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Cordova Bay School activity centre is a step closer

IN JANUARY the project steering committee for the proposed seniors' activity centre at Cordova Bay School reviewed draft site plans prepared by architect Ladi Holovsky.

After consulting the groups it represents the committee agreed that the most acceptable design would involve constructing an activity room, lounge, art room, kitchen and a small office at the south-east corner of the existing school. The present school administration office would be moved to a new location.

The committee also reviewed concerns about access and traffic to the proposed centre, including parking and drop-off areas for seniors and students. It was agreed that seniors would avoid arriving and departing at school drop-off and pick-up times, thus reducing the risk of congestion.

The new centre would offer daytime programs for adults aged 55 and over from Monday to Friday and these would be managed by a non-profit society set up for this purpose. Evening and weekend programs open to all age groups would be the responsibility of

the Saanich recreation department. As part of an agreement with Saanich School District 63, the art room in the proposed addition would be used for student art activities during school hours.

Architect Holovsky will now work with the steering committee to refine the proposals in preparation for a further meeting.

The project steering committee consists of Scott Stinson (vice-principal of Cordova Bay School), Barb Swan (teachers' representative), Doug Beale (PAC representative), Rob Parker (neighbourhood representative), Daphne Chazottes (seniors' representative), Margaret Bates (Cordova Bay Association representative), Pat Young (Parks & Recreation representative), Constance Exley (Saanich Community Services), Linda Barnes (Saanich Community Services), Tom Bryce (manager of Saanich Commonwealth Place), and Dan Atagi (dryland programmer, Saanich Commonwealth Place).

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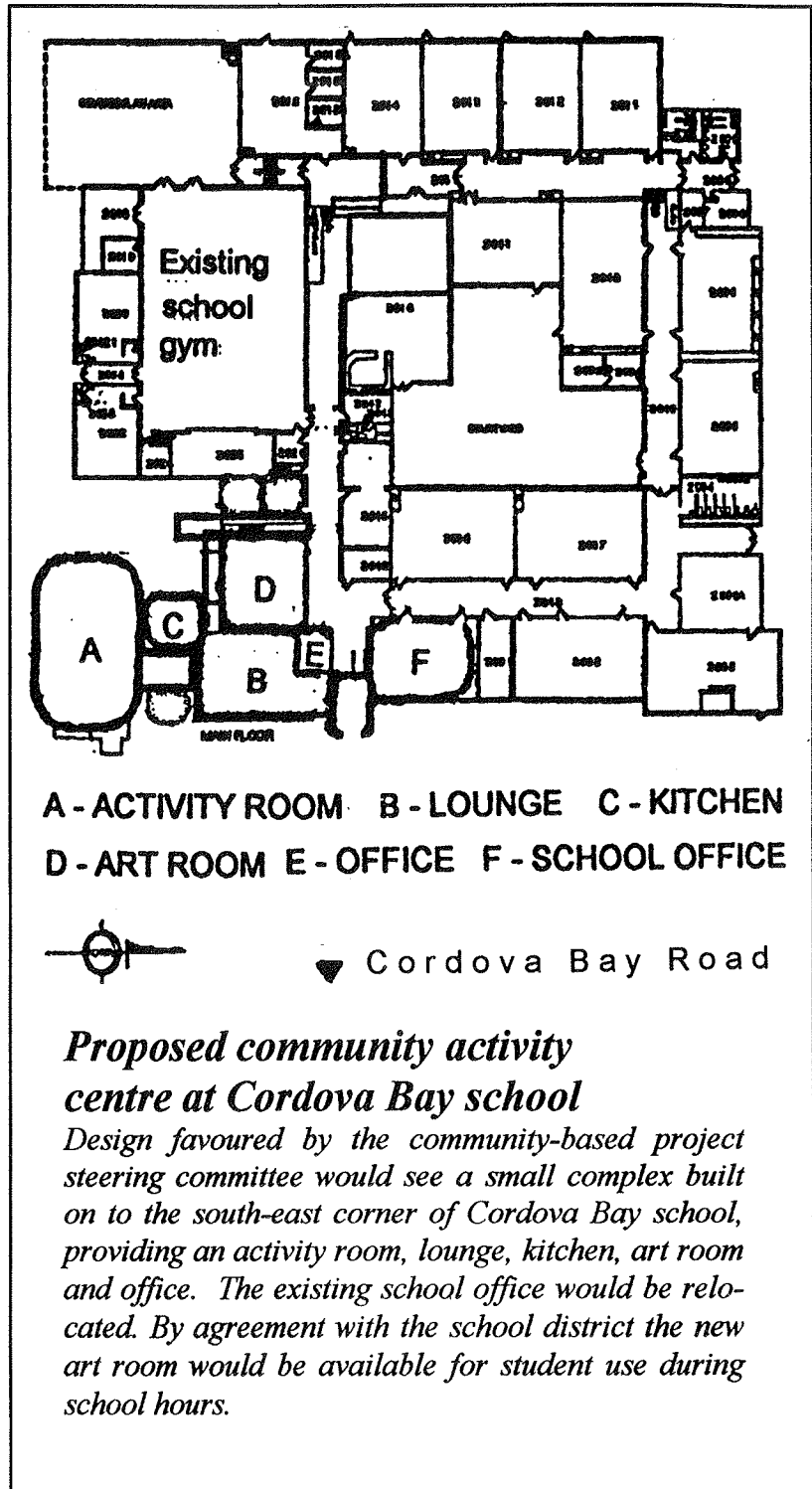
working committee are Kim Milburn (superintendent of School District 63), Ken Kreiger (director of Saanich Recreation), Ron Warrington (construction manager, municipality of Saanich) and architect Ladi Holovsky. The project working committee attends all meetings of the project steering committee.

