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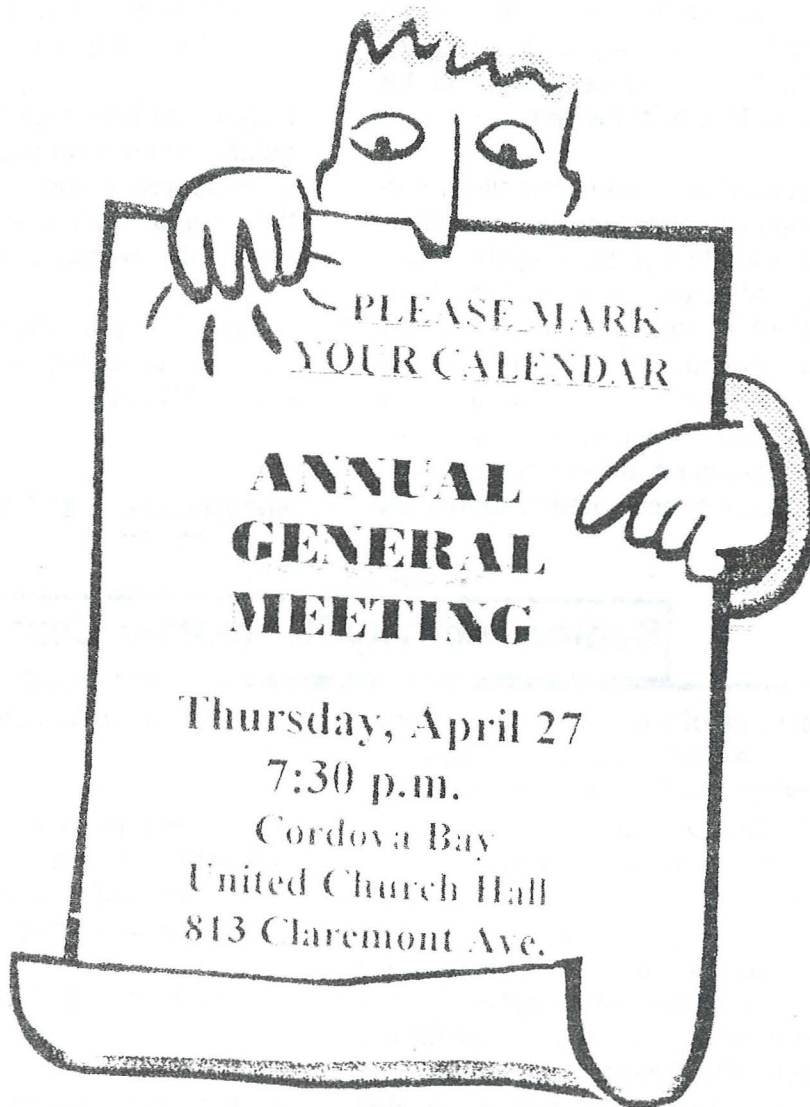
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

On February 28 2000, Saanich Council voted 3-6 to ignore the by-law which has limited building height to one storey on Wesley Road, north of Claremont Avenue, and Catalina Terrace. This by-law has been in effect for fifty years. Council approved a height variance to 22.6 feet which is above the 16.4 feet (5m.) permitted in the RS12A zone. This measurement is to the midpoint of the highest roof; the top of the roof approved is 25.4 feet above ground at the street side and 30 feet at the rear.

Council's decision was made despite a petition opposing this application for a substantial variance from 46 nearby residents (representing 27 affected properties) and despite factual information presented in opposition at the meeting. This information had also been submitted to council well before the meeting. Council did not even acknowledge that the petition had been presented to them. In effect, Council voted to ignore the

by-law and to grant special treatment to the applicant.

Except for the applicant, only one nearby resident from the RS12A area affected, spoke in favor of the variance.

The Cordova Bay Association President and the Planning Chairman both addressed the council and opposed the application.

Only councillors Pickup, Gillespie and Wergeland seemed to recognize that the matter at issue was respect for municipal law, and they voted against the variance thus supporting the existing by-law.

