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THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT DOUGLAS PARK

Our pre-election meeting with prospective candidates from both Oak Bay-Gordon Head and Saanich South ridings produced a lively discussion focussed on the issue of municipal needs and the future status of the park under a new Crown Grant when it is finally issued. It was clear from the discussion that alternatives do exist to the current practise of removing parkland by subdivision so that development can take place. These alternatives could accommodate the genuine needs of the surrounding communities while preventing a wholesale change in the character of the park. This is reassuring, as the fate of the present road will be decided in the near future, and the initial proposal from the municipal engineering department calls for logging, the return of heavy trucks, and a cost-sharing agreement with the province that will provide the financial basis for more development along the route in the years ahead.

For these reasons, the major part of our next meeting will be devoted to the C.R.D. transportation plan and the need for a resolution of the transportation problems within the sector bounded by McKenzie Avenue, Pat Bay Highway and Sayward Road. If these land use and transportation issues concern you, please come; we hope to have input from all interested groups.

Meeting

Annual General Meeting
&
C.R.D. TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Speakers:

Mayor M. Coell
Mr. G. Farry, (Director of the Study)

December 4, 7:30 p.m.
Young Auditorium
Camosun College
Lansdowne Campus

Trails

May of the trails in the park are in poor shape, mainly due to the effects of mountain bikes skidding down the mountain.

We would like to see these activities confined to designated trails only. Similarly, we hope to dissuade Saanich Parks from going ahead with its plan to widen some trails to three metres.

Washrooms

The construction of the new washrooms in the picnic area is nearly complete. The finished structure will be similar to the one in Gyro Park in Cadboro Bay.

Enquiries

Please contact: Graham Shorthill 658-5873
 Pam Lewis 658-5039

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Haven't played in a while, want to learn? Mixed drop-in Monday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Community Hall off Sutcliffe. Friendly group. Call 658-5338 for further information.

Mixed drop-in group wanting to start up on Sundays, above time, call 658-1582 if interested.

Kiwanis Club of Cordova Bay

ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE

Wow! Look at the date! Christmas has crept up on us again. Where does the time go?

Don't worry about decorating your home. The Kiwanis Club of Cordova Bay will be selling choice poinsettias again this year the the Cordova Bay shopping plaza.

We look forward to seeing all our friends, and to wishing them Season's Greetings.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Fund of British Columbia

There will be a sale of handicrafts from Third World Countries, and of Christmas cards and tags (both B.C. artists and British designs) at the home of Willa Burke, 4797 Timber Place, off Cordova Bay Road, on Thursday, November 14 from 7-9 p.m. and Friday morning from 10-noon, November 15.

Please come and bring a friend.

B.C. artist-designed Christmas cards and tags are now on sale at the Country Goose and The Gallery at Mattick's, and at various other locations throughout Victoria.

For further information, please call 658-5338. Thank you for your support.

KIWANIS CLUB
of Cordova Bay

Ole Armfelt, Past President of the Kiwanis of Cordova Bay, is happy to announce the new Officers for 1991-92.

President: George Foster
Vice President: Al Willman
Secretary: Jack Hardie
Treasurer: Stan Mann
Directors: Dave Osborne
Mickey Stevens
Fred Pass
Lyall Steer

Kiwanis is a service club, and through our time and energy we hope to make life a little easier for those who are less fortunate, or just need an extra boost to obtain their goals.

It will be our pleasure this year to assist the local Cubs in a Xmas Cake Sale. Our Club will provide top-quality cakes and some drivers. Your help will be greatly appreciated, as it will assist these fine lads to continue their many activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our good neighbours compliments of the Season.

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PLANNING UPDATE

The Cordova Bay Association has lost a valuable planning committee chairman with the resignation of Tony Pugh. Tony has been extensively involved in all issues concerning Cordova Bay for the past several years, notably the Pat Bay Highway discussions, Doumac Ravine, and the on-going Gravel Pit Task Force. He has faithfully attended Monday night council meetings, Tuesday night public hearings, and a multitude of committee meetings, and has defended the local area and represented the Association with dedication and distinction. Happily, he will remain a member of the Gravel Pit Task Force and be available to the Association with his expertise on other matters.

Kay Porter now takes over Planning Committee responsibilities.

