

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

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Back issue. The Denman Firestarter did not exist on 2020-03-19. This edition was compiled on 2026-10-01 from the public record as it stood on 2020-03-19, and contains nothing dated after that day — no outcomes, no hindsight. It is a reconstruction of what was on the record at the time, not a document from the time.

THE ISLAND

Denman Community Hall closes as island services change

The hall is closed until restrictions are lifted, while local organizations announce cancellations and changes in response to COVID-19.

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The Denman Community Hall is closed until restrictions are lifted, with no date set for events to resume, according to a notice from Lyndsey Jennings to renters. The notice says renters with bookings through June 30 will receive refunds or prorated refunds, and deposit cheques will be destroyed.¹

The Denman Activity Centre is also closed until further notice, including its gym, fitness centre and lounge. The Denman Seniors

and Museum Society cancelled its Easter barbecue and monthly seniors’ lunches, and the Grapevine staff cancelled the Children’s Easter Egg Hunt.¹

The Tsk Tsk Revue postponed its Salish Sea Tour. Ima’s Kitchen said it would close starting March 20, while its bread would remain available at the General Store.¹

The Denman Island Medical Clinic notice says people with specified COVID-19 concerns or symptoms can come for testing and are expected to self-isolate at home while awaiting results, listed as three to four days. The General Store asked customers to practise social distancing and offered to assemble orders for phone pickup or delivery.¹

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Denman businesses adjust services amid COVID-19 concerns

The General Store and other local services describe precautions, delivery options and changes to operations.

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The Denman General Store said it was asking customers to leave two metres between themselves and others where possible, avoid coming in if sick or recently returned from overseas, and call in orders if they could not arrange pickup. The store said it would shop for customers and arrange delivery at no charge.¹

Denman Hardware said it was remaining open on a day-to-day basis and described handwashing and counter disinfection measures. It asked people who were unwell or quarantining after travel to arrange for someone else to collect supplies, or call to discuss delivery.¹

Abraxas said it intended to stay open while there was a discernible community need and it was safe to do so, while monitoring the situation and taking precautions. It said customers could place orders by phone or through its website and send printing materials by email.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

Forecast on record for this week. Later weather is not in this box.

Thu 2020-03-19: Clear; 12°C / 1°C; wind ENE 6 kn; daylight 07:26–19:30; moon Waning Crescent, 25% lit; high water 4:28 AM (4.5 m), low water 10:21 AM (3.2 m), high water 2:38 PM (3.7 m), low water 9:40 PM (1.2 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2020-03-19>

	Thu 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25
Sky	Clear	Clear	Clear	Overcast	Mainly clear	Overcast	Mainly clear
High	12°C	14°C	14°C	13°C	10°C	9°C	11°C
Low	1°C	1°C	1°C	2°C	2°C	3°C	1°C
Wind	ENE 6 kn	N 6 kn	N 6 kn	ESE 13 kn	S 8 kn	N 6 kn	NNE 5 kn
Daylight	07:26–19:30	07:24–19:32	07:22–19:33	07:19–19:35	07:17–19:36	07:15–19:38	07:13–19:39
Moon	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	New Moon	New Moon

Open-Meteo historical forecast. Tides: Canadian Hydrographic Service.

DENMAN FIRE RESCUE

Emergencies: **911**. Denman Island Fire Rescue is a volunteer department. This space is theirs in every edition, free, and is not for sale.

Burning restrictions change through the season. Check before you light anything — including this newspaper.

Sources

Every claim in this edition is cited. Full documents, and the checks each source passed, are at denmanisland.co/news — or ask us and we will post you a copy.

Denman Community Hall closes as island services change

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, March 19, 2020 — “Following these recommendations, DIRCS has decided to close the Denman Community Hall until restrictions are lifted.”

Denman businesses adjust services amid COVID-19 concerns

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, March 19, 2020 — “We would request that everyone practice social distancing in the store and at the Post Office.”

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