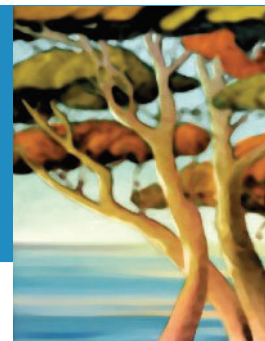


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## TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As representatives of the Cordova Bay Association, we acknowledge the WSÁNEĆ and Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory our community was built, and offer our respects to their ancestors who were living at the village of TEL IŁĆE at the time of the South Saanich Treaty of 1852.

We recognize that the treaty charted out a relationship with the WSÁNEĆ and Lekwungen peoples that we are hoping to continue to develop today and into the future.

*(Courtesy of Dr. Brian Thom, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology Uvic January 2021)*

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## Cordova Bay Photo Challenge

*By Brock Nordman*

And the winner of last issue's photo challenge was Joy Cooper! Congratulations, Joy!

Joy's name was selected among those who correctly guessed the mystery photo was taken at the intersection of Hanover Place and Lochside Drive.

Next up, "All Roads Lead to Gnome." Where in Cordova Bay can you find this?



Photo challenge for Spring 2022



Photo challenge from Fall 2021

Think you know? Send your answer to [letter-to-editor@cbasn.com](mailto:letter-to-editor@cbasn.com) by Wednesday, April 13. We will draw one name at random from among the correct entries. The winner will receive a \$100 gift card to The Beach House Restaurant.

Hint: Best spotted on foot. Do not look for this while driving. Have fun and good luck!

## Annual General Meeting

Dear CBA Member,

The Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs will host its 2022 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. As PHO guidelines currently stand, we are planning on holding this in-person, at the CB55+ Centre. Provisional arrangements are in hand, and will be confirmed closer to the date.

The AGM will include the election of directors. Voting will be conducted from the floor. Only members in good standing can vote. To check your membership status, please email to [cba-membership@cbasn.com](mailto:cba-membership@cbasn.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

## President's Corner

*By Alex Izett, CBA President*

With spring just around the corner, and with COVID restrictions continuing to ease, we've much to look forward to here in Cordova Bay. At the CBA Board level, our calendar is gradually filling up with some key events. Not the least of these is our AGM (April 27th) and - fingers crossed - the return of Cordova Bay Day later in June. And, of course, prior to both of these we'll hopefully have a final verdict on the adoption of the Proposed Cordova Bay Local Area Plan Update (LAP) to be tabled at the public hearing scheduled for March 15th.

As you know, the CBA is a strong supporter of the new LAP, even with its imperfections! In balance, we feel the LAP is worthy of merit and hope that our elected officials will see it that way too. Inevitably, on matters such as this, there's bound to be differences of opinion. It's important though that we respect that, and hopefully we can move forward in harmony. At the public hearing, you will have the opportunity to voice your opinion on the plan. (For more on the LAP, see Barb's report within these pages.)

Regarding the AGM, as PHO guidelines currently stand, we are planning on holding this in-person, at the CB55+ Centre. Provisional arrangements are in hand, and will be confirmed closer to the date. A key process at the AGM is always the election/re-election of directors of the Association. This year we will have eight seats to fill; one of them unfortunately being a replacement for former Planning Co-Chair Annie Djioisa who had to stand down earlier in the year because of family matters. Annie was a breath of fresh air on the Board, and we are sure to miss her. I should also mention that I will not be seeking re-election, having tendered my resignation from the Board with effect following the AGM.

Hopefully our members will respond by stepping forward to complete the slate. (See the call for nominations elsewhere in the Newsletter.)

Road safety matters continue to be at the forefront; the most recent development being the announcement from Saanich Engineering about the go-ahead of the Cordova Bay Road Sidewalk Improvement Project (on the east side, from Walema to the entrance to Mattick's Woods, opposite Rambler). The project will also cover work on Fenn and Parker (partially). Here again, some residents are opposed demonstrating once more that not everyone can be pleased all of the time. Opinions vary throughout our community, but hopefully these can be dealt with in a respectful fashion.

Along the corridor, the issue of speed is again being raised by neighbourhoods near the Mt. Doug Parkway stretch and along Sayward. The tragic accident on Cedar Hill X Road shortly before Christmas has undoubtedly heightened concerns.

It was interesting to note a comment in a recent Times Colonist article indicating that our Mayor's Speed Reduction Pilot Project had been dismissed by the Province. On a more positive note, we're now hearing of work being undertaken by Engineering with regards to developing "A Policy Framework for Road Safety in Saanich"; the aim being to have Council adopt the principles of the "Vision Zero" approach as the basis of a Road Safety Action Plan for Saanich. We applaud this move but have to ask why such an initiative has taken so long: a commitment to Vision Zero is a formal acknowledgement that road safety is a top priority. Wasn't that part of our elected officials' platform four years ago?