It appears that a precedent has now been set for upsetting established residential areas of Saanich.

*Submitted by A & K Porter*

## Seniors Activity/Recreation Centre

Since the last issue of the "Cordovan" a "Ways and Means" committee has been formed to pursue the matter of a Senior's Recreation / Activity Center for this area. Anyone else interested in joining us, please call Inez at 658-2300 or Gwen at 658-5451.

To date we have been in communication with the Director of the Saanich Recreation Department, stating a case for such a Center for this area. In reply, the Director has stated that their Department Master Plan will be updated this year and due consideration will be given to facilities for seniors, if the demand is demonstrated.

It is very necessary, therefore, for persons interested in having a Center to WRITE to the Council stating their interest. **NUMBERS COUNT.**

A suggested brief note as follows would suffice:

I / We feel there is a need for more Services for seniors in this area. Please add my / our name to other requests for a Senior's Recreation / Activity Center.

This request should be sent to:

Ken Kreiger  
Director of Saanich Recreational Services  
Saanich Municipal Hall  
770, Vernon Avenue  
Victoria, B.C. V8X 2W7

The Cordova Bay Association has passed a motion to support the concept in principle of a Seniors Activity Center for the residents of Cordova Bay.

***New Businesses in Cordova Bay***

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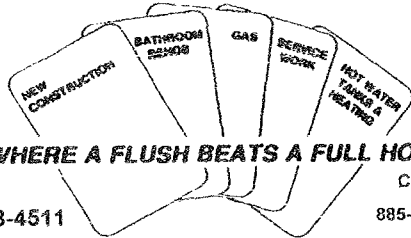
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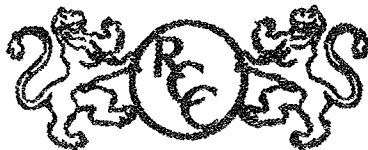
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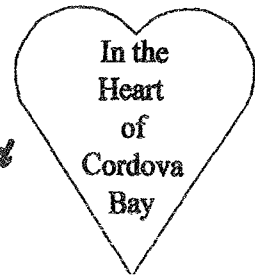
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2. All notices must be mounted with thumb tacks or pushpins. NO staples, nails, or screws are allowed.
3. All notices must be dated and removed after thirty (30 ) days. Undated notices will be removed.
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**Good Friday – April 21**

9:30 a.m. Hot Cross Bun Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. Good Friday Service

**Easter Sunday – April 23**

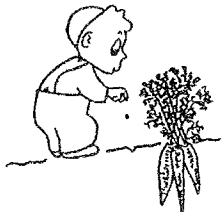
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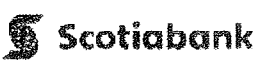


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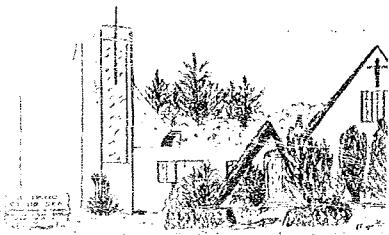
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- 10:00 a.m. · Family Eucharist & Sunday School

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH:**

- 7:30 p.m. · Evensong

**EVERY THURSDAY:**

- 10:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (said)

**EASTER SERVICES**

Palm Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> · 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 am

Holy Week:

Mon. 17<sup>th</sup>, Tues. 18<sup>th</sup>, Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> · Eucharist 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> · Eucharist 10 am & 7:00 pm

(Eucharist 7:00 pm with Symbolic Washing of the Feet)

Good Friday, Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> · Eucharist 10:00 am

Easter Sunday, Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> · 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 am

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAM:**

Crèche available for the very young ones

Sunday School classes up to age 12

J2A program for age 11 – 17 (Journey to Adulthood)

**STUDY & PRAYER PROGRAMS:**

Bible/Lenten study Program, "The Cross Walk"

4933 Wesley Rd, Wednesday's @ 7:30 pm

St David's Church, Fri's @ 10:00 am and Sat.'s @ 9:30 am

As we end this Lenten Season may I add something that I heard at a Choir Sing - A lot of people will give up something for Lent.

