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Public meeting endorses Lochside committee's traffic safety proposals

MOST of 26 recommendations intended to improve traffic safety on Lochside Drive were approved by a well-attended public meeting in late January.

The recommendations were drawn up by the six-member Lochside Drive Advisory Committee elected last October and are being forwarded to Saanich engineering department for consideration.

Committee chairman Max Bacon told the January meeting that while there had been some tension at initial meetings with Saanich engineering department relations were now friendly. "They were as receptive as possible to our suggestions." Speed, rather than volume, turned out to be the major problem with traffic on Lochside Drive, said Mr. Bacon.

Susan Bridges, another member of the committee, told the meeting that while a general direction about speed had to be presented to Saanich, other groups needed to be consulted. In fact, she said, Saanich insisted that all municipal departments, the Capital Regional District, the cycling coalition, local schools, the police and others must be involved.

A significant change in any

approach to controlling speed emerged at the meeting. Speed bumps or humps were unanimously voted against in favour of chicanes, which are spaced at alternate intervals along the side of the road, narrowing it to a single lane for a short distance to restrict and slow traffic flow.

The meeting agreed that while traffic humps would detract from the rural nature of Lochside Drive, chicanes could be landscaped and made attractive.

Other recommendations approved by the meeting, to be formally submitted to Saanich engineering department are:

- * A 30 kph speed limit on Lochside Drive from Royal Oak Drive to Cordova Bay Road at Mattick's Farm, with appropriate signage.

- * Periodic but regular enforcing of the speed limit by Saanich police, issuing tickets instead of warnings.

- * Post "Welcome to the Lochside Trail" signs at the north and south ends and the midpoint of the street, urging users to observe the speed limit.

- * Correct the drainage problems which effectively reduce the already narrow road in wet weather

- * Incorporate the unimproved
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Lochside safety proposals

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portion of Lochside Drive next to McMinn Park into the park to stop any proposals to connect it as a through street.

* Ensure that a traffic safety education program be put in place at Cordova Bay Elementary, Lochside Elementary and Claremont Secondary schools.

* Re-align the intersection of Sea Ridge Drive and Lochside Drive to make a 90-degree angle at the stop sign.

* Install a stop sign at Lochwood Crescent.

* Repair and mark the buried bicycle sensor loop (traffic light activator) at the south side of the Lochside Drive/Royal Oak Drive intersection.

* Install "Lochside Regional Trail" signs at the north and south ends of the unpaved portion on the west side of McMinn park.

* Improve the surface and drainage of the unpaved portion of the road adjacent to McMinn park.

* Install a stop sign on Maxine Lane where it joins Lochside Drive.

* Redesign each end of the unpaved portion of the trail adjacent to McMinn park where it joins the paved road to eliminate the unsightly and dangerous mix of painted rocks and concrete barriers. Improve the sight lines at the north end.

* Improve the sight lines at the intersection of Lochside Drive and Claremont Avenue.

* Install a stop sign on Abbey Road at Lochside Drive.

* Paint white lines on the pavement at all stop signs.

* Implement these recommendations before May 1, 2001, when a sharp increase in cyclists is expected.

An important concept unanimously adopted at the meeting is that proposals intended to control traffic flow and increase safety on Lochside Drive are not solely intended to benefit local residents. As several speakers pointed out, since Lochside Drive is now part of a regional recreational trail, all users will benefit from greater safety measures.



Cordova Bay Softball

It's time to register for the new season

WINTER will soon be over and the time is coming to start thinking about softball season. Registration dates are Feb. 3 and 4 and Feb. 17 and 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day at Lochside Clubhouse.

If these dates have already passed when you read this, please register a.s.a.p. to avoid disappointment by calling Barb Hogg at 658-5245.

If you are between the ages of 20-23 there will be a Citywide Junior C league starting up. Hopefully we will have enough interest to have a team from Cordova Bay. If you are interested please register by calling the phone number above.

