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The Newsletter of the Cordova Bay Association

Scotiabank gets a permanent home in plaza upgrade

THE CORDOVA Bay Plaza is sporting a new façade. And the Scotiabank “temporary” trailer in the parking lot will be removed early next year when the branch relocates into a permanent location in the mall. Scotiabank will take over the premises of the Super Duper Dollar Store and the former cell phone store next door once they are renovated for their new use.

The Dollar Store will move to the video shop which is moving to Royal Oak. Coincidentally, part of the new home for Scotiabank was once occupied by another bank (CIBC) and then a credit union.

The plaza will ask Saanich council to extend the temporary trailer permit (due to expire on October 4, 2007) until April 4, 2008, while the changes are under way. The Cordova Bay Association has told council it supports this extension. President Roger Stonebanks praised

the bank and the plaza for working together to keep the branch in Cordova Bay and to end the trailer use.

The bank has been using the trailer for a number of years because a planned building for the branch and the new shopping centre approved by council in 1999 cannot be built after underground gasoline pollution was discovered. For the same reason, the plaza has said it is prohibited from asphaltting the dusty gravel area in the northeast part of the parking lot because it includes test wells for taking underground soil samples to monitor the pollution.

The issue of responsibility for the underground pollution is set for trial in B.C. Supreme Court starting May 26, 2008, in a major lawsuit and countersuits involving past and present plaza owners and two petroleum companies, Shell and Chevron.

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Saanich crews work to repair storm damage in Doumac Park

TWO Saanich crews are tackling the extensive damage caused by torrential rain earlier this year to Doumac Park and Revans Creek, which flows through the park.

The Parks Division is working at the base of the massive slide area at the west end of the park to reinstate a safe footpath. A channel at the base of the ravine will also be restored to handle future rain flows and prevent further erosion. Silt fences will be installed to contain sediment.

For its part, Saanich's Public Works Department is cleaning sediment from the culvert where it runs under the trail, reinforcing the stream banks on the north branch of the creek, removing debris and sediment from the creek's main reach and hydrovacating the lowest reach of the creek.

All this work is being done within the period of August 15 to September 15 as required by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Departmental permission was required since Revans Creek flows into the ocean and as a consequence comes under federal jurisdiction. B.C.'s Ministry of the Environment is also involved and will be kept notified of progress.

Andrew Giles, Saanich's manager of parks construction and maintenance, says it's anticipated this work will reduce concerns over erosion and restriction of creek flow during peak storms. It will also establish a safe, basic footpath to the base of the stairs on the north branch of the creek.

If you have any queries, or require further information, contact Saanich Parks at 475-5522.

Sayward Road intersection the island's second most dangerous, says ICBC

WITH 63 crashes to its name the Sayward Road-Pat Bay Highway intersection on our community's doorstep has earned ICBC's nomination as the second most dangerous on Vancouver Island after Hillside and Shelbourne..

Mayor Frank Leonard is not surprised and also worries about the Claremont Avenue and Haliburton Road intersections, the driveways that open onto the highway and the left-hand turn into the rowing club at Elk Lake.

"It's 3:30 p.m. and teenagers are going to the rowing club and school events. The whole stretch of road needs attention. I just cringe when I hear sirens out that way," he says.

Although Saanich Police Sgt. John Price blames bad driving for most of the accidents, Mayor Frank Leonard and the mayors of Central and North Saanich have for years been pressing the Ministry of Transportation to improve the Pat Bay highway.

"Ministry staff have come out and done drawings," says Mayor Leonard, "but they need to move to the next step and redesign the stretch by Elk and Beaver lakes.

"We haven't received any capital money for decades. The volume on the highway is much higher, the ferries are much bigger." He adds that the ministry has been urged to move the project up on the agenda but doesn't expect any money to appear until after the Olympics.

For its part, a *Times-Colonist* editorial pointed out that traffic travels at high speed on a divided four-lane highway that suddenly reverts to an urban-style intersection at Sayward Road. Drivers have to make left-hand turns across the highway and struggle to enter the highway without adequate merge lanes.



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Cordova Bay Day raised \$1,909 for the community despite the pouring rain

By Sally Tuckey

THIS YEAR'S Cordova Bay Day, held on Saturday June 9 and hosted for the fourth year by the Cordova Bay Association, raised more than \$1,909 for community projects. A new and welcome addition was the McMorran family's most generous offer of a complimentary brunch for all Cordova Bay residents.

The brunch was held in the Lookout Room of McMorran's Beach House, and was enjoyed by more than 250 local residents. Appreciative partakers enjoyed a meal of waffles, scrambled eggs, sausages and ham, potatoes, orange juice and coffee or tea, and spent time chatting amongst themselves at tables beautifully set for the occasion. They heard longtime Cordova Bay resident Eric McMorran speak of the old days here in the bay. The live music of Latin band Perros Libres with Mike Lefebure was enjoyed by all, thanks once again to the generosity of sponsor and local Scotiabank manager Bill Purkis.

