



THE CORDOVAN

Newsletter of the Cordova Bay Association

President's Report

Challenge—and progress

THE PAST YEAR has been full of challenges - and of progress. I will touch on a few of the highlights of activities in which the CBA has been involved, sometimes directly on its own, at other times in concert with others.

1. The saving of the Haliburton Farm property—just over seven acres—from the planned subdivision by property owner the Capital Regional District will be seen in years to come as a very far-sighted achievement. Saanich paid \$400,000 to buy the non-reservoir part of the property from the CRD in response to a community campaign waged by the Cordova Bay Association and the Land for Food Coalition. The coalition has emerged as the Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society and hopes to return the property to farming next year.

2. A small company, Sea Breeze Energy, had big plans to study a site south of James and Sidney Islands extending into Cordova Bay for 50 to 100 wind turbines that would have stood more than 300 feet out of the water - a gigan-

tic blob on our seascape. A massive outpouring of public opposition led by the CBA resulted in the company abandoning its plans after six days. But the company left Cordova Bay with a bitter comment – that another, bigger, company would come in and try to do the same. We shall be ready!

I regard these as the two major accomplishments of the past year but there were others in which the CBA has played its part: The speed limit on Lochside Drive was reduced to 40 km/hr and a four-way stop introduced at the intersection of Lochside Drive and Claremont Avenue, two long-overdue safety improvements. Hopefully there will be more.

A much-expanded park of almost eight acres has been created at the north end of Worthington Road and awaits a new name.

We again sponsored an all-candidates meeting prior to the last municipal election which drew a capacity crowd to the Ridge Playhouse.

Our community notice board in the Cordova Bay Plaza was upgraded to make posting notices easier than before when it was made of wooden boards.

Our Planning and Traffic committees were
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The Cordovan thanks its volunteers with a special tea

YOUR copy of *The Cordovan* reaches you through the efforts of more than 60 volunteers under the inspired leadership of co-ordinator Margaret Moore.

When Social Services committee chair Inez Cole suggested that it was time to recognize their support for your community newsletter, the Cordova Bay Association executive approved unanimously.

Inez organized a highly-successful tea which took place in early March at the Cordova Bay United Church hall and was attended by 32 volunteers plus several members of the

Cordova Bay Association executive.

The volunteers enjoyed tea, sandwiches, pastries and a special decorated cake and each received a token gift of a small address book, chocolate and a carnation.

Thanking the volunteers, editor Maurice Chazottes noted that some of them have been delivering *The Cordovan* for 17 years, ever since it was a two-page mimeographed newsletter.

Some of the volunteers are proud owners of complete sets of *The Cordovan* dating back to its beginnings.

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revitalized and have been both pro-active and reactive to residents. Our newsletter *The Cordovan* is distributed five times a year by volunteers to every household in Cordova Bay. Its circulation has now increased to 2,650. We are in frequent contact with Saanich municipality, at both the elected and staff levels, doing what we can to make Cordova Bay a better place for all of us to live in. Thanks to everyone who has played a part, large or small, in the community interest.

—Roger Stonebanks, President.

Claremont presents jazz concert

CLAREMONT Secondary School's jazz band is presenting a concert with three other bands at 7:30 p.m. on May 26 at the Ridge Theatre. Joining Claremont will be the Lambrick Park and Glenlyon-Norfolk Jazz groups plus the Don Leppard Big Band.

Community Club elects new nine-member board of directors

AT A WELL-ATTENDED annual general meeting late last month, the Cordova Bay Community Club elected nine members to its enlarged board of directors. One of the board's first tasks will be to evaluate the results of the survey mailed to all members of the society, seeking their views of the future of the ageing community hall building.

Three options offered in the survey were (1) to maintain the hall in its present state, (2) to update and refurbish it or (3) to replace it with a new, larger structure.

While the survey was limited to members, Frank Leversedge, who chairs the hall planning and development committee, told the annual general meeting he hoped the results would be published so the community at large could become involved with the final decision. "If we are looking at a new hall there will have to be a lot of passion," he said. "I hope the community will want to become involved and become members."