As a next step the architect will prepare detailed concept plans for the steering committee's approval. These will then be submitted to all the stakeholder groups, followed by a public meeting, probably in late March.

Preliminary costing will follow before the plans can be submitted to Saanich Parks & Recreation committee and finally to Saanich council for approval.

Barring major revisions, building might begin during the summer school break, although this could be optimistic.

Mayor Frank Leonard welcomes the progress and says a Cordova Bay activity centre is a high priority. But skyrocketing construction costs and upgrades to the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre and Saanich Commonwealth Place are placing a great strain on the budget. Some additional funding from other sources would be a help, he suggests.



Veterinary service closes clinic

WITH the closing of the Cordova Bay Veterinary Services clinic at 5150 Cordova Bay Road, clients and their pets are now being served at the main office in the Broadmead

Village plaza. The Cordova Bay phone number is still active, but the main number is 744-1500. Dr. Terry Huberts, who founded the practice, is now practising part-time with Drs. Liz Wilson and Lisa Hamill.

Obituary

Cordova Bay mourns Al Insley

ALAN EDWARD INSLEY died in hospital late last month after collapsing on the dock of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on January 17. He underwent surgery for a ruptured aortic aneurism but did not regain consciousness.

Al was well-known in Cordova Bay, his chosen retirement community, and he served the Cordova Bay Association for many years in various roles. His immediate family lives in this area.

Al was born in New Westminster in February 1931, grew up there and graduated from T.J. Trapp Technical High School. He received his Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering from UBC in 1953 and his M.Sc. from the Imperial College of the University of London in 1960. As a prominent geotechnical engineer he worked on many large-scale projects, mainly in Western Canada.

Al was much admired as a family man and is survived by Kate, his wife of 47 years, four adult children, seven grandchildren, his sister and a large extended family including many nieces and cousins. A devoted contributor to the community, his most recent involvement with the Cordova Bay Association was chairman of the planning committee, and he stepped down from this role to become chair of the Gorge Vale Housing Society and administrator of the Engineering Institute of Canada (Victoria Branch) Scholarship Fund. He was a member of Cordova Bay United Church congregation, where a packed memorial service was held in late January.

Al had a great passion for his family, sailing—especially the Swiftsure, beach fires and walks along his favourite Cordova Bay beach from his waterfront home. His walks also extended to volunteer delivery of *The Cordovan* to homes along a considerable stretch of Cordova Bay Road.

The Cordovan is pleased to present the following personal tributes from a few of the

many who witnessed and valued Al Insley's contribution to the community.

