



President's Report

Rezoning and subdivision applications produced a busy year

By Roger Stonebanks

THE EXECUTIVE committee of the Cordova Bay Association was kept busier than usual in 2004/05 due largely to the number of rezoning and subdivision applications fuelled by the red-hot real estate market – as each of us noticed when we received our property assessments this year. Indeed, our monthly meetings became twice monthly for one-third of the past year as we tried to keep pace with developments. All applicants make presentations to the executive and we encourage them to hold neighbourhood public information meetings – and nearly all of them do so. Executive meetings are open to CBA members and this is extended to non-members in the case of land use matters.

Traffic remains a concern, too. It is only a matter of time before the Ministry of Transportation and Highways decides to make 'improvements' to the Patricia Bay Highway. Through *The Cordovan* the CBA has made the community aware of potential negative effects if and when accesses are closed or changed.

I am especially pleased to report that a project in which the association played a strong supporting role will be coming to fruition this

year – the \$786,000 Cordova Bay Community Place, an activity centre adjacent to Cordova Bay Elementary School. In the summer of 2004, Saanich implemented traffic calming measures on Lochside Drive and a footpath on the east side of the 5100-block at a cost of \$143,000. The Saanich lease with the Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society was signed last fall. This property just off Haliburton Road was saved from subdivision and will again be a farm thanks to Saanich purchasing just over seven acres for \$400,000. Regrettably, Saanich chose to reject the CBA request to purchase as a public urban forest the nearby easterly 3.3 acres of a rectangular 10-acre property running from Westbury Road to Cherry Tree Bend. There are now (mid-March) concerns that the property may be clear-cut.

This past year we considerably revamped the CBA's website. It is now regularly updated under "Rezoning, News and Notices." You are encouraged to visit our website – www.cbasn.com

For the first time in a number of years, executive members undertook an active mem-

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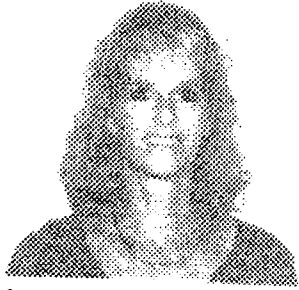
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executive members undertook an active membership drive. It is trite but true to say the lifeblood of a voluntary organization rests with an increased membership. We succeeded in raising the CBA's membership to 230 in March/2005 compared with 130 a year before, up 77 per cent. If you are not a member, you are encouraged to join the CBA by contacting Membership Secretary Bob Chapman. The cost is \$5 per calendar year. (See the application form on page 18).

This is council and school board election year. Voting day is Saturday November 19. The CBA has booked The Ridge Playhouse at Claremont Secondary School for an all-candidates meeting on Tuesday November 8 at 7:30 p.m.

And here is another date to note – Saturday May 28 at Mattick's, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the CBA will be holding a fund-raising silent auction.

As we approach the 2005 Annual General Meeting on Thursday April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Cordova Bay United Church hall – thanks to everyone who has played a part, large or small, in the community interest.

**Fun day planned at
 May 28 silent auction**

DOZENS of donated items will be up for auction at the May 28 community celebration day at Mattick's Farm on the last Saturday in May.

There will be no limit to the number of items you can bid for, most of them with a minimum reserve price of around \$20. Just be sure you really want to be the successful bidder!

It will be a good idea to check on the bidding progress throughout the day as each bid will be recorded, giving you the chance to increase your bid if you have fallen behind the competition.

At the end of the silent auction successful bidders will be able to claim their acquisitions from the donor merchants, many of them located in the Mattick's Farm complex.

See page 20 for more details.

Saanich travel survey shows rise in transit use

COMPARED with the same survey completed five years ago Saanich municipality's recently published 2004 travel survey reveals that the number of transit passes per household has almost doubled.

This is despite the fact there may be more young adults living at home with their own cars since the number of motor vehicles per household has risen slightly from an average of 1.8 to 2.0.

