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We hope you enjoy reading your copy of The Cordovan. The next issue will be out in October. If you have suggestions for articles, drop us a line at letter-to-editor@cbasn.com

In the meantime, please visit the Cordova Bay Association website www.cbasn.com for news and articles of interest. Have a wonderful summer!

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Cordova Bay Day

By Randy Otto and David Cronkhite

Celebrate your neighbourhood and join in the festivities!

You won't want to miss Cordova Bay Day - a free, family-friendly celebration for everyone.

Mark the date, Saturday, June 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Lots of fun activities taking place at three locations - Mattick's Farm, St David's by the Sea Church, and the Cordova Bay Elementary School grounds, an easy stroll along Cordova Bay Road.

Many other communities have long given up organizing big outdoor events - too complicated, not enough interest, scarcity of volunteers. Not so in Cordova Bay! This event has been running continuously for more than 15 years, and keeps growing in popularity.

Cordova Bay Day is presented and coordinated by the Cordova Bay Association board. While the event is not intended to be a money-maker, any and all proceeds generated go right back into funding community initiatives.

There really is something for everyone. Check out this line-up: live musical entertainment, bouncy inflatables for kids, ice cream, face painting, clowns and balloon animals, a collectible car show (vote for your favourite!) ice cream, fire trucks and a chance to hang out with our friends in emergency services. Oh, and ice cream!

There will be lots happening at Mattick's Farm, live music, displays and draws, and Mini-Putt! Once again the Red Barn's "Barn-B-Q" will be cooking up burgers and other great food.

Don't forget to visit the Marketplace at St David's Church where you can browse among local crafters displaying their products, as well as meet with local business owners and community group leaders.

At time of printing, all indoor tables have been reserved but there are a few outdoor spaces left. For more information about reserving your space, or for any other inquiries, contact Randy and David at cbamail@shaw.ca.



President's Corner

By *Larry Gontovnick, CBA President*



The CBA recently held its Annual General Meeting at the Cordova Bay United Church on April 17. Saanich Mayor Fred Haynes was the guest speaker.

As per the CBA bylaws:

- The affairs of the society shall be managed by a board of directors numbering 11, who shall choose from among their number the officer of the association, i.e. President, first Vice-President, second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the chairmen of the standing committees.

- Five directors shall be elected or re-elected at one annual general meeting and the other six shall be elected or re-elected at the following annual general meeting.

- A director's tenure of office shall terminate at the annual general meeting two years from his or her election unless he or she is re-elected.

- The Nominating Committee shall elect one of its members as chairperson and this chairperson shall present the slate to the annual general meeting and conduct the election of directors.

Barb Lucas, Nominating Committee chair, presented the slate and the following five positions were filled on the Board of Directors by members of the CBA for a two-year term:

- Tim Kane (re-elected)
- David Kuprowsky (re-elected)
- Neil Swart (elected)
- Keith Anderson (elected)
- Leif Wergeland (elected)

I would like to thank outgoing directors Randy Otto, David Cronkhite and Lynda Vallee for their outstanding work on the board and their valuable contributions to our community.

Please join me in welcoming Neil Swart (Membership Chair), Keith Anderson (Treasurer) and Leif Wergeland (Planning Co-Chair) to the board, and congratulating Tim Kane (1st Vice-President and Public Relations Chair) and David Kuprowsky (2nd Vice-President and SCAN Representative) on their re-election to the board.

The 2019/2020 CBA Board of Directors' names, roles and email addresses can be found on the CBA website at <http://www.cbasn.com/board-of-directors/>.

Please note that feedback and suggestions can be made to the board at any time by email to cba.president@cbasn.com.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the 16th annual Cordova Bay Day on Saturday, June 22, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, and best wishes for a wonderful summer!!

Cordova Bay Local Planning Update

By *Barb Lucas*



In 2017, the District of Saanich approved a process and timeline to update all local area plans (LAP) which guide growth and future development in specific regions for the next 20 to 30 years. Cordova Bay's Local Area Plan was last updated in 1998 and, along with Cadboro Bay, are the first two LAP's to be updated.

In January 2018, an advisory committee was established which includes two CBA board members (Barb Lucas and Dave Mitton) and 10 residents and business owners from Cordova Bay. The role of the committee is to provide advice and local context to the Saanich staff planning team, support community engagement activities and encourage participation. To date, the committee has met nine times. The CBA board has encouraged resident participation through email notifications to members, Facebook and Twitter posts, and notices on the CBA website and bulletin board at Mattick's Farm.

Community engagement and consultation has included three community visioning open houses; two village design workshops and a public presentation of the results; three workshops specifically on traffic, housing, land use, community amenities and natural areas; an online survey; and a project page on the Saanich website www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/community-planning/local-area-plans/local-area-plan-updates/cordova-bay-local-area-plan-update.html. All reports detailing results from each of the community engagement processes are on the Saanich website.

