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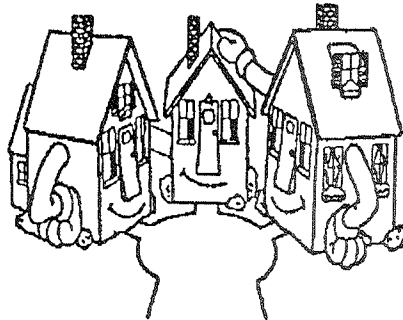
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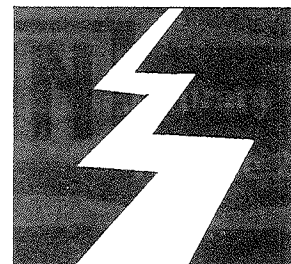
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CORDOVA BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Here are some highlights from our school:

- We provided the Salvation Army with 70 buckets decorated and filled with toys, games and books and boxes of food for Christmas Hampers for the Open Door Society.
- On February 7 we will be enjoying the performance of Alma de Espana, "Soul of Spain," a dazzling dance, voice and guitar ensemble.
- In December our Primary Choir delighted patrons at McMorran's, and Mrs. Biehl's kindergarten class joined Mr. Quint's Grade Five class to sing at the Oak Bay Kiwanis Pavilion.
- Fitness is alive and well at Cordova Bay School!
- ~ This month, our students have enjoyed two skating sessions at Panorama Rec Centre as part of the P.E. program.
- ~ In February our Grade Three's will be starting their aquatics program at the Commonwealth Pool.
- ~ On February 22 the whole school will be included in an Active Living afternoon of athletic activities.
- Watch for the display from our multi-aged grouped school at the Cedar Hill Rec. Centre on Saturday, February 24 for the "Celebrate Our World All in One Family" event for the entire family, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

KIWANIS

Christmas can be a very difficult time for some families. That is why our poinsettias and Christmas cake sales are very important to our members. Without the help of our good neighbours we could not bring a little cheer to these unfortunate families.

Many thanks to Barry Zuk of the Cordova Bay Hardware for his participation in this project. \$100 donations went to each of the following agencies: The Upper Room, The Open Door, The Aniwim House, The Mustard Seed Food Bank, The Muffin Time Christmas Party on Saanich Road.

Our annual Easter Food Drive for the Mustard Seed Food Bank will be March 30/96. There will be two locations this year - Cordova Bay Plaza and Broadmead Village at Thrifty's. Please help fill the hamper at these locations.

A tentative date for our annual Garage Sale is May 11. We are planning on our new indoor location at the Community Hall on Sutcliffe Rd. Watch for the signs. As usual, we are looking for donations of small saleable items.

PITCH IN ON EARTH WEEK '96

The Association will sponsor a Cordova Bay beach and parks clean-up during Earth Week observances in late April.

Mark your calendar and watch the Cordovan for details.

Please plan to pitch in and give a hand.

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PLANNING UPDATE

Planning is perhaps not the best name for what we do. In fact, we spend our time studying what others are planning for our area and providing feedback to developers and Saanich Council regarding any proposed changes that may affect the quality of life in our community.

Municipalities now expect developers to consult The Community before plans are approved, but who is The Community? This is where your Cordova Bay Association comes in. Local residents who volunteer to serve on the Executive can receive input from residents, learn from others who are more familiar with the history of the area, become experienced in assessing proposals, attend council meetings and provide a focus for consultation.

These are some of the things that we have been discussing recently:

Gravel Pits Update

MLA Andrew Petter has announced that the Ministry of Highways has finished extracting sand and gravel from its 7.5 acres pit adjacent to the Saanich pit in Cordova Bay. This clears the way for Saanich to negotiate with Highways for the future development of these lands. Through the efforts of councillor Frank Leonard and lobbying from the community, Saanich announced last year that it intended to close its gravel pit and reclaim the land for development.

