

THE CORDOVAN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This has been my last year as President of the Cordova Bay Association, but I remain a member of the Board, specifically as chairman of the Planning Committee. I wish to thank the Board for its hard work during my term of office: there have been many meetings this year, due to the Local Area Plan, the Traffic Study, and recent major developments in the community. I also wish to thank the many volunteers who keep our projects going - producing and circulating The Cordovan, canvassing for memberships, working on the Planning Committee, and developing community programs and contacts.

Among our main concerns remains that of through-traffic in Cordova Bay. At present, 30% of the traffic on Cordova Bay Road is through-traffic. When and if the Pat Bay Highway is freewayed, there may well be pressure from the province for an intermunicipal route through Cordova Bay. We feel it would be disastrous for a road similar to Shelbourne to run through the community. The rapidity of growth in the community has been another cause for concern. These are not problems that will be easily solved. We must make sure that we are not divided and conquered on such issues, and that unavoidable disagreements do not generate personal ill-feeling.

The Cordova Bay Association remains one of the most active and effective community associations in Saanich. We have been asked to give advice and information to other associations, and have held several such meetings this year. Association meetings are all open to whoever wishes to attend. We rely on your active participation: it is your input, through the survey, the mini-surveys in The Cordovan, the Local Area Plan, and direct contact, that provides basic direction for the Association.

Roger Vale

This is the new executive of the Cordova Bay Association. If you have a problem or want information about the community, call one of the board members:

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TWELVE YEARS OF CORDOVANS!

The first Cordovan came out in July of 1976, twelve years ago almost to the month. The first issue, and many of those that followed, were typed and delivered by Grade 12 students from Claremont Senior Secondary. At the start, it was a single sheet. Now four or five sheets in size, it is distributed to about 1800 households by community volunteers.

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SECOND PAGE COLUMN

Residents who answered last issue's survey question about preserving agricultural land were few in number but refreshingly strong in their commitment and their readiness to be active. In view of the fact that very heavy support was given to the preservation of agricultural land in both the cross-community surveys since 1976, the lack of response to this mini-survey could be put down to a general belief that there's no cause for concern, or to an equally general belief that there's no future in worrying about it any more.

The near future may tell us whether the second is true: certainly the first is not. As it happens, the B.C. Agricultural Land Commission has just approved the removal of four parcels of Agricultural Reserve Land from the Mattick's Farm holdings. One of those parcels consists of much of the Turner Farm, which was in active agricultural production well into the 60's.

There is little to be surprised at in this decision: the Agricultural Land Commission has become well-known for its habit of ignoring such irrelevancies as agricultural capability in making its decisions. It is harder to say just what it does consider.

In any case, this leaves the ball in Saanich's court. By the time this newsletter is out, Saanich Council will, it is hoped, have decided to re-commit itself to its earlier decision to appeal the removal of this particular parcel of land to the Environmental Land Use Committee of the provincial cabinet. If this fails, Saanich still has the option of refusing to sewer the land, to include it in the Urban Containment Boundary or to re-zone it for development. Keep your fingers crossed.

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In response to a letter from Jack Thompson, owner/operator of Sunnymead Bed & Breakfast on Fenn Avenue, Saanich Council recently agreed to press for better signs along the scenic route from Victoria - which includes Cordova Bay and Fowler Roads - and commissioned staff to prepare a scenic improvement study for Cordova Bay Road: the proposals of this study will be brought to the community for comment before being taken to Saanich Council for consideration and implementation. Expect to hear more about this.

IMPORTANT: Please fill in this questionnaire and return it to the Cordovan Survey box in the Variety Store or mail it to

5041 Wesley Road,
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APPLIANCES FOR NEW SENIORS' LODGE

The Cordova Bay Seniors' Lodge Society is completing construction of its residence for 10 seniors on Sutcliffe Road. It will likely be ready for occupancy in August.

Appliances required: stoves and refrigerators for 10 units
and for the kitchen;
washers and dryers for 10 units

Substantial donations have been made to the Society, but the amount of \$ 13,000 is still required to break even.

The Cordova Bay Association currently has \$ 7800.00 in reserve for community purposes.

1. Do you believe the Association should contribute to the purchase of appliances for the seniors' residence?

Yes _____ Undecided _____ No _____

2. If you answered 'yes', how much should be contributed?

\$ 500 _____ \$ 1000 _____ \$ 2000 _____

\$ 4000 _____ Other _____

Name _____ (optional)

Address _____

Member of Cordova Bay Association? _____

HAROLD JUNG

On the 20th of May, at the early age of 58, Harold Jung lost his six-month battle with cancer.

