

# THE CORDOVAN

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WRITE! WRITE! WRITE! WRITE! WRITE! WRITE! WRITE! WRITE!

## IMAGINE A PERMANENT TRAFFIC DIVERSION THROUGH CORDOVA BAY

That's the kind of traffic we're in for if the current freeway plan goes through.

Highway planners have the Lochside Drive right-of-way from Island View Road south ticketed as the east-of-highway intermunicipal route. So has the currently-being-reviewed Central Saanich Official Community Plan.

The idea is that the freeway will serve mainly the ferries and the airport: the peasants who actually live here are expected to take side routes like Lochside. And - especially with increasing development north on the Peninsula - that will bring heavy traffic to Cordova Bay.

Traffic along Cordova Bay Road. Because it's designated as the "major road" and the provincial subsidies for major road development and up-grading have already been spent on it.

We've written to Saanich Council, asking them to honour the commitment made in the Local Area Plan not to let an intermunicipal route run through Cordova Bay. A noncommittal reply, and no action.

We've written to Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts. No answer at all from Mr. Couvelier, a guarded reply from Dr. Huberts indicating that he knows nothing about it.

We've written to Rita Johnson, Minister of Highways. We've written to the project manager for the freeway. From these representatives of our provincial government we haven't received so much as a courteous confirmation that they've heard from us.

We've attended the meetings Mr. Couvelier set up along the Peninsula. As he travelled south with his meetings, Mr. Couvelier appeared to become more and more enthusiastic about the freeway, although speakers at the meeting were almost solidly against. Rita Johnson went even further - her official report of the meetings states that the consensus was that the government should "get on with it"!

We get the feeling they're not listening.

NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO WRITE!

If they don't listen to you, they aren't listening to anybody.

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For details of who and how, see next page

WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT

In December the Cordova Bay Association formed a coalition with some fifteen groups on the Peninsula, to try to get a little reason from the Ministry of Highways and our elected representatives on the matter of the freeway.

Each group has its own special concerns, as we have. Each group has tried to have those concerns heard. Like ours, theirs have been ignored.

When you write, you'll want to focus on the severe problems the freewaying will create for Cordova Bay.

But you may also want to support the recommendations of the coalition:

- \* Safety on the highway could be improved immediately by the establishment of a regular traffic patrol, perhaps including use of the Multanova; (see the statement of Staff Sgt. Jim Wilson of the Sidney RCMP in the Times Colonist, January 5)
- \* Upgrading of the McKenzie interchange should go ahead without delay, whether or not there is to be a freeway;
- \* Further planning for the Pat Bay Highway and the ferry terminal should be halted until a comprehensive land use plan for the Peninsula is completed. We should first agree on how best to use the remaining agricultural and rural land on the Peninsula, and then decide what kind of transportation system is required. Building a freeway we don't need will stimulate more rapid urban development which we don't need.

Here are the people you can write to:

Mayor and Alderman  
Corporation of the District  
of Saanich  
770 Vernon Avenue  
Victoria, B.C.  
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The Honourable Rita Johnson  
Minister of Transportation &  
Highways  
Room 113, Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, B.C.  
V8V 1X4

Hon. Mel Couvelier  
Dr. Terry Huberts  
Saanich & the Islands  
Constituency Office  
2388 Beacon Avenue  
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DO WRITE!

Try to write in January, for maximum impact

AND URGE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TO GET INVOLVED!

THE JUAN DE FUCA CONCERT  
ORCHESTRA

The Juan de Fuca Concert Orchestra will appear at the Cordova Bay United Church on Friday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m.

This orchestra, made up of 35 first-rate instrumentalists, is a real Community Orchestra performing in hospitals, seniors homes, at receptions and flower shows as well as presenting public concerts.

The emphasis is on light music, the famous tango, "Jealousy," a selection from "The Sound of Music" and the fantasy "In a Persian Market" all on the January program. Ken Scorey, bassoonist, is soloist. The orchestra is conducted by John Getgood.

The orchestra is already fully booked until March 1990. Society secretaries or any interested groups may obtain details about the orchestra by phoning 652-0368 or 658-5659.

