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2026 SPRING

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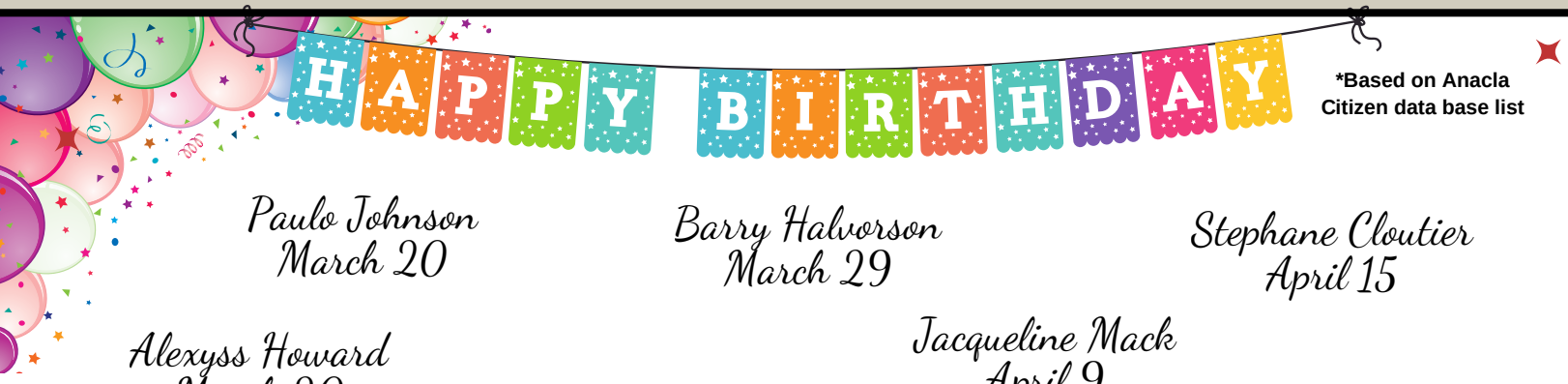
SECOND AND THIRD SITTING - MARCH 30

WHERE: MAʔAS SUQIN (ANACLA GOVERNMENT OFFICE)

TIME: 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

Budget Act, 2026
Community Safety Act Amendment Act, 2026
Huu-ay-aht General Legislation Amendment Act, 2026



*Based on Anacla Citizen data base list

Paulo Johnson
March 20

Barry Halvorson
March 29

Stephane Cloutier
April 15

Alexyss Howard
March 20

Jacqueline Mack
April 9

Leonard Nookemis
March 29

Selena Pye
April 15

Patrick Nookemus
March 25

Judith Johnson
April 15

Huu-ay-aht Schedule

March 2026

Sundays	Port Alberni: Culture Night	2:30 - 5 p.m.	3747 Church St. Port Alberni
Mondays	NTC Youth Drop In	3 - 5:15 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
	House of Huu-ay-aht Culture Night	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
	Child & Family Wellness Drop-in	1 - 2:30 p.m.	CFW Office, ʔumʔiiqsu Centre
Saturdays March 21, April 4	Citizen Led Recovery Circle	12:30 - 2 p.m.	Soaring Eagle
Monday March 30	Legislature Second and Third Sitting	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
April 14	Men's Group	1 - 3 p.m.	Soaring Eagle

NTC Health Department in Anacla

Mondays, March 23, 30 Afternoons	Child & Youth Support Workers NTC Youth Drop-in, House of Huu-ay-aht, 3:15 - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24	Early Years Outreach Worker
Wednesday, March 25	Clinical Counsellor & Quu'asa
Thursday, March 26	Quu'asa
Tuesday, March 31	Mothers Support Worker & Early Years Outreach Worker

Community Safety Watch

Witwak are in the community to provide support, guidance, and to ensure safety in the community. They respond, report, and record incidents in the community.

They can be reached at 250-720-5275.

If it is an emergency, please dial 911, then notify Witwak.