Out-going President Brian Fowler said that a developer's rejected proposal to build a new hall in exchange for the current site had aroused interest and awareness in the facility.

Reports submitted to the AGM showed that while hall revenue increased to around \$2,000 a month, more than 90 percent comes from badminton with such activities as aerobics far behind. The objective of a new hall would be to provide space for other activities.

The new board of directors consists of Ron Jordan (president), Carol Burnett (vice-president), Olivia Chung (secretary), Ron Pacey (treasurer), Brian Fowler (hall manager), and Hank Evers (hall maintenance manager).

In a ballot for the three director-at-large positions on the board, Frank Leversedge, Carol Monk and Tony Knott were elected.

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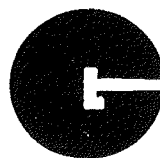
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Registration for new Guiding season begins in early June

SPRING IS THE traditional time to register for a new season of fun and friendship in the Girl Guides. If you live in the Cordova Bay/Broadmead area you will be able to enrol your daughters on June 2 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Cordova Bay United Church on Claremont Ave.

The Girl Guides of Canada offer programs for girls aged 6 to 17 plus, divided into Sparks (5 and 6 year-olds), Brownies (7 and 8 year-olds), Guides (9 to 11 year-olds) and Pathfinders (12 to 14 year-olds). Led by women who are young at heart, the Guides and their leaders have fun while building friendships and participating in many adventurous activities. The Girl Guides of Canada are part of a worldwide movement numbering 10 million members in 140 countries, the largest organization for girls and women in the world.

Our mission is to provide program opportunities centred on fun, friendship and varied activities. Guiding offers imaginative and innovative choices to all its members. *Camping* and *Outdoors* focus on enjoyment and appreciation of the outdoors, *Home* focuses on the development of life skills and awareness of self, *Community* focuses on awareness of people while *World* focuses on the appreciation of customs and culture round the world.

Our traditional cookies are on sale from April 5 to 12, with a new supplier. If you can't manage to buy from a Guide, please phone me at 658-5687 and I will make sure you get your share.

Volunteers raised funds to build the community hall

AN ARTICLE in the April, 1951 *Spindrift*, a predecessor of *The Cordovan* published by the Cordova Bay Community Club, describes how funds to build the community hall on Sutcliffe Road were gradually amassed.

“Have You Pledged Yet? Approximately twenty-one hundred dollars has been successfully collected in the past two years within the boundaries of Cordova Bay by the pledge system.

“This represents a sizable portion of the total of approximately six thousand dollars that has been collected to date towards the construction of the Cordova Bay Community Hall.

“Contributions vary in amounts from fifty cents to two dollars monthly. The average donation is one dollar per month per person.

“Collections have been taken care of by a team of ten to twelve canvassers. Each collector traversing his or her territory once each month with a receipt book tucked under one arm and always fortified with a healthy smile has returned with extremely gratifying results.

“It is interesting to note that there are a number of children donating to this cause voluntarily who have expressed the desire to continue this practice as they feel that eventually they will be the chief beneficiaries. One of the leaders in the community of the younger generation it is hoped will endeavour to expand this idea in the near future.

“How amazing it is that these small monthly contributions can total such an encouraging sum of money over a period of time. When a canvasser calls at your door the next time, please welcome that canvasser and get on the bandwagon leading to the successful conclusion of our own Cordova Bay Community Hall.”

The same issue of *Spindrift* contains a clue to how the hall was furnished by neighbours working together.

“All members are requested to bring as a donation a cup, saucer and spoon. Other items needed are kettles, large tea pots, saucepans, trays, plates and tablecloths.

“We have to acknowledge with thanks the following gifts toward the furnishing of the hall building: Mr. Ford, Fenn Road— a range; Mr. Roy Roberts—Quebec Heater, and all who gave chairs.

