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CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 26, 1988

7:30 p.m.

Claremont School Lunchroom

Come and hear Geoff Castle, official archivist for Saanich and longtime contributor to the Times-Colonist, speak on the history of Cordova Bay and the railway that used to go along Lochside Drive. The talk will be accompanied by slides and will last thirty to forty minutes.



IDA McMORRAN

On April 2, 1988, the long and active life of Ida May (Richards) McMorran came to an end. She had lived in Cordova Bay for more than sixty-six years.

Ida Richards, a young school teacher from Bristol, England, arrived in Victoria in 1912. In those days Cordova Bay was a favourite destination of campers and picnickers from Victoria, who arrived by horse and buggy, automobile and train. One of these visitors was Ida: she camped in a tent on the Norris property, at the foot of what is now Claremont Avenue.

In her spare time, Ida worked at the counter of the Canuck Tea Rooms. The Tea Rooms were opened in 1919 by George McMorran Jr. George had moved to Cordova Bay after the death of his father, who had owned several waterfront lots in Cordova Bay, including what is now Agate Lane Park. George Jr., in his turn, purchased the land where the new condominiums are being built, and where the shopping plaza stands.

Before long, a romance developed between Ida and George. On quiet evenings they could often be seen gliding across the bay in George's canoe. They married in 1922.

In the years following, Ida raised four children - Bruce, Eric, Richard and David - and worked beside her husband in the family business, which grew to include a dance pavilion, a post office, a store and a motel. In 1959 the family opened the Sea View Shopping Plaza.

Ida and George were always strong community supporters. They made space available for many community groups, and it was in McMorrans that the group which initiated construction of the Cordova Bay Community Hall held its early meetings. Ida and George supported the establishment of local basketball and baseball organizations, and Ida was a willing and cheerful assistant with the children when the Cordova Bay Elementary School first opened in 1946.

With Ida McMorran's death, we must regret the loss of a colourful and well-known pioneer figure in the life and development of our community.

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	6:15 P.M.	MEN'S CLUB SUPPER MEETING (3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH)
THURSDAY	7 A.M.	WOMEN'S BREAKFAST (FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH)
	5 P.M.	EXPLORERS - GRADES 4, 5 AND 6

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THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Neighbours are still meeting
neighbours at the Cottage Loaf
Bakery at 11 a.m. each Thursday -
not just Cordova Bay neighbours,
but neighbours from Broadmead too.

Maidie Cottingham and Eric Hancock
will be your Cordova Bay Association
representatives while Ialin Armfelt
visits Denmark from May 10 to July.

CORDOVA BAY TOPS # 1479

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Cordova Bay Tops still feels there is
a need for a second club in the area
- possibly one that could meet in the
evening, to suit working women. Any-
one interested in started a new club
can contact

Rose Colville 595-5874

Fran Suddaby 658-8478

for further information.

WHAT THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION DOES FOR YOU



examines all proposals for development, subdivision and zoning changes in the community, to make sure they meet the requirements of the Local Area Plan;



attends council and other relevant municipal meetings to monitor all issues of concern to the community, and to put the community position to the mayor and aldermen when required;



provides information and assistance to community residents with problems or questions about changes in local planning and, through two trained referral agents, information for residents on personal and family concerns;



provided and maintains the community notice board in the shopping plaza;



supports the activities of the Cordova Bay Seniors' Lodge Society in promoting seniors' housing in the community;



and, last but not least, publishes "The Cordovan" and delivers it to your door six times a year.

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MOUNT NEWTON DAY CARE CENTRE

The Mount Newton Day Care Centre needs some volunteers, on an on-call basis, to join the popular sing-alongs and add a good strong voice or two to the occasion. Anyone who'd enjoy this is asked to phone Patsy Berger-North at the Centre. The number at the Centre is 652-3432.

Also, the podiatrist will be at the Centre on April 19th, and anyone wanting an appointment should call 652-3432 to make arrangements.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I was driving home to Cordova Bay via Amblewood, peacefully at the set speed limit. It was raining. I saw a car on Hillwood approaching Amblewood: surely it will stop, I told myself. No such luck: he ran straight into my car and dented my right front door completely out of recognition.

We both stopped. No one was injured. I called the police, the accident was reported and measured, and it was then that I received the sad news - I am supposed to yield to all cars coming out from side streets on my right if those streets do not have stop or yield signs.

Guess who pays for the damage? - I do!

Iain Armfelt

MAMA NEEDS A LITTLE BREAK?

