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As representatives of the CBACA, 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 ȚEL̓,İŁĆ 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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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Barb Lucas

There was such an overwhelming positive response to the last "printed and delivered to your door" Spring 2023 issue of *The Cordovan*, we are very pleased to do it again. There has been a lot happening in our neighbourhood since the spring, so grab a coffee, sit back and enjoy this Fall *Cordova* issue.

There have been some notable successes with Saanich this year as a result of advocacy efforts by CBACA and many Cordova Bay residents. One is the lowering of the speed limit along the Sayward/Fowler corridor from 50 km to 40 km per hour. Have a look at the article and pictures in this issue.

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## CORDOVA BAY'S ORIGINAL VILLAGE, ȚEL̓,İŁĆ

By Brian Thom, Associate Professor, UVic Anthropology

The histories of Indigenous peoples' use and occupancy are found all across the Cordova Bay area. Nineteen archaeological sites have so far been documented, and fragments of many more observed. The original village of ȚEL̓,İŁĆ - located in and around Agate Park - has at least 1,000 years of history prior to European settlement, and is remembered in oral histories shared by WSÁNEĆ Elders like Eric Pelkey and Mavis Underwood. This summer, led by Tsawout First Nation and the University of Victoria's Anthropology Department in collaboration with the District of Saanich, we conducted archaeological investigations within lands managed by Saanich Parks. Our goals have been to promote a better understanding of this history and teachings that come from better knowing and caring for this place, and to bring Indigenous youth and Elders back to their ancestral site, inspiring ongoing connections to Cordova Bay in the future.

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Saanich's People, Pets & Parks Strategy (PPP) was an attempt to come up with a Saanich-wide parks strategy as it relates to usage by all Saanich residents. CBACA directed its advocacy against the recommendation that Cordova Bay Beach, from south of the pump station at Cordova Bay Park to the north end of (what locals call) Parker Park, be the *only* beach in Saanich open for off leash dogs *all year long, any time of day*. Saanich is reviewing this recommendation, along with some others, based on all feedback they received. At the time of writing, Council is to receive a new draft PPP bylaw by the end of October 2023. Dave Chater, CBACA Transportation & Parks Chair, has more details in his article.

Things are starting to slowly pick up from a development point of view – see the full planning report from CBACA Planning Co-chairs Mike Giordano and Ellie Willing – but all of us were saddened by the closure of the Beach House on August 27, a fixture that will be, and is, sorely missed. It is good to see most of the Haro commercial space in use now with many good services on offer, however that part of our village is still missing something that draws residents together, to gather. Time will tell to see what goes into the current vacant space. Mattick's Farm continues to provide a great variety of shops, and the courtyard is so inviting, especially on warm summer days. The ice cream lineup never dwindles!

At the Annual General Meeting in April 2023, board members David Kuprowsky, Brock Nordman and Eleanor Willing were re-elected for a two-year term. We also welcomed Nicole McKay who was elected to the Board for a two-year term. Niki and her husband have lived in Cordova Bay since 2009 and have two very sporty teenage boys.

That left two board positions to fill. However, in June the Board was pleased to appoint Pat Bourke, who stepped up to fill one of the vacancies. Pat, an avid cyclist, has been a resident of Cordova Bay since 2014. She has taken on responsibility of the Membership portfolio and will be up for formal election at the April 2024 AGM. Welcome Pat and Niki!

As always, if anyone is interested in getting to know more about Cordova Bay and can spare a few hours each month, please contact me. CBACA board meets once per month, other than July and August. Many thanks to Cordova Bay 55+ for providing meeting space for the board meetings and the AGM! Another reminder, we always welcome communication from people in our community. Contact information for the various CBACA committees is listed below on this page.

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This issue would not be possible without the financial support of our local business advertisers. Our sincere thanks to all those included in this second print issue. Please support ALL our local businesses! They are at the heart of making Cordova Bay such a wonderful livable, walkable community.

