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A N N O U N C I N G . . .

THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Dec. 1 - 9

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (1980) - \$2.00 per person

THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION works for the physical and social improvement of Cordova Bay by demanding a voice for community residents in political decision to ensure:

*planned population growth

* development of community services and facilities for all age groups

* preservation of the single family concept for Cordova Bay

THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION

- * publishes and distributes THE CORDOVAN
- * attends Saanich Council & Committee meetings that affect Cordova Bay and the Community Plan
- * arranges open meetings for residents with candidates and elected representatives
- * develops and co-ordinates Social Services for all age groups

THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION has a Board of Directors elected by the membership at the April annual meeting who appoint the

- * Chairman of the Planning Committee
- * Chairman of the Social Services Committee

For a positive voice in the development of Cordova Bay,

SUPPORT YOUR CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION when a member calls

December 1 to December 9

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LOCAL AREA PLAN Eric Robinson

Following the workshop meetings held with Saanich Planners in the Claremont lunchroom last summer, Saanich has been developing a Draft Local Area Plan for Cordova Bay. While some participants expected the presentation and discussions to take place last September, the meeting is now slated for "before Christmas."

As you know various population figures have been bandied about - up to four times the present population. The "store-front" survey (at the shopping centre) and the workshops produced a population forecast of "under 6,500." Already the Engineering Study on sewers has sneaked it up further.

For a 6,500 population it would be possible for those living on oversize lots to subdivide, but density would probably not reach the point where the character of Cordova Bay was destroyed. Those of us who want to continue to enjoy the attractions of our community must look carefully before accepting any major density increase with the resulting traffic, road widening, through roads, land clearing, noise, loss of privacy, and general elimination of the most desirable features of this special area.

If you do not want the population of Cordova Bay to be several times what it is now, you must be prepared to turn out at meetings dealing with the Local Area Plan. Let your Association and your aldermen know of your concerns.

There's lots of money to be made by some on the way to high population density. There's a way of life to be lost by those of us who want to stay and enjoy.

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"Nature is not an object, it is our home."

REPORT ON SEWERS

During the last year or two, you have heard a lot about sewers. Your Association proposed that Saanich institute a maintenance scheme to prevent further deterioration of septic tank systems. We called for an investigation to determine the magnitude and location of problems and we asked for a study of all reasonable alternatives for handling these problems.

No maintenance program was introduced, but the Regional Officer of Health conducted a survey during the summer and an engineering study of some sewerage methods was made on a Saanich contract. We feel that both were pretty sketchy, and so stated to Saanich, but the Saanich Council on November 5th instructed their Engineering Department to initiate the sewerage process for Cordova Bay. It won't happen all at once and it won't happen immediately, but it's on the way.

Cost to individual properties can vary considerably. Some estimates were included in the Engineering Report. These appear to be incomplete. When we have checked them out, we will prepare a report for a future Cordovan issue.

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At election time it becomes obvious how one is pitted into opposing camps, and highly unrealistic 'either/or' positions. While this helps to define issues so people have something to chomp on at meetings, the important concerns become clouded over.

A refreshing overall view was displayed in the "Times" editorial October 26th on "Downtown Housing." Massive residential development in downtown Victoria is urged in a Planning Department study. This could have innumerable advantages for the whole Greater Victoria region:

- * High density apartments and townhouses proposed for downtown, cheap enough for many young couples, singles and senior citizens to afford, handy to shopping and cultural amenities.
- * This would give a boost to preservation of downtown. The economic base would be improved by not being almost solely dependent on tourism. Acres of used-car lots and rundown commercial buildings would be converted to more attractive use with open spaces and walkways.
- * Pressure off those neighbourhoods "the city wants, quite properly, to preserve as family housing" Downtown areas such as James Bay, Fernwood and Fairfield are quoted - but of course Cordova Bay comes to mind - being close to the ideal situation for a family neighbourhood.
- * New housing for 6,000 people downtown "should reduce the pressure to gobble up agricultural land and open spaces" and land outside the urban containment line in Saanich.

With care and good design, this could be of great benefit to ALL Greater Victorians!