"Al Insley's unselfish contribution to Saanich, and particularly Cordova Bay, will be dearly missed. I enjoyed working with Al on community issues and always found his comments to be constructive and credible. On behalf of Saanich Council I extend our sympathy to Al Insley's family."—*Mayor Frank Leonard, Municipality of Saanich.*

"I knew Al for many years and thoroughly enjoyed his company. It always seemed to me that he was having a good time, no matter what the occasion. In addition to being the kind and gentle person that he was, he was also very good to this community. Al did not say much, but you were wise to listen when he spoke." — *David Gerrior, President of the Cordova Bay Association.*

"I was deeply saddened to learn of Al Insley's death. He was the Planning chair when I served my apprenticeship in the Cordova Bay Association and he dedicated many hours of tireless effort to the betterment of the community, particularly on such projects as the Cordova Bay Streetscape Plan. I was always struck by how attentive the audience became when Al spoke at AGMs or Saanich council meetings. — *Christian Janssen, former Cordova Bay Association president.*

"I was shocked and saddened to hear about Al's death. I knew him well for many years. He served as chair of the CBA's planning committee for, it seemed, forever. He served on the gravel pit task force and the streetscape committee and saw us through several revisions of the Local Area Plan. Al told me once he regarded his work for the CBA as "his job" and he certainly performed in a professional manner." — *John Noble, former Cordova Bay Association director.*



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Mayor receptive to safety and traffic issues, says Cordova Bay Road group

MAYOR FRANK LEONARD has responded positively to action priorities presented by the Cordova Bay Road Sub-committee in December, reports Robin Dyke.

At the mayor's request, these priorities have been grouped into immediate, short- and long-term time-lines and returned to Leonard for his review to determine funding requirements and sources.

The sub-committee expects the mayor's response by mid-February and anticipates work will begin in earnest once Saanich staff is involved in detailed planning on the proposals.

The sub-committee carried out extensive field work along the length of Cordova Bay Road, Fowler and Sayward Roads from the Royal Oak Drive intersection to the Pat Bay Highway. Critical pedestrian and traffic safety points were mapped and used as the basis for the action priorities. While each priority is considered to be helpful in improving pedestrian safety and traffic control, the sub-committee emphasizes that the sum total of the proposals is required to impact and improve conditions.

In summary, the priorities are:

Group one: Enforce the truck-route bylaw along the entire length of Cordova Bay Road.

Define a negotiable pedestrian walkway free of parked cars along the dangerous area between Maxine Lane and the Parkview store.

Define a negotiable pedestrian walkway free of parked cars along the dangerous area between Galey Way and Maxine Lane.

Create additional crosswalks required for pedestrian safety in identified areas.

Group two: Define a negotiable pedestrian walkway free of parked cars along the dangerous area from the Parkview store to McMorrans' restaurant.

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trian safety in identified areas.

Group three: At the intersection of Sayward/Fowler and Hunt Roads, extend the 40 km speed limit speed limit from Mattick's Farm to the highway.

At the intersection of Cordova Bay Road and Fowler Road and the intersection of Cordova Bay Road and Claremont Avenue define negotiable pedestrian walkways free of parked cars on both sides of Cordova Bay road.

In addition to the above, the sub-committee is calling for cycle lanes, road re-alignments, definitions to accommodate parked vehicles, bus stops and walkways, landscape plantings to enhance improvements and traffic calming features in critical high-pedestrian traffic areas to enforce the speed limit.

For further details or to add your comments please contact Alison Battuello (658-4762), Doug Beale (658-4606), Wayne Christmas (658-2290) or Don Johannessen (658-8824).

SEA-LAKE

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



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FABLE LODGE Rib and Chowder House is the latest occupant of 5166 Cordova Bay Road, almost opposite the site of the once-famous Fable Cottage, now occupied by town-houses.

Owned by Joseph Yeo and Rebecca Park, who have operated the Peking House in Chinatown for several years, the menu extends far beyond the specialities suggested by the name of the restaurant, also offering steak, seafood, pasta and vegetable dishes. Jeff Chan, sous-chef at Harbour Towers, designed the menu and trained the staff and is known for the great attention he pays to food presentation. The restaurant also has a pastry chef who creates exclusive desserts daily.