MARCH 2026
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Bamfield Community School Association

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Baby Group BCS ~ 10 am - 12 pm Knitting Class BCS ~ 4 - 6 pm	**2** School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Badminton, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	**3** School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	**4** School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Pickleball HOH ~ 7 pm - late	**5** School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	**6**	**7** Adult Gym Drop-In, ages 19+ BCS ~ 10 am - 12 pm
8 Baby Group BCS ~ 10 am - 12 pm Knitting Class BCS ~ 4 - 6 pm	**9** SPRING BREAK CAMPS Dodgeball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	**10** SPRING BREAK CAMPS Library Hour BCS ~ 4:30-6:00pm Yoga Pacific Sounds Lodge 5-6 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	**11** SPRING BREAK CAMPS Adult Pickleball HOH ~ 7 pm - late	**12** SPRING BREAK CAMPS Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	**13** SPRING BREAK CAMPS	**14** Adult Gym Drop-In, ages 19+ BCS ~ 10 am - 12 pm
15	**16** SPRING BREAK CAMPS Soccer, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	**17** SPRING BREAK CAMPS Yoga Pacific Sounds Lodge 5-6 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	**18** SPRING BREAK CAMPS Adult Pickleball HOH ~ 7 pm - late	**19** SPRING BREAK CAMPS Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	**20** SPRING BREAK CAMPS	**21** Adult Gym Drop-In, ages 19+ BCS ~ 10 am - 12 pm
22	**23** School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Dodgeball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	**24** School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Library Hour BCS ~ 4:30-6:00pm Yoga Pacific Sounds Lodge 5-6 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	**25** School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Community Lunch BCS ~ 12 - 1 pm Adult Pickleball HOH ~ 7 pm - late	**26** School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	**27**	**28** Adult Gym Drop-In, ages 19+ BCS ~ 10 am - 12 pm
29	**30** School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Volleyball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	**31** School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Yoga Pacific Sounds Lodge 5-6 pm				

Calendar Notes:

- Spring Break Camps at the BCS run from Mar 9 - 20, registration required.
- Community Lunch is a week later than usual because of Spring Break.
- Saturday Morning Gym Drop-in is a great time to join your neighbors for some friendly, laid-back sports! Bring your own equipment or borrow ours!
- Join Sonam & Kynat for a cooking class this month! Details coming soon!

Huu-ay-aht Culture Night

Mondays
7 - 9 p.m.

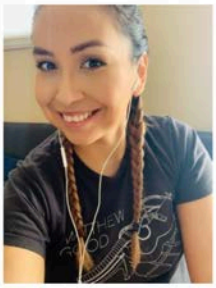
House of Huu-ay-aht

Bring your shawls and drums!



VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION
First Nations Health Authority

Do you have a complaint/compliment?



Desiree Holmes,
Quality & Safety Analyst

Desiree is a member of the Lheidli T'enneh Band. She supports the Vancouver Island Region on a journey to quality care. She provides culturally unique supports while coordinating feedback and concerns to all involved. By working directly with individuals, she is able to bring forward stories and experiences that require attention. She provides individuals and communities with resources to support healing during the complaint and resolution process. She actively looks for opportunities to hear from communities regarding quality care to support, develop and coordinate next steps for improved experiences in the health care system.

Desiree works out of the West Coast General Hospital in meeting room C twice a month. Ask the Indigenous Patient Navigator or ILN when Desiree is here next to speak with her directly.

Contact Desiree:
Text/Call – 250-637-1070
Email – Desiree.Holmes@fnha.ca

CITIZEN LED RECOVERY CIRCLE

Integrating AA Principles and Wellbriety Tools

Saturdays, March 21,
April 4 & 18

12:30 - 2 P.M.
Soaring Eagle, Anacla

Join Kimmie MacDonald for a supportive recovery-focused group. Open to anyone on the path to recovery or wanting to begin.

Contact Person: Kimmie_macdonald@hotmail.com

Anacla Men's Group

Tuesday, April 14
1-3 p.m.
Soaring Eagle

Please contact
Cory Howard Sr.
cory.j.h@huuayaht.org
or 250-728- 3414

The skunk cabbage are out which means the čims are returning and foraging for food!





- Report all sightings and encounters to the RAPP line (1-877-952-7277). All reports are tracked so issues can be addressed before they escalate.
- Keep garbage, food and attractants (compost, fruit trees, barbecues) secure in čims-proof locations. **Please dispose of garbage in bins and secure carabiner clips.**
- Scare away čims in the community with lots of noise. It doesn't seem neighbourly, but preventing čims from feeling at ease around humans keeps them safer in the long run.

For more information scan here:

BE ČIMS AWARE

What's happening in Lands and Natural Resources?