Why don't you take up something good to do for someone else for the rest of your life.

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# 5th Tsarlip Scouts

As the warm weather quickly approaches, all sections of the 5<sup>th</sup> Tsarlip Scout Group are planning on spring outdoor activities for the children. The Scouts will be starting with backpack hikes in Mount Work and East Sooke parks in preparation for their upcoming camping trips. The younger cubs and beavers will be spending more time in the fresh air, as the evenings get longer too. The cubs enjoyed a fun filled night with the Kub Kar Rally where several of the older scouts help their younger charges for the evening. As always, lots of fun at the Beaver colony with planned games and lessons.

Our annual Baden Powell Banquet was well attended with special thanks to our guests, the Reverends Andrew Gates and Larry Scott, our partners in scouting, where the children supplied the entertainment and particularly enjoyed the dessert portion of the chicken and salad meal.

As you may have noticed, some of our older boys were out planting trees at Elk Lake Park on the past weekends raising money for their Blair Athol Jamboree trip this summer in

Scotland. This is an ongoing program where "Scouter B" has been actively involved for the last couple of Scotland trips. His efforts are greatly appreciated by us all.

The scout section attended a guided tour at the General Ashton Armory in March and everyone who attended enjoyed the informative evening. A special thanks to Major Brown for his enthusiasm with the boys, we all came away with a greater appreciation for our forces and their global role. Again, another bottle drive is on the horizon! Late April will see the children delivering their flyers, asking for your recyclable donations and, no doubt, we will again have a prosperous fundraiser, and just in time to help fund the scout's trip to Camp Parsons on the Hood Canal where we will be part of the Millenium Totem Pole raising ceremony.

Thank you Cordova Bay for your continued support and interest in our local scouting group, and as always, feel free to visit us; there is still room for more cubs and beavers, ask a friend how much fun we have to offer. Enjoy the spring and "good scouting" to all!



## CORDOVA BAY REAL ESTATE UPDATE



In 1999, Cordova Bay saw a healthy total of 81 home sales for a combined selling price of over \$25.5 million. The range of prices varied widely, from a modest \$205,000 to a high of \$777,400.



Currently, our area has 33 single-family homes actively listed for sale, with prices ranging from \$157,900 to \$1,100,000.



The Victoria Real Estate Board expects another positive year for Greater Victoria with prices remaining stable.



Our slowly improving economy, combined with a steady stream of buyers from the Lower Mainland, Alberta and Ontario, should result in an increase in sales of approximately 3 percent this year.



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### WE HAVE A NEW EDITOR!

*The Cordovan* is pleased to announce that Maurice Chazottes is its new editor. You can contact Maurice at 658-4030.

Maurice has extensive interest in both municipal activities and the co-ordination of community news.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to contact Maurice with their informative articles and any ideas that they feel would enhance this publication.

# PLANNING REPORT - MARCH 2000

submitted by Al Insley

The prospects of spring are here when Cordova Bay's colourful gardens will soon bloom again on warm days. Also at this time of year the arrangement of sun and moon mean very low tides and large sandbars to explore during the day once or twice a month on Cordova Bay beach. Saanich Council recently gave the go-ahead to an inventory of Saanich marine shores. Considering the significant number of residents who enjoy walking on Cordova Bay beach, this is a welcome step to identify the assets of the beach.

Other activities within the Bay during the past 2 months are:

1. Cordova Bay Plaza redevelopment is still held up awaiting approvals from B.C. Environment. The corner site at Doumac and Cordova Bay Road was contaminated by the former Payless gas station across the street on Doumac. Shell Oil Co. (who owns Payless) have a strange looking metal tower on the old Payless site which burns natural gas and pollutants and operates 24 hours a day. In discussion with Mr. Danny Pang, owner of the Plaza, he said he hopes to go ahead soon and may start construction on parts of the site which have not been affected. The manager of the Scotiabank (now in temporary quarters) hopes construction of the permanent bank building will start soon.
2. There are no further developments at Sayward Hill beyond that reported in the January CORDOVAN. A public hearing and development permit will be required before construction proceeds.
3. The Cordova Bay Road Streetscape committee met March 3 and examined plans prepared by Saanich Engineering in which the extent of the work is substantially scaled down. It is hoped that money now available will be adequate to begin a start on the work. The revised plan, which consists of development at only the Matticks' farm area and the Cordova Plaza area, connected by sidewalks and crosswalks, was endorsed by the committee. Details are in preparation and will be reviewed by another committee meeting before going to Saanich Council.
4. Del Monte residents have approved the installation of an asphalt speed hump between Claremont and Haliburton.
5. February 28, Saanich Council heard the request for a variance permitting construction of a 2 storey house on Wesley Road north of Claremont. The variance was allowed. (This is described in detail in a letter to the editor in this issue).
6. The Sunnymead Traffic committee has had several meetings and has made progress towards formulating recommendations to Saanich. At issue is the volume and speed of traffic that shortcuts through their residential streets. The Cordova Bay Association hopes that similar committees will form in other areas that may have traffic problems. Saanich Engineering, supported by Council, is preparing procedures for traffic calming in Saanich.

## **The Cordova Bay Association is looking for more members on the Executive**

At the Annual General Meeting on April 27th, there are a number of positions up for re-election for a two year term. The Association is always eager to include new faces in the executive.

The executive as elected is responsible for addressing community issues and keeping residents of Cordova Bay informed of matters of common interest. To date, the Planning Committee is usually the most active.

The executive meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm for about 1.5 hours. If you are interested in putting your name forward or would like more information, please contact Kay Porter, Nominations Chair, at 658-5792, or Elaine Greenway at 658-4511.



**Kiwanis Club of Cordova Bay**

## **Cordova Bay Kiwanis Assist in Mexico Disaster**

Our club is very pleased to have been associated with the following event written by Annette Wetherly a member of the club.

In the fall of 1999, torrential rains and an earth tremor caused a landslide to bury alive approximately 50 complete families in the mud from the village of Tezihutlan, Puebla. In the region 53 communities were affected by this deluge and subsequent mud burial, which brought the death toll to 650 people in this vicinity.

In Victoria, Ricardo-Ruiz and Annette

Wetherly collected clothing and toys, some of which were donated by Cordova Bay Kiwanis member Ron Webster, his wife Barbara and daughter Denise. Then we traveled to the nearby refugee center and helped distribute these items. Later we visited what remained of the devastated village. Thank you to all who helped make the Kiwanis Golden Rule a reality helping to build back the lives of the villagers of Tezihutlan, Puebla.

The survivors wish to thank you from the bottom of their hearts.

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**Saturday 13 May 2000**

### **Cordova Bay Kiwanis Giant Plant and Garage Sale with Something New**

Have you items that you want to sell?

Collectibles, china, toys, crafts, or anything you think would be of use to someone else?

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- Would you like to avoid all and sundry parking outside your and the neighbor's houses?
- Do you want to avoid having people walk all over your newly planted garden?

Well then, why not rent a table from the Cordova Bay Kiwanis and display your wares adjacent to others doing the same in a large area of the village?

This is the day before Mother's Day. Come along and find something different for her and at a reasonable price for you.

If you have saleable items that you would like to donate to the Kiwanis to help them raise funds to carry on their projects to aid the community, please call one of these numbers:

658-5773 658-5336 658-8283

There are a Limited number of tables available. Book early and make sure that you get one.

**If you are interested: Call 658-8283**

*Pathways Centre*

5500 Hamsterley Road 658-5414

Pathways Center, located behind the Petro Canada station on the Highway in the old fire hall, provides day care programs for persons living in the community who suffer with dementia. We provide a safe, happy, interesting and fun environment for our clients.

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- Sparks - 5 & 6 years
- Brownies - 7 & 8 years
- Guides - 9 to 12 years
- Pathfinders - 12 to 15 years
- Rangers - 15 to 18 years

Another Thinking Day has come and gone, when we remember our roots (the Baden-Powells) and think of all the members of Guiding in other countries. Did you notice the new Girl Guides of Canada flag, which flew over the Inner Harbour during Thinking Week?

