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Saanich council gives green light to Cordova Bay streetscape project

IT TOOK about 20 minutes for the Cordova Bay Road streetscape project to get unanimous approval from Saanich council at the public hearing held on October 17.

There were no questions or comments from members of the public attending the hearing and councillors were obviously satisfied with explanations offered by Neil Findlow, senior planner with Saanich planning department, who headed the streetscape committee responsible for the overall concept.

Elaborating on the plan presented to council several weeks ago, and featured in the fall issue of *The Cordovan*, Mr. Findlow said that bicycle lanes would be provided along Cordova Bay Road south from Fowler Road as far as the intersection with Lochside Drive and Hanover Place. South of this, however, new asphalt would be required and this was not recommended at this time.

The Lochside-Cordova Bay Road intersection will be a T-junction, aligned with the Mattick's Farm entrance, added Mr. Findlow. This will involve some modification to the market entrance, providing left-in and right-out turns to the market at that point.

Replying to a question from

council, he explained this would give south-bound drivers who missed the market entrance by the Sayward golf course a second opportunity to access the market.

The short section of Hanover Place between Lochside Drive and Cordova Bay Road is redundant and should be removed, he added. The space would be grassed over.

Responding to councillors' questions on cost, Mr. Findlow said the infrastructure work would cost \$550,000, with another \$100,000 for other work consisting of signage, textured crosswalks and bus stop improvements, not all of it deemed to be essential.

He summed up by saying that in 12 years of discussion it had proved impossible to arrive at a concept everybody could live with. However, the proposal before council was a fair and affordable compromise with a cost-sharing element. "The time to implement it is now," he concluded.

Following council's formal approval of the plan, Mayor Frank Leonard reminded the audience that council's resolution included a direction to the engineering department to give high priority to drawing up a detailed design for review by the streetscape committee and council with implementation of the project in 2001.

Many fund-raising projects provide school 'extras'

THE PARENTS' Advisory Council at Cordova Bay has many projects on the go, some of which are helping to raise money for "extras" at the school, including buses for field trips, books for the library, earthquake preparedness equipment, and plantings for the school grounds.

The Greening Committee is planning to be busy again this year. More trees are to be planted at the rear

New Cordova Bay principal greets former students who are now parents of his pupils

CORDOVA Bay School's new principal is no stranger to the Saanich School District, having begun his teaching career at Lochside School "let's just say a few years ago." Mark Knight's last two principalships were at Beaver Lake elementary and Greenglade School in Sidney.

Mr. Knight says he has always found his new assignments to be an excellent opportunity for personal and professional growth. "I look forward to my term at Cordova Bay School and as I connect with Cordova Bay families I realize that a number of Cordova Bay parents, family members or friends were once students of mine at either Lochside Elementary or Royal Oak Middle School.

"It is a real privilege for me to be reconnecting with former students and friends in my new role as your principal."

Cordova Bay School continues to demonstrate high standards, based on day-to-day classroom assessments and a wider range of assessment tools, says Mr. Knight.

In the recently-released Grade 4 results of the provincial Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) given to students in Grades 4, 7 and 10, Cordova Bay students demonstrated higher than average performance for reading and numeracy compared to other students

entrance to the school, and students are participating by planting more bulbs for spring.

As part of our fundraising effort students were selling Entertainment Books earlier this year. Thank you to all those who purchased one of the \$30 books full of great discount offers for Island restaurants and entertainment. If we missed you, don't panic. There are still some left -- and they make great Christmas presents. Contact Maureen Taylor at 658-2588.

This year at Cordova Bay School we have 341 students in 15 classes. We always encourage those students to get to school by some means other than driving -- be it by foot, by bike, on rollerblades or even scooters.

We all appreciate the patience of drivers in the community who take the time to drive slowly and carefully when our children are on the road. There are stretches of Lochside Drive (particularly crossing Claremont) and Cordova Bay Road (particularly by the plaza) that can be treacherous for small people. Thank you for keeping a close look-out.

in the province. On a single draft-writing sample, the results were not significantly different from the other students in the province.

The FSA is a single testing situation, or assessment "snapshot", and together with a broad range of other assessment tools helps staff, students and parents know the curriculum is being followed and that their diligent efforts are paying off, adds Mr. Knight.

"As a staff, we will continue to analyze our assessment results, recognize our successes and make plans for program adjustments and continued growth."