On behalf of the Board, as we near the end of 2023, we wish everyone a warm upcoming holiday season with family and friends and all the best for 2024!



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*UVic-Tsawout 2023 Archaeological Excavations Cordova Bay's original Village ȚEL̓IŁĆE, continued from page 1*



Our first major finding was during the first week of July 2023 when we had very low “negative” tides. Back in the summer of 2017 I had noticed a peculiar alignment of rocks near the mouth of Galey Brook, many mostly buried in the sand. I consulted experts who worked in places like Alaska where ancient stone fish traps and clam gardens are common, and formulated a plan to better expose the rock alignment to see if we say more about it. Each morning when the tides went out, our students moved seaweeds and sand, and exposed a long, u-shaped rock wall which runs parallel to the beach. We documented the rock alignment with drones, conventional surveys, ground penetrating radar, and a soil resistivity survey. While broken in places from tidal action over the centuries, it became clear that these rocks were intentionally stacked on each other to enhance marine life. Looking at how sea levels in our area were about 50 cm lower 1,000 years ago (meaning the top of the wall would have been higher relative to the sea level), we believe that this fish trap or seafood garden had been in operation for a very long time!

For the rest of the month of July, we focused our work at Agate Park, McMorran Park and Cordova Bay Park. We started our work by using a ground penetrating radar survey to lay out a plan for shovel tests (30x30 cm holes dug as far as the arm could reach), soil probes (a 1” wide stainless steel cylinder) and “ESP probes” (3” wide vinyl tubes) pushed or hammered into the ground, to bring back samples of earth from below the surface. We located archaeological deposits almost everywhere we looked, the evidence of life in ancient times sometimes mere centimeters below the ground, and in other places over a meter deep. Some of our tests showed how past work in these parks, such as landscaping or storm drains,

had disturbed parts of the sites, while other areas have never been disturbed over the centuries, with an intact archaeological strata buried below.

Based on these tests, we located our four main “excavation units” – 1x1m holes dug carefully, 10cm at a time, to reveal evidence of daily life in the ancient ȚEL̓IŁĆE village. We found the remains of cooking and food processing, from charcoal and fire-cracked rock, to clam shells and fish bones. We found a surprising amount of elk bones which had been a staple in the Cordova Bay diet, as well as other foods like sea lion, duck and deer. We uncovered numerous special artifacts including a serrated harpoon point (pictured on page 1), a pointed fishing barb, and a part of a slate fish knife. We will be working over the winter to analyse, photograph and describe these finds, and prepare them for the Royal BC Museum who will hold them in trust for W̱SÁNEĆ and Lək̓ʷəŋən communities.

Our Cordova Bay community provided amazing support of our project. While we were able to secure a federal job training grant to help cover some of our core expenses, community donations really leveled up the work we were able to do! Critical science work like radiocarbon dating, and key equipment like soil probes and survey-grade GPS, was made possible with donations from the community, and organizations like the Real Estate Foundation of BC.

If anyone is excited to be a part of this project, we would still benefit from up to \$5,000 in donations this fall. We are preparing to do our analysis of the faunal remains, soil samples and artifacts and any amount of support brings the story of the original Cordova Bay village – ȚEL̓IŁĆE into focus for our school and community. UVic has a new easy website dedicated to donations for our project here <https://extrweb.uvic.ca/give-tsawout>.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

**Mike Giordano and Eleanor Willing**

The Planning Committee serves as the central point of contact and liaison between the board and developers for planning-related initiatives within Cordova Bay. Our primary responsibilities encompass communicating with local residents about Cordova Bay developments and ensuring that the latest development application updates are accessible on the CBACA website. Additionally, we evaluate development, subdivision and rezoning proposals within the community upon request from Saanich. Our main objective is to ensure that developers adhere to the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan and provide timely responses to Saanich Council, whether it be in the form of support or issue identification in relation to project proposals.

