

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

It's daylight savings season - don't forget to change your clocks!

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Photos of the Medicine Garden taken by Amaya Black.

Medicine Garden for Truth and Reconciliation

Bamfield Community School students worked together with school and BCSA staff to build an indigenous medicine garden as a Truth and Reconciliation project this year. Work started in the spring and was generously funded by a grant from TD Canada Friends of the Environment, and the BCSA. Other partners included ACRD parks staff, and Alberni Valley Food Security who ordered and delivered the medicinal plants, and facilitated a planting workshop for the students. Huu-ay-aht elders have been involved in the project and will be sharing knowledge with students about the plants and their traditional uses. Come check out the new garden, located in front of the BCS. Stay tuned for a website with detailed plant information to be built by the secondary class.

Julie Bradley (edited for clarity).



10th Anniversary of the Bamfield Mercantile & Marine

Cheers to the Mercantile!

On October 4th 2025, the Bamfield Mercantile & Marine celebrated their 10th year anniversary with the community, yet again providing a lovely environment and a very good time for all who came to celebrate. Festivities included a cake, and a special beer and cider tasting.

Thank you, Marnie and Kevin, and the Mercantile team for everything you have done for our community. Congratulations on your anniversary.

Marc Phillips (edited for clarity).

From Left to Right: Chelsea Heartman, Marnie McAughtrie, Jenna Waters, Isobel Waters, Kevin McAughtrie.

The Road Home

A long-awaited announcement: After being closed for more than two months, the Bamfield Main Road has been re-opened as of October 24th!

With this reopening came some changes: there is now a weather station installed to measure wind and precipitation levels, as well as gates to close the road temporarily during severe weather.

Despite the frustrations, challenges like the road closure also show the resilience and strength of community that we have in Bamfield. Thanks to Greg Willmon and Lady Rose Marine Services for providing free shuttles to Port Alberni, to Kevin McAughtrie for captaining the water taxi, and to all of the community members who offered rides, grocery pickups, and helped to support each other in countless other ways.

Caitlin



Recent photos of the Bamfield Road taken by Linnea Lucas.

The Bamfield Community school launches *The Anchor*

The New Bamfielder is getting some competition! Students in the secondary class at the Bamfield Community School have started publishing a monthly newspaper of their own. *The Anchor* will be printed by the BCSA, with monthly editions going home to families of all BCS students. Stay tuned for a student-built website where you can access *The Anchor* online. Stop by the BCSA office during community access hours to get your hands on a hard copy of the first edition now!

Julie Bradley (edited for clarity).

Open Call for The New Bamfielder Contributors!

The current iteration of *The New Bamfielder* is written by a shifting group of contributors and has room for more! Do you have your finger on the pulse of Bamfield? Do you have a rich inner world and the ability to type prose? Each month's release is an exciting opportunity to cram as much of the local zeitgeist as possible into a double sided spread and share it with your community. To make submissions, share ideas, or volunteer to contribute an article, email us at thenewbamfielder@gmail.com.

Jesse

Deep Fried Kombu Chips

Dried Whole Kelp Marinade:

1 cups soy sauce

1 tsp ginger

1 tsp honey

Moisten kelp with cold water. Cut into 1" squares. Soak in marinade. Heat oil to 165°C (240°F). Drop kelp pieces into oil and fry until puffed and crisp. Let drain on paper towel.

Author unknown, recipe found in Louie & Rae's donated cookbook.

Community Events

Nov 2: Daylight Savings

Nov 11: Remembrance Day

Nov 15: Oysters, Authors, and Ale at the BMSC Rix building

Nov 19: Community Lunch at the Bamfield Community School.

Nov 30: Christmas Potluck at the House of Huu-Ay-Aht

Dec 7: Holiday Craft Fair at the BMSC Rix building

News

The BCSA has numerous classes and events happening this month including: Yoga, Dance Workouts, Adult Sports, Collage Art Night, French Hour, Knitting classes, Pottery classes, and more!

The Weathered Verse

Sheltered in a scallop,
Laughter drifts through salt-kissed air.

Words dance across the room,
Tucked into minds like precious pearls.

Twin City ale flows -

Crisp, golden, refreshing.

The scent of oysters draws you near,

Hands shuck, cook, savour.

Flavours of Nova -

Local, sustainable, unforgettable.

Silent names etched on slips of paper,

Each one bidding to be the last -

To claim the prize,

To take it home.

An evening to remember:

Oysters, Authors, & Ale.

Join us on Nov. 15th to support the Bamfield Community School Association & experience a beautiful night of literacy and community spirit. Tickets can be bought at the Mercantile & Market.

Taylor

Submissions are welcome. Please send them with the author's name to thenewbamfielder@gmail.com. *The New Bamfielder* is funded by donations. We appreciate anything you can contribute. Any extra funds will be donated to the Bamfield Community School Association's youth programs. **Editors: Caitlin, Taylor, Amaya, Hannah**