Saanich staff are now in the process of developing draft LAP policies. These draft policies will be presented to the committee and community for feedback in September 2019 through a series of 3-4 public open houses. Check out the Saanich table at Cordova Bay Day to see the draft policies and talk to Saanich staff. The policies will be presented to Saanich Council in the fall 2019 for approval.

CBA Membership

By Neil Swart



I was very happy to be elected into the role of membership director of the Cordova Bay Association at the AGM in April. I take over this role from Randy Otto, who contributed a fantastic service growing the membership over the last eight years.

In 2018, the CBA had 761 paid up members. Of those, 392 expired at the end of 2018. About 130 renewals have come in so far, leaving 235 renewals still outstanding. If you are still to renew, you can email us, send a cheque by mail or use the dropbox at the IDA pharmacy.

It is a busy time with many ongoing projects in Cordova Bay including finalization of the Local Area Plan and other developments. After feedback at the AGM, we are actively looking at ways to increase communication with members about important happenings in the area. In the future we will be looking to conduct surveys to gauge the opinions of members.

We encourage you to keep up your membership in order to stay informed and have your voice heard. If you know a neighbour who is not yet a member, please encourage them to join. We are here to serve you, and our strength as an organization comes from our members.

I wish you a fantastic summer, and look forward to seeing you out and about.

Planning Committee Report

Ross Marshall and Leif Wergeland



Excavation continues at The Haro (Cordova Bay Plaza) site and condo pre-sales are underway in Phase 1. The commercial space is currently listed for sale or lease with spaces ranging from approximately 1,500 up to

14,000 square feet. The developer will build the two buildings directly adjacent to Cordova Bay Road during the first phase of construction with the building located at the back of the site on hold for a future final phase in the coming years. For more information about the project and sales and leasing information, visit <https://theharo.com>.

The owner at 4585 Cordova Bay Road made a presentation to the CBA about rezoning the property to create one additional lot for a single family dwelling, resulting in a total of two lots. The CBA has provided the applicant with feedback and they are

working with Saanich and consultants to address the initial concerns.

The Aragon proposal for the Trio lands at Cordova Bay and Fowler road is under redesign. Geotechnical work is underway to better understand feasibility and proposed building locations on the revised site plan. Community consultation based on updated plans is likely later in the year.

The Cordova Bay Community Club is considering a new proposal and design on their 941 Sutcliffe Road site after additional feedback from neighbours and consultation with the CBA.

The developer at 5488 Patricia Bay Highway (Fas Gas site) continues to meet with Saanich staff and discussions are ongoing to finalize access to the site before presenting their development application to mayor and council.

The Pinnacle condominium development, a 46 suite luxury residence at Sayward Hill, is nearly sold out with only two units remaining. This is the eighth and final phase of the Sayward Hill residential community. Interior finish work is currently underway with the projected move-in date for residents is scheduled for late August or early September 2019.

A proposal to split two lots at 4900 and 4904 Cordova Bay Road into three lots, RS-12 has been made and was presented to the CBA. The CBA is waiting on a development and zoning response letter from the owner before submitting the Referral Letter to Saanich Planning.

The project team at 5229 Cordova Bay Road (at Fenn) has submitted a proposal to Saanich to rezone the property from C9 (Local Service Station) to mixed use to construct a four-storey building with 24 residential units with a small (876 square feet) commercial space.

Transportation Report

By Alex Izett

Since the last edition of The Cordovan, the CBA filed an application with Saanich staff to appear as a delegation to council in order to raise awareness of the road safety concerns along the Cordova Bay corridor. However, Saanich declined the request. Following discussion with the Mayor after the AGM, clarification is being sought through the Legislative Office with a view to presenting our case in the near future.

During the past electoral campaign, all candidates identified road safety as a priority. We think it's time for council to walk the talk! Traffic and related issues throughout Cordova Bay are a constant threat, and very concerning to residents. There is a need for action - and now! The CBA Transportation Committee continues to pursue improvements to mitigate the risks to all road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists. Meetings have been held on a regular basis with

Saanich Engineering staff, however little has come from these exchanges.

More recently, district staff has indicated they want to defer action on specific improvements while the Local Area Plan (LAP) is being updated. While the LAP may identify several opportunities to deal with traffic through the village, up on the ridge and along Lochside, these projects are likely to take place over the long-term. Our concerns are more immediate than the 10-20-30 year timeline being projected by Saanich Planning. The impact of the imminent, large scale developments appearing in Cordova Bay, we fear, will worsen the current situation.

Following up on a road accident during the Easter weekend World Cup Soccer Festival at Lochside Park, we are encouraged that the Administrative Traffic Committee (ATC) may consider the possible introduction of additional 'vehicle management' steps to better control the flow of traffic in and around parking areas, for the safety of everyone using the park as well as the adjacent Lochside Trail. We hope to hear more on this in the coming weeks.

Also on a more positive note, we anticipate hearing back from Saanich Engineering later in June on how they plan to allocate the \$6 million plus development cost charge funding designated for Cordova Bay initiatives. We are hopeful that we will see projects being directed to sidewalk improvements, key crosswalk locations and bicycle lanes within the next five years.