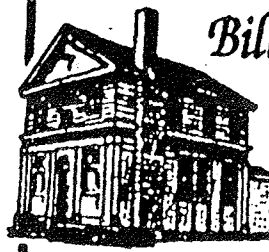
Cordova Bay Softball now has an e-mail address for anyone who has any questions or comments for the Executive. It is cb-softball@excite.com. Another exciting development to note is that our very own web site will soon be up and operating. Hopefully we can give you more information in the next newsletter. Meanwhile enjoy your winter activities and we'll see you in the Spring.

—Don Strugnell, *President*

Is local vandalism on the rise?

THE young and the restless have been taking advantage of the mild winter to enjoy their late-night outdoor drinking sessions in some favourite areas of Cordova Bay.

This has resulted in vandalism to parked cars and private property and the Cordova Bay Association executive will be considering a proposal to invite members of the community to report these incidents. A co-ordinated approach could then be made to Saanich police to institute regular patrols of the "hot spots", usually on Friday nights and at weekends. While Block Watch is effective in combatting break-ins, drinking parties need to be discouraged before they take place. Confrontation with the vandals by residents is best avoided. Watch for further details of the project.



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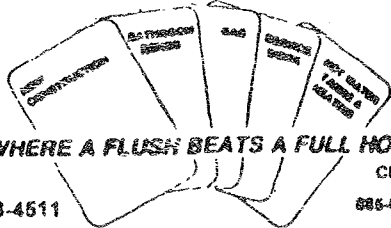
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Christmas cake sales broke records (order early!)

OUR thanks to the people of Cordova Bay! Despite an on-going battle with the elements which may have stressed some of the plants, we managed with the help of our loyal community supporters and the staff at Cordova Bay Variety Store to sell an increased number of Christmas poinsettias.

Christmas cake sales also increased, exceeding the previous year by some 45 percent. We apologize to all those who were disappointed when supplies ran out. Since we have to order before summer it is difficult to estimate the demand. Fortunately, we were able to obtain some extra cakes from the mainland, but we still ran short. More and more customers are pre-ordering their cakes, some as much as a year ahead — certainly by September. While September is too late for ordering from the source of these delicious cakes, it gives us some time in which to search for additional cakes from other clubs.

Do you have an artificial Christmas tree that you are thinking of retiring? Would you consider donating it to the Kiwanis Club of Cordova Bay? Given enough time to check over donated trees to make minor repairs, we can find worthy homes with needy families for a considerable number of trees.

Our experience with artificial trees this past December resulted in dozens of inquiries from families who may have had to do without a tree for their children. So don't just discard your unwanted artificial Christmas tree. Call us. We want it! Phone Mickey Stevens at 727-3625.

Does your boat's safety gear meet the new regulations?

THE Saanich Marine Rescue Society offers a free inspection service to check whether your vessel's safety equipment meets the new regulations. The society points out there have been significant changes in these requirements. To make an appointment for your boat inspection, phone 656-2959

Elk Lake Baptist Church

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

Regular Sunday Services

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

11:00 a.m. Worship service

Visitors are welcome to any services.

Alpha Course: This 10-week course is ideal for anyone who wants to learn more about the Christian faith and/or anyone who would like to inquire into what Christianity really means. The course starts on March 7.

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 — for the musically inclined. This SATB choral group sings a variety of music from traditional, to contemporary, to spirituals, etc. Practices are held every other Tuesday evening.

Youth Group: Our youth group meets three times 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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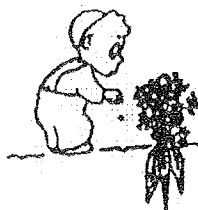
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**Cordova Bay School makes
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THROUGHOUT December, students and staff at Cordova Bay School demonstrated the "Spirit of Giving" by their involvement in a number of community events.

The Grade I classes made Christmas tree decorations and then helped decorate some of the trees at Mattick's Farm. A Grade II class brought in "like new" toys to donate to the Salvation Army while one Grade III class made Christmas decorations for the Cordova Bay Food Forum and another Grade III class wrote Christmas wishes to a local seniors' home.

