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Another class, again for beginners in Cordova Bay, invites you to join -- and an advanced bridge class may also be formed. If you are interested, please call Ialin Armfelt, 658-1210 or 384-4811.

SINGING FOR FUN

We used to get together on Wednesday evenings and sing, just for the sheer fun of it -- but recently we haven't had a place to meet. We now have an offer of a new location; if you'd like to sing along, call Ialin Armfelt at 658-1210 or 384-4811.

WHAT THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION DOES FOR YOU

-  examines all proposals for development, subdivision and zoning changes in the community, to make sure they meet the requirements of the Local Area Plan;
-  attends council and other relevant municipal meetings to monitor all issues of concern to the community, and to put the community position to the mayor and aldermen when required;
-  provides information and assistance to community residents with problems or questions about changes in local planning, and, through two trained referral agents, information for residents on personal and family concerns;
-  provided and maintains the community notice board in the shopping plaza;
-  supports the activities of the Cordova Bay Seniors' Lodge Society in promoting seniors' housing in the community;
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SECOND PAGE COLUMN

Local Area Plan: Final sections of the Plan - transportation, public works, the Village Core Development Permit Area - went before Council on December 15. Watch for notice of the Public Hearing, at which the whole Plan will be approved, in the Saturday issues of the Times-Colonist, and in weekly issues of the Saanich News.

Public Notices: If you're concerned or interested, each week's Council agenda, and the dates and times of municipal committee meetings, are advertised in the Saturday issue of the Times-Colonist and in the Saanich News. Notices of Public Hearings also appear in the newspaper. Sometimes the titles of agenda items are far from clear: if in doubt, call the Municipal Hall at 386-2241 and ask for the Clerk's Office - they know everything there.

Local Information: The Cordova Bay Association has - with many thanks to the Kennedy's - placed a ring binder in the Variety Store: it contains copies of the C.B.A. constitution, the 1984 community survey, and the traffic study. When the local area plan is approved, a copy of that will be inserted as well. For detailed information on specific issues, call President Roger Vale, 658-5301.

Grant Park: During the past summer, with the aid of a grant from the Challenge '87 federal student program and the assistance of Saanich Parks Department, a trail was cleared through Grant Park. It runs from Lochside Drive just south of the Searidge entrance up onto the hill above Amblewood. It peters out there, where the land is split by a ravine, but we hope that the Parks Department will bridge the ravine or build stairs in the near future. Try the trail out: the only way to keep a park is to use it.

The September Survey Question asked whether you felt traffic efficiency or community character should be considered most important in the traffic study. Roughly 4.5 % of households answered the survey - a percentage considered statistically significant. Eighty-seven percent were unequivocally for community character: the remaining 13% split 50/50 between traffic efficiency and mixed feelings. Community opinion does not seem to have changed substantially since the 1984 survey.

THANK YOU, DORIS - AND WELCOME BACK, CORDOVA BAY PARK

Natural parkland isn't popular with Saanich Municipality these days: as population increases in Saanich, playing fields tend to come first. And Cordova Bay, compared to any other community in the municipality, has lots of natural parkland.

So when the Local Area Plan went to review, Saanich suggested that tiny Cordova Bay Park, sandwiched between Cordova Bay Road, Haliburton, and Lochside Drive, should be sold as residential land. The money could be used to buy playing field land at the south end of the community.

That was before Doris Page and her neighbours heard about it. And for the past few months Doris has been pursuing friends, neighbours and perfect strangers, waving a petition sheet in her hand!

As a result of that petition, Saanich Council decided it would be worthwhile to take a second look at the park. And what municipal solicitor Christopher Nation found out was a universal surprise: most of that park was not Saanich's to sell!

Back in 1916, that land was in use as a reservoir for the local property owners, and in that year Frederick Bernard Pemberton transferred title of it to Thornton Fell, Charles Hunt French, and George Russell.

On March 10, 1919, these three men set up a trust to maintain the land

- a) as a reservoir for the property owners of lots 1 - 33 in Cordova Bay, and
- b) "for the use and enjoyment of the public as park, pleasure place, fairgrounds or otherwise for the benefit of the public..."

That trust still stands. Thanks to Doris, to Christopher Nation, and to Saanich Council, Cordova Bay Park is with us still.

IN DEFENCE OF TREES

Homeowners and developers - spare that tree! A CRD brochure, The Urban Woodland, says that trees

- prevent erosion
- assimilate gaseous contaminants in the air
- attract dust which is later washed away in the rain
- act as wind shields
- absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and release oxygen into the air
- muffle noise
- filter the glare from neon signs and car headlights
- diffuse harsh sunlight reflecting from concrete and parking lots
- block unsightly views
- provide privacy
- soften harsh geometric lines of buildings
- create harmony among diverse architectural styles
- provide a home and shelter for hosts of birds, animals and insects

Not to speak of how good they look. We have a few unsightly samples of clear-cutting in Cordova Bay right now: let's hope they're the last.

