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Newsletter of the Cordova Bay Association

Custom evening service planned for Cordova Bay bus route

CONTRARY TO RUMOUR, Cordova Bay's No. 32 bus is not being discontinued. In fact, evening service which ended last September will be partially restored by using handyDART vans to shuttle passengers to and from the Royal Oak exchange and their own doorsteps after the regular No. 32 stops running at 8:00 p.m. each evening.

The pilot project should begin by late June or early July and will be evaluated after three months and again after six months of service.

The vans will leave the Royal Oak exchange twice during the evening, at 8:50 and 10:05 p.m. These times will connect with the No. 31 Royal Oak Exchange bus arriving at 8:45, the No. 6 Quadra bus arriving at 8:48, the No. 31 bus arriving at 10:01 and the No. 6 bus arriving at 10:00 p.m. The vans will accept bus transfers and drop passengers off at their homes in Cordova Bay.

Persons wanting to travel downtown in the evening hours will have to phone the handyDART office for a pickup at their homes or at a designated bus stop. Passengers will be taken to the Royal Oak exchange where they can transfer to scheduled bus services.

The Victoria Regional Transit Commission, which unanimously approved the proposal last month, heard from commission president R. H. Irwin that although ridership on the Cordova Bay

route is moderate, it could increase with current development in the area. Ridership on the evening No. 32 route averaged three persons per trip, he reported, and almost all complaints received when this service was cancelled related to the needs of young people using transit to get home from school or work.

One advantage of the handyDART service, said Mr. Irwin, is that it will eliminate the difficult uphill walk from Cordova Bay Road to many homes. Another advantage for the commission is that if nobody wanted to transfer to handyDART at the Royal Oak exchange, or dial-up handyDART to ride to the exchange at a given time, the vans would not run, saving cost.

All bus stop signs in the area and *Rider's Guide* information will be revised to explain the evening dial-a-ride service.

As with many transit services, the old axiom that if you don't use it you'll lose it could apply. "A final recommendation on continuation, modification or elimination will be brought forward after reliable performance figures are available," says the report.

The total cost per hour of the alternative service for the commission will be \$36.64, compared to \$56.31 for the conventional service over the same time of day.

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Haliburton Farm gears up for a fall sod-turning ceremony

By Gracie MacDonald

SEED CATALOGUES have arrived and the kale is finally growing, a sure sign that it's time to start planting peas and rows of spinach. At Haliburton Farm, however, plowing is still a few months away as local governments continue to negotiate the final details of a land transfer that must happen before the farm can go from paper plans to work parties. For our community, the time lag between last spring's announcement and the first sod-turning (hopefully this fall!) has turned out to be a good thing. It has meant more time for planning, community input and expert advice.

Farm neighbours and others will be invited to a meeting later this spring to provide input into future plans for this priceless part of Cordova Bay history. Look for dates and times of this important event in your mailbox and in the local media.

So far, plans for the farm include restoring the old orchard, creating working micro-farms managed by young farmers, protecting and creating bird habitats, and public trails. There will also be an educational centre where children, youth and adults can learn about food growing, bone up on the latest gardening tips or even take in a workshop on preserving your own harvest.

As well as this spring's neighbourhood input meeting the farm society welcomes new members and volunteers to join in our exciting project. Members will receive a quarterly newsletter as well as discounts at our celebratory and educational farm events. Annual memberships are \$30 for individuals, \$50 for families, obtainable from the Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society, 7678 Westbury Road, Victoria, B.C. V8Y 1G7. Phone 652-4668

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Sea Ridge Drive safety survey draws a crowd

MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE attended a recent open house to discuss safety measures for accident-prone Sea Ridge Drive.

Sponsored by Saanich municipality, the mid-January meeting was conducted by Boulevard Transportation group and included a representative from Saanich police department.