Mark Knight says that while at Cordova Bay School he will endeavour to keep parents and the community informed of upcoming events and school successes. He invites anyone with questions or comments to drop by the school for a visit, telephone him at 658-5315, or contact him by e-mail at cordovabay_elem@sd63.bc.ca



Cordova Bay Softball

Annual general meeting winds up successful and busy year

THE YEAR 2000 was a very busy and successful season for us at Lochside Park. We hosted 10 tournaments this year. Many thanks to all who helped out at these highly successful events. Again we had numerous compliments on our park and how well run things were.

This year we had four teams make it to Provincials. Congratulations to Squirt B Boys, PeeWee C Girls, PeeWee A Boys and Midget C Boys.

In Provincials our PeeWee A Boys placed second to Nanaimo. This earned them a trip to the Western Canadians at Softball City in Surrey. The team was 3-2 in round-robin play which advanced them to the championship round and on to win the Gold Medal. Congratulations to Rick and the boys!

We hosted the Squirt A/B Boys Provincials. It was a great event with some exciting games. North Shore won the 'A' event over second place Shawnigan Lake in a 3-2 final. Sooke was third and View Royal placed fourth.. The 'B' event was won by Richmond, second place went to the Fleetwood team from Surrey, followed by Abbotsford. Cordova Bay boys were fourth. Congratulations to all teams. The tournament was an awesome showing from Victoria.

Our final tournament was the BC Summer Games with Bantam Girls. This eight-team tournament was a very busy and successful weekend. First place went to Port Coquitlam, second was Richmond and third was Campbell River. Wow can those girls play ball!

Many thanks from Cordova Bay Softball

to:-
* All sponsors from our Board. Thanks to this we were able to purchase a new pitching machine.

* The players, coaches, parents and fans, very much appreciated for providing us with such

The Cordovan apologizes to the Cordova Bay softball club for the electronic glitch that caused the Fall column to disappear before it got into print. The missing column is reprinted here, together with the club's current contribution.

a display of sportsmanship and entertainment. Great job!

- * The hard-working bingo volunteers.
- * The grounds crew for all the tournaments we hosted and the ongoing need for maintenance.
- * Volunteers who worked in the concession and all the extra time and effort to those involved in scheduling, buying, opening and closing.

We held our AGM on October 10 and the following is a list of the new Executive for 2001:

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Registration dates to note on your new calendar are: February 3/4 and February 17/18 - 2001.

Cordova Bay Softball hopes everyone enjoys a festive holiday season and offers Best Wishes to all in the New Year .

—Don Strugnell, *President*

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Regular Sunday Services

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

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Special Christmas Services

December 17, 11:00 a.m.

Special Christmas Program featuring a dramatic musical cantata by our youth and choral group.

December 24, 11:00 a.m.

Special Christmas Eve Service

December 25 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Day Service

preceded with refreshments at 9:45 a.m.

Visitors are welcome at any services.

Some regular events at Elk Lake Baptist Church:

Women's Bible Study Group meets at 9:50 every Monday morning at the church.

Choral Group: Our SATB choral group sings a variety of music from traditional, to contemporary, to spirituals, etc. In preparation for the Christmas season practices are being held weekly. A cantata entitled *Christ Is Born* will be performed on December 17.

Youth Group: Our youth group meets three Tuesday evenings a month under the adventurous leadership of several great University of Victoria students. Different activities are always planned.

60 More or Less: This 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.

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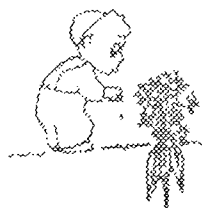
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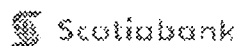
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THE Cordova Bay Scouts are teaming up with the Salvation Army to assist in collecting donations of non-perishable foodstuffs during the first week of December. The Scouts will distribute plastic bags with a note to households and you will be asked to leave the donated food items on your doorstep before 9:00 a.m. on December 9.

The Scouts will also be assisting staff at Broadmead Lodge to bring residents to the Christmas choral concert. This follows a visit to the lodge on Remembrance Day when the Scouts participated in the veterans' ceremony and later visited with the residents.

The 5th Tsartlip Scouts and Cubs are still accepting boys and girls. The Cubs (aged 8-10) meet on Tuesdays at Cordova Bay United Church hall from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Leader is Karen Puddy (shebavan@home.com or phone 721-1235). Scouts (11-14) meet Wednesdays at the church hall from 7:15-9:00 p.m. Leader is Roy Reynolds (rreynolds@islandnet.com or phone 658-0300).