Harold was a professional engineer, working for the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. He and his family came to Cordova Bay in 1970, and he quickly became involved in youth sports in the community. He coached soccer, and particularly softball, for many years, and in 1975 his Cordova Bay boys' softball team won the Provincial Championship.

Harold's work for the community was only one facet of a deep and abiding concern for people and for the world we live in. The community was richer for his presence here, and we extend sincere sympathy to his wife Ingrid, daughter Sheryl, and sons Gerald and Darrell.

DEREK PETHICK

Well-known Cordova Bay resident Derek Pethick died suddenly on the 16th of May. He had lived on Alderley Road for fifty-two of his sixty-eight years.

Educated at Vernon Prep and at U.B.C., Derek did a stint of high school teaching and then turned to raising chickens and writing historical books - ten books in the end, including "Victoria the Fort"; "Douglas: A Servant of Two Empires"; and "Summer of Promise." He was researching a history of Saanich when death intervened.

While selling his young chickens, Derek made new friends from all walks of life. Stimulating conversations ensued, and his love of intellectual discussion led to his well-known "soirées", which often continued far into the night.

Derek encouraged would-be writers and freely offered them his professional expertise. Children were not excluded: visiting Cordova Bay homes, he encouraged them to read and to think for themselves.

Derek had an unaffected manner, an indifference to material possessions, and an ironic wit. He produced excellent historical works and healthy chickens.

In a final gift to the broader community, he bequeathed his estate to Pearson College, a school that fosters understanding and good-will among nations.

CORDOVA BAY SENIORS' LODGE SOCIETY

The housing project of the Cordova Bay Seniors' Lodge Society is now nearing completion on Sutcliffe Road. The units -- eight single, one double and one for a handicapped person -- should be available for occupancy during the coming summer.

Application forms are being delivered now to those who have expressed interest in living in these suites. The Society will then consider the various applications in light of the units available. Any other senior citizens who are interested may obtain information and an application form from Margaret Belford, at 658-8920.

Because of high project costs, the Society has taken on the responsibility of paying for the appliances and furnishings in the common areas. The approximate amount that will be required is \$15,000. The Anglican Diocesan Women have made a generous donation to this fund. Other donations would be gratefully received, and are tax-deductible. Please contact Vi Tiller (658-8795) if you wish to contribute.

The Cordova Bay Kiwanis Club has accepted responsibility for the grounds' landscaping; see Kiwanis Club News, in this issue, for an update.

Have a look at the building on Sutcliffe -- and watch for the date of the official opening in July!

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CORDOVA BAY HIKERS

The official hiking year came to an end on Monday, June 6, when twenty-some members drove out to Port Renfrew and hiked in to the tide-pools on Botanical Beach.

Unofficial hiking will continue throughout the summer. For specific information, call Cam Innes at 658-8846, or Sheilagh Ogilvie at 658-8937.

KIWANIS NEWS

The winners of the lottery drawn on March 30 were:
Linda Van Strien, ticket #1127, wins a sail cover or boat cover.
B. Ellett, ticket #0029, painting.
G. Wessell, #0006, an engine tune-up.
D. McConnell, ticket #1196, a marine battery.
R. Daggitt, #0752, wins a case of oil.
Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who bought tickets.

Garage Sale...The club is very grateful to everyone who donated articles and made purchases at our garage and plant sale on May 14th. It was a most successful effort, and the proceeds will buy materials for landscaping the Seniors' Lodge on Sutcliffe.

Seniors' Lodge Landscaping...On Monday, June 6th, a working party started the project by building the planters for the eight patios. The next task will be the erection of the wooden fence at the rear of the property, followed by the installation of the sprinkler system, planting of trees and shrubs and -- finally -- the lawn. If you can help with this work, please contact Dave Osborne at the hardware store, or any club member.

Donations...A cash gift of \$10 or more will pay for a shrub or tree. Tags identifying the donor will be attached to each little tree -- a nice way to share the pleasure of greenery. To make a donation, call Lance Howey at 658-8984, or mention you're interested to Dave Osborne at the hardware store.

CORDOVAN ADVERTISERS WANTED!

