

THE Oak Bay Connector

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Community map charts; much more than getting from A to B

✶ Vivian Moreau

It's been six years in the making but the Oak Bay Community Green Map is a beauty to hold and read.

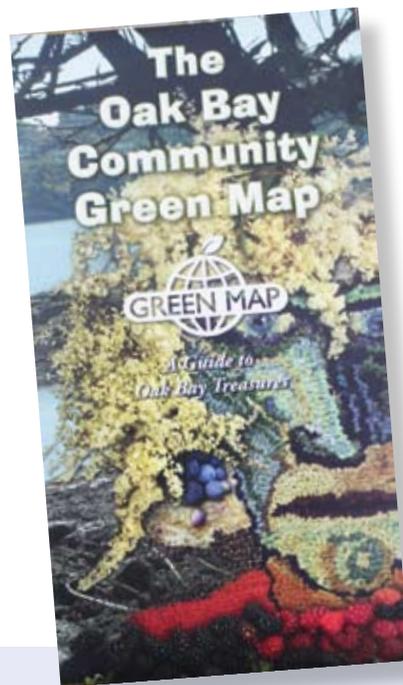
Want to find a good spot to star watch? That's on the map. Where can you see the remnants of street car rails? That's on the map, too. Need to find a public washroom? Those are also on the map which measures 24" by 34" but folds up to fit in a back pocket.

Not just a guide to the geography of an area, community maps pinpoint cultural, historic and personal landmarks important to residents.

"The process has almost been more valuable than the end result," Burdick Avenue resident Jill Croft says about the many open houses the Community Association of Oak Bay held to bring residents together to talk about not just the buildings, streets, and lanes that make Oak Bay special but other significant things such as heritage trees, gardens or wetlands unique to the community.

Sunny Lane resident Marion Cumming shared details about cairns marking Aboriginal village sites throughout Oak Bay. Croft and her husband Tom cycled and walked as many of the 15 kilometers of lanes in the municipality as they could and added them to the map.

With donations from sponsors, the association hired University of Victoria cartographic technician Ken Josephson to compile the information and design the map of which 6000 copies were printed. The map will be available by donation at Oak Bay municipal hall, Kiwanis Willows Beach Tearoom, and at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.



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Watercolour with Bryony Wynne-Jones

Get your creative juices flowing at Monterey Recreation Centre this summer! Whether you're looking for personal enrichment or professional development, there are many programs and camps to choose from. Immerse yourself in a week-long art program - a sure-fire way to bring out your inner child and ignite your creative imagination. Choose from a variety of options; Birds and Watercolours; Outdoor Architectural Drawing 101; Pouring Watercolours; Hot & Chili Watercolours and more! There are also a selection of Saturday workshops. Courses begin in July and run until the end of August - they are open to anyone 19 years and over. Monterey's instructors are all practicing artists in this community with many years of instruction and experience behind them. If dance is more your interest, why not try Zumba Gold, Hawaiian Modern Hula or Nia Technique? These popular and fun classes are perfect for any level and are guaranteed to energize your body and bring a smile to your face. Summer is alive and fun at Monterey Recreation Centre!

For more information on these courses or any other programs, call 250-370-7300 or visit www.recreation.oakbay.ca

Good Neighbours

✶ Joseph Blake

The recent protests about big, modern homes being built in the municipality made me pause. I love my neighbours and my neighbourhood. I've lived with my wife and family in the same small, converted 19th-century dairyman's shed for over 30 years, and life on our Oak Bay street has never been better.

Neighbours are like family. You don't get to choose who moves into the neighbourhood, but life is much nicer when everyone tries to get along. It made me sad when my neighbourhood's original farm house was torn down a decade ago and my neighbour built an 8-sided, original design to the limits of the building code. It blocked the afternoon sun in my garden and stuck out like a sore thumb, but when he moved away, a retired couple spent more than a year landscaping, painting and finishing his unique creation, and now my family lives next to two of our dearest friends. We share meals and cultural enthusiasm and our love of Oak Bay.

My other neighbours are renters with four small children who play so nicely together that it makes me laugh remembering my three sons' rougher, louder games. This family replaced a woman who yelled at her yapping dogs all day and night and an earlier renter who roared his motorcycle engine outside our bedroom window at all hours. The kids playing outside as I write this column sound like bird song.

When I garden in my backyard I get to listen to another neighbour, a professional opera singer practicing her arias. How sweet is that? The boys

across from our house have grown from little guys to teenagers to fine young men, and that gives my life a sweetness too.