Cubs and Scouts have completed the fall 2000 program and are now working on outdoor activities and community service. The Scouts have learned skills for outdoors and night hiking, using observation, compass and mapping skills.

Trips have been taken to Mount Douglas Park, Elk Lake and Mount Work park. Using clear fall skies, they learned about using the stars for navigation.

A winter weekend is planned with a Courtney Scout group which will involve building ice huts and using skis and snowshoes. Spring and summer camps and a sail training program are also planned. Completing three levels up to White Sail III in this course will allow the Scouts to sail to Discovery Island later in the season



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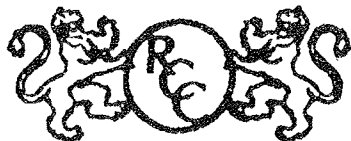
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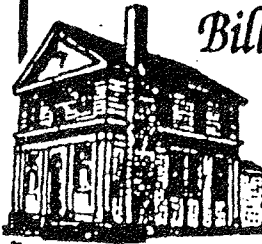
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Shortly after, one of the destroyers came alongside and lines were fired and hauled across in order to commence the "RAS". This is an exercise that simulates Replenishment At Sea as the supply ship passes oil, supplies and if necessary personnel, ammunition and the like. A helicopter dipped its "dunking sonar" to demonstrate how a submarine is detected.

All in all, this was an excellent opportunity to watch the navy at work and enjoy the company of the seamen who also took us on guided tours of the ship. I'm sure that if those who went on the trip had been about 60 years younger a number of them would have joined up (some of them for the second time).

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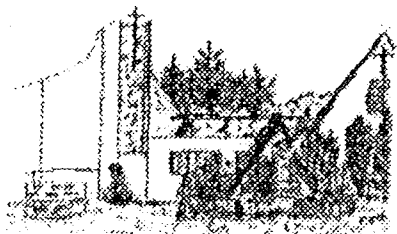
includes reds and pinks. The sale of these plants enables us to support those in unfortunate circumstances, especially at this time of the year. In the past our club has assisted the Mustard Seed, Upper Room, Open Door, Women in Need, the Salvation Army Beacon Bus and many others.

On behalf of all our members we wish the residents of Cordova Bay, their families and friends a very happy, safe and joyful Christmas and a healthy and fulfilling New Year. — *Edwin Hipsey*

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Holy Eucharist (said)

Christmas Services

December 17th - 5:30 p.m Christmas Dinner and Pageant

December 24th - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:30 p.m. A Children's Christmas Eve

11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

December 25th - 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

December 31st - 10:00 a.m. Christmas Carols and Lessons

The Parish would like to thank all those in the Community who came out on Saturday, Nov. 18th, to support us in our Bazaar. We had a wonderful time and look forward to seeing you all again next year.

December Recital Series — Christmas Vignettes

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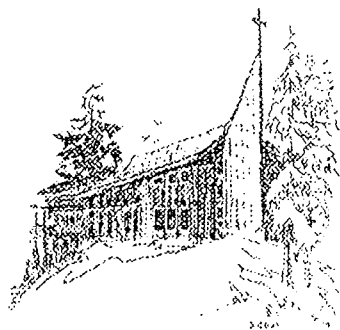
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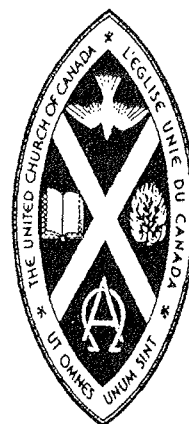
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Come Join Us As We Prepare for Christmas

10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent—Lighting of Advent Wreath
Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent—Sunday School Play—White Gift Sunday
Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent—The Sunday School will lead the service.
The Choir presents "The Winter Rose" Cantata.

Friday, December 8, 7:30 p.m. Advent Concert: Music and Meditation for Advent
Ross Klusmeier and the Choir.

Thursday, December 21. 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. Longest Night: The blue side of
Christmas Meditation, candlelight, prayers.

