



NORTH SAANICH NEWS

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NORTH SAANICH MARINE TASK FORCE

The North Saanich Marine Task Force invites you to attend an Open House on **Saturday, May 31st from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in the North Saanich Municipal Council Chambers located at 1620 Mills Road. This Open House will provide you with an opportunity to view various exhibits on the Task Force work, meet Task Force members, and learn about and comment on the Task Force's findings and conclusions.



For more information please visit the District's website at www.northsaanich.ca or call Jackie at 655-5455 or e-mail jgretchen@northsaanich.ca

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, 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 Firehall.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY SEEKING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES.

This is an opportunity for you to learn a new skill, meet others with similar interests, and to serve your community. For more information please contact Fire Chief Gary Wilton at 656-1931 or visit our website at www.northsaanichfire.ca. You are also invited to drop by the Wain Road Firehall at 986 Wain Road weekdays during the day or Tuesday evenings. Thank you for helping North Saanich keep its residents safe.

OUTDOOR BURNING BAN

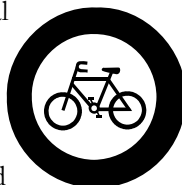
Effective May 17, 2008 at sunset, all outdoor burning is banned within the District of North Saanich. This includes burning in incinerators, fire pits and outdoor fireplaces until further notice.

Please consider alternatives to burning such as composting, recycling and chipping. The Municipal Littlewood Pit Green Waste Drop Off Program was implemented in 2006 to provide residents of North Saanich with an alternative to burning their yard waste. The program continues to see a steady increase in participation from residents representing all areas of the District. The facility is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants are charged a nominal fee of \$5.00 per car load and \$10.00 per truck or trailer load and is open to residents of North Saanich only. Please have your driver's license ready to show to the attendant when you come to drop off your green waste in order that we can verify your residency.

If you live within a forested area you are more susceptible to damage in the event of a forest fire. To evaluate your property and help minimize the damage as a result of a fire there are preventative measures that you can take. Please stop by the Wain Road Fire Hall located at 986 Wain Road and pick up a copy of the Homeowners' FireSmart Manual or contact the Fire Department at 656-1931 to find out what you can do to become more FireSmart. Thank you.

2ND ANNUAL CYCLING SAFETY WORKSHOP

The District of North Saanich Second Annual Cycling Safety Workshop will be held on **Saturday, May 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon** at the North Saanich Municipal your bike more and your car less but are nervous year's Cycling Safety Workshop hosted by the facilitated by cycling experts who will help you and helmets, rain or shine, and hear what John advocates, has to say about riding safely in traffic and proper fit. This workshop is recommended for adults and children 12 years or older. Light refreshments will be provided.



Hall, 1620 Mills Road. If you would you like to use about riding in traffic, you should attend this District of North Saanich. The workshop will be develop safe cycling skills. Bring your bicycles Luton, one of the area's best known cycling safety about checking your bike and helmet for safety and

DISTRICT'S HOUSING STRATEGY UNDERWAY



The District is taking a proactive approach to address housing needs within the broader context of the Capital Region. The Official Community Plan (2007) calls for a housing strategy to consider seniors' housing, affordable housing for families, secondary suites, and special needs housing. CitySpaces (a consulting firm) is working with the District in the preparation of this strategy. A Housing Needs Assessment was presented to Council in January. The current stage of the work (community engagement and strategy development) began in early April and a report will be presented to Council in late June. During this period there are 11 activities for community participation, including information sessions, discussion groups, a community workshop and an open house. The discussion groups include: residents living in North Saanich who are in the labour force; builders, developers, and realtors; seniors living in North Saanich; business owners and managers; service providers to people with special needs; and people working in North Saanich but not living in North Saanich. A community workshop will be held on **Saturday, May 24th at the Mary Winspear Centre from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** This is a pre-registration event; a light lunch will be served. Registrants will receive a package of materials prior to the workshop, and be requested to come ready to work through the material in collaboration with other participants. Please register by contacting Dana Hough at northsaanichhousing@cityspaces.ca or by phone at 1-866-687-2281/221. Detailed information about the housing strategy can be found on the District website at www.northsaanich.ca. The District welcomes and encourages your input. Thank you for taking time to participate in this important community process.

676 KITTYHAWK AIR CADET SQUADRON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

676 Kittyhawk Air Cadet Squadron proudly announces the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebrations that will take place on **June 14 and 15, 2008 at the Air Cadet Hall, 1979 Anson Drive, Sidney.** The 50th Anniversary Committee is actively searching for 676 alumni for this very special event. The alumni consist of past cadets, officers, staff, sponsoring committee members (Kinsmen Club included) and, of course, the parents.

Since 1958, the 676 Kittyhawk Squadron has been actively providing different levels of community support to the people of Saanich Peninsula. The Cadet program has instilled many qualities, such as citizenship, leadership and personal growth to thousands of cadets over the years. Let's not forget the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who have helped develop this very special program through their mentoring.