### Project Updates:

- **Beach House Restaurant:** Currently closed and the owner has listed the five associated properties for sale. An initial offer fell through and the owner is in the process of exploring new opportunities.
- **5166 Cordova Bay Road:** The property, anchored by the IDA Pharmacy, has been sold and future plans for the site are unknown at this time.
- **5229 Cordova Bay Road:** This site, previously home to an Esso gas station located across from Cordova Bay Elementary School, is now in the construction phase. A four-storey residential building comprising 24 units, with a ground-floor commercial component, is officially underway. You can find more information on the Tiller + Grace project at 5229 Cordova Bay Road through their website but first must register for information. Please note that no units are officially for sale at this time.
- **The Tides at Cordova Bay:** Situated in the 900-block of Doumac Avenue at Cordova Bay Road, this four-storey condominium project has sold approximately 40% of the 17 proposed units during the pre-construction phase. Several permits are already in place, however, a development amendment permit, which is essential for construction, is still pending, mainly due to Saanich's ongoing review. The developer's representative has assured us that construction is imminent once these details are finalized.
- **941 Sutcliffe Road (Cordova Bay Community Club):** The owner representative for this site has yet to announce demolition and construction timelines. The owners are currently in the fundraising stage and significant fundraising progress is still required before any demolition or construction activities can commence.

For comprehensive, up-to-date information on development activities in Cordova Bay, including a new Permit and Development Tracker, visit the Saanich website at [www.saanich.ca/EN/main/local-government/development-applications/active-development-applications/cordova-bay.html](http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/local-government/development-applications/active-development-applications/cordova-bay.html). This resource offers valuable insights into the status of various development projects in our community.



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## “40” ON FOWLER – AND SAYWARD

By Barb Lucas

Earlier this year, Saanich Council approved a reduction to the speed limit on some rural and other roads in Saanich. Cordova Bay was included in that decision, along Sayward and Fowler Roads, with a reduction from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. It was the culmination of almost 10 years of advocacy by CBACA residents who live on this section of the Sayward/Fowler/Cordova Bay Road corridor. CBACA included this request as part of its Delegation to Council in 2019, and a group of concerned residents along Sayward and Fowler Roads made strong presentations to the Mayor and Chief of Police over the past two years. With the upgrading to be done at Fowler Park, which will result in increased usage, this speed reduction is even more essential. Safer roads are a priority for Saanich and for our community. Many thanks to all those who have worked on this initiative over the past decade!



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At Giordano Collective, Your Friends In Real Estate, we take pride in offering award-winning, world-class real estate services and advice. I've been recognized with the prestigious MLS Award nine times consecutively, a testament to my excellence as recognized by the Victoria Real Estate Board. I've also earned the eXp ICON Award three times in a row, the highest honour with my current brokerage. And even before that, I received the Macdonald Realty Award of Excellence five times consecutively, demonstrating my consistent commitment to providing top-notch service to my clients.

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## TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT

### Dave Chater, Chair, Transportation & Parks Committee

The Transportation and Parks Committee is currently chaired by board member, Dave Chater and includes Karen Fediuk (current Board Treasurer) and four other members from the broader community. Working under the guidance of the board, this committee represents our area to liaise and engage directly with the Saanich Engineering and Parks Departments on plans, projects or issues that are important to the community.

Since our last report in the spring edition of *The Cordovan*, the committee has been busy with several transportation and park projects and issues.

We have continued to advocate for pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements along Cordova Bay Road (CBR). This continued advocacy included another meeting with the Mayor and Director of Engineering from Saanich as well as a follow-up meeting with the Director and Senior Manager of Transportation regarding our ongoing requests for these improvements. These discussions with the mayor and senior Saanich staff also included our request for improvements to the transit service in general for Cordova Bay, which as most of the residents know, is poor overall.

The committee has also been active in providing input to the upcoming update of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for Saanich. As a result of our advocacy with the mayor and senior staff plus our earlier input to the ATP update, Saanich has moved up a pedestrian/cycling improvement project on CBR between Walema and McMorran Park to now complete by 2030 and not 2040 as originally noted in the earlier ATP. This updated plan should be coming to council later this fall.

