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The Newsletter of the Cordova Bay Association

Mediation agreement may avoid plaza pollution court case

SHELL CANADA and Cordova Bay Plaza have agreed to take their differences about underground gas pollution to private mediation and have adjourned their lawsuit and counter lawsuit scheduled for trial in B.C. Supreme court on May 26.

At the same time, Shell Canada has confirmed that active remediation of its fenced-off site at the corner of Cordova Bay Road and Doumac Avenue has been completed. Company spokeswoman Jana Masters told *The Cordovan*: "The operation of this system was successful in achieving a significant reduction in the levels of hydrocarbons in the subsurface, to the point where there was no further need to operate the system." She added that currently the residual amount of subsurface hydrocarbons, which will

biodegrade naturally, is being monitored.

Plaza spokeswoman Brenda Ferguson told *The Cordovan* that dates were set aside in May and June for mediation. Further testing and clean-up has continued on the plaza site. Special drilling equipment was present in February and test wells were cleaned out in March. Further drilling was carried out in late April,

The fenced-off Shell property was a gas station operated by Pay Less Gas until that company was bought by Shell. It closed in 1997. A Chevron gas station operated in the north-east corner of the plaza until 1981, followed by an auto repair shop. The building was later razed. Responsibility for the pollution and remediation have to be resolved before a planned new shopping centre can be developed.

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Major access changes recommended for Pat Bay Highway

CORDOVA BAY would be dramatically affected by updated proposals for new interchanges and the closure of existing accesses to the Pat Bay Highway.

The recommendations by Urban Systems Ltd. to the Ministry of Transportation build on a 2001 report called "Vision for Highway 17" and include "preferred interchange locations" at Sayward Road, Mount Newton Cross Road, McTavish Road, Beacon Avenue, Wain Road and Lands End Road.

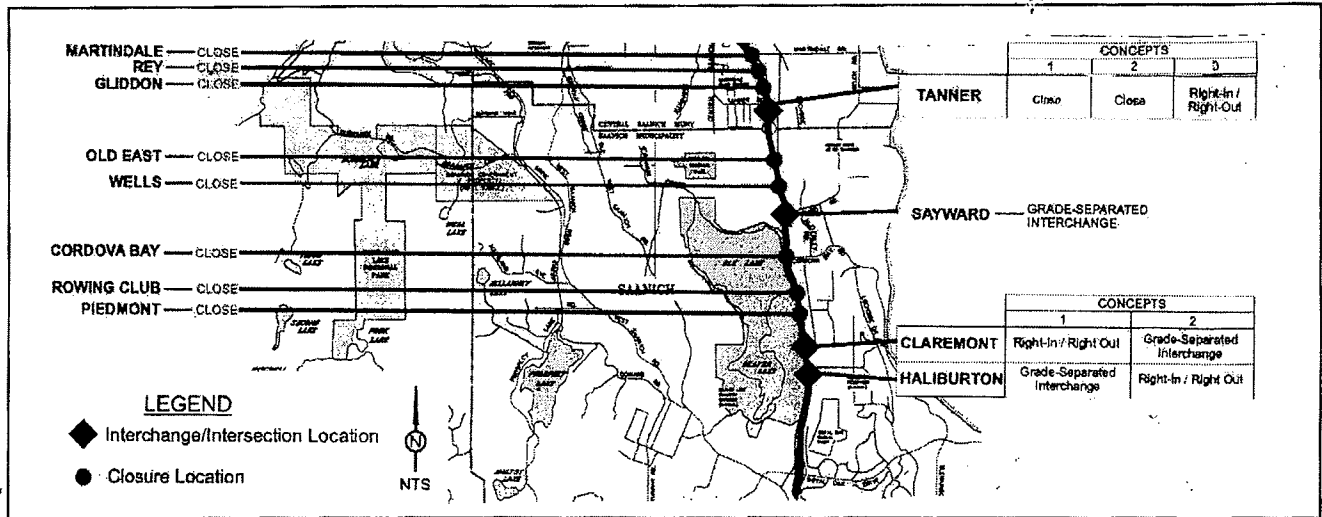
Claremont Avenue and Haliburton Road are listed as "options for interchange locations" and one concept proposes a Haliburton Road overpass, with Claremont Avenue limited to a "right-in, right-out" configuration. A second concept reverses this with a Claremont Avenue overpass and "right-in, right-out" at Haliburton road.

