

South Jubilee News

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HOW TO BOIL A FROG

You are invited to join your neighbours in a focus group to preview and discuss Jon Cooksey's yet to be released film *How to Boil a Frog*

Tuesday, April 20th
Victoria College of Art (corner of Bank and Leighton)
Doors Open 6:30. Film starts at 7pm.
Treats and chat to follow.

This film is brought to you by the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association and Transition Victoria

How to Boil a Frog is a feature-length eco-comedy that mixes rapid-fire humor and hard-hitting facts to show the consequences of "overshoot" -- too many people using up too little planet -- and what it means for our future. With an upfront 'Everyman' approach, smart writing, world-class experts, and iconoclastic humor, *How to Boil a Frog* gives us the scoop on the imminent end of the world as we know it and **5 surprising ways** you can save civilization -- while laughing along the way. Find out more at www.howtoboilafrog.com

A big THANK YOU to Peter Such and the Victoria College of Art for the use of the College for showing the film.

All Ages Soccer and Sports

Starting this month, we will host some drop-in sports games at Bank St. School. Parents, kids, all ages welcome! Purpose? Fun! Come by at **noon after recycling** (2nd Saturday of each month).

Bring a soccer ball, or some hockey sticks for ball hockey, or a basketball, or a bat and a baseball, or just yourself. This month we'll start with soccer. Let's run around and have some fun together! **ALL WELCOME.**

ARTBLAST — VICTORIA COLLEGE OF ART.

Student art show and sale this **Friday evening, April 9th from 6pm onwards.** Get inspired, buy some art, chat with other art lovers, feel urban and cool.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday April 19th 7:30pm

Victoria College of Art
(corner of Bank and Leighton)
ALL WELCOME!

Meeting Agenda

1. Report in: bursaries awarded to 5 Victoria College of Art Students
2. Report in: progress on Sundance Mosaic project
3. Invitation: our neighbourhood involved in Luminara Lantern Festival?
4. Official Community Plan Victoria and Community Circles - what do we want Victoria to look like in fifty years?
5. New Saturday soccer plan
6. Other items added by a community member

Future SJNA Meeting Dates: changed!

Due to some scheduling conflicts, our bi-monthly meetings have moved to the **THIRD** Monday of the month at 7:30pm.

2010 meetings are now as follows:

April 19
June 21
Sept. 20
Nov. 15

Hope to see you there! **ALL WELCOME.**

THE DRIVEWAY SAGA CONTINUES

I often ponder upon ways we might make good use of our sunny, oversized and under utilized driveway. We have already put a greenhouse on it and turned one half over to raised beds but the cement slabs remain, staring at me. So I came to wondering about compost. Would it be possible to put a proper 3 bin composting system there and free up a bit of planting space in the back garden? Then I thought, oh what a lot of hard work for poor old me - building compost bins, turning large, heavy heaps of the stuff - my back was aching at the mere thought - but then I came across Pedal to Petal who are looking for small-scale, neighbourhood composting sites.

Pedal To Petal is a permaculture-based collective of bicycle loving food security activists who are taking direct action to reduce carbon emissions and landfill waste and to feed the soil and the city's hungry. This mandate is realized through bicycle powered kitchen scrap pick-up, the building of edible landscapes and composting.

You can check them out here
<http://pedaltopetal.blogspot.com>

And then I heard of the new bylaw? As I understand it, in 2012 we will no longer be able to put kitchen craps in our garbage cans. This could be problematic for many of our neighbours. So, *Pedal to Petal* seems like a wonderful solution all round - not only is my back saved and I get all the compost I need but it will be a helpful service for the neighbourhood without adding to motor traffic on our narrow streets and also provides gainful employment for some hard-working and enterprising young people. I have missed the boat for this year's composting season but there is always next year.

SHAPE VICTORIA'S FUTURE

On Saturday March 7th, I attended Day 2 of the City of Victoria's Community Forum on the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Displays, Presentations and Discussions included such topics as *The Climate Change and Energy Challenge, What Will Your City Look Like in 30 years, Transportation, Local Food Systems, Trends and Prospects for the Local Economy, Victoria's Urban Design, Housing and Homelessness, Demographics Tomorrow.*

You can find out more about this inclusive process the City is engaged in for building a sustainable Victoria at <http://www.shapeyourfuturevictoria.ca/>. Here you can learn about *Community Circles* and perhaps start one with a small group of friends or neighbours to discuss and provide input to the City on any one of the many topics related to sustainability and planning for the next 30 years including those above and more, such as *Neighbourhood Planning, Land Use, Arts and Culture* and *Infrastructure*. The city provides a *Community Circles Workbook* for any small group that would like to plan for the future.

I am most interested in the *Housing and Climate Change and Energy* topics. If anyone in the neighbourhood would like to form a *Community Circle* to give feedback to the City please contact me at ddunn@pacificcoast..

DOES THE SHOE FIT?



Sewing your own clothes is becoming more popular as we try to be more self-sufficient but South Jubilee resident Ken Dunn decided to go one step further and tackle shoes. Here's his first pair. Wow!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Do you know what to do to better prepared for an earthquake or other hazards we can face here in Victoria?

The **Victoria Emergency Management Agency** will be holding two public **Emergency Preparedness Workshops** in April.

April 15, 7- 9pm - North Park Manor (875 North Park)

- or -

April 29, 7- 9pm - Fairfield Community Place - Garry Oak Room (1135 Thurlow)

Come out and learn more about how you can be better prepared. Sessions are free. Please register via email at vema@victoria.ca or phone **250-920-3373..**