We have also maintained contact with the project manager responsible for the CBR sidewalk improvement plan covering the road area between Rambler and Walema roads. This project was announced in February 2022 and had been expected to begin in the spring of 2022. The project has been delayed twice and is now expected to begin in the spring of 2024. We were also successful in having Saanich relook at the concept plans for this project to now include an appropriate pedestrian walking area on the east side of CBR across from the elementary school. The original plan did not provide for pedestrian use in this area, which is contrary to our newly approved Local Area Plan.

In May, we provided input into the proposed renewal plan for Fowler and Lochside Parks. It is expected that a revised plan for these two parks will come back for review by our community later this fall or early winter. This will truly be an exciting event to see both these parks upgraded to meet our community's growing and more diverse needs.

Later in the summer, we worked closely with residents near Sayward Hill Park and Saanich Parks to resolve some short and longer-term issues. I am happy to report that we have had some success with Saanich Parks on a couple of short-term issues, but we will also need to continue to advocate and push for solutions to a longer-term issue with the main trail that links with Mattick's Farm and Cordova Bay Road/Lochside Trail.

The committee had also provided input into Saanich's People, Pets and Parks (PPP) Strategy in the spring. The PPP had recommended making the beaches at Cordova Bay off-leash year-round for dogs. More recently, the committee drafted letters to the mayor and council regarding this issue and also supported the CBACA President who made two presentations to council highlighting the association's opposition to this change for our beaches.

On September 25, Saanich Council amended a number of sections in the proposed new bylaw and reverted the dogs off-leash/on-leash policy back to the status quo for Cordova Bay. The current bylaw or status quo allows dogs on the beach off-leash (but under control) except from May 1 until August 31 and then only until 9 a.m. each day. The amended bylaw will come back to council on October 30 for third reading to approve the amended bylaw.

This change back to the status quo will mean, however, that Parker Beach will remain a year-round off-leash dog area making it an anomaly for beaches in the Saanich Parks system. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be having discussions with Saanich Parks about this issue.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Alex Izett, former President of the CBACA and Transportation and Parks Committee member, for his (and other community members) advocacy over several years to lower the speed limit along Fowler and Sayward Roads to 40 km/h. Sometimes consistent pressure and hard work pay off as Saanich Council approved lowered speed limit in this area earlier this year. Please check out the article specific to the speed limit changes in this edition.

It's been a busy summer!



## FROM THE ARCHIVES – CORDOVAN, NOVEMBER 1991

### Remembering Earlier Days in Cordova Bay

By G. Bruce McMorran

In this issue I would like to relate my memories of when "Lochside went through." I am not referring to the road, but to the C.N. rail line that ran from Victoria, through Cordova Bay and on to Sidney. The main purpose of this line was to transport freight from Victoria, and lumber from the mill at Sidney back to Victoria. However, during the summer months until the early 1920's a passenger train ran on the line, bringing families to spend a day at the beach.

The Cordova Bay station was at the corner of Haliburton and Lochside roads. Passenger service was discontinued as the automobile and excursion buses took over. I have memories of many times hearing the train whistle blowing quite a distance down the track, and with some playmates running up Doumac to wave to the engineer as the train passed by. He always waved back.

In the winter, when the leaves were off the trees, we could see the train go by from Cordova Bay Road. During freezing weather the tracks would become icy and you could hear the locomotive engine race as the wheels slipped on the tracks as the train came up the grade from the Blenkinsop Valley.

In 1934 freight train service between Victoria and Sidney was discontinued, and starting from Borden Mercantile on Quadra the tracks were taken up. During the period the crew were taking up through our area, the foreman would allow us kids to run their "handcar" up and down the track. That, I remember, was a great thrill.

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## STAYING FIT FOR FALL – WALKING ROUTES IN CORDOVA BAY

By Brock Nordman

Ah, here we are in the change of seasons. I often find my motivation to get outside is sorely lacking as the weather turns from summer sunshine to wet and windy. My two four-legged friends, however, have no such concerns and seem quite happy in the crunchy leaves and mud puddles.