However, the report acknowledges that more work is needed to advance either concept and there should be further discussion with area communities and other agencies.

All other accesses other than these interchanges should be closed, says the report. In Cordova Bay this would affect Old East Road, Wells Road, Cordova Bay Road, access to the rowing club at Elk Lake, and Piedmont Drive.

The new report, entitled "Highway 17 Corridor Planning Strategy" was developed as a result of meetings over the last few years by the ministry as well as a steering committee comprised of Saanich Peninsula municipalities, B.C. Transit, B.C. Ferries and the Victoria Airport Authority.

As far as general highway improvements



Portion of Urban Systems Ltd. map shows recommended changes to Highway 17 which would affect Cordova Bay.

are concerned, the report says “there are no shelf-ready projects to be advanced without significantly more planning and design.”

Saanich Mayor Frank Leonard has told the Cordova Bay Association that “any time and every time I hear that the MoT would like to meet with myself, council or councillors I ask that they book a hall in Cordova Bay and meet the community first.”

The previously unpublished report, dated April 2007, was discovered by the Cordova Bay Association in an internet search. No action has been taken on its recommendations and the B.C. Government does not appear to have allocated any funds for changes to the highway. Nevertheless, the report is an indication of what might happen to the Pat Bay Highway, with dramatic implications for our community.

The report is 55 pages long with eight pages of appendices. It may be read at this government legislative website: www.llbc.leg.bc.ca/public/pubdocs/bcdocs/416574/2007-03-15-final_report_hwy17_corridor_strategy.pdf or by Googling “highway 17 corridor planning strategy.”



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Artificial turf could be ready for this year's soccer season

WITH the next soccer season only three months away, soccer enthusiasts are optimistic that the artificial turf in the north-east corner of Lochside Park will be ready for play.

"The intent is to have it up and going for the new season," says Frank Leversedge, head of the fund-raising campaign dubbed FELPS, for Field Enhancement Lochside Park Soccer. At an open house information session held on May 12 by Saanich Parks and the Cordova Bay Soccer Association Leversedge added that if installation of the new playing surface started in June, it would be finished by August.

Acknowledging that this timing is "tight" for the opening of the season in mid-September, Leversedge said that if the new field isn't ready before mid-October, alternative playing arrangements will have to be made, including scheduling initial games "away." Time is of the essence, since the artificial turf cannot be laid in frosty conditions, he explained.

Once Saanich council gives final approval to the project, drainage pads and turf can be supplied and installed.

Leversedge says that about \$800,000 has been raised in grants, loans and donations. Once the project gets going, donated labour and equipment could keep the cost below the original estimate of \$1.2 million.

Project manager is Brian Roach, consultant contract manager at Defence Construction Canada. Construction manager is Darren Bohnet, owner of Argus Excavating. The contractors are Argus Excavating, Capital City Paving, Knappett Projects and South Island Aggregates.

Last season the soccer association had 595 registered players—234 boys and 181 girls, 120 men and 60 women.

2008 Municipal Election

CBA hosts all-candidates' meeting on October 29

CORDOVA BAY voters are being urged to attend an all-candidates' meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 29, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ridge Playhouse at Claremont Secondary School. The meeting is organized jointly by the Cordova Bay Association and the Blenkinsop Valley Community Association.

All candidates in the Saanich municipal election to be held on November 15 are being invited to attend. Candidates will each make a brief speech, followed by a moderated question and answer period, and there will be an opportunity for informal talks with each candidate.

The November 15 election will be for Saanich council and the District of Saanich section of School District 63.