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Coming Event

Friday, January 26: 7:30 p.m.

Juan de Fuca Orchestra Concert -  
tickets at the door \$7 and \$5.  
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evening of 'light' music.  
Refreshments included.

GLADYS CUNNINGHAM

The Cordova Bay community has indeed lost a good friend with the death of Gladys Cunningham (Blair) on October 30, 1989.

Gladys married Chuck Cunningham, whose family has run Cunningham's Shell Service Station on the Pat Bay Highway for 66 years. Besides raising six children and helping to run the station, Gladys was actively involved in her community, coaching baseball and basketball, refereeing, acting as a director of the Saanichton Fair, and involved too in the activities of the Cordova Bay Community Hall.

As her husband said, "She enjoyed life right up until the end." The over 600 people at Gladys's memorial service testified that they enjoyed her too.

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We mention with much regret the December death of Bob Jones of Carloss Place. For the past year Bob has been a Director of the Cordova Bay Association and his fellow directors will miss him.

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JOHN (JACK) ANDERTON

John (Jack) Anderton passed away December 5, 1989. He was born in Victoria April 3, 1916, and was a resident of Cordova Bay from 1941 until 1986. He was a life-time member of the Cordova Bay Community Club and had devoted many hours to the building of the Club, acting as its president for years. He was also involved with the Scouts, both locally and regionally. He was in the permanent Army for 20 years and after retiring spent 20 years in the Dept. of National Defence.

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## PLANNING UPDATE

A very pleasant start to the new year seems to be in store for the golf players of the area, with a proposal by MacArthur Park Estates to build an 18-hole golf course on its land north of Mattick's Farm. At this point Saanich Council has agreed to support the forwarding of the application to the Agricultural Land Commission, which is supposed to set conditions before approving a golf course on agricultural land.

The land involved is that area bounded by Parker Avenue on the east, Lochside right-of-way on the west, Sayward Road on the north boundary and Mattick's Farm to the south.

Although the best use for agricultural land is agriculture, a golf course is preferable to the 500 houses proposed for that land in 1976 (and responsible for the formation of the Cordova Bay Association) and will be an asset to the community.

We will also be seeing an expansion of Mount Douglas Park Resort this year. On January 2, Saanich Council approved a development variance permit, by a vote of five to four, allowing the construction of a further eight units to be added to the existing six that are stated to be there at present.

The main concern with this development is the additional water run-off which would affect the stability of the slopes across the road from the motel. However, the municipal engineer reported that this development will not worsen the problem of erosion or bank stability in the area. I guess we will just have to wait and see.

If you have received Saanich Parks & Recreation guide for Winter/Spring 1990, please note the information on page 24 concerning boulevard tree removals. Don't forget that with all the development taking place in Cordova Bay that requires the removal of trees, we need to preserve as many of the remaining trees as we can.

## SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

The Cordova Bay Association would like to thank Gretchen Hartley for organizing the Healthy Saanich 2000 workshop in the community. Residents at the workshop put the environment at the top of their list of concerns.

Thanks to all those who volunteered their time to make the workshop a success, and particularly to Mavis Jewel, Dorothy Firth and Edna Hunt for taking care of the refreshments.

Anyone interested in Bridge or Snooker? Anne and Norman Howard are new residents to our community and are interested in bridge and snooker. They would be very interested in joining or starting a bridge club in our community. For more information, call them at 658-1206 or Erica at 658-5775.

Cordova Bay Chess Club: A game of chess can be challenging, relaxing and an enjoyable pastime. Meetings are held every Monday night, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Claremont Senior High on Wesley Road. All ages welcome. For more information, call Lynn Stringer at 658-5207 or Erica at 658-5775.

## THE RELAY STATION

Do you have work that needs to be done around your house or garden?

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## NEW BUSINESSES IN THE BAY

Do you want to rent art for your home or office? Call Yvonne Falck, ART RENTAL AND SALES, 5261 Cordova Bay Road, 658-4385.

