



Highway upgrade would affect local traffic

RENEWED calls for a major upgrade of the Pat Bay Highway could lead to major traffic changes for Cordova Bay.

While Sidney Mayor Don Amos is spearheading the process because of increasing traffic at the Beacon Avenue intersection, he is also calling for an interchange at McTavish Road, better access at Keating Cross road and a proper on-ramp at Sayward Road.

Representatives from Saanich, the Peninsula municipalities, B.C. Transit, B.C. Ferries, the Victoria Airport Authority and the province are setting up a steering committee to provide strategic and policy direction for the improvement process.

As far as Mayor Frank Leonard is concerned, no decisions should be made without consulting the community through a series of open houses. This would be especially important for Cordova Bay since recommendations from previous studies involved closing all high-

way accesses between Haliburton Road and Sayward Road, and even linking Santa Clara Avenue with Adderley Road to provide a type of collector route from Claremont north to Sayward, although this is opposed in the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan.

In 1987 the Cordova Bay Association executive responded to a current study by supporting eventual "free-waying" of the highway from a safety and efficiency point of view and approving the creation of a frontage road. But the association opposed opening up Lochside Drive south to Royal Oak Drive and stated that Cordova Bay Road must be protected as a two-lane road.

Mayor Leonard adds that criticism of Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon is unfair since there has been little municipal initiative for several years. However, Mayor Amos is now asking for a financial commitment from the provincial government to make changes.

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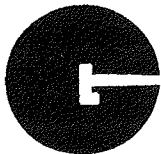
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CORDOVA BAY 55-PLUS ASSOCIATION

FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 8
McMorran's Lookout Room

**Agenda: Guest speaker,
Association Business,
Election of Directors.**

Nominations for directors will be accepted from the floor. All members are urged to vote. Light refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to everyone. (Note: the regular 'drop in' session will not be held on this date).

Five vacancies need to be filled on CBA executive

APRIL'S annual general meeting of the Cordova Bay Association will offer the opportunity for five new directors to serve their community (see facing page for the agenda).

The executive has appointed a three-person nominating committee to prepare a slate of candidates, and anyone wishing to be considered for election should contact one of the following:

Alison Battuello (658-4762).

David Gerrior (658-4836).

Chris Janssen (658-4242).

The five directors will each serve for a two-year term.

THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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
President's report
Annual financial report
Election of five directors for a two-year term
(nominations may be made from the floor)
Discussion regarding lifetime memberships
New business. Adjournment.**

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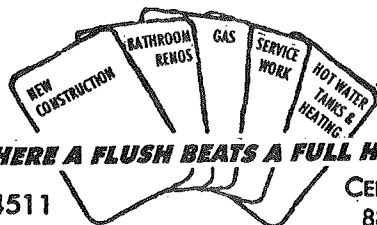
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GIRL GUIDES in the Victoria area are fortunate enough to enjoy several camping properties that have been donated or otherwise acquired. They provide the girls an opportunity to experience camping without having to travel very far from home.

Jubilee Camp is about 15 minutes west of Sooke towards French and China beaches. This is a wilderness type camp with no facilities other than water and gives older girls an opportunity to really escape from the city's distractions.

Milnes Landing is located just this side of Sooke and consists of two cabins and some property. The younger girls can sleep in the cabins for a weekend in a safe and comfortable environment.

Kingswood Camp is on the far side of Elk Lake, only about 15 minutes drive from Cordova Bay. This site offers a cabin for indoor adventure and several outdoor sites for the older girls to pitch their tents or even try lightweight camping. The closeness of this camp to the city makes it very convenient for leaders as well as parents who may be worried about their young ones trying a new experience.

Kingswood camp committee is looking for volunteers who can come to a meeting five times a year, usually in the evenings. Committee members are not required to have a family member participating in Guiding, just an interest in seeing the camp flourish. Work parties also assist twice a year to maintain the grounds. Please phone Sandy Hulko at 658-5764 for information.