The dining room supervisor is Joanne Kersey, who has spent more than 25 years in the high-end restaurant business, working as dining room supervisor for the Black Forest restaurant in Radium Hot Springs, the Fairmont Hot Springs Lodge and most recently the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

The new restaurant seats 80 in the dining room with room for an additional 50 guests on the patio. Included in the dining experience is a dance floor. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday and 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Fastball registration opens

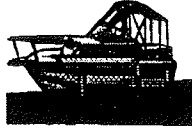
REGISTRATION for Cordova Bay Fastball is being held on January 31, February 1, 14 and 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. upstairs at the Lochside Park clubhouse and is open to boys and girls born in 1999 and earlier.

Register before March 1 to receive \$20 off the cost.

For further information or if you have any questions please phone Registrar Doreen McManaman at 658-1100.



SAFE BOATING



*By Patricia Sparks, N. Member of the Canadian
Power & Sail Squadrons. 658-8614*

Many centres teach safe boating for young and old

SPRING will soon be here and then summer will be upon us again. So I thought I would let you know about a course which if you don't already own a Pleasure Craft Operator Card will be a sure-fire way of getting one.

Several years ago the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron (CPS) was asked to put together a simplified course which met government regulations and taught the basic requirements necessary to achieve operator competency and earn a Pleasure Craft Operator Card. This course did not go into the finer details of navigating, tides and currents. It is not really meant for the salt chuck but is designed more for fresh-water lakes, of which there are many throughout Canada.

Mr. Len Fallen, an avid volunteer with the Brentwood Squadron, took this course very seriously. He introduced it to schools, slowly at first, and pretty soon most of the schools in the area were teaching "Boat Pro", an accredited course for youth.

I gave him a call recently and found that this year it is at Victoria High, St. Michael's, both Glenlyon schools, Royal Oak Middle School, Parklands, and Bayside with after-school instruction. Stelly's will soon be included. Pearson College taught it for several years and now it is going to be taught at St. Margaret's in Duncan. On Pender Island the class goes through its paces each year with the local CPS squadron, using kayaks.

Len has put about 250 people through the course at the Victoria Rowing Club, and

while no, you don't need a card if you simply row a boat, add a small motor and you now need to be certified.

All operators of the "chase" and "coach" boats, and those rowers who plan to become coaches themselves, need to go through the course to earn their certificates.

The regulations for ski boats have changed as well. Where two seats were once needed, one for the driver and one for the spotter, you now need a third seat for the skier. If you are pulling two skiers, then you need two extra seats.

Len mentioned that he recently gave a course to a very enthusiastic group of water ski jumpers at Claremont High School.

If you would like information on the course you can go to the website at www.cps-ecp.ca. The downloadable version of the manual includes the text and illustrations, some additional explanatory material and self-testing modules.

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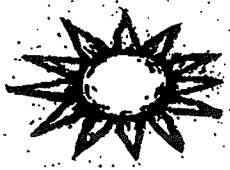
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'Thinking Day' celebrates Guiding around the world

FEBRUARY 22 was the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, who founded the Scout and Guide movements. On this day, Brownies and Guides from all over the world celebrate the sisterhood of Guiding.

The units enjoy learning about one of the 144 countries which belong to WAGGGS (the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) or about one of the four world centres where Guides meet to discuss world peace and have fun together. WAGGGS is the largest voluntary organization for women and girls in the world, with about nine million members.

Our local girls have been very busy this fall and winter. A highlight was participating in the Sidney Santa Claus parade at the beginning of December, and the girls entertained some of the residents of Broadmead Lodge, leaving yummy Girl Guide cookies for teatime treats.

The Guides had the opportunity to act as pages during the annual Youth Parliament at the Legislature over the Christmas holidays, delivering notes between the delegates who made a big fuss over how cute the girls looked in their uniforms.

There are still some minty chocolate cookies available if you want to try them. At \$4 a box they are a good deal and the proceeds help support the girls' activities. Give me a call and I will arrange for some to be delivered to your home.

Also, if you would like your daughter to join in Guiding fun in this district, please call me at 658-5687.