For more information on this historic event you may send an email to 67650th@telus.net or call 250-656-3676 to leave a message indicating your contact information.

MANDATORY SPAYING & NEUTERING FOR CATS

The District of North Saanich will soon be requiring that **ALL CATS** aged six months or older be spayed or neutered. Did you know that spaying or neutering your cat eliminates many medical and behavioural problems? In fact many cats will live longer and more comfortable, less stressful lives after being spayed or neutered. While spaying or neutering your cat will help control the cat overpopulation problem, you should also view it as a way to increase the length and quality of your pet's life with you. This issue was presented to Council by the Spay and Neuter Action Committee in the fall of 2007. Details of the regulations are not yet confirmed, however, it is anticipated that the Animal Control Bylaw will be amended to incorporate mandatory spaying and neutering for cats over the next few months. The District is also embarking on a community-wide awareness/education program to inform the public on the benefits of spaying and neutering cats. Information will be available at the Municipal Hall and on the District's website in the near future. Keep checking for further updates.



BURNING REGULATIONS REVIEW IN JUNE

Please note that the District's Burning Bylaw will be reviewed by Council at the June 23rd Committee of the Whole meeting. If you are interested in the proposed changes to the District's burning regulations, you are welcome to attend the June 23rd meeting which will commence at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the District's Council Chambers located in the Municipal Hall at 1620 Mills Road. If you would like to address Council at the meeting regarding this issue please ensure you register as a speaker by 12:00 noon on Monday, June 23rd. If you would like to submit your comments to the Council in writing, please do so by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 28th so that we can include them for Council's review in the agenda package. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Municipal Offices at 656-0781 or contact the Fire Department at 656-1931. Thanks for your input. Your participation in these important community issues is a vital part of the process.

CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR

The North Saanich Fire Department would like to remind all residents to check your smoke detectors to make sure they are fully operational. Smoke detectors should be checked annually and replaced after 7 to 10 years. Fire Department personnel would be happy to visit your household and test the smoke detectors in your home to ensure proper operation. It is important to make sure that all safety equipment in your home is working properly in order to reduce the risks to your family and home. Please take a few moments and check...it could save your life.

LIVSMART BC ENERGY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Save money and reduce your carbon footprint by taking part in the B.C. Government's new LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive Program. The program provides rebates and incentives in addition to federal ecoEnergy incentives when you make energy efficiency upgrades to your home. Upgrades include Energy Star windows and doors, insulation, hot water heating, high-efficiency furnaces, weather stripping and caulking. The first step is to arrange for an in-home energy assessment by a certified energy advisor. The energy advisor will provide you with your home's EnerGuide rating, recommend energy efficiency improvements and handle the paperwork of getting rebates and incentives from both programs.

For more information on the LiveSmart BC program,
go to www.gov.bc.ca/empr/popt/livesmart_bc.html
or phone 1-866-430-8765.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION REMINDER

Don't forget that all local governments in BC will be conducting elections on **Saturday, November 15th** of this year. On General Voting Day the North Saanich local government election will take place at the Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church, 9296 East Saanich Road from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will also be two advance voting opportunities held at the Municipal Hall. For further details and to see if you are eligible to vote in this year's election, please contact the Municipal Offices at 656-0781.

WELCOME... AND FAREWELL!

In January the District welcomed Patrick O'Reilly, the new Director of Infrastructure Services. Patrick is quickly familiarizing himself with the operations and infrastructure issues facing the District, and we welcome him as a member of our team.

In June we will be saying farewell to Sandy Bowden, the Director of Corporate Services. Sandy has been a very important member of the management team at North Saanich, and we will all miss her tremendously. Good luck Sandy!

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

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

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

Patrick O'Reilly – Director of Infrastructure Services (sewage treatment, drainage, subdivision development, roads, and public works) poreilly@northsaanich.ca

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

John Carnell – IT/GIS Manager (electronic mapping and information technology) jcarnell@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	Dan Carrier	Kit Spence
	Michael Houle	Michael Stanlake (Chair)
	Ted Izard	Carolyn Stout
	Ron Townshend	
Council Liaison	Councillor Peter Chandler	

Environmental Advisory Commission

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

Members	Richard Bailey (Chair)	Ian Norie
	Ron Barnhart	Ian Bruce
	Al Burgoyne	Elizabeth Stanlake
	Richard Nordlund	John Thorp
	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)	Floyd Mailhot
	Joan Coldwell	Joyce Nordlund
	John Enright	Janet Silman
	David Gill	
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	Ann Aylard	Helene Malvet
	Susan Banas (Chair)	Irma Thomson
	Rod Deacon	Freda Thorne
	Debbie Gray	
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones	

Agricultural Advisory Commission

...meets at 4:00 p.m. every 1st Thursday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Members	Barbara Brennan	Brian Hughes
	Hamish Crawford	Ivan Mischenko
	Brian Dunic	Normand Schafer
	Alice Finall (Chair)	
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones	
	Councillor Sheilah Fea	