We expect to have room for at least one new advertiser in the September issue of The Cordovan. Please call Joanna McKenzie at 658-1378. The rate is \$36 for three issues, so \$72 will take you through the whole Cordovan advertising year. It's the best buy in town!

CHANGES TO CORDOVA BAY BUS SERVICES

Effective September 5th, the rush-hour bus service will be increased to every-fifteen-minutes in the morning and afternoon. Two trips on the 6 Quadra will start at the Pat Bay Highway and will route via Sayward, Fowler, Cordova Bay Road, Royal Oak Drive - and then to downtown via the regular 6 Quadra route in the mornings. In the afternoons, two trips will route out of town via the reverse sequence. These buses will have "Cordova Bay" window cards. The regular 75 Central Saanich buses will remain the same. Watch for the new times in the Riders' Guide, which will be out in September. For more information, call 385-2551.

As you see, there are bus changes in store for Cordova Bay. With the steady increase in population, there may be reason for further changes literally not long down the road. Cordova Bay Association representatives met with B.C. Transit people early in May to discuss the bus-future for the community, and we agreed then to survey our community about what's needed and wanted in public transportation.

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CORDOVAN SURVEY FOR JUNE 88

1. Do you use the bus now? _____
2. Do you think the present bus service is adequate? _____
3. Would you use the bus (more) if it were:
 - (a) more frequent? _____
 - (b) went where you want to go? _____
4. Where would you like a bus service to go:
 - (a) to connect with Shelbourne? _____
 - (b) Cordova Bay village to Royal Oak? _____
 - (c) Cordova Bay village to MacKenzie? _____
 - (d) Over the ridge? _____
 - (e) Other? Please explain... _____

5. Would you mind a bus running along your street? _____
6. Where do you live? _____
7. Do we need more bus shelters? If so, where? _____

8. Your comments, generally or on specific points: _____

Please deposit this form in the "Cordovan Survey" box near the post office desk in the Cordova Bay Variety Store in the village, or mail it to "June 88 Cordovan Survey," c/o 5037 Wesley Road, Cordova Bay, Victoria, B.C., V8Y 1Z5. Thank you for your time and care; it's important to know what people living here think and feel.

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SAINT DAVID BY THE SEA

This Anglican church is at 5182 Cordova Bay Road, across from Fable Cottage. For programs and pastoral help call the rector, the Rev. Andrew Gates, at 658-1170 or 658-5022. Sunday Services are 8 am, Holy Eucharist (said), and 10 am, Holy Eucharist (sung), Baby Care and Sunday School. The mid-week service is held Thursday at 10 in the morning (Holy Eucharist).

PET'S HOTLINE

If you have lost or found a cat or dog, please call

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Drinking and driving is a losing combination and is the number one killer of people in their teens and twenties. These deaths do not have to occur and, with education, young people will learn how to become a part of the solution and not continue one of society's most serious problems.

Please help us help all our children. Send your tax-deductible donation to: MADD, c/o Karla Newstone, 768 Helvetia Crescent, Victoria, B.C. V8Y 1M2, or call 658-8106 for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS, CLAREMONT, on working toward an alcohol-free graduation!

CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH

313 Claremont Avenue; 658-5911

10 am Morning Worship Service and Junior Church for the summer months. All visitors and newcomers are welcome.

On July 31st, our present minister, Rev. Wilf Waddell, will be retiring. On August 1st, Rev. Al Skinner will be minister in charge of Cordova Bay United.

September 11 will be Rally Sunday.

It is being proposed that a Children's Daycare Centre commence operation in September '88. Your enquiries are invited at Church Office, 658-5911.

General Council of the United Church of Canada will be meeting in Victoria at the University of Victoria from August 17 to 25th. There will be a visitors' section for anyone interested in attending the sessions from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

PARKER AVENUE??

NEEDED: SOMEONE TO DELIVER COPIES OF THE CORDOVAN ALONG PARKER AVENUE. This is a long route -- 110 papers -- so two deliverers would be ideal. Please call Margaret Moore, 658-8789.

1ST CORDOVA BAY GUIDES

We had a very successful year, putting as much emphasis as possible on hiking, camping, and outdoors activities, but not forgetting social services, which is the main aim of Guiding. Four of our Third-year Guides earned their All-round Cord: congratulations to Roberta Cottam, Niske Blake, Shannon Dalzell, and Clio Reid. Sarah Sammons will receive her cord at our camp in July at Rath Trevor. Many other girls worked hard to earn badges but, more importantly, to make this a really happy unit, which is what it's all about (sometimes I think it's all about FOOD: I've never seen such metabolic rates, but then I'm Quartermaster, and have to calculate it down to the last kilojoule). Thanks girls: **you're** what it's about!