The survey asked a randomly-selected group of residents why they travel, the barriers to using their personal vehicles more efficiently and what might motivate them to walk, cycle or use transit more frequently.

The response rate for the 1,200 questionnaires mailed out to Saanich households was an impressive 30 per cent.

Mayor Frank Leonard comments that the findings will help Saanich council and staff with long-range planning, infrastructure replace-

ment and planning for sustainability. The findings also provide valuable baselines for future surveys so that travel trends can be monitored.

Research planner Pam Hartling, who is responsible for the survey, adds that the increase in transit passes may be due to the universal bus pass now in place at the University of Victoria.

Positive changes in the use of alternative modes of transportation showed up in the results, with a greater awareness and willingness to incorporate these other modes despite the increase in motor vehicle ownership.

Fewer respondents considered the motor vehicle to be their primary mode of transportation. Cycling, walking and transit use show an increase for travel to and from work or school while the use of motor vehicles dropped by 11 per cent.

For more information on the survey contact Mayor Frank Leonard at 475-5510 or Pam Hartling at 475-5499, local 3466. The full survey including the questionnaire is available on Saanich's web site

Cordova Bay Road Sub-committee

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For further details or to comment please contact Alston Battuello at 658-4762, Doug Beale at 658-4606, Wayne Christmas at 658-2290, Robin Dyke at 658-4815 or Don Johannessen at 658-8824.

Recollections of Cordova Bay

"Sea-Lake", Cordova Bay resident Anne Pearson's fascinating personal history of Cordova Bay and Elk Lake is on sale at the Cordova Bay Variety Store.

Controversial subdivision plan withdrawn. CBA says 'Save the forest'

PROPERTY OWNER Bruce Story withdrew the five applications he made to create a seven-house subdivision on 3.3 acres of forested land at the end of Westbury Road on March 15, one day after Saanich council voted 5-to-4 to table his controversial proposal.

Mr. Story had applied to Saanich to rezone and subdivide the easterly (Westbury Road) part of his property that extends westward to Cherry Tree Bend. He also sought approval for the necessary extensions of the Urban Containment and Sewer Enterprise boundaries and removal of the 3.3 acres from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

On the same day, the Cordova Bay Association e-mailed Mayor Frank Leonard and councillors renewing its call from last November that the municipality purchase the 3.3 acres. Council, at an in-camera meeting on February 28, had turned down the CBA's request. In renewing its request, the CBA told council: "The CBA considers this property to be an ecologically sensitive urban forest and wishes to see its special beauty preserved for the benefit of the community."

Meanwhile, municipal administrator Tim Wood said just before Easter—*The Cordova's* deadline—that Mr. Story has "expressed an interest" to municipal staff for a driveway access from Westbury Road. Without a permit, in any one calendar year Mr. Story can legally cut not more than three trees for every acre for any reason or remove trees required for a building site, driveway, septic field or utility corridor. He had not, however, applied to clear-cut the property, which requires a permit and an affidavit saying that the purpose is agricultural use.

Municipal staff have advised council that because the land is in the Agricultural Land Reserve, the entire property can legally be cleared of all trees and farmed or utilized for a wide range of agricultural uses. The only

provisos are that Saanich issues a permit and the applicant files an affidavit that the purpose is for an agricultural use.

At the Saanich council committee of the whole meeting on March 14 Mr. Story said, several times, that the alternative to his subdivision proposal is to cut down the trees and farm the property. His comments drew severe criticism from several council members who hoped that clear-cutting was not his sense of legacy to the community.

Coun. Carol Pickup, who said the application was "a total violation of our Urban Containment Boundary and Sewer Enterprise Boundary policy," went on to comment that she found it "incredibly distasteful and lacking in any ethical principles" to cut down the trees. Coun. David Cubberley said, "We do feel we have a bit of a gun to our head."