Sharing t'uc̓up





On Wednesday, March 11, the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Land and Natural Resource team collaborated with The Kelp Rescue Initiative and the Ka:'yu:'k't'h' / Che:k'tles7et'h' (Kyuquot / Checleseht) First Nations to harvest a total of 1,449 ƫuc̓up (sea urchins). The harvesting had two main goals; first, to remove urchins from five sites around Barkley Sound to reduce grazing pressure and support the planting of young kelp as part of ongoing kelp forest restoration efforts; and second to provide ƫuc̓up as food for Huu-ay-aht and Kyuquot / Checleseht First Nations.

On board the Huu-ay-aht vessel were Stephen Smith and Nolan Nookemus. The SCUBA diving team included Duncan Jackson, Matt Bakken, Jasmin Schuster, Hannah Schriber, and Ben Holland. Anacla citizens received their distribution the day of the harvest. Representatives from the Kyuquot / Checleseht First Nations Lands and Natural Resources, Paul Vincent and Josh Orwin travelled to Bamfield to collect the ƫuc̓up to distribute to their citizens. To learn more about Kelp restoration efforts in Barkley Sound, please visit The Kelp Rescue Initiative at www. kelprescue.org/

Stabilization of the South Sarita River bank; Willow live staking and alder transplants.

On March 10 and 11, 2026, as part of the Huu-ay-aht Watershed Renewal Program, the Lands and Natural Resources department participated in riverbank stabilization work along the South Sarita River. This effort involved willow live staking and alder transplanting to support riparian restoration.

Read the full story here: (QR code).







Working together to bring **Government** services to **you**.

Representatives will be in your community:

DATE

Wednesday April 29, 2026

TIME

10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION

Anacla Government Office (170 Nookemus Rd.)

Please come in during the date and times listed above to ask questions about any of our programs.

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

- Tax Slip information (T4, T5007, T4A -Pension, T4A- OAS and more)
- Notice of Assessments (NOAs) and Assistance with CRA correspondence
- Benefits and Credits information: Disability Tax Credit (DTC), Canada Child Benefit (CCB), GST/HST credit, Canada Worker's Benefit (CWB)
- Account updates (address, contact number, etc.)

Service Canada

- Pension information on Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan
- Get a Social Insurance Number (birth certificate in most cases will be required)
- Receive an access code to sign up for online My Service Canada
- Canadian Dental Care Plan – Information and Application/Attestation
- New Canada Disability Benefit
- General Government of Canada information

Please bring any ID you have as what is required will depend on what services you are accessing.

Presented by: Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency.

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

Canada

We're Hiring!

- Indigenous Tourism Specialist
- Deputy Law Clerk
- Maintenance and Asset Technician
- ʔumʔiiqsu Tenant Support Worker

Full details of these postings are available on our website: https://huuayaht.org/whats-happening/work-with-us/ or scan QR code

2026 Seasonal Employment Opportunities
Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses

The Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses (HGB) is now hiring seasonal team members for the upcoming season across our diverse operations in Bamfield. These positions offer an opportunity to work in a beautiful coastalenvironment while supporting Huu-ay-aht First Nations' economic development and creating unforgettable guest experiences across our hospitality businesses.

We have a varietyof seasonal opportunities ranging from 3–6 months, with start dates in April, May, and June. All positions conclude in September.
We offer competitive wages ($20.00–$30.00 per hour,depending on the position), seasonal retention bonuses, learning and development opportunities, and a fun, supportive work environment surrounded by breathtaking naturalbeauty. Limited employeehousing may be available.

For more information about specific roles and responsibilities, please refer to the job descriptions on our website - https://www.hfngroup.ca/careers/

Patient Travel

Please contact Kimberly Nookemus
at 250-728-3414 or kimberly.n@huuayaht.org

Do you have a medical appointment coming up?

Please contact medical travel with:
- ☑ Date
- ☑ Time
- ☑ Doctor's name
- ☑ Travel plans

Gentle reminders to also :
- ☑ Send in confirmation of appointment
- ☑ Confirm travel plans are in place prior to appointment with medical dept.
- ☑ Send in confirmation of attendance once visit is done

BCSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

SATURDAY MORNING GYM DROP-IN

JOIN CHARLENE FOR A FUN MORNING OF SPORTS & PLAY



Many community sports are during the week, late at night, and can be a bit competitive...

Come to the school on Saturday mornings to move your body, play games, & enjoy a fun, active time with your neighbours!

