

North Saanich News



Councillor Ruby Commandeur and Councillor Anny Scoones at the first Farm Market of the season.

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Heat wave 2009!

Please remember our 4-legged friends during a hot spell. Never leave an animal unattended in a vehicle and always have a fresh supply of water on hand.

Important meetings and events

School Trustee By-Election ~ A By-election to elect one School Trustee will be held Saturday, August 29th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall. Advance Polls will be held Wednesday, August 19th and Wednesday, August 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

Secondary Suites ~ The **September 14th Committee of the Whole meeting** will be dedicated to the topic of secondary suites. Mayor Dean Fortin of the City of Victoria will be present to provide information on Victoria's secondary suite program.

Community Meeting / John Road Trail Proposal ~ The Tseycum First Nation Chief and Council and the Mayor and Council of the District of North Saanich invite all residents from both communities to a public meeting to be held **Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Tseycum Long House** located at the east end of Totem Lane off West Saanich Road. This Community to Community meeting is being held to gather public input into the proposed trail link from West Saanich Road to John Road immediately north of the Tseycum First Nation. Check our website for more information.

Marine Task Force Recommendations ~ Two Special Committee of the Whole meetings have been scheduled to specifically address the recommendations from the Marine Task Force. These meetings will be held **Tuesday, October 13th** at 7:00 p.m. and **Thursday, October 29th** at 7:00 p.m.

North Saanich Farm Market ~ The market takes place **every Saturday until October 1st from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church** at 10990 West Saanich Road.

Flavour Trail ~ North Saanich will once again celebrate the agricultural importance of our region by hosting the third annual North Saanich Flavour Trail **August 22 and 23, 2009**. This event will highlight farms, wineries, markets and restaurants that actively promote and sell products grown or produced in North Saanich. A copy of the Flavour Trail map can be picked up at Municipal Hall or found on our website.

Draft Tree Bylaw ~The District is in the process of reviewing its Tree Protection Bylaw. Some important proposed changes include protection of certain species of trees and a reduction in the number of trees that may be cut each year by property owners. An **Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th** at the Municipal Hall to inform the public of the proposed changes and solicit feedback. The feedback received will be summarized in a report to Council. If you are unable to attend the Open House you are welcome to e-mail comments to admin@northsaanich.ca. Copies of the draft Tree Bylaw are available through Municipal Hall and an overview of the proposed changes will be available closer to the date of the Open House.

Neighbourhood Meetings ~The two remaining neighbourhood meetings for 2009 are as follows:

Southeast Quadrant: Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the North Saanich Middle School Gymnasium.

Ardmore/Pauquachin First Nation: Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Ardmore Golf Club.

Panorama Recreation Centre - Now hiring!



Exciting times are ahead with the Panorama Recreation Centre pool expansion. The steel structure, windows, walls and roof are complete. Now is the time to encourage family and friends who are looking for a job to consider aquatic training and working at Panorama Recreation Centre. This Fall the Centre will be looking to fill many positions including Lifeguard/Swim Instructors, Aquafit Instructors and Team Leaders. To find out how to get certified please contact Dustin Ray-Wilks, Aquatic Coordinator, at 250-655-2182 or draywilks@panoramarec.bc.ca.

Signage at Beach Accesses

Residents will soon notice signage at a number of beach accesses in North Saanich. This signage will provide users, as well as neighbouring residents, with information regarding acceptable use of the public beach area. It will also provide telephone numbers in the event that an incident, fire or emergency needs to be reported. Effectiveness will be monitored until October 2010 and, if deemed successful, signage will be installed at all remaining beach access locations throughout the District. ***Your assistance in keeping our beaches clean and safe is much appreciated!***



Environmental Stewards wanted

Stewardship has historical and ethical roots and has developed into the present day practice of personal caring and responsibility for enhancing our neighbourhoods, natural resources, cultural and historical features, parks, beaches and trails for ourselves and future residents to enjoy.

Here are some ways we can be good stewards:

- Keep an eye out for fire hazards, smoldering cigarette butts or illegal campfires and report all concerns to Municipal Hall or the Fire Hall.
- Next time you are out walking in our beautiful parks, trails or beaches, please take a bag with you to pick up trash. Organize a neighbourhood walk and litter pick-up.
- Organize an ivy pull or Scotch broom pull to help keep these invasive species under control.
- Watch for signs of water pollution in your neighbourhood drainage systems and report these to Municipal Hall immediately.
- Keep your septic system healthy. The CRD has lots of very helpful tips on their website at www.crd.bc.ca/wastewater/septic/savvy.
- Stewardship includes social and cultural responsibility as well. Look out for your neighbour or anyone else who may need assistance.
- Think of other ways you can be a good steward in North Saanich and let us know.

