



Thanksgiving Day Weekend Closures

Due to the Thanksgiving Day statutory holiday the Mermaid office will be closed on Monday October 13th 2008. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

October 2008 Program Schedules

Please visit www.scacl.ca to view our online activity schedules for the Supported Employment Program and Day Program.

- **Supper Club** will be held Oct 2nd & 16th 3:00pm - 5:00pm \$5.00 fee
- **Video Night** will be held Oct. 9th & 23rd @ 4:00pm \$4.00 fee

A friendly reminder to all Day Services participants to please call us at 604-885-7455 if you are not coming in.



Voting Workshop for Self Advocates

Day Program will be hosting a workshop on your rights, voting and the upcoming Federal Election

October 2nd at 10:00 am and again at 1:00pm

All are welcome to attend.



Inlet Centre has Moved as of October 1st

The Inlet Centre has moved to the expanded Mermaid Street Centre. The renovations are still under way. Bottle Me has ceased shifts for the month of October but bottles still are available for sale.

PLEASE NOTE:

Effective October 1st SCACL will only have one phone number **604-885-7455** (The old Inlet Center number will forward for one month to this number). We are also moving to an automated voice response system. This means when a call is received the caller will hear a list of choices of whom to speak to and select accordingly. At any time when you call you can choose "zero" to talk to a person. We will be conducting workshops for self advocates on using our new phone system. We know this will be a change but hope it allows us to better manage our phone system.



Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at Medusa

Medusa will be hosting a Pot-luck Thanksgiving Dinner for all staff, families and residents: October 9th 5:30pm at Medusa. Please RSVP to Laurie



CARF Accreditation

SCACL's re- accreditation went very well. Many thanks to everyone for their hard work and to those who agreed to be interviewed by the surveyors. We will know the results in about six weeks – but we can hopefully expect a three year renewal of our accreditation status.



SCACL Halloween Dance

Mark your calendars for Saturday November 1st

SCACL is hosting a Halloween Costume Dance at the Robert Creek Halls with a great dance band: The "So-tight R&B" Band

This event is a SCACL fund raiser

Tickets are \$20.00 and will be available at SCACL and other locations. Please call for other locations – tickets will be available by the end of next week.



Midtown Update

Green City Partnership Award

SCACL and the District of Sechelt have won an award: The Green City Partnership Award for the Midtown project on Inlet Avenue. The District of Sechelt nominated this project for its innovation because SCACL took the initiative to do a private development to fund supportive housing units for their clients, and for the environmentally friendly design. The District helped the project by allowing a higher density, waiving part of the DCC's and by providing a grant. The award has a cash prize of an amount not yet determined but could be up to \$50,000.00

Real Estate Foundation Grant

The Real Estate Foundation has granted SCACL \$25,000.00 for the Midtown project. Many thanks to the foundation for their support of Midtown