Grade V students sang to passengers aboard the *Spirit of Vancouver Island* in conjunction with BC Ferries' half-billionth passenger celebration and the primary and intermediate choirs sang at McMorran's and the Vancouver Island Cancer Lodge.

In addition to the service opportunities mentioned, the entire school performed in two Christmas Concerts for Cordova Bay families and friends and everyone was encouraged to donate food to the Salvation Army food drive. The community involvement and service by Cordova Bay students helped show the spirit of giving and continued to promote Cordova Bay School in a positive way.

Kindergarten Registration

Cordova Bay School welcomes families with children born in 1996 to register for kindergarten. Registration for September 2001 takes place throughout the week of February 5 - 9 during regular school hours. Extended registration hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7 to better accommodate working families. Families registering children need to bring proof of address and their child's health care card, along with a birth certificate, baptismal record, or passport. If families have any questions, they are welcome to call the school at 658-5315.

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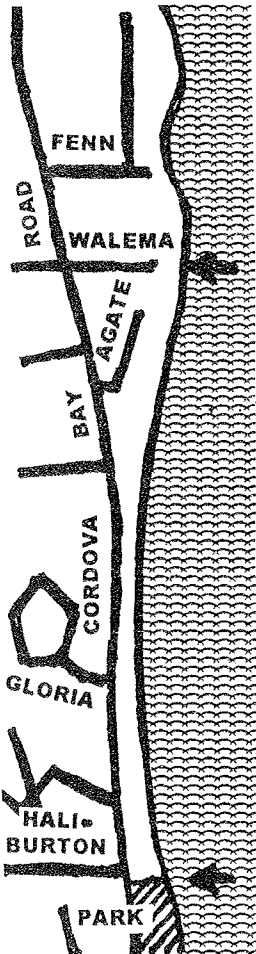
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*It's time to renew your membership of
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Dog Days in Cordova Bay

Following complaints to The Cordovan about dogs running loose in the Mattick's Farm area, we present a brief summary of the municipality's animal regulation bylaw as it applies to dogs.

No person shall "suffer or permit" any dog owned or harboured by him or her or in his or her charge to be in any of the following places unless the dog is confined by leash or chain: any public beach, any lands within Zones C-1 to C-14, M-4, M-5, MFI-CH and MFC-CH, any public building or grounds. This effectively covers most of the municipality.



DOGS are banned from Cordova Bay beach in summer months in area between the arrows

In addition, the bylaw bans dogs outright from these areas: Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, Quick's Bottom, Rithet's Bog, and around King's Pond on the Cedar Hill Park lands.

Most of Cordova Bay beach is one of the areas where dogs, with or without a leash, are banned during the months of May to August, inclusive.

The map on the left shows the specific part of our beach mentioned in the bylaw: from the northerly boundary of Cordova Bay park (lower black arrow) to the southerly boundary of the Walema Avenue right-of-way (upper black arrow).

If any dog is found to be without a valid dog tag, running at large, or on any highway or public place without being on a leash or chain as required by the bylaw, the Pound Inspector may seize the dog and take it to the municipal pound. The fee for a first impoundment is \$35, rising to \$100 for third and subsequent impoundments. Complaints about dogs running loose, and any other apparent breaches of the bylaw, should be made to the Animal Pound at 475-4321, local 4360.

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Good deeds and out door skills keep 5th Tsartlip group busy

THE 5th Tsartlip Scouts and Cubs are still accepting boys and girls. The Cubs (ages 8-10) meet Tuesdays at Cordova Bay United Church from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. under leader Karen Puddy (shebevan@home.com — 721-1235). The Scouts (ages 11-14) meet Wednesdays at Cordova Bay United under leader Roy Reynolds (rreynolds@islandnet.com — 658-0300).

The Cordova Bay Venturers and Scouts thank our community for the 80 bags of non-perishable food donations collected on December 9 for the needy people of Victoria.

The Scouts donated a new supply of emergency water for the Abbeyfield St. Martin's residences, and participated in the Broadmead Lodge Christmas Choral Concert. They helped bring residents to the concert and assisted them around the lodge while singing carols.

