



NORTH SAANICH NEWS

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PROTECT NORTH SAANICH HEDGEROWS

The North Saanich Tree and Hedgerow Committee would like to remind all residents of the importance of the hedgerows which line our lanes, trails, beach accesses, agricultural lands and roadways. Hedgerows add to the aesthetic quality of our rural landscape, and also serve as noise, wind and privacy buffers; stability and erosion controls; natural fences; and habitats for birds and wildlife. Please help protect our hedgerows, both on your own property and on public lands. If you have questions about how you can help, please call the North Saanich Municipal Hall. If you have concerns about hedgerows that may contain invasive plants such as ivy and broom, contact the North Saanich Parks Department. They work hard to control invasive plants, whether in hedgerows or elsewhere in the District. There are many other beautiful and useful plants in our local hedgerows such as quince, honeysuckle, Saskatoonberry, huckleberry, Indian plum and a variety of fruit trees. Please respect our hedgerows as a necessary part of our environment. The Tree and Hedgerow Committee is reviewing the District's Tree Preservation Bylaw. For more information about hedgerows and the Committee, please contact Councillor Anny Scoones at 656-9740, e-mail ascoones@shaw.ca.

SEPTIC SAVVY - HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

CRD Environmental Services invites you to a free workshop on how to care for your septic system. Learn how to protect the local environment and your health and save money too. Join us at the North Saanich Middle School - Multipurpose Room, 10475 McDonald Park Road on **Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Please pre-register by contacting the CRD Hotline at hotline@crd.bc.ca or call 360-3030.

CELEBRATE CANADA - HERITAGE FARM DAY AT GLAMORGAN

Please join us on **Saturday, June 24th, 2006** from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Glamorgan Farm, 1805 Glamorgan Road for an afternoon of celebrating the days when farming was the focus in North Saanich. Come see the farm alive with:

- * calf care demonstrations, goats, heirloom chickens * working horses in shining harnesses *
- * spinning, weaving, felting * First Nations knitting and weaving * kitchen arts * honey bee demonstration *
- * Model T truck * local strawberries and other treats and more *

Music by: Water in the Crawl Space, Celebration Brass and Sprezzaturas

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL - MILLS & WEST SAANICH ROADS

The R-2 (Single Family Residential 2) property at the corner of West Saanich and Mills Roads is currently under development. This property was subdivided into 18 lots back in 1920. The current owner proposes to amend the subdivision to reduce the number of lots to 15 single family residential lots. As a result of the development of this property, some preliminary excavation work will be done over the next few weeks. The owner is anxious to retain as many of the Garry oak trees located on these lots as possible. Two of the Garry oak trees were identified to be in poor health by a certified arborist. One tree was removed by BC Hydro for safety reasons and removal of the other is also recommended, with its trunk to remain as a "wildlife tree". One of the remaining Garry oaks is diseased with a fungus that often leads to blow-down from root rot. This tree will be monitored. Several of the remaining trees require crown cleaning, crown height reduction or deadwood removal to encourage healthy growth and to protect the flight path clearances. If you have any questions about this development, please call the Municipal Hall or consult the District's website at www.northsaanich.ca.

2005 NORTH SAANICH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

We are pleased to advise you that the District's 2005 Annual Report to the Community in accordance with Section 98 of the *Community Charter* will be available for public inspection as of June 7, 2006 at the Municipal Hall and on the District's website at www.northsaanich.ca. A Special Council meeting will be held on **Monday, June 26, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.** at which the public will be given an opportunity to present submissions and questions regarding the 2005 Annual Report. At that time, Council will also consider the 2005 Annual Report for their approval.

CONTROLLING INVASIVE PLANTS ON YOUR PROPERTY



Invasive plants are weedy, usually non-native plants that have been introduced outside their natural range. They are also known as invasives, escapees, noxious weeds and introduced, alien, and exotic plants. They thrive because of factors such as a lack of natural controls, and adaptations that enable them to spread and establish quickly. Impacts of these plants can be detrimental to humans, animals and entire ecosystems. Periwinkle, for example, can form an impenetrable layer on the Douglas-fir forest floor, making it impossible for native plants to grow. Scotch broom threatens rare Garry oak ecosystems, choking out the diversity of native plants. Although a number of invasive plants are well-established in North Saanich, it is possible to manage the spread of certain species. Residents can assist by controlling invasives on their properties.



