

THE Oak Bay Connector

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF OAK BAY QUARTERLY PAPER ■ CONNECT - COMMUNICATE - COLLABORATE

Welcome to our third edition of the Oak Bay Connector! Check out what's happening in Oak Bay at www.caob.ca

OAK BAY KIWANIS CLUB

Serving the children of the world

You've seen them hosting the Halloween Bonfire at Fireman's Park, on the Avenue giving out Hot Chocolate and serving tea at the Willows Beach Tea Room. Have you wondered who these energetic people are?

You may think they must have lots of free time to spend it this way. It's true some are retired, but most are still working. There is a fireman, an investment counsellor, a school teacher, a government employee, a military officer, a student, a policeman, real estate agent, a marine surveyor, a lawyer just to name a few. The retired group includes school teachers, bank executives, housewives, health care workers, government employees. In other words a cross section of our community.

These folks recognized a need beyond what various levels of government provide. They seek to make our community a better place to live. They are members of the Kiwanis Club of Oak Bay.

Kiwanis is an international, coeducation service organization founded in 1915 focused on children through the motto, "serving the children of the world". It is comprised of approximately 8,000 clubs in 96 countries with over 260,000 adult members. The Kiwanis Club of Oak Bay has continuously served Oak Bay and the greater Victoria community since 1947.

In 1949 the Club built the Willows Beach Tea Room and donated it to the municipality. The club leases it back from the municipality and the profits have provided the community with many of the amenities we take for granted.



Firefighter Greg Swan gets help from little firefighter five-year-old Miles Watson with the hose to control the Halloween bonfire at Fireman's Park. Sharon Tiffin/News staff

Playground equipment at Willows Park, the Jack Grove Field House at Fireman's Park, the Jack Wallace Field Track behind the Rec Centre, the PT Cruiser, the Scout and Guide Halls, the Mayors Chain of Office, the Reading Room at the Library, Bus Shelters, the Bulletin Kiosk in front of the Municipal Hall and the Heritage Signs to are just a few of the donations made over the years.

The Tea Room provides the funds for many local and international activities. Some of the needs we were able to help this year include Child Find, The Crystal Meth Society, Cops for Cancer, Best Babies, Youth Sports Teams, the 'YES' Awards, Scholarships for Oak Bay High, The Canadian College of Performing Arts and UVIC.

One of our major activities both financially and with personal involvement is Operation Trackshoes which we have continually supported from its inception. International support has gone to Tanzania, Mozambique, Philippines and of course Haiti.

The Kiwanis Club of Oak Bay recognized a need for affordable housing for low income seniors. It built and operates a 71 apartment complex in Oak Bay for that purpose.

We also built and operate a Health Care Facility which focuses on complex care needs and Dementia. We operate a large senior's home in the core of the city, providing quality care at an affordable cost.

Would you like to be part of this dynamic group? Would you like to volunteer at the Tea Room a few hours a week? Would you like to know more about what we do? Give us a call.

You might just find that there is some here for you, including a chance to meet some interesting people, an opportunity to grow personally and professionally and the great satisfaction of doing positive things for your community.

We meet every Thursday evening from 5:45 to 8pm at 2075 Milton Street. Three Thursdays a month we have interesting speakers and one Thursday is a business meeting. If you would like to attend one Thursday evening please call our secretary at 250-592-1612.



Above: Kiwanis member Susan Menzie cuts the salmon as they get ready for the hungry at the annual barbeque at Willows Beach. Money raised from the event was donated to the Crystal Meth Society. Sharon Tiffin/News staff

OAK BAY COMMUNITY MAPPING PROJECT

Cherishing the Past, Valuing the Present and Visioning the Future

The Oak Bay Community Mapping process began in 2006 with meetings in homes, community centres and local schools and outreach through volunteer data collection, walkabouts, guest speakers, training workshops and surveys. This has involved hundreds of people of all ages.

With the assistance of UVic and Common Ground, the Community Association of Oak Bay has agreed to facilitate the mapping engagement, fundraising and map production process work and is committed to bring the project to fruition.

To date private donations as well as a \$2,000 grant from the Victoria Foundation to the Friends of Ecological Reserves who want to include the Ecological Reserves at Trial Island and Oak Bay Islets – as few people know of their national significance - have been received.

The Oak Bay Green Map will include ecological information as well as favourite local places, heritage sites, street name origins, public spaces, viewpoints and local flora and fauna. The text side of the map will include community visions, history and art work by artists from Oak Bay.