CRD Parks volunteer wardens patrol Lochside regional trail

THE CAPITAL Regional District's Volunteers-in-Parks (VIP) program now has park wardens walking and cycling on the Lochside regional trail. These diverse and dedicated individuals inform and educate trail users and monitor and report problems or issues. Volunteers usually live near the trail, use it frequently and can be identified by CRD Parks name badges

CRD Parks agreed to manage the Lochside Trail on behalf of neighbouring municipalities in October last year. It plans to improve signage and apply general lessons learned in managing the Galloping Goose regional trail to ensure that all users have a safe and enjoyable experience when they walk, cycle or horse-ride on the Lochside trail.

The VIP program has been in place for 22 years and helps the CRD to effectively manage the 29 parks and two trails in the region. Many of these protected areas are large and remote, making it difficult for staff to visit them regularly. VIP wardens complement parks staff by reporting regularly to CRD Parks management to help them understand some of the issues visitors encounter when they use parks and trails on a daily basis.

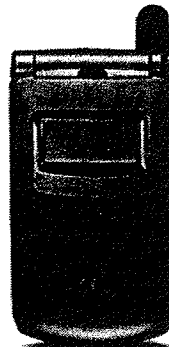
In Cordova Bay, CRD Parks shares trail responsibility with Saanich. A key issue on the shared roadway sections is trail user safety and CRD Parks hopes new signage will help educate both trail users and motorists on safety issues. Dogs are required to be on leash on all sections of the Lochside trail.

Volunteer park wardens are there to answer questions, so please feel free to talk to them. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Laesha Berry at 478-3344 or email her at lberry@crd.bc.ca.

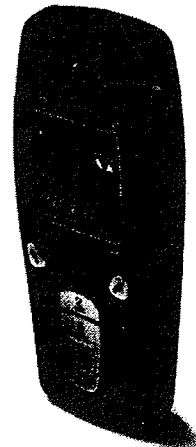
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**Golf course applies for
 Audubon sanctuary status**

By Seoras Adams

CORDOVA BAY Golf course has applied for certification under the Audubon Co-operative Sanctuary Program offered by Audubon International, a not-for-profit environmental organization.

Audubon International promotes ecologically-sound land management and the conservation of natural resources through programs tailored to certain land uses within communities such as schools, businesses and golf courses.

Golf courses are targeted because the 16,000 golf courses in North America represent a significant amount of open space in primarily urban communities. They are especially important in areas such as Cordova Bay where development is diminishing existing wildlife habitats.

Golf courses have been criticized for their use of pesticides, fertilizers and water, as well as for the displacement of natural plant communities and the introduction of exotic plant species. Audubon's sanctuary program addresses these issues by requiring compliance with standards in wildlife and habitat management, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation, water quality management and community outreach and education.

Each golf course staff member is required to practice environmental stewardship, which means day-to-day decisions are made in a context of wildlife habitat, water protection and waste reduction.

The application process is lengthy and detailed. Dean Piller, Cordova Bay Golf Course superintendent, says: "We've actually been working towards this certification for five years. The blueprint that Audubon International lays out for golf courses provided us with excellent guidance in fine-tuning our management practices."

The first major project was a complete audit of the course irrigation system to ensure that sprinkler coverage was as uniform as possible. The exercise found many shortcomings in the original design and required a five-year plan to improve the system's performance.

Dean says: "We had to change all 650 irrigation heads on the course to a new and improved model, build a brand-new pump station and reduce our irrigated areas by seven percent. These efforts, combined with hand watering, have reduced our consumption of irrigation water by 25 percent."

As part of the certification process the course has just submitted a bird habitat enhancement study with the goal of developing habitats for as many species of birds as possible residing on southern Vancouver Island. Piller says this project has been a resounding success. "Our bird inventory now totals 63 different species." More information on this project can be found in the course's January newsletter at www.cordovabaygolf.com

Another part of the certification program involves outreach and education to ensure that the community is aware of the benefits of managing the course in a more sustainable way. Readers of *The Cordovan* will be kept updated over the next few months.