Annual general meeting elects new directors

AT A well attended annual general meeting held in mid-April, members of the Cordova Bay Association re-elected three directors and appointed two new ones, all for two-year terms.

Roger Stonebanks, Susan Bridges and Penny Joppe were returned to the executive, joined by newcomers Diane De Wolfe and Hanny Pannekoek. There is one vacancy, which may be filled by the executive.

At the subsequent executive meeting, Roger and Susan were re-elected as president and first vice-president. Penny was elected second vice-president, succeeding Maurice Chazottes, who did not seek re-election to the executive. However, the executive continued his appointment as editor of *The Cordovan*. Hanny was elected secretary, succeeding Sally Tuckeyh, who did not seek re-election.



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Saanich is "relatively safe" community, Police Chief Egan assures CBA

SAANICH POLICE Chief Derek Egan says statistics show the municipality is a relatively safe place for residents.

Speaking at the April 17 public meeting that preceded the annual general meeting of the Cordova Bay Association, Chief Egan said there are 58 crimes per 1,000 Saanich residents, mostly property crimes, theft from cars, and vandalism. This is almost half the provincial average of 117 crimes per 1,000 persons and is one of the lowest in the province.

He added that there are 43 crimes per Saanich police officer per year, which is below the provincial average and significantly below the City of Victoria's figure. The cost per capita for policing in Saanich is \$183 a year, compared with the provincial average of \$273 per year.

Chief Egan and four divisional inspectors were guest speakers, answering questions formally and also informally during a refreshment break. Also present were Mayor Leonard, who chairs the Saanich Police board, and the four board members who are appointed by council and the provincial government.

CBA funds Lochside Park bench

THE Cordova Bay Association is paying \$1,900 of the installed cost of \$2,400 for a public park bench to be mounted in Lochside Park.


This is the fourth community bench initiative undertaken by the CBA as part of its contribution to the community. The previous three benches, funded 50-50 with the municipality, are on the Lochside Regional Trail at McMinn Park, and at the bus stops on Cordova Bay Road at Maxine Lane and Galey Way.

CBA hosts “thank you” lunch for volunteer deliverers of The Cordovan

MANY of the volunteers who deliver The Cordovan to every household in the community four times a year were guests at the annual lunch held in the Cordova Bay United Church hall late last month.

Thanking them for their continued support, Cordova Bay Association President Roger Stonebanks commented that without volunteers, the association itself could not exist. Maurice Chazottes, editor of The Cordovan, added that with the steady growth of our community’s population, 2,900 copies were printed each issue. “most of them delivered by your willing hands.”





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*By Patricia Sparks, N. Member of the Canadian
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Russell Sparks—100 years young

IN 1981 the Sparks family, moved to Cordova Bay. We had found a house big enough to accommodate us all and with enough ground around it to satisfy the needs of the ‘four men in my life’, namely, Derrick, his dad Russell, and our two young boys Dale and Ian. You must understand that ground space was very important as Russell just loved to tinker with things. Dig, make, invent, you name it – he loved to keep busy.

Russell is a blacksmith by trade – a ‘workshop’ being an absolute necessity in life. Born on a farm in a very remote area of South Africa called Thaba’Nchu in the Orange Free

State, on April 18, 1908, Russell had learned over the years how to make do with what you had. There were no lakes or huge bodies of water, but there were small dams and rivers. He learned to swim by the tried and true method of being thrown into the water – and of course, water meant that perhaps a boat would be nice. However, Russell being Russell, rowing backwards seemed silly – there had to be a better way. So he built his own boat, with a short pole sticking up in the middle. Upon this he somehow affixed the oars with a unique method of making them work with hand cranked ‘pedals’. A fine invention until his Mother and Grandmother took the boat out one day and ended up tipping it over.

The residents of Cordova Bay have been very good to us over the years. We became members of St. David’s and got involved in their many activities. Russell also joined the Cordova Bay New Horizons group, which is a small group of people who gather every Thursday for social activities. There he learned the art of carpet bowling, an activity which he loves



and still participates in every Thursday, even to helping with the laying down and rolling up of the carpets each week.