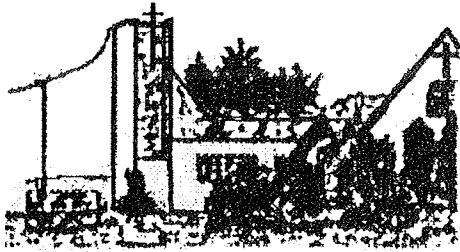
Next month, the Scouts will fill film containers with shampoo for the Open Door Mission. The Venturers will rebuild the community garden for Burnside Lodge Community Association.

The Venturers, Scouts and Cubs are working on their outdoor skills. The Venturers hiked 22 kilometres in seven hours, and with the

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Feb:11 - Special Church School series "Journey to Jerusalem" begins

Feb: 27 - Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall 5 - 7 p.m.

Feb: 28 - Ash Wednesday Service at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4 - Lenten Study offered at St. David's at 10:00 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Apr: 8 - Palm Procession/Passion Sunday

Interchurch service with Anglican, United and Baptist parishes at Elk Lake Baptist at 7:30 p.m.

Apr: 9, 10 and 11 - Eucharist at 10:00 am and 7:00 p.m.

Apr: 12 - Eucharist at 10:00 am (Maundy Thursday) Agape meal/supper at 6:00 p.m. for the whole family. Stripping of the Altar at 7:30 p.m. Vigil in Sanctuary from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 am on Good Friday

Apr: 13 - Good Friday. 10:00 a.m. Meditation on the cross and Stations of the Cross.

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Apr: 15 - Easter Sunday - Festival of the Resurrection

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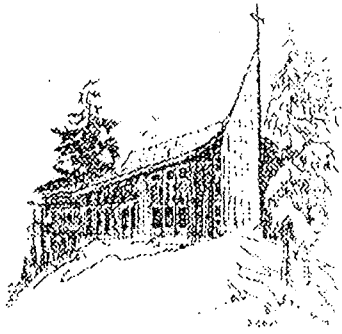
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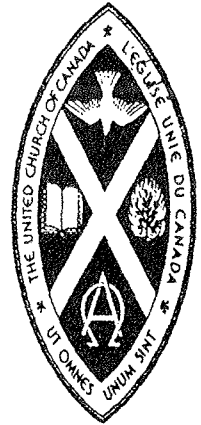
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WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY 10:00 a.m.

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Bible study meets Monday evenings from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Open to those who want to become acquainted with the Bible and those who have some experience already. Emphasis is on how the Bible relates to life experiences, and identifying spiritual issues raised by Biblical passages.

Lenten study meets Monday evenings in March and April, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We will watch and discuss segments of the video "Christianity: The First Millennium,"

Pancake lunch after church on Sunday, February 25 is put on by our youth groups as a fund raiser. Come meet some other people over lunch!

Sunday school meets during church service time, for ages three and up. Children are with their parents for the beginning of the morning service and then go to Sunday School classes after being involved in story time. Newcomers are always welcome.

Men's breakfast is the first and third Saturday of the month, 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Upcoming topics: Palestinian land settlements, origins of the YMCA, outreach in the inner city, how the Gospels view Good Friday and Easter.

Women's groups for discussion and fellowship. Out and About is a social outing or activity once a month. Golf, table games, theatre, beach parties and potlucks are some of the activities. Call the church office for details of the next event.

Youth groups for Grades 6 – 12 offer games, discussion, service to Church and community, camp outings. Open to people from the Church or the wider community.

See the next issue of The Cordovan for Easter service details.

direction of a local zoologist have completed their Conservation badge with the study of bats and the building and installing of bat houses in the rural community. In December, the Scouts backpacked into a campsite and set up camp.

From the campsite they hiked to various other locations. They reinforced their outdoor and night hiking skills, using observation, compass and mapping. While hiking they used the GPS. Trips have been taken to Mt. Douglas Park, Elk Lake and Mt. Work.

