



# THE CORDOVAN

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of  
the Cordova Bay Association  
will be held on

April 25

7:30 p.m.

Claremont Senior  
Secondary School

A general agenda for the meet-  
ing will appear in the April  
issue of the Cordovan.

If you are interested in the  
future of this community,  
plan to attend.

## ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS 1989

Election of directors of the Cordova Bay Association will be held at the  
Annual General Meeting of the Association on April 25.

Representation is particularly needed from Cordova Bay Road and Sunny-  
mead.

Cordova Bay residents with interest in recycling and other environmental  
concerns, in social services, and in health issues will find this a  
great opportunity to exercise their talents.

For information, contact Len Hole, 658-5403.

## **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;



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## SECOND PAGE COLUMN

Every once in a while these days, the daily papers come out with new words about the freewaying of the Pat Bay Highway. Mostly they're pretty disquieting to us in Cordova Bay.

Last month, for example, the municipal engineer was quoted as saying that Haliburton, Claremont and Sayward Road would be closed when the freeway goes through.

Aha! we thought. That leaves only Cordova Bay Road. And that's a bit disquieting too, in the absence of further information.

For example, one of the excuses we've heard for Trio trucks running through the Bay or along Santa Clara is that Cordova Bay Road at the highway is too steep for the trucks to manoeuvre comfortably.

It would be good to know a little more about it.

Especially when this is followed up by bush telegraph news to the effect that yes, Cordova Bay will have an access to the highway, but not at any of the present accesses. It would be good to know a little more about that, too.

Well, it may happen. On Monday the 20th the Association went to Saanich Council with concerns about decisions being come to without input from the community, and asking that we have some representation on discussions taking place between Saanich and the Ministry of Highways whenever they would affect Cordova Bay.

The mayor was absent, but the aldermen were there and listening. They remember the traffic problems in Cordova Bay. They thought it inappropriate to take a vote on such a broad-ranging matter without the mayor, but staff has already been instructed to report back to council on a process which will include community involvement.

What we didn't want was for public involvement to take place after all the studies and discussions. That kind of public meeting is not really involvement, it's just a kind of sop to the people - something to give them an impression they've been consulted without actually going to the trouble of consulting them.

We hope this issue is going to work out better than that.

## RESULTS OF THE JANUARY SURVEY

### "What Do You Want in Your Community?"

Only fifteen people returned this seven question survey. While it's impossible, and perhaps unfair, to judge what people living here do want for their community from such a tiny sample, it is entirely fair to report the comments that were so carefully returned for the tally. And to respond to some of them:

First on the wishlist for the community was a swimming pool. Someone suggested a recreational facility (with various specific programs). Walking paths were mentioned - "away from roads", and so was open space for structured and unstructured sports activities. One respondent specified "a place for seniors to meet." A couple mentioned tennis courts - in fact, there are tennis courts in two places in Cordova Bay already - at Lochside Park, and in Claremont Park (just behind the highschool).

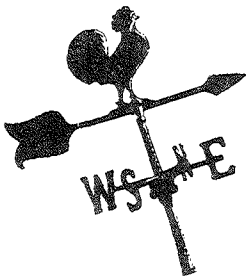
Newcomers asked for a greater sense of meeting between old and new residents, and for logic in planning housing and recreational developments.

The question of what would make for a better community brought a relative landslide of responses. Head and shoulders above all others was the recommendation of a library - a library close enough to the core that people could walk to it, a library in the Plaza, a library, period.

It seems that when we're not reading we're walking, for a recurring request was for good walking paths - as formal as sidewalks, as pastoral as hiking paths, as casual as parkland and beach-parks for strolling.

One person thinks a bingo hall would improve matters; another suggested making Trio gravel pit a green area; a third believes we could and should upgrade the shopping centre and its parking lot. "Important to preserve the existing agricultural land to keep the open character of the community," one person wrote. Another jotted, "No development over two storeys, please!". A voice of reason commented that we need more activities for teenagers.