Mike has hit the hot spots with his Planning report, and in doing so has showcased The Haro as it moves towards completion and resident occupation. With the Doumac apartment block also now approved, we look forward to seeing the traffic light/sidewalk installation at this intersection being finished off in timely fashion. The rezoning/development permit approval for the new Community Club, despite objection from a few quarters, was also welcomed.

I'm delighted to see the return of our Claremont journalist, Ruby Enns, to these pages. I'm sure you'll enjoy her refreshing contribution. Welcome too to the continuation of the Photo Contest.

And so too will our readers recall the article in our Summer '21 edition on the Doris Page Park Renewal Concept. One of the most pleasing developments in the past little while was the endorsement by the Saanich Parks, Trails & Recreation Advisory Committee of this project. At their meeting on February 23rd, a presentation given by our visionary resident, Anita Kess, was given the unanimous support to move forward under the Saanich "Pulling Together" program at the earliest. Anita has also been enthusiastically embraced by Coleen Rogers, not only another CB resident but also the president of the Victoria Master Gardener Association. Sincere congratulations to both these ladies; Cordova Bay will reap the benefit of your initiative.

And finally, to end on another Spring note, be sure to check out the sound advice from our Saanich Police Block Watch folks, and their tips for keeping your home secure.

Play safe, stay healthy!

## Notice from the Nominations Committee

The CBA bylaw 4.3 states that 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. This year at our Annual General Meeting on April 27, 2022, we will be electing or re-electing six directors, each for a two-year term, and two directors, each for a one-year term, for a total of eight positions.

The Nominations Committee this year consists of four members; co-chaired by Directors Brock Nordman and David Kaprowsky. This Committee is now seeking additional candidates to fill the election slate.

Any nominee wishing to run for election must firstly be a member in good standing of the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the Annual General Meeting by any two members in good standing provided that nominees are members of the Association and state their willingness to stand for election.

The Nominations Committee is currently conducting interviews with potential nominees. Please contact any member of the Committee at cba-membership@cbsn.com if you are interested in being nominated to the Board, or to present nominees for the Board of Directors.

## Local Area Plan Update

*By Barb Lucas*

Good news! At Saanich Council's Committee of the Whole meeting on January 31st, 2022, the Proposed Cordova Bay Local Area Plan (LAP) was approved to go to public hearing (the final step) on March 15, 2022.

The LAP document will guide Cordova Bay development decisions for the next 20-30 years. Residents are encouraged to review the Proposed LAP on the Saanich website at [Cordova Bay Local Area Plan Update | District of Saanich](#).

CBA fully supports the adoption of the LAP because it has been developed with significant opportunities for public input and the majority of resident visions for the future of Cordova Bay are reflected.

It is extremely important that as many residents as possible send in their opinion/comments to Saanich on this final opportunity to have the LAP approved.



## Traffic Report

*By Anna Hakim*

Spring is finally in the air, daffodils are blooming, the birds are singing, and the sun is starting to make more regular appearances. It is a natural time for most of us to want to get out and enjoy fresh air and the stunning beauty of our community. This means more pedestrians, cyclists, children and dogs will be out on our streets, sidewalks and parks. Here are some safety reminders and tips that might be helpful for us to remember.

**Pedestrians:** Be aware of your surroundings at intersections and crosswalks. Do not take for granted that drivers will see you in crosswalks or obey traffic signals. Make eye contact and walk defensively!

Think about being visible to drivers while walking at night by wearing reflective clothing or using a flashlight.

When walking on roads without sidewalks, walk facing oncoming traffic to heighten your visibility.

**Cyclists:** Now is a great time to brush up on your knowledge of B.C.'s Rights and Duties Of The Operator Of a Bicycle here: [www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96318\\_05#section183](http://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96318_05#section183)

Remember to wear your helmet and visibility clothing/gear.

If you are planning to cross in a crosswalk, remember to walk your bike across and follow the traffic signals as a pedestrian.

**Motor Vehicle Operators:** Speed and alert driving continue to be a concern for your fellow Cordova Bay residents. Follow posted speed limits and stay focused and alert without distractions. Watch for pedestrians crossing the road particularly in areas with no crosswalks.

Let's all stay safe out there as we start to enjoy warmer weather.

Finally, the Transportation Committee has created a survey to learn more about how residents move throughout the community. We would be very grateful if you could take 5 minutes to take our [survey online](#) or you can drop your answers to the survey questions off at the CBA box at the Cordova Bay Pharmacy I.D.A. at 5166 Cordova Bay Road.