After Coun. Vic Derman moved, seconded by Coun. Pickup, that Mr. Story's application be rejected, Coun. Leif Wergeland moved, seconded by Coun. Bob Gillespie, that the application be tabled. This type of motion has priority and cannot be debated. Coun. Wergeland said he wanted to see if a win-win situation could be found.

Mayor Frank Leonard and Couns. Jackie Ngai and Nichola Wade supported the tabling. Those opposed were Coun. Judy Brownoff and Couns. Derman, Cubberley and Pickup.

A majority of council spoke against all five applications (removal from the Agricultural Land Reserve, rezoning, subdivision, UCB and SEB extensions) being considered at the same time. Past practice by council has been to give priority consideration to an application for removal of land from the ALR.

Susan Bridges, first vice-president and chair of CBA's planning committee, put the association's position to council. She said the CBA objected to the proposal because the property is an urban forest in an environmentally sensitive area and should be preserved. It is outside the Urban Containment and Sewer Enterprise boundaries and seven lots constitute a major boundary change.



**CORDOVA BAY 55 PLUS
ASSOCIATION**

**First annual meeting
anticipates new home**

THE FIRST Annual General Meeting of the Cordova Bay 55 Plus Association was held at McMorran's Restaurant on March 8 with 73 members and three invited guests from the Saanich Recreation Department in attendance. The guest speaker was Councillor Bob Gillespie.

President Daphne Chazottes' report outlined the progress made by the Association during its first year of operation and the challenges that lie ahead. She also acknowledged the support of the Saanich Recreation Department and the hard work of all the committee members and the executive.

The meeting approved an amendment to the constitution, changing the wording (but not the intention) of the goals of the association in order to qualify for status as a charitable organization.

Linda Barnes, Manager of Recreational Services for Saanich, provided an update on the progress of building an addition to Cordova Bay School to house the association's activities. A ground-breaking ceremony is now planned for early May with building completion by September 1, 2005.

The following directors were acclaimed for 2005-6:

Daphne Chazottes (President), Jack Willoughby (Vice President), Richard McMorran (Secretary), Gwen MacPherson (Treasurer), and members at large Inez Cole, Isabel Phillips, Michael Phillips, Norma Willoughby, Angie Docherty, Val Baba, Barbara Waldner and Louise Parton.

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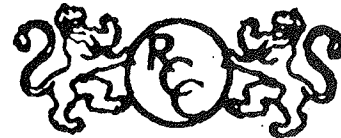
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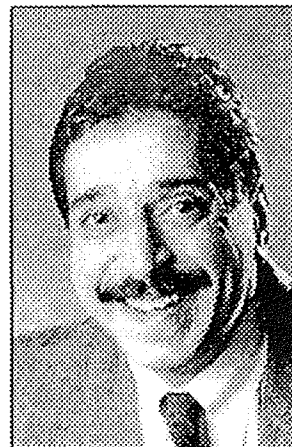


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"The result was a fabulous cultural exchange with lasting memories for those involved and friendships to last a lifetime," says Claremont's Susan Reid.

"The visitors brought a fresh perspective, an enthusiasm for learning about Canadian schools and student life here, and tremendous warmth and joy in sharing family stories with their hosts." There were tears when the visitors departed and many emails and letters have been exchanged ever since.

Claremont is planning to host another group of Japanese short-stay students from November 4 to 9 this year and is looking for advance interest from families who could host an Eitoku visiting student for five days. There is a small remuneration of \$125 to cover family expenses for this hosting experience.

Contact Susan Reid at 658-5221 if you require further information.

Soccer club introduces own line of sportswear

IN A MOVE to build the club's identity and spirit Cordova Bay Soccer Club is developing a full line of sportswear and apparel in its distinctive claret and light blue colours with the club logo.

First off the line are hooded sweat tops at \$35 for youth sizes and \$40 for adults and toques at \$12.50. A broader range of products is planned for September.