Any young mothers in our community who feel like having a morning out -- come join us. We meet every two weeks, starting April 21st, at 9:30 a.m., at the United Church Hall. We're hoping to get someone to babysit for us while we take a brief break from our babies to hear a speaker, talk among ourselves -- to take a short breather.

NEEDED - VOLUNTEERS FOR THE

PETS' HOTLINE

Last year and the year before there was a pets' hotline in operation in Cordova Bay. Owners who had lost a pet or found someone else's pet could call local volunteers who would try to match lost pets with their owners.

The motivating spirit behind this community service was Dorothy Robinson. Since Dorothy's illness, the service has lapsed.

If you are interested in helping to set up and run this service again, please phone Edwin Hipsey at 658-8283.

CORDOVA BAY SENIORS' LODGE SOCIETY

In 1983, a concerned resident approached the Rev. Andrew Gates on the matter of establishing suitable rental housing for elderly people in Cordova Bay. As a result of these early conversations, a public meeting was held and the Cordova Bay Seniors' Lodge Society came into being. A constitution for the organization, which is completely non-profit, was then drafted, and in 1984 the Society was incorporated.

The concerned resident contacted numerous churches that had already evolved similar plans for senior housing, and the Society's Board of Directors later visited a number of such projects to gain valuable first-hand information on how to go about such an undertaking.

Between 1983 and 1988, much hard work has been done, and our housing complex on Sutcliffe Road is now nearing completion. For information about rental requirements and so forth, please contact Margaret Belford at 658-8920.

The building contains ten apartments: eight for single residents, one for a married couple and one for a handicapped or disabled person. There is a public lounge with a fireplace, a small service kitchen and a laundry room for the washer and dryer. Towards the back of the building is a parking area for residents.

Each apartment contains a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and a large storage area; the living room has sliding glass doors opening onto a semi-private patio with garden planters for those with green thumbs. It is anticipated that the apartments will be ready for occupancy some time this June or July.

SOFTBALL

If there are any more boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18 who would like to play softball, please contact Donna Pawluk at 658-8690 or Fran Savage at 658-5583 as soon as possible.

RESPONSE TO THE MARCH SURVEY

The March survey asked for your opinion on treating or not treating sewage. Response was heavily in favour of treatment, and most respondents felt very strongly on the subject.

The Association now has a director who will monitor all discussion in the Capital Region on the subject of sewage treatment. This is Eric Hancock and he would like to form an active committee of concerned residents to take this issue under their wing. If you are interested in becoming actively involved in such a project, call him at 658-1319 or leave your name and phone number in the CORDOVAN SURVEY box at the Variety Store.

APRIL COMMUNITY SURVEY

In the March 31 issue of the Saanich News there is an article written by a C.R. Fields discussing the present MacArthur Park Estates request for exclusion of agricultural land from the old Turner Farm at the north end of Cordova Bay. Fields points out that while Saanich Council has opposed 60% of the requests for exclusion in the last two years, as being against the public interest, the Agricultural Land Commission has supported every request that has been made.

With the Agricultural Land Commission so obviously a broken reed, and in view of recent disquieting comments by Alan Hopper, Saanich Municipal Planner, about the continuing need for more developable land in Saanich and where it might be found, it seems time to worry a little more and a little harder about the small amount of agricultural land left in Saanich.

So...

- 1. Do you support retention of agricultural land for agricultural purposes? Yes _____ No _____

Comment: _____

- 2. If you are willing to work actively for the preservation of agricultural land, please put your name and phone number below.

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With a record enrolment of 34 cubs in Cordova Bay last September, we are looking at the possibility of starting our own Scout Troop for the boys who will be eligible to become Scouts (ages 11 to 14 years) in the Fall of 1988. As usual, the biggest problem is finding Leaders, so if there is anyone out there who would like the challenge and rewards of working with our boys in an exciting Scout problem, please contact Jane Foreman at 658-8045, or Brian Maycock at 658-5646. Training, at no cost to the participant, is provided by "Scout House."

Due to the increased enrolment, local growth and a resurgence of interest in the excellent Scouting movement, please watch for our pre-registration in June.

Our Cubs and Beavers have enjoyed many outings this past year due to the enthusiasm of our nine leaders, with more excitement yet to come in the form of three camping expeditions -- one to Goldstream in April, and two to Camp Bernard in May. Thank you, Leaders!



St. David's 6th Annual "In Praise" Flower Festival will be held on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This year's theme is Symbols of the Bible.