Red Barn aims to open Mattick's Farm store in early March

THE RED BARN Country Market is working hard to open its new store at Mattick's Farm in the first week of March, according to Veronica Clough, Red Barn's manager at its West Saanich Road location. She confirms that Randy Andre, the popular former partner in the old store, will be a familiar figure at the new store, managing the produce department.

The previous owners operated the Mattick's Farm Market for six years, but closed in November.

According to Clough, a major addition to the completely remodelled store will be a meat department, featuring Red Barn's own smoked meats and turkey specialties.

While not a full-scale grocery and produce store, the Red Barn at Mattick's Farm will offer a wide range of products, says Clough. These will include fruits and vegetables, breads, many grocery items, and some imported foods. As far as possible, Red Barn supports local farmers, she adds.

North Quadra Association seeks support to block Blenkinsop development

A FORMER tree-seed orchard in the Blenkinsop valley has been acquired by a developer who plans to get it removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve so it can be subdivided and developed. The North Quadra Community Association is appealing to all residents and neighbouring community associations who oppose this proposal to contact members of Saanich council to express their views. The property contains remnants of the Blenkinsop Lake wetlands and forms a critical western extension of the Mount Douglas park area, say opponents of the plan.

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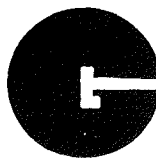
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By EDWIN HIPSEY

Tears turned to cheers at
Christmas tree chipping

A LARGE number of residents greeted our new Christmas tree chipping project hand-somely, and we extend our appreciation to Kurt Robb, Cordova Bay Tree Service, for donating his time and equipment. One little girl accompanying her father was crying at the thought that her Christmas tree was going to be chipped, but when she was told that the donation was going to be used to renovate the playground at Lochside Park she was suddenly all smiles. The new equipment has arrived at the municipal yard and will be installed as soon as the ground has dried out.

Thanks to the never-ending energy and sales expertise of Mickey Stevens, our Christmas cake sales went very well. We were completely sold out although we ordered a larger amount than usual. We also sold all of the poinsettias. It was too bad some were disappointed but we look forward to next year.

Among the various letters and cards received by club members at Christmas was one postmarked South Korea. It was from Amy Chen who was president of the KEY (Kiwanis Educating Youth) Club while at Claremont High School and was a member of our club for some time. She is now teaching young people English in South Korea, and still had a moment to remember all her friends in Cordova Bay. All of us at the Kiwanis Club of Cordova Bay wish her good luck.

If you want to know more about us, why not drop by one of our meetings? We meet at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Lochside Park sports pavilion.

CORDOVA BAY SOFTBALL



Registration time for an exciting new season

IT'S HARD to believe, but softball begins again shortly. I can almost smell the fried onions. In my first year as club president I would like to express my gratitude to all the people who contributed to such a successful 2003 season. Cordova Bay is indeed fortunate to have such hard-working and dedicated volunteers. Softball provides a great opportunity to make friends, develop skills and challenge yourself. Join a long and proud tradition!

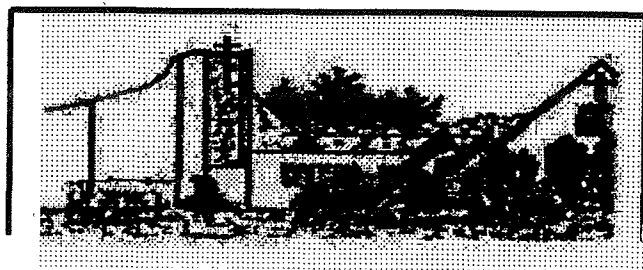
Cordova Bay capped a very successful season at all age levels. Our Mite program produced gold medal winners in the White and Red Mite Girls divisions as well as the Blue Mite Boys. Also, the White and Red Mite Boys each won silver. The Pee Wee 'A', Bantam 'C' and Bantam 'B' Girls all qualified for their provincial tournaments. On the boys' side the Squirt 'A', Pee Wee 'A', Bantam 'B' and Midget Boys all qualified for their provincials, with the Squirts winning the silver medal. The Pee Wees won the gold before advancing to the western Canadians where they won silver.