As well, those present were able to view the archival display ably arranged by CBA Executive member Janice de Cunha, and to bid on the great number and variety of silent auction items on nearby tables. We were grateful to Saanich Rotary for the loan of plastic frames holding the lists of details of each item.

The morning sped by in the pouring rain, and soon it was time to make a decision about the planned continuation of the day's events at Mattick's Farm. We had been able to ignore the rain while inside, but could not do that any longer. Wallace McMorran generously offered us the continued use of his space for our silent auction but in the end it was decided to make the move despite the weather as it was

felt that the merchants at Mattick's Farm had been most generous in their donations and would wish to be part of our festivities as planned. And so began the trek in the rain to the new location: Thank you to various CBA Executive members, including Wayne Christmas with his truck, for their assistance in the move.

We are grateful once again to Mohan Jawl and family for allowing us to use the courtyard plaza at Mattick's Farm, and to manager Jay Basi for his assistance both before the event and on the day itself.

Though the rainy weather kept many people from visiting us, it did not dampen the spirit of Sparkles the Clown who, protected by the eaves, cheerfully painted the faces of a variety of children; her handiwork was caught on camera. Her presence was due to sponsorship by Invis mortgage brokers. Thank you, Invis.

"And the band played on" at Mattick's Farm cheering us all. As well, some of the archival display was set up (thanks, John Brady) under a shelter borrowed for the occasion. The silent auction tables, also under cover of the eaves, were covered with tablecloths lent to us by St. David's Anglican Church. Grateful thanks to executive members Penny Joppe and Susan Bridges for assistance with the auction tables, and to CB resident Mary Parry who helped there and in a variety of ways.

At 3p.m. the auction closed and the packing away began. Special thanks to Dick Tuckey and his son David as well as to CBA Executive member John Noble for their assistance with this chore.

Finally, we honour Greg Stanley who organized the event for two years while on the CBA Executive and for another year post-executive. His expertise, love of the community and his determination to see this event continue into the future are obvious – thank you, Greg, for your support.

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Food Forum	Xanavision Video
Gallery at Matticks	Zee Bakery

CBA welcomes new director

JEANETTE McKay has joined the Cordova Bay Association's board of directors as treasurer. A life-long resident of Victoria, she has lived in Saanich for almost 11 years and spent more than 30 years working for B.C. Ferries.

Her service ranged from accounting to human resources and for the last eight years before retirement she was vice-president of operations for the mainland services division. She was responsible for all the ships, terminals, catering, engineering and human resources for the services between Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland as well as Howe Sound.



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Native plant gardening workshops show how to save water

TIRED of watering those fussy plants and trying to keep the lawn green? Then a series of native plant gardening workshops offered by the Capital Regional District may have the answer.

Each three-hour workshop will identify native plants, review the benefits of using these plants in your garden and teach how and where to grow them.

There will be tips on how to reduce or eliminate lawns, how to create special natural habitats such as meadows, thickets and woodlands, and how to attract wildlife to your garden.

An informative tour of a native plant garden is included in each workshop and you will be able to review the CRD's water services conservation program.

Workshops are being held on Wednesday, September 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, September 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday, November 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Each workshop will be held in the Swan Lake Nature House, 3873 Swan Lake Road, on the north side of Swan Lake. The instructor is Patricia Johnston, a native plant garden consultant.

Each workshop is limited to 18 participants and registration is required by phoning 479-0211.

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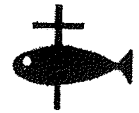
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Some regular events at Elk Lake Baptist Church:

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60 More or Less seniors' group meets at 12 noon on the first Thursday of each month for lunch and an interesting program. The cost is \$4.00 and all are welcome.

Art Club. We have an art club for all those interested.

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9:30 a.m. in the old church hall

If you are interested in participating in any of the above programs or would like more information about our church, phone 658-8111 or see our website.

Major upgrade for CBA website

THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION'S website has received a major upgrade and will now feature colour photographs of major community events such as the recent Cordova Bay Day brunch and silent auction held at McMorran's restaurant and the Mat-tick's Farm courtyard. In addition to an on-line version of *The Cordovan*, and association news, the website now provides links to those advertisers in *The Cordovan* who have websites of their own. The CBA website's address is www.cbasn.com

New machine treatment improves facial skin care

By Dr. Lance Setterfield

Q: I've heard about a new facial treatment that Hollywood is raving about. Can you tell me about it and why it's so fabulous?

A: Yes, it's called the DF Facial. This is one of the most effective treatments in the world today for enhancing the penetration of high doses of vitamins into the skin. It can reduce pore size, improve skin tone, tighten, lift and brighten your skin, while providing an overall healthier appearance. Fibroblasts, cells that play the biggest role in keeping skin young, require vitamins A and C to make collagen and elastin. Modern skin care is not just about the right ingredients, but about delivering them to the depth of the fibroblasts, where they do the most good.

Q: What makes this facial better than others?

