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DOUMAC RAVINE

A meeting was held at Saanich Municipal Hall on July 30 to discuss the erosion in Doumac Ravine and to examine a proposed solution to the on-going problem. In attendance were Mr. Rick Lloyd, a Saanich engineer, and Cordova Bay residents who had attended a similar meeting last year.

Mr. Lloyd discussed Saanich's view of the series of extreme weather conditions that caused the extensive erosion last winter. Then he explained various solutions that his Department has considered, with an indication of the anticipated costs of each. Saanich has concluded that there is only one feasible solution that meets both design and cost factors.

This solution involves lining the creek bed with blankets of wire mesh called "gabion baskets." In this case the "baskets" will be 3 meters wide and .3 meters thick, formed to a curve 1 meter deep in the middle: the edges will be rounded to meet the grade on each side.

After lengthy discussion, residents at the meeting eventually accepted the proposal on the basis that:

1. It is a surface solution (as opposed to a culvert, which would bury the creek, thus removing it as a park element)
2. It is the most natural-looking of the solutions proposed
3. It is the only proposal that meets a reasonable cost factor
4. We have Engineering's assurance that the Parks Department will participate fully in the project, to ensure the best results.

We are also assured by Mr. Lloyd that the system will improve the appearance of the Ravine: sand and gravel will naturally fill the voids between the rocks, and vegetation will grow amongst the rocks near the edges. Once the system is in place, the floor of the Ravine will be brought back to as natural a condition as possible.

Mr. Lloyd anticipated that the project will be completed this fall, before the heavy rains set in.

Roger Vale
658-5301

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT DOUGLAS PARK SOCIETY

After a very busy summer, with no fire closures, a number of changes to the park are scheduled for the fall: new washrooms for the picnic area and a new transmitter site in the parking lot at the top of the mountain. The latter needs changes to the plan of subdivision, and this is going through Council now.

The old site will be cleared and the land returned to the park, while the new site will be designated for "Park and Communication use only." The tower will also be relocated to the southeast side of the parking lot, where it will be partially hidden by trees.

During the discussion on the Official Community Plan, an old report (1978) on Saanich's shoreline came to light, with a number of proposals for the better management of the shoreline, including alternatives to the rip rap along the beach in the park. We supported a proposal to update the report, and to include its essentials in the Official Community Plan.

N.B. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Claremont School Lunchroom.

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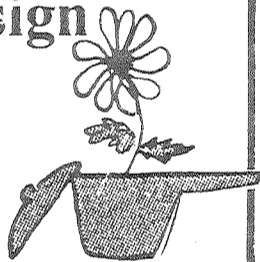
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Now able to do his exercise walking on Dallas Road, Merv is enjoying improved health while Lise is enjoying life at home after years of long hours. Both gave much of themselves to the community, and we thank them.

The Francis family are the new operators of the Variety Store. Also residents of Cordova Bay, Mary and Bob, Jim and Alyson and Jody are happy to be able to walk to work. We welcome them.

Note new store hours: Open 9 to 6 Monday - Saturday. Closed Sunday.

THE PUBLIC PROCESS IN SAANICH

In a generally successful movement toward open government in Saanich over the past ten years, the municipality provides avenues for the private individual to express opinions productively, and, where desirable, to intervene in the decision-making process.

The first step is to contact appropriate staff members at the municipal hall, for information and clarification. The phone number is 386-2241, and the Clerk's Office is a good place to start.

If you can't get what you want from staff, you can go directly to one of the councillors (phone numbers available through the Clerk's Office) or to Saanich Council as a whole, by writing to the mayor and council.

The mayor and eight councillors meet Monday evenings at 7:30 in Council Chambers at the municipal hall, 770 Vernon Avenue, to consider a pre-set agenda. These meetings are open to the public, and the agenda items are listed in the Times-Colonist on the Thursday before each meeting.

Background information on the agenda items is available at the Clerk's Office.

