# Sayward News

February 2026

Village of Sayward

ALERTABLE

Public Alerts

Stay Informed

Strathcona Regional District

**Stay informed of severe weather, floods, wildfires, traffic incidents or local emergencies**

**Cell Phone Users**

The Alertable app can be easily downloaded and setup on a cell phone. During the setup process you will be presented with options to select the types of alerts and notifications that you are most interested in receiving.

**Land Line Users**

Can contact the Strathcona Emergency Program to register for Alertable by calling 250-830-6702 during regular business hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday).

**SRD website**

Additional Information about Alertable can be found on the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) website at:**https://srd.ca/services/emergency-preparedness/alerts-notifications/**

Are you already registered with Alertable but didn't receive an alert?
If so, contact Alertable customer service at customer.service@peasi.com

**Sayward Secret Santa** would like to thank the residents of the Village and Valley for continued and overwhelming support.

Special thanks to the Village of Sayward, the Strathcona Regional District, Carter at the Co-Op, Mainroad Contracting, Trophy West, Sayward Valley Resort, Sayward Harbour Authority, Sayward Fish and Game Club, Sayward Fire and Rescue, Hans Hoepfner, Woodlands Lodge, Sayward Delivery and the many individual contributors that make this a success every year.

Also, a great big **THANK YOU** to all the delivery elves, Paul, Ann, Frank, Steve and Mike…this would be impossible without you.

**Village of Sayward February Council Meetings:**

Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Village of Sayward

**Village of Sayward Office: 652 H'Kusam Way**
250-282-5512 village@saywardvalley.ca
Open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm
closed 12pm-1pm for lunch

Calling all farmers and would-be farmers:
**SAYWARD FARMERS' INSTITUTE**
will be holding their AGM & Potluck
**Saturday, February 28th – 5:00 p.m.**
at the Heritage Hall
For information: Call Beth at 250-282-3473
Bring something to eat that you enjoy making--
Y'all come now!

# SAYWARD FUTURES SOCIETY
*Our Community, Our Future*

## SAYWARD FUTURES SOCIETY
## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Sayward Futures Society invites members and the community to attend our Annual General Meeting.

**Saturday, February 7 | 1:00 PM**
**Multi-Purpose Room, Kelsey Centre**

Come and hear what we have been up to over the past year and learn more about upcoming projects and how local ideas are helping to shape the future.

We are always looking for volunteers and community members who want to get involved. Whether you have time, skills, ideas, or just curiosity, there are many meaningful opportunities to contribute and make a difference.

This is your chance to connect, learn more, and help ***shape the future of Sayward with Sayward Futures.***

Everyone welcome.

## Sayward Literacy Now 2026

**Books! Check out our book houses. If you are in need, I have books for children 0 to teens.**
**Watch for our book giveaways at local events.**
**Computer questions, we will try to help! Email, call or text! Ann at**
**annvansnick3@gmail.com**
**250-203-8332**

Sayward Literacy NOW!

## Sayward Library Hours:

Vancouver Island Regional Library

Sunday - Monday: closed
Tuesday: 10am - 2:30pm
Wednesday - Thursday: 2:30pm - 7pm
Friday - Saturday: 10am - 2:30pm

Got Extra Garbage?
**GARBAGE STICKERS FOR SALE**

Each household is allowed two garbage receptacles (cans/bags) per week.

**Additional receptacles** (up to 77 liters/25 kgs) must have a garbage sticker on it for pick-up.

$5.00 each Village of Sayward Residents

$3.75 each SRD Residents

**WHERE TO PURCHASE GARBAGE STICKERS?**

**Village of Sayward - $5.00 each**
- Municipal office
During business hours

**SRD (Sayward Valley) - $3.75 each**
- SRD Corporate Office - Campbell River
- Sayward Municipal Office
During business hours

Village of Sayward
250-282-5512 • village@saywardvalley.ca

Strathcona Regional District
250-830-6700 • engineering@srd.ca

## Sayward Interchange Recycling

**WE ACCEPT**
- Used Oil
- Used Antifreeze
- Oil & Antifreeze Containers
- Used Oil Filters

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT**
- Cooking Oil
- Fuel Cans
- Hazardous Wate
- Oil Barrels
- Grease
- Paint
- Sawdust
- Transformer Oil
- Cat Litter
- Brake Fluid
- Rags