Other neighbourhood girls, my sons' schoolmates, now raise children of their own, and another neighbour is a widow who has lived most of her life on this street. Her daughter lives with her now.

There are neighbours who rent suites in their homes. I don't know if they're legal or illegal, and I don't care. I like both neighbours too much to complain, and if problems arise, I'll talk to them about it.

One widower lived alone until he went into hospital recently. He was a very quiet, private man, and I barely knew him. I met his son this week, cleaning out the family home for his dad's move back to Toronto. When the last old widower in the neighbourhood died, they knocked his little house down and built a big, modern home on the lot to the limits of the building code. That's probably going to happen to my ailing neighbour's house too.

When the new neighbours move in, I'm going to welcome them to the neighbourhood and

see if they're interested in joining the Community Association of Oak Bay. We've got a lot of work to do, and we need more members.

For the next couple of years, the biggest job for residents of Oak Bay will be the creation of a new Official Community Plan. The mayor and council have started this process, but they can't do it alone. The Official Community Plan must provide a vision for the next couple of decades. Some of the major projects included in the new plan are the redevelopment of Oak Bay Secondary School including a Community Performing Arts Theatre and a Neighbourhood Learning Centre, the rebirth of Bowker Creek, a system of bike and walking paths, and the redevelopment of the Oak Bay Lodge property. There are lots of other issues that will fall under the guidance of the new Official Community Plan.

Most residents have opinions on these pressing issues and many have life experiences to aid in the development of the new Official Community Plan. Let's be good neighbours. Let's work together. Please join us. The Community Association of Oak Bay needs you.



Visit the Web site at www.caob.ca or phone 250-595-6284 for membership information.



'Bully Bill' has mobilized Canadians

✿ Denise Savoie, MP

As I write, I am preparing for a marathon session of Parliament. As Deputy Speaker, I will replace the Speaker every four hours as more than 150 amendments to Bill C-38, the Budget Implementation Bill, are proposed and, in all likelihood, defeated because of the Conservative majority.

Whatever one may think of the content, C-38 is a 'bully bill' because it is stopping Parliament from doing its job. Not a single amendment proposed by Opposition MPs, representing millions of Canadians, has been passed. Non-budgetary policy shifts, such as giving the federal Cabinet the power to approve large oil and gas projects, are part of a 420-page budget document.

Despite the outcry from experts and

four former federal fisheries ministers, the government will not budge from ill-thought-out changes to the Fisheries Act that will have a disastrous impact on our ecosystems. And the decimation of federal environmental oversight exposes British Columbia to even larger oil accidents than what we are witnessing this week in Alberta.

New rules that allow temporary foreign workers to be paid less than Canadians will lower the standard for all workers. The government should be focusing instead on ensuring that Canadians get the training they need for the well-paid, skilled jobs employers want to fill. Do Canadians really want to exploit people from other countries and treat them like widgets?

As these next two weeks unfold, I

am inspired by the response from Canadians who are speaking out, in front of Conservative MP offices, at public forums and through every available means of communication, to say these changes go too far, that they threaten our natural resources, fisheries, health-care, cultural heritage and jobs. The passing of this bill may be inevitable, but its content has mobilized Canadians and that bodes well for the future.

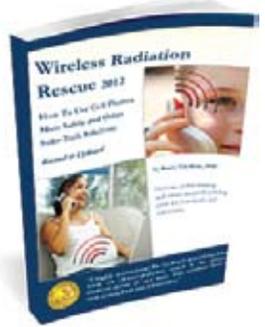


Oak Bay Authors Series: #2 ✿ Barbara Julian

Wireless Radiation Rescue 2012: How to Use Cell Phones More Safely and Other Safer-tech Solutions

by Kerry Crofton, PhD. Global Wellbeing Books, 2012. 384 pp, pbk, \$18.95 (e-book \$8.95)

It seems that on every imaginable topic, someone is holed up somewhere in Oak Bay writing a book. Kerry Crofton's topic is the danger to health caused by electromagnetic radiation from cell phones, Wi-Fi, microwave ovens, xrays and airport security scanners, to name a few sources of the "electro-smog" pervading the modern world. Crofton, with a background in psychology, health education and counselling in cardiac clinics, got interested in this subject when she looked into the wireless radiation levels at her daughter's school. Academically trained, she set about doing the research. *Wireless Radiation Rescue* is the result, a summary and action plan written in clear language easy for even the most un-techy reader to follow.