Tenwest Development Group, on behalf of Trio Readymix, have informed The Cordovan that they have applied to Saanich for rezoning of their gravel pit lands. They are planning an information meeting, in cooperation with the Cordova Bay Association and other interested residents, for sometime next month. In preparation for this meeting, a scale model of the proposed development will be prepared.

In his press announcements, MLA Andrew Petter stated "It is important that all who are affected participate in a public process to plan any development." Rest assured that your Association will continue to provide input for these and any other proposed developments in the community

Mattick's Farm Development—Mattick's Wood and Mattick's Green

This major development is continuing to work towards approval. A Rezoning Application involving a part of the Mattick's Farm property was submitted to Saanich in September 1994. An Environmental and Social Review was required and accepted by Saanich in October 1995. The Planning Department is completing its report and recommendations on the application and the proposal for development which will probably come before Council soon.

An information meeting for the public will be held by McArthur Park Estates (the developer) on January 31, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at Bill Mattick's Restaurant. Invitations to attend have been sent to about 250 households in the adjoining area.

Application for Tennis Club off Haliburton Road

This proposed development became more controversial when the president of the tennis club revealed that they must add additional courts in future to make the development viable. The plans described to the public beforehand did not mention additional courts, and already neighbours were opposing the development of a tennis club next door to a residential neighbourhood. The application for rezoning will go to public hearing before Saanich Council soon.

Cordova Bay Shopping Centre

We learn that plans are being prepared to redevelop the shopping centre. It is also planned to remove Speedy Auto Repair by the end of February. Oil contamination will be removed.

What The Cordova Bay Association Does For You

- ☛ examines all proposals for development, subdivision, re-zoning, etc. in the community, to ensure that they meet the requirements of the Local Area Plan;
- ☛ monitors all issues of concern to the community, and informs affected residents;
- ☛ attends council and other relevant meetings to put the community position to whatever authorities are concerned;
- ☛ provides information and assistance to community residents with problems or questions about local planning;
- ☛ provided and maintains the community notice board in the shopping plaza;
- ☛ supports the activities of other community service organizations;
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The Club will be mailing registration forms out to all those players registered last season and eligible to play again this year. Please return your registration form as quickly as possible—it will make registration that much easier.

To register in person:

Lochside Clubhouse
Saturday and Sunday, February 24th and 25th
March 2 and 3
10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Any new player must bring a photocopy of their birth certificate.

To play T-Ball, you must be 5 years old this calendar year.

Softball registration forms may be picked up at Cordova Bay, Lochside, Royal Oak or Claremont schools by anyone 19 years and under.

For more information, call:
Brenda Mitchelmore, 658-1440.

Softball Executive, 1996

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Be sure to come down and see our new clubhouse!

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Lyall has always been very community-minded. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, supports the Cordovan, and over the years has given students employment at the garage.

Many of Lyall's customers he has known as pupils going to school at Cordova Bay Elementary across the way. Some he remembers when they started in Grade One.

Lyall will continue to live in Cordova Bay: for the present, he just means to enjoy his retirement.

Cordova Bay Esso is being taken over by Mike Burkmar, and we wish him all success in Cordova Bay.

CORDOVA BAY SOCCER CLUB

Our unofficial "second" season is off to a wet start. With fields closed in January, due to the unstable conditions, we're keeping our collective fingers crossed that February and March will be dry enough to complete the regular season schedule.

February also brings the anticipated reopening of the concession and washrooms, as our clubhouse expansion program proceeds from dream to reality.** Visitors to Lochside Park will see an extended main floor on the clubhouse, capped by a second storey. We've even added a small covered area at the north end that will give cover from rain and snow!

This expansion will provide the Soccer and Softball clubs much-needed storage areas and a meeting room that can be used by other community groups. Additionally, we'll have an expanded and improved concession and washroom/change areas.

We have many volunteers and suppliers to thank for the building project, but in particular would like to mention BC 21 Community Projects and Kiwanis Club of Cordova Bay for their contributions, and Glen Neuman Construction for its rapid progress on the building.