Parks & Trails Guide **Now Available**

The new Parks & Trails Guide is now available at Municipal Hall for a cost of \$2. See details on the back page for a chance to win one!

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

The District of North Saanich is seeking individuals to serve in the capacity of volunteer firefighters. If you are a resident of North Saanich (or close to the boundary), 19 years of age or older, in good physical condition and are interested in serving your community as a volunteer firefighter, please submit your application now. No previous experience or special skills are required. An application form is available on the Fire Department's website or at the Wain Road Fire Hall. Please submit your application by September 15th. **We are especially seeking individuals who are available during the day to respond to emergencies.** For more information please contact Fire Chief Gary Wilton at 250-656-1931 or visit our website at www.northsaanichfire.ca. You are also invited to drop by the Wain Road Fire Hall at 986 Wain Road weekdays during the day or Tuesday evenings. Thank you for helping North Saanich keep its residents safe.



Burning Closure

Just a reminder that outdoor burning is banned until further notice. This includes burning in incinerators, fire pits and open piles. Please consider alternatives to burning such as composting, recycling, chipping or dropping off your green waste at the Municipal Drop Off Pitt on Littlewood Road behind Municipal Hall.

Municipal Drop Off Pit ~ Thursday Trial Period

The Thursday trial period that occurred between April 1st and June 30th provided 6 4-hour events that accommodated 388 users compared to 1,004 users for the 6 Saturday events during the same 3 months. Staff will be bringing scheduling options forward to Council as part of the 2010 budget deliberations. Currently the Municipal Drop Off Pit is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

McTavish Interchange Task Force

Council recently formed a McTavish Interchange Task Force to keep apprised of plans for the Interchange and to address residents' concerns with the appropriate levels of government. The Task Force will be comprised of representatives from the Town of Sidney, the Victoria Airport Authority, the Ministry of Transportation, the RCMP and the District of North Saanich. The first meeting is expected to take place by mid August and residents are encouraged to attend meetings to voice any concerns. Watch our website for more information.

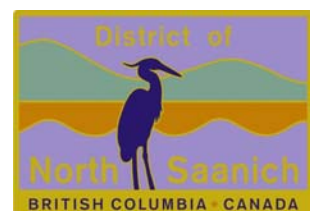
False Alarm Response Bylaw

The District is considering implementing a False Alarm Response Bylaw. It is expected that the bylaw will be similar to that adopted by the Town of Sidney. The Bylaw was requested by the Sidney/North Saanich RCMP who indicated significant police resources were being used responding to false alarms at area residences and business premises. Final details of the False Alarm Response Bylaw will be presented to residents upon adoption. Questions regarding the proposed bylaw can be directed to Bob Jones at 250-655-5476.

Customer Feedback Wanted

The next time you visit Municipal Hall, please feel free to complete a Customer Feedback form. These forms are located at each Reception Counter and take only a few moments to complete. Everyone who submits a completed form will receive a North Saanich lapel pin.

Wear it with pride!



Upcoming events at the Mary Winspear Centre

First Annual Island Comedy Festival—Friday, August 14th at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 15th at 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Piaf: Love Conquers All—Thursday, August 20th, Friday, August 21st and Saturday, August 22nd at 8:00 p.m., with an additional showing at 2:00 p.m. on the 22nd .

The Fantasticks (Musical) - Friday, September 18th at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, September 19th at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 20th at 2:00 p.m.

The Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir—Saturday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night featuring Jon Dore—Saturday, October 24th at 8:00 p.m.

Box Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (and 1 hour prior to show times)

For more information contact the Mary Winspear Centre at 250-656-0275

www.marywinspear.ca

Agricultural Area Plan Update

Preparation of the Agricultural Area Plan is well-underway with two successful and engaging Community Dialogue sessions held in May and June. The draft report is anticipated to be available this Fall and an Open House will be held to present the report to the public. Copies of the draft plan will then be available on-line and through the Municipal Hall. Your feedback on the Agricultural Area Plan is important and we look forward to your comments on the draft plan.

How well do you know your members of Council?

Which Council member's father was a former MLA and two-term Reeve of Saanich?

Which member of Council is a former School Trustee ?