So what are the health hazards of the sea of radiation we now live in? The list includes headaches, dizziness, allergies, fatigue, cardiac symptoms and ADHD, but as these things also have a host of other causes (chemical pollutants, meat eating, emotional stress ...), persuading consumers to change habits around their favourite digital tools and toys is an uphill battle.

"Do you feel hopeful about changing the trend?" I ask her.

"No," she replies frankly. At least not yet, but she adds: "within five to ten years scientists predict there will be a surge in adverse health effects resulting from wireless technology," and that will cause attitudes to change, rather as they did toward smoking over the last generation. Basically, replacing wireless with wired connections, especially in schools, would be the first protective step, as well as getting kids back outside and away more often from computers. Says the book: "We ... have an inborn healthiness that is based on all the electric fields -- within and around us -- being in harmony. Our heart and brain cells have their own delicate electrical integrity ..."

As do the cells of all living things ... in one interesting passage Crofton touches on research into how global electro-magnetic radiation affects non-human life forms as well as human, interfering with bird migration, plant growth, and, some have concluded, contributing to colony collapse disorder among the world's bees.

Crofton spreads her message with calm assurance through articles and conferences, and has even been known politely to approach strangers doing dangerous things with cell phones (like resting them over their fetuses when hugely pregnant) -- and has lived to tell the tale! But most mothers do care about their babies' health, and parents and grandparents listen to Crofton's message about wireless gadgetry even as most teens, industry interests and government officials role their eyes, or commit to stone-walling.

To examine the research for yourself and to learn how to minimize risks in your own home and workplace, you can find the book at local bookshops and on Amazon, or go to the well-organized and informative website accompanying it: www.radiationrescue.org.

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Learn how to Correct Sun Damage

In spite of a trend to look tanned, we are largely aware of safe ways to enjoy sun and enhance our natural skin colour without risking unnecessary exposure to the sun's rays. We know we should avoid basking in direct sun and refrain from tanning beds; we should wear sunscreen every day and reapply over hours spent outdoors. Because dangerous effects of prolonged exposure to solar radiation often take years to appear, a common mentality is disregard for what is known to be preventable.

Solar radiation is not only composed of ultraviolet rays (UVA/UVB). Recently published findings on Infrared-A prove what we feel as warmth from the sun is in fact an unassuming, deeply penetrating solar emittance which causes significant skin damage and premature aging. In addition, 90% of UVA rays (responsible for skin aging) penetrate through clouds and windows all year long. Daily use of a potent topical antioxidant plus SPF of 30 or higher are essential for protection from both UV and Infrared-A (try SkinCeuticals CE Ferulic and Physical Fusion SPF 50).

Those at highest risk for skin cancers will have fair hair, light skin, freckles, a history of sun burns (even just one significant burn), +50 moles, large or obscure moles and a history of skin cancer. Apart from skin cancers, significant sun damage may take the form of premature skin aging, textural changes, obvious spots, pigment irregularities and volume deflation.

Many wish to know: other than early prevention, what can be done to correct damage already done? Dermatology has evolved to provide treatments which reverse skin damage and provide alternatives to surgical removals of skin cancers. Visible sun damage and pre-cancerous spots can be treated by Fraxel laser



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Regular mole checks are advisable to monitor skin changes while avoiding direct sun will ensure minimal exposure to damaging solar radiation. For those seeking an attractive skin glow, consider organic spray tans - today's tanning products provide natural colour without chemical exposure. To learn more about options for sun damage prevention and correction, speak with your family doctor or contact the skin experts at Cosmedica today - under the direction of Dermatologist, Dr. Mark Lupin.

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Oak Bay Green Committee Recycling Depot

Sat., June 23; 9-11:30 am

The Oak Bay Green Committee runs a Recycling Depot at Carnarvon Park every 4th Saturday of the month (with the exception of December when the depot may be held on another weekend). The depot runs from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

The Depot is held on the west (Foul Bay Road side) of Carnarvon Park. Parking is free and easily available. We recycle: batteries, all clean soft and hard plastic products and wraps (including plant pots and old garden furniture), electronic appliances and yes, we still take refundable milk and juice cartons. We are the only

neighbourhood depot in the CRD that takes styrofoam, (pieces of any size), food trays and pellets.

Our recycling partner PMD now has its own styrofoam recycling facility in Sooke, the only such facility on Vancouver Island.

There is a small charge for our depot service, which varies according to the current price for recyclables. A percentage of the monies collected funds the Oak Bay Green Committee. Funds from refundable cartons go entirely to the OBGreen Committee.