Although the park portion of the Cordova Bay Road Streetscape Proposal was strongly opposed by residents on the east side of the road, the suggestions for the road itself remain under discussion. Representatives from the east side of the road, from Doumac Avenue and from the Association are meeting in a series of discussions seeking areas of agreement. Interested residents may attend these meetings as observers, and may be asked for comments. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Hall.

The Gravel Pit Task Force has met several times and has recently submitted a request to Council for funding for a consultant to "look at issues regarding the pits, the current usage, resources generated, truck traffic and reclamation of the area." The Association is suggesting that an independent economic assessment of the viability of the municipal pit be included in the study. Trio pit owners have made a preliminary proposal for the development of an RV park in the reclaimed northern portion of their property. We will follow this proposal with interest.

Another public hearing on the proposed development at the corner of Blenkinsop, Royal Oak Drive and Cordova Bay Road has been scheduled. The developer, Syndicon, has promised a buffer zone of 16 feet of natural vegetation along the roadsides and has assured preservation of selected trees on the building sites themselves. The association supported this proposal at the previous hearing. This is the first proposal for development at that corner which meets the density criteria of the Local Area Plan.

The adjacent property, Firbank Farm, is now subject to a rezoning proposal, with a view to redevelopment. Part of the initial request involved zoning for a Scottswood-type development, but Council has rejected that portion of the application and the developer must come back with a different proposal to the Public Hearing. The Association opposes densities beyond those agreed in the Local Area Plan. Watch for it!

WHAT ABOUT THE ROAD?

For one of the views on the problem of Cordova Bay Road south of the Royal Oak/Blenkinsop intersection and through Mount Douglas Park, please see the article on page 7, written by Ella Jean Grundison, a resident of that area.

For another view of the issue, watch for the January Cordovan and the position of The Friends of Mount Douglas Park.

G(IRLS) O(N) A L(OSING) S(TREAK)

Do you have excess pounds you'd like to lose? GOALS is a self-help weight-loss group that meets on Tuesday mornings, 9:45-10:45 in the Youth Lounge at Cordova Bay United Church. New members welcome. For further information call Ruth, 658-8443.

MORE HOPE FOR RECYCLING?

Soon - eventually? - magazines and hard plastics will be in the recycling stream. The Saanich Recycling committee has recommended to Council a program to place drop boxes at the Municipal Yard for magazines and plastics, a program similar to that already in effect in Oak Bay. Council requested staff to draw up plans for such a program for inclusion in the 1992 budget.

So - not right away, but soon. Maybe.

FRIDAY WALKERS

We welcome new friends. If you would like two-hour jaunts to interesting places, you will find us at the lower end of the shopping centre parking lot on Fridays at 9:30 in the morning. Call Myrtle at 658-8833.



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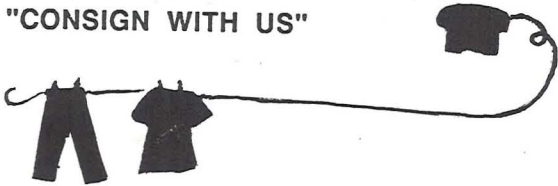
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Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Cordova Bay Elementary School, and on Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m., at the Cordova Bay Community Hall, Sutcliffe Avenue. First class FREE. \$3 a class drop-in, or 12 classes for \$24.

For further information, call Kathi Hemphill-Nash, 652-0509.

CORDOVA BAY NEW HORIZONS SENIORS ASSOCIATION

Activities include carpet bowling from 10 to noon, lunch from 12 to 1, bridge from 1 to 4. The chat and knit group meets in the small pre-school room from 1 to 4. Tea is served at 3 for everyone. We also have films on the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. in the pre-school room.

For further information, call 479-4270.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets every Wednesday beginning September 11 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. in the library at Claremont Secondary School.

Everyone is welcome, especially beginners for whom teaching is provided.

For further information, call Lynn Stringer, 658-5207.

PATHWAYS CENTRE

Pathways always needs volunteers - drivers, gardeners, musicians, craftspeople.

Our special need right now is for a hand or foot reflexology volunteer.

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REMEMBERING EARLIER DAYS
IN CORDOVA BAY

G. Bruce McMorran

In this issue I would like to relate my memories of when "Lochside went through." I am not referring to the road, but to the C.N. rail line that ran from Victoria, through Cordova Bay and on to Sidney.