This is not a fund-raising project as the items are provided at cost. For more information email Drew Smith at timberwolf65@shaw.ca or phone 658-8531.

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Special service celebrated Baden-Powell birthday

SPARKS and Brownies completed the requirements for 'Our Chalet World Tour' in a joint meeting this spring. The girls learned about the four World Centres where Guides from around the world can meet and share in the sisterhood of Guiding and learned about a trip undertaken by older girls from Victoria to Switzerland last summer.

We were fortunate this year to celebrate the birthdays of the founders of Guiding and Scouting with a special Baden-Powell church service at Cordova Bay United Church with our Scouting friends. We thank the Reverends Anna Constantin and Gordon Cann who made the children feel part of the activities by including them in the service.

You may have noticed some of the girls selling the classic Girl Guide cookies in the neighbourhood. If you didn't have someone come to your door, please give me a call (658-5687) and I'll arrange for some cookies to be delivered to your home. In the spring, the girls sell the classic (vanilla and chocolate) cookies at \$4.00 a box, to support their activities. The minty chocolate cookies are available in the fall.

If you would like your daughter to join the girls in this District in having fun while learning about many different things in this beautiful world of ours, please come to the registration on Saturday morning, May 7 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Commonwealth Pool lobby.

They can sign up for Sparks, Brownies, Guides or Pathfinders or Senior Branches, depending upon their age. Previously being a member is not necessary, only the desire to have fun and be a friend.

Plaza 'remediation' drags on...and on...and on

SHELL OIL Canada recently told *The Cordovan* it believes its on-going remediation work at the former Shell/PayLess gasoline station site "is not in any way hindering redevelopment plans" for Cordova Bay Plaza.

At first glance this statement appears to contradict a Saanich Planning Department report that last year said there are "complex issues of source and ownership of contamination findings" at the plaza and "until the Ministry (of Water, Land and Air Protection) provides approvals, redevelopment cannot proceed."

The distinction between the two statements is that Shell Oil refers to its remediation work not causing a hindrance to redevelopment plans at Cordova Bay Plaza while Saanich Planning refers to contamination findings preventing the issuance of a development permit to approved plans for the new plaza.

Saanich council approved a development permit for a new Cordova Bay Plaza on February 8, 1999. But issuance of the permit was withheld pending consolidation of the lots and confirmation that site remediation was not required, Russ Fuoco, director of planning, said in a report to Mayor and Council last July.

In a recent statement to *The Cordovan*, Fuoco repeated that this remains the situation while adding that, "clearly we are not in a position to become involved in a contamination issue/debate between owners of properties."

Said Fuoco: "The bottom line, in legal terms, is that the municipality cannot lawfully issue a development permit unless and until the Province issues a site certificate for all property involved in the development permit that may have been contaminated, regardless of the source of such contamination. If and when such certification is received, we will then be in a legal position to consider issuance of the development permit."

Without the development permit the plaza has not been able to go ahead and build the new shopping centre but has had to apply to Saanich for a series of temporary permits for the port-

able building occupied by Scotiabank in the parking lot. The latest extension expires on October 4, 2006. Scotiabank was to occupy part of the new plaza.

Considering the time being taken to remedy the contamination Cordova Bay Association Roger Stonebanks wrote to Shell Canada expressing community concern and commenting on the frequently-asked question: "When will the new shopping centre be built?"

"The community is left with a tired old shopping centre that dates back to 1960," Stonebanks told Shell. "Meanwhile the visible pollution remediation process continues at the former PayLess/Shell service station site, but it seems to have no end."

Replying for Shell, customer service representative Tara Anderson offered no specific information on when the remediation of its fenced-off site at the corner of Doumac Avenue and Cordova Bay Road will be finished. But twice she stated that "our remediation efforts are not hindering any redevelopment plans for Cordova Bay Plaza." She added: "Shell continues to actively remediate this site and the immediate surrounding area under its remediation plan, which is approved in principle by the B.C. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. To date this work has been successful and Shell is committed to continuing these efforts until remediation is complete."