If you have questions, or would like to drop off used oil products please call **250-830-4116**

## Sayward RecyclingDepot ~hours~

Comox Strathcona Waste Management

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday**
***9:00am - 5:00pm***

## No Parking

**on boulevards between November 15th to March 15th**

**to help Public Works in clearing snow and ice to keep you safe.**

Village of Sayward

GR-310-26

## CENSUS JOBS

**Your census. Your community. Our future.**

### Statistics Canada is hiring in your community!

- Census information is important for you and your community and is used to plan services that support employment, education, public transportation and healthcare.
- Join the 2026 Census team for meaningful work and community impact.
- There are approximately 32,000 census jobs available across Canada.

**Important to know:**

- Pay is **$25.87 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **$31.32 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.
- The time frame for census jobs is between **March and July 2026**, depending on the position and location.
- You must be available to work flexible hours, including days, evenings, and weekends.

## EMPLOIS AU RECENSEMENT

**Votre recensement. Votre collectivité. Notre avenir.**

### Statistique Canada embauche dans votre collectivité!

- Les données du recensement sont importantes pour vous et votre collectivité et sont utilisées pour planifier les services qui soutiennent l'emploi, l'éducation, le transport en commun et les soins de santé.
- Joignez-vous à l'équipe du Recensement de 2026 pour effectuer un travail utile qui a une incidence sur votre collectivité.
- Environ 32 000 emplois au recensement sont offerts partout au Canada.

**Renseignements importants :**

- Le taux de rémunération est de **25,87 $ l'heure** pour les postes sans fonctions de supervision et de **31,32 $ l'heure** pour les postes de supervision, en plus des dépenses admissibles.
- La période d'emploi pour les postes du recensement est de **mars à juillet 2026**, selon le poste et le lieu de travail.
- Vous devez être disponible pour travailler selon un horaire flexible, ce qui comprend le jour, le soir et la fin de semaine.

**Apply now and tell a friend**
**census.gc.ca/jobs**

If you need assistance with your application, please call **1-833-830-3106**
Teletypewriter (TTY): **1-833-830-3109**

**Postulez dès maintenant et parlez-en à un ami ou une amie**
**recensement.gc.ca/emplois**

Si vous avez besoin d'aide pour postuler, composez le **1-833-830-3106**
Téléscripteur (ATS) : **1-833-830-3109**

Statistics Canada Statistique Canada

Canada

# February 2026

2nd~ PAC meeting in school library, 2:45pm
7th & 8th~Filming at School
12th~Rock Climbing & Gymnastics Field Trip
13th~ PAC Bake Sale in kitchen, 12:30-2:30pm
16th~ Family Day- NO SCHOOL!
17th~ Pro D Day- NO SCHOOL!
25th~ Pink Shirt Day

Hot lunches TBD

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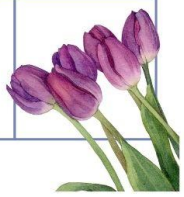
| | | | | | |  |

## Garden Club News

With the ground frozen up there isn't much for gardeners to do. But if the micro-organisms are working in the compost, there will be enough heat to keep it from freezing. Keeping the pile covered keeps the heat in and keeps off the heavy rain. The pile can be turned bringing the outside material to the inside and the inside material to the outside of the pile. The kitchen scraps can be buried in the middle. The turning incorporates the air needed to keep the micro-organisms alive. If the pile is dry, sprinkle with (warm) water until the pile is like a wrung-out sponge.

Winter is the time to prune fruit trees for limb direction and tree shape. Pruning back limits limb length and shapes by pruning back to a bud that is going in the desired direction. This also the season for spraying to avoid scab and other unwanted organisms. More on this subject next month.

The club will be resuming the regular meeting schedule starting with Thursday, February 12th. We meet regularly on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Heritage Hall. There is no membership fee, and we are always looking for new gardeners. At each meeting we have a round table where members tell what they are presently up to and questions are asked and answers provided by the more experienced members.