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Come Visit The Tea Room At Willows Beach

THIS IS A CLUB WORTH BELONGING TO



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For membership information or to find out how you can become part of this vibrant organization contact 250-592-1612

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Emergency Preparedness Begins with YOU! Workshops

6:45 (Sign-in)-9 pm
Learn how to be self-sufficient for up to seven days.

Monday, March 22, 2010
Emmanuel Baptist Church
2121 Cedar Hill Cross Road

Tuesday, May 4th, 2010
(Emergency Preparedness Week)
Windsor Park Pavilion, 2451 Windsor

Preparedness Education for Seniors: Keeping you Safe!

Thursday, April 29th, 2010
10-noon
Monterey Recreation Centre
Learn steps to keep you safe.

Fire Extinguishment Training

Saturday, February 27th, 2010
OR April 24th, 2010
10am-Noon
Oak Bay Fire Hall, 1703 Monterey Ave.
Learn about how to properly use a Fire Extinguisher.

✿ *Sonja Ruthe,*
Community Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

The January 12th devastating magnitude 7.0 earthquake that hit Haiti should be a stark reminder to us all that the area around Vancouver Island is an active earthquake zone. The last devastating earthquake that impacted Vancouver Island occurred on January 26th, 1700 and seismologists have long predicted that the West Coast is due for the next "big one".

We can't predict when that will happen but we can take preventative measures to protect and prepare ourselves. Do a home hazard hunt and secure items that would cause injury during severe shaking; develop a family evacuation plan; and gather

supplies to keep you and your family self-sufficient for up to seven days. Remember, the key response in an earthquake is DROP, COVER and HOLD!

The Emergency Program offers a variety of free preparedness workshops, fire extinguisher, disaster first aid and rapid damage assessment training, as well as numerous volunteer opportunities at www.oakbayemergency.com

On Saturday, May 1st, near the start of Emergency Preparedness Week (May 2-8), the Emergency Social Services (ESS) team in conjunction with Red Cross, other program teams and community partners will hold a Group Lodging Exercise at St. Patrick's Church.



Group lodging set-up, Vernon BC – BC Fires, 2009

Picture from BC Mobile Support Team

Such a facility would be opened to provide safe, temporary lodging/accommodation for people forced to evacuate their homes on short notice because of an emergency or disaster. You can register to participate as an evacuee (1:30-3

pm) at rsvp@oakbayemergency.com or if you are interested in training to assist in operating a group lodging facility.

Help us build a disaster resilient community! Preparedness is everyone's responsibility!

Check the Oak Bay Emergency Program website for upcoming meetings, training and workshops at: www.oakbayemergency.com

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Rainbows

- More Bike Racks at OB Library
- OB High Redevelopment Public Consultation
- Olympic Celebration at OB Rec Centre
- Active Transportation Forum

Raindrops

- HST to be Charged on New Bikes and Accessories
- Sale of Oak Bay Lodge
- Uplands Sewage Separation Project

A few words from the President

Connect - Communicate - Collaborate

It is going to be a very interesting year in Oak Bay. The Directors have decided that the Community Association is in the Education Business focusing on Knowledge Transfer and Information.

A number of major initiatives are taking place that need your understanding and input, they include:

- Building Community and Public Spaces – CAOB Public Forum February 23rd, 7 - 9 pm.
- Uplands Sewer Separation Project – www.caob.ca web site for detailed information.
- Oak Bay Lodge – VIHA – privatization of OB Lodge.
- Bowker Creek Initiative – February 23rd 100 year plan presentation.
- Secondary Suites – Council paper to be published in Spring.

Visit our website www.caob.ca for up to date information. Also consider writing or emailing the Mayor and Council obcouncil@oakbay.ca and the editor of the Oak Bay News at editor@vicnews.com to express your views and concerns.

Tom Croft
President, CAOB

Our commitment to the Oak Bay community

1. Foster community involvement in all development and land use sharing;
2. Support development and co-operative use of community facilities;
3. Promote safety and well-being of community residents;
4. Maintain the character of Oak Bay in harmony with the environment;
5. Encourage the formation of neighbourhood associations.

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What is Block Watch?

Submitted by Matt Rutherford

Block Watch is a free program offered by the Oak Bay Police Department in an effort to build safer communities throughout the Municipality of Oak Bay. Block Watch, through training, education and communication, aims to reduce the opportunity for property offences (ie. break and enters, thefts, thefts from autos and vandalism) within a neighbourhood. By having a unified commitment, participating communities can be proactive in promoting safety for themselves, their families and their neighbours.

