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THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT DOUGLAS PARK

Before spring arrives, the debate on the future of Cordova Bay Road through the Park will begin; when it will end is another matter. The catalyst that has promoted this item to the head of Saanich's agenda is the rapid deterioration of the present road, and the safety hazard it now presents to the travelling public and the residents near its boundary.

The initial 1991 proposal from the Engineering Department at Saanich called for the closing of the present road at the motel, and locating a new one behind it. This would require land acquisition outside the park, and the logging of a 100-foot wide strip from the boundary to the old gravel pit. This would be followed by extensive cutting and filling to achieve an overall final grade of 7%. Trucks would be re-introduced into the park and they, together with extra traffic to Broadmead Village and Royal Oak Recreation Centre, as well as the general increase in population, would ensure a return to the present situation, where the road is fully loaded for significant portions of the day.

The decision, once it is made, will have a major effect on all the surrounding communities; one of the major contributions to the through-traffic in these neighbourhoods now is the presence of this short strip of road.

The position of our society is that the safety issue can best be resolved by closing the present road to motorized traffic, and to findind an alternative route further inland, west of the park. Because of the competing interests, concerns and fears of the surrounding communities, such a search must be part of the C.R.C. Transportation Plan for the region, so we obtain the best long-term, cost-effective solution for the park and the surrounding communities, rather than an engineering "quick Fix" based on poor or non-existent data.

We will hold our next meeting mid-February. A newsletter will go out to all members, but for those of you who are not yet members we will place advertisements in the local papers. Please plan to come.

For further details:

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Pam Lewis

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Bruce McMorran

For those of us who don't correspond with friends and relatives too often - I being one of them - the Christmas season seems to be the time to keep the connection intact. This brought to mind our mail delivery service, and how it differs from years ago.

I recall as a young boy, back in the late 1920s and through the 1930s, that our mail service was a rural route, R.W.D. 4, later changed to R.R. 4. Mr. (Charlie) Lowe, our mail courier, worked out of the main Victoria post office, at the corner of Government and Wharf Streets, where he sorted the mail for delivery.

We were rural in those times, when you consider that Mr. Lowe's route took him through part of Gordon Head, then Mount Douglas Park to Cordova Bay, depositing mail in roadside mail boxes along the way. Turn-around point was at the corner of Walema and Cordova Bay Roads, where there were a number of boxes. On his return trip to Victoria, he left mail in the boxes along Blenkinsop Road.

In 1925 a seasonal Post Office was established in my father's summer store, to provide mail service to the many summer cottagers. This office was open June 15 through September 15. Mr. Lowe dropped off the incoming mail bag and picked up the outgoing bag at the same time.

A year-round office was established at McMorran's in 1942, to provide service to the families of service personnel occupying most of the summer cottages. With the establishment of a permanent office, mail boxes within a half mile distance of the post office were removed, and residents in that area were obliged to pick up their mail from the post office. An advantage of having the post office was that you very quickly and easily became acquainted with everyone in the neighbourhood.

Rural route delivery ended in the mid- to late-50s, and house-to-house service was provided. My father, George McMorran, continued on as Postmaster in Cordova Bay until 1965, by then having served in that capacity for 40 years.

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Rob Baker 658-2862

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for details of an active and interesting program for boys aged 8 to 11.

5th Tsartlip Cubs & Beavers

. . . would like to thank all the people in Cordova Bay who supported us by purchasing Christmas trees and Christmas cakes, and would in particular like to thank Mr. Danny Pang for use of the Plaza, the Kiwanis for supplying cakes and their support, and Cordova Bay Hardware for helping to sell both cakes and trees.

The 40 Beavers and 28 Cubs are now looking forward to an active program of winter and spring activities. For information, please call Don Lister, 658-1101.

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PLANNING UPDATE

With the coming of the new year, it looks as though planning in Cordova Bay won't be any easier than before. However, with continued care and effort, some good things could be happening. If you would like to participate more directly in the process by joining the Cordova Bay Association Planning Committee, please call the chairman, Kay Porter, at 658-5792. The committee is called to a meeting whenever the chairman deems it necessary, which is as frequently or infrequently as issues affecting Cordova Bay come up.

- * The proposal for a study of the future of the gravel pits has been referred for consideration to next year's budget meetings.
- * Representatives from the Cordova Bay Association, residents on the east side of Cordova Bay Road and from Doumac Avenue met with Saanich planning and engineering staff to discuss the Streetscape Proposal's suggestions for upgrading Cordova Bay Road itself. A concept plan may be ready for consideration in early spring.
- * Work has begun on the development approved for the corner of Royal Oak Drive and Cordova Bay Road. The existing house is to be retained and the developer has assured protection of trees on the building sites, as well as a 16-foot buffer zone of natural vegetation by the sides of the road. There will be access from Royal Oak Drive and Cordova Bay Road.
- * A proposal for rezoning and development of the Jacks family's Firbanks Farm is now moving through the municipal process. Watch for notice of a Public Hearing soon.
- * An application to rezone property for development at 5216 Beckton Road was considered at Public Hearing on December 17. It was rejected as presented. The property extends from Beckton up to the undeveloped portion of Walema near Del Monte Avenue. Six lots were proposed, with a trail running from Polson Terrace to Beckton Park. Though not opposing the sale and development of the property, the Association had several concerns. The slope is very steep, with a fine stand of mature trees, most of which would have to be removed for development. That slope is known to be unstable, and, indeed has been included in the tree-cutting by-law. The undeveloped portion of Walema, which would be used as access for at least one of the proposed lots, has been proposed by the Parks Department for development as a tot lot to serve the area. Under these circumstances, the Planning Committee of the Association has suggested that the best use of the upper portion of the property is as an extension of Beckton Park, thus provided much-needed park area for that part of the community and opening up access to Beckton Park. Watch for a new proposal for this area, and express your opinion when it comes to Council.

