During winter driving conditions we're reminding everyone to please drive safe especially when approaching a highway maintenance vehicle," says Bohmer.

"Our 24-hr communications centre will pass on all observations and concerns to our crews." Mainroad 24hr Hotline: 1.877.391.7310 **WSV**

## Coast Collective shifts gears again

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● The Society for Arts on the South Island (SASI) Board of Directors which operates the Coast Collective art gallery and shop in Colwood has been working on a new organizational plan for 2017. They held a think-tank about it on Nov 30.

SASI Treasurer Kathryn Fudge is now serving as interim manager. In the spring the organization hopes to hire two new staff. This comes in the wake of Cindy Moyer, Executive Director, announcing her Dec 31 departure from Coast Collective after 3.5 years, as well as General Manager Laura Rechwan announcing she will return to art studies in the spring.

Meanwhile, it's business as usual, with the Gifts & Wishes holiday season show and sale (Nov 23- Dec 23). **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

For years, it seems to have been a challenge to keep the Coast Collective on an even keel. Prior to 2016 the business venture that was brought together by a team of artists about 10 years ago (in a location off the beaten track at Esquimalt Lagoon) put on a high-class show seems to have struggled with the interface of artistic desire and operation of a business.

The relocation in 2016 to a high-profile location on Wale Road in what is effectively Colwood's town centre was an effort to increase exposure to the consumer market including gift shop, art classes, studio area, casual exhibits and community events to promote the arts.

Coast Collective will be closed Dec 24 to Jan 3 for the holidays. **WSV**



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## 2016 Sooke Santa Parade: lit-up fun

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The 2016 Sooke Santa Parade on the evening of Sunday December 4 brought out a sizeable enough crowd, but not as large as in previous years. Perhaps it was the cold, or the lag from having attended Christmas parties the night before or the snowman-making event earlier that same day.

The lineup started with about 40 cadets walking at the head of the parade. They were followed by Sooke Mayor and Council. Then the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and the RCMP with a vehicle and trailer.

Ho ho ho, there was more! Harmony Drumline, Home Hardware, mini horses, RE/MAX, BC Nurses, Ogilvie Creations, SEAPARC Leisure Complex, Seahawks Football team, Sooke Boxing, Juan de Fuca Search & Rescue, 2 Reel Fishing Adventures, Sooke Dance Studio, Sooke Food Bank, Your Perfect Gifts, Sooke Soccer, BC Ambulance, Sooke Fire Rescue, Silver Streak boats, A Sea of Bloom, Sooke Saltwater Series, Sooke Community Association, Butler Bros, 642 Wear, Ocean Breeze Drywall, 4 Seasons Fishing, Metis Nation, P & D Closet, RCMSAR, Sooke Rotary, A-Line, McDermaids, RBC Sooke, Henry Veasey, Sooke Lions Club and Santa, Sooke Sailing Association, and Horse'n Around!

This year's parade was organized by the Sooke Lions Club with lots of support from the leadership class at Edward Milne Community School (EMCS). The District of Sooke provided funding. Hot chocolate and other treats were served by Boy Scouts and EMCS leadership at booths around the kiosk at Evergreen Shopping Centre. Many dogs were at the parade!

The route started at Sooke Elementary School and made its way along Sooke Road into town centre to greet many along the roundabout. Then wrapped up on Otter Point Rd just past the corner of Sooke Rd.

It took a few extra minutes for the tree-of-lights in the roundabout to be 'lit' at the start of the parade but it will likely achieve iconic status as the mainstay of parades in the years to come. Seasonal banners (birds in snow) and decorative lights along Sooke Rd and Wadams Way were up in November, with the lights on starting Dec 4 (on til mid-January).



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Some of the EMCS Leadership team helping out! (from left): Tia Helfrich, Laura Verhoeven (teacher), Mychaela Anderson, Alexis Harrison



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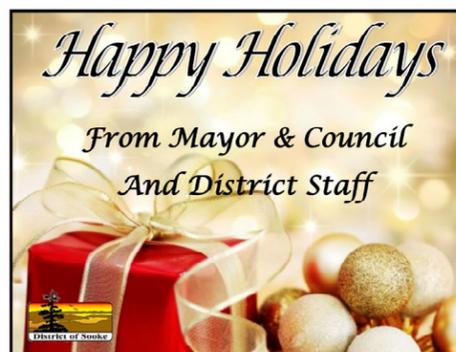
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Way to go Sooke Councillor Bev Berger ... scarf coordination with the new roundabout adornment!