Christmas Eve Services

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service.
4:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service: Nativity, carols
8:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service: Readings and Carols

Family Time Together: Wednesday evenings,
November 29, December 6, December 13: 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. in our church hall.
We will have a special pre-Christmas focus
on these evenings—the difference that faith can make as we prepare to
celebrate Christmas through songs, games, rituals and discussion.
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Claremont Secondary School

Bands and choirs promise a musical Christmas

CLAREMONT'S concert band, concert choir and boys' dance class are joining other school groups to present a Saanich Family Christmas at the University of Victoria auditorium from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on December 6.

This is the first of several musical events involving the school's performing groups over the festive season. On December 7 and 8, the Claremont choirs and students from Drama and Boys' Dance present a musical celebration called "Christmas Joy," at the school's own Ridge Theatre. Both performances are at 8:00 p.m., with tickets selling for \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Phone Lena McLachlan at 658-5221 (local 244) for information.

On December 11, the Claremont bands will be in concert at the Ridge Theatre. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m. for information phone Brian Killikelly at 658-5221.

As non-musical projects Claremont bands and choirs will be recycling Christmas trees and bottles on the two weekends immediately following New Year's. Students and chippers will be on duty at the school beginning on January 6.

As a fund raiser, Claremont Music is collecting UPS bar codes from all Island Farms dairy products in the school foyer. Donors are asked to cut the bar codes out rather than bringing the whole container.

—Information supplied by Barbara Graham,
Claremont Parents' Association member-at-large.

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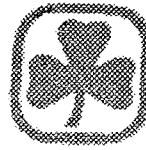
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REGISTRATION for Girl Guides this fall was very successful. Unfortunately, that means we have no room in our units for new girls. Hopefully, we will be able to open some new units next year, particularly for Brownies and Sparks. If you have some experience in working with young girls in a group setting or would be willing to assist with a unit, please give Jeannie Cosgrove a call at 658-5687.

The girls have been very busy with Enrolment ceremonies, program activities and sleepovers (one unit got off to a great start by camping in September). I'm sure if you asked any of the girls, they would say they are having a wonderful time with their fun-loving leaders. Robert Baden-Powell (founder of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides) is reputed to have said: "Guiding is a jolly game, largely played in the out of doors." Everyone has really been having a jolly time.

We celebrated the 90th birthday of Girl Guides in Canada with a large (1,200 people) campfire at the University of Victoria Centre in October. The girls were astounded by the number attending. They were also surprised to learn that some people have enjoyed their association with Girl Guides for up to 60 years. These Trefoil Guild members have continued to be involved through the years as Brownies, Guides, leaders and then volunteers in a variety of ways. They have all enjoyed the sisterhood of Guiding. Thank you to all of you who supported us through your purchases of the chocolate minty cookies. Watch for the Classic cookies in April 2001.
— Jeannie Cosgrove

GOODBYE TO THE RECYCLING TREK! The recycling depot at the municipal yard closes on January 2. However, other services such as yard and garden waste drop-off will continue for Saanich residents. The CRD is closing its recycling depots to avoid duplication of the cost of collection since your household Blue Box accepts the same materials. Call the CRD hotline at 360-3030 if you have queries.



CORDOVA BAY SOCCER CLUB

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THE POPULARITY of soccer has increased dramatically over the past several years. A survey earlier this year showed that hockey registration across Canada had dropped 30% since 1997 whereas soccer registration had increased 70%.

Some reasons for this increase are the exposure that the game has had through both the men's and women's World Cups as well as Canada's success earlier this year in the Gold Cup. Another reason is the affordability of soccer compared to the cost of playing ice hockey.

The Cordova Bay Soccer Club has experienced a significant increase in registration over the past four

years. This year the club has 520 registered players compared to 470 players last year and 320 for the 1996/97 season.

The growth in the popularity of soccer has been with both the boys' and girls' teams. Once again, we have another large group of house league players this year. However, the growth in registration has not just been at the youngest ages. One of our U14 girl's teams has five players who are new to soccer. The increase in registration is also due to players staying in soccer as they get older. Some players will always leave the sport and pursue other interests. However, the pooling of players with the Prospect Lake Soccer Club, for the 11-a-side teams, encourages players to remain in soccer since we can provide a larger number of teams at various skill levels for our players.

Since soccer is a fall and winter sport on Vancouver Island, the season shuts down for a short time over the Christmas period. For most teams, the last scheduled game in 2000 will be on December 9. The season is scheduled to start up again on January 13, 2001, weather and field conditions permitting.

