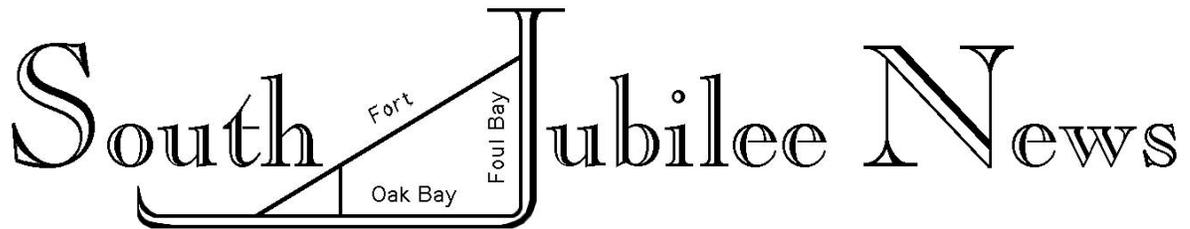


# South Jubilee News



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Do you live in South Jubilee Neighbourhood? Of course you do! That's why you received this Newsletter. Please consider coming to the AGM to keep in touch with events in South Jubilee, share your ideas and meet more of your neighbours. We'd really like to see you there!*

UCW Academy of Fine Art  
1625 Bank Street  
Monday, June 9, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

### **AGENDA :**

**Annual Report** - Ruth Turner

**Treasurer's Report** - Dave White

**Elections** - A slate of five Directors of South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association's (SJNA's) Board has been proposed. This is a new approach for SJNA, decided upon at the April 7 meeting when an attempt was made to form a Nominating Committee. As no one volunteered for this Nominating Committee, Roger Smeeth offered to propose the minimum Board.

The following members have agreed to stand:

Co-ordinator - Carrie Ann Taylor

Treasurer - Dave White

Land Use Chair - Tom Sellgren

Members at Large - Denise Dunn, Matthew Kemshaw

Other **nominations are welcome** for any of the positions and can be made at the AGM, or by contacting Roger at 595-3914.

Discussion Topics will include **Streetfest** planning – do we need a sub-committee to get things rolling; brainstorming around greening our neighbourhood, including Redfern Park and boulevards; and anything else anyone wants to address. Come and share your passions! Cookies and drinks will be served.

## **CORNER HOUSE SHUTS ITS DOORS**

The 'Corner House' (1703 Davie Street) has been a respite home for children with special needs for many years, a place where parents who needed a break from caring for a child with complex needs could leave their child overnight or for the weekend. The children had a homey place to go with familiar care-givers and other kids with whom to socialize.

That service ended on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Minister Tom Christensen of the Ministry for Children and Families claims the government can offer the same respite service to four times as many families by shifting the money to a cheaper model. Families will now be able to have a care-giver come into their home, or let the child stay with a care-giver for a day or a weekend. No information was provided on where families might find qualified care-givers.

The house is now vacant. Calls to Community Living BC and the BC Rental Housing Corporation did not yield any information about the future of the building.

**PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Over the past while, from collection points like ours in South Jubilee, Pacific Mobile Depots has diverted 5000 cubic metres of plastic and other recyclables from the landfill. Did you know that you can bring in electronics as well as several other categories of recyclables?

Just a couple notes: PM Deposits is no longer able to accept any form of VINYL and **plastic needs to be CLEAN** before it can be accepted for recycling. Thank You!  
To learn more, go to [www.pacificmobiledepots.com](http://www.pacificmobiledepots.com)

**SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:** BC recently bought a thirteen bedroom house for \$818,000.00, just across the street from South Jubilee's southern border. The aim is to help protect Victoria's stock of affordable housing.

In recent years, 1729 Oak Bay Avenue has housed international students; those presently there will soon leave Victoria. The new tenants will be people at risk of homelessness.

**KIOSKS:** After resolving the sharing of our Kiosks between our neighbourhood notices and the concert performers, we have to deal with defacement. If anyone can identify any of the 'taggers', please let us know.

**WATER and FOOD:** A century ago, 85% of food consumed on Vancouver Island was grown or caught here; today, it's 5%. Last June's South Jubilee News had an article about a Duchess Street household's practice of siphoning bath water onto their garden. We have since learned of a Davie Street family that does the same thing.

In another water conservation measure, two households on Redfern have installed a shared cistern to conserve rainwater. For our generally dry summers, when our rain barrels stand empty, saving rainwater and recycling grey water can keep our gardens green.

We may be a small neighbourhood in a small city but, like the rest of the world, we need to find ways of growing more food closer to home - without increasing our water use. If you have thoughts on saving water, please share them with the Neighbourhood - send an e-mail to [sjna@southjubilee.ca](mailto:sjna@southjubilee.ca) with your ideas.

**NEW HOUSE ON DAVIE STREET:** A Community Land Use Committee meeting was held May 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the re-zoning required to build a new house between 1715 and 1721 Davie Street. All residents within 100 metres of the proposed development were invited to attend the meeting. The proposal would see the house at 1721 Davie Street moved about six feet to the north on the lot. A new lot would then be created by taking 18 feet from 1715 Davie and 17 feet from 1721 Davie. The design of the new house will complement the century old houses on either side of it.

Residents voiced concerns about the potential for secondary suites. The designer, Nigel Banks, said that the city, in allowing the re-zoning of the two existing lots, would not allow suites in any of the houses. The proposal was generally accepted by residents.



Original Watercolour by Alice Drengson

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

City of Victoria Parks, Recreation and Community Development will host a second meeting at

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**Tuesday, June 17, 7 -8:30 pm**

to present ideas and proposed improvements to **Redfern Park**, which came out of the February 11<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

Park staff look forward to meeting with us. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call Gary Darrah, Parks Development Manager, at 361-0624.

## THE SOUTH JUBILEE GARDEN PROJECT

Let's begin by thinking of South Jubilee as a unique garden made up of many parts, each of them a unique metaphor of the whole. As a garden, we who live in it are all gardeners and all of us, in our own way, are gardening. It is a story that we all share, a story that goes back to earliest communities when the primary roles were Hunter, Gatherer and, not Farmer but Gardener. A garden is not a farm, demanding our labours. Our back yards are sacred space that we can choose to use or not. So, let's have a conversation about our neighbourhood as a garden, us as gardeners, and the possibilities presented in gardening. It may suggest a vision for us that finally makes sense - growing the Neighbourhood.

- 1) We already have a wonderful variety of back yard gardens, some more successful than others. These are the foundation on which we can build our capacity to grow food. Though we may not yet be affected, the present global food crisis must inform this goal.
- 2) If we could pool and share the gardening knowledge and experience that exists in our neighbourhood, more of us would learn how to improve our gardens. Some gardeners might hold demonstration workshops in their gardens and even make their own seeds available.
- 3) Often we grow more than we need of some crops and not enough of others. Starting at our Plastic Recycling, we could have a crop exchange day whereby one could bring one's own surplus and take home someone else's - our own version of the Potlatch.

An ancient Chinese curse says *May you live in interesting times*. Conversely, the ancient blessing says *May you live your life as a gardener*. Back to the Earth!

*Provided by Roger Smeeth*

**Contact:** If you have questions or concerns on neighbourhood issues, or news items for the next newsletter, contact Carrie Ann Taylor at 598-7195.