With very great regret, we are saying goodbye to our Guider-in Charge, Mrs. Sylvia Trenholme, on Wednesday. Mrs. T. led our group for six years with verve, flair, affection and efficiency. We're going to miss her more than somewhat. She says it's time to move on to something new but that she'll be around to help and advise. This means that we must have a new Guider-in-Charge to keep First Cordova Bay Guides going next year. Whoever would like to do this should know that we are a very democratic organisation and that we share the workload equally. We also have many resource people willing to come and help, and two of us "old stagers" are likely to stay on. Anyone young and charismatic enough to persuade pre-teens taller than her to march in Horseshoe formation, and when to have medical forms renewed, is very welcome. Mrs. T. points out that at least 50% of the Guiders are "working mothers"; I have never come across one who wasn't a worker--but, share and delegate. It doesn't take up more than a few hours a week, and Guides are a lot of fun.

Thanks to all parents who helped out this year: you were much needed and felt like a part of the group--which is the way it should be.

If interested in being a Guider or in enrolling your daughter, call Carole Woodruff (Commissioner) at 478-7499 OR Mary Crane (Deputy Commissioner) at 479-7983

1988 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Collection dates: June 20, July 11, August 1 and 22, September 12, October 3 and 24, November 14, December 5 and 27

Magazines have been added to the list of recyclables--please bundle them separately.

Please remember to have your recyclables--newspaper, magazines, glass, flattened tin cans--at curbside by 8:30 a.m. on collection days. If you have comments, questions or complaints, call 381-1354.

Your participation shows your concern for our environment, now and in the decades to come. Thank you for your participation in the Saanich Curbside Collection Program.

SOFTBALL--IT'S TOURNAMENT TIME

JUNE 11-12, Midget Girls--9 teams involved in the BC Summer Games playdown, 9 a.m. Saturday through 3 p.m. Sunday at Lochside Park.

JUNE 25-26, Peewee Intermediate Boys and Squirt Intermediate Boys--Colwood and District Playoffs. 9 a.m. Saturday through 3 p.m. Sunday at Lochside Park.

JULY 1-4, Bantam 'A' Boys Tournament all weekend--Victoria, Vancouver, Campbell River teams. Lochside Park.

JULY 15-17, Peewee 'B' Boys, BC Championships--noon Friday through 3 p.m. Sunday at Lochside Park.

And if you want to see more good ball, there's a game each Thursday night at 6:30, Lochside Park--Midget 'A' Boys and Western Communities teams. Everyone welcome.

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT PLANNED FOR THE SUMMER?

Visitors? If you want to show them Victoria's unparalleled outdoors, what about taking them on a walk through Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary? Boardwalks across the lake let you see the wildfowl close at hand.

- or walk the Colquitz or Cuthbert Holmes. Trails begin at Tillicum Mall, and are pleasant and easy for all ages.
- or walk the CNR right-of-way (the Galloping Goose) anywhere from Colwood (across from Royal Roads) to Leechtown.
- or take one of the many ferries over to Sidney Spit: from now until September 5 ferries depart daily, on weekdays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and on weekends hourly from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 655-4465 for information.

Family? Annual Open House at Witty's Lagoon, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 26.

Family canoeing with a park naturalist, Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Beaver Lake, July 16 to September 3.

And a whole series of children's programs throughout the summer, put on by the CRD. Call 478-3344 for information about any of these things.

MOUNT NEWTON DAY CARE CENTRE

Mount Newton Day Care Centre has had approval from the Ministry of Health and the Capital Regional District to cost-share in building the Mount Newton Centre, where a wide range of services for seniors will be offered, in addition to the day care normally available.

The podiatrist comes again on June 21. For an appointment, call Patsy Berger-North at 652-3432.

ELK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Morning services throughout the summer will take place at 10:30 a.m. A full program will begin again in the fall.

CORDOVA BAY PRESCHOOL

Cordova Bay PreSchool, which is a cooperative, has programs available for 3 and 4 year olds in September.

For information, call 658-8215.