— Mike McGrenere, *President*

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING BY DONATION

The Cordova Bay Soccer Club will be accepting Christmas trees for recycling on Saturday, January 6 and Sunday, January 7 at the Cordova Bay shopping centre from 8:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m. This is a very convenient place to drop off your tree for recycling. And a good way to help the club's fund-raising efforts.

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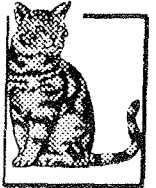
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- * SPCA 388-7722
- * Saanich Pound 475-4321
- * Bulletin Board at the plaza.
- * Make sure your neighbours have a picture and description of your missing pet to circulate.

"Found" ads are free in local newspapers.

The CRD animal shelter is now located at 5401 Patricia Bay Hwy., Phone 658-5745.

We should remember the festive season can be dangerous for our household pets. Kittens and puppies love to bite and chew, and the leaves of house plants such as the pretty poinsetta are deadly poisonous. Other hazards are glass Christmas tree decorations which become the plaything of your cat. The shattered shards can injure tender paws. Plastic decorations are much safer, but shiny lametta strips are dangerous if eaten. If your pets enjoy a treat such as turkey leftovers, remember never to feed them the bones. Turkey bones splinter into sharp slivers when chewed and can cause fatal injury to your pet's digestive system. And as with humans, too much unaccustomed rich food at Christmas and New Year's can upset your pet's digestion and result in panic calls to the vet.

SAFE BOATING TIPS

Laying your boat up for winter

THE WINTER months are almost here. Hopefully you have prepared your boat and your boat's engine for the coming season. Acid, rust and moisture damage can be very costly, and this expense can be spared with a little bit of maintenance. From December to at least the end of March, we tend to have very damp, cold weather, with perhaps a short period of frost.

Cover your boat, remembering to leave openings for air movement to prevent mould and mildew which breeds quickly in our climate. You can use one or two very low-wattage electric heaters. The kind we used were approx. 30 cm square and about 12 cm high - which keep the interior warm and dry.

A light left on in the engine compartment provides warmth. Water coolant should be drained unless anti-freeze is used. To ensure all the water is out, push a screwdriver into the drain hole to ensure all the water has drained. Rust and other crud will often block the opening. Don't forget the impeller pumps, but leave a note to remind yourself that they have been drained!

Stow outboard engines in a vertical position. Fuel tanks are best left full. Add a conditioner to the fuel to stabilize it. The carburettor must be run dry. Sparkplugs should be removed and a 'fogging' solution sprayed into the cylinders through the openings.

Periodically charge the batteries and make sure the electrolyte level is just above the mark. Also ensure that any ship-to-shore power connections are properly grounded. Check your wiring as improper wiring is the main cause of galvanic action. For boats on trailers remove the battery and store it on a wooden block in your garage.

Change the engine oil. Old oil is full of impurities and acid which eats away at metal. Oil should be changed twice a year--regardless.

If your boat has scuppers in the cockpit area (most sailboats do), ensure they are clear and free-flowing. A blockage in this area (depending on the design of your boat) can cause a "bathtub" effect. I

know, I have had the pleasure of getting my feet wet!


Check your mooring lines - allow sufficient slack for "weight difference" should we receive another '96 snowfall.

Above all, check your boat regularly. You never know when that "automatic" bilge pump will stop working.



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Cordova Bay pioneer dies

Cordova Bay lost another link with the past with the death of Leslie Johns in mid-September at the age of 87. Mr. Johns was one of the first permanent residents of our area, his family moving here in 1913. From 1925 to 1958, he helped his parents operate the first year-round grocery and hardware store, known as the Johns General Store. The store and family home was located about one kilometre south of what was then the Little Arctic Confectionery, now known as the Parkview store.

In 1925, milk sold for 10 cents a quart, tea was 25 cents a pound, butter 3 pounds for one dollar and eggs 33 cents a dozen. The milk and eggs came from the family's own cows and chickens. On Tuesdays and Fridays Leslie's father would make the all-day journey by horse and wagon into Victoria to purchase wholesale supplies. Local deliveries were made by Leslie on his pony. The horse and wagon were soon replaced by a Model T Ford. Leslie Johns recently recalled driving this vehicle backwards up Haliburton hill, saying this helped fuel the engine from the gravity feed gas tank located under the front seat.