A: This treatment uses the Ionzyme® DF machine which applies sound waves and electrical fields to make your skin more permeable, increasing the absorption of natural essential vitamins and antioxidants necessary for treating various skin problems. It is one of the best choices for improving sun damage, wrinkles, brown spots, acne and rosacea. The DF machine allows intense absorption of vitamins, better controls pigment production, restores normal skin blood flow, and oxygenates your skin.

Q: There are so many choices out there, choosing a facial seems more complicated now, any guidance for those of us that are confused?

A: This is more than a beauty facial. If you are looking for a results-driven facial and strive to achieve healthy skin, this treatment is for you. It's helpful to know this is an excellent treatment if you are considering cosmetic surgery or if you have had surgery and wish to maintain those results.

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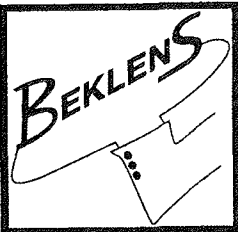
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Mattick's Farm merchants plan third annual fundraiser to fight breast cancer

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To be held at the Cordova Bay Golf club the event will feature an open bar at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. There will be guest speakers and a silent auction for mirrored jewel boxes, echoing the theme of "Reflections of Hope." Breast cancer survivors will model fashions from Sunday Snowflakes.

Tickets priced at \$75 are expected to go fast and are available from any Mattick's Farm merchant or from Heather Carpenter at 475-3244.

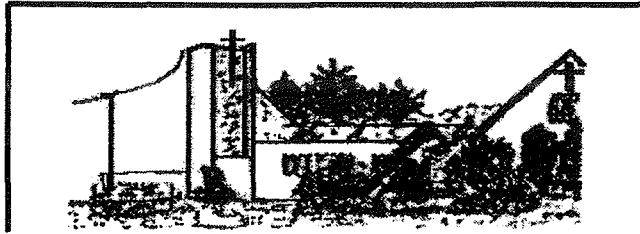
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WITH the circulation of *The Cordovan* steadily increasing to more than 2,800 copies per issue, volunteer deliverers are asked to check on the number of households on their routes.

Penny Joppe, our volunteer co-ordinator, would like to know if you need more or fewer copies in your bundle. After you have made your September deliveries, please phone her at 658-8566 or email her at pen.ton@shaw.ca with your up-to-date totals.

The Cordova Bay Association sincerely appreciates the tireless efforts of the more than 80 volunteers who regularly distribute the newsletter to every household in our community. One of the largest routes involves 92 copies, and several are in the 70s and 80s.

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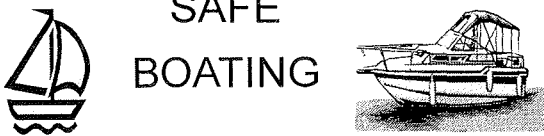
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How Marep reports can make our boating safer

THIS summer has flown by with some lovely weather out there for boating. Hopefully you have all taken advantage of it and have enjoyed some leisure hours on the water. As I have mentioned before, the peace and tranquility of just being on the water is therapy in itself.

The unfortunate demise of the *Robertson II* once again stresses the need to pay close attention to the chart. Our topography lends itself to underwater reefs and this tragedy may result in more markers being placed in dangerous areas. The *Robertson II* is now going to be marked as a new wreck as long as someone sent in a Marep report.

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Square dance awareness week proclaimed this month

ONCE again this year the B.C. Government has proclaimed the third week of September as Square Dance Awareness Week across the province. According to Lorne and Barbara Clayton, caller couple for the local (Royal Oak) Maverick's Square Dance Club, this provides a special opportunity to make people aware of a favorite pastime. Clayton says: "One of the greatest benefits of square dancing is getting you off the couch, but there are many reasons why we are seeing a resurgence in this activity".

As "Baby Boomers" and older, many of us are beginning to feel and see the result of working too hard and having accumulated too many birthday candles, adds Clayton. Fortunately modern square dancing addresses many of these issues in a fun and social environment.

Clayton points out that square dancing burns calories, improves cardiovascular health and promotes strong bones without the harm to joints that jogging or other strenuous exercises might encourage. He says modern square dancing really is an activity being reborn to meet the needs of our modern age. An activity for the heart, and mind, it allows all of us to stay physically, mentally and socially active.

Why not invest two hours and come out for a "free" introductory class on 7: 30 p.m. Sunday evening, September 16th, 23rd, or 30th, at Royal Oak Hall (4516 West Saanich Road). and see what square dancing is all about? Singles welcome. For further information call Lorne and Barbara Clayton 658-2747 or just come on out on a Sunday evening. Lorne and Barbara are residents of Cordova Bay and both are registered with Posh Talks out of California to teach square dancing on cruise ships. Lorne is also a staff caller with Gold Wing Records of California. <http://www.islandnet.com/~lorneclayton>

Cordova Bay Association membership tops 400

MORE THAN 400 members now support the CBA whose activities include examining all proposals for development, subdivision and zoning changes in our community to make sure they meet the requirements of the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan. The association also:

Sends representatives to attend council and other relevant municipal meetings to monitor issues of concern to the community and to place the community's position before Mayor and Council when required.

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