Which member of Council had a career as an engineer in the Canadian Navy?



Which member of Council has a Doctorate in Chiropractic?

Which Council member's parents are official Canadian War Artists?

Which member of Council was a founding member of the Friends of Dominion Brook Park Society?

Which member of Council retired after a 37 year career with KPMG Chartered Accountants during which he was National Director of the firm's local government practice?

If you think you know all of the answers, send an e-mail to Charlene at cnash@northsaanich.ca. You will be officially recognized at a future Council meeting!

Your Mayor & Council

Mayor Alice Finall

250-656-6668

Councillor Peter Chandler

250-656-7226

Councillor Ruby Commandeur

250-655-3368

Councillor Sheilah Fea

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Councillor Cairine Green

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Councillor Anny Scoones

250-656-9740

Councillor Bob Shaw

250-655-9610

Picture BC

In 2008 the District of North Saanich participated in a project to help the Knowledge Network and the Union of BC Municipalities create an informative and visually outstanding website resource for British Columbians and the world.

Over 150 distinct communities from all over BC submitted photos for this project, and the final product is a masterpiece. It once again proves that we live in the most amazing place on earth.

Visit www.picturebc.ca for a “virtual” tour of our amazing province and witness the beauty and charm of everything we have to offer. You might find yourself planning a vacation soon!



*Sunset at Chalet Beach
(one of North Saanich's submissions to Picture BC)
Photo by Josh McCulloch*

2nd Annual “Ribs for Cancer”

RC Grillhouse n’ Lounge will be hosting the 2nd Annual “Ribs for Cancer” fundraising cook-off on Saturday, September 12th. Interested participants can submit a team for the rib cook-off or help by donating something for the silent auction. All profits will go to the “Tour de Rock” Cops for Cancer. Their goal this year is to raise \$10,000 for this very important local cause. And our very own Mayor Finall will be one of the judges at the cook-off! Gates open at noon and judging will start at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Starting at 6:00 p.m. on the same day RC Grillhouse n’ Lounge will be hosting a “Hangar Hoedown” with a pig roast buffet and live music featuring Bloozecan. Tickets are \$25 each (\$12 age 12 and under, free age 5 and under). All proceeds from the dinner and dance will go to Cops for Cancer.

For more information contact Rick, Cory or Mia at RC Grillhouse n’ Lounge at 250-665-7353, or e-mail them at rcgrillhouse@hotmail.com.

Please help keep our drainage systems, water sheds, beaches and outfalls free of contaminants

Mayor and Council have recently supported the CRD’s educational initiative to keep our drainage systems, water sheds and outfalls free from toxins and contaminants. Businesses are now required by law to prevent drain contamination.

As residents, we can do many things to reduce local water pollution:

- Practice responsible source control—don’t put fats and oils down your kitchen drain and return unused medications to the pharmacy (they also accept pet medications).
- Try “green” cleaning products and take your hazardous products to the Hartland Landfill to be properly disposed of.
- Wash your car with less toxic soap and wash it on a permeable surface to prevent run-off.

For more information, consult the CRD’s website at www.wastewatermadeclear.ca.

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Hours of Operation:

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays excluding Statutory Holidays

Main switchboard: 250-656-0781

Fax: 250-656-3155

Administration: 250-655-5450

Finance: 250-655-5496

IT/GIS: 250-655-5499

Engineering: 250-655-5460

Building Inspections, Bylaw Enforcement and Licensing: 250-655-5470

Public Works: 250-655-5480

After hours Public Works: 250-920-9235

Fire Department: 250-656-1931

After hours non-emergency fire: 250-475-6111

Emergency: 9 1 1

Non-emergency RCMP (i.e. traffic issues): 250-656-3931

E-mail: admin@northsaanich.ca

Website: www.northsaanich.ca

We are very proud of our new flag and have undertaken a “branding” initiative to showcase this beautiful design.

You will notice the new design on District mugs, t-shirts, and lapel pins, and we are now working on a new design for the District’s letterhead and business cards. Watch for these soon!



Who to contact at Municipal Hall

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Do you recognize where this photo was taken?

In each edition of the “North Saanich News” there will be a photo taken from somewhere in North Saanich. If you think you know the location, e-mail your guess to Charlene at cnash@northsaanich.ca. The first 25 people to submit correct answers will receive either a North Saanich mug or a new Parks and Trails Guide! If you have a great North Saanich photo that you would like to share, please send it to Charlene.