Members are invited to bring their seed collections to the meeting for seed swapping. You can also bring along any seed catalogs that you have, even ones from past years. Please bring catalogs from lesser-known seed companies. Hope to see you then.

## COMMUNITY SHARE SHED

**Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday**
**10:00am-1:00pm**
**located beside the Recycling Depot**
**Donations of functional, clean items accepted during open hours.**
**Please do not leave items outside.**
**For information, please call Debbie @ 250-895-4500**

# Age Friendly Van

## Thursday, February 15th
## Wednesday, February 28th

The Age Friendly Van is for anyone over the age of 19 years living in the Village of Sayward or the Sayward Valley. The Van will pick you up and drop you off at your home. The driver will take you to appointments, shopping or any other destinations required. Return time to Sayward may vary from trip to trip, depending on the rider's needs. The Age Friendly Van will arrive back in Sayward no later than 5pm unless arrangements are discussed in advance and approved.

*Cost is by donation.*

Please call the Village Office the day before by **Noon** to reserve your seat on the van.

*Questions? Contact the Village Office:* ***250-282-5512*** or
**village@saywardvalley.ca**

## Clinic News

The clinic remains open for patients of the clinic, with Nurse Practitioner Enid O'Hara covering some shifts.
Clinic hours remain the same:
Monday to Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM 📞 Call 250-282-3815
The following services are available to everyone.
(you do not need to be a clinic patient)
Lab, ECGs, 24-hour Holter monitoring, Injections, Wound and dressing care.

**Please call when you can't make your lab or NP appointment. We have very limited spots.**

## Seniors Luncheons at the Kelsey Centre

**12pm-1pm**
**Wednesday, February 11th**
**Wednesday, February 25th**

**Hosted by the Sayward Community Health Society and its amazing volunteers!**

Join us for a delightful afternoon of connection and community. This is a **free event** open to all seniors, so come ready to relax, mingle, and make new memories.
We look forward to seeing you there!

# February 2026

Sayward Primary Healthcare Clinic

**Clinic Phone 250 282-3815**
**Fax 250 282-0040**
**Clinic Hour 9-5 Monday to Wednesday, 9-4 Thursday**

**Public Health Phone 250 850-2110**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 8 | 9<br>Labs 9-11:30 | 10 | 11<br>Public Health | 12 | 13<br>CLINIC CLOSED | 14 |
| 15 | 16<br>CLOSED<br>Family Day | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20<br>CLINIC CLOSED | 21 |
| 22 | 23<br>Labs 9-11:30 | 24<br>NP Phone Calls | 25<br>NP Phone Calls | 26<br>NP Phone Calls | 27<br>CLINIC CLOSED | 28 |
| March 1 | 2<br>Labs 9-11:30<br>NP | 3<br>NP | 4<br>NP | 5<br>NP | 6<br>CLINIC CLOSED | 7 |

**This Schedule is subject to change.**

# Sayward Chair Fitness

## At the Kelsey Centre
## *free drop in*

Friday, February 6th
*10am-11am*

Friday, February 13th
*10am-11am*

Friday, February 20th
*10am-11am*

Friday, February 27th
***1pm-2pm***

Questions? Call **Greg** @ 250-201-7539 or email: CP.Sayward@BCEHS.ca

BCEHS | BC Emergency Health Services
Provincial Health Services Authority

📌 **Heritage Hall – What's On in February 2026**

Hello everyone! Here's what's happening at Heritage Hall this February — we'd love to see you there.

Legion
BRITISH COLUMBIA/YUKON COMMAND

**Join us at the Sayward Royal Canadian Legion #147, 699 Sayward Road at 1:00pm for BINGO:**

***Sunday, February 8th***
***Sunday, February 22nd***

💝 FREE **Seniors (65+) Valentine's Lunch Saturday**, Feb 14 | 1pm

*Registration is required. Last day to register is Feb 7th*

Please call Barb at **250-282-3741** to register or for more info.

🛍️ **Indoor Market Saturday**, Feb 7 | 10am–1pm

🧵 **Sayward Helping Hands** Every Tuesday | 10am

Bring your sewing, knitting, or craft projects. $2 drop-in — everyone welcome.