The next thing we knew he was gone every Wednesday morning as well. He had joined the Cordova Bay Hikers! Russell was soon hiking as well as the rest and enjoyed many years of hiking various trails and areas, both local and far spread; including Hurricane Ridge above Port Angeles. The hiking group is certainly still a big part of his life. They also have an Alumni Club and never forget those that have don't partake in regular walks anymore; he is always invited back to their socials. Russell still goes out twice a day, every day, to do a little hiking back and forth on the road in front of our house.

Derrick and I would really like to thank our friends and the community as a whole for the tremendous support they have shown toward Russell and our family. We would also like to thank everyone for their good wishes and gifts extended on his birthday.

That was some party!

Safe Boating - Operator Card Deadline

Please remember – if you operate a pleasure boat, you must have an Operator Card. The final deadline is September 15, 2009 – this is for persons who have operated a boat for many years. All others should have their cards already. The Operator Card (POC), is the minimal requirement for boat operation. If you do not understand charts, buoys, etc., you would be well advised to take a boating course such as Canadian Power Squadrons. Safe Boating!

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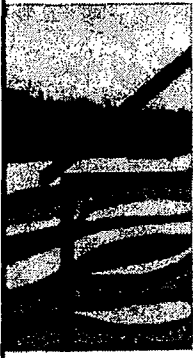
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CBA membership renewals for 2008 continue to flow in

MORE THAN three-quarters of the 400 members who support the CBA have renewed their membership of their association whose activities include examining all proposals for development, subdivision and zoning changes in our community to make sure they meet the requirements of the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan. The association also:

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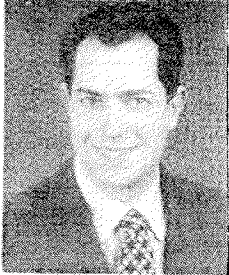


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55 Plus Association launches major fund-raising drive

THE MOST ambitious fund-raising drive in Cordova Bay's recent history aims to help fund the long-awaited expansion to the 55 Plus Association's home at Community Place next to Cordova Bay Elementary School.

The association plans to raise a total of \$175,000—\$95,000 to pay its share of the cost of building the addition and \$80,000 for furniture, equipment and upgrades to the existing structure, including a small kitchen to provide basic lunches for seniors.

Community Place offers many varied activities for seniors during the day, and Saanich Recreation provides other activities in the evenings.

Rich McMorran, who is organizing the fund-raising campaign, says the centre is busy all the time. "It's brought a lot of seniors out of the isolation of their homes. They've met their neighbours and formed lasting friendships."

In addition to association members and local businesses everybody in the community is being asked to donate, says McMorran. "We hope to reach the first platform of \$95,000 by September, because that's when building the extension might start."

Donations ranging from \$200 to \$10,000 and more are being recognized by donors' names inscribed on varying replicas of sea life and birds surrounding a large colour photograph of Cordova Bay donated by Tony de Goutiere which will form the centerpiece of a display in the new centre. Smaller donations are welcome.

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Dermal rolling is the new approach to younger skin

By Dr. Lance Setterfield

WHAT IF you could look better naturally, age being irrelevant, without the potential of looking artificial? Nature knows best. Your own collagen looks natural because it is natural, and your own collagen lasts longer than injectables.

Fibroblasts, (cells that play the biggest role in keeping skin young), require vitamins A and C to make collagen and elastin. Modern skin care is not just about the right ingredients, but about delivering those ingredients to the depth of the fibroblasts, where they do the most good. A new option for awakening fibroblasts is "dermal rolling" (skin needling). This simple treatment also allows topically applied nutrients to pass through the skin in large quantities and is safe for all skin types. It will even-out skin tone, decrease scarring, improve wrinkles and tighten skin.