The street's history of accidents, including a fatality when a cyclist struck a deer, was outlined and four possible traffic-calming solutions were presented. Those attending were invited to register their preference for one of these options:

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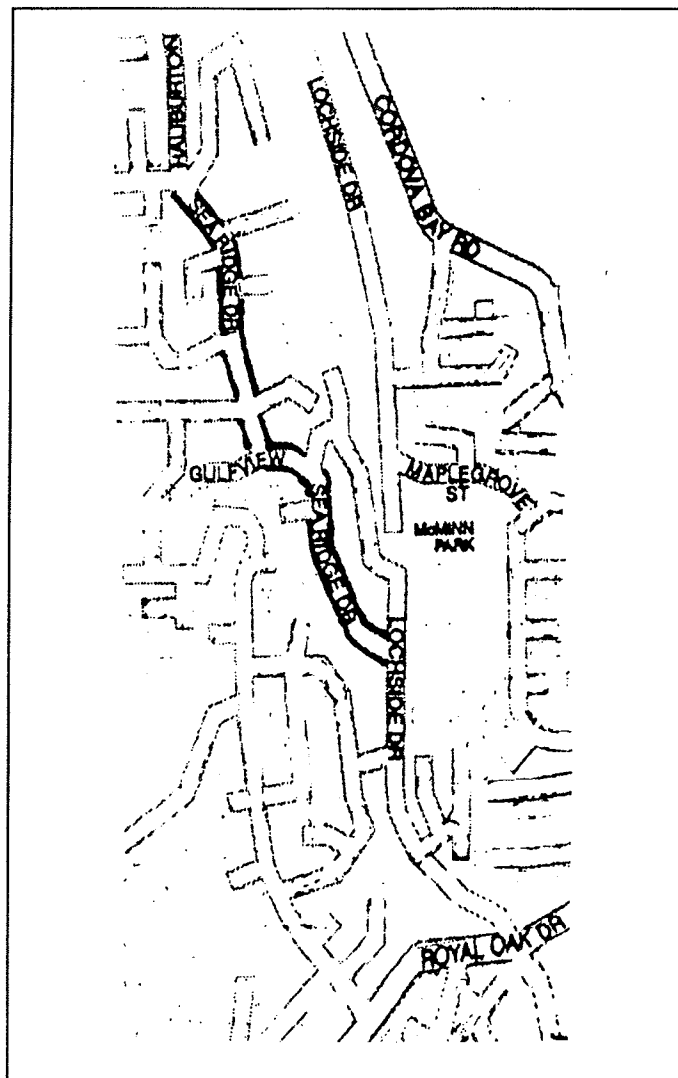
Road narrowing only at a cost of \$500.

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A traffic circle at a cost of \$5,000.

The majority of accidents have occurred in the vicinity of the Gulfview Place-Searidge Drive intersection, the meeting was told. Excessive speed of southbound traffic heading downhill, plus crossing the centre line, was the major cause.

For young cyclists lacking experience in controlling their bicycles, the steep slope is especially dangerous said several witnesses to accidents.



Searidge Drive twists and turns on its way downhill. It has seen several accidents and near misses.

Here's your chance to serve your community

THERE are six vacancies on the executive committee of the Cordova Bay Association which need to be filled at the annual general meeting. Five of the positions are for two-year terms, and the sixth is for one year.

The CBA is one of the most active and respected community organizations in the Capital Region and is increasingly consulted by residents and the District of Saanich, especially

in the key areas of traffic, planning and zoning. Meetings are held once a month, in the evenings, and usually run from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. If you are concerned with our community's future, please consider volunteering a few hours of your time.

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Community association monitors Trio ready-mix commitment to close down

RESPONDING to the concerns of the Cordova Bay Association about the future of the Trio Ready-mix Ltd. operation on Cordova Bay Road, a Saanich spokesman says the municipality could seek a court order if the company does not close the ready-mix and sand and gravel operation by September.

Kevin Weir, who chairs the CBA's planning committee, sought an assurance from Mayor Frank Leonard that Trio would shut down as promised under a restrictive covenant which forms part of rezoning approval.

"We have received many inquiries from residents of Cordova Bay about the closure of Trio," wrote Mr. Weir. "Our understanding is that the shut down is to be effective as of September 2003. I have spoken with Mrs. Diana McLaren, owner of Trio, and she has asked CBA to be patient, as they are preparing to make a public statement in approximately two months' time."

Replying on behalf of the mayor, Mr. Chris Nation, the municipality's lawyer, noted the Gravelmart business is not covered by the restrictive covenant but that Trio has been reminded several times of its obligation to close the ready-mix and sand and gravel operation.