In preparing for a winter camp to Tugwell Lake they will hike over Mt. Work with all their supplies required for the winter camp. A winter weekend is planned in Courtney. During the weekend they plan to use cross-country skis and snowshoes. A spring and summer camp are planned with other Victoria Scouts. These Scouts plan to return to Craig-X indoor climbing centre to improve these skills before using them outdoors.

The Cubs have completed a weekend camp at Camp Bernard and have completed their Black Star requirements. Sail training is planned for the spring, when the Scouts aim to complete the three levels up to White Sail III

Association membership changes to coincide with calendar year

The Cordova Bay Association executive has adopted the calendar year as a simpler basis for membership, which now runs from January 1 to December 31. Cost remains at a modest \$3 per person or \$5 per household. If you have recently renewed your membership and wish to make an adjustment in your payment for 2001, please phone David Gerrior at 658-4836. To start or renew your membership for 2001, please mail this form with your cheque to :

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Ridge Playhouse: Watch for "Razzle Dazzle Broadway" in May! "Whatever Happened to Archy

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Claremont Parents' Association meetings are always held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Members of the community are welcome to attend!

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CORDOVA BAY SOCCER CLUB

Full season ahead for keen local players

THE SECOND half of the soccer season is now underway with cooler temperatures and wetter days. Colourful umbrellas and winter coats can be seen around the soccer fields on Saturdays and Sundays. The players don't seem to mind the conditions. It is not very often that they are able to run around getting wet and muddy with their parents cheering!

Provincial and District Cup games for both boys and girls teams (U12 to U18) will take place during the next two months. All of our teams will compete in one or both of these competitions. At the mini-soccer level (six a side), the teams will have the opportunity to compete in one or more weekend tournaments hosted by other Lower Island clubs. Most of these tournaments are held in March.

The World Cups Soccer Tournament will be held again at Lochside Park on the Easter weekend in April. This will be the 15th year for this tournament and planning is well underway. Michael Marshall is the tournament co-ordinator.

World Cups is unique in that players enter as individuals and are placed on teams with players who they may have competed against during the soccer season. Frank Leversedge and the Cordova Bay United soccer team initiated the format for this tournament in 1986, the year that Canada played in the World Cup in Mexico.

One of the initiatives that is happening locally with the organization of soccer is the merger of the Lower Island Youth Soccer Association with the Lower Island Girls Soccer Association.

All of the Lower Island clubs agreed that it would be better to have one organizing body for soccer to improve the governance of soccer in the district and to achieve administrative efficiencies with registration, scheduling, cup play and with district wide player/coaches development programs.

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Other resources:

- * 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.

Christmas and New Year's produced a rash of lost pets, ranging from the usual dogs and cats, to rabbits and even one or two large birds. Fortunately, most of the absentees returned home in due course, but there are a couple still at large. If you see an animal which appears to be lost, please advise us. We may have been asked to look out for it by its owner.

There was a good response to the proposal to start a Cordova Bay Book Club, but a few more members are needed. Please phone Daphne at 658-4030 if you are interested in joining a reading group.

Safe Boating

Care and commonsense add to the pleasures of canoeing

Ah, how well I remember the day, almost 30 years ago, when we bought our very first boat — a sleek and slender 16 ft. canoe. She was shiny and beautiful, and moved quickly and stealthily through the water.

Unlike most canoes ours did not have much freeboard, but she was capable of carrying a fairly heavy load and was very stable. We had two young children at the time, and in order to make them comfortable, we built a seat with a backrest amidships, where they sat side by side. They grew up loving the outdoors, and finally our elder son took the canoe to Calgary with him, where he learnt to navigate the lakes and rivers with ease. A lot of years have passed but the enjoyment and safety factors remain the same:

Always wear a lifejacket. Choose a design that is comfortable and allows for ease of paddling. **Pack all gear** into waterproof bags. Properly strapped into the canoe, they provide the advantage of additional floatation should the canoe become swamped. The new vinyl bags with a "roll over" seal are ideal. Remember to **keep your centre of gravity low** — kneel rather than sit. When you need extra stability, hold the paddles out on either side, flat side down, on the water. **Carry an extra paddle and that very essential bailer.** Wear **protective clothing and lotions** for the sun, weather and the insects. The clothing should be bright so other boaters can see you more easily. **Keep a wary eye out for waves**, your attention can easily be diverted and you can be caught unexpectedly, coming from broadside they can tip you over. If you capsize **stay with the canoe.** (Here two canoes are invaluable, as the capsized canoe is lifted up across the other, righted and slipped back into the water). If alone try to right her, and if possible, push her to shore. If the shore is distant, try rocking the water out by grasping the gunwale amidships and vigorously pushing downward.

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Recollections & History of Cordova Bay and Elk Lake, written by Cordova Bay resident Anne Pearson, is on sale at the Cordova Bay Variety Store.

A new community justice initiative



If you are like me, you live preventively where the police are concerned, meaning you try to live arms length from the "law". Am I right? There's good reason for our attitude. Our adversarial system of justice with its police, Crown, lawyers, judges, etc. makes legal problems the business of the State, A Connor vs. Regina (the Queen) case would leave me pretty much an observer.

Another way to address harm done is through the lens of Restorative Justice. It frames the offence in a way that makes sense to victims especially. When one approaches a hurtful action as an injury not to the State but to the victim and the community, the Restorative Justice process calls for a face-to-face meeting of the parties to find a way out that satisfies the victim. Most often, the victim wants to have the offender understand the impact of his/her harmful act, expecting that most offenders (of course, not all) are human, with capacity for empathy and reason.

Many local communities on Vancouver Island, and in fact throughout Canada, have set up a Community Accountability Program. In Central Saanich, for example, police officers refer cases appropriate for a community conference to the Peninsula Cross Roads Community Justice Program. Trained facilitators, all volunteers, carry out the work.

If you belong to an organization which would like to have a speaker come to one of your meetings and provide more information about Restorative Justice in Saanich, please contact me, Etta Connor, Chair, Peninsula Cross Roads Community Justice Program, at 658-892 or email: etta@connor.bc.ca. Fax: 658-8110.

Gardener's plea gets good response

Diana Morgan thanks the nine readers of The Cordovan who responded to her appeal for space to grow vegetables, featured in the last issue. She's happily cultivating away at the home of a delightful couple in their nineties who live in Sunnymead. Now Diana is seeking a good second-hand bicycle to make the trip from her Cordova Bay Rd. home easier. Her phone number is 658-1546.



Girl Guides
of Canada
Guides
du Canada

Sealake
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Wide age-group of girls and young women find fun and challenge

OR THOSE of you who are not aware of what Girl Guides is all about, I thought I would tell you a little about the organization. The Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada - is part of an international organization. Membership in Guiding is voluntary and is open to all girls and women (regardless of race, social class, nationality, religion or any other circumstances) who are prepared to make the Guide Promise: "I promise to do my best: To be true to myself, my God/faith and Canada; I will help others, And accept the Guiding Law."

Sparks, the youngest branch of Guiding, is a place for five and six year old girls to make and develop new friendships. The program is fun, experienced-based and non-competitive. The meetings are structured around three areas: "Sharing with Others," "The World Around Us" and "Myself." The Spark program is a two-year program.

Brownies is an experienced-based, developmentally appropriate program for seven and eight year olds and is above all, fun for the girls. It is based on the premise that girls learn best by doing. The program has been designed so that girls have the opportunity to do things, to be active, to have fun and to practise the concepts of friendship, cooperation and helping others. The Brownie program is a two-year program and the girls build on skills they learn each year. The program focuses on the three areas of "People," "Outdoors" and "Today & Tomorrow."

Guides participate in a three year program usually including girls 9 to 11 years of age. An activity-based approach has been taken so that girls can do things, have fun and achieve the goals of the program all at the same time. The Guide program is divided into three Challenge levels focusing on: "Community," "Outdoor Environment," "Horizons and Future." The Guide level girls tend to do more tenting (to earn the Camping emblems) after learning about residential camping in Brownies.