SATURDAY MORNINGS

10 AM - 12 PM AT THE SCHOOL

- This is a free event! Ages 19+.
- Please note that the school's heating will be OFF - dress appropriatly!
- Questions? Please contact Taylor at bcsalitfacilitator@gmail.com

BCSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDIAN CUISINE 101

WITH SONAM & KYNAT!

Beginner Cooking Class

FRIDAY MAR 27TH

6:00 - 9:00 PM

$30/PERSON

SPACE IS LIMITED!



TO REGISTER, EMAIL BCSALITFACILITATOR@GMAIL.COM

Join Kynat and Sonam to learn how to prepare traditional Indian cuisine. You'll first observe how to make butter chicken, then get hands-on creating samosas, and finish by tasting a delicious dessert called kheer. Note: Nuts will be present!

Class takes place at the BVFD East Firehall Kitchen, ages 15+ (youths must be accompanied by an adult).

Training opportunities available with the Support of Community Services

Need support with the Registration fee? Contact Community and Citizen Services at 250-723-0100.



FIVE ACRE Co

INTRODUCTION TO LIGHTING

Training Session

Join our expert-led session, with no experience needed! This is a practical, approachable, and grounded in real-world experience.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

THE KCC

4090 Hollywood St. Port Alberni, B.C.

Open to the public, cost is decided on a sliding scale from $25 -$60.

Please register at fiveacre.tickit.ca

Income Assistance Notice

Community members who need to apply for Income Assistance or renew as a client of the program have the following responsibilities (Section 1.3 of Income Assistance Policy)

•To conduct themselves in a prompt, courteous and respectful manner.
•To actively seek work and attend programs, training and sessions as directed.
•If employable, to actively seek work. Clients must be available for any job they are capable of.
•To have or promptly apply for a social insurance number and to provide the appropriate identification for themselves and other family members as required.
•To provide all necessary information to the Social Development Worker and sign the application form.
•To pursue any other income that they may be entitled to, for example, employment insurance benefits, workers compensation, family maintenance, or spousal support.
•To first use any assets and income before seeking assistance from the Income Assistance Program.
•To take personal responsibility for becoming self-supporting.
•To be involved in the process of establishing eligibility for their benefits.
•To provide documentation to support their application when requested. All documentation is subject to verification. Clients providing false information will be subject to criminal charges.

Clients who meet any of the following criteria are not eligible for IA benefits: (Section 2.2 of Income Assistance Policy)

Healthy, employable, able-bodied persons between 19 and 55 years, who do not seek employment or accept available suitable employment, education, or training.

a.Persons who quit work, except with just cause.
b.People who are terminated from their job because they did not comply with reasonable job requirements (for example, by not showing up for work).
c.People who do not apply for Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, or who are disqualified from EI benefits because they failed to comply with program requirements.
d.A person who receives an unforeseen fortune or substantial monetary gain.
e.People who do not submit Monthly Renewal Forms as required.
f.Persons with monthly income or assets more than the allowable maximum (see 2.5, Income and Exemptions).

2026 payment schedule

~~January 21, 2026 (for February 2026)~~
~~February 25, 2026 (for March 2026)~~
March 25, 2026 (for April 2026)
April 22, 2026 (for May 2026)
May 27, 2026 (for June 2026)
June 24, 2026 (for July 2026)
July 29, 2026 (for August 2026)
August 26, 2026 (for September 2026)
September 23, 2026 (for October 2026)
October 21, 2026 (for November 2026)
November 18, 2026 (for December 2026)
December 16, 2026 (for January 2027)

UNITED WAY'S

School's Out Program



WITH THE BAMFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

School's Out is a fun and engaging after-school program for children ages 6–12, designed to inspire, support, and spark creativity!

Starting on **Monday, September 8th**, Children will enjoy two dedicated days of programming each week, including an after-school snack and a variety of exciting activities that the kids will look forward to!



GRADES 1–3: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
GRADES 4–7: MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

3:00PM – 4:30PM AT THE SCHOOL

This program is proudly delivered by the BCSA, in partnership with United Way British Columbia (UWBC) and School District 70 (Pacific Rim).

PROGRAMMING WILL FOCUS ON...



- Identity Development
- Community Engagement & Land Stewardship
- Skills & Competencies
- Health & Wellness
- Social & Relational Well-being

Questions? Email Taylor at bcsalitfacilitator@gmail.com

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

United Way British Columbia

** CANCELLED FEBRUARY 23 **


March