"I have no reason to doubt Trio's intentions to respect the agreement," added Mr. Nation. "I understand Trio is now actively pursuing a subdivision of the property to divide it into the different zoned areas." Trio and the company's solicitor have met with Saanich planning department representatives to discuss their plans, he added.

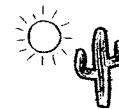
"If Trio did not close down the operation by the September deadline the municipality would have the option of seeking a court order to enforce the covenant."

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Cordova Bay Soccer Club

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As those involved in soccer at Lochside Park will have noticed the fields are just now starting to break down in some areas. Although this is inevitable over time due to the volume of playing that the field see, our hats are off once again to our friends at the Saanich Parks Department for their tireless efforts and continued support in keeping the surface of the field playable.

All teams are preparing for tournaments at this time of year; the mini's for local club organized tournaments and the older teams for local district or B.C. cup play-downs. Good luck to all players and coaches involved; and a reminder to all; while winning is nice being involved and playing the game is what is really important.

Preparations are well underway for our annual "World Cups" festival of soccer held on the Easter week-end. We are looking forward to another great turn-out. Hopefully the sun will shine once again and give us all a wonderful week-end of fun-filled soccer. Again the club is indebted to Mr. Michael Marshall for his tireless efforts behind the scenes to make this festival a reality.

The annual general meeting of the club will be held in May and I encourage all interested parents and club members to attend. The meeting will be held at the clubhouse at Lochside Park. Date and time have yet to be set but I am hoping for a well-attended meeting.

Until then let's hope the rains stay away or least only fall in the reservoir. See you all on the side lines.

—Stuart Wills, President.

CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Cordova Bay Association will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cordova Bay United Church hall, Claremont Avenue.

The meeting will begin with a public session with Mayor Frank Leonard as guest speaker. There will be a question period.

Following a coffee and conversation break the formal Annual General Meeting will be held, open to members of the Cordova Bay Association only. Memberships are available for \$3 for individuals and \$5 for families from David Gerrior, 5239 Worthington Road, phone 658-4836.

The AGM agenda will include: * Minutes of the last AGM, April 25, 2002. * Report of the President. * Annual financial report. * Executive committee recommendations for changes to the bylaws. Details to be mailed to members of the association. * Election of five directors to the executive: report of the nominating committee: nominations from the floor. * Unfinished business. * New business and * Adjournment.



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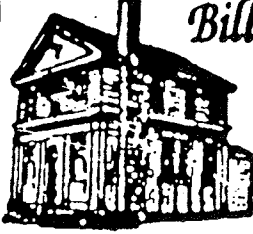


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International events highlight February Guides' meetings

FEBRUARY is traditionally a time for international events at Guide meetings. The girls are challenged to become better citizens of the world by learning about other cultures. During weekly meetings year-round each of the branches of Guiding have lots of fun learning life skills. For example, Guides practice first aid techniques, learn how to use a hammer and saw or explore the world of money.

The Brownies may have a visit from a police officer to learn the proper way of riding a bicycle, or practice healthy living at a fun-filled sleepover. And the Sparks sing songs, play games and make gifts like bath salts for others.

During December and January the girls were very busy with events in the community. The groups participated in the Sidney Santa parade this year and were very well received at the beginning of December when they sang for some of the residents of Broadmead Lodge. The girls are looking forward to returning with a slightly different performance next time.

The girls will soon be selling the traditional yummy Girl Guide cookies in vanilla and chocolate flavours. If you have not been visited or seen the girls by the middle of April please give me a call at 658-5687.

CBA memberships for the calendar year 2003 are now due. Please mail your cheque for \$3 for individuals, \$5 for a family, to David Gerrior, 5239 Worthington Rd., Victoria, B.C. V8Y 2T8



Cordova Bay area benefits from Rotary projects

THE ROTARY Club of Saanich Sunrise is a chartered club of Rotary International. It was formed in February 1995, originally as the Rotary Club of Royal Oak. Our club is one of 10 Rotary clubs in the Greater Victoria area, with weekly meetings held at the new Howard Johnson's motel every Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. Previously we met at McMorran's Beachside Resort in Cordova Bay and the Royal Oak golf club.