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# WHAT'S GOING ON Ad deadline Dec 14 for the Dec 16 issue West Shore Voice News

## This Weekend & Beyond

**Keeping Pace with Christmas.** By SD62 PACE musical theatre students. Dec 9 & 10 at 7pm; Dec 10 & 11 2pm, Isabelle Reader Theatre. [www.pacemusical.com](http://www.pacemusical.com)

**Sooke Winter Night Market** at Sooke Region Museum, Fri Dec 9 (5pm to 9pm) & Sat Dec 10 (4 pm to 9 pm). [www.sookeregionmuseum.ca](http://www.sookeregionmuseum.ca)

**Sooke Santa Run.** Sat Dec 10. Decorated fire trucks around Sooke collecting food bank donations. 4:30-10pm [www.sooke.ca/santa](http://www.sooke.ca/santa) or take items to Sooke Fire Hall at 2225 Otter Pt Rd.

**Sooke Sailpast.** Sooke Harbour. Sun Dec 11. Best viewing from boardwalk at Ed Macgregor Park, foot of Maple Ave S, and Prestige hotel. 5pm.

**Film night: 'Guardians of the Galaxy'.** Mon Dec 12 fundraiser for EMCS Robotics. At EMCS. 6:30 pm.

**District of Sooke Regular Council Meeting.** 7 pm Mon Dec 12. [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca)

**Free Flu Clinic.** Tues Dec 13 at CASA, 6672 Wadams Way, Sooke. 1-3:30pm. [www.viha.ca/flu](http://www.viha.ca/flu)

**SD62 Public Board Meeting.** Tues Dec 13. 3143 Jacklin Rd. 8pm. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

**Town Hall on the Bus with John Horgan, MLA.** Tues Dec 13. Talk to John about the economy, education, health, transit and more on the #61 bus. Leaving Government & Superior at 4:08 pm, back to Sooke.

**Christmas Tree Sale.** Daily (from Dec 1) to Tues Dec 13. Fundraiser by Westshore Centre for Learning & Training, outdoors at 2139 Sooke Rd, Colwood. Mon-Th 3-7pm, Fri & Sat 10-8 pm, Sun 10-6.

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**Royal Bay Dance Academy Show.** Tues Dec 13. Royal Bay Secondary, Colwood. 7pm

**Guilt-free Gift Wrapping Workshop: Furoshiki!** Wed Dec 14. Free drop-in. By Zero Waste Sooke at Sooke Library, 6pm. 250-642-3022

**Awareness Film Night.** Wed Dec 14. "For the Love of Music" fundraiser for Sooke Harmony Project. 7pm EMCS. [www.awarenessfilmmight.ca](http://www.awarenessfilmmight.ca)

**EMCS Winter Concert.** Thurs Dec 15. 7pm

**Journey Middle School Talent Show.** Fri Dec 16. 10:30 am at the school, 6522 Throup Rd.

**Christmas Greetings Issue of West Shore Voice.** Fri Dec 16. Ad deadline Wed Dec 14.

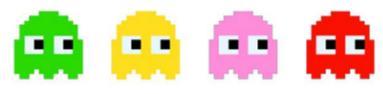
**Skate with Santa.** Sun Dec 18 at SEAPARC, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Admission by food bank donation. Crafts, refreshments. Some helmets/skates available.

**'A Celtic Christmas' by Sooke Community Choir.** Fri Dec 16, & Sat Dec 17 7:30 pm; Sun Dec 18 3pm, Sooke Community Hall. Tx at door \$20 adult, \$15 sr/youth; free < 18. [www.sookecommunitychoir.com](http://www.sookecommunitychoir.com)

**'Nutcracker in a Nutshell' by Sooke Dance Studio** Fri Dec 17 (5pm), & Sat Dec 18 (2pm), EMCS Theatre. [www.sookedancestudio.com](http://www.sookedancestudio.com)

**Winter Break Camp at Juan de Fuca Rec Centre,** 1767 Island Highway. Mon Dec 19 to Dec 23 (and Dec 28-30). Some spots still available Age K-Gr6. 8am to 5:30pm. Call 250-478-8384 or see [www.westshorererecreation.ca](http://www.westshorererecreation.ca)

**EMCS Retro Robotics Gaming Tournament.** Mon Dec 19 fundraiser to send techies to a Skills Canada competition! 10:30 am to 4 pm, EMCS Theatre. \$10.



**Blood Donor Clinic.** Mon Dec 19. At the Sooke Legion. 11:30 am to 6:30 pm. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**Randall Garrison, MP Annual Christmas Open House.** Mon Dec 19 at the Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke constituency office, 2904 Tillicum Rd. 4 to 6pm.