Many of the units have been busy learning new things in active ways, like the Sparks who learned about themselves by drawing an outline of their bodies on big sheets of paper and painting them. The Brownies had a hands-on experience at Science World in Vancouver. The Guides learned to sew using machines at their sleepover and the Pathfinders learn about leadership by preparing for a storm drain marking project in the community.

The girls are also getting ready for a variety of camping experiences this Spring - Sparks for a sleepover, Brownies for an overnight in a lodge, Guides for a weekend tenting trip at Kingswood and the Pathfinders for a lightweight experience.

The classic Girl Guides cookies (vanilla and chocolate) are early this year so watch for the girls selling the cookies beginning April 7. If you get missed at your home, please call Jeannie at 658-5687 and we will arrange to get some to you.

If you have any other questions about Guiding, please call Jeannie Cosgrove at 658-5687. We will be holding a registration night for September 2000 in June. Watch your next Cordovan for details.

## NEW HORIZONS

Meet the new horizons challenge - for everyone 55 years and up. Activities at St. David-by-the-Sea, every Thursday from October to May, include:

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## *Saanich School District #63 Update*

We have been very busy lately finalizing the budget of the current school year and getting started on the coming school year's budget. On April 13, there will be a public meeting held at the School Board Offices for the public and all of our educational partners to give us input on the proposed budget for the school year 2000/01.

At the last board meeting we heard from the Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria about addressing poverty issues throughout the Capital Region. The Education Directions Committee report included some interesting information about the Elementary Literacy Project which has recently been completed. Also, the Global Understanding Project aimed at integrating student learning, global issues, and the curriculum. The Middle School Task Force Report has been completed and was endorsed by the Board and each middle school has been requested to prepare an implementation plan for June. There was a proclamation of the week of March 6 -12, 2000 as "Capital Region Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week".

Claremont School Teams have had very successful seasons: Junior Boys', Junior Girls' and Senior Girls' Basketball teams, as well as, Senior Girls' Curling have placed 1st or 2nd in the Island Championships and all participated in provincial finals. Claremont teach-

ers Roy Radu, Darren Reisig and Shon Ryan and their P.E. 12 classes who, as part of their community involvement commitment, have collected \$1,300 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. I regret to inform the community that the Board received Mrs. Giles' request for retirement from her principal ship of Claremont. We wish her very well and are deeply thankful for all of her great works, the Claremont school community has benefited greatly from her time spent there.

We are all working very hard to find resolution to our current negotiations with CUPE (our support staff workers) we are facing the possibility of strike action on the 27th of March and we are all doing our best to avoid this situation. The local media will be passing on any news we may have to share during spring break. We appreciate everyone's patience while we work through these difficult times.

The next board meetings are April 10th, and May 8th I hope to see you there. They are held at the School Board Offices at 2125 Keating Cross Road and the public portion begins at 8:00 pm.

All the best,  
Ellen Slanina,  
School Trustee.

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| Coffee & Fellowship                         | 10:30--10:45 |                                                                                                  |
| Children's Sunday School & Teaching Service | 10:45--11:45 |                                                                                                  |
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For further information please contact: David Rice 658--0021  
Stuart Price 479--3788

# CORDOVA BAY SOCCER CLUB

The soccer season has now come to an end for most teams. It is a long season for teams which started training sessions in August and finished in March. However, there is still one more event that will mark the end of the season in Cordova Bay - the Pacific Coast Savings World Cups 2000 soccer festival.

The World Cups soccer festival will be held on Easter weekend, April 21st to 24th, at Lochside Park. Our registration has exceeded 1,300 players, which will be the largest number of participants in the fourteen-year history of the tournament. The player's ages range from 6 years old (U7) to 16 years old (U17) and the teams play 6-a-side games. One of the unique aspects of this tournament is that players register as individuals and are placed on a team with players of their own age from other clubs. The emphasis in the tournament is for the players to have fun and make new friends.