As an active transportation committee, we work hard to advocate for all your traffic and transportation concerns. Your voice is very important to us. The results of this survey will help us identify the key safety concerns of our community so that we can focus our efforts where they will make the greatest impact and be of the greatest service to our community. Thank you in advance for your time.

## Planning Committee Report

*By Mike Giordano*

In this edition of the Cordovan, as your planning chair, I would like to highlight three major projects in our community. Let's start with The Haro, our largest project under construction in Cordova Bay. The Shoreline and The Breakwater, the two buildings in Phase 1, have received occupancy permits and residents are moving in. Note that these two buildings have sold 100% of the residential units, as per the developer's website. The Ocean Breeze, or Phase 2, is under construction, and the developer's website indicates they have sold 90% of the residential units. We have just received news that we will see these businesses in the complex:

Anytime Fitness  
Cordova Bay Dental  
First Island Financial  
Gigi Italian Deli/Bakery  
Marshall Law  
Sabhai Thai Restaurant  
Total Body Health  
Victoria Skin Cancer Clinic

In the mean time, we can take in the landscaping and relax on the new various outdoor seating areas.



Many long term residents of Cordova Bay, such as myself, have spent many hours over the years enjoying time playing in the Cordova Bay Community Club, located at 941 Sutcliffe Road. The following statement was recently posted on Cordova Bay Community Club's website ([https://](https://cordovabaycommunityclub.ca)

[cordovabaycommunityclub.ca](https://cordovabaycommunityclub.ca)) "Rezoning was unanimously approved by Saanich Council at the public hearing February 15. Thanks to all who wrote in support of the application. We'll have more news in the coming weeks about the next stage in our process and fundraising". The website offers a 3D rendering and site plan which provides details such as the footprint/location of the building, court layouts and parking.

986-990 Doumac Avenue was also unanimously approved by Saanich Council at a public

hearing on Feb. 15, 2022. Developer, Citta Construction, has been given the 'go ahead' to build 4 storey, 17 unit strata-titled building on the corner of Doumas Avenue at Cordova Bay Road. Though dated, additional information can be found at <https://victoria.citified.ca/news/plans-resurface-for-cordova-bay-neighbourhoods-986-990-doumac-avenue-condominium-proposal/>

As we approach spring, we expect to see more residential construction projects in our community, and the focus of our report on the next edition of the Cordovan!

## Capstones at Claremont

*By Ruby Enns*



As part of the BC school curriculum, senior students are required to complete a capstone project for their Career Life Connections (CLC) course in order to graduate. A capstone is an open-ended project that allows students to dig deeper into their passions and gain mentorship from teachers in areas that interest them. According to the BC Course Curriculum website,

"The capstone is a rigorous learning opportunity that allows students to reflect and share in personally meaningful ways." This project is something that is taken very seriously at Claremont, as teachers and administrators alike believe it is something that can help pave the way for a student's success.

Over the last few years, a team of teachers at Claremont have looked at ways to maximise the positive impact this project has on students. To them, this meant that when it came time for presentations, there should be more people viewing the students' projects than just their teachers and peers. For this reason, students are able to invite a mentor who helped them with their project, and the school invites members from the community, to come in and listen to the presenters. However, unfortunately due to the tightening of COVID-19 restrictions in January, the students from this past semester were not able to invite anyone in and were only able to book a time to present to a teacher individually.

Since the parameters of this project are so open-ended, the topics can vary drastically.

For Sarah Ma, a grade 12 student, she used the capstone project as an opportunity to regale her passion of photography while gaining advice on the small business she is building. Ma has loved photography from a young age and was given her first professional camera at the age of 11, which is

when her true creative work began. Throughout her high school career, she has expanded her photography portfolio in many capacities, both in and out of school. Some of her work includes shooting for the Victoria Annual Dragon Boat Festival, school and community events, and creating her own business for graduate and family portraits.

Ma is grateful for the capstone project because it not only allowed her to achieve school credit for something she loves, but she also found that the teachers are genuinely invested in their students' projects. In Ma's case, this meant they helped connect her with people in the photography industry, enabling her to network for her small business. Capstone projects are an important step in a student's path to success and are held in high regard at Claremont. Staff and students alike are looking forward to when presentations will return back to normal, which will hopefully be by the end of the current semester.



Courtesy of Sarah Ma

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We hope you enjoy reading your copy of *The Cordovan*. The next issue will be out in June. If you have suggestions for articles, drop us a line at [letter-to-editor@cbasn.com](mailto:letter-to-editor@cbasn.com)

In the meantime, please visit the Cordova Bay Association website [www.cbasn.com](http://www.cbasn.com) for news and articles of interest.