Go Green! Organize your workmates or your building!

Bowker Creek Brush Up

Sun., August 12; 11am-4:30pm;

between Oak Bay High and Hampshire.

Welcome to Uplands Park

The Friends of Uplands Park, and the Community Association of Oak Bay, celebrated the new Uplands Park entrance sign, on Sunday April 22, 2012, as part of the 2012 Earth Day Celebration held at Uplands Park. Oak Bay's first ever Uplands Park sign was installed by the Oak Bay Parks Department, very early on a sunny Friday April 20, 2012, at the main entrance across from the Cattle Point parking lot, and represents the first phase of an ongoing "sign project" collaboration between the Oak Bay Parks Department and the Friends of Uplands Park.



Family Law Act RSBC 2011

In November 2011, the Provincial Legislature of British Columbia passed the Family Law Act. The current legislation, the Family Relations Act, has been in place since April 1, 1978 and the new Act reflects many of the changes in society that have occurred since 1978

The new Act has not yet been proclaimed and will not be proclaimed until some time in 2013 but this article will give you a basic overview of the changes that are coming. While it is impossible to go through all of the details of the Act in this article, I will focus on the major changes. Much more emphasis is placed on mediation, collaborative law, and other forms of dispute resolution in the New Act in an effort to keep people out of the court system.

The Family Law Act has been drafted in a way that makes resolutions out of court the preferred method of resolving family disputes and makes court the last option.

PARENTAGE

The Act attempts for the first time to set out the details of “parentage” and includes definitions of who are the parents in cases of assisted reproduction and surrogacy. It also provides that, in certain cases, there may be more than two parents.

PARENTING

The Act does away with the words custody and access, and attempts to define who are the guardians of the child. Only a guardian has parental responsibilities and parenting time and those responsibilities and time can be allocated between guardians if there is more than one. There is no presumption that if two parents separate they shall have equal parenting time.

The only test in determining parenting arrangements (the term for parental responsibilities and parenting time) between guardians is the best interests of the child, and for the first time the Act attempts to set out the circumstances which must be considered in determining that interest. The Court must look at all of the children’s needs and circumstances including health and emotional well-being; the child’s views; the nature and strength of relationships between the child and significant others; history; the need for stability; the ability of guardians to exercise parental responsibilities, the impact of family violence, and whether or not the guardians can co-operate on issues respecting the child.

People who are not guardians will not have parental responsibilities or parenting time but may apply for contact orders. This would include grandparents (and other parties who have been involved in the child’s life) who seek court ordered time with the child.

The Act deals specifically with the issue of what happens when one guardian wishes to move from the area where they have been living and sets out that the reasons for the move must be considered along with the best interests of the child.

For the first time the Act includes a provision that a person

who is entitled under an agreement or an order, to parenting time or contact with the child may apply to enforce that order or agreement. The Act provides penalties for those guardians who wrongfully deny contact or parenting time and further provides that if the denial of contact or parenting time was not wrongful, then the guardian who did so with good reason will not be punished. The example that comes to mind is where a child is too sick to move to another house in which case the denial of contact may be deemed reasonable.

In dealing with children, the Act makes it clear that the views of the child can be made available to the court and allows a court to appoint a person to assess the needs of the child or the views of the child. The Act also provides that a Parent Coordinator may be appointed in high conflict custody cases to make some of the decisions around parenting time and contact that may be impossible for the guardians to determine for themselves.

PROPERTY

One of the major changes in the new Act has to do with the division of property. The Act considers anyone who has lived in a marriage-like relationship for two years or is legally married to be a spouse. This is a major change and puts BC in the forefront of granting property rights to “common law spouses”. Currently, common law spouses must demonstrate that they assisted in some way with the acquisition or maintenance of an asset in order to qualify for an interest in the property if their name is not on title.

The division of property under the new Act is completely different and envisions dividing all property equally between the spouses except for excluded property. Excluded property includes property acquired before the relationship began, gifts or inheritances, damages for personal injury, and discretionary trusts to which the spouse did not contribute.

What this effectively means is that the spouses will equally divide the property that is acquired during their relationship, including the increase in value on property owned

before the relationship. For example, if the wife owned a house at the time of the marriage which was worth \$400,000 and at the end of the relationship that house is worth \$500,000 (assuming no increase in the debt against it) the spouses would share equally \$100,000 – the increase in the value of the property.