The soccer club will be making an improvement to the playing fields at Lochside Park after the World Cups festival. The District of Saanich has approved the placement of additional lighting along the soccer field on the eastern side of the park. This soccer field is only half lighted from the bank of lights in the centre of the park. The new lighting will be on two poles placed along the east fence, adjacent to the golf course, and will allow the entire field to be lighted and used safely for practices. The club will be able to use both of the soccer fields equally for evening practices.

Finally, the Annual General Meeting of the soccer club will be held at Lochside Park clubhouse at 7:30 PM on Thursday, May 11, 2000.

Mike McGrenere  
President

## Lochside Elementary School

### Kindergarten Registration

After March 10<sup>th</sup>, registrations will be taken at the District Placement Office (Saanich School Board Office) 2125, Keating Cross Road.

It is important to register early: having an accurate count of in-coming children helps with the planning for September.

In June we will have a "Welcome to Lochside" for incoming Kindergarten children and their families. At that time we will offer an information session, tours, and the opportunity for everyone to get acquainted. In July letters will be sent to all registrants advising of tentative placements for September 2000.

### The "Youth Against Violence" Line...

Is a safe, confidential way for youth to help prevent incidents of violence or crime and to seek assistance from local youth police officers. Since its inception in 1993, the line has received more than 22,000 calls- to prevent fights, receive assistance regarding harassment, regarding drug and criminal activity.

Calls can be made free-of-charge from any phone in the province, including payphones. Calls, which cannot be traced, are referred to local youth police officers for action. In most police detachments, a designated officer, the BC Youth Police Network contact, coordinates responses.

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## **Cordova Bay Elementary School Parents Auxiliary**

### **Garage Sale Cancellation**

The garage sale advertised in the January edition of the Cordovan, which was to have taken place in April, has been canceled.

### **Hanging Baskets**

The Parent's Auxiliary will be selling hanging baskets, which will be available on May 12<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Mother's Day. The money raised will go towards computers, playground equipment and educational resources for Cordova Bay Elementary School.

For more information please contact Laura Cochrane at 658-1496.

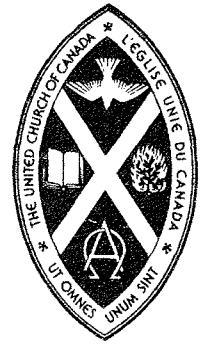


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Junior Youth Leader: Laura Pringle  
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**WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. Sunday School program for all ages. Nursery provided.  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH:** 7:00 p.m. Healing and Meditation Service in the Sanctuary

**EASTER SERVICES:**

Palm Sunday, April 16: 10:00 a.m. Holy Week in Readings and Music  
Good Friday, April 21: 10:00 a.m. Dramatic readings and draping of the cross.  
Easter Sunday, April 23: 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service held at Agate Lane Beach.  
10:00 a.m. Easter Service held in the sanctuary

**MID WEEK MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY: ALL WELCOME**

- Thursdays: 10:30 - 12:00 p.m. Bible Study Sessions in the Youth Lounge - a chance to reflect on and discuss the forthcoming Sunday Bible readings with others. Come weekly or drop-in when you can.
- Alternate Thursdays: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. "Exploring How We Raise Children of Faith in These Times", led by Jane Jupe on alternate Thursday afternoons until the end of June. If interested, call the church office for location. All parents of young children and teens are warmly invited to join us. Children are welcome.
- Sunday Evenings: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Junior Youth Group for Grades 6 - 8  
New members and visitors are always welcome to drop in to our youth events.
- Sunday evenings Intermediate Youth Group for Grades 8 - 10 - call the church for more information  
Senior Youth Group for Grades 11-12 - call the church for the more information  
Our Intermediate and Senior Youth Groups are a combination of youth from 3 churches; therefore, the meeting locations change from month to month.  
New youth are welcome.
- First and Third Saturday: 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Gathering - All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship. Breakfast, followed by a discussion period.
- First Tuesday of the Month: 9:30-11:00 a.m. Mothers' Morning Out Program:  
A "time out" for mothers with young children to enjoy fellowship, craft and cooking demonstration guest speakers and to just share experiences pertaining to child-rearing. Babysitting is provided.  
Contact Tanya McCracken 658 4094 or Janet Bowers 727 3851 for more info.
- Out and About Group: This group meets monthly for such activities as bowling, curling, table games, theatre, concerts, potluck suppers. If you have an interest in joining such a group, you may call the church office for the location of the next activity. Rides can be arranged for you.

**PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR  
SATURDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**  
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**CORDOVA BAY SOFTBALL**

Softball season is almost upon us and the executive is well underway preparing our club for a wonderful year to come.

The season officially opens April 15<sup>th</sup> and opening ceremonies will be taking place on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. with pictures also being taken that day. Registration has been very busy but if by chance you have forgotten to register please check first to see if there is still room in your division by calling Brenda Walt @ 658-5591. **Any boys in grade nine or ten are still encouraged to sign up as the bantam team needs more players.** Looks like we will have more teams in all other divisions this season, which is super!

We now have 3 skinned ball diamonds, which has improved our already great park. Please note on your calendars some of our upcoming events:

Cordova Bay Softball is pleased to be hosting the Squirt A/B boys Provincials, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

We are very honored to be hosting the B. C. Summer Games Softball venue for Bantam Girls, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Our memorial tournament dates are:  
Steve Quan – Squirt CGirls, May 26-28<sup>th</sup>
- Gladys Cunningham – PeeWee A/B & C,  
June 2-4

Please come and have a burger or a dog and watch some great softball.

Hope to see everyone at the park soon.

Don Strugnell  
President

The Staff of *The Cordovan* welcome your comments, Letters to the Editor — and even your constructive criticism.

Please contact: Maurice Chazottes (658-4030 or [chazott@home.com](mailto:chazott@home.com)) or Eileen Schieldrop (658-1464 or [eileenschieldrop@home.com](mailto:eileenschieldrop@home.com)) with your news!

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### Cordova Bay Elementary School

**In September, Mr. Mark Knight takes over as the new principal at Cordova Bay Elementary School.**

**Madame Boltrès will be continuing her studies and leaves the school after eight years at Cordova Bay Elementary. We wish both of these administrators the best in the years ahead!**

*The monthly meetings of the Cordova Bay Association are open to residents of Cordova Bay. The meetings are held at the Cordova Bay United Church on Claremong Avenue, the 3rd Thursday of each month (except July and August), starting at 7:30 p.m.*

## SAFE BOATING TIPS

### A SHIPPING LANE YOU SAY?

One of the most graphic advertisements that sticks out in my mind, and well known by most boaters, is the one depicting a giant freighter bearing down on a small sailing vessel. The wording in the ad implies that the last picture in the camera was taken just before the freighter hit.

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We were in our sailboat with not a breath of wind around, so had the "iron mainsail" going down below. The little 2-cylinder Volvo diesel beat a steady "pakata pakata" sound over the glassy surface. We were just north of Sandheads when we noticed a large freighter coming down the South Arm of the Fraser River. Further to the south of us, in the Georgia Strait, was yet another freighter heading up to Vancouver. We knew we were out of danger as the main shipping lane was West of our position. I went down to make lunch, while my hubby steered the vessel.

Plates in hand I came out of the galley, whereupon my eyes nearly popped out of my head. There, not 300 meters behind us was the freighter that had come out of the Fraser River. I screamed, my hubby looked behind him and immediately swung the wheel 90° to port and within what seemed only a few minutes the freighter passed astern of us. The silence of his passage is never to be forgotten.

Shipping lanes are marked on the chart by wide magenta lines, bordered by broken lines. Magenta arrows show the traffic direction. In order to get to our destinations, we often have to cross these lanes, or travel alongside of them. The best rule of thumb is to make sure that you keep a careful watch, particularly for the guy sneaking up from behind, doing 20 to 30 (or more) knots. Little vessels are often not picked up on the radar screen, and the bridge of most freighters and container ships is situated at the stern of the vessel, creating a tremendous visibility problem for the captain and crew.

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### Cordova Bay Association Membership Form

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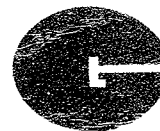


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