Thankfully, Cordova Bay has many great walking routes to offer. There are hidden pathways between streets and well-placed parks scattered amongst the neighbourhoods. It really is a fantastically walkable place. Of course, PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park) and Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park are just around the corner too.

Need motivation to go for a walk? Here are a few great routes – you may just find me crunching along with the dogs.

1. **Boulderwood Hill:** This is a true hidden gem, offering stunning views in all directions making the climb well worth it. There are numerous access points depending on your desired length of walk. There is a



*Lochside Park.*

nice access to the trail from a little gravel path at the south end of Wesley Road near the Wesley Reservoir, then straight into the woods – first downhill then eventually back uphill. You can do this as a loop from a variety of places with access from Bramble Court, Boulderwood Drive, Wesley Court, and even a zigzag path up from McMinn Park if you're feeling ambitious. I recommend choosing your route before you start, as there are all sorts of options for this one!

2. **Park to Park:** Wander through the trees (and maybe stop to watch some pickleball) at McMinn Park then pop up to Lochside Drive. Take a lovely two kilometer walk down Lochside and turn into Doumac Park. Inside Doumac Park, you'll feel a million miles away with a beautiful canopy of trees and a rushing creek. If you feel the need for an extra exercise push, there is a leg-burner of a staircase up towards Del Monte Avenue that you can go up as many (or as few) times as you like, then amble back the way you came.
3. **The Ridge Loop/Sayward Hill:** Start off at Mattick's Farm and pop across Cordova Bay Road to the entrance to the Ridge Golf Course. Veer left and meander up Sayward Hill Crescent and take the steep sandy hill at the top, offering great views out towards the ocean and the golf course. Follow the path across the Ridge and into the trees past the Sayward Hill Park Playground and link back up with Sayward/Fowler/Cordova Bay Road, which will take you all the way back down to where you started.

Here's a great map of trails and parks in Saanich:  
<https://www.saanich.ca/assets/Parks~Recreation~and~Community~Services/Documents/Saanich-Parks-Map.pdf>

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## CBACA SCHOLARSHIPS

By Barb Lucas

CBACA, in conjunction with Claremont Secondary School, has established two annual one-time \$500 scholarships to encourage a graduating student, who is also a resident of Cordova Bay, to pursue further education at a recognized B.C. post-secondary institution. In 2023, the CBACA Community Award Scholarship was awarded to a very deserving student, Kaitlin Low.

Kaitlin has lived in Cordova Bay her entire life. In her early years, she enjoyed being part of the Cordova Bay Fastball League and participating in activities in partnership with the Cordova Bay 55+ Association. At Claremont, Kaitlin regularly volunteered within the community through Claremont's Key Club, an international student-led service and volunteering organization, and has received Claremont Service & Citizenship awards for her positive contributions to the school community. Barb Lucas, CBACA President, was very pleased to make the presentation to Kaitlin at the Claremont Awards Ceremony in June. We wish Kaitlin much success in her upcoming year at UVic!



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## CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### Concert Kicks off Christmas Season

Cordova Bay United Church (813 Claremont Avenue, next to Claremont Secondary School) will kick off the Christmas season this year with a concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 19 featuring Elizabeth and Glenn Parsons. Beth's studies included opera, oratorio and musical theatre. Glenn is classically trained, but upon hearing the pianist Bill Evans, Glenn's piano focus shifted to jazz. The concert is by donation, with a suggested minimum of \$10 per person.

### Bake Sale at the Cordova Café

At The Cordova Café, the coffee is always on us. That's right, we offer free cups of Level Ground Coffee every second Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to Noon in the church hall. It's our way of building community and helping neighbours meet neighbours.

And did we mention the homemade baked goods? We always have delectable goodies on hand to have with your coffee. On Saturday, December 9 you will be able to get a head start on your Christmas baking – without having to do any baking. That's because we're doing it for you! We will have an assortment of baked goods for sale so you can stock up for the season. See you there!

### Come for the Carolling; Stay for the Cider

Christmas is just around the corner and what better way to get into the Christmas spirit than with a community carol sing-a-long and hot apple cider? The church



will host Community Carol Sing and Cider on Sunday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. The sing-a-long will take place outside in front of the church around the large cedar tree. The church will supply carol song sheets and hot apple cider. You don't have to attend the church to join in the fun. This is a community event to celebrate the Christmas season.

## MEMBERSHIP

### By Pat Bourke

As Membership Secretary, my role is to maintain an up-to-date database of CBACA members, contact members for renewals, and promote new memberships in our community. This fall, we're conducting an outreach campaign to past members to remind them of the important role the CBACA plays in advocating on behalf of our community on issues that affect us all. Growing our membership makes our collective voice stronger.

Membership in CBACA is on a calendar-year basis at \$10 per year; members can choose a one-year, two-year, three-year or five-year term. Every member of your household who is age 18 and over is included in your family membership. Members enjoy added benefits, such as advance notice for important events, like all-candidates meetings in election years, community charettes and development presentations.

If your current term is expiring at the end of 2023, you'll receive an email from me in your inbox this fall. You can renew or sign up online, or by filling out the Membership Form included in this issue. Details are on the Membership page of the CBACA website: [cbaca.ca/membership/](http://cbaca.ca/membership/)

Please contact me with any questions, or if there have been changes to your contact information at [membership@cbaca.ca](mailto:membership@cbaca.ca).





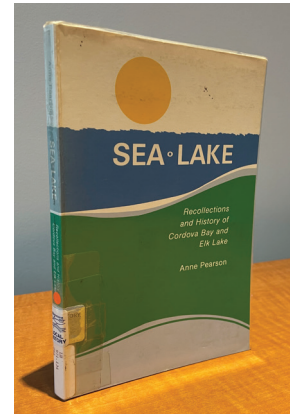
## EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY

By Debbie Sherwood

Do you enjoy poring over archived editions of *Spindrift* to get a sense of what life was like in the mid-1900s Cordova Bay? If so, there's a book you might enjoy. It's called, *Sea-Lake: Reflections and History of Cordova Bay and Elk Lake*, published in 1981 and written by Anne Pearson.

This 120-page book covers many aspects of life in the community such as the back stories about families, farms, businesses, schools and clubs. It includes maps and dozens of photos.

The Central Branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library has a copy. It cannot be loaned out, but you can spend a pleasant rainy afternoon reading it at the library in the peaceful Heritage Room where it is kept.



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## CBACA WEBSITE BUSINESS DIRECTORY RETIREMENT

By Gloria Wills

With the successful re-launch of the printed *Cordovan*, delivered to every household in Cordova Bay, the board has decided to remove the Business Directory on its website. Business Advertising is now covered in the printed *Cordovan*. It has been difficult over the years to maintain this online directory and keep it up to date. The directory will be removed on December 31, 2023.

If anyone has concerns or feedback for the board on this decision please contact me, Gloria Wills at [website@cbaca.ca](mailto:website@cbaca.ca). Any and all feedback on the website is welcome and we hope it is a good source of information for all Cordova Bay residents. Thank you.



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## SEEKING: COORDINATOR FOR NEXT YEAR'S CORDOVA BAY DAY

By Barb Lucas


Fairfielders get festive every Fall, Esquimalt-onians celebrate Buccaneer Days, Oak Bay-ers party over tea every June; Cordova Bay has...?

Until 2019 there was Cordova Bay Day, one sunny day a year when residents and visitors enjoyed a selection of activities to get together and have fun. There was music, entertainment, a bouncy castle for kids, car shows, interactive exhibits, great food, give-aways and much more.

Covid-19 put an end to that a few years ago, but let's hope that was just a temporary break, and we can look forward to more in the future.