NEW HALL FOR UNITED CHURCH

Cordova Bay United congregation hopes to meet in its new hall on Sunday, 24 January at 10 in the morning. Until then, St. David's Anglican Church has kindly welcomed the United Church members, who are meeting in the Anglican church at 12:30 on Sundays until they can move into their own quarters. The Sunday School is also meeting at the same time in St. David's Church.

The Sanctuary of the new church is due to be opened at a ceremony at 4 pm on Sunday, February 21st. The opening ceremonies will be followed by a dinner. Tickets for the dinner, \$6 each, are by reservation (before February 17th) from the dinner committee or the church office. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Church office is already located in the new building, and the phone number has remained the same -- 658-5911.

Friends in the community are most welcome at all the services, whether in St. David-by-the-Sea, in the Hall at 813 Claremont (at the end of January) and eventually in the new Sanctuary.

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Mar. 5 & 6

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HALL FOR RENT

Cordova Bay Hall for rent, at reasonable rates. Catering services can be arranged on request. Call 658-8857 on weekends or in the evenings.

FOR POLITICAL PUNDITS

Tune into Rogers Cable TV, Channel 11, on the first and second Wednesdays of the month between 4 and 5 p.m. to hear Premier Vander Zalm and Mike Harcourt, Opposition Leader--in part an open line program.

MOUNT NEWTON ADULT DAY CARE CENTRE

A podiatrist will be at the Mount Newton Adult Day Care Centre during the afternoon of Tuesday, February 23rd. Anybody wanting an appointment should please call 652-3432.

WEEKLY NEIGHBOURLY GET-TOGETHER

Yes, it is still being held in the bakery in the plaza in Cordova Bay, at 11 am on Thursdays. And yes, you're very welcome to drop in. Come meet some of your neighbours, including Ialin Armfelt, your Cordova Bay Association rep.

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	Mar. 7, 28	days. If you have comments or questions,
	Apr. 18	or if you miss the 8:30 deadline, call
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Recycling takes place only within the Urban Containment Boundary; thus it includes Delmonte, but not Santa Clara. Santa Clara residents can deliver recyclables to Walema, Piedmont, Larendo, or Claremont. Fowler Road residents can deliver to Cordova Bay Road at Lochside.

REMEMBER--your participation shows your genuine concern for our environment. Thank you for participating in the Saanich Curbside Collection Program.

CORDOVA BAY SENIORS' LODGE SOCIETY NEWS

At last! The Cordova Bay Seniors' Lodge Society project on Sutcliffe Avenue is becoming a reality. Negotiations have been completed with BC Housing Management Commission for the property. Contracts for the building have been signed with Qualiterra Investments Ltd.

Construction is slated to begin the week of January 11, with completion expected in early summer. A sod-turning ceremony will take place on Monday, January 11.

Eight single, one double unit, and one handicapped unit as well as a common lounge make up the facility.

Soon the Society will be launching a campaign for funds to complete the furnishing of the units. Watch for publicity in the next Cordovan.

For information about requirements and applications for tenancy, write to the Cordova Bay Seniors' Lodge Society, c/o 928 Claremont Avenue, Victoria, BC V8Y 1K3.

CONGRATULATIONS PHIL WARREN

Phil is opening his own real estate company in Cordova Bay--Cordovan Properties Ltd. located in Win Life's building beside Payless Gas Station on Cordova Bay Road.

Phil has lived in Cordova Bay since 1965. He completed Grade 13 at Claremont Senior School and went to UVic, receiving a BA in 1969. He began his real estate career in 1971. One of the first Victoria realtors to "specialize" in an area, Phil has consistently been a top producer with the Victoria Real Estate Board as well as with three companies he has been employed by--D. F. Hanley Agencies, D.F.H. Real Estate and Highton and Associates.

Phil has been an active community member--one of the founding directors of the Cordova Bay Association, a leader in the Cub Scout movement, and a sponsor of local youth soccer.

From beach boy to businessman, Phil has enjoyed many years in Cordova Bay and looks forward to friends and neighbours dropping in for coffee at his new office in the village. He plans to continue to specialize in Cordova Bay properties and feels he can offer a better service now that he is closer at hand for customers.