PATHWAYS CENTRE
FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Pathways Centre in the Elk Lake area is in need of volunteers to assist with recreation, games, handicrafts, music, cooking and gardening. Call Pat McCullagh, 658-5414.

The Centre, 5500 Hamsterly Road, also needs someone for floor maintenance, late afternoons, on a weekly basis. Call Pat McCullagh, 658-5414.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Newcomers to Cordova Bay, please register your children in June for September kindergarten classes at Cordova Bay Elementary School.

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

continue to meet at 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays at the bakery. The change in ownership should make no difference. Come along for a break - the coffee and the conversation are both good.

THINK ABOUT SEPTEMBER: PLAN TO VOLUNTEER EARLY TO CANVASS FOR CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS. YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE WHAT KEEPS THIS NEWSLETTER COMING OUT TO YOU, AND PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR PLANNING AND SOCIAL SERVICE INITIATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY. CALL EDWIN HIPSEY 658-8283.

....DID YOU KNOW....

that as far back as the Summer of '76 (and we mean 1976), there was a proposal to use 153 acres of Beaver Lake Park for an 18-hole golf course?

SOCCER: WINNERS, CHAMPIONS -- AND NEW PLAYERS

Congratulations -- to Cordova Bay United Division 5A for winning the recent Powell River Invitational Tournament. This is the team:

Dejan Andulajevic	Chris Ball	Michael Ball
Oliver Foeste	Brent Glover	Brian Knoke
Steven Knoke	Chris Lawson	Renton Leversedge
David Tuckey		Ben Williams

Cordova Bay Hawks -- Vancouver Island Soccer Champions! After winning the Lower Island Soccer Championship, the Cordova Bay Hawks played to a scoreless tie with Nanaimo United, in Courtenay on May 1st. Both teams hold the title of Vancouver Island Soccer Champions for Division 8 boys.

Cordova Bay Soccer Club Registration Information

Boys and girls born 1971 to 1983 are invited to register for the 1988-89 season. New players must bring a photocopy (not the original) of their birth certificate, which will be left with the registrar. The annual Soccer Festival will be Sept. 10-11 next fall -- so register in June!

The registration fee is \$37 per player to a maximum of \$95 per family. The House League fee, for boys and girls born 1982-83, is \$20. Players who register on or before June 30 receive discounts of \$5 per player, or \$3 per player in the House League, to a maximum discount of \$15 per family. Cheques must be received, and dated on or before June 30, to be eligible for this discount.

If you prefer to register by mail, make your cheque payable to "Cordova Bay Soccer Club" and list the following information: name, address, postal code, phone number; date of birth and place of birth; team last played, telling club, team, division, year; parents/guardians' names. Put in a photocopy of the birth certificate, tuck in the cheque, and mail it all to Cordova Bay Soccer Club, c/o Usher Newstone (Registrar), 768 Helvetia Crescent, Victoria, B.C. V8Y 1M2. If you have questions about the whole registration procedure, or about specifics, call Usher Newstone at 658-8106.

THE NEW COTTAGE LOAF

It is with sincere regret that we learn that Pat and Andy Carter, the popular owners of the New Cottage Loaf, will be leaving the community because of health problems and other family concerns.

Arriving here from the Isle of Wight in England just over two years ago, they took over a business at low ebb, next to a burned-out supermarket, and therefore with few customers. Long hours, hard work and many tasty loaves and pastries later, they have developed a viable and flourishing business here. Apart from the village customers, many of whom they consider friends first and whom they serve on a first-name basis, many of their customers travel from Oak Bay, Gordon Head and Esquimalt to avail themselves of the New Cottage Loaf's preservative-free products.

Pat and Andy have done their share for the community, supporting the Cordova Bay Kiwanis, the schools and sports teams, and providing a coffee place for newcomers to get acquainted.

We are sorry to see you go, Pat and Andy. You have made many friends here and we shall miss you. Good luck in your future endeavors, and don't lose touch with us. Andy has assured us that he will spend a while working with the new owner and that we will still have access to the kind of loaf and taste we have become accustomed to from the New Cottage Loaf.

FROM PAT AND ANDY CARTER AT THE NEW COTTAGE LOAF BAKERY

To all our customers and friends:

We would like to thank you all for your kindness and support over the last two years. You have helped us more than you could ever know. The warmth and understanding you have shown us made it so much easier to adjust to the way of life here in Canada. We will never forget you. To us, Cordova Bay and the people here are very, very special.

BADMINTON

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