What's needed first are people to coordinate the event and get things going. This needn't be a formal board position. We can provide notes from previous years so that you're not completely starting from scratch. If you would like to lead, or be part of a team to plan the next happy Cordova Bay Day, please contact me at [president@cbaca.ca](mailto:president@cbaca.ca) Thank you!






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## CBACA SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

By Barb Lucas

In May of this year, the Board approved grant support of \$600 to the Cordova Bay Elementary School Parent Advisory Council for the purchase of 40 school jerseys to be used by all students for their school sports teams. CBACA board members, Mike Giordano and Barb Lucas, are pictured here with three students wearing the jerseys. Go Team Go!



## HOW TO DEAL WITH GRAFFITI IN THE COMMUNITY



Graffiti is not art. It's vandalism. It's painting, drawing, scribbling or "tagging" on any surface without the permission of the property owner. While it may seem harmless and a mild irritant, there are financial and social costs. Communities carry much of the burden of graffiti because it impacts neighbourhoods and the stakeholders of the community.

Saanich Police are saying, "We need your help to get rid of graffiti. The faster we hear about and remove it, the less likely it will spread or re-appear."

You can help! Please report graffiti as follows:

- **Saanich Police:** please call the non-emergency number: 250-475-4321. If possible, take photos and provide them to the police. Even if the graffiti is removed prior to police attendance, police are still better able to identify the culprit(s).
- **Saanich Public Works:** Saanich traffic sign, road structure, garbage container, bus shelter without advertising or any other obvious municipal structure. Phone: 250-475-5599. Email: [publicworks@saanich.ca](mailto:publicworks@saanich.ca)
- **Saanich Parks:** Saanich parks sign, trail marker or other structure in a Saanich park. Phone: 250-475-5522 Email: [parks@saanich.ca](mailto:parks@saanich.ca)
- **Canada Post:** Canada Post mailbox. Phone: 1-866-607-6301
- **Telus:** Telus box or structure. Email: [graffiti@telus.com](mailto:graffiti@telus.com) or report to your local Telus store.
- **BC Hydro:** BC Hydro box or structure. Access internet [www.bchydro.com](http://www.bchydro.com) and select "Community" from the menu bar.
- If you see graffiti vandalism in progress, please call 9-1-1 right away and report the crime to the police.

If you have any other crime prevention questions or would like to start your own Block Watch, contact Saanich Police at [Blockwatch@saanichpolice.ca](mailto:Blockwatch@saanichpolice.ca).

Sources:

*Block Watch News Saanich Police, September, 2023, by L.Dawn Fyke, Captain, The Pinnacle Block Watch The Cost and Dangers of Graffiti, Summary Graffiti newsletters, 2023, at [todd.polich@burnaby.ca](mailto:todd.polich@burnaby.ca). Graffiti Prevention*

We hope you enjoy reading your copy of *The Cordovan*. If you have suggestions for articles, drop us a line at [hello@cbaca.ca](mailto:hello@cbaca.ca)

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

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# Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs (CBACA)

## Membership Application Form

The larger our membership, the greater our voice with Saanich Council on issues that affect Cordova Bay.

Please help meet our goal of 1000 members!

Please check one:                  Renewal Member(s) ☐                  New Member(s) ☐

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

All residents, 18 years of age or older, residing at the same address, receive a membership.

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Providing email addresses enables you to receive timely announcements.

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fees are used to support the CBACA's activities on behalf of the community, provide grants to local non-profit organizations, and to increase our influence with Saanich.

Annual Cost: Only \$10.00 per household

Suggested payment options: Two Years – \$20.00    Three Years – \$30.00    Five Years – \$50.00

Receipt requested?                  yes please ☐                  no thank you ☐

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A paid business ad includes a CBACA membership if your business or personal address is in Cordova Bay.

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Mail: PO Box 41003, 5166 Cordova Bay Road, Victoria V8Y 0A3 or

Deposit in the CBACA special box at the Cordova Bay Pharmacy, 5166 Cordova Bay Road

For an electronic fillable membership form, and instructions for e-transfer payments, visit

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Thank you. Your support is appreciated.