Projects currently under way include constructing and stocking an emergency kiosk on Interurban Road. This is a joint effort with the Strawberry Vale Residents' Association and has the support of the Saanich Fire Department and B.C. Hydro. Our members assisted in building the concrete base, installing and painting the former Hydro box.

We are also offering substantial financial assistance to the Mount Newton Centre and Oak Bay Lodge. We have completed several service projects in the immediate geographic area of Royal Oak/Cordova Bay including a bus shelter at the Lodge at Broadmead and benches at Saanich Commonwealth Place.

A large project which took two years to complete is the park adjacent to the Commonwealth Place complex. We constructed this complete with playground equipment and it is used by children aged three to seven attending day care at Commonwealth Place. The land is owned by the Municipality of Saanich.

Four of our members travelled to Guatemala in 2000 as part of a team of 12 Rotarians who assisted 31 families living in a remote village. These people were in desperate need

Our members brought medical supplies and constructed a few simple houses, leaving materials for the villagers to complete many more.

We are involved with young people in providing a bursary, sending and hosting them through our international youth exchange program and sponsoring student travel. Our club has sent Claremont Secondary School students to Ottawa as part of the Adventures in Citizenship program.

Rotary International has established Rotary districts throughout the world. Our district includes Vancouver Island and western Washington State. There are 10 international districts in Canada. We work with other Rotary Clubs and agencies both in our district and throughout the world on projects that provide much-needed services in Third World countries. For example, the PolioPlus program is aimed at helping international aid agencies and governments to eradicate polio and certify the world polio-free by 2005, Rotary's centennial. To date, Rotary has contributed \$373 million to protect more than one billion children.

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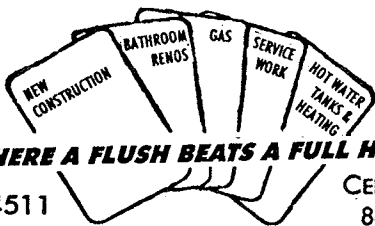
—*Jim Cunningham.*

Community Services Director.

Here's a chance to serve your great community

THERE ARE six vacancies to be filled on the executive of the Cordova Bay Association at the annual general meeting on April 24 and the nominating committee is now seeking candidates. The CBA is one of the most active and respected community associations in Greater Victoria and is regularly consulted by Saanich municipality on major local issues. For more information on how you can serve your community, please phone Susan Bridges at 658-6070 or email her at sbridges@shaw.ca.

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What makes dogs dangerous?

MAN'S BEST FRIEND has been getting some bad press lately as a result of horrifying attacks causing serious injuries. The accusing finger points at specific breeds such as pitbulls, mastiffs and Rottweilers. But animal experts are arguing that there are no problem dogs, only problem owners.

"A well-trained, neutered Rottweiler will probably make a much better pet than a poorly-socialized dachshund," says Randall Lockwood, of the U.S. Humane Society. However, the U.S. insurance industry has listed nine breeds that liability claims suggest are at high risk for biting and may involve their owners in additional insurance coverage. They are: American Staffordshire terrier, boxer, pitbull terrier, chow chow, Doberman pinscher, German shepherd, Great Dane, Rottweiler and Siberian husky.

The Humane Society says the typical perpetrator is usually a family pet, not a stray, and the victims are usually children. Most bites occur while the dog is leashed, fenced, chained or indoors. Nearly half of all attacks occur on the street, sidewalk or alley adjacent to the dog owner's property.

The solution is to make sure your dog is trained and properly socialized. Keeping a dog chained up in the yard is likely to produce an aggressive guard dog, not a pet.

THE CORDOVAN

Late forties were a social whirl in Cordova Bay

WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN the heydays of the community club association are reported in the 1957 issues of *Spindrift* as they looked back nine years to the late forties.

"The C.B.C.C. presented an entertainment of outstanding merit March 31, attended by about 300 enthusiastic children and grown-ups," wrote the editor in the April, 1957 issue. "Mickey Mouse films were followed by pictures of big game in the African jungle. William Harkness, the well-known magician, did quite impossible things with lighted cigarettes and razor blades. The Eagles Concert Party of 16 members contributed vocal and instrumental numbers and comedy acts that kept the house rocking. Douglas Fletcher arranged the affair and proceeds went to the building fund.