For the first

time the Act also defines family debt and provides that unless the Court order says otherwise, any debt incurred during the relationship or afterward for the purpose of maintaining family property, should be shared equally between the spouses. The Act also provides that the court may make an order for an interim distribution of family property if required to provide money to fund family dispute resolution or a court application.

The court may still order that property be divided unequally if it would be “significantly unfair” to divide property and family debt, equally. In determining whether the equal division is substantially unfair, the court can also determine whether or not there is sufficient income to properly provide for spousal support and if there is not, can change the percentage of the division. At present, the test is only if the equal division would be “unfair”, so we could assume that the addition of the word “significantly” will make this more difficult to challenge an equal division.

AGREEMENTS

In keeping with the desire to have people resolve their disputes out of Court, the Act encourages people to make agreements with respect to their property, money and debt. The court can only change the terms of a written agreement if:

- one of the parties failed to disclose significant property or debts;
- one person took advantage of the other person’s vulnerability;
- one spouse did not understand the nature and consequences of the agreement, or
- any other circumstance that would cause that part of the contract to be voidable at common law.

The Act also changes the test to determine whether an agreement is valid from “unfair” to “significantly unfair” and the court will only be able to vary agreements if the agreement is significantly unfair. We will have to wait until this provision is first interpreted by the Courts to see how different “significantly unfair” is from “unfair”.

OTHER COURT ORDERS

For the first time the Act provides that the court can say who has to pay for various reports required to assist the court – for example, reports about the best interests of the child or the views of the child. The court has the power to order disclosure of assets and to fine people for failing to properly disclose all of their assets and debts.

If someone has become a regular litigant in the court, and makes applications without merit, the court may make an order prohibiting them from bringing further applications and may make orders fining a person for their behaviour. The court can also order that one of the parties must participate in dispute resolution, or for the first time, order that someone must attend counseling or other specified services or programs. The court can also allocate the costs for those. The court can set restrictions on communications between spouses and can make all forms of interim orders necessary to stabilize the situation while waiting for a trial.

CHILD SUPPORT

Child support will still be payable by guardians and parents. The Child Support Guidelines (Federal tables which have been in place for a number of years) will continue to apply. The one change that the new Act brings is with respect to step-parents. A step-parent will not have a duty to provide support for a child unless he or she has contributed to the support of the child for at least one year and his or her duty will be secondary to that of the child’s parents’ and guardians and the amount ordered will only be dependent on the standard of living being experienced by the child during the time they lived with the step-parent.

SPOUSAL SUPPORT

With respect to spousal support, the Act has not changed substantially except in two respects: there is a provision that the court must not consider the conduct of a spouse except if that conduct prolongs or aggravates the need for spousal support or effects the ability to provide spousal support.

More importantly, a provision has been added that the court may order that spousal support and child support may continue after the payor’s death. That provision has not existed previously and means that the payor’s estate may have to pay child or spousal support long after the payor’s death.

CHILDRENS PROPERTY

For the first time the Act provides that a court may order that a child’s property may be delivered to that child if the guardians and parents cannot agree as to who keeps the children’s belongings and property.

PROTECTION FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE

The Act also has specific provisions that provide for protection from family violence and allow for various protection orders and enforcement.

TRANSITION TO THE NEW ACT

The Act has transition provisions which provide that if someone has custody and guardianship under the current legislation or agreement, under the new Act they become a guardian and have parenting responsibilities and parenting time. If someone only has access under the current legislation they will not be a guardian but will have contact to the child.

If a property action has been started under the current Family Relations Act, it will continue under the Family Relations Act unless the parties agree that the Family Law Act can apply.

Many of the changes in the Family Law Act mirror those in other jurisdictions. In particular, Alberta has introduced parenting time and parenting responsibilities in a similar fashion to what is proposed in British Columbia. It is hoped that the exclusion of the terms “custody” and “access” will deter people from fighting about those possessory terms respecting children. We will be looking to the law as it has emerged in Alberta for direction on how those terms will be used here.

With respect to property, B.C. is well ahead of most other jurisdictions by recognizing the needs of unmarried people who live together for more than two years. These parties will now have recourse to the Act to resolve their issues, where as before they had to meet a complicated legal test to establish an interest in property.

However, the Act also recognizes that many people, married or ‘common law’, will want to determine their own division of assets and the Act encourages them to enter into agreements which if not “substantially unfair” will allow the spouses control over their futures. These agreements are what we commonly refer to as marriage contracts, prenuptial contracts or cohabitation contracts.