Anderson said the former PayLess gas station, which closed in 1997, was not the only gasoline retailer in the immediate area. A Chevron station operated from the 1960s until 1981 across Doumac Avenue in the plaza parking lot.

Saying that underground hydro carbons have been identified at this site as well, Anderson said requests for co-operation from other "potentially responsible" parties have not been successful. Last fall Shell filed a law suit in B.C. Supreme Court against Your Family Food Mart, owners of the Cordova Bay Plaza. The plaza did not provide comment by *The Cordovan*'s deadline.

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George was shipping master and port warden for Victoria in 1909 after careers in teaching and as master mariner. George and Margaret raised George junior, Dave, Rae and John.

John recalled: "We had no furnace, no electricity—just a coal-oil lamp and a wood stove. We used to get all the wood off the beach for the kitchen stove. In the cottage there was no sleeping accommodation. We slept in tents."

The family came to Cordova Bay every summer and John would spend the whole day in the water, leaving only when he heard the train coming on Lochside. Then he would race up Maxine to wave to the engineer.

John remembered the biggest celebration being the regatta at the end of August. There would be prizes and a big bonfire down at McMorran's. The Kellow family would donate a dozen sacks of corn for a wiener and corn roast to end the day.

As all Kirkendales are drawn to the sea, boats are their passion. Some residents may recall seeing George's *Yosda*, Dave's *Casua* or the 68-foot *D'Arcy Isle* anchored just inside Seal Rock. There were many small boats as well since all family members would ski or race around on the water.

John and Ellen built a new home on the point in 1969-70, still visible through the trees, and spent many happy years there with John David, wife Lorraine, granddaughter Lisa and grandson John Andrew.

On October 16, 2004 John senior died at home with his family by his side. Ellen died on January 17 this year, ending their generation's era in Cordova Bay.

The torch has now passed to John David and wife Lorraine who intend to retain the property and to fulfill John's wish to live on the Point for at least 100-plus years.



Cordova Bay 55 Plus
Association

SPRING PROGRAM

REGISTRATION for current classes and events may be made at the Tuesday morning drop-ins at The Beach House (cheques only, please). You may book using Visa or MasterCard by phoning Saanich Commonwealth Place at 475-7600. Further information on any event may be had by phoning Michael Phillips at 658-2702.

Current programs such as t'ai chi, yoga, tap and ballroom dancing, bridge, gentle fit, Spanish language and an art studio will continue through spring and summer. For more information see the new *Saanich Community Guide*, due out on April 16, and the next edition of the *Blue Heron News*, which is the association newsletter available to all members.

Future activities include a wine tour, a visit to the historic Harling Point cemetery followed by a dim sum lunch, a 55 Drive Alive driving class and a spring picnic.

The very successful Tuesday morning drop-ins continue on a weekly basis at the Beach House with interesting speakers and an opportunity to socialize and meet your neighbours.

Our big fund-raising event is the Spring Fling dinner dance to be held on Friday, May 6 at McMorran's Restaurant. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., a buffet dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and dancing to the Irvin Lang Band will be from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, delivered to your door! For tickets and more information please phone Rich McMorran at 658-5085.

Lawn bowling club seeks new members

DUE TO SOME retirements from the sport, Lakehill Bowling Club has openings for several new members.

If you are looking for an inexpensive way to get social interaction, outdoor exercise, and acquire a new skill leading to an active lifestyle lawn bowling could be the answer, says Al Seward.

Bowling is available several times a day including some evening games at the club's location on Lasalle Street at Reynolds Park. During the winter months carpet bowling is available or you can play bridge and other card games. Several social events are held during the year.