Council also considers certain items - rezonings, changes in by-laws, changes to Local Area Plans - at public hearings held on Tuesday evenings.

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PLANNING UPDATE

Now that fall is upon us once more, it is time to update you on events that have taken place in Cordova Bay over the summer months.

As many of you are aware, the main natural gas pipeline to service the Saanich Peninsula will not now be going through our community, as had been originally planned. But what will be coming in December of this

year is a new transit route to serve the Ridge. The proposed route will connect the Ridge with Royal Oak, and will follow the route outlined on this map.

B.C. Transit proposes to use a 28-passenger, low floor diesel mini-bus, as this type of vehicle has less residential intrusion than a standard bus.

On July 24, Saanich Council approved the inclusion of Parker Avenue into the Sewer Enterprise Boundary. What this means is that sewers will be installed along Parker Avenue within the next five years.

The fencing that Saanich is installing around the Sayward gravel pit will effectively cut off the trail which has run along the south side of the pit. This must not be

allowed to happen, as this trail forms a vital link between the upper and lower areas of our community. The Association is actively involved in preserving the trail. If you are equally concerned, then write to our Mayor and Council and let them know.

KUDOS

A 28 crib hand was a real thrill for Norm Sinclair, 776 Claremont Avenue. A second-in-life time score in a game last June merits our congratulations. Good playing, Norm!

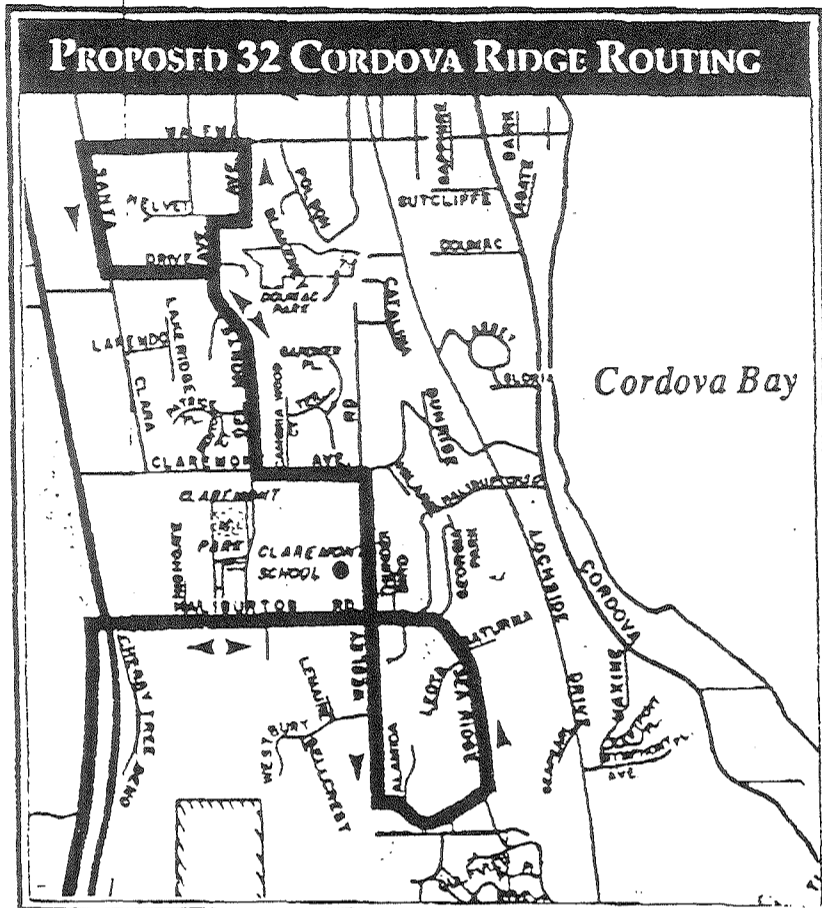
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- ☛ examines all proposals for development, subdivision, re-zoning, etc. in the community, to ensure that they meet the requirements of the Local Area Plan;
- ☛ monitors all issues of concern to the community, and informs affected residents;
- ☛ attends 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;
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Did you hear the chorus and trombone?

