



# THE CORDOVAN

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*Did you miss your Cordovan? Sorry - it hasn't appeared for a while because of flu, but we have some urgent matters now!*

### SEWAGE in STORM DRAINS from CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL

(through Delmonte, down Doumac, and on to the beach by the restaurant) - WE NEED YOUR LETTERS NOW !!!

School District 63 is applying to the Pollution Control Board for a permit to discharge an average of 7,500 gallons of effluent a day (maximum daily discharge can be up to 12,400 gallons) into a storm drain. The storm drain follows a north-easterly course through Cordova Bay to the sea. In a study done by Graeme and Murray Consultants in April 1973, the efficiency of this system is questioned. They felt that the septic tank capacity was not adequate. Also that the sand filter, which depends on filtration of air, had decreased in efficiency because of earth fill and a running track being placed over it. The report concludes "that the existing sewage disposal system does not meet acceptable standards, also that effluent could not be treated to a level which would allow it to be discharged to a ditch." Although the study recommended a way in which the problem could be solved, nothing was done and the school has been functioning without a permit for some time.

Anyone wishing to object to the granting of a permit should write before February 2nd, 1979 to:

Director of Pollution Control  
W. N. Venables,  
Pollution Control Branch,  
1106 Cook St.,  
Victoria, B. C. V8V 1X4

*Please write!*

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ON-SITE SYSTEMS - - - NOT OUR STORM DRAINS!

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### IMPORTANT UP-COMING MEETINGS

- January 22nd - To discuss Community Plan - Municipal Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- January 30th - Municipal Public Works Committee, Municipal Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Sewage disposal in Cordova Bay will be discussed. Please attend.
- February 22nd - Municipal Meeting on Cordova Bay Local Area Plan (place to be announced).

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WATCH Cable 10 on Thursday, February 15th, 7 - 8 p.m. for a Cordova Bay Association program on community concerns. (Will be repeated on Sat. Feb. 17th, 12:30 p.m.)

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TO NEWCOMERS and those who sometimes wonder . . .

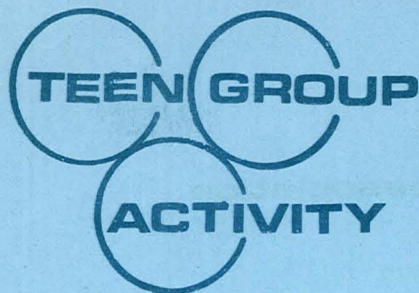
The Cordova Bay Association is registered under the B. C. Societies Act and its objects are "to work for physical and social improvement in the Cordova Bay community," and also include:

- 1) The fostering of meaningful community improvement in all development and land use planning for the area;
  - 2) Limitation of community population density;
- (More on this and the organization and operation of the Association in the next issue.)

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This meeting was held on Nov. 8th at Claremont School with approx. 125 residents in attendance. The Mayor, Administrator, Controller Treasurer, Engineer and Planner answered questions which had been given to them in advance about Municipal Planning and Financing.

It seems that, despite the attempts at formulating a Community Plan, the municipality have no practical financial plan to deal with the costs of services proposed over the next 20 years. The Ward & Associates Economic Analysis - a study for which Saanich paid \$19,000 - was to help the municipality in its formulation of the Community Plan. It warned of financial difficulties facing Saanich if the rapid development with its

demand for expanded services is not controlled. Very few of the recommendations of the Ward Report have been adopted.

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Five members of the C.B.A. attended a "NEIGHBOURHOOD STREETS" seminar in Victoria recently. A California university professor of City Planning told of new methods being used to "improve" neighbourhood streets in California. Apparently they regret the planning practices of the 1950's and 60's where car drivers were the "kings of the road."

"Improve" in California 1979 means to make roads as narrow and winding as possible. Foot-paths, bike-paths and traffic diversions are built on roadways in order to make the roads people-oriented and engender a neighbourhood atmosphere.

Some work on this line has already been done in Victoria. The police, engineers and planners who were present seemed enthusiastic about the concept and felt that any problems this may cause for fire-fighters and ambulances (the only area of concern) could be solved.