Lawn bowling is a courteous sport, adds Al Seward, and body checking is forbidden! It's often described as curling on grass, but while it is similar there are two main differences. There is naturally no sweeping in lawn bowling and while the button in curling is stationary, the jack in lawn bowling is not.

Give the sport a try. Call Heather at 477-6472 for complete information.

Six-storey building planned for Sayward Hill complex

WITH application for a development permit pending, the next stage of the Sayward Hill development will see a six-storey building erected on the west side of the property.

There will be three 1,800-sq. ft. units per storey with 34 parking places, most of them underground.

According to spokesmen for the developer, meetings have been held with neighbours whose views may be affected and issues have been resolved. The highest point of the proposed building is lower than the lowest point of the adjacent bank.

Given the issuing of a permit construction will begin in late summer with completion expected in seven months.

Smaller buses will serve Cordova Bay in new community transit plan

BEGINNING in early September smaller 22-passenger buses will replace those larger vehicles in Cordova Bay, except for peak commuter hours and school trips.

In a presentation to the Cordova Bay Association executive, BC Transit's June Klassen explained that the new policy, which will replace the Dial-A-Ride transit service, is intended to provide a more frequent service, especially at night.

As opposed to Dial-A-Ride, the smaller buses will operate on fixed routes, although Ms. Klassen said the routes have to be determined and timed before the frequency of service is decided.

Also under discussion is the relationship between service to the Ridge and the rest of Cordova Bay.

The Royal Oak interchange will remain

the transfer point for travel to and from downtown.

The smaller size and maneuverability of the 22-seat buses make it possible for them to drive through communities such as Sayward Hill although Ms. Klassen said Transit is aware that many neighbourhoods do not want buses on their streets.

In the face of restricted funding, "we are looking for what makes sense," added Ms. Klassen, who is an Accessible Service Planner with BC Transit. "We want to talk to the community."

A draft schedule for the new service is expected in early June, and community input is invited. June Klassen can be contacted by phone at 995-5695 (a direct line) or via email at june_klassen@bctransit.com.

Responding to a request for timetables to be displayed at more bus stops, Ms. Klassen suggested that one approach would be for local volunteers to agree to post timetables as supplied by BC Transit and keep them updated or replaced in the case of vandalism.

Block Parent recalls all window signs in major program overhaul

FACED with a lack of volunteers and increased workloads who those who remain the B.C. Block Watch Parent Society is recalling all window signs, tightening up its application process and shifting its focus to education and safety.

President Shelley Sweeney says the move is necessary "to ensure that everything possible is being done for us to be able to say that homes we designate as Block Parent homes are indeed safe places."

With all household signs recalled, the new application process will be more involved and requires that everyone in a household, aged 12 and up, have their identification verified by the police. Once the criminal record checks are completed, the Block Parent co-ordinator must interview the applicants and check their references.

"Only when all window signs have been accounted for and the new application procedures have been completed will the community program be deemed 'certified'," added the president. The deadline for new certification is June this year, and Ms. Sweeney admits that there may be a decline in numbers as a result.

"Society has changed greatly since the inception of the program in 1968," said Ms. Sweeney, "and we want to be able to teach skills that our children and youth can take with them anywhere and give them the tools to make informed decisions."

The new safety education initiatives being developed will be presented in the schools and will require the security screening of Block Parent co-ordinators and any helpers only, as opposed to the entire household. "This will allow interested individuals to still be involved with youth and promote safety in their communities," added Ms. Sweeney.



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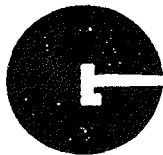
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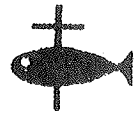
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The Church by the Lake



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

Regular Sunday Services

10:00 a.m. Christian education for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship service.

Visitors are welcome at all our services

Visual Arts Celebration: April 15-17

Our art show's grand opening will begin with refreshments on Friday, April 15 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. It continues on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and again on Sunday from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. For registration or further information phone Les Funk at 477-6957.