This article is only a very brief overview of the proposed changes to the Act and I caution that no one should rely on it without receiving specific legal advice based on their own circumstances. Many of the new issues will not be clear until the courts have had the opportunity to review them.

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Same but different

✿ Jane Ramsay

I am now the proud new “grandparent” of a uniquely situated Orchard Mason Bee nursery. Let me explain. First of all, for those readers who have missed the “buzz” (sorry couldn’t help the pun here) about this fantastic little native pollinator, let me introduce you.

The Orchard Mason Bee, sometimes also called the Blue Orchard Bee or just Mason Bee, is one of B.C.’s many native bees and is not a honeybee. The honeybee was introduced by European settlers and is not native to North America. Various species and sub species of Mason bees are found in North America. They are very effective pollinators of orchard fruit. They appear in early spring and love to visit cherry, pear, apple, quince, laburnum and blueberry for nectar and pollen.

The female Masons are valuable pollinators and are considered to be more effective than honeybees at this job, working long hours and in all weather to collect provisions for their “nurseries”. Female bees are about 14mm in length, are dark metallic blue/green with black hairs with a robust appearance, resembling a pesky fly. They may look the SAME at first glance but look more closely and you will see some

overall DIFFERENCES. At rest these bees hold their wings flush with their body, while flies wings are held out to the side. Flies eyes are



A typical native bee you might find in your garden.

large and multifaceted and these bees have uniformly shiny and smaller eyes (bee like rather than fly like).

Remember to look carefully if you see a metallic blue-black insect trapped in your kitchen trying desperately to get out (mostly mid March to late May). Do not assume it is a fly and squash it until you carefully check. These bees look a bit like flies but they are so different in their habits and so beneficial to our lives. Each one is precious. These bees are gentle and retiring and do not display defensive or aggressive behaviour. Osmia are shy creatures and fly away when disturbed. You

can easily save these kitchen trapped bees by covering them carefully in a cup or glass and then releasing them outside.

“Keeping” mason bees has become pretty popular. You may have noticed Mason Bee houses of various designs for sale in garden centres and you may own one or two. Nests can be made from blocks of wood, 2x4’s and 4x4’s with holes of 7-8mm in diameter without an opening at one end or by tying together bundles of straws. Females produce one or two eggs a day and live for about a month. She collects about 20 loads of pollen and nectar as the provision for each egg. Every individual baby “room” is sealed from the next by a mud plug. The last cell or “room” is usually left empty to deter predators

and the male babies are at the more vulnerable outside “room”. However, mason bees “keep” themselves very well without our help in commercial housing, and it can be intriguing to observe where they choose to nest.

This year my uniquely situated Mason Bee nursery is in my moveable wooden deck furniture, including the picnic bench! This persistent bee mama plugged every available sunken screw hole in my cedar Adirondaks with mud and went on to do the same on the underside of the picnic bench. The latter was an amazing feat as some of the holes in the picnic bench are vertical and somehow she has managed to deposit and stick food and mud plugs upside down. My duties as bee grandparent, include not moving my deck furniture unless this is done with great care and with no jarring! The reason for this is that the babies (larval stages or eggs) need to stay stuck in their rich food bed. If they are dislodged by vibration or movement, the babies will starve to death and that poor mother’s work will be all in vain.

Have fun noticing the different locales chosen for nest sites and remember that every thing that flies and is black and shiny is not the same!

Oak Bay Volunteer Services Celebrates 35 Years



In 1977 Oak Bay Volunteer Services began providing volunteer services to individuals in the community!

What else was going on that year?

The controversial issues in Oak Bay were:

- how to deal with sewage outfall;
- where to place the needed pumping station;
- should Oak Bay financially support moving the Greater Victoria Public Library from the heritage Carnegie Building to a new Government building?

Elsewhere in the world:

- the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Amnesty International;

- optical fibre was first used to carry live telephone traffic;
- Apple Computer Inc. was incorporated;

- the rings of Uranus were discovered;
- Space Shuttle Enterprise made its first test free-flight;
- ‘Star Wars’ was released and was the highest grossing movie of all time until 1983;
- ‘Saturday Night Fever’ had everyone dancing to the disco beat;
- Elvis Presley died at age 42;
- New York Yankees took the World Series;
- Wimbledon was won by Bjorn Borg and Virginia Wade.

New Volunteers

We are grateful to the many new volunteers who have joined us recently! We continue to welcome others who may be interested in joining us, particularly for drives, visits and walks.

Oak Bay Volunteer Services

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