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ENGINEERING CORDOVA BAY ROAD

On July 4th, 1989, Saanich municipal council passed a motion approving a truck route by-law which prohibits trucks from residential and collector streets.

During public discussion on this by-law, the following matters of interest to Cordova Bay residents came to light.

It was stated by the municipal engineer that Cordova Bay Road through Mount Douglas Park is structurally sound but that the slopes of the park are unstable; he added that it is erosion of the toe of the slope which is causing the instability along the shoreline. Once the toe of the slope has been stabilized, he said, the banks will no longer be unstable and the road itself will stabilize.

Cordova Bay Road in its present location is in jeopardy and will not be there in ten or fifteen years -- it will be down the bank. A break line has been defined if the toe of the slope is retained, and the road should be relocated above this break line. The ultimate solution for long-term safety is the relocation of the road thirty metres inland from the present location. The new road would start at the rock bluff just to the south of the motel, cutting into the park and continuing 550 metres to the south just above the junction of the old abandoned roadway. The new road will be two lanes and will incorporate sidewalks.

Once the decision is made to relocate the road, then the work should be done within the next five to ten years. The asphalt would be removed from the abandoned road and the area would be landscaped to blend in with the remainder of the park.

This proposed plan to realign the road has been registered with the province and the appropriate people are considering it in terms of granting the park deed to Saanich.

Tony Pugh
Chairman
Planning Committee
Cordova Bay Association

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;



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THE SECOND PAGE COLUMN

As we all know by now, the Cordova Express Restaurant is applying for two licenses - to permit it to operate as a neighbourhood pub, and to permit operation of a wine and beer store in conjunction with the pub.

One of the requirements for opening a neighbourhood pub is that residents within a half mile of the proposed location vote 60% in favour. If the pub doesn't get that 60%, the application for the wine and beer store won't be considered at all.

Custom Drafting Inc. is carrying out the referendum right now. After they're completed, there's an appeal period (for those who should have voted but didn't, for whatever reason). Then, if the vote was favourable, the application goes forward to the B.C. Licensing Commission. If that body decides in favour, the applicant must still go to Saanich Council to ask for the change of zoning that will be required. That would involve a meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole, and probably a Public Hearing.

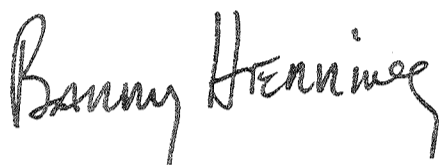
The Association is taking no position on this issue. Residents most closely affected by the proposal will have expressed their views. The Association would object only if such a proposal contravened the policies of the Local Area Plan or the Constitution of the Association.

REMINDER

There is a looseleaf binder beside the photocopier in the Variety Store containing documents of interest to residents of Cordova Bay--the Constitution of the Cordova Bay Association, a copy of the Local Area Plan, a copy of the Traffic Study, and so on. It's meant for you to consult. If there are documents you think should be in the book that aren't there, please call the Secretary, Kay Porter, at 658-5792.

I am writing to you concerning the problem of Hallowe'en rowdiness that has been growing in our community during the past few years. Last Hallowe'en, a few incidents frightened some residents. The banning of the use of fireworks without a permit has been suggested to our association as a possible solution. Mayor Sturrock is looking to us for suggestions.

The Broadmead Area Residents' Association Executive would like me to inquire if your executive or any of your members have advice or experience with regard to solving this problem. Please refer any persons with this assistance to call me at 658-1370.



Barry Herring
President
Broadmead Area Residents'
Association

NEW HORIZONS

Cordova Bay New Horizons Seniors Association will be starting its new season on September 7. We meet every Thursday in St. David's Church Hall on Cordova Bay Road.

The program begins with carpet bowling at 10, followed by soup lunch at noon. At 1 we have a choice of bridge or fun cards. Some may prefer to knit and chat. Tea is at 3. All seniors are welcome to drop in. Call 479-4270 if interested.

I am pleased to enclose my cheque to become a member of CBA. I am new to this area and it is splendid to find an association that has the well-being of residents and the environment at heart.

I gather there are concerns about the state of Cordova Bay Plaza. It is a shock to find this extraordinarily beautiful part of the world littered worse than the poorest districts of Toronto with their much higher population density.

What are municipal responsibilities for cleaning up the plaza and the nearby roadsides? If resources are meagre (should they be? taxes are pretty high), would anyone else who lives near the plaza join me at least the evening before the municipal garbage pick-up to gather up all the litter in garbage bags so that the area looks respectable at least once a week?

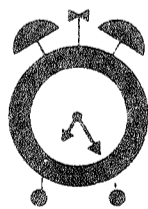
Does the municipality have any encouraging notice plaques or boards they could give us saying "Please put litter in its place," or, "Help us keep Cordova Bay beautiful," or some appeal on those lines?

This may be an old, old problem for the CBA. I would be interested to know how the officers feel about it. This is such a lovely part of the island, but the plaza has some problems.