In those early days, Cordova Bay was only a summer resort and the Johns owned and rented out several beach cottages. Two of them still stand on Cordova Bay Road near Maxine Avenue.

After marrying Olga Crossman in 1946, Leslie raised his family at Fenn Road and later at a home he built at the corner of Cordova Bay Road and Royal Oak Avenue.

For 37 years, he worked for the municipality of Saanich, starting as a water meter reader and ending his career as supervisor of the water department. In 1977 he was awarded a Royal Commemorative Medal as an expression of appreciation for his worthy and devoted service to the community.

He was a long-standing member of the Mount Newton Masonic Lodge and enjoyed fishing, gardening, current affairs and spending time with his family.

Leslie Johns spent his final years at the Lodge at Broadmead and is survived by his wife, Olga, two children, Janet and Ron, son-in-law Barrie Penrice, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

(This tribute was supplied to The Cordovan by Ron Johns, who lives in Prince George).

Association to survey neighbouring groups on need for community centre

FACED with diverging and competing views on the need for a community centre located in Cordova Bay, the association's executive has authorized Inez Cole to contact neighbouring community associations to seek their opinion and possibly conduct a needs assessment survey.

As chair of the Cordova Bay Association's Social Services Committee, Ms. Cole several months ago invited input into a proposal to locate a seniors' activity centre on undeveloped municipally-owned land on Doumac Avenue.

No approach has been made to the municipality on this proposal because the need for a seniors' centre has been compared to the lack of facilities for families and especially youth in the area.

Ms. Cole has also studied the operation of the James Bay Community Centre and the James Bay New Horizons Society.

Inez Cole welcomes opinions from local residents. Phone 658-2300.

Saanich Marine Rescue Society launches funding appeal

FOR the past 21 years, the resources of the Saanich Marine Rescue Society have assisted boaters in distress in the waters on both sides of the Saanich Peninsula.

The 34 volunteer members have responded to more than 100 waterborne incidents each year, using the new rescue vessel *Sidney Titan*, which covers the eastern reaches, including Cordova Bay, and the *Brentwood Dory*, used for response on the Saanich Inlet.

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ICBC picks Cordova Bay for provincial community road safety pilot project

AS A MAJOR PART of a plan to reduce accidents and resulting insurance claims, the Insurance Corporation of B.C. is working to involve communities in what it calls "safety conscious planning."

Cordova Bay has been chosen as the pilot community in a province-wide program to make safety a planning priority. ICBC staffer Kelvin Roberts presented the outline of the project to the November meeting of the Cordova Bay Association board of directors. Board members voted unanimously to work with ICBC to develop a community road safety plan for Cordova Bay.

Roberts, who is a local resident, pointed out that all levels of planning affect safety. He remarked that planners tend to overlook safety, relying on the designers of a project to make it safe. Land use, road networks, bicycles, pedestrians, public transit, the form or nature of roads, and traffic routes all have an impact on road safety, he said.

ICBC is now assuming the role of a safety advocate and is becoming involved in techniques and practices designed to improve road safety and in the training of practitioners, he explained.

Roberts listed a number of safety diagnostics

under two major categories: crucial, and not matters of life and death. His crucial categories included new developments, where mobility but not safety is often surveyed. Existing local areas he mentioned as falling under the crucial category for pedestrians and cyclists are Lochside Drive, Cordova Bay Road, Galloping Goose (Lochside Trail) crossings at Royal Oak Drive, Claremont Avenue, Walema Avenue, Cordova Bay Road at Lochside, and the Mattick's Farm access to Cordova Bay Road. "All these issues need to be identified to minimize risks," he added.

Public transit also came in for criticism as Roberts commented that service in the Cordova Bay area is "not good at all." Coverage, schedules and routing need priority attention while bus shelters are a secondary consideration.

Considering road networks in our area, Roberts said the classification of Lochside Drive (no longer listed as a collector road) and collector streets on the ridge should be high priority. He questioned the status of Cordova Bay Road, which has a 40 kph speed limit, compared to that of Lochside Drive which has a 50 kph limit in the absence of posted signs. Traffic access to Broadmead shopping centre and the Pat Bay Highway are not satisfactory in terms of safety, he said.

Roberts confirmed that the municipality will be involved in the development of a community road safety plan and that funding from both ICBC and Saanich could be expected to assist the project.

Roberts and members of the association executive acknowledged that input from other organizations in the community will be welcomed as the initiative develops.

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