On July 13, Cordova Bay Beach was the venue for a large picknicking group from the University Women's Club of Victoria. Two neighbourhood groups (Cordova Bay and the Gorge) gathered, some arriving by inflatable from Cattle Point. Ann Pearson, author of Sea Lake, was a special guest.

The women enjoyed the beach, their food, canoeing and kayaking. Just like the good old days. Maybe Cordova Bay should have a community picnic again.

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.

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.

RECYCLE!

CRD Parks and Saanich Parks are launching a pilot program for recycling beverage containers (aluminum and glass) in designated areas of Saanich Parks.

Please make it work.

CORDOVA BAY HIKERS

Fall Schedule

- Sept. 25 Beckwith Park--lunch walk
- Oct. 2 John Dean Park--morning walk
- 9 Mayne Island--lunch walk
- 16 East Sooke Park, Anderson Cove--lunch walk
- 23 Francis King/Thetis Lake--lunch walk
- 30 Durrance Lake/Mackenzie Bight
- Nov. 6 Goldstream Park--salmon run

This hikers' group is full. However, eager hikers wishing to start a new group please call Cam and Vera Innes, 658-8846.

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CORDOVA BAY ROAD STREETSCAPE PROPOSAL

On Tuesday, September 17, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., a meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Hall to discuss the final proposal of the consultant who undertook the Streetscape Improvement Study this spring.

Essentially, the proposal recommends the following:

- * Beautification of the road as "a scenic drive in a garden setting, without widening the roadway surface."
- * Slowing traffic down at least to the posted 40 kmph limit, through carefully designed crosswalks and other traffic mitigation devices,
- * Creating community gateways at appropriate points, to define the community
- * Over the next 60 + years, and on a willing seller/willing buyer basis, acquire properties south of the Seaview Restaurant and north of the Gloria beach access, to create Cordova Bay District Park and to open the whole community to views of the sea.
- * To find community-approved alternatives to both gravel pit operations
- * Over the long term to create a Village Main Street involving Doumac, with a special land use zone to monitor development carefully
- * Landscaping to create an effect of "A Seaside Garden Village." using natural design and indigenous species to provide colour and greenery all year round.
- * Encouragement of redevelopment of the shopping centre

In the space available, it is not possible to give all details of the proposal, but a copy of it is available in the book at the Variety Store.

The Association worked closely with the consultant and with Saanich on the study, reported on it in the last two Cordovans, and assisted with the two Open Houses that were given in the Seaview Room to ensure that residents know what is going on.

The Association believes that, properly implemented, the proposal will give Cordova Bay a community individuality for many years to come, rather than being swallowed up, as so many communities are, in the northward flood of suburban Victoria, and that it will limit the increase in traffic on Cordova Bay Road, and essentially dispose of the heavy traffic now using the road as a route to east Victoria.

If the proposal is approved, road improvements (bus shelters, underground wiring, special lighting, etc.) could begin as soon as funding is acquired and allocated.

THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION

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CORDOVA BAY NEW HORIZONS
SENIORS ASSOCIATION

We are starting a new season and as usual will meet every THURSDAY in the hall at St. David's Church on Cordova Bay Road. Our organization is undenominational and any senior is welcome to join. The membership fee is \$5 a year.

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. The first film night is October 15.

For further information, call 479-4270.

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SAFETY IN THE HOME

there's a highly-recommended book due out this fall. Called "Safety Sense at Home", it addresses a wide variety of issues, including safety tips on microwave ovens, fireplaces, waterbeds, medications, hand tools, yard maintenance and barbecues. There's even a section on how to safely handle "junk".