“The Ladies’ Community Club Circle: we’ve formed a group L.C.C.C., To raise funds for the hall, So if a member you’d like to be, You’re welcome, one and all...

“A piano we could use so well, It would help to rent the hall, If you have one to give or sell, Give L.C.C.C. a call. — L.N. Sharp.

“The monthly general meeting of the club was held on April 4 (1951) in the community hall, this being the first time and a ‘Red Letter Day.’ “

Club reports in *Spindrift* from 1951 to 1957 give a progressive, though somewhat spotty, picture of how the hall evolved. Although that 1951 meeting was reported to have been held in the hall, it had to have been held in the basement because the laying of the floor of the main hall was not yet complete.

In a November, 1952 photo appearing in *Spindrift* framed walls and the roof appear to be in place, but the sheathing and lining of the walls was reported to be still in progress in September 1954.

Obviously the use of the partially completed hall predated Saanich’s bylaw for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

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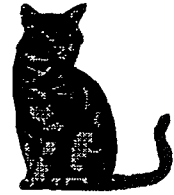
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Should your cat be kept indoors?

The British Columbia SPCA has come out in favour of keeping pet cats indoors with the surprising statement that the average outdoor cat lives just two to three years while indoor cats usually live 15 years or more.

Certainly some cat breeds such as the docile and defenceless Rag Doll should never be allowed to roam outdoors, and while many cat owners will question those statistics the SPCA's other arguments make sense.

Cats living indoors require less veterinary care and are protected from fleas, ticks and worms. Indoor cats are less likely to catch feline leukemia or immunodeficiency viruses, or eat poisons or spoiled food.

More outdoor cats are killed by cars than by any other hazard.

Outdoor cats risk encounters with dogs, other not-so-friendly cats or wild animals such as raccoons, coyotes or the occasional hungry cougar.

Bird-lovers are also keen to see cats kept in the home and away from hunting their favourite form of wildlife, while gardeners become apoplectic when they find cats have dug up some of their favourite bulbs in their use of the great litter-box outdoors.

One cat that should certainly be kept indoors is one that has been declawed, depriving it of its natural defence mechanism.

Saanich Community Naturescape Challenge

Make nature welcome in your garden

ALL PROPERTY OWNERS in Saanich have been issued a friendly challenge by the Mayor's office, along with the Swan Lake/Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary. It's to register "Naturescapes" on their property by the end of May.

The purpose of the community challenge is to raise awareness of the benefits of landscaping with nature in mind. Naturescaping means providing some outdoor space in your home, farm or office landscape for wildlife. That wildlife can be as small as a butterfly or as large as a deer, depending on how much space you have. Maybe you are more interested in water conservation in your garden, using fewer pesticides or even having to cut less lawn area. If so, Naturescaping is a great technique for you.

CONTEST CATEGORIES

A. The community challenge

The challenge is on to see which of Saanich's 12 neighbourhoods can register the most Naturescape sites by the end of the contest on May 31, 2003. Because not all neighbourhoods are the same size, the one which registers the largest percentage of the total number of properties in the neighbourhood will be the winner.

What if you've already registered your property with Naturescape B.C.? Don't worry, Naturescape B.C. staff will let Saanich know of existing sites and these will be included in the community challenge. Don't know which neighbourhood you live in? Saanich staff will look that up for you when your application arrives.

B. For individual properties anywhere in Saanich

The contest categories are:

1. Best front yard.
2. Best small Naturescape.

3. Best large Naturescape.
4. Best commercial Naturescape.
5. Best multi-family Naturescape (apartments and townhouses),
6. Best Naturescape for birds.
7. Best Naturescape for bugs or butterflies.
8. Best Naturescape for reptiles and amphibians.
9. Most artistic Naturescape.

To enter, purchase a copy of the Naturescape B.C. resource kit (\$21 with GST) from the Planning Department in Saanich Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Avenue. You can also view the package at your local library. Order forms and more information can be found on Saanich's website www.gov.saanich.bc.