This year promises to be just as exciting with a new T-Ball program being adopted across southern Vancouver Island. The new program will be more energetic and quicker-paced than in previous years. This exciting program, aimed at 5 to 7 year-olds, emphasizes having fun and fair play as they learn softball skills.

Whether you are registering for the first time or returning for another season, we look forward to welcoming you for a fun-filled 2004. Registration is open to young people aged 5 to 19 and will be held January 31, February 1, 14 and 15 at the Lochside Park clubhouse between 10:00 a.m. And 2:00 p.m. The official opening ceremonies will be held at Lochside Park on April 17. Please check our website at cordovabaysoftball.org to keep posted on the latest events..

—Michael Egilson, *President*.

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OUR PARISH FAMILY welcomes and invites all age groups to come to St. David's, to join the people of the parish in their witness to God through Worship and activities within and without the community.

REGULAR SERVICES

Every Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said).

10:00 a.m.: Family Eucharist & Kings Klub

Every Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said).

We would especially like to welcome anyone looking for a faith community to try out our family services which take place on the following Sundays at 10:00 am.

February 1, March 7, April 11, May 9 (Mothers' Day) and June 20 (Fathers' Day).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pancake Luncheon – Sunday, February 22 at 11:30 a.m. We invite the community to worship and/or partake of the pancake lunch. Worship starts at 10:00 a.m. The pancake (and other foods) lunch, which replaces the traditional Shrove Tuesday supper, begins at about 11:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday – February 25. Service at 7:30 p.m.
Celtic Evening – Watch the community notice board or give us a call about this delightful evening of song and dance planned for February 27 or 28.

St. David's Day – February 29. Lent 1 and the celebration of St. David's day with distribution of ashes which symbolize both repentance and the acknowledgement of our human frailties and mortality.

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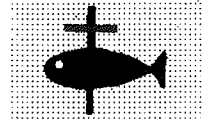
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The Church by the Lake



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.

Special Easter Services

April 4 - 7:30 p.m. Interchurch Palm Sunday service at Elk Lake Baptist church with St. David-by-the-Sea Anglican and Cordova Bay United churches.

April 9 - 9:30 a.m. Hot Cross bun breakfast.
10:30 a.m. Good Friday service.

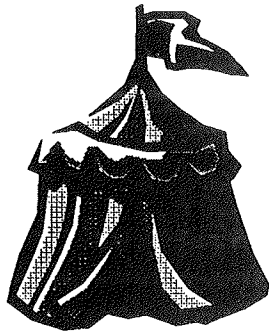
April 11 - 11:00 am. Easter Day service.
This time is followed with tea and coffee.

Some regular events at Elk Lake Baptist Church are:

Art Club - There is an art club for anyone interested, held every second Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the old church hall.

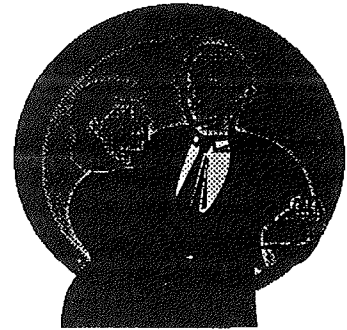
60 More or less - This seniors' group meets at 12 noon on the first Thursday of each month for lunch and an interesting program. The cost is \$3.50 and everyone is welcome.

If you are interested in participating in any of the above programs or would like more information about our church, please phone 658-8111 or fax us at 658-8431.



CORDOVA BAY DAY CELEBRATION

The Cordova Bay Association would like to revive a former tradition of celebrating Cordova Bay



In the past Cordova Bay Day involved picnics, games for kids and adults alike and sometimes a good old-fashioned dance. For some reason this annual celebration faded away after the seventies and eighties. We believe the time is right for it to make a comeback.

But the CBA executive is swamped with a number of important issues ranging from increased development to traffic concerns. We need to focus on these issues, so in order to revive our community's summer celebration we need your help.

If residents would like to assist the CBA in helping to re-create a celebration of Cordova Bay we invite you to step forward and lend a hand. For the first year, we envisage a one-day celebration held either on the beach or in one of our parks. This could be the initiative of a local group or a service club with support from the CBA. There are funds available from the CBA to launch such an event.

If you are interested in reviving this tradition in our great community, please contact David Gerrior, President of the CBA, at 658-4836.