Further information on Audubon International's Sanctuary Programs is available at www.auduboninternational.org while suggestions for improving bird habitat in your backyard are available through the Audubon At Home program at www.audubon.org.

Two annual general meetings

SEE pages two and three for notices of two important AGMs—the AGM of the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs and the first AGM of the Cordova Bay 55 Plus Association. Both meetings include elections to their boards of directors.




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'Learn to Play' is big success

A NEW softball season is upon us, and with the snow just having left it's hard to believe it's just around the corner.

Last year was the inaugural season for the new Learn to Play program which replaced T-ball. By all accounts it was a great success with the players, parents and coaches. Learn to Play introduces young children to the building blocks of softball. It's action-packed with lots of activities, teaching kids to catch, throw, hit and run. With constant movement the fun and learning make a winning combination. Learn to Play is for girls and boys born in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

We look forward to another great season and welcome new and returning players to the Cordova Bay Softball Club. Registration dates were in late January and early February.

Last year was a great success. A number of Cordova Bay teams participated in the Provincial and Western Canadian championships, bringing home some gold and silver medals. Cordova Bay teams also participated in a number of local tournaments with much success and displayed the sportsmanship for which Cordova Bay is famous. Cordova Bay provides coaches the opportunity to participate in the National Coaching Certification Program, further increasing their ability to teach and support the players.

I would like to thank all members of the executive, the coaches and the volunteers who made the 2004 season such a success. Time, dedication and skill they give are some of the things that make Cordova Bay the best place to live in Greater Victoria.

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By DAVE POJE

Holiday season brought loads of club activity

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One particularly touching event of note this season was the thank-you card our club received from the moms, kids and staff of Kiwanis House. They made up a card with a picture of two of the young children holding our cheque. Inside, all the moms and staff had signed the card, thanking the club for the donation. Makes a person feel pretty good.

The Super Duper Dollar store in the Cordova Bay plaza is installing a community collection box for used stamps which are collected by the club as a fund-raiser for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Just rip the envelope corner off with the stamp attached, collect them in an envelope and drop them off when convenient. Nice and simple! The funds raised from the sale of these used stamps to collectors are used to assist the SPCA's neutering and spaying program and their wildlife hospital.

Finally, as a belated New Year's resolution consider donating a little time to your community and when doing so giving our club some thought. New members with new ideas and new energy are always welcome.

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Lent/Easter Schedule @ St. David's

A weekend of reflection on the life of our parish with a group of folks from the diocese will take place on February 18 and 19.

February 19: Diocesan interviews with the Rector, wardens, etc.

February 19: Diocesan-led Parish Day.

March 20: Palm Sunday. Regular service times.

March 23: Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

March 25: Good Friday, 9:00 a.m. Adult service

March 25: Service for children and families will be at St. John the Divine on Quadra Street, starting at 10:30 a.m.

March 27: Festival of Easter. Regular service times.

April 3: Sho'ah Commemoration (the readings will not be gruesome).

Over the past couple of years St. David's has held "Cell" study groups, which are small groups of people who meet at the Cell Group Leader's home. These groups have proved to be very effective and the folks taking part have come to know each other very well. The Lenten studies will take place in Cell groups. We will be following some reflection on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer as a way of focusing on our own spiritual and life journey. If you wish to be included please contact Michael at 658-5022 or please sign the sheet on his office door at the church.



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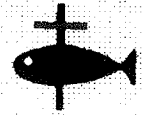


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Some regular events at
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Youth Group — The energy of youth is welcomed in our church. The youth group meets every Tuesday night at 7:15 p.m.