TEA WILL BE SERVED

CANADIAN YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Two dozen youngsters, from kindergarten age through college age, will be leaving for the Soviet Union in May to sing their way to friendship.

The Canadian Youth Ambassadors for Peace Society was founded to build international friendship between Canadians and other peoples of the world through music and the exchanges of stories and art by the world's very best ambassadors -- children.

An invitation to return, to tour theatres, concert halls and classrooms in Moscow, Leningrad, Odessa and Kiev, was extended by children and teachers there. The Victoria group will be leaving May 8th for two weeks. The first tour, in 1987, represented not only Victoria specifically but British Columbia and Canada as well.

Anybody willing to assist with fundraising or to make a donation to the necessary funding, or anyone who can contribute clerical skills -- will be welcomed warmly. Please contact Sylvia Mackenzie at 658-1065.

Though specifics about tickets are not yet finalized, there will be a preview performance by the young singers at the University Centre Auditorium on Friday May 6th.

MOTHERS AGAINST DRINKING DRIVERS

MADD will be holding a general meeting on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Saanich Municipal Hall in Committee Room 2.

Mr. Ernie Quantz, Regional Crown Counsel, has been invited to attend to discuss the changes in the Criminal Code of Canada (pertaining to impaired driving) and how these changes have affected judicial sentencing. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and express your point of view.

As well, we will be discussing MADD's School Program and seeing the video "No Accident", which has been shown to many grade 6 and 7 classes on Vancouver Island.

Everyone is welcome and we do hope that if you are concerned about the dangers of impaired driving, you will attend. You do not have to be a victim to care.

For further information, please contact Karla Newstone at 658-8106.

THIS YEAR, THE VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY WILL HOLD
CARNATION DAY MAY 6 AND 7

For the first time, the campaign will be extended to our area -- Cordova Bay village and Mattick's Farm. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts in both locations. To help with this very worthy cause, please call Ann Dunae at 658-2341.

Multiple Sclerosis -- MS -- is a devastating disease of the nervous system that strikes any age, primarily the 20 to 40 group. Monies from this campaign go directly to research into the cause and cure of the disease, for both cause and cure remain unknown at this time. If you have a few hours to "sell" these lovely carnations to help people who need help they cannot provide themselves, please call Ann at the phone number above.

RESIDENT STARTS NEW BUSINESS

NEWCOMERS CLUB OF SAANICH

A new group is being organized, with our first luncheon scheduled for April 28. All newcomers to the area are welcome to join us by calling

Pat Allen 658-5385
Lee Anne Siller 658-1313

Pamela Quigg, author, teacher and resident of Cordova Bay, is opening an innovative toy and gift shop at @ 20 - 797 Hillside Avenue, just across from Fuddrucker's. For more information, call her or Susy Chong at 380-3088.

CORDOVA BAY HAWKS

DIVISION 8 LOWER ISLAND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

The Cordova Bay Hawks won the Division 8 Boys (born 1978) Lower Island League Championship on March 24 at Hampton Park, with a 3 - 2 win over Gorge F.C.

The Hawks are sponsored by C & H Builders and have had a successful season with coaches Burt Wells and Bob Bowles. The team standing to date is: Wins - 22; Ties - 0; Losses - 1. They will be competing for the Island Cup in Courtenay on May 1.

The players are:

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Cailan MacPherson
Keith Marshall

Darren Moilanen
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CORDOVA BAY GUIDES

Rain, shine or any combination -- and the Guides were off camping at Elk Lake on the second weekend of April. The 21 or so of them had been involved in choosing their own menus for their time at the tent camp -- within reason. One favourite is bannock; rumour has it that another standby is the "Sit-Up-on-Sandwich" which involves bread (a whole loaf), cheese, meat and pickles -- all artfully "pressured" into finished product.

The next event after the April camp is to meet and make friends with other guides at the Peace Arch at Blaine. Hands Across the Border, with exchange of badges and smiles, is organized by our district.

Summer camp, planned for the first week in July, will be at Rath Trevor Provincial Park and will this year have natural history as the focus. From 12 to 15 Guides will spend the whole week there, tents and all.

NOTE

It is the policy of The Cordovan to make its columns and delivery service available to any local interests that are not commercial. Opinions expressed are not those of the Association unless specifically stated. Additional materials that may accompany the newsletter from time to time are not paid for by The Cordovan.

Meetings of the Cordova Bay Association Board of Directors are held once a month, except during the summer, when they are held at the call of the President.

As provided by the CBA Constitution, meetings are open to interested members of the Association. If you wish to attend, please get in touch with a member of the Board.

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