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## CORDOVA BAY HIKERS

We leave from Cordova Bay Plaza parking lot each Wednesday morning at 9 a.m., rain or shine. For further information, telephone Vera or Cam Innes at 658-8846.

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|---------|---|
| Jan. 24 | Fort Rodd/Esquimalt Lagoon                                    |
| 31      | Willows Beach/Upland Park                                     |
| Feb. 7  | Mt. Douglas Park  |
| 14      | Galloping Goose/Veitch Creek/Milners Landing Railroad Station |
| 21      | Bear Hill   |
| 28      | Fairfield/Gonzales/Chinese Cemetery                           |
| Mar. 7  | Francis Freeman Park  |
| 14      | East Sooke, Babington Hill--bring a lunch.                    |

## GOALS

G(irls) O(n) A L(osing) S(treak) has had a successful year, keeping weight off and down. GOALS welcomes new members. We still meet on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Cordova Bay United Church. We appreciate the services of Cordova Bay and wish everyone a happy new year.

## CORDOVA BAY PRESCHOOL

Cordova Bay Preschool is a non-profit, parent-owned co-operative preschool which has been an important part of this community for the past forty years.

Currently located in the St. David's Church Hall at 5182 Cordova Bay Rd., we are fulfilling a need for a learning facility for 3 and 4 year old children. We offer a gentle and stimulating introduction to early childhood education, under the guidance of highly qualified and experienced supervisors who believe in learning through play.

Active family involvement in the preschool program is a rewarding experience for parents, children and staff.

THE CORDOVAN needs delivery people for Sunnymead and Cordova Park. Please call Margaret Moore at 658-8789 if you can help.

## CORDOVA BAY SOCCER CLUB

### CORDOVA BAY INDOOR TOURNAMENT

The seventh Cordova Bay Indoor Soccer Tournament remains the largest youth indoor tournament on the Lower Island. Held in the Community Hall December 27-31, 1989, it attracted 21 teams from 8 clubs. The 42 games produced 365 goals--one for each day of the year--and resulted in thrilling finals in each of the four divisions. Cordova Bay Surfs, coached by John Wainwright, were 1-0 champions in the first ever girls' Division 8 final, and Cordova Bay Kickers, coached by Brian Barker, were runners-up in a 2-3 loss to Bays United Italia in the Division 7 final. Other winners were Peninsula Flint Motors in Division 9 and Prospect Lake Mr. Grocer in Division 8.

### LOCHSIDE PARK

Saanich has completed the preparation of two sand-filled, all-weather fields at Lochside Park, and these will be seeded in March for use in time for the new season in September. The club is installing flood-lighting on one of these, and this will increase the flexibility and availability of field use.

### GOALKEEPERS CLINIC

Kjeld Brodsgaard, a very experienced goalkeeper and coach, now with the Vistas, will be conducting a goalkeepers clinic at Beckwith Park, January 21 and 28, 1990, for Cordova Bay players. ALL Cordova Bay goalkeepers and potential goalkeepers are expected to attend this free clinic. Please contact John Kirkendale at 658-5358 for further information.

### MANY HAPPY RETURNS

The Cordova Bay Royals girls' team would like to thank the community for its generous support of its recent bottle drive. These funds will help the team to participate in the Kamloops Invitational Soccer Tournament in May.

The Cordova Bay Strikers, now in their last year of girls' soccer, will also be in the Kamloops tournament. The Strikers have been together for seven years, have been league champions for the past five years, and are former B.C. Club champions--with a strong possibility of being champions again this year.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Lisa Kirkendale from the Strikers. Lisa was selected for the B.C. girls' team which won the Western Canadian Championships--the only girl from the Lower Island.

To Renton Leversædige from United. Renton was selected for the Metro regional select team.

To the party of 27 players and parents from Cordova Bay United who had a very successful 17-day overseas tour to England (Portsmouth Cup) and Holland (Haarlem Cup). They won six of nine scheduled games, enjoyed much sightseeing, and stayed for three days at Sir Winston Churchill's old school, Harrow. A visit to British Columbia House in London led to a team picture in the September issue of its British Columbia Newsletter.