The main purpose of this line was to transport freight from Victoria, and lumber from the mill at Sidney back to Victoria. However, during the summer months until the early 1920's a passenger train ran on the line, bringing families to spend a day at the beach. The Cordova Bay station was at the corner of Haliburton and Lochside roads. Passenger service was discontinued as the automobile and excursion buses took over.

I have memories of many times hearing the train whistle blowing quite a distance down the track, and with some playmates running up Doumac to wave to the engineer as the train passed by. He always waved back. We sometimes played a game of chicken, the idea being to see which one of us would crawl closest to the track as the engine went by. I imagine that didn't make the engineer too happy!

In the winter, when the leaves were off the trees, we could see the train go by from Cordova Bay Road. During freezing weather the tracks would become icy and you could hear the locomotive engine race as the wheels slipped on the tracks as the train came up the grade from the Blenkinsop Valley.

In 1934 freight train service between Victoria and Sidney was discontinued, and starting from Borden Mercantile on Quadra the tracks were taken up. During the period the crew were taking up through our area, the foreman would allow us kids to run their "handcar" up and down the track. That, I remember, was a great thrill.

I still have many happy memories of those years.

We need a

CORDOVA BAY RESOURCE BANK

As Cordova Bay grows and changes, the issues that have to concern us if we are to maintain the quality of life here are multiplying and becoming more complex. There are increasing demands on the Association, often from the Municipality itself, to provide assistance and give input into these issues. Sometimes it's time and effort that's needed - people who will telephone, collect dues, deliver The Cordovan. Sometimes it's information and expertise, scientific, historical, technical, financial, what have you.

We would like to create and keep a roster of volunteers who can provide help in all possible areas. If you have a few hours a week you can contribute to your community, please complete the form below and mail or deliver it to:

Kay Porter
5041 Wesley Road
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or give her a call at 658-5792.

Yes, I have some time to contribute to the well-being of Cordova Bay.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

I have these skills I would like to put to work for the community.

CORDOVA BAY SOFTBALL CLUB

SEASON REVIEW 1991

The 1991 Softball season at Cordova Bay is now complete, and we can happily reflect on another successful program. Total registration, including T-ball, was 350--and increase of 23% over 1990. The Club was able to field 27 teams, including 6 T-ball teams and a seventh playing at the Mite level.

The Club hosted the following tournaments at Lochside Park:

1. Bantam Girls Summer Games playdowns.
2. Stevie Quan Squirt Memorial (boys).
3. Gladys Cunningham Memorial Peewee (boys and girls).
4. District playoffs - Squirt "B" boys - Mite White.
5. B.C. Championships Peewee "B" boys.
6. B.C. Championships Bantam "A" boys.

This season the Club addressed the need to promote more umpires from within the players and community. The results were most pleasing, as Cordova Bay sent a total of 15 people to the #1 Level Umpiring Clinic, the effect of which will serve the needs of officiating for the Club now and into the future.

Team Achievements

1. Peewee "B" boys achieved silver medal - B.C. Championships.
2. Bantam "A" boys achieved silver medal - B.C. Championships.

Individual Achievements

Mark Ardiel and Philip Gans were picked up by Comox Valley Broncos, B.C. Gold medalists, to accompany Comox to the Western Canadian Bantam boys championships in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, where Comox won bronze for B.C. The Club provided financial assistance for these boys to attend, as well as a program of assistance for teams to attend tournaments throughout the season.

Particular recognition is due to the Club President, Fran Savage, for her many hours of commitment to the running of the Club.

As we look ahead to 1992, we hope that new blood will come forward to serve on the Executive and maintain the good name of our Club in the softball community.

We wish to thank all those who gave of their time and expertise, both from within the Cordova Bay Community and the Softball Club, as well as through Colwood and District. And to you all, on behalf of the players, the Executive extend our gratitude and appreciation for your efforts and support during the 1991 Softball season.

David Gans,
Vice President.

REGISTRATION DATES FOR 1992 ARE THE LAST WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY AND FIRST TWO WEEKENDS OF MARCH. HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!

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;
- ☛ and—last but not least—publishes The Cordovan and delivers it to your door six times a year.