Likewise, we expect the work at Haliburton, with culverts and filling in of the ditches at the bottom of the south side, to be completed shortly. There is also talk of a new sidewalk laydown on the east side of Cordova Bay Road between Fenn and Walema as part of a 'Safe Route to Schools' initiative.

So, LET'S PUT SAFETY FIRST! If you have traffic concerns or witness an incident, please speak out and contact Saanich Police to file a report (non-emergency number is 250-475-4321).

And finally, a word of thanks to both Lynda Vallee and Dave Mitton for their dedication and hard work as co-chairs of the Transportation Committee over the past two years.

CBA Establishes Claremont Secondary School Scholarship

By Larry Gontovnick

The CBA, in conjunction with Claremont Secondary School, has established an annual one-time \$500 scholarship intended to encourage a Claremont graduating student to pursue further education at a recognized BC post-secondary institution.

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating student from Claremont who meets the following criteria:

- 1) Is a resident of Cordova Bay
- 2) Is able to demonstrate commitment to the community, and that they possess good leadership skills.
- 3) Is able to provide a cover letter that explains why they think they qualify for the award, giving specific examples, as to how they meet the criteria outlined above. A copy of this letter is to be provided to the President of the CBA before the June annual awards ceremony.
- 4) Is able to provide transcripts demonstrating grades appropriate to the entrance requirements of their chosen BC post-secondary program
- 5) Is able to provide a letter of conditional acceptance from a BC post-secondary institution for a post-secondary program that will commence in the fall of their graduating year
- 6) Must not have received another scholarship of a value greater than \$2,000.

This year, eligible graduating students must complete a Claremont Application Form prior to the June 3 application deadline. Documents that need to be included with the application form are: a resume, cover letter and a transcript of grade 11 and 12 marks to date. All documents must be complete and handed into the Claremont Scholarship Coordinator.

The Claremont Scholarship Committee will choose the successful candidate. This year's award will be presented to the successful candidate at the Claremont June 26 awards ceremony by the CBA President.

The successful candidate is required to write a letter to the CBA to share how this award helped in their post-secondary studies.

This is the first such scholarship established by the CBA, and we thank Lynda Vallee, former CBA board member and Transportation Committee co-chair, for spearheading this wonderful initiative.

Spotlight on Mary Horton

By Lauren Wilson

Mary moved to Cordova Bay from Gordon Head 23 years ago when she married resident Mike Mooney. She brought a developing passion for cycling with her when she moved to Cordova Bay and feels it is an excellent place for cyclists to live and ride.

During her career as a health care social worker, her colleagues challenged each other to complete a cycle trip in the south of France in 1993. After this, Mary was hooked, on both the long distance riding required for preparation and on being a cycle tourist. Mike had been a commuter and recreational cyclist for all of his adult life and together they evolved into experienced cycle tourists.

They have cycled together in Great Britain, Italy, Croatia, New Zealand, the Napa and Sonoma Valleys, the Columbia River Gorge, the Eastern Townships in Quebec, Washington, Oregon, the Eastern Seaboard (St. John NB to Boston MA), the BC Interior, Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

“When you travel on a bicycle you have the opportunity of in-depth immersion in the environment - the sounds, smells, sights, people you meet, food, etc. After I retired, my husband and I took our bikes to Great Britain and cycled Lands End to John O’Groats - from the tip of Cornwall to the top of Scotland. It was a wonderful experience, covering 1,700 km,” said Mary.

Mary participated several times in the two-day “MS Bike” fund-raiser for multiple sclerosis. Then in 2013, a good friend of hers rode with the Victoria Grandmothers For Africa (VG4A) three-day Cycle Tour from Campbell River to Victoria. Following this event, Mary joined the group and this year she is chair of the VG4A Cycle Tour 2019 Committee. The group’s winter recreational rides (mid-September to mid-April) all start at Mattick’s Farm.

“I have met and come to appreciate the support and friendship of such a varied group of passionate and interesting women, brought together by our love of cycling and our common goal of raising money for our African Grandmother sisters (aka Gogos) who are raising their AIDS-orphaned grandchildren,” said Mary.

Despite a serious cycling accident in 2015, and a ruptured Achilles tendon from pickle ball in 2017, she bounced back and continues to enjoy riding her bike and the great people she has met through the cycling community.

“Women supporting women - where would I be without my women friends? In addition to the VG4A, I cherish and value relationships forged within my book club, hiking group, and my bridge group (which has been going for 40+ years!). I can’t stress enough how meaningful these relationships are,” said Mary.



Recent studies have shown that sense of community belonging is a critical factor in personal health. Mary seems to have this one nailed, and we hope to see her out and about on one of her bicycles for many years and decades to come.

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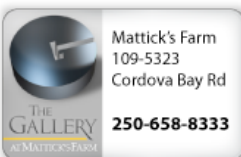
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