Once you have your landscape ready and have decided to register your site send your completed application to Saanich Planning Department, noting if you are entering any of the nine categories. If you are, please include up to three photographs of your garden.

Saanich staff will enter your submission in the appropriate category, send you a Naturescape sign for your front yard, and pass your information on to Naturescape B.C. for their registration.

If you are already Naturescaping and don't need the \$21 resource kit, visit the Swan Lake native plant sale on April 26 and 27 and fill out a pledge form, register your site, and take away a garden sign. The only cost will be the \$3 admission to the plant sale and workshops.

How will you know if you've won? After the close of the challenge, the Mayor's office will announce the winners in all categories in June. That's when the prizes will be presented.

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Cordova Bay Soccer Club

World Cups festival winds up successful season

AS SPRING ARRIVES our soccer season at Cordova Bay Soccer Club culminates once again with the club hosting the World Cups Festival of Soccer on the Easter weekend. This is the 17th annual tournament and once again we are pleased to welcome more than 1,100 young players, not only from our own area and around Victoria but from the upper island and the lower mainland.

The club is indebted to a trusted handful of volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this tournament possible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their continued efforts. Special thanks once again must go to the backbone of the organizing committee—Michael Marshall. Without Mike's time and effort every year the World Cups would not be the same.

The 2002/2003 season was very successful for the club with several of the youth teams making it all the way to the District Cup finals. Special congratulations to the two teams and their coaches who advanced to represent the Lower Island Soccer Association in the B.C. Cup. We wish them both good luck.

The season may be over, but planning for the new one is well under way and with that comes the registration of the players for the next season.

A couple of dates to remember:

Annual General Meeting—Thursday, May 15, at 2:00 p.m. at the Lochside Park clubhouse.

Club registration—Lochside Park clubhouse, June 14, 10:00 am. to 1:00 p.m. If you cannot make it down to the park on this date, registration forms can be picked up from the Cordova Bay Variety Store or by contacting club registrars Angela or Jay Brinkworth at 658-1958.

My term as club president ends with the election of a new president at the AGM, so I thank all executive members for making my job such an enjoyable experience. —*Stuart Wills, President.*

THE HALIBURTON COMMUNITY ORGANIC FARM SOCIETY

Welcomes you to a
COMMUNITY MEETING
to discuss our concept plans for the farm,
which has been successfully protected from
becoming a residential subdivision

Our thoughts are to develop a small-scale,
economically sustainable, organic farm and
farm-based community education centre on
the Haliburton lands in Cordova Bay. We
also plan to protect and restore the forest
and wetland on the site.

We would appreciate hearing from you about
our ideas. We will be available to answer any
questions you may have on our concept plan.

We hope that this is the beginning of an
on-going dialogue about the Haliburton Farm
with the Cordova Bay community.

When: May 14, 2003
Where: Cordova Bay United
Church

Time: 7:00-7:45 p.m. Drop in/Open
house to review the concept plan and
talk to board members.

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With some of our members away on duty, like Paul Garman at sea with the Coast Guard, or taking a brief turn in the sun, our attendance was a little down in February. However, consideration was given to a number of requests for help.



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MIKE BURKMAR

A proposal by Mickey Stevens to create a scholarship for a Claremont School student was warmly received and secretary Dave Osborne agreed to get the ball rolling.

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President Tom Jarvie welcomed guest Laurie MacGregor from Winnipeg who gave a very interesting talk on CESO, the Canadian Executive Service Organization. Volunteer advisors, highly skilled in their profession, work in developing countries around the world. Laurie, who has a background in sawmills and dry kilns, explained that most of his time was spent in Asia and Europe.

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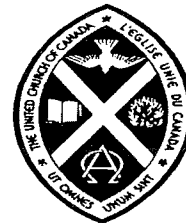
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EASTER SEASON

Sunday, April 13: 10:00 a.m. **Palm Sunday Service** with Sunday School parade. 7:30 p.m. **Inter-Church service** (Elk Lake Baptist, St. David's Anglican and Cordova Bay United) held at St. David's. Good Friday, April 18:

10:00 a.m. **Tenebrae Service**. Easter Sunday, April 20: 7:00 a.m. **Sunrise Service** on the beach in front of 5151 Cordova Bay Rd. 10:00 a.m. **Easter Intergenerational Service** in the Sanctuary.