RELOCATING CORDOVA BAY ROAD: SAFETY IS THE ISSUE

Our great concern for public safety demands that we speak out concerning the deteriorating state of the north section of Cordova Bay Road.

THE DANGER: The bank along Cordova Bay Road is eroding at an alarming rate, creating an increasingly dangerous situation for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles that use the road. In places less than three metres exists between the paved road and the cliff's edge. The travelling public has a right to know about both these hidden hazards and the current proposal to relocate the road.

If Cordova Bay Road as it exists were closed and no alternate route provided, the startling results would affect the entire area.

THE TRAFFIC: The results of a traffic survey conducted by the Saanich Engineering Dept. on June 18th, 1991, have serious implications. Not only would traffic along Cordova Bay Rd. itself change dramatically, but also traffic along Blenkinsop Road, McKenzie Avenue, and Mount Douglas Cross Road would worsen (Numbers show average vehicles PER DAY):

| Street | Existing Traffic | Change (+, -) from Closing Cordova Bay Road | Final Result |
|----------------------|------------------|---|--------------|
| Cordova Bay Road | 11,500 | -11,500 | 0 |
| Blenkinsop Road | 7,000 | + 6,100 | 13,100 |
| Mount Douglas X Road | 2,600 | + 2,800* | 5,400 |
| McKenzie Avenue | 33,300 | + 4,300 | 37,600 |
| Other Routes | n/a | + 1,100 | n/a |

(* Vehicles travelling Mount Douglas Cross Road to connect Blenkinsop Road with the Gordon Head area.)

This means that Blenkinsop residents would see existing traffic double, and Broadmead area residents could expect traffic increases on Emily Carr Drive as drivers try to access McKenzie Avenue via Quadra Street. In addition, those living along Mount Douglas Cross Road would see more than twice as many cars and trucks each day as at present.

Presently, neither Blenkinsop Road nor Mount Douglas Cross Road are structurally sound enough to handle these extra vehicles.

McKenzie Avenue, already an intolerably congested artery during rush hours, would also receive 13% more traffic.

ALL local through streets would see increased traffic as drivers would seek to avoid the congestion on main roads.

THE PROPOSAL: The Saanich Engineering Dept. has proposed creating a permanent, safe solution for all forms of traffic along this route by relocating the dangerous north section of Cordova Bay Rd. Relocation will involve a modest shift from the road's present alignment (please see map at left) and will be sensitive to the natural surroundings.

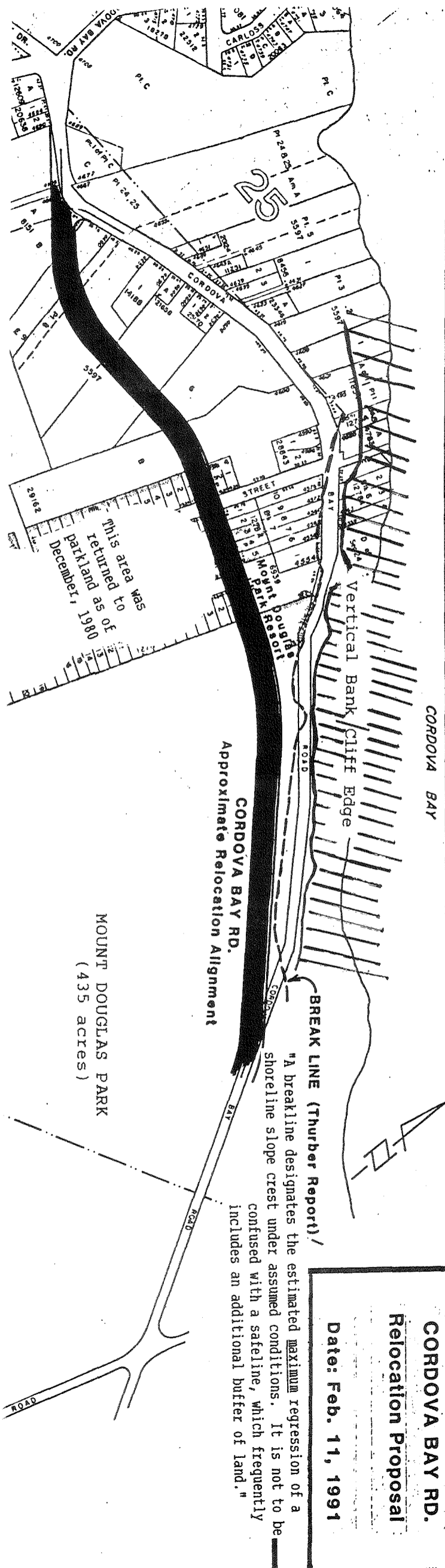
We believe this is the least disruptive solution to the surrounding area. As the map indicates, the present road already travels through the park. The proposal involves taking only one more acre of parkland and provides for the present roadway to be reclaimed as parkland.