Some regular events at

Elk Lake Baptist Church:

Youth Group — The energy of youth is welcomed in our church. The youth group meets every Tuesday night at 7:15 p.m. at the church

College and Career Group meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Phone 658-8111 for information.

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.

Men's Breakfast — every third Saturday of the month at 7:30 a.m. This is a time for fellowship among men while enjoying the day's special from the talented cooks.

An Art Club meets every second Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the old church hall.

If you are interested in participating in any of the above programs or would like more information about our church, please phone 658-8111 or fax us at 658-8431

Letter to the Editor

Adopting a park to improve the neighbourhood outlook

EACH TOWNHOUSE owner and other adjacent residential owners along the upper Cordova Bay Road are subjected to speeding and noisy traffic, both uphill and down. It is not only this intolerable noise level but the forecasting of a serious accident that will maim or kill some persons or animals that all residents want remedied.

The foregoing represents a shirked responsibility of the municipality to do something positive about this present and impending situation.

On a more secondary, pleasant and esthetic but disappointing note, the purchasers of the townhouses along Cordova Bay Road were informed at the time purchasing was being considered that across the road the area owned and operated by Trio Ready Mix Ltd. would be shutting down their rock crushing operation in January 2004, stop the land-filling, the area leveled and re-vegetated. A second Butchart Gardens was suggested.

Today that area still contains the inactive rock crusher, abandoned old out-of-service vehicles and equipment and continued uninvestigated land fill. In short, an abominable eyesore.

All of the foregoing gives rise to the unanswered question: what is the delay in this unsightly scene?

On a final positive note I propose that the municipality be approached for approval to allow each of the townhouse owner/residents on Cordova Bay Road between Hill Rise Lane west to the next laneway to consider a plan to individually clean up and improve the existing road right-of-way across Cordova Bay Road to the property fence line. Each parcel would be

Membership in the Cordova Bay Association is only \$5 a year. See page 18 for the application form.

adopted equivalent to the width of theirs and common property to make a more esthetic environment by weed cutting, grading, gravelling shrub planting and maintaining the existing trees.

If approved and activated this proposal would hopefully eventuate some recognition, reduce through traffic, littering and pollution and gain some additional support from our over-taxed municipality and our neighbouring businesses.

One final question is why do Trio operations in total not move to the Western Communities, where they have been invited and welcomed into a major present and future development/construction area of South Vancouver Island, also where property taxes are more acceptable?

— *Gordon. D. Barnes.*

P.S. The work required to maintain a "park view across from you" would be an ideal opportunity to hire students to support them during their school breaks.

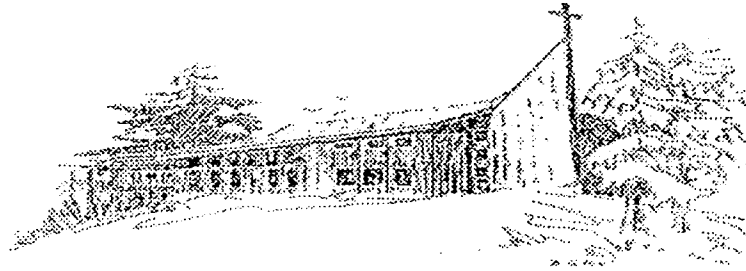
Moisture-filled thermal windows can now be fixed

WHAT CAUSES thermal windows to develop moisture between the panes? These windows are composed of two or even three panes of glass separated by a spacer bar. This bar is essentially a hollow tube filled with dessicants, usually silicone beads, that absorb moisture.

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After a few years this cycle saturates the dessicants and moisture appears in the window. Failed windows usually feel cold to the touch because the insulating value has been lost so they are not only unsightly but a heat sink.

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Cordova Bay Golf Club gains Audubon sanctuary environmental designation

CORDOVA BAY Golf Club has become the first on the island and the sixth in British Columbia to become a Certified Audubon Co-operative Sanctuary.