"The S.O.S. Girls' Club celebrated their third birthday with a masquerade in McMorran's Pavilion. Games, dancing and ping-pong were enjoyed. Special guests were coach Noel Andrew and the McMorran family.

"Violet nosegays fashioned by Dell Leith were prizes given to Mrs. Buzza, Mrs. Mackenrot and Miss A. Lindstrom at the St. Patrick's card party. The marriage of Miss Marjorie Sears to Bruce McMorran took place March 16, 1948." — *Spindrift*, "Nine Years Ago", March 1957.

"A cut representing a section of 'Tent Town' in 1919 appeared in *Spindrift* along with some reminiscences contributed by Louis Schmelz. An article headed 'Overflow attendance at functions demonstrates need for community hall' called for support of the drive for donations. \$600 had been received up to that time.

"Hilda Andrew was featured in Vignette by I.S.K. The Wharf family were inter-

viewed in 'Know Your Neighbour.' Noel Andrews was the writer of 'Slow — 20 Miles Speed Limit' and Chas. Howorth sent in an appeal for names to a petition for better lighting in the Bay.

"Ken Genn, charter member and first president of the Club, retired as chairman of the *Spindrift* Publication Committee and was succeeded by David Radford, charter member and past president.

"On a count by Robert Sutcliffe an average of 300 cars passed through Cordova Bay on a Sunday between 3 and 5 p.m.

"A May 7 concert was presented in McMorran's Hall under the sponsorship of the Girls' Club to raise money for sports equipment. Elsie Nelson and Ann Howorth were in a skit. A group of Cubs: Dennis Adrian, Brian Sinkinson, Ian Ross, Roy Kellow, David Genn and Jimmie Wastell sang in groups and solos. David McMorran played a piano solo. Joan and Susan Standen tap-danced. Vivian, Norma and Alameda delighted with vocal and piano duets. Taking parts in other skits and a burlesque dance were Evelyn Neilson, Donna and Jean Brown, Margaret Day, Anne Milewski, Judy deBlois, Shirley Mackenzie, Marian Buchanan, Bernice Liddiard, Lorraine Halliday and Ruth Thompson." *Spindrift*, "Nine Years Ago," June 1957.

Here is a quote from the January 1948 issue explaining the meaning of the word "Spindrift." "Spindrift is born when the wind strikes the top of a wave so strongly it forms a spray. ... A parallel may be drawn between the marine spindrift and our paper *Spindrift* which disseminates news and opinions over the Bay, the best of which will likewise be absorbed into the mass to benefit the community."




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New members sought to boost community projects

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One of the best installation nights in recent memory, in the words of our secretary, Dave Osborne, was held on October 9. Tom Jarvie took over the reins of office from Sherrie Galey, remarking that he was pleased to be following in her footsteps, but not the high heels. Sherrie has become vice-president. Dave Osborne and Al Willman returned as secretary and treasurer respectively.

Surrounded by our most loyal supporters (our wives) it was a pleasure to welcome two Lieutenant-Governors, one past and one present—Beulah and Vanna. Oak Bay club members also attended and our guest speaker was Dianne Murray from Saanich Parks & Recreation. Refreshments and flowers were provided by thoughtful members Fred Hauphoff and Ursula Willman.

Dianne brought us up to date on the Lochside Park project, and plans were circulated to show how things are progressing.

As a club we now have representation at the Cordova Bay Community Hall board meetings. We look forward to 2003 as being a time to



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10:00 a.m. **Tenebrae Service**. Easter Sunday, April 20: 7:00 a.m. **Sunrise Service** on the beach in front of 5151 Cordova Bay Rd. 10:00 a.m. **Easter Intergenerational Service** in the Sanctuary.

MID WEEK GROUPS

Mondays, March 10 – April 21: 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. **LENTSCAPE** is a seven-part series. A half-hour video is followed by discussion. The sessions are: (1) Is popularity worth it? (2) When is anger justified? (3) How do we choose our leaders? (4) How do I know God's will? (5) Is 'justice' really served? (6) What price faith? (7) Can people really change? Each session is based on a scripture.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group. (First and third Saturdays of the month)

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Afternoon Women's Group: 1:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Evening Women's Group: 7:30 p.m., 4th Tuesday of the month.

