

THE CORDOVAN

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What *does* the Cordova Bay Association do for ME?

Especially for new residents in Cordova Bay

Welcome to Cordova Bay! As you exterminate the last of the cardboard boxes, please take a few minutes to become acquainted with our group, formed sixteen years ago "to work for the physical and social improvement" (quoted from the CBA Constitution) in the quality of life in this community.

Poised as we are between a major thoroughfare and the sea, the pressure for development is constant, requiring unremitting attention to the plans and actions of numerous developers, the Municipality of Saanich, and the Ministry of Highways.

What *do* we do?

1. Our Planning Committee (chaired by Cliff Jones with Al Innsley, Bryan Johnston), composed of ten residents of the Bay, examines all proposals for development, subdivision, zoning etc. that may affect the community, to ensure that they meet the requirements of the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan. This Plan is reviewed every five years; it takes a considerable effort to see that elements which are important to residents get the priority we want.

Every issue of The Cordovan contains reports on ongoing or forthcoming issues. For example, Cordova Bay Road through Mount Douglas Park is a continuing issues as, at the other end of the community, are the gravel pits.

2. Every Monday night—and some Tuesday nights as well—you'll find Cliff Jones or one of his colleagues sitting in the Municipal Hall, monitoring issues which do or may concern our community. Precedents can be established by Council in other parts of Saanich which, if not challenged, could be imposed on us in a matter of months. We also keep in touch with the activities and plans of the Capital Regional District—their forthcoming referendum on alternatives for sewage treatment will affect all of us.
3. Our directors stand ready to provide information and assistance to residents with problems or questions about local planning and the workings of the municipal government. And if we don't know, we can usually put you in touch with someone who does. Call our Secretary, Julia Duff, at 658-2489 for phone numbers or direction. Or attend our monthly meetings—for details, see last page of The Cordovan.
4. We keep in touch with recreational and church groups, service clubs and the schools, and support their activities through publicity in The Cordovan. We set up and maintain the community notice board in the shopping plaza.
5. And last—but not least—we publish The Cordovan and delivery it to your door five times a year, thanks to more than fifty volunteers. If you have a news item or would like to help with this critically important publication, please call one of the editorial board listed on the back page.

Again, welcome to Cordova Bay! I hope you now have a better understanding of our Association and trust we can count on your support when we need it.

Desmond M. Connor
President

THE CORDOVAN HAS A NEW EDITOR

Hello, I'm your new editor. I have taken over from Sheilagh Ogilvie, who wishes to free up more time for "whodunits." Sheilagh has been the Cordovan's editor since 1982. It won't be easy to fill her shoes but I'll do my best.

I have been a resident of Cordova Bay since 1974. The first twelve years I lived on Cordova Bay Road and for the past six years I have lived on Parker Avenue. To live in Cordova Bay was my dream from the time I was a kid growing up in Royal Oak.

Hope to see you around the Bay. Just like all of you, I love this place.

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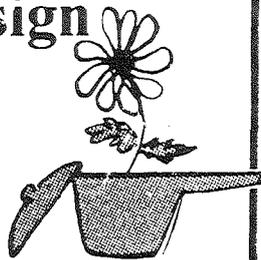
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Another school year is upon us. Welcome to all the new families and staff in our school.

Cordova Bay School staff and the Parents' Council invite the community to an OPEN HOUSE, October 6, 7-8 p.m. We welcome any time or talents you have to share with the children or in the library. There is a Lap Reading Program, 1 adult, 1 child, if you have 1 or 2 hours a week to spare. Stop in at the school office for information.

We have a large number of children who walk to and from school. Drivers, please be alert. Many of our side roads do not have side walks or crosswalks. Please pay special attention to the crosswalk at Cordova Bay Road and Fenn. We will have student crossing guards on duty soon.

Thank you to the Saanich Police who regularly patrol the school zone reminding us to slow down. It's our children they are protecting.

Our Block Parent Program is expanding. This program is for adults, teens, seniors, joggers, cyclists, paper carriers, baby sitters as well as children. If you are interested, pick up an application at the school office bulletin board and return it in an envelope marked Block Parents, C.B. Parents' Advisory Council.

October 25-31 is Block Parent Week-- watch for a colouring contest!

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all our friends in Cordova Bay for their loyal support and friendship towards us during our years at Cordova Bay Hardware. We could not have had a nicer introduction to Canada than through you all in 'The Bay.'

We have sold our shop to friends of ours from South Africa - Jack and Di Foster - and we wish them God's richest blessings in their new venture and their life in Victoria.

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Planning Committee Report

Theatre at Claremont?