Pathfinders are 12 to 14 year olds who find many challenges and opportunities for service in their program. Girls of this age group must make many choices and decisions each day. The Pathfinder program is divided into emblems of: "Be Prepared," Camping, Community, Home, Leadership, Outdoor, World.

Senior Branches are young women of 15 to 17 years who can chose to be in one of three programs: Cadets, Junior Leaders or Rangers. Opportunities are presented to enhance leadership and life skills. Adventure and independence are their focus. The girls gain practical experience as leaders in the other branches of Guiding as well as planning and leading their own activities.

Girls are welcome to join the age-appropriate branch of Guiding at any time. As the girls mature, they are given more responsibility for decision-making within their unit. This can take the form of preparing for an Outlook badge on their own all the way up to planning and organizing all aspects of a weekend camp. If you would like more information about Guiding, please contact Jeannie Cosgrove at 658-5687.

Of course, Girl Guides are well known for their cookies which will be available near the end of April. Stay tuned.

Phone service offers help and information for seniors

SENIORS Link (382-4331) is a free telephone service operated by Seniors Serving Seniors, providing a reference service on many topics, ranging from housing to transportation, home care to personal support. The volunteer staff is trained to answer questions, and also to help callers determine what services would best meet their specific needs. The service is available to everyone (not only seniors) and operates from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Do we need a community centre? asks Inez Cole

FIRST of all, just what is a community centre? Community centres are neighbourhood focused and governed, providing a wide range of programs, services and social support responsive to the physical, emotional and needs of people in the community.

Typically, programs can cover such things as health clinics and health education, youth clinics and resource centres, family resource centres, counselling, seniors' activities and general community services. While some of these programs are available in the municipality of Saanich there is a need for them to be more community focused.

Such a project would, of course, require a building or a building site and funding. At present, the municipality owns several plots of land which it is uncertain what to do with, especially in the general area of Royal Oak, Broadmead and Cordova Bay. Of these, Royal Oak is an ideal location because it is well-served by public transport.

There are various governmental and non-governmental sources available for funding, and the concept would be to start small and gradually grow big.

We have as models the Peninsula Community Services based in Sidney, the James Bay Community Project and the Fairfield Centre. Saanich has nothing similar.

If you are willing to support the concept of such a project for this area, please write, phone or fax Sheila Orr, the Saanich councillor involved in community initiatives, at Saanich Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Ave., Victoria, B.C. V8X 2W7, phone 475-1775, fax 475-5400.

For more information or to discuss this proposal, phone Inez Cole at 658-2300, or Daphne Chazottes at 658-4030.

Inez Cole chairs the Social Services Committee of the Cordova Bay Association.

Saanich Community Association Network seeks restrictions on drive-through restaurants

A LOOPHOLE in Saanich's zoning bylaws which would allow drive-through restaurants in several commercial zones should be blocked by amending the bylaws, according to the Saanich Community Association Network.

The network (SCAN) which represents more than 15 community groups in the municipality, has written to Saanich council pointing out that the municipal planner's report on changes to commercial zones which would remove these restaurants as a permitted use in zones C-3 and C-7 still allows them as a permitted use in zone C-3.

Written by Vic Derman, SCAN chairman, the letter says: "SCAN members reviewed the locations of the C-3 zone in Saanich and are of the opinion that some existing areas zoned C-3 would not be suitable for drive-through restaurants. In one case, for

example, a small C-3 zone is located at a busy "T" intersection immediately adjacent to an elementary school. With this information in mind, SCAN members unanimously passed a resolution requesting that the C-3 zone be amended to remove drive-through restaurants as a permitted use.

"If this step is taken, drive-through restaurants could only be located in existing C-3 zones after a change in zoning. This would allow Council to control the location of drive-throughs and provide an opportunity for full public input..."

The Cordova Bay Association executive recently appointed Inez Cole as its representative on SCAN, in her capacity as chair of the Social Services Committee.

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