Block Watch provides:

- Tips on how to better secure your home.
- Information on how to mark your property.
- Protective window stickers and a Block Watch sign on your street.
- Better communication between the community and the police and between you and your neighbours

In addition to creating a safer community you may also be eligible to save up to 15% off of house insurance through selected insurance companies.

Contact the
Oak Bay Police Department
Block Watch Coordinator,
Matt Rutherford,
mrutherford@oakbaypolice.org
or 250-592-2424, for more details

New Ventures for 2010 – Volunteer Now!

Oak Bay Volunteer Services

Have you recently retired and wonder how to utilize your time and skills to help others?

Are you a working person with some spare time, or someone who would like to reach out to others in the community in some way? Volunteering may be your answer; it is a satisfying and rewarding thing to do. You meet many interesting people, learn about other times and places, and probably learn more about yourself as well.

Oak Bay Volunteer Services is always looking for people who are willing to provide assistance to others in our community.

We offer 1-to-1 services to our clients primarily in the form of drives to medical and other appointments. If you are able to provide one drive each week, or are only available to drive one day each month, it would be helpful. If you are able to drive more frequently that would be even better.

Our volunteers also make daily

reassurance phone calls to those living on their own, work in the office answering the phone and arranging the drives, complete income tax returns for those whose income qualifies, do small home repairs, gardening, visiting, as well as a myriad of other services.

Let's see how many new volunteers we can get in 2010!

Call: 250-595-1034

mailto:obvs@oakbayvolunteers.bc.ca
obvs@oakbayvolunteers.bc.ca

101 – 2167 Oak Bay Ave. (lower level of Municipal Hall)

Carnarvon Park Recycling Depot: three years strong

Oak Bay's community-sponsored plastics recycling depot at Carnarvon Park has been operating successfully for just over three years (since October 2006) for the benefit of the municipality and continues to operate on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. at Carnarvon Park.

Clean, sorted, soft and hard plastics, foil-lined bags, all forms of styrofoam, broth, milk and juice containers and electronics are accepted on a

donation basis.

Over the past year, a monthly average of 205 householders brought a variety of materials not accepted in blue boxes.

An average of 18 Oak Bay Green Committee volunteers organized the materials to be taken away.

An average of 135 large (36" x 48") bags of styrofoam, rigid plastics, soft plastics, tetrapaks, foil, as well as a bin of rigid oversize hard plastics went to various recycling processors.

The Oak Bay Green Committee took on this initiative to support a regional objective of diverting materials from Hartland Landfill and has clearly demonstrated that more extensive plastics

recycling is feasible. Contact municipal Council and urge the municipality / regional district to assume responsibility for curbside collection of a more extensive range of plastic materials for recycling.

If you have any suggestions for the Oak Bay Green Committee, or wish to find out more about volunteering at the depot, contact Noreen Taylor at creamofthecrop@telus.net

Oak Bay Alternative Transportation Sub-Committee Seeks Volunteer Members

Oak Bay Municipal Council recently solicited expressions of interest from individuals who wished to volunteer their time as members of the Community Initiatives Committee specifically as members of an Alternative Transportation sub-committee.

Although there are no formal terms of reference for the Community Initiatives Committee or the proposed sub-committee, the group will be tasked with focusing on alternative transportation priorities and proposed improvements for Oak Bay Village, including issues such as sidewalk widening, parking, potential cycling lanes and beautification, and making recommendations to Oak Bay Municipal Council in this regard.

Councilor Herbert is Chair of the Community Initiatives Committee. Also on the Committee are Councilors Braithwaite and Jensen, along with Mayor Causton.

Individuals interested in serving on the Community Initiatives Committee and the above described sub-committee were directed to submit letters, by February 16, 2010, to the Municipal Clerk, including any pertinent information to assist Council in making the appointments.

This promises to be an exciting opportunity to make a significant contribution to improving alternative transportation infrastructure in Oak Bay. Our community members are currently placed at risk by narrow dangerous sidewalks, a severe lack of

crosswalks on arterial roads such as Foul Bay and Cadboro Bay Roads, and safe cycling routes for young and old alike. Volunteers contributing to the newly formed sub-committee can help keep our community members safe and mobile and generate improvements that link to those made by adjacent municipalities of Victoria and Saanich.

The CAO looks forward with great interest to the recommendations of the new sub-committee and the implementation of improvements in Oak Bay.