Mothers' Morning Out program: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (1st Friday of the month). Babysitting is provided. Contact Tanya McCracken (658-4094) or Janet Bowers (727-3851).

move forward for the community hall and it is hoped we shall be able to help in any way possible. It would be great to be involved in a project concerning the Community Hall and live up to our motto: "WE BUILD."

Our December poinsettia and Christmas cake sale was a success and we were fortunate to sell all the plants and all the cakes. For those of you who bought, we say thank you. For those who left it too late we can only offer our condolences and wish you luck next season.

Spouses, members and friends gathered at the

Fireside Grill on December 10 to celebrate Christmas. Each couple brought along a craft item for a silent auction. The articles submitted ranged from beautiful needlework to tasty delicacies. The auction raised \$74, which was sent to the Mustard Seed.

Donations to the needy this Christmas included four food banks, the Seniors' Christmas Hamper Society and a donation to the YM/YWCA Camp Thunderbird to cover the cost of sending a youngster to this camp next summer. It is our intention to continue with the three bursaries to Camosun College and the School Books Award program.

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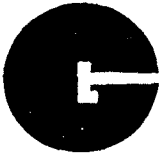
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School planning council seeks active members

AS WE ENTER the new calendar year, the school year carries on with many changes on the horizon. The largest change will be the introduction of School Planning Councils (SPCs) with the aim of formally acknowledging the importance of parent involvement in improving student achievement.

At Cordova Bay school parents have long been involved in supporting staff, students and continued school growth. Our SPC will be comprised of three elected parent members, one elected staff member and either the principal or vice-principal.

The primary role of the SPC will be to prepare and submit the Annual School Plan. This plan describes particular areas of focus for the school in order to support student achievement. Reports will be assessed and revised on an annual basis.

This is an exciting opportunity for parents to become active members in their school and to support continued student success.

Any parents interested may either contact the school or the Parent Advisory Council president at 658-5315.

—Scott Stinson
Acting Principal

Volunteers needed to deliver The Cordovan

THERE are still two routes requiring volunteers to deliver The Cordovan five times a year. Cordova Bay Road from Maxine Lane to Totem Lane including D'Arcy involves 43 households while the McMorran Way, McMorran Place, Sloan Terrace and Elliott Place route serves 70 households.

If you can help deliver your popular community newsletter, please phone co-ordinator Margaret Moore at 658-8789 The longer route could be divided if enough volunteers are forthcoming.

Walkways, bike lanes and traffic calming proposed for road in Mt. Douglas park

SAANICH Engineering Department has unveiled plans designed to make Cordova Bay Road through Mount Douglas Park safer and more attractive.

An open house held last month at the Quality Resort Sea View, in the middle of the area involved, drew a steady crowd which viewed diagrams of the extensive changes proposed.

The original design concept for Cordova Bay Road from Cedar Hill Road through the park to Blenkinsop Road was approved by Saanich council in 1997. In 1998 construction of the section from Ash Road to the northwest boundary of Mt. Douglas park was completed. This refined completion of the project provides for narrower traffic lanes (3.25 metres instead of the typical 3.65 metres), textured concrete crosswalks, a raised concrete traffic island and a gateway feature identifying the area.

It is planned to start construction this summer.

Classified as a major road, the thoroughfare is used by more than 13,500 vehicles a day. It has seen 58 accidents since 1996 from Ash Road to Blenkinsop road—an average of eight accidents a year.

The project will include the installation of sewers, improved storm drains located under the proposed bicycle lanes and pedestrian footpaths, upgrading of the water main system and new fire hydrants along Cordova Bay Road.

Coffee chat club moves to McMorran's

THE CORDOVA Bay Association coffee and chat club which meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. has moved to McMorran's restaurant. Coffee, tea and good company are provided at minimum cost. Singles and couples are welcome. For more information phone 658-2300.

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Anonymous campaign opposes Lochside 'facelift' proposals

AN ANONYMOUS letter distributed to Lochside Drive households late last month warns residents that their landscape/streetscape is "under attack."

"Several Lochside residents have viewed Saanich's plan and have expressed significant concerns with portions of this concept" says the letter.

The letter goes on to summarize the conceptual plan (see facing page) and lists the concerns of the unnamed protesters.