And, bless 'im or 'er, one survey respondent noted "Great as it is,"



### KISSING OUR AGRICULTURAL LAND GOODBYE?

Saanich and the Cordova Bay Association and Peter Watkins of Parker Ave. all wrote to the Minister of Agriculture several months ago, asking leave to make an appeal to the Environmental and Land Use Committee of Cabinet. We all wanted to try to stop part of Turner Farm, north of the Village, being taken out of the agricultural land reserve because, in our view and in the view of the agronomists who did the original soil-testing there, the land was too arable to be used for non-farming purposes.

A letter from the Minister, dated February 22, tells us all that we will not be allowed to appeal, and that he supports the land being removed from the reserve.

What happens next? MacArthur Park Estates will apply for re-zoning to residential development status - probably not all at once, more likely piecemeal over some years, so that it will never look as though much of a change is going to take place.

Saanich council doesn't have to approve a re-zoning. Mayor Sturrock, in fact, has frequently pointed out that Saanich has the power to prevent development on land suited for agriculture no matter whether the Agricultural Land Commission lets it out of the Reserve.

We hope Saanich will do just that - refuse the rezoning. Its record in the general past has not been very good, but recently there appears to have been a pronounced change for the better in its attitude toward agricultural land.

We hope Saanich Council will follow through.

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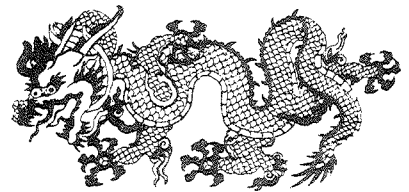
Easter Monday, March 27  
2:00 p.m.

Francis/King Regional Park

FROGGY FEATS--a very special nature drama for children (and their adults) looking at the life cycle of frogs. What happens to a tadpole? Will the frog turn into a charming prince? Meet at the Forester's Cabin next to the Francis/King Nature House at 1710 Munn Road in Saanich.

## THE CARROT SEED CHILD CARE CENTRE

The Carrot Seed Child Care Centre invites you to an Open House -- on Saturday March 11th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cordova Bay United Church, 813 Claremont Avenue, 658-2331. Now accepting September registrations!



## PETS' HOTLINE

If you have lost or found a pet, please call one of these numbers.  
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Kerry Rideout . . . . . 658-8678

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Check dog license number with the Saanich Police, 388-4321.  
Advertise in local papers; "found" ads are free.

What to do if you have lost your pet:  
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The season started last November, and returned to Cordova Bay United Church for a return engagement on March 5th. Under the direction of Robert Cooper, the Civic Orchestra featured the Piano Concerto No. 5 (the Emperor) by Beethoven, with Stephen Shields of the Victoria Conservatory of Music as soloist. All proceeds were for the benefit of the Church. For information on future concerts, call 658-5911, or jot a note to the Civic Orchestra Society, Box 6478, Depot 1, Victoria, B.C. V8P 5M4.

CORDOVA BAY ELEMENTARY

Kindergarten registration, Tuesday March 7, at 7:30 p.m.; for further information, call 658-5315.

MT. NEWTON DAY CARE CENTRE

Coffee morning and bake sale at Mt. Newton Day Care Centre, 2158 Mt. Newton X Road, on Saturday March 18th from 10:30 to 2:00 pm. Come and view the plans for the new centre! Admission, \$1.50.

CORDOVA BAY PRE-SCHOOL

Spaces are available for September '89, in afternoon class for 3 to 4 year olds. This is creative play and social interaction in a happy environment. For further information, phone Helen Scroggs at 658-8006.

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SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

March 11-12, 12-3 p.m.  
Lochside Park

For boys and girls, ages 5-18

If registering for the first time, please bring a copy of your birth certificate.