The Soccer and Softball Clubs are still in need of contributions of items ranging from flooring, assembly room furnishing, cabinets, counter-tops, shelving material and landscaping work services to financial donations and volunteer labour. If any community member, business or club is able to help, the Clubs would be happy to recognize their contribution in an appropriate and meaningful way in our new clubhouse.

We'd like also to thank our area neighbours for their patience during this construction phase, and invite them and any other interested parties to tour the building upon its completion. We anticipate the Grand Reopening to coincide with the start of Pacific Coast Savings World Cups '96, April 5th.

Celebrating the tenth anniversary for World Cups this year, this is an important soccer event for Cordova Bay and Saanich, as it brings together over 800 girls and boys for four days of six-a-side soccer.

If you have any questions about the club or would like to discuss how you might participate in the clubhouse building project, feel free to call:

Michael Marshall
Soccer Club President
658-1123

** Renovation and enlargement of the clubhouse is funded by \$26,000 from the provincial government, as a BC 21 Community Projects award. BC 21 Community Projects forms partnerships with local government, communities and non-profit groups, with the aim of increasing BC's competitiveness through affordable investments in infrastructure, people and natural resources that generate new jobs and attract investment.

Cordova Bay Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

takes place in April

Think about nominations for the executive board and submit names to:

Len Hole
658-5403

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CORDOVA BAY HIKERS

We meet every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Cordova Bay shopping plaza on Cordova Bay Road. The following 2-hour walks are scheduled:

- Jan 31: Royal Roads
Feb 7: West Bay / Saxe Point
Feb 14: Saanich Ramble
Feb 21: Oak Bay
Feb 28: High Quadra "The Prisoners' Walk"
Mar 6: McKenzie Bight
Mar 13: Elk Lake / Bear Hill
- 3 to 4 hour "lunch" hikes commence March 20th.

For more information please phone:
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The Elk Lake Baptist Church by the lake

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Our Worship Service is held at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday School is offered at the same time.

On the first Thursday of the month, the 60 More or Less group meets for lunch (\$3.00) and a program follows. New people are welcome.

For more information, call
Pastor Les Biggs, 658-8111.

BEACH ALERT

Before long, many of us will be cleaning up winter debris and accumulation from our gardens and homes.

The Cordova Bay Association wishes to remind all residents that discarding garden cuttings, branches, garbage, food scraps or any yard or home waste on to any beach, park area or boulevard is illegal and subject to fine. (Parks Management By-law #7054).

Those who walk dogs on the beach or in park areas are required to clean up after their dogs (Animal By-law #7462), so please walk prepared with a plastic bag.

Don't expect the tides to wash away any unwanted waste and debris. The tides only move the problem to someone else's shoreline. The public beach is no place for anyone's garbage.

We remind all residents, those who live beside the beach and those who use the beach, that it is not your backyard, but a public recreation area. We must all share the responsibility for keeping Cordova Bay beaches and park areas, so we can all enjoy them.

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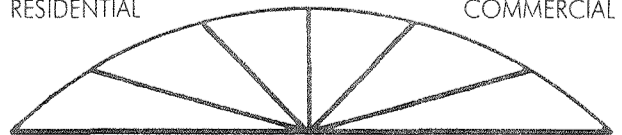
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Annual General Meeting

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Claremont Senior Secondary, 4980 Wesley Road

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Discussion

New parkland on the western boundary

Can we restore the creek and bring back the fish?

At the end of last year, another piece of the acquisition puzzle fell into place when the Provincial Government, through forceful efforts of Andrew Petter, granted a long term lease of three acres of land within the "Seven Oaks" property to Saanich for use as part of the park trail system. This is a major achievement and highlights the rapid progress we have made over the last two years in securing and extending the western boundary of the park. It all began when Darrell Wick, using aerial photographs, showed Mayor Murray Coell, Land Commissioner Wayne Randell and Director of Parks and Recreation, Don Hunter just where the western boundary actually lay with respect to the tree line. After the initial shock, it was agreed that Saanich would try to bring the boundary down below the tree line and to give the park users access to this area of the park without them trespassing on the neighboring private land. It is a credit to all concerned that so much progress has been made so quickly and it also shows the benefit of the Charter which allows for the expansion of the park through such acquisitions and leases.