## Why is a Community Important?

By Brock Nordman

As a relatively new resident of Cordova Bay, I am constantly impressed by the great people I come across. It seems that with a little bit of effort, we could help make Cordova Bay more vibrant and boost that community feel.

I recently read an article about communities which asked, "why are communities so important"? It described strong communities as a critical element of society because they're often an important source of social connection and provide a sense of belonging. It's amazing how fulfilling life can be when part of a community with shared goals, values and experiences, and how this can overcome the loneliness that many of us have felt through the pandemic.

Over the last couple of years, we have had to adapt to a new way of life. By staying closer to home, we have experienced all four seasons of the year in Cordova Bay, uncovered all the areas of our home and yard that needed attention, and discovered new walking routes with our four-legged friends. Along the way, we have gotten to know more of our neighbours by simply walking down the road, and occasionally while waiting in physically distanced line-ups at the local shops. We have a great opportunity now to build from these experiences, enriching the community where we share experiences, have fun, and support each other.

The Cordova Bay Association recently put out a project to Royal Roads University asking about creating community engagement through social media, but unfortunately due to a variety of circumstances, they weren't able to help. So the CBA Board is now putting the question out to readers:

- *What does community mean to you?*
- *What do you think we could do as neighbours to strengthen the Cordova Bay community?*

Spring and summer are just around the corner, and we want to hear from you! Please email us at [cbamembership@cbasn.com](mailto:cbamembership@cbasn.com). We would love to plan some community events or activities to bring everyone together after a long and challenging couple of years.



## Cordova Bay Transportation Committee 2022 Survey

The Board of Directors of the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs is seeking your input, as residents of CB.

We would love to hear from you by **Friday, March 18th, 2022.**

You can drop your answers to the survey questions off at the CBA box at the  
**Cordova Bay Pharmacy I.D.A. at 5166 Cordova Bay Road.**

As a resident of Cordova Bay, please let us know your modes of transport (it can be multiple) so we can learn the ways you move around Cordova Bay.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Car
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bike
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Are there any areas in Cordova Bay you'd like Saanich to prioritize for improving pedestrian safety?

Are there any areas in Cordova Bay you'd like Saanich to prioritize for improving cycling safety?

Are there any roads or intersections in Cordova Bay where you are concerned about driver safety?

What parks improvements would you like to see CBA advocate for with Saanich?

Is there any feedback you would like to give the transportation committee?

What is your favorite joke right now? It can also be a pun.

## Meet the CBA Board of Directors

Community engagement is a key element of the CBA's outreach; two-way communication is vital to the health of the association. We encourage your feedback on matters of mutual interest. Please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can start with a note to [cba.president@cbsn.com](mailto:cba.president@cbsn.com), which will be forwarded to a board member to continue the conversation.



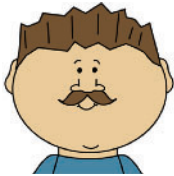
President  
Alex Izett

The CBA president is responsible for overseeing the affairs of the association, supporting all other committee directors in their respective capacities as and when required. The president is the primary link to the District of Saanich, making representation to Staff and Council when appropriate.



1st Vice President and Website Administrator  
Gloria Mills

With my many years of board experience, as VP I can support Alex in his role as President. I also manage the CBA website. I hope our residents find value in the website, and if something needs updating, let me know.



2nd Vice President  
David Kuprowsky

I am the CBA representative to the Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN). The members of SCAN meet regularly to exchange information and experiences that can lead to creative and proactive solutions to issues affecting our communities.



Secretary  
Barb Lucas

CBA agendas, minutes and meeting schedules are posted on the CBA website, but feel free to contact me if you have questions



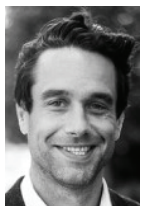
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As treasurer, I am responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records, and ensuring all the bills are paid.



Membership and Advertising  
Perry Fanthorpe

If you're not already a CBA member, ask me about the 10 Great Reasons to Join. If you own a business in this community, you can talk to me about how the businesses and residents support one another.



Planning Committee  
Mike Giordano

The board's point of contact and developer liaison for all planning-related issues in Cordova Bay. Planning and rezoning information can be found on the CBA website, but if you have questions, let's talk.

Events Chair

Position currently vacant



Public Relations  
Brock Nordman

If you think of ways to make our community more connected, we want to hear from you. I also want to know:  
What does it mean to live Cordova Bay?  
What's your favourite street in Cordova Bay? Favourite walks in the area?  
Got a good joke? (or a good pun) I want to hear it.



Transportation Committee  
Anna Hakim

I'm excited to serve the community and interested in your thoughts and concerns around local transportation (all kinds) and safety

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