Information on how you can help to control invasive species such as Scotch broom, English holly, English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and Daphne is available on the District's website at www.northsaanich.ca.

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATE

At a recent workshop on heritage preservation, members of the Heritage Advisory Commission (HAC) developed a vision for 2011. One of our strategies is to "identify, inventory and protect heritage assets while continuing to build community involvement." One of our community involvement initiatives was a gathering held in February which we called "Conversations with Our Past". Since its presentation, several people have asked us to publish the script. You can expect to see its publication, along with photographs and maps, by the fall or sooner.

On May 15th a small unveiling ceremony was held at Nymph Point Park. Two plaques now mark this significant site: one to commemorate the heritage designation made by our predecessors in 1982, and the second to acknowledge the point's First Nations' name, WSIIKEM, and its importance to Tseycum First Nation culture.

We continue to prepare an inventory of significant sites in North Saanich and in the fall a Strategic Plan will be produced which will set out a timetable and will include the development of a Community Heritage Register. This is an important part of the Commission's mandate, as are the public events which help us stay in touch with the people of North Saanich.

SEE-A-LIFE...SAVE-A-LIFE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The North Saanich Volunteer Fire Department requests your financial support in raising funds to purchase two thermal imaging cameras. Thermal imaging cameras can be used to quickly locate victims, find the source and spread of a fire, and warn firefighters of potential hazards. For further information on the campaign and how you can donate please call the Fire Department at 656-1931. You can donate funds by attending any of the following events scheduled at the Wain Road Firehall on the following Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.:

- ⊙ June 10thMulti-family Garage Sale.....food, kids target shoot, silent auction for various firefighter services
- ⊙ June 17th.....Car Wash by donation
- ⊙ June 24thOpen House (end of campaign).....food, kid's games, fire truck rides, dunk tank

A silent auction is also being conducted. Items include: dinner for six served at the Wain Road Firehall, Chief-for-a-Day, prawn fishing trip, four hour fishing trip off Sooke, four hours of power washing, two hours of lawn irrigation system maintenance, two hours of housekeeping, two hours of window washing, fire truck ride for a birthday party, 2 hours yard maintenance, family haircut and more.

NO OPEN AIR BURNING IN NORTH SAANICH



AS OF MAY 14TH, 2006 THE DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH'S OPEN BURNING SEASON IS CLOSED.

The only burning that is permitted is burning in incinerators with a screen between sunrise and sunset on Thursdays and Fridays and from sunrise until 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays until further notice. The Dean Park area between Forest Park Drive and the municipal boundary west of East Saanich Road has a complete burning ban year round. Please consider alternatives to burning such as composting, recycling and chipping.

The burnables drop-off program at the Municipal Pit off Littlewood Road by the Legion had its last scheduled day of operation on Saturday, May 20th, 2006. A review of the pit operations and burning regulations is scheduled to take place at a meeting of the Municipal Council in the Council Chambers on **June 12th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.** Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting. If you have any questions regarding burning regulations in the District, please contact Fire Chief Gary Wilton at 656-1931.

CHECK FIRST...TO SEE IF YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT

When planning any type of construction or renovation work on your home or property, it is important to check with the District's Building Department **BEFORE** you begin the work to determine if a building permit is required. Construction/renovation work on walkways, docks or wharfs on the waterfront are particularly sensitive matters, and it is important to ensure that all necessary permits or approvals are obtained **PRIOR** to any work being started. In most cases a simple phone call to the Building Department staff at 655-5470 can determine whether or not a permit is required. A handout entitled "Do I need a Building Permit?" is available at the Building Department counter and on the District's website to answer some of your questions.

DEEP COVE/PATRICIA BAY/McDONALD PARK SEWER PROJECT

The Deep Cove/Patricia Bay/McDonald Park Sewer Project is well underway. If you are within the sewer service area and have questions about your residential hook-up, please refer to the brochure entitled "Guide for Residential Connections" which is available at the Building Department counter and on the District's website. This material should help to answer some of your questions regarding residential connections. For additional information please contact the District's Building Department at 655-5470.