MID WEEK GROUPS

Mondays, until April 21: 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. LENTSCAPE is a seven-part series. A half-hour video is followed by discussion. The sessions are: (1) Is popularity worth it? (2) When is anger justified? (3) How do we choose our leaders? (4) How do I know God's will? (5) Is 'justice' really served? (6) What price faith? (7) Can people really change? Each session is based on a scripture.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group. (First and third Saturdays of the month)

Sunday Nights: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Junior Youth Group for Grades 6-8. Open to non-members. Games, outings, community service, spiritual formation, fun! 8:00-9:30 p.m. **Senior Youth Group** for Grades 8-10.

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Afternoon Women's Group: 1:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Evening Women's Group: 7:30 p.m., 4th Tuesday of the month.

Mothers' Morning Out program: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (1st Friday of the month). Babysitting is provided. Contact Tanya McCracken (658-4094) or Janet Bowers (727-3851).

Recently he returned from Honduras where he helped a firm to set up a broom handle manufacturing plant with sales contracts in Canada.

Four of our members paid a visit to the Central Saanich club and a very tasty meal and a pleasant evening were enjoyed by all.

In Memoriam

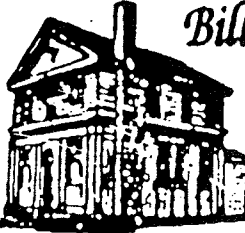
It was with sad regret that we heard of the passing of George Foster. After suffering a severe stroke George died in the Jubilee Hospital late on Sunday, March 23. Our thoughts are with Betty his wife, and his family at this time. George was well-known in the community of Cordova Bay. For many years he worked for Sears as a technician, not only in the workshop, but travelling all over Victoria to homes to service major appliances. A past president of our club, he was the Human & Spiritual Values chairman and also arranged meals for our meetings. Sutcliffe Lodge was fortunate in having him as a conscientious long-time volunteer. He will be sadly missed by the Kiwanis Club of Cordova Bay.

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Registration launched exciting new season

AT THIS TIME of the year your executive is working hard forming teams and arranging tournaments, so signing up early was important to avoid disappointment and ensure that your child would be placed on a team. For any information on late registration please call Doreen McManaman at 658-1100. We are looking forward to a great season with 32 teams participating. The opening ceremonies are on April 26.

Our club has only one fund-raiser, which is the concession we run during the World Cup Soccer tournament, which is held at Lochside Park during the Easter weekend. This is an essential fundraiser for the league so please sign up for one or two slots and take some of the load off the regular volunteers who do it every year. To sign up visit our website at www.cordovabaysoftball.org.

The tournaments scheduled at Lochside Park this year are:

Squirt B & C Boys (Steve Quan Memorial) — May 16-18.

Pee Wee B & C Girls (Gladys Cunningham) — May 30-June 1.

Midget A & B Boys Provincial Championship — July.

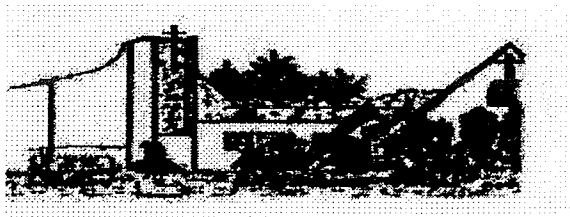
Two or three other tournaments have not been scheduled yet.

Please mark the above dates on your calendars for some exciting ball! I look forward to seeing all of you at Lochside Park.

— John Carris, President.