### MEMBERSHIPS

#### FABLE COTTAGE

Fable Cottage Estate is now hiring for the 1990 season, beginning March 9th. Positions available for sales clerks, tour guides and housekeepers. Applicants for sales clerk position must have several years retail experience and enjoy working with the public. Tour guide position requires friendly, outgoing people who communicate well. Must be able to work shifts and some weekends. Please phone 658-5741 between 9 and 5, weekdays only.

There are still a few routes for which we don't yet have a canvasser. If you value the work the Cordova Bay Association does for you and the community, and if you can spare the time, please call Edwin at 658-8283

The membership drive is going well, and we wish to thank all our canvassers for their time and care. If a canvasser has not yet visited you, look forward to it. Or mail your membership in to Edwin Hipsey, using the form on the back page of the Cordovan.

CORDOVA BAY SOFTBALL CLUB

Dear Cordova Bay Residents:

It will not come as a surprise to you that our community has grown considerably in the last decade. The same, we are happy to inform you, is true of our softball registration.

This growth is reflected in the fact that the Cordova Bay Softball Club has the second highest registration within the Colwood and district softball association--a result of a lot of hard work by a relatively small group of dedicated people.

The Executive of the Club have recognized the need to ask for help and to that end have established a standing committee: "Human Resources." The purpose of the committee is to create a list of names of people with either specific expertise or a desire to offer their services when and where needed. Examples of some tasks: grounds preparation (April); help in clubhouse/concession; expert work from carpenters, electricians and building contractors; and coaching and umpiring.

If you would like to help out, please phone Dave Gans at 658-1310. We would sincerely appreciate your help for our children's benefit.

CORDOVA BAY SOFTBALL EXECUTIVE

MINOR SOFTBALL IN CORDOVA BAY

The Cordova Bay Softball Club wishes to recognize with sadness the passing of Gladys Cunningham and Patricia Leonard.

Gladys, who passed away October 30th, 1989, was well known in the Saanich area for her many years of outstanding contribution for which deserved recognition has already been recorded.

Patricia Leonard, who passed away December 19th, 1989, came later on the scene and in the last few years made a significant contribution to the softball club. In her eulogy the softball club president Gary Ardiel summed up Pat as "one of the unsung heroes," a woman who quietly and with dedication "got the job done" with little recognition.

Both of these wonderful people will be sadly missed by all of us.

PRIZES FOR EARLY REGISTRATION--SOFTBALL, 1990

The softball executive have approved the following incentive for EARLY registration. Gift certificates will be awarded by a draw to those girls and boys who register for the 1990 softball season in Cordova Bay within the following dates: February 24-25, March 3-4, March 10-11.

Registration will be held on these dates between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Cordova Bay Plaza.

Registration is open to all girls and boys from ages 5 to 18. New registrants are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate. The early registration gift certificates will be made for two groups: (a) Mite, Squirt, Peewee and (b) Bantam, Midget, Girls and Boys. For further registration information call Donna Pawluk at 658-8690 or Fran Savage at 658-5583.

BC CHAMPIONSHIPS

We have just learned that B.C. Softball has awarded the Cordova Bay Softball Club the honour of hosting the 1990 Bantam 'B' Boys B.C. Championship, July 13, 14, 15, 1990, at Lochside Park.

NOTE

MT. NEWTON DAYCARE CENTRE

We have just moved into our new centre! Watch for notices about new services. Groups wishing brochures, please call 652-3432. We look forward to serving more seniors in our new home.

The podiatrist comes again on February 20. Please call to make an appointment--652-3432.

The Association maintains a loose-leaf binder next to the photocopier in the Variety Store. This contains various documents you may wish to see: minutes of CBA meetings, high-ways planning information, the CB Association constitution, the Local Area Plan and Traffic Study.

Take a look at it. If there are other things you think should be there call Kay Porter, 658-5792.

THANK YOU!!

VICTORIA STORYTELLER'S GUILD

The Cordova Bay School Parents' Auxiliary wish to thank all the businesses and people who so generously contributed to our Silent Auction in December. These businesses are--

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- Feb. 11 Annual Church Meeting
- 27 Pancake Supper, 5-7 p.m.
- 28 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 1 Confirmation with Bishop Ronald Shepherd

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Helen Muir .....658-5663

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Check with Saanich Pound, 388-4321  
Check Bulletin Board at the Plaza  
Check with your neighbours, taking a picture of your pet and leaving a note with a description of your pet and your name and phone number.

Some of the funds raised will be used to upgrade the playground and soccer field for community use.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CLAREMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL--KEY CLUB

The Claremont Key Club has begun a campaign to help "Sleeping Children Around the World" provide very needy youngsters in some of the world's poorer countries with personal bed kits.

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Bed kits include ground sheet, mattress, 2 sheets, a pillow, blanket, pyjamas, towel, soap, tooth brush and paste, among other items. Key Clubbers hope each "Home Room" will purchase at least one bed kit costing \$28.

Donors will receive a picture of their youngster and a tax receipt. All will receive the satisfaction of knowing they have helped a child. Parents are invited to participate as are the readers of The Cordovan. Order forms and further information from Key Club Mmembers.

## CORDOVA BAY KIWANIS CLUB

Once again we would like to thank the community for the support given to our two Christmas fund-raising projects--Kiwanis Fruit Cakes and Poinsettias.

We take this opportunity to thank Dave and Francis Osborne who have for so long allowed us to use their Cordova Bay Hardware as a Kiwanis depot. Fortunately the sale of their store does not mean they are leaving the community.

A bursary, named the Eric Robinson Memorial Bursary, in honour of our late member, has been presented to an electronics student at Camosun College.

## THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT DOUGLAS PARK

have elected an executive of seven members and they are gearing up for a third general meeting. They hope to have Don Hunter, the new Director of Parks & Recreation in Saanich, as speaker. A date has not been set: please watch for a notice down in the village or at Logical Foods in the Hillside Mall.

## SEALAKE DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES

The Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, and Guiders of the Sealake District would like to wish everyone in the community a Happy New Year.

Each unit had its own Christmas festivity, but all the girls combined to provide a hamper for a local family. Telephone books were delivered by girls (and parents!) from all units during the holiday. Our thanks to Chris Godfrey for the many hours of work that went into organizing all the routes.

Ist Cordova Bay Girl Guides--in mid-November 15 eager new guides were enrolled. A month later 4 more joined them, making the company 23 strong and ready to embark on new activities in the New Year.

Ist Cordova Bay Brownies--the pack has now grown to 26 girls who are really having fun. On Dec. 15 they attended at Mt. Tolmie hospital where they sang carols and enjoyed juice and cookies. They are starting the New Year making plans for camp and will be enjoying more activities and service work. If anyone has ideas of community projects which might be undertaken by 6-9-year-old girls, please contact Janet Thomson, 658-2221.

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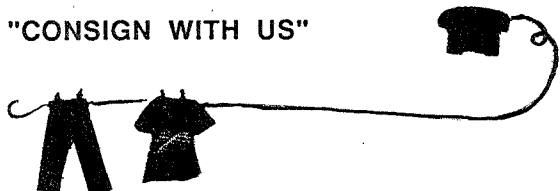
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5363 Patricia Bay Highway • Victoria B.C.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Church School

(Nursery provided) 10:30 a.m.

A good place to come for fellowship, worship and an opportunity for Christian service. Come and enjoy a friendly fellowship... You'll be glad you did.

For more information phone 658-8111 or 477-6957.

### PATHWAYS CENTRE

Pathways still needs volunteers, especially drivers, gardeners, musicians and craftspeople. Also needed is a person to clean floors once a week (2 hours, paid). Call Pat McCullagh, 658-5414, between 9 and 4.

CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS normally take place at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, in the United Church on Claremont Avenue. You are welcome to attend. Call Kay Porter, 658-5792 for further information.

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### CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Membership is \$3 a person or \$5 per household. Make your cheque out to THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION and send it to EDWIN HIPSEY 993 Abbey Road Victoria V8Y 1L1

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