For further information call  
Donna Pawluk, 658-8690  
Fran Savage, 658-5583

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CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH

813 Claremont Avenue

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service--Rev. Allister N. Skinner  
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Friday, March 3, 1:30 p.m. Annual World Day of Prayer Service at St. David  
By The Sea  
Sunday, March 5, 2:00 p.m. Civic Orchestra Concert--Tickets \$8 adult,  
\$4 student

Lenten and Easter Season

Palm Sunday, March 19, 10:a.m. Confirmation Service and Reception of New  
Church Members

Maundy Thursday, March 23, 7:00 p.m. A Tenebrae Service with Holy  
Communion. Special music by the choir

Good Friday, March 24, 10:00 a.m. Service of Readings, Meditations, Music

Easter Sunday, March 26, 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at top of Mt. Douglas

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Church

10:00 a.m. Easter Service of Celebration

Sunday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. Church Camp Sunday - Church campers sharing  
their experiences.

April 21 - 23 Congregational Camping Weekend at Camp Pringle on Shawnigan  
Lake. Call the Church Office for more details.

Sunday, April 30, 7:00 p.m. Church Choir presents annual "Around the  
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Services for March

March 5: 10:00 a.m. Confirmation by Bishop Jones  
7:30 p.m. St. David's Choir and Rector celebrate Evensong  
at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria

March 19: Palm Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Week Services

Monday through Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday 10:00 a.m.

Good Friday 10:00 a.m.

March 26 Easter Day Services: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Coming Events

Rummage Sale April 15, 9:00 a.m. - noon

Flowers-In-Praise Festival May 13 and 14

For information and assistance, please call Rev. A. Gates, 658-5022/659-1170

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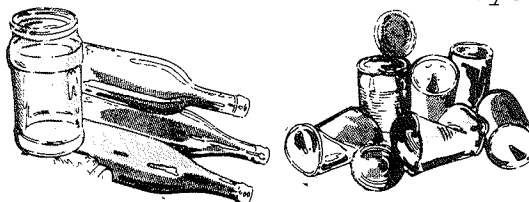
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March	8	Lohbrunner/Mount Douglas Park	
	15	East Sooke Park/Babbington Hill	LUNCH
	22	McKenzie Lake/Barker Road	
	29	Cobble Hill OR Francis Freeman/Thetis Lake	LUNCH
April	5	Willow Way	
	12	Thetis Lake/Lewis Clark Trail	
	19	Mount Work	LUNCH

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What else goes in the pile? What's the most efficient pile design? To help us build and maintain a compost box, the Capital Regional District Waste Management Advisory Group has prepared a brochure, available at Cordova Bay Variety. Or call the Regional Recycling Hotline, 383-2696.

SAANICH TO MOP UP LOCHSIDE PARK

Lochside Park has been a great place for water birds this fall and winter. Four games into the autumn soccer season the fields were already under water, and so they are to this day.

But not forever. In November the Cordova Bay Soccer Club and the Cordova Hay Association went before Saanich Council to describe the problem and to ask for immediate help. And Saanich Council listened. Lochside Park was made a first priority on the Parks and Recreation Department's budget.

Subsequently the two groups met with Saanich staff to discuss what might best be done. And soon--perhaps as early as 1990--Lochside Park will have two full-size sand soccer fields.

Sunday, March 12  
11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.  
Witty's Lagoon Regional Park

SPRINGTIME AT WITTY'S

You are invited to join the park naturalist for an entertaining family walk at Witty's Lagoon. Meet at the Nature House off Metchosin Road.

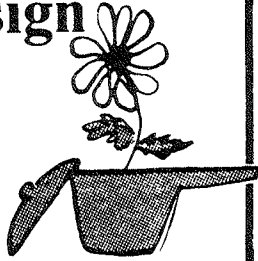
Sunday, March 19  
1:00 p.m.  
East Sooke Regional Park

PETROGLYPHS, MESSAGES FROM THE PAST

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