**Christmas Eve Skate** Sat Dec 24 at Juan de Fuca Rec. 12-1:30 pm. \$2. [www.westshorererecreation.ca](http://www.westshorererecreation.ca)

**SEAPARC Leisure Complex** open Sat Dec 24 8am-3:30pm, closed Dec 25 & 26. [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca)

**The Stick in the Mud.** Open to 5pm Sat Dec 24, closed Dec 25 & 26. Speedstick open 8am to 1pm on Dec 24, closed Dec 25, open 8--2 on Dec 26.

**Christmas Day.** Sun Dec 25. Merry Christmas!

**Boxing Day.** Mon Dec 26. Sooke municipal hall closed Dec 26 & 27.

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<u>Dec 9 (5-9pm) &amp; Dec 10 (4-9pm), Sooke Region Museum.</u>	<u>Daily to Dec 13 (M-Th 3-7pm; F&amp;Sa 10-8; Sun 10-6), 2139 Sooke Rd.</u>	<u>on til Dec 23, 103-318 Wale Rd, Colwood. Wed-Sun 11-5.</u>

**Sooke Community Art Council Xmas Art Show:** works of 4 members daily during December at Reading Room Cafe, Evergreen mall, 6660 Sooke Rd.

**Christmas Eve. Sat Dec 24**  
**Christmas Day Sun Dec 25**  
**Boxing Day Mon Dec 26**

Merry Christmas!

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More Holiday issues!

Dec 16, 23, 30 & Jan 6

## Notley & Horgan discuss pipelines

**This week BC NDP Leader John Horgan had dinner with Alberta Premier Rachel Notley.** Two NDP leaders, now dealing with the pipeline issue from different perspectives. They each represent somewhat different interests or constituencies... Notley having to look out for oil producers as job-creators in Alberta, and Horgan sticking to his guns for environmental protection. "It was still a good discussion," said Horgan about all that as he mingled at his annual Christmas open house on December 7 at his constituency office in Langford.

The capacity of the existing Trans Mountain pipeline from the oil sands to Burnaby in BC would be tripled and six more tankers per week would leave port at Vancouver if last week's federal approval of the project meets the five conditions that the BC Liberals have set for oil pipelines (including spill response).

The federal government did not approve the Northern Gateway project that would have run through the relatively untouched Great Bear Rainforest and would have introduced tanker traffic to the north coast. Federal approval was granted for Enbridge Inc.'s plan to replace its Line 3 pipeline system (Alberta to Wisconsin). **WSV**

**John Horgan MLA Juan de Fuca**

**A Town Hall Meeting on Bus #61**

**Join John on the #61 Bus!**

**Tuesday, December 13, leaving Government & Superior at 4:08pm.**

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**Harmony: music & film**

• **The Sooke Harmony Project** which helps provide musical instruments to students in schools will be the fundraising recipient of a film night by Awareness Film Night on Wed Dec 14 at EMCS Theatre. By donation. 7pm [www.awarenessfilmmight.ca](http://www.awarenessfilmmight.ca)

**23rd annual Sooke Santa Run**

• **Decorated firetrucks will be driven around Sooke** on Saturday evening December 10, with firefighters of the Sooke Firefighter's Association and IAFF Local 4841 collecting your donations of food items and cash for the Sooke Food Bank's Christmas Bureau hampers.

It's a holiday tradition for many families in Sooke. See the 4:30 to 10 pm truck route at [www.sooke.ca/santa](http://www.sooke.ca/santa). Santa's route updates will also be posted on Facebook at Sooke Fire Rescue Service and on Twitter @SookeCa with the hashtag #SookeSanta.

Or bring your donations to Sooke Fire Hall #1 at 2225 Otter Point Rd that same night, 4:30 to 9 pm. **WSV**

## Clean growth & climate change: a deal

**Eight of ten Canadian provincial premiers** and three territories signed onto a climate change agreement in Ottawa on Dec 9. The agreement is intended ensure that Canada meets or exceeds the 2030 goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30% below 2005 levels, as promised at last year's UN-sponsored climate change agreement.

The core measure is imposition of a national price on carbon, starting at \$10 per tonne of carbon emissions in 2018, rising to \$50 per tonne by 2022. The federal government will impose that price in provinces that refuse to adopt their own carbon pricing regimes.

In a concession to BC Premier Christy Clark, outside experts will evaluate the effectiveness and comparability of different carbon pricing mechanisms, with an interim report due in 2020 and a final evaluation in early 2022.

Key aspects of the deal include more energy efficient building codes, more electric vehicle charging stations, the phasing out of coal-fired power by 2030 and expanding clean energy systems.

There was also agreement that methane emissions from the oil and gas sector be reduced; to protect and enhance carbon stored in forests, wetlands and farm land; to set an example by driving significant emission reductions from government operations; and to deliver annual progress reports on implementation of the agreement.

Saskatchewan and Manitoba did not sign onto the deal over the carbon tax aspect in particular. **WSV**

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