Examples are the safety of children crossing from one walkway to another on the opposite side of the road, the planting of trees which would obstruct the view of some residents, removal of trees in other areas as a result of installing a traffic circle, and the safety of proposed park benches.

"How much will it cost to implement the proposed changes for the Doris Page park segment?" asks the letter. "How many people will actually use it?"

The protesters point out that Saanich has stated the plan does not have to be implemented in its entirety and that residents have the opportunity to accept or reject segments of the plan at a public meeting on a date to be determined.

Included in the package is a suggested letter to be sent to Saanich mayor and council, outlining the objections of the group and concluding: "We respectfully request that ANY landscape changes to Lochside Drive be omitted from Saanich's overall concept plan until all Lochside residents are fully informed."

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“Trail ambience” is goal of proposed Lochside Drive facelift

CONCEPT plans for sidewalks, crosswalks, a traffic circle, two landscaped median islands and additional landscaping on Lochside Drive were presented to the Lochside Drive Advisory Committee (Phase 2) last month.

As committee chairman Councillor David Cubberley remarked, this was a preliminary look at proposals which would involve months of work.

A median island planted with annuals, perennials and shrubs is proposed on Lochside at the intersection with Hanover Place with improved curb locations and additional landscaping. Moving south, a traffic circle at Walema would have a large or small landscaped island with irrigated low-growing planting. To the south of this a walkway along the east side of Lochside would be set back amongst the trees.

Saanich Parks manager David DeShane explained that creating a “trail ambience” is the objective of the proposed traffic circle and the walking trail on the east side of Lochside between Doumac and Walema Avenues. However, members of the committee were concerned that this would result in a loss of trees and bushes.

At the Lochside-Claremont intersection (where a four-way stop was recently installed) the plan calls for tighter corner radii to reduce the asphalt area, improved sidewalk crossing at the north-west corner, consideration of landscaping of the south-west corner and a possible bench location.

Access to the western, or upper, portion of Doris Page park would be improved with a stone staircase to a new picnic area.

At the south end of Lochside where the road joins Maplegrove Street at McMinn park the concept calls for a median island on the curve. The island would serve as a gateway for Lochside Drive (quaintly renamed “Lochside Lane” on the plans) and would be landscaped.

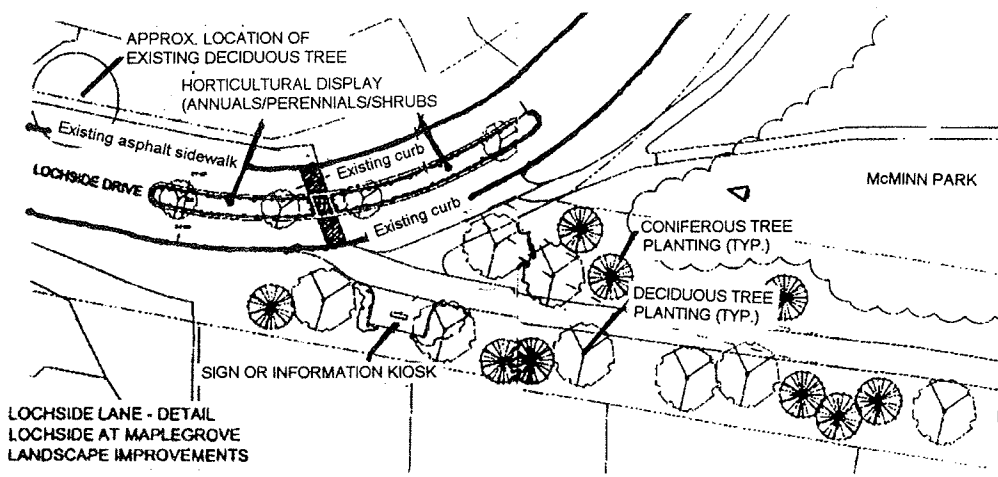
The plan also suggests planting more trees along portions of the west side of Lochside Drive to create a canopy. However, it is acknowledged this might involve the loss of view by some residents.

The complete proposal can be viewed by contacting the committee secretary, Von Bishop, in the Saanich Engineering department, phone 475-1775, extension 3546.