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We are optimistic that Saanich will give some consideration to solving SEWAGE PROBLEMS with on-site (septic tank field) sewage disposal.

While studying this matter, we have unearthed information on the work being done in the U.S. which is solving problems very similar to those we are facing in Cordova Bay. Given the present state of pollution in Cordova Bay, we feel it would be irresponsible of Council to continue to ignore the situation. However, (given the present state of municipal finances) it is equally clear that Saanich residents should not be asked to bear the burden of an expensive sewer line, with all its other costs and consequences, until ALL OTHER solutions have been considered.

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A huge THANK YOU to all the people of Cordova Bay for their wonderful support of the Save the Children Fund Hallowe'en Drive. Cans were carried on our behalf this year by children at Lochside School and by the Sunday School members of Cordova Bay United Church. Lochside's proceeds amounted to \$92.00, while the Sunday School's totalled \$111.23, both fine amounts. We are very grateful to these boys and girls, and to their teachers for all their efforts.

Sometimes it is hard to realize that carrying a can and collecting a few coins can save lives, - but it does! The \$200.00 raised in your area may mean that 2,850 children can receive T.B. vaccine; or that 200 children will receive milke for more than a month. However those dollars are used, they will be doing important work, and bringing hope for the future to many children who otherwise would not have it. To everyone in Cordova Bay, thanks for caring.

(Mrs.) Heather Siska, Victoria Representative.

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 Pineapples should smell like pineapples at the bottom end and have a golden glow just under the skin. Some people give one of the leaves of the top-knot a tug and consider a pineapple ripe if it pulls loose easily. They will ripen at room temperature.

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THE CORDOVAN NATURALIST

Winter in Victoria thankfully doesn't mean the end of good birdwatching or enjoyment of the out-of-doors. Next time you step out to survey the progress of snowdrop, anemone or daffodil shoots in the garden, listen and look for some of our feathered friends that stay with us all winter, cheering gray days with their calls and activities.

A large flock of Pine Siskins is ranging the Cordova Bay area. They flit from alder to alder in a tight swarm, constantly chattering. We saw the whole group in early December down behind the shopping center, and have observed smaller flocks on top of the ridge.

The Siskin is a small finch with a yellow wing stripe and heavy streaking all over. Besides eating seeds, catkins and buds of alder, it feeds in conifers and birches. Siskins range across Canada and from Alaska to Guatemala.

In contrast to the Siskin's free-feeding habits, the Dark-eyed Junco feeds on the ground and is a common visitor to feeding stations. An easy bird to recognize, it has a distinctive "hangman's" black hood and flashy white outer tail feathers. Its vocabulary consists of a variety of soft chips and trills. Juncos feed mainly on weed seeds, and at the feeder, enjoy millet but ignore sunflower seeds. Though common in winter, usually in loose flocks of up to twenty birds, only a few remain to nest in our area. During the summer most birds are at higher elevations ranging to the sub-alpine. Migration is mainly altitudinal, their seasonal pattern being a case of up and down, rather than north and south.

We have a constant reminder of summer in the vicinity of Piedmont Drive. A few Townsend's Warblers seem to have taken up residence for the winter. Usually insect-eating birds head south to gentler climes, but a few hardy ones like chickadees, kinglets and nuthatches remain. It is with a flock of these forest birds that the yellow and black Townsend's Warblers are found. Unfortunately, their habits keep them high up in the conifers where few can see them. The best way to locate these elusive beauties is by knowing their soft metallic "chip." The warblers survived that last cold windy spell so there is a good chance they will remain here all winter. Personally, California or Central America where the rest of their kind winter has great appeal for us on this winter's day!

Good birding and best wishes,

Mike and Teresa Shepard

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A recommendation from Mrs. Grace Thorn . . .

Are you tired of struggling through the traffic, and wasting costly gas while hunting for a place to park the car? Why not try the comfortable and convenient Sidney-Victoria BUS and relax, read or talk with a fellow passenger while the courteous, friendly driver pilots you safely into the city or home from it. See you there!

Try out the new plaza bus shelter. Here are some times taken from the schedule.