We hope that we can be as successful with the next long term endeavor; for some time we have tried to encourage people to take an interest in restoring the creek but in the early days there were more pressing problems. Now, all of a sudden, several groups have said they would interested in different aspects of the restoration project, which would be done under the new "Stream Stewardship" scheme. We have carried out an initial assessment with the leaders of a Vancouver group who have restored a similar stream running into Burrard Inlet. Their conclusion was that the creek could be restored and fish could spawn it again. The Fly Fishers of B.C. have also expressed the same view and people associated with Camosun College's Environmental Technology program would like to have another long-term project in which their students could participate in monitoring the water quality and fish habitat. The next step is to bring the groups together and to get the project underway; this will be the major theme of the next meeting.

There will be a news letter issued in early February, if you would like a copy and you are not on our mailing list please contact one of the people listed below. There has been some progress on all the usual topics (bicycle paths, cliff stabilization, tree planting, broom clearing, trail access etc.) Details will be given the letter and presented at the meeting.

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Special Events

Tuesday, February 20 5-7 p.m. **Shrove Tuesday. Pancake Supper.** Come and enjoy a delicious pancake supper, tickets available at the door.

March 15 - 16 - **Rummage Sale.** Doors open Friday evening between 6 - 8 p.m.; Saturday morning - 9 - 12.

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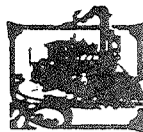
Sunday 8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
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Special Service: Ash Wednesday - February 21 -
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7:00 p.m. Youth Group with Anna Lisa Bond
- Sunday Feb 18** 10:00 a.m. Rev. Don Isner, Minister/Pilot with our Northern Air Ministry to remote villages and communities along B.C.'s N.W. Coast
- Friday Feb 23** 7:30 p.m. Annual Congregational Service Auction—Bring a friend or neighbour along for an evening of fun and laughter as you try to outbid each other for over 100 services going on the "auction block". Services such as: gardening, babysitting, catering baking, washing cars and a lot more!
- Sunday Feb 25** 10:00 a.m. Guests: Keith and Pauline Worsley-Brown who have worked with our partnership churches in Kenya for 16 years.
- Sunday March 10** 10:00 a.m. Rev. Allen Tysick of our Open Door Inner City Ministry
- Sunday March 17** Kathleen Beattie sharing her faith journey.
- March 31** Palm Sunday. Cantata - presented by our Choir: words and music written by Molly Phillips and Alan Haythorne.
- Friday April 5** 10:00 a.m. Good Friday Service
- Easter April 7** 7:00 a.m. Agate Lane Beach - celebration led by our Youth Group followed by smorgasbord breakfast at the beach.
10:00 a.m. Easter celebration at the Church.
- Sunday April 14** Easter Celebration of Holy Communion.
- Wednesday Eves** April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22. Adult Church membership discussions.
4:00 p.m. April 18, May 2, 9, 26, 23. Teenage church membership discussions
- Sunday April 28** Presbytery Pulpit Exchange with Garden City United Church
- Saturday June 1** Annual Congregational Country Fair

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Special thanks to Danny Pang of the Food Forum and Barry Scroggs of Farmer Construction for their continued support.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 1996.

Anyone interested in joining call:
Margaret Lawson, 658-2530.

WANTED

We need trucks and drivers for an Association-sponsored Cordova Bay Clean Up during Earth Week observances in late April.

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CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS normally take place at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month, in the United Church on Claremont Avenue. You are welcome to attend. .

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Use the membership form below today!

Cordova Bay Association Membership Form

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Address

Postal Code Phone

Membership is \$3 a person or \$5 per household. Make your cheque out to The Cordova Bay Association and send it to:

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