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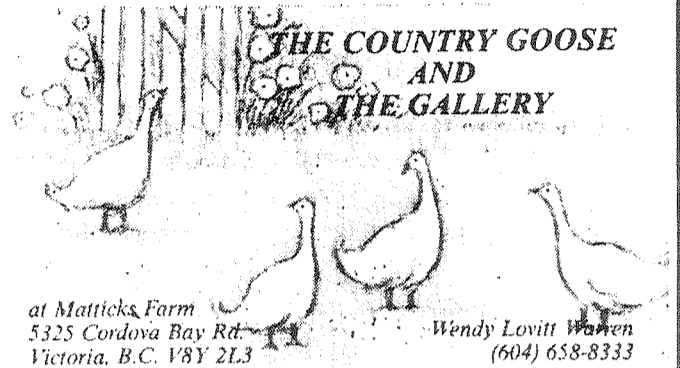
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The 1991/92 season is due to start on September 21, a sure sign that the weather is about to deteriorate on every Saturday morning for the next six months.

The soccer club hopes to field between 15 and 20 teams in competitive play this year, plus a number of 'house league' teams of 5 and 6 year olds. Unfortunately, two teams have had to close down due to lack of numbers, while in some instances too many players have come forward for a team and some have had to be disappointed. Overall we have tried hard to keep as many local players as possible involved with the club, and now look forward to a successful season of sport.

One notable improvement in the community facilities will be the addition of lights at Lochside Park, the first phase of which will be installed at the end of September. This is another component of a development program which will eventually make Lochside as good a facility as exists anywhere in Victoria.

A special vote of thanks is due to all the community businesses who sponsor teams, and to all the residents who support our fund-raising activities. In return the boys and girls of the club provide exciting and entertaining sport for you to watch; come down to the park and enjoy.

Anyone wishing to get more information about the club, to register for a team, or to help out with any of the multitude of tasks associated with running a successful program should contact John Watts (658-8160), President, or Brian Hume (658-5409), Registrar.

CORDOVA BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL--PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Welcome to the new families in our school. We look forward to a great year.

Just a reminder--many children walk to and from school, so please take care when driving near the school and pay special attention to the crosswalk at Fenn and Cordova Bay Road.

We have a reading program this year involving local Kiwanis members--Mr. Stan Mann and Mr. Ron Webster. We welcome any volunteers, particularly seniors, with time and talents to share, once a week, once a month. Work with the children doing math, reading, making crafts. We have a kiln, lapidary equipment and craft supplies at the school. Our library is always in need of help--reshelving, repairs and labeling, laminating, decorating bulletin boards. Feel free to come in, ask questions, and share your talents.

The upper playing field was opened for limited use in the late spring. This fall the Cordova Bay Soccer Club will be using it.

A very special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and their family from all the kids, parents and staff of Cordova Bay Elementary School. The time you spent and the caring you have shown our kids, the contributions you made to school functions--who could ever forget the tubs of candy with toothbrush and paste included--all greatly appreciated. And for many parents your store provided birthday gifts, ideas, information and good will.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