MONDAY through FRIDAY

Saanich Peninsula to Victoria

Leave C.B. Rd. at Doumac 7:22 7:46 8:25 9:56a.m. 12:40 2:36 3:45 7:56 10:59p.m.

Victoria to Saanich Peninsula

Leave Victoria Belleville & Douglas St. 8:30 10:30a.m. 12:25 1:20 4:40 5:05 5:35 9:10p.m.

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Saanich Peninsula to Victoria

Leave C.B. Rd. at Doumac 7:46 11:56a.m. 12:40 3:36 6:00 7:56p.m.

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Leave Victoria Belleville & Douglas St. 8:30 10:30a.m. 1:15 4:40 5:35p.m.


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RECREATION PROGRAMS for the NEW YEAR

WOMEN'S KEEP FIT - Tuesdays and/or Thursdays - 9 a.m. to 9:45 at the Community Hall, Sutcliffe Rd. - 12 or 24 sessions at a dollar per time.

WOMEN'S BADMINTON - Wednesday afternoons - 1 to 3 p.m. Phone Dorothy Smith, 658-5023.

MEDITATION - A series of 8 lectures with exercises - Thursdays, <sup>1:30</sup> 2 p.m. beginning Jan. 18th at 4937 Cordova Bay Rd. - 658-5497. These will be given by Marjorie Macbean, leader of the Sri Chinmoy Centre here for the past 5 years. Sri Chinmoy leads the weekly meditation sessions at the U. N. You may enquire further of Marjorie Macbean, 592-6211.

THE MIRIAM THORN DRAWING & PAINTING WORKSHOP - will begin another lively series on Jan. 17th. *Next Thursday - Jan. 25th at 4904 Lockside Drive*  
Wednesday mornings - 9:30 to 12:30p.m. - 10 sessions for \$50 - Both beginners and experienced artists welcome at Cordova Bay United Church. Phone 658-5605.

(P-sss-t! Belly-dancing classes should come to Cordova Bay this March!)

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One obvious recommendation on the recent REFUSE COLLECTION QUESTIONNAIRE comes to mind. How about facilitating the recycling of waste materials with truck pick-ups at local depots - or improving efficiency where needed at the Recycling Depot on Borden St.???

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Are you wondering about those simple repairs? - replacing the washer in the dripping tap? - or the light bulb that's just out of your reach? The names of LOCAL VOLUNTEERS FOR SIMPLE REPAIRS are available from the Variety Store, your local ministers, and the Social Services Committee, 658-8035 or 658-5605.

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WANT A JOB? How about setting up in BICYCLE REPAIRS for Cordova Bay? Knowledge of 10 speed gear systems required.

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ANY IDEAS for creating SUMMER STUDENT JOBS in the community through the YOUNG CANADA WORKS PROGRAM? Please phone 658-5605.

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BABYSITTING CO-OP? One new mother with 3 month-old child wishes to exchange babysitting time during the day. Phone Janet Ker - 658-8376.

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Would you like to GIVE your self this NEW YEAR to the community in a way that's really needed? How about a gift of your time, energy, skills and understanding for a few hours each week to small groups of 13 to 16 year olds. Already there are some people who have begun.

- a) Harry at the Community Hall Club is devoting 2 sessions a week to challenging badminton coaching for one small group.
- b) One kind & perceptive lady on the ridge is chatting with some of her younger, lively neighbours, and over goodies is trying to set up a small scale interesting project - possibly involving woodwork.
- c) Have you batiking or other craft skills to offer to a small group or even individual young people? Some families here would be happy to pay you for your skills.
- d) What about a clinker group? First obtain a clinker - through fund-raising - then hold regular repair and maintenance work parties and sessions on boating and fishing skills, and when the weather improves, clinker outings. If you were prepared to take this on, there could well be fees paid as well.
- e) Become a leader of a local Youth Hostelling Group. From their newsletter, many possibilities of hiking, cross-country skiing and camping are available.

Please contact Services Committee people if you are interested or have other bright ideas and energy to go with them.

Pat Craig - at the Variety Store  
Frances Ricks - 658-8686 (evenings)  
Lori Robinson - 658-5488 (evenings)  
D. Doyle - 658-5605

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