College and Career Group meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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**Fifth Tsartlip
Scout Group**
By Dr. Brian Carr-Harris

Local group continues to grow

IT'S BEEN an exciting time for the 5th Tsartlip Scout Group as our sections are expanding and growing. We now have a fully operational Beaver colony, Cub pack, Scout troop and Venturer company.

Meeting early Thursday evenings, 14 enthusiastic boys aged five to eight are forming our new Beaver colony under the direction of Cathy Steele. On Tuesday, Karen Puddy directs our Cub pack and Brian Carr-Harris heads up Scouts and Venturers on Wednesday evenings. All sections meet at Cordova Bay United Church.

Our new Scout troop of seven young lads, aged eleven to twelve, in addition to focusing on traditional outdoor Scouting skills are preparing for camps, a ski trip and one week at Camp Parsons, a renowned Boy Scout camp in Washington State in July.

Our Venturers have increased in numbers also. On November 6 the entire group met with Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at Government House and in a formal ceremony six of the boys received their silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. In late November our five remaining Venturers were presented with their bronze level of the award from Mayor Frank Leonard at a memorable council meeting. As "Police Venturers" they are receiving intensive self-defence training from Saanich Police Constable Wayne Unger and are planning various other "extreme" activities in the near future.

Baden Powell week is being celebrated in mid-February with a family banquet and church service.

Great times are ahead, including a possible return to the U.K. in 2006. For membership inquiries call John Steeves at 479-7070.



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Residents of Cordova Bay are asked to volunteer as little as three hours of their time in April to raise money for this vital cause. Many volunteer positions are available, ranging from canvasser to zone manager.

If you enjoy light walking, meeting with your neighbours, care about finding cures for cancer and can spare a few hours in April, please contact Andrea Voysey by phone at 818-0588, fax at 382-8130 or by email at avoysey@bc.cancer.ca

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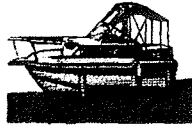
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SAFE BOATING



*By Patricia Sparks, N. Member of the Canadian
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Why would anyone own a boat at all?

BOATING has been around since time began, with dug-out canoes, rafts, large galleons, sailboats—and the list goes on. Thus evolved the boat—the hole in the water into which you pour large quantities of money. So why do we do it? Why do we spend copious quantities of time and money to own and maintain a boat?

I guess the first question is why we want a boat in the first place. There are many who purchase for business reasons. There are fishermen who ply our coasts. There have also been a few enterprising people who have purchased vessels to ferry folks from Sidney to Sidney Spit and the surrounding islands. One such vessel is a landing barge which takes hikers to Portland Island, which lies north-east from Swartz Bay. And then there are the pleasure boaters.

For us, boating has been a wonderful way of relaxing. After a busy week at the office it always felt good to get out onto the water. When the boat gently putters out of the harbour the feel of the sea breeze, the smell, the birds, the sea life seem to take away the daily cares. If you overnight somewhere there is nothing like the gentle movement to lull you to sleep. That is, of course, until a stiff breeze picks up at about 2:00 a.m. and you bolt upright to check the anchor. (Funny how my hubby always seemed to sleep through this).

In fact, for many just being in the marina is an enjoyable past-time. We have spent many hours at the docks just working about.

Cleaning, polishing, checking the lines, servicing the engine or plain and simply relaxing with a book while enjoying the sunshine and camaraderie of fellow boaters who are out tending to their vessels can be a joy.

With boating comes knowledge. Personally I have found that the skills I have learned over the years have been incredible. When my hubby came home one day and told me that he wanted to buy “this 25-foot powerboat that had had a fire” I thought he had gone crazy. The boat was sitting on drums and looked immense. The inside was blackened and needed lots of work. The challenge was on. However, the biggest challenge was that neither of us knew anything about boating. Time for change! We both enrolled in the nearest Power Squadron course and were soon back at school wracking our brains. Navigation we found to be a fascinating subject and...the rest is history.

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