Representations about the concept can be made to any of the members of the Lochside Drive Advisory Committee: Doug Denham, 5180 Polson Place; John Kilbank, 5185 Sapphire Road; Max Bacon, 4976 Lochside Drive; Peter Spearman, 965 Abbey Road; Darrell Wick, 1491 Edgemont Road; Michael Caveney, 4833 Maplegrove Street or Sandra MacPherson, 5077 Cordova Bay Road.

Further discussion of the proposals is expected at the February 18 meeting of the committee in the Kirby Room of Saanich police department from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

ONE of the proposals for landscaping and traffic calming on Lochside Drive involves a median strip with plants and shrubs and improved crosswalks at the Lochside/Maplegrove curve by McMinn Park.



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The CBCC is currently registered as a non-profit society, has about 160 club members and is run by a group of eight directors, all residents of Cordova Bay. The annual general meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 29.

Last year the club was approached by a developer who offered to build a spiffy new hall on an adjacent smaller lot on Sutcliffe in exchange for the existing lot. Although the proposal was attractive there were significant problems and in June last year the proposal was soundly rejected by the membership.

However, the proposal renewed interest in the hall and at the AGM the directors will be seeking input from members, hall users and the community on ideas for a new hall.

A hall development and planning committee will be struck to steer this project and initiate a fund-raising campaign. Of course, funding for a new hall is a major obstacle and raising the money will require creativity and hard work. But we are looking forward to a new hall that can cater to a broad range of users—including the existing users.

It's important to keep in mind that the club receives no external funding and has been entirely supported by rentals, primarily to sports groups. All users of a new hall will be expected to rent time. Stay tuned!

For more information about the hall and rentals contact me at 658-8282 or bfowler@telus.net.

— *Brian Fowler, President.*

Who wins the right to choose to live in a quiet neighbourhood?

Following Arthur Y. Huang's recent article in *The Cordovan* defending rental secondary suites a reader presents the downside of living next-door to a house with an illegal suite. For obvious reasons, the author has asked to remain anonymous.

MY NEIGHBOURS have two people renting an illegal suite. They collect the funds from these people while we work longer hours in our home-based business to achieve that same income. They are benefitting financially from their situation while we deal with the disruption.

This disruption includes a stream of friends of the two tenants who enjoy parking with half their vehicles on our grass, come and go at all hours on weekends, have loud, crowded parties, and work on their cars in the middle of the cul-de-sac.

Then, of course, there is the general increase in traffic flow and the parking congestion. In one instance we have had one of their vehicles blocking the entrance to our driveway.

Another issue is the joy of the children being able to play in the cul-de-sac. We purchased this home with that in mind. We chose this location partly so our kids could cycle, play hockey, etc. in the cul-de-sac where traffic flow would be low.

Traffic flow is seldom low and I am constantly calling the kids to stop and freeze for the tenants' traffic. My estimate is that in our cul-de-sac there are 10 cars attributed to tenants.

All this has affected our choice to live in what we thought was a quiet neighbourhood.

My solution is to establish rental neighbourhoods where those that want this life-style can gather and enjoy the extra income as well as the extra traffic and changing faces that come with renting.

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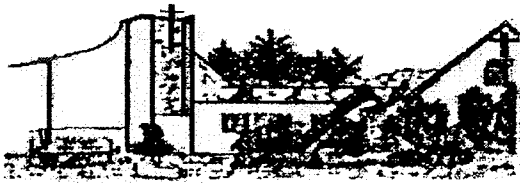
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Saturday, March 8 — World Day of Prayer, 1:00 p.m.

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World Day of Prayer. Saturday, March 8, 1:00 p.m. A combined service with the Baptist, United Church and Roman Catholic parishes from our area will be held at St. David's. This is an annual community service of prayer and hope. All are invited to attend.

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MORE THAN 80 Claremont students are rehearsing hard to present Canadian composer Dorothy Lees-Blakey's musical of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* in May.

Originally staged in Ontario in May, .

1986, the new production has several additional songs. The director is Sylvia Hosie.

Shows will be presented in the school's Ridge Playhouse at 8:00 p.m. on May 8, 9, 10, 14 and 15, with matinees on May 10 and 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets can be reserved by phoning the box office at 658-6660 and leaving a message