



Port Alberni Association for Community Living

PAACL NEWS

Community Inclusion

ARROWSMITH SERVICES

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics would like to thank everyone who supported us at various venues around town for Tag Days. If you haven't purchased your ticket for a chance to win \$4500 cash plus two return tickets anywhere West Jet flies you can contact Anne at (250) 724-2327 or any members of the Executive.

Soccer has begun at Redford Gym Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Track & Field began April 20, 2011 at Bob Dailey Stadium 7:00 p.m.
Softball will begin soon.

New Volunteers & athletes are always welcome.

HOME SHARING PROGRAM

A Home Sharing program will soon be available in Port Alberni! The Home Sharing program will provide an additional residential option for adults with developmental disabilities preferring a smaller or more family-based environment over a licensed group home. Services will be provided by contracted caregivers, sometimes called roommates.

Home Sharing focuses on optimizing independence, self-determination, and choice; while ensuring safety. We will recruit and screen community members who will then provide home sharing services under contract to the Port Alberni Association for Community Living (PAACL).

PAACL will work closely with individuals and caregivers to find the best possible match, and provide training and support to make the home sharing arrangement work. Our goal is to promote long lasting relationships between individuals and caregivers, and foster the development of a strong support network that includes the individual's family, the caregiver's family, and the neighbourhood.

If you are interested in becoming a Home Share Provider for an adult with a developmental disability, or would like to learn more about this new residential opportunity, PAACL is hosting an information session about Home Sharing on June 1, 2011. The session will be held at the Connections Day Program located at 4471 Margaret Street beginning at 6 PM. Contact Dominic Rockall, Executive Director at 250-724-7150 option 1, extension 4 if you have any questions.



PAACL SERVICES

Connections Day Program
 Services for Community Living
 Community Employment
 Access Leisure Program
 Pathways Club House
 Self Advocates
 Residential Support Services
 Infant Development Program
 Supported Child Development Program

The Port Alberni Fire Department visited the Pathways Club House on April 6. The members learned about fire safety in their homes and had a tour of one of the fire trucks. This is one of many fun and informative activities enjoyed by the members of Pathways. Pathways is located at 3008 2nd Ave. and is open from 3:00 – 6:30 Wednesday – Friday. If you would like more information about this program, contact the program manager, Sharon MacDonald at 250-724-7150, Option 2 – Extension 1.

Or contact the,

Port Alberni Association for Community Living: 3008 2nd Avenue Port Alberni BC V9Y 1Y9 Phone: 250-724-7155 or Fax: 250-723-0404.

Email: admin@paacl.ca Website: www.paacl.ca



Election

Members of PAACL's Self Advocacy group are preparing for their own election. Two members of the self advocacy group sit on PAACL's board of directors. These individuals are chosen through a democratic voting process. They represent their peers at Board meetings and take part in the decision making process. The newly elected representatives will be introduced at PAACL's Annual General Meeting in June.

Seeking Board Members

The Port Alberni Association for Community Living is accepting applications for their Board Directors. If you would like more information about becoming a Board member or are interested in applying please submit a letter of interest to The Port Alberni Association for Community Living, 3008 2nd Avenue, Port Alberni BC V9Y 1Y9 or contact Dominic Rockall at 250-724-7155.



Kiwanis Work Bee

Despite inclement weather, Pathways members worked alongside Kiwanis club members to tidy up the grounds of the Kiwanis Hilton Centre. After their hard work they shared a meal of hamburgers, hotdogs, and refreshing beverages. Pathways members look forward to working closely with the Kiwanis club in the future.

COMING EVENTS

- Operation Track Shoes Tag Days at Safeway, Quality Foods, Extra Foods and Wal-Mart: May 5 & 6
- Home Sharing Information Session: June 1, 2011
 @Connections Day Program 4471 Margaret St., 6 PM