We urge all area residents to become informed. Look at all the facts. Walk the road very carefully and see the danger. A permanent safe solution is critical now. Winter rain is here, and the imminent danger increases daily.

We have been circulating detailed information sheets in our effort to create public awareness. We are also circulating a petition in an effort to show Saanich Engineering Department and Council that they have our support.

MORE INFORMATION: If you would like to know more, or become involved, please contact us. Many thanks for your concern and any support you give.

Ella Jean Grundison (658-5101) and Diana Life (658-8851)



Date: Feb. 11, 1991

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Mothers' Morning Out: meet on the 4th Thursday of each month, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Babysitting provided. This is a time for mothers with young children to enjoy a short program over coffee while having a break from the children. May include demonstrations such as Chinese cooking, Mexican cooking, crafts, etc. Everyone welcome.

Programs and special events are regularly held centring around special needs and concerns of individuals and families as they arise during the year.

Forthcoming Special Events

Saturday, November 16:

Roselyn Jones leads an all-day leadership training workshop.

Saturday, November 23:

1:00-4:00 p.m. UCW Tea, Craft and Bake Sale. Come along and have a cup of tea or coffee, then pick up some Christmas gifts and baking.

Thursday, November 28:

10:00 a.m. Advent Service: This is a service for everyone in the community. Please come and join us at this special time of year. Coffee and refreshments will be served prior to the service.

Sunday, December 1:

10:00 a.m. - noon. "Advent Happening". We launch our preparations for the Christmas Event with special music, crafts, decorating the Church, worship and fellowship.

Sundays, December 8, 15, 22:

10:00 a.m. Special Christmas music, drama and White Gift Service.

Sunday, December 15:

7:00 p.m. Advent Service of Carols and Readings at St. David-by-the-sea Anglican Church.

Tuesday, December 24:

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Christmas Day Service: Dec. 25
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Watchnight Program, Dec. 31
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Tuesday, December 31

8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Annual New Year's Eve celebration for the whole family, to be held in the Church Hall. A great "First Night" event for everyone.

The minister and congregation extend their sincere wish to you for a very blessed and meaningful Christmas season, and may you experience good health, serenity and daily joy in 1992.

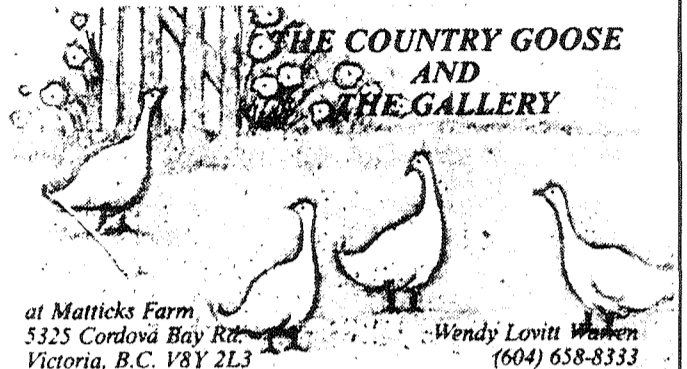
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If your pet is found or comes back
 home, please let the Pets' Hotline
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If you have found a pet:
 Phone Pets' Hotline, 658-5039/5663
 Check Bulletin Board at Plaza
 Check dog license number with
 Saanich Police, 388-4321
 Advertise in local papers; "found"
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What to do if you have lost your
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 Phone Pets' Hotline, 658-5039/5663
 Check with S.P.C.A., 388-7722
 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.

We suggest that pet owners provide
 tags and/or ID for easier return
 of lost animals. Indelible pen on
 flea collars would do for cats. Much
 heartbreak and worry could be
 avoided this way.

CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS nor-
 mally 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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