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McMINN PARK

In November, Saanich Parks & Recreation Department held a meeting at Claremont School to discuss what the community would like to see in McMinn Park, at the foot of Lochside and west of Sunnymead.

McMinn Park is designated a "community" park, meaning that its amenities should serve the whole community. These might include a tennis court, a softball diamond and/or an adventure playground on the flat portion, and the remainder left in its natural configuration with walking trails.

Saanich Parks will be bringing a specific concept to the next meeting, which takes place

Tuesday, February 11
7:30 p.m.

Claremont Secondary School
Lunchroom

Take part in planning your park. Everyone welcome!

"A VALENTINE FOR CANADA"

Ten thousand signatures are being sought locally by the Victoria Chapter of Dialogue Canada for "A Valentine for Canada", to be presented to Ottawa's Joint Parliamentary Committee before February 28, when the Commission reports to Parliament.

Founded recently, the Victoria branch of Dialogue Canada - like its sister branches in Ottawa and Toronto - is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization whose objective is to promote tolerance and understanding within Canada's pluralism.

"Remember the Spirit of Expo '67?" asks founder Des Connor, an applied sociologist living in Cordova Bay. "Let's rekindle that warmth and create a new unity from sea to sea."

With 50 people from diverse backgrounds, the Victoria chapter is now assembling this expression of concern and love for Canada. They will publicize across the country the fact of their strongly-endorsed Valentine, and present their entire package to the Joint Parliamentary Committee.

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"The words of our national anthem are not empty words. They are the spirit that lives in a caring family, the glue that binds our people together and the vision that beckons us to our future as a country."

If you want to be a part of "A Valentine for Canada", pick up free, printed forms of the Valentine to which signatures may be added, at Saanich Municipal Hall, or, if more convenient, at Victoria City Hall.

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Mother's Morning Out. Mothers with young children come for a short program. Includes demonstrations of cooking, crafts, etc. while children are being cared for in another part of the building. New mothers to the area always welcome.

Next Social: Saturday, February 15, 7:30 p.m. Valentine's Line Dancing for all ages - children, pensioners and in-betweens!! Very simple, come along and join the fun. (There will be a small charge for admission).

Sunday Evenings, Jan. 19 - March 8
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Discussion Series on Modern Ethical Dilemmas will be held in the Fireside Room. The series will examine presentations by Dr. Terry Anderson, Professor of Christian and Social Ethics at the Vancouver School of Theology. It is intended to help everyone reflect on how they solve modern moral dilemmas. There are no easy answers provided, but Dr. Anderson offers practical guidelines

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For further information, call Kathi Hemphill-Nash, 652-0509.

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For further information, call 479-4270.

KIWANIS CLUB of Cordova Bay

The festive season has passed, the turkey and left-over chicken sandwiches have long gone, so now we can settle down to a regular routine.

First of all, our members wish to thank you for your participation at our poinsettia and Christmas Cake sales. It is much appreciated.

We have some new and interesting plans for the coming year, and will keep you informed through THE CORDOVAN. Of course we will be having our Annual Garage Sale, so keep those goodies in the corner of your garage for now!

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For information, call Jack Hardie, Secretary, 658-8856.

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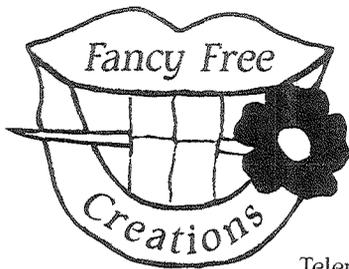
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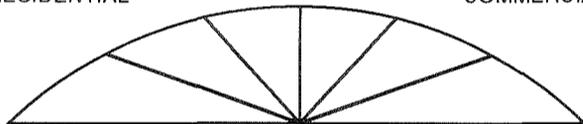
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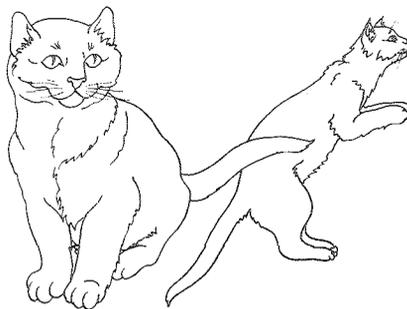
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CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS normally take place at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, in the United Church on Claremont Avenue. You are welcome to attend. Call Kay Porter, 658-5792 for further information.

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