Although citizens of Saanich approved \$200,000 in the fall of 1990 for planning a theatre in Saanich, Council has decided that \$5-7 million for a theatre to accommodate an audience of 450-600 should not be spent at this time. However, it was suggested that \$100,00 could be given to Claremont School to help with funding for an instructional theatre.

The Cordova Bay Association recommended that any theatre constructed at Claremont School should be for the use of that school only, so that there would be no increase in traffic on the already-to-capacity road system in the area. Moreover, prior to any decision on a Saanich-wide theatre being built at Claremont, local residents should be fully consulted.

Council deferred decision awaiting a committee report.

Saving Time on Council

It was suggested that allowing rezoning and subdivision applications to go direct to Public Hearing rather than first being considered by the Committee of the Whole would save Council time and work. The majority of community associations, including Cordova Bay, opposed the change because it would give only 7-14 days to assess the feeling of the community. The change did not go through.

5284 Cordova Bay Road: Rezoning to Duplex

Numerous neighbours turned out to oppose this application. The Association opposed it for the following reasons:

- The lot had been subdivided a year previously to give a panhandle lot which had been developed so as to give only a 5-foot rear clearance, meaning that there would be only 45 feet from the rear of the new development to the rear of the proposed duplex.
- The density would be in excess of that of surrounding existing development.

The application was rejected.

Development of Wesley Hill

We are working with the Broadmead Area Residents' Association on the impact of the proposed development of the Maltwood-Stoneywood area, and the Boulderwood area. These are both hilltop areas which provide a backdrop to both communities. The proposals are for higher density development, which would mean the destruction of many, many trees, giving a drab concrete/asphalt look to the now green and verdant backdrop.

Fable Cottage Estate

Many of you will be aware that there has been a proposal to develop townhousing on the Fable Cottage property. The architect for the proposal has promised to provide details once they have been firmed up. His intention was to approach only near neighbours, but the Association has suggested that the proposal should be taken to an open meeting in order that the community's many concerns can be discussed and addressed. We await input.

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For further information, please call Pat McCullagh between 9 and 4 at 658-5414.

DID YOU KNOW?

Copies of the Cordovan are available at the Cordova Bay Variety.

FLU CLINIC

October 16 at Mount Newton Centre. Make appointments through Sidney Health Unit, 656-1188.

FARMER'S MARKET

Have coffee, muffins and learn about the Centre programs at our booth at the Farmer's Market at the Old Saanichton Fair Grounds 9 am - 1 pm every Saturday until October 10, inclusive. Proceeds to the provision of EQUIPMENT LOAN SERVICE for Peninsula residents.

GRASSROOTS FORUM

Informal information meeting for seniors and their caregivers to learn how to access services on the Saanich Peninsula. Every second Wednesday, 3:15 - 4:30 pm of each month. October: Learn about the 'flu vaccine!

ALLERGY/ASTHMA INFORMATION ASSOCIATION

The Allergy/Asthma Information Association is in need of used books and magazines (any subject) to raise funds for leadership training and travel. AAIA is a national, non-profit organization with branches across Canada working with allergy and asthma sufferers and their families, health professionals and the government.

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- obtain more information,

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The Friends of Mount Douglas Park

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For the fall, the good news is that Cordova Bay Road through the park will be closed. The bad news is that it will reopen about a month later, when repairs to the most dangerous Section A, the unstable area, have been made. The road will remain a two-lane road, the drainage will be better, no heavy trucks will use it, and the avenue of trees will be preserved. The plan also calls for bicycle paths through the park, and for a chip trail to run from the trails at the north park boundary to Royal Oak/Blenkinsop. There is some doubt about when it will be installed, so if you support this concept, write to:

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asking them to do it now, so that people will no longer have to take their lives in their hands to make this short trip.

As for trails within the park, we have been repairing and redirecting some that are on the west side this summer. There are other areas that need attention, and we need volunteers. If you would like to help, please call Ken Rankin at 477-8007, as he coordinates these activities with the Saanich Parks and Recreation Department.

Last, it has been a long time coming, but it looks as if the park will be transferred to Saanich by Christmas. Watch for the announcements!

Membership: \$5/person to Luke Crebas, 4635 Cordova Bay Road

General Enquiries: Graham Shorthill 658-5873
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Sunday, Oct. 4: World Wide Communion Celebration

Sunday, Oct. 11: Family Thanksgiving Service.

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For more information - call or stop by the Church Office

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday - 9:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

Young People: Ages 13-20 are invited to join the exciting and enjoyable "BRAND NEW DAY" every Wednesday 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. An evening of music, drama and timely discussion. Leaders: Martin James, Don McNair and Guy Russell.