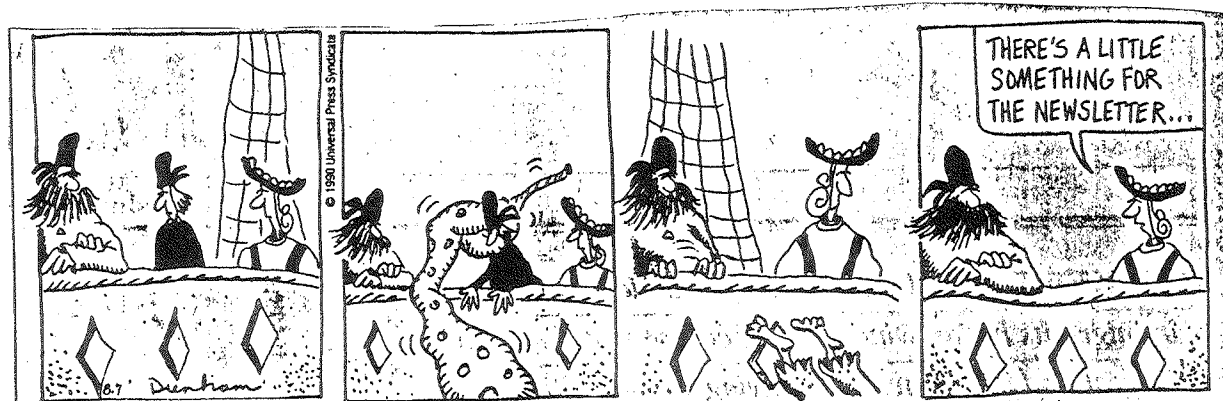
Have you information about Cordova Bay residents or groups that should be shared? Any activities overlooked?

Items of interest and letters to the editor are welcome. Please deliver to Kay Porter, 5041 Wesley Road. The next Cordovan deadline is November first.

THE JUAN DE FUCA ORCHESTRA

The orchestra gave its final concert in February, and regretfully announced it no longer exists, a victim of its own high standards.

The orchestra lost key players, forced to leave town to seek new employment.



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Registration night was September 10. Anyone who still wants to register should contact Don Lister for CUBS at 658-1101 or Peter Affleck for BEAVERS at 652-6468.



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Here is the line-up for your calendar:

Oct. 19, 8 p.m. - Mostly Mozart." Featuring John Larsen playing Bassoon Concerto in B Flat.

Dec. 1, 8 p.m. "Sharing the Challenge." Benefit for Aids-Vancouver Island. Featuring Delane Peters playing Oboe Concerto in C by Haydn.

For more information call 658-8833 or 658-5659.

Watch for later dates in the next Cordovan.

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The 60 More or Less Club: the first Thursday of each month at noon for lunch.

Why not come to a church with a quiet atmosphere of friendliness and worship. We would love to have you join us.

Coming this fall: Thanksgiving Service: October 13
 Thanksgiving Supper: October 20
 Remembrance Service: November 10
 Carol Sing: December 1

For more information phone 658-8111 or 477-6957 or better still, join us. The Elk Lake Baptist Church, 5363 Pat Bay Highway (opposite the lake, by the scales).

THE NEW REC CENTRE

Construction on the new rec centre is scheduled to begin next February, and to be completed in January of 1994.

The Commonwealth Games Society is cost-sharing the rec centre, and will be using it as a swimming facility for the Games, so there will be two separate pools. One is a training and competition pools, which will be a delight to the many competitive swimming groups in the area once the Games are over. The other is a leisure pool, with waves, a waterslide and a deep water diving tank.

There will also be a gym/auditorium capable of handling 400 people, a fitness centre, a sports testing lab and sports medicine area, various multi-purpose rooms, and a branch of the library.

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Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., Cordova Bay Elementary School and on Saturday morning, 9:30, at the Cordova Bay Community Hall, Sutcliffe Ave. First class FREE. \$3 a class drop in or 12 classes for \$24. For further information, call Kathi Hemphill-Nash, 652-0509.

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Annual General Meeting, Tuesday September 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Centre. A warm invitation extended to all. The Centre is most interested in enlarging its membership as well as adding to its pool of volunteers for assisting at one time events. If you want to help but NOT be committed for a series of sessions, there's a spot for you. Please call 652-3432.

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If your pet is found or comes back
 home, please let the Pets' Hotline
 know!

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"
 ads are free

What to do if you have lost your
 pet:
 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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Cordova Bay Association Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Phone Number _____

Membership is \$3 a person or \$5 per household.

Make your cheque out to
 The Cordova Bay Association

and send it to

Edwin Hipsey
 993 Abbey Road
 Victoria V8Y 1L1