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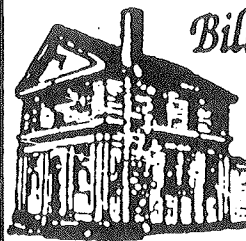


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A few simple steps can reduce the impact of power and heating failures, even in our local climate which rarely sees below-freezing temperatures.

- * If you have a wood-burning fireplace be sure to have the flue cleaned in preparation for the heating season. Sustained use at high temperatures can cause any creosote in the flue to catch fire.

- * Keep a good supply of wood on hand.

- * Before hooking up an emergency generator during a power failure check with a furnace, appliance, lighting dealer or manufacturer regarding power requirements and proper operating procedures.

- * If someone in your home relies on electrically-powered life sustaining equipment, register with B.C. Hydro and your community emergency program (which is being established in Cordova Bay).

- * Keep an emergency survival kit containing these provisions for at least three days: non-perishable food and water, emergency lighting, a fuel stove and fuel, blankets and warm clothing, a battery-powered radio. For up-to-date news on local conditions in an emergency, tune in to 110.3 (The Q) or 9.30 (The Zone). To see what other communities are doing in the way of emergency planning, check this web site: www.pemo.ca.

The Cordova Bay Association will hold an emergency preparedness fair during Emergency Preparedness Week from May 2-8. Please watch for more information. If you would like to join the Cordova Bay Emergency Planning Group please call Margaret Bates at 658-5047. Our first meeting will be on February 27.

'Apathy may kill all of the hard work that has gone into building our community associations'

Why are so many associations missing in action?

WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, the community's various residents' associations, which used to be avid participants in the political process, have all but disappeared in the last six months.

That's something that ought to bother the average taxpayer, given that community associations are supposed to be representatives of Saanich residents, entrusted to act as a liaison between politicians and the general public. Community associations also tend to have a great deal of pull on such issues as rezoning applications and development proposals as they pass through political channels. Lately, however, it is becoming apparent that some community associations are either unwilling or incapable of performing those duties.

According to the municipal hall, there are currently 25 active community associations, including a few environmental stewardship groups. Of those, only a handful regularly participate in the political process — but the failing of some groups should not tarnish the efforts of hard-working people in the active groups. Associations in the Quadra, Cedar Hill, Gorge-Tillicum, Cordova Bay and Cadboro Bay are among the most prominent and respected in the community for good reason. Unfortunately there are residents in other areas who have never even heard of the associations in their neighbourhoods nor do they have an idea of how to get hold of them.

On several occasions in the municipal chambers in recent months association members have claimed to speak the mind of their neighbourhood only to be sternly rebuffed by neighbours who not only disagree with their so-called representative but say they have never been contacted—or worse, have been ignored—by those purporting to represent them.

That's not how democracy is meant to work.

The president of one struggling community group is frustrated by another sad

reality. Not enough people are willing to pitch in and help out with their association. That, in turn, leads to the illusion that the views of the community association are little more than the personal opinions of one individual. In those cases, apathy may kill what hard work and dedication once built. Then there are other associations where the personal opinions of a select few appear to hold more weight than the will of the neighbourhood as a whole.

That's not how democracy ought to work either.

Not that long ago, some of the really dedicated and active community associations were locked in a battle to secure more financial support from municipal hall for the work they do. That battle was made vastly more complicated by the fact that as many as half of Saanich's community associations have become virtually invisible, or driven by single-issue, special-interest agendas.

For community groups to flourish, two things have to happen. First, the average Saanich resident needs to take a more active interest in shaping their neighbourhood. Second, many association members must improve how they go about making their constituents aware of their community association, how it works, and how they can become involved.

Otherwise, what used to be a thriving component of the municipal political process might soon become irrelevant.

The above editorial by Vern Faulkner appeared in a recent issue of the Saanich News. The Cordova Bay Association appreciates the positive reference to its work for our community. Annual memberships at \$5 per person are now due for 2004. Cheques and other remittances can be mailed to the CBA, P.O. Box 41004, Cordova Bay Post Office, Victoria, B.C. V8Y 3C8. Please be sure to include your name and address so a membership card can be issued to you.



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