Book club has vacancies

THE popular Cordova Bay Book Club has a few vacancies and welcomes couples especially. The club meets once a month on a Wednesday afternoon at members' homes and discusses a variety of books chosen by members. For information phone Daphne at 658-4030



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REGULAR SERVICES

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8:00 a.m.: Holy Eucharist (said)
10:00 a.m.: Family Eucharist & Sunday School

EVERY THURSDAY:

10:00 a.m.: Holy Eucharist (said)

SPECIAL SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY, April 13. 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 a.m.
Inter-church Palm Sunday service at 7:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18. 10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross and Prayers.
12:00 p.m. Child-friendly service for children and families.

FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION, April 20.
Christian Commemoration of Yom Ha'sho'ah (The Holocaust)—April 27
Masonic church parade and evensong—April 27, 7:30 p.m.

Rental Space is available in the Parish Hall. Please call Michele at the office for details—658-5022.

SPRING FAIR @ ST. DAVID'S

Saturday, May 3, 2003
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be a lunch by our famous Men's Club.

Plant tables, book tables, bake tables and information tables.

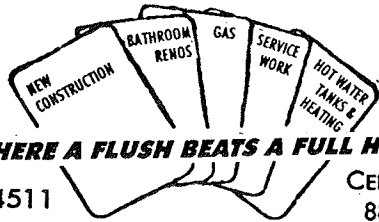
Block Watch/Crime Prevention, Emergency Preparedness/Fire Safety,
Fuchsia and Geranium Society, The Victoria Orchid Society and more.

Craft and Speciality Foods tables.

Outdoor activities for the children including a dunk tank (dunk the Rector!),
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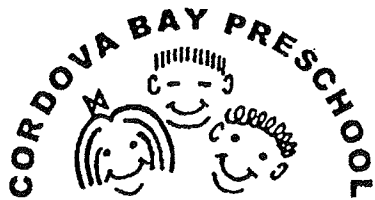
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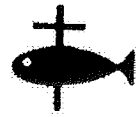
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The Church by the Lake



Our desire is that Elk Lake Baptist Church be a place where people feel accepted, experiencing God's love and care and the love and care of the community, finding a place where they can make their own special contribution.

Regular Sunday Services

10:00 a.m. Christian education
for all ages. You are welcome to join us.
11:00 a.m. Worship service.

Special Easter Services

April 13, 7:30 p.m. Interchurch service at Elk Lake Baptist with St. David by the Sea Anglican and Cordova Bay United churches.
April 18, 9:30 a.m. Hot Cross Bun breakfast.
April 18, 10:30 a.m. Good Friday service.
April 20, 11:00 a.m. Easter Day service. This time is followed with tea and coffee.
Visitors are welcome to any of the services.

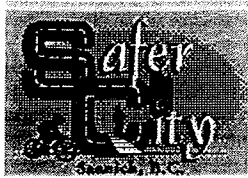
Some regular events at Elk Lake Baptist Church:

Women's Bible Study Group meets at 9:50 a.m. every Monday in the church.
Choral Group: Our SATB group sings a variety of music from traditional to contemporary to spirituals, etc. In preparation for a special spring concert on June 19, practices are held weekly.

Our Youth Group meets every Tuesday evening under the adventurous leadership of several great UVic students. Different activities are always planned.

A 60-more-or-less Seniors' group meets at 12 noon on the first Thursday of each month for lunch and an interesting program. The cost is \$3.50 and everyone is welcome.

If you are interested in participating in any of the above programs or need more information phone or fax 658-8111.



Community groups recruited in road safety campaign

NOW ENTERING its sixth month, Saanich's safer city project aims at improving road safety for users by involving the business community, volunteer organizations such as Speed Watch and Block Watch, school districts and Parent Advisory Councils and residents' groups such as the Cordova Bay Association.

Safer City is based on a similar program in Gloucester, England, which was first emulated in British Columbia by the City of Kamloops in January 2001. The experience gained and the tools and techniques developed in Kamloops provide the basis for the Safer City Plan in Saanich, launched last September.