Thora Clarkson

comments from someone just passing through may or may not be welcome, but I do feel strongly enough to write. While visiting friends in Cordova Bay earlier this year, I was helping my hostess by going for groceries; though the store itself was perfectly fine, to my eye the little mall and its parking lot were, let us say, somewhat less glorious than your community deserves. We had been touring the city of Victoria and up the Island, and had enjoyed the obvious pride a place like Chemainus has created among its residents. We got to talking about how and if some of that same civic pride could be generated around Cordova Bay. When the Kiwanis garage sale was set up on the grassy section of that parking lot, it suddenly looked festive, more like what a modern-day village can be. It is not always sale-day, but it can look festive and cared-for. I don't mean to offend, but there's such potential for something special.

E. Mirado



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5TH TSARTLIP BEAVERS AND CUBS

Registration for the 5th Tsartlip Beavers and Cubs will take place at 6:30 p.m. at our meeting hall, St. David's Anglican Church, on September 14.

Our nine leaders are busy planning activities for the boys between now and Christmas. One major event coming soon is Boy Scouts Apple Day on September 30th, when all the boys in the Victoria region will be at many locations asking for donations for the Scouting movement in exchange for a locally grown, fresh seasonal apple. Our boys will be stationed at the Food Forum and Matcicks Farm between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. We look forward to your usual strong support of our Cordova Bay boys.

We would still like to start up a Scout troop here, but so far the right person for the job hasn't come along. If you know of anyone with a Scouting background who might be interested, please call me at 658-8045.

This is a perfect time to thank particularly our leaders but also all the parents who help them keep the Scouting spirit alive with their volunteering. We are looking forward to a great year of fellowship and fun.

CIVIC ORCHESTRA OF VICTORIA

People who have been asking when the Civic Orchestra will be putting on another concert will be happy to hear that the first concert of the season will be Saturday October 28th at 8 pm, in the University Centre Auditorium. This same concert will be repeated the following day, Sunday October 29th, at 2:30 pm in the Church of the Advent in Colwood.

An interesting programme includes Overture "Semiramide" (Rossini); Intermezzo from the opera "Fennimore and Gerda" (Delius); Scherzo Alla Marcia (Vaughn Williams); Rhapsody in Blue (Gershwin); for piano and orchestra with soloist Jacqueline Droz, Symphony No. 4, The Italian (Mendelssohn).

The Civic Orchestra made its debut concert under the baton of Robert Cooper at the Cordova Bay United Church, where they are still holding their rehearsals. The orchestra's concert at the church this year will be on December 17th.

CORDOVA BAY HIKERS

meet at 9 a.m. each Wednesday at the shopping plaza. For information call Vera or Cam Innes at 658-8846.

Destinations

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| September | 13 | Roche Cove/Matheson Lake--bring lunch |
| | 20/21 | Hornby Island Excursion--fully booked |
| | 27 | Portland Island--bring lunch |
| October | 4 | Witty's Lagoon |
| | 11 | East Sooke Park--bring lunch |
| | 18 | Mayne Island--bring lunch |
| | 25 | Galloping Goose/Kangaroo Rd.--bring lunch |
| November | 1 | Durrance Lake/McKenzie Bight |
| | 8 | Goldstream Park |

FRIDAY WALKING GROUP

For those looking for a less strenuous walking experience than the Wednesday group provides, this may be for you. Sometimes we stay fairly close to home; sometimes we venture farther afield. Sometimes we get a good workout; other times there is too much to stare and wonder at or even explore. Always it is in good, congenial company, and once at our destination we walk for about two hours. We meet at 9:30 a.m. at the shopping plaza. More information? Call Myrtle at 658-8833.

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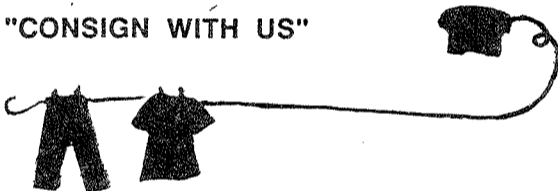
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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

September is the month of the Cordova Bay Association's annual membership drive, with Edwin Hipsey again the chairman. Volunteers are urgently needed to canvass. What better way to get to know your neighbours than by knocking on their door offering a membership in the Cordova Bay Association? Please call Edwin at 658-8283 if you can help.

If our canvasser is unable to reach you, please fill out the membership form on the last page of The Cordovan and send it to us with your cheque.

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Pathways still needs volunteers, especially drivers, gardeners, musicians and craftspeople. Call Pat McCullagh, 658-5414 between 9 and 4

RECYCLING MEETING

During the CRD's "RECYCLING MONTH"--that's October--the Cordova Bay Association will host a meeting on recycling. Please watch the newspaper and the plaza bulletin board for the date.



Whether you are wildly enthusiastic about our recycling program or have some reservations and concerns, plan to come out and make your feelings known.

RESTAURANT-WISE?

The Cordova Express Restaurant is seeking employees with restaurant experience from the local community. Call Margaret Iza, 658-8668.

PETS' HOTLINE

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