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Your contributions - notices, recipes, reflections, - and what about some letters! (but signed, brief and pertinent)- are welcome. Limited space, above all, dictates our policy of accepting material. Phone 658-5605. Help with deliveries, phone 658-1021 or 658-8651.

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BETTER TRANSPORTATION IN THOSE DAYS ? ? ?

Georgina Brown and Annie McIntyre, sisters who live close to each other on Cordova Bay Road, must top the list for local pioneers. Mrs. Brown has lived a record 86 years in the Bay area, while Mrs. McIntyre was born here 73 years ago. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith settled on the ridge in the vicinity of the present day Elk Lake School in 1893 and raised a family of 9 children. Those were the days before a school and road were built in their area. Leonard, their 76 year old brother, can recall as a teenager, hawking peanuts and popcorn for Mr. Hambly's grocery store, now Win Life's Cordova Bay Store, to the summer crowd who flocked to Cordova Bay beach.

To travel to Sidney, the family caught the old V & S train at the station on the West side of Elk Lake, or if they were heading into Victoria, they caught the closer train, the Canadian Northern, by hiking to the station on Lochside. "We had better transportation in those days," sighs Mrs. McIntyre.

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Time to think of Christmas baking? Try MOLASSES GINGERBREAD BOYS (GIRLS?)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fine molasses
1 egg yolk
2 cups flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. ginger
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. nutmeg



Cream shortening and sugar. Add molasses and egg yolk. Sift dry ingredients together and add to molasses mixture. Chill well before rolling on a floured board. Cut out shapes. Place on ungreased baking sheet and bake for 8 - 10 minutes @ 350°. Cool before decorating with ornamental frosting, cut up cherries, gum drops, Smarties, - endless possibilities!

"An idealist believes the short run doesn't count. A cynic believes the long run doesn't matter. A realist believes that what is done or left undone in the short run determines the long run."

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CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

In order to keep costs down in the school, Art and Library teachers are looking for assistance in the community. An assortment of articles are needed that will be useful to us but that you may find in your basement storage or even on the way to the garbage. Listed below are some of these items. If you can help us, please send the articles to school with your children or phone the teacher involved and arrangements will be made for their pickup.

ART: - Mr. Garbutt/Mr. Keryliuk

1. Assorted fabric, leather, wool and wallpaper ends
2. Thread, needles, large buttons and old zippers
3. Sponge, foam, string, rope and wire (coated or bare)
4. Old spoons and knives
5. Tin cans, plastic containers, ice cream pails with lids (CLEAN PLEASE)
6. Wooden dowels
7. An old hot-plate, electric kettle and iron
8. Old pots (saucepans)
9. Extension cords
10. Old used cameras and equipment - can be donated or sold for a small fee

LIBRARY: - Mrs. Voth

1. Magazines - all kinds - MacLeans, Weekend, Newsweek, etc., also specialized magazines, i.e. Fishing, Hunting, Sports, Science, Mechanics, etc.
2. Current Paperbacks
3. Giant Size Detergent boxes - to be used as magazine holders
4. HELPERS! Needed in the library. Do you have a half day a week to donate? No experience needed. Variety of jobs!!

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER 658-5221 - Anytime during 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Depending on when the Cordovan arrives, the CLAREMONT FALL FUN FAIR is, was, on Nov. 20th!

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Five dozen hot dogs and plenty of delicious hot chocolate were consumed on the night of Hallowe'en in the fields between Del Monte and Santa Clara, the generous donation of Cordova Bay's Kiwanis Club - who provided a pathway by candle-light to their bonfire blaze. People and spooks of all ages appeared, including a baby and 2 eggs! Thank you KIWANIS and the elusive T.A.G.'s.

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Cordova Bay's TEEN ACTIVITY GROUP has started its winter meetings - Thursday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. for ages 15 to 18 years at the former firehall on Hamsterly Road.

Mike Corbeil will lead this club. The KIWANIS are pleased to announce - Mike is a Youth Counsellor from the "Y" and has had considerable experience with youth. The KIWANIS themselves will be taking an active interest in the T.A.G. as well as support it financially.