🧸 **Kids Club.** Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

Registration required.

Email: **saywardcrew@gmail.com**

🎶 **Music Night** First Thursday of the month

Bring your instrument or your voice and join in. $2 drop-in — everyone welcome.

🗓️ **Monthly Meeting.** Tuesday, Feb 10 | 7pm

All events are subject to change. Thanks for supporting Heritage Hall and our community — hope to see you soon! 😊

CANADA POSTES
POST CANADA

**Sayward Post Office Hours:**
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 8:30am-12:30pm
Sunday: Closed

## Village of Sayward 2026 Dog Licences

If your dog has a licenced tag and is lost, your information is available so we can reunite you with your dog quickly.

Available for purchase from the village office

## Seniors Carpet Bowling at the Kelsey Centre 9am-12pm

**Wednesday, February 4th**
**Wednesday, February 11th**
**Wednesday, February 18th**
**Wednesday, February 25th**

## *MUAY THAI at the Kelsey Centre*

SAYWARD
·MUAY THAI·

**Mini-Mites (ages 4-7 only)**
**Wednesdays 4:15pm - 4:50pm**

**Regular Class (Youth & Adults)**
**Wednesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm**

**COST: 100% FREE for the whole community!**
**WHAT TO BRING: No fancy gear needed! Just wear a t-shirt and shorts, and don't forget your water bottle.**

**Whether you're a seasoned pro, or a total beginner, come join our growing village Muay Thai family. See you there!**

## Meet new friends at YOUTH GROUP

SAYWARD
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP

**Fridays 6:00pm-7:30pm**
740 Gentry Rd, Sayward
Ages 7 to 17
Cost: FREE!

***New to the group?*** Please ensure a parent or guardian are present at drop off to fill out our registration form This helps us keep everyone safe and informed.

## SAYWARD COMMUNITY FOOD TABLE SOCIETY

BEST WISHES FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN 2026

THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS' SUPPORTERS, AND CHARITABLE SOCIETIES
*TAKING PRIDE IN HELPING OUR COMMUNITY*
SCFTS BOARD & MEMBERS

### *2026 Food Sort Dates:*

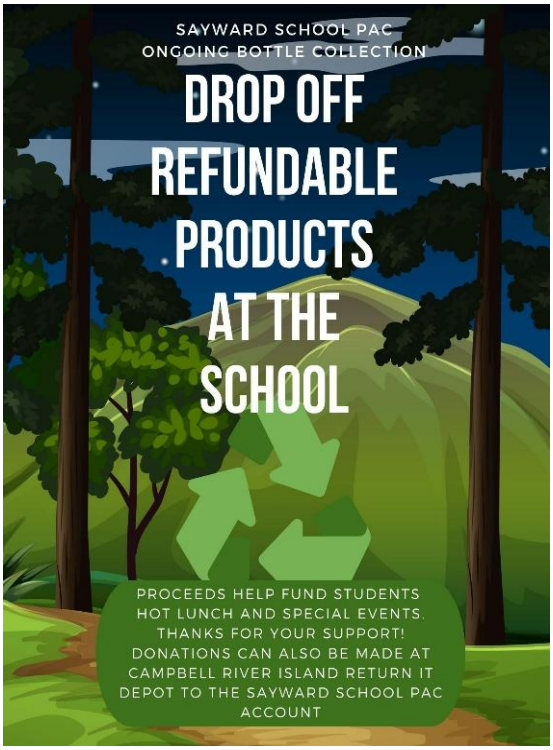
| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan-30 | Feb-27 | Mar-27 | Apr-24 |
| May-22 | Jun-19 | Jul-24 | Aug-21 |
| Sep-18 | Oct-16 | Nov-13 | Dec-11 |

SAYWARD
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP

"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

Morning Service 11:00am
740 Gentry Rd.
Darren Duncalfe 1-604-701-2727
saywardshepherd@gmail.com

ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

## St Bernadette's Catholic Church

Sunday Service 11:00am
(1st & 3rd Sunday at 3pm)
963 Despins Rd.
250-287-3498