THE CANCER SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP



**Canadian
Cancer
Society**
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**Canadian Cancer Society
2006 Door-to-Door Campaign**

Join us in the fight against cancer by canvassing door-to-door for our annual fundraising campaign. Share your time and give back to our community.

For more information contact:
Chantal O'Brien
Tel: (250) 414-4251
Email: cobrien@bc.cancer.ca



CONTACT NUMBERS

Telephone Numbers:

- ⇒ Administration & Finance..... 656-0781
- ⇒ Engineering..... 655-5460
- ⇒ Zoning, Permits & Licensing..... 655-5470
- ⇒ Public Works 655-5480
- ⇒ Fire Department 656-1931

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. week days

After Hours: 920-9235 (4:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and weekends and holidays)

Emergency Fire, Police and Ambulance: 9 • 1 • 1

After Hours Fire Non-Emergency: 475-6111

E-mail: admin@northsaanich.ca

Web Page: www.northsaanich.ca

FAX NUMBERS



Please note the following FAX numbers for Municipal Departments:

- General**..... 656-3155
- Building, Licensing, Engineering
& Public Works**..... 656-0782
- Fire Department**..... 656-0906

WHO TO CONTACT AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL

Bruce Williams – Chief Administrative Officer (implementation of Council policies and programs) bwilliams@northsaanich.ca

Sandy Bowden – Director of Corporate Services (Council meetings/procedures, human resources matters, and local government elections) sbowden@northsaanich.ca

Ralph Gillis – Director of Financial Services (the District's budget and taxation) rgillis@northsaanich.ca

John Carnell – IT/GIS Manager (electronic mapping and information technology) jcarnell@northsaanich.ca

Tracy Olsen – Director of Development and Community Services (planning, zoning, building, bylaw enforcement, and licensing) tolsen@northsaanich.ca

Tim Tanton – Director of Infrastructure Services (sewage treatment, drainage, subdivision development, roads, and public works) ttanton@northsaanich.ca

Brian Robinson – Works Superintendent (district parks and trails, repairs and maintenance of drainage systems, roads and utilities) brobinson@northsaanich.ca

Gary Wilton – Director of Emergency Services (burning regulations, the North Saanich Volunteer Fire Department and emergency planning) gwilton@northsaanich.ca

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Council meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month - Committee of the Whole meets every 2nd and 4th Monday. There are no meetings on statutory holidays. All meetings take place in the Municipal Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. Check with the Corporate Services Department for the dates of summer meetings. All agendas and minutes are posted on the District's website.

Mayor Ted Daly	656-8700
Councillor Peter Chandler.....	656-7226
Councillor Sheilah Fea	656-2719
Councillor Cairine Green.....	656-3205
Councillor Anny Scoones.....	656-9740
Councillor Bob Shaw	655-9610
Councillor Bob Williamson.....	655-1270

ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

Advisory Planning Commission

...meets at 7:30 p.m. every 4th Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Members	Ted Izard Don MacKinnon Richard Nordlund Michael Shoemaker (Chair) Kit Spence Michael Stanlake Carolyn Stout
Council Liaison	Councillor Bob Shaw

Environmental Advisory Commission

...meets at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Members	Richard Bailey Ron Barnhart Doug Bernard Al Burgoyne (Chair) Ian Norie Graeme Richardson Brian Sibley Elizabeth Stanlake Jock von Kaldenberg
Council Liaison	Councillor Cairine Green

Parks Commission

...meets at 4:30 p.m. every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Members	Farrell Boyce (Chair) John Braithwaite Joan Coldwell John Enright Tom Gore Floyd Mailhot Joyce Nordlund Janet Silman
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones
APC Liaison	Carolyn Stout
EAC Liaison	Richard Bailey

Heritage Advisory Commission

...meets at 10:00 a.m. every 1st Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Members	Peter Arends (Tech. Advisor) Ann Aylard Susan Banas Diana Chown (Chair) Helene Malvet Patricia McAvity Freda Thorne
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones

