



MIHCA APRIL MAYNELINER ARTICLE

DANCE WELLNESS PROGRAM

Jointly sponsored by MIHCA and the Campbell Bay Music Festival, this program continues with sessions every Sunday (3 pm) and Thursday (7 pm) at the Agricultural Hall. The fun group attending includes singles & couples, young & not-so-young, experienced dancers & many just learning. All are welcome and all seem to be having a great time. For more information, email Brian Crumblehulme at briary639@gmail.com

HEALTH FAIR 2024

MIHCA is hosting a Mayne Island Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday May 25 from 10 am until 3 pm at the Agricultural Hall alongside the Farmer's Market. Look for more details in the poster published in this MayneLiner and on our website: mayneislandhealth.ca

RURAL COORDINATING CENTRE, BC SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

What's this all about? In a nutshell – brainstorming with our Outer Gulf Island colleagues and neighbours on Pender, Galiano and Saturna to develop a model that will provide sustainable, equitable health care services on our Islands through the creation of a Primary Care Network (PCN). PCNs are partnerships between the Divisions of Family Practice representing BC's family physicians, regional health authorities, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), local community partners and health care providers. The purpose of a PCN is to integrate team-based primary care that meets the needs of a community through a network of services within a geographic location - like our Outer Gulf Islands.

To that end, the first session of this initiative was held on March 12th and attended by community members from each of our islands as well as representatives from medical staff, health boards, Island Health, Ministry of Health, Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice and the Rural Coordinating Centre (BC). Our sincere thanks to the 11 Mayne Islanders who participated in this initial event. Along with six others from Mayne, they'll attend the next session on April 27th, when our earlier brainstorming session will be transformed into a plan of action towards a PCN model.

We'll keep you posted on our progress.

FAMILY PHYSICIAN AND NURSE PRACTITIONER RECRUITMENT EFFORTS CONTINUE

In addition to our advertising in various national/international medical journals, MIHCA and Dr. Losier have jointly sponsored a booth at the 2024 BC Rural Health Conference in Whistler in late May. This is a great opportunity to promote Mayne Island as a perfectly balanced lifestyle. And, in support of our recruitment efforts in a very competitive market, we're planning a community

get-together in mid-May to gather your ideas about how to sweeten the attraction for medical professionals to come to Mayne. An obvious one is housing – especially given the success of the Teacherage. Stay tuned for more on that.

VACCINATION CLINICS

Covid Vaccination clinics are scheduled for May 1st and May 29th. These clinics will be held at the Agricultural Hall between 12:30 and 4:00 pm. More details will be available in the coming weeks regarding eligibility and the registration process.

Wishing you good health,

Lindsay Allan on behalf of the Mayne Island Health Centre Association