New studies in Germany reveal that dermal rolling causes massive surges in growth factors to promote normal collagen, as opposed to "scar" collagen caused by some treatments. Advantages of the medical dermal needling are that the process is entirely natural and safe and less painful than some technologies such as Thermage or Fraxel.

There is a very short healing period, as little as five days (back to work next day with make-up), the treatment is cost effective and can be used on thin skin. There is no permanent damage to the skin, it can be safely repeated for greater results and it can be used on laser resurfaced skin. No sun sensitivity is induced and it can be used on all areas of the face, neck and body.

Dr. Lance Setterfield is the only physician on Vancouver Island currently incorporating dermal rolling into comprehensive treatments.

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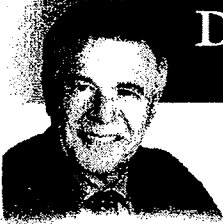
Expert Speakers including: Tina Fraser Baynes on "The Principles of Organic Growing and Food Security." Dr. Purnima P. Govindarajulu on "Biodiversity Projects at Hali." Environmental Art Installation by Sean Martindale. Additional speakers and activities to be announced.

Available at our **Certified Organic Market** will be items such as: Radishes, salad greens, cucumbers, free-range duck eggs, fennel, parsley, lettuce, green onions, cabbage, leeks, peas, spinach, fresh rosemary, fresh bay leaves, dried spices, kale, chard, flower bouquets, vegetable and flower seeds and seedlings and more!

All proceeds will help support the Haliburton

Community Organic Farm Society, a registered charity and TLC conservation partner. The Hali Farm is located at 741 Haliburton Rd. The lane-way located between Cherry Tree Bend and Rose Lane provides access to the farm gate. A bus stop on the south side of the street provides a useful marker adjacent to the lane.

For more information phone Sean Martindale at 658-1673.



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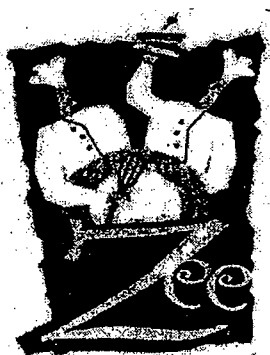
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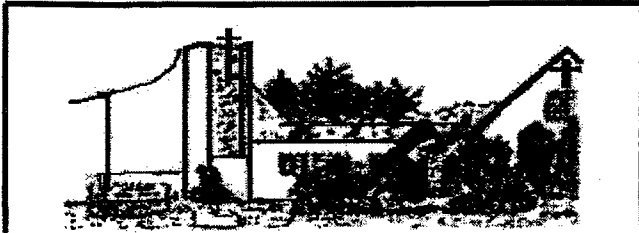
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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist.

10:00 a.m. Family Service

Thursday Service: 10:00 a.m. Said Eucharist.

**CBA picks three winners in
membership enrolment contest**

THE annual lunch for volunteer deliverers of *The Cordovan* congratulated the winners of the 2008 contest to enroll the most new and returning association members. First prize of a \$50 gift certificate towards dinner at any Cordova Bay restaurant was awarded to Aideen Lydon. Runners-ups Diana Morgan and Willa Burke each received gift certificates to Garden Works. More than 300 members have now taken out or renewed their memberships.

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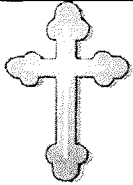
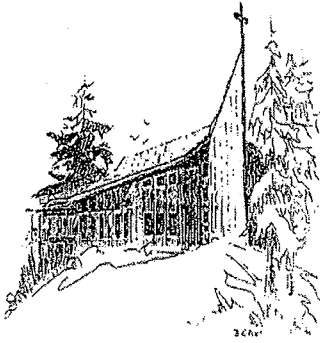
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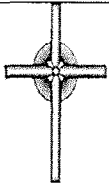
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Sunday School follows the Whole People of God curriculum

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Special Services: Sun. Sep 7th 10 am - Rally Sunday -

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Sun. Sep 14th @ 7pm

Sun. Oct 12th @ 7pm

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