KIWANIS NEWS

Claremont High School Key Club

The Cordova Bay Kiwanis Club is pleased to sponsor this Key Club. We congratulate the young people who took the lead in organizing their club, and we urge other students to join. It's a win/win situation. The community benefits, but the members themselves gain far more in fellowship, experience, responsibility and a better awareness of their community.

Cordova Bay Kiwanis Wants New Members

For the past two years, membership in the club has been limited to 25 because of the size of our meeting room at the Chantecler. We now have a new meeting facility below McMorran's Seaview Room, and we need another 10 members to meet our expanding program of Community Service. If you are interested, please phone John Scattergood, 658-1023; Dave Osborne your friendly Hardware man, 477-0246; or Lance Howey, 658-8984. The club has a supper meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The club is very grateful to the McMorran family for making space available for our meetings.

Christmas Flower and Cake Sale

Thank you one and all for your generous support of these fund-raising activities. We will be doing the same next year.

Seniors' Lodge

The club has committed itself to organizing and completing the landscaping of the lodge. In this, we will need help from the community at large. We expect the work will be done by several work parties in June. This is a project in which the young and the older can participate. In the next Cordovan, we will tell you how you can have a tree or shrub identified as your gift.

The club has offered to manage the Lodge when it is completed.

Marine Raffle

To raise money to cover some of the costs of landscaping the Seniors' Lodge property, the club will be selling raffle tickets in February and March. The prizes are 1) a complete canvas boat top for a boat not exceeding 24' OR a sail cover or sail dodger up to 24', 2) a marine battery, 3) a marine engine tune-up, 4) a case of oil, 5) painting by a master painter to a value of \$250.

The draw will be held at the club's meeting on March 30, and the names of the winners will be reported in the Times-Colonist and the Cordovan.

Medical Alert System

Nine members of the club have been trained to install these systems for the Victoria Gerontology Association.

If your family is concerned about your living alone, the Medical Alert System reassures them that you can get help quickly in case of an emergency.

For further information phone Alex Kilpatrick, co-ordinator for the program, at 382-5446.

CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION SURVEY

As a result of some residents' concern that a two-storey house just being built in Cordova Bay will destroy sea views, Saanich is going to consider instituting a one-storey zone in Cordova Bay. Are you

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MOTHERS AGAINST DRINKING DRIVERS

Mothers Against Drinking drivers will be having a Craft and Bake Sale on March 17-19, 1988 at Can-west Mall as part of the Shamrock Days Charity Bazaar. Look for knitted items, felt finger puppets, stuffed toys, fridge magnets, soft sculpture, dough art, woodwork and homemade baking and jam.

If you have something you would like to donate or make for our non-profit organization, please contact Karla Newstone, 658-8106. All donations are greatly appreciated.

CBA MEMBERSHIP

CBA Membership Chairman, Edward Hipsey, wishes to thank all his 1987/88 membership canvassers and also the many people who sent their memberships in with the drop-off form.

SAINT DAVID BY THE SEA

This Anglican church is at 5182 Cordova Bay Road, across from Fable Cottage. For programs and pastoral help call the rector, the Reverend Andrew Gates, at 658-1170 or 658-5022. Sunday Services are 8 am, Holy Eucharist (said) and 10 am, Holy Eucharist (sung), Baby Care and Sunday School. The mid-week service is held Thursdays at 10 in the morning (Holy Eucharist).

KINSMEN: MOTHERS' MARCH

The Rehabilitation Foundation Mothers' March runs this year from January 15th to the 31st. The blitz night is Wednesday January 20th, and there's a clean-up blitz on Saturday January 30th.

The Mothers' March assists handicapped people to live as independently as possible by providing technical aids, wheelchairs, braces and so forth. The equipment is also supplied to the children at the Queen Alexandria Solarium.

Volunteer canvassers are needed to assist in making this worthwhile campaign a success. If you're interested and can help out, please call 383-1323, or reach Ialin Armfelt at 658-1210 or 384-4811.

FRIDAY WALKERS

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PENINSULA NEWCOMERS CLUB

Each month, a coffee party is held to introduce and welcome new arrivals -- just part of the activity organized by the Peninsula Newcomers' Club. A number of events are being arranged by the volunteer club members, such as a Pub Night, whist, discussion groups, drop-in bowling, ladies bridge, knitting and rug-hooking, and a Dinner Club. For information call Ann Gardner (656-7099) of the Peninsula Newcomers Club or Judy Schiller (727-7104) of the Victoria Newcomers Club.

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Meetings of the Cordova Bay Association Board of Directors are held once a month, except during the summer, when they are held at the call of the President.

As provided by the CBA Constitution, meetings are open to interested members of the Association. If you wish to attend, please get in touch with a member of the Board.

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