

Between The Bridges

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As a community response to the COVID-19 emergency, **Between The Bridges** is publishing a series of bulletins providing information of local interest within the False Creek South neighbourhood. *The Bulletin* is for sharing! Please send your ideas and news to **newsletter@falsecreeksouth.org**. You can also find resources and supports at **falsecreeksouth.org/special-covid-19-bulletins**.

NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

Broadway Lodge, on Lamey's Mill Road, has been part of the False Creek South community since it was built. Recently, the Executive Director, Simon Neill, reached out to ask for some support and encouragement from the neighbourhood.

"At the Lodge we started a 'wall of encouragement', where resident friends and families send messages to our staff thanking them for the work they are doing. It strikes me that staff would be really encouraged if that message was coming from our neighbours, too. So if any neighbours wanted to send a message or picture of children's drawings, etc., we would love to print them and add them to our wall.

It's an anxious time for everyone in healthcare right now, and things like the 7pm pots and pans make a huge difference!"

If you would like to send a message to Broadway Lodge, email Robyn at replan@falsecreeksouth.org, where they will be collated and passed along. And keep banging those pots and pans!

SOCIAL DISTANCING - ON SEAWALL BENCHES

You may have noticed one-on-one "meetings" on the Seawall, where conversations take place with one participant huddling at one end of the bench and the other on the other. But did you know that not all benches were created equal?

With tape measure in hand, our intrepid investigator found that benches in front of the dog park and Charleson Park community garden, are 8 feet (2.4 meters) long, making conversation possible within the social distance rule of 6 feet or 2 metres.

But beware! The newer benches near Leg-In-Boot Square are only 6 feet (close to 2 meters) long, and that includes the metal side frames that you won't be sitting on.

See you on the Seawall – two metres apart, of course!

(Or, as the sign in the Convivial Café window says, "Six feet apart or six feet under".)

COYOTE IN CHARLESON PARK

Warning: Last weekend Jim Quail (False Creek Coop) reported a coyote skulking around the waterfall in Charleson Park. Other sources indicate that wildlife are particularly hungry at this point as scavenging food is harder with the closure of restaurants and the restricted activity of many grocery stores. Jim's advice: "Keep your dog leashed from dusk to dawn". And if your cat goes outdoors, bring it in at night.

STAY HOME - WHEREVER THAT IS

"Marooned on Mayne" is how Neighbourhood Association secretary Marie-Claude Collins describes her life at present. Finding herself on Mayne Island when the directive "stay where you are" came down, the always (?) obedient Marie-Claude decided to stay put. As the newly-elected Harbour Terrace strata council president, she understood there would be more work in her life. Wood-splitting, however was an unanticipated add-on.

LOCAL, SUSTAINABLE AND DELICIOUS

Anyone who likes seafood and hasn't joined up yet is missing out.

Skipper Otto's, a membership-based community supported fishery, lets you order in advance to pick up sustainably caught and processed seafood each Thursday afternoon at Fisherman's Wharf, just west of Granville Island.

Determined to meet the current crisis responsibly and to prove the advantages of locally based food systems, Skipper Otto's is extending its early bird membership offer to the end of April. With a potential decline in international demand this summer, they will provide support for BC's fisherfolk and bounty for their customers. Much more information on their website: www.skipperotto.com.