The municipality's role involves engineering, planning and enforcement. Engineering measures include identifying and developing solutions for "black spot" locations—known safety problem areas. Standards for road development and moving towards a safety-conscious road form customized for local conditions are also reviewed. A current local example is the concept plan for Lochside Drive which also involves traffic calming techniques. Crash prediction models are also developed to highlight areas of concern and encourage preventive measures.

Under the terms of the Safer City project, planning is a pro-active approach that ensures road safety is a priority in all transportation and land-use planning. This includes pedestrian and bicycle plan development, developing local area road safety plans and investigating the relationship between adjacent land use and road safety.

As participants in the project, Saanich police department provides a full range of enforcement activities involving aggressive driving such as tail-gating, impaired driving, the use of seat belts and a speed management program. However, Safer City strives to combine

all enforcement measures with education campaigns and engineering designs. Through this process the program hopes to raise a general awareness of road safety and the devastating effects when it is ignored.

The community is encouraged to play an active role in the Safer City project by participating in such programs as Safer School Travel, which assists Parent Advisory Councils to identify road safety issues, develop remedial measures and implement a school road safety plan at their individual schools. Speed Watch, which uses speed display boards that can be borrowed free of charge, is a community-driven program that raises awareness of speed. In the past, the Cordova Bay Association has used speed display boards on Cordova Bay Road and Lochside Drive. C.A.R.S. (Counterattack and Road Sense Society of B. C.) is a program that promotes road safety awareness in secondary schools.

Overall, the identification of safety issues by the community is most important to the success of the program. The Cordova Bay Association has a standing traffic committee chaired by Susan Bridges devoted to this task.

The municipality invites comments, suggestions and ideas on the Safer City project. The mail address is: The Safer City Project, District of Saanich, 770 Vernon Avenue, Victoria, B.C. V8X 2W7. The phone number is 475-5488 (voice mailbox 6693) and the email address is saanichsafercity@telus.net.

MEET THE NEW HORIZONS CHALLENGE

Activities at St. David-by-the Sea every Thursday for everyone 55 years and up include carpet bowling at 10:00 a.m. (\$1) and cards in the afternoon (\$1) or bring your own craft. Annual membership is only \$5. For further information call Don Dundee at 658-8458.

COMMUNITY FAIR

The Community Fair is an opportunity for the Claremont, Cordova Bay and surrounding communities to gather and celebrate and share some fun.

We invite you!

Community organizations, parents, students, teachers, business artisans and other performers are invited to gather and share their talents, wares, inspirations and ideas. The Fair will offer something for everyone.

**Friday, May 2, 2003
4:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Claremont Secondary School
4980 Wesley Road**

Activities

Plant sale, Garage sale, Silent auction, Kids' games, Elementary art show, Vendor & Craft sales, BBQ & Concession sales
Other activities during the evening will include a dunk tank, sumo wrestling, ICBC Road Sense demo, science show for kids, computer software clinics, kids' pet show, antique car show and
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5:00-6:00 p.m. Open Stage at the Ridge Theatre

4:00-6:00 p.m. Adult & High School Grass Volleyball Tournament

6:00-9:00 p.m. Karaoke Café/Strawberry shortcake dessert bar in the student lounge.

If you belong to an organization that would like to be involved please contact Barbara Graham at barbara.graham@shaw.ca or at 658-4782

Other contacts for specific attractions:

Vendor & craft table rentals (\$20)—Linda Moran, linda_moran@sd63.bc.ca

Silent auction—Marylla Grime, imtgrime@telus.net

Elementary art show—Janine Fernandez, janine_fernandez@sd63.bc.ca

Performing Arts Open Stage—Sean Hayes, sean_hayes@sd63.bc.ca

Plant sale donations—Cheryl Robinson, cr@uvic.ca

and annamarielaughlin@shaw.ca

Garage sale donations—Sharon Darroch, darrochstops@shaw.ca

Community business liaison—Barbara Graham, barbara.graham@shaw.ca

Community parent liaison—Val Murray, valmail@shaw.ca

Food donations (concessions & cake walk)—Heidi Young-Thompson,

heidi_young-thompson@sd63.bc.ca

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