The Youth Program now underway, the KIWANIS have various projects of future benefit to the community of Cordova Bay they wish to undertake. Why not join this enterprising service club. A series of interesting speakers has been arranged for the weekly meetings - from the Provincial Museum, gold panning, and the George Pearkes Clinic. Phone Eric Herbert, 658-8335 or Jim Childs, 658-5119 if you would like to be a guest - or to join!

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From CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH

Our minister of the past two years, Rev. Frank Baldock, left us for Elrose, Sask. in mid-August. Since that time a committee has been hard at work sifting through candidates for a suitable replacement. In the meantime, we've been most fortunate to obtain the part-time services of Rev. Clare Holmes, who is a chaplain at UVic, thus providing a much-needed continuity during this interim period. For now we have one Sunday morning worship service, with full Sunday School, at 9:45 a.m. - a blend of the modern and the traditional.

You will be most welcome to join us any Sunday, or over the Christmas season. Christmas services will be as follows:

Dec. 16 - White Gift Sunday Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve family service (7 p.m.)
Dec. 23 - Cantata "Good News Noel" Dec. 25 - A short family service (10 a.m.)

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A big THANK YOU from St. David's for the kind contributions to the Rummage Sale that the community made to help further the building of the new church. Also for their support on the day with the fast-moving sales which brought in \$570. We hope to repeat these communal garage sales.

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The next NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE program starring local residents and the community-minded church, will be on CHANNEL 10 on November 29th at 9 p.m. and December 1st at 2:30 p.m.

We hope you enjoyed the feature on the Village Bank Crisis, and in case you haven't heard, the Saanich Peninsula Savings Credit Union is moving in.

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WELCOME to the Smith Family and their staff! The Smith family are the new owners of Shopwise (now known as Smith's Super Market). Our best wishes to Steve Leung and staff who have moved to their store in Sidney.

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COME, JOIN IN CELEBRATION!

The following day, Saturday, December 1st, St. David's will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar and Tea from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Santa arrives at 2 p.m. Have your photo taken with him. All proceeds will go towards the new church.

Anyone wishing to buy pre-cut and boxed kindling in \$1.00 or \$2.00 lots, contact Louise Childs, 658-5119.

LOOKING TOWARDS CHRISTMAS . . .

TREES - Support Cordova Bay Scouts and Cubs by buying your tree at the shopping plaza from Dec. 10th on. (N.B. Remember their annual bottle drive January 5th.)

GIFTS

How about the newly opened store at the Sentinel Workshop on Cedar Hill Rd. (formerly Sentinel School). Planters of all shapes & sizes, small wooden toys, lamps, trivets (wood and tile mat bases), ceramic products, vases, corn husks, are all carefully made and attractive looking Sentinel products.

"Winnifred M. Clark" is the official name of this centre for the adult mentally handicapped. Winnifred's work is well-known to Victorians, but Cordova Bay people may not know that in the early days of "Cornerstone" (the social and activity centre at St. David's Church) she visited regularly with her bustling energy and kindness.

At Sentinel, 65 people with a staff of 8 and a small corps of volunteers, work together with many projects, well established and well maintained. Driving by the grounds, you may have noticed the flourishing garden this year, and of pioneer interest is the smaller school building which is the oldest in Saanich. Now it is the wood-working shop, supervised by Ian McQuarrie of our neighbourhood, and the walls vibrate and the sawdust flies with the machines, handsome gifts of local service clubs.

Proceeds from the sale of Sentinel products go towards better and fuller programs. This workshop is a member of the Capital Region Association for the Mentally Retarded, and depends on funding from the Provincial Government and the United Way.

Volunteers with appropriate skills and prepared to make a regular commitment are welcome. Thanks to Arlo McCubbin for the visit.

477-7231 - Sentinel Products, 1861 Cedar Hill XRd.

For information about the C.M.H.A. Christmas Gift Program, call 595-1151.

FOUND - One pale blue striped pillowcase (still in good condition) in the Hallowe'en Fields between Del Monte and Santa Clara. Phone 658-5605.

FOUND - Girl's jacket size 10 - 12. Phone 658-1021 to identify and claim.

WELCOME WAGON lady Tisha Gulka, 658-1187, awaits your calls.

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