Wednesdays, September 23-October 21 - Bible Study led by Rev. David Lovewell.

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS ****

Christmas Tea, Bake and Craft Sale

Cordova Bay United Church

Saturday, November 28, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Be sure to come along with a friend or neighbour. Do your Christmas shopping then stop for a "spot of tea and goodies".

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Tucked away on Sutcliffe Road is the old Community Hall, run mainly as a sports hall for badminton, indoor soccer and aerobics by the Club. We have done much work on the hall in the past year and more improvements are planned. For rental information call Brian Fowler, 658-8282.



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Regular Events:

- Morning worship
Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Church School
during morning service: classes for all ages
- Adult Study Class
every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- The 60-More-Or-Less Club—the first Thursday of each month, at noon, for lunch
- Trauma Club—for those of an age to have a family: mainly recreational
- Men's Breakfast Club
- Bible Study Groups

Why not come to a church with a quiet atmosphere of friendliness and worship? We would love to have you join us.

Coming this fall:

- October 4: Thanksgiving Supper, 5:30 p.m.
 - October 11: Thanksgiving Service, 10:30 a.m.
 - November 8: Remembrance Service, 10:30 a.m.
- For more information, phone 658-8111 or 477-6957—or better still, join us!

THE CIVIC ORCHESTRA

The Civic Orchestra gets underway for the new season with the Goldmark Symphony, Berlioz Hungarian March, Brahms Academic Festival Overture, and the Beethoven Piano Concerto #4 featuring Bernard Duerksen, pianist.

Robert Cooper continues to conduct, and concerts will be Saturday evenings at 8 in the University of Victoria Centre Auditorium, October 31, December 12, February 13, and May 1. All concerts are repeated elsewhere, so if you miss a regular one phone to see where you can hear it later.

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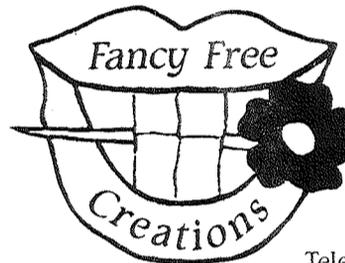
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For further information or to book a presentation, please contact Karla at 658-8106.

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

CORDOVA BAY HIKERS

September - December, 1992

- Sep 9 Elk Lake/Bear Hill
- 16 Portland Island. Meet at 7:55 am. Lunch
- 23 Goldstream Park Circuit Lunch
- 30 East Sooke Park/Iron Bay Mine Lunch
- Oct 7 Kangaroo Road/Matheson Lake Lunch
- 14 Mt. Finlayson. Lunch
- 21 Witty's Lagoon
- 28 Craigflower Creek. Lunch
- Nov 4 Gonzales/Fairfield
- 11 Goldstream Park - Salmon Run
- 18 John Dean Park
- 25 Cuthbert Holmes/ Colquitz
- Dec 2 Thetis Lake/Mill Hill
- 9 Swan Lake/ Christmas Hill Christmas Party

Cordova Bay Hikers meet every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Village on Cordova Bay Road. We hike from 2 to 5 hours. For more information, call Vera or Cam Innes at 658-8846.

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The Chess Club meets WEDNESDAY evening, 7 - 10:30 p.m., at Claremont Secondary School. (No meetings during school holidays.)

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This is a great way to meet other residents, either in your own area or in a different part of the community. Your canvasser's kit includes a map, receipts and a note to leave when no-one is home. Most routes can be done in a couple of hours.

This is your Association and we need help to make it work for you. Currently, we have no-one for the following streets. If your street is on this list and you can spare a couple of hours, call our membership secretary, Thora Clarkson, on 658-5898.

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Cambria Wood
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Delmonte Avenue
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Thanks !

Des Connor
Desmond M. Connor
President

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A new pack, the 12th Tsartlip Beavers and Cubs, will meet at Cordova Bay United Church. For information, call Mark Presek at 658-1015.

The 5th Tsartlip Beavers and Cubs will continue to meet at St. David's. For information, call Peter Affleck at 652-6468.

If you missed registration on Sept. 17, please call either Peter or Mark.

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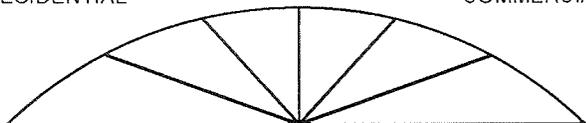
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- * Your neighbours - have a picture and description of your pet to circulate.
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It is advisable that pets be kept indoors during Halloween festivities. This is the peak period for lost animals as they are frightened by fireworks and crowds of strangers.

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 Julia Duff, 658-2489 for further information.

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