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A Hidden "Wonder"

by Lillian Wonders

Oak Bay is full of surprises! Tucked away in attics, basements and garages are hobbies, collections and memories of past days.

One such hobby is a small printing shop with presses dating back to 1890 and 1900. These have no relation of the method of printing in today's world. Young people who have visited the shop find the equipment and method very boring. One young visitor said to me, "it's not cool!" But, here it is snuggled into one side of a double garage on Beach Drive in Oak Bay.

Originally known as the *Johnson & Co.*, the name was later changed when the printer was married in 1951. It is now *The Wonder Press*.

Johnson & Company began in Portland, Oregon when the printer received a small press (Chase: 8-1/2"x11"), four fonts of type (only Bookman) and the other necessary equipment such as furniture (for use with the Chase), quoins, reglets and a quoin key for a Christmas gift in 1937. I was very disappointed as I wanted a new doll!

Soon, *Johnson & Company* began business with the printer and two friends who were the salespersons. Our favourite item was name tape for children's clothing ("we use wash proof ink").

Eventually the press was shipped to Edmonton, Alberta where it operated for approximately 30 years. The jobs ranged from printed paper serviettes, wedding

"I love the smell of the ink and the feel of the type and hope to print for a bit longer"

invitations, tickets to all sorts of performances and an assortment of many other things too numerous to mention.

On retirement from the University of Alberta, the printer and her husband moved to Beach Drive in Oak Bay. It was quite an eventful move. Unfortunately, because of the weight in the moving van, the truck broke down on the Yellowhead Pass Summit. Another moving truck was summoned from Edmonton, and *The Wonder Press* finally



arrived to its new location.

The Press is still in operation and specializes in small orders, and small runs (numbers) as well as special requests. The small shop has over

100 drawers of type, containing a great assortment of styles and sizes. There are two drawers of old wooden type which were used when type sizes were over 60 points, in addition about six drawers of cuts (graphics). All pictures, logos, etc. have to be made into

zinc or cotter cuts fixed onto wood which is 'type-high'. Only then, can these pictures, drawings, etc. be locked into the press for printing.

I sit between my 1890 Chandler & Price Press and my 'state of the art' Macintosh Computer. I touch both at the same time and span over 100 years or more of printing technology. The computer is fast, quiet and efficient. On the contrary, my press clanks away, requires much 'make-up' time setting type, 'locking up' the press, inking all followed by a messy clean up. I love the smell of the ink and the feel of the type and hope to print for a bit longer.

Positively Environmental



I had always been interested in joining the Victoria Car Share Co-op. Two years ago, I learned that my employer, the University of Victoria, offered memberships to qualified employees and people in Family Housing. I jumped on the offer and two weeks later



I was having my orientation and booking my first car. I take the bus to work each day and use the car co-op to complement my bus pass. As several cars are located at the University, I often book a car to use for lunch time shopping or doctor's appointments. I primarily use the Oak Bay car to go grocery shopping and on evenings and weekends when bus service is not as frequent.

All of the cars in the co-op are located on bus routes, allowing easy access.

The cost is \$15 per month plus a km and hourly charge (which includes gas). While every member's usage varies, I spend an average of \$750 per year. Before joining the co-op, my car insurance alone cost more than that!

One of the huge benefits of the Victoria Car Co-op is access to the Vancouver and other car co-ops. The last time I visited Vancouver, I reserved a car a half block from my hotel - saving the car fare on BC ferries, and the cost of parking in downtown Vancouver.

I'm very happy I joined the co-op - my carbon footprint is a bit smaller and I no longer worry about car repair bills.

- Pam

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you would like listed in the Oak Bay Connector Calendar please send an email with the subject line "OBC calendar" to jillcroft@telus.net.

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Interest in major changes to our municipality has generated a surge in membership and we now have over 150 in the Community Association of Oak Bay.

Four topical items of interest to the residents of Oak Bay are: Redevelopment of Oak Bay High; the possible closure of Oak Bay Lodge; the separation of storm and septic sewers in the Uplands and the legalization of Secondary Suites.

Press coverage as well as information on our www.caob.ca web site have exposed facts regarding these proposals in our community.

Please join your community association.

Community Association of Oak Bay Membership

The Community Association of Oak Bay is a non-profit charitable organization operated with an elected board of 11 directors. Our Association membership is open to individuals who live, work or own a business in Oak Bay. Membership is \$10 - sign up and be part of the CAOB.

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