Certification involves adhering to strict environmental standards such as environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation and water quality management.

"Compared to other parts of Canada, Vancouver Island's ecological makeup is unique," says Shawn Williams, staff ecologist for the Audubon Co-operative Sanctuary programs. "Cordova Bay Golf Course has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program and is to be commended for its efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on golf course property. The members and staff of the club should be proud they are preserving the region's natural heritage."

Cordova Bay Golf Course is home to more than 65 species of resident birds. One avid bird watcher, 88-year-old George Houston, is a regular and takes a strong interest in the course's bird population. He was involved in Cordova Bay's efforts and built a colony of 12 birdhouses between the 17th and 18th fairway to attract the elusive Purple Martin.

Anyone interested in plastic recycling?

THE CORDOVA BAY Association has been approached to set up a volunteer plastic recycling operation in our community.

Jean Siemens runs a Fairfield group which meets for one-and-a-half hours every third Saturday to collect Styrofoam, Tetrapaks and many other plastics for a small fee.

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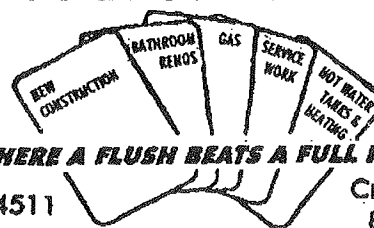
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Saanich website invites items and anecdotes for centennial project

IF YOU HAVE objects, photos or even recollections about Saanich's historic past the municipality wants to hear from you.

In preparation for the municipality's centennial celebrations in 2006 Councillor Vic Derman is heading up a committee to gather items of interest, especially photographs which will be scanned and returned to the owners.

The link to the website collecting offers is: centennial2006@saanich.ca

Another group is working on a book containing biographies of notable Saanich personalities. Entitled "One Hundred Years—One Hundred Stories" the book will feature not only pioneers but people who have made a significant contribution to Saanich as a great place to live.

Co-ordinators for the book project are Paul McKivett (477-3806 or email mcliberal@shaw.ca) or Bill Bryson (479-7757 or email wimer@telus.net).

The book committee is seeking sponsorships at the rate of \$250 per story from individuals and businesses. The tax-deductible donation will entitle the donor to a logo, trademark or other corporate identity to be displayed at the end of the chosen biography.

Bruce Hutchison library greets new branch head

LIBRARY goers are invited to drop in at the Bruce Hutchison branch this month to meet Henri Wetselaar, the branch head who moves to our local branch from Oak Bay.

Neil McAllister, who has headed the Bruce Hutchison branch and the Central Saanich branch for several years, replaces Wetselaar in Oak Bay as part of a gradual rotation of head librarians through the Greater Victoria Public Library system. Both men have been extremely popular with library patrons in their communities.

What the Cordova Bay Association does for you

THE ASSOCIATION examines all proposals for development, subdivision and zoning changes in the community to make sure they meet the requirements of the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cordova Bay United Church Hall

813 Claremont Avenue

7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The Annual General Meeting will be preceded by a public session to which everyone is welcome. Attendance and voting at the subsequent AGM will be limited to members of the association in good standing. Memberships valid for 2005 will be available at the door for \$5 per person or use the application form below.

Program

**7:30 p.m. — Guest Speaker Mr. Peter Sparanese,
Manager, Transportation, Saanich Engineering Department.**

**Topic: Traffic in Cordova Bay
Followed by a question period.**

**8:30 p.m. approximately — Refreshment and conversation break
followed by the Annual General Meeting.**

AGM Agenda

**9:00 p.m. — Call to Order
Minutes of the 2004 AGM
President's report
Annual financial report
Election of directors**

***(nominations may be made from the floor)*
Discussion: life-time memberships
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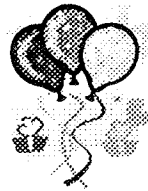
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