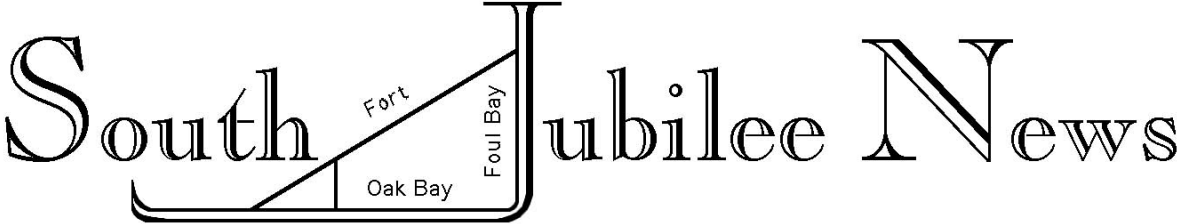


# South Jubilee News



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## MOSAICS AT SUNDANCE

Sundance School applied for and received an artist-in-residence grant from the city to build mosaics for the school. Artist and Sundance parent, Shylene Schackl, founder of Mosaic the City, was the artist selected. The children, parents, staff and community members designed the mosaics, many based on favourite things associated with the playground such as the dome, the fairy tree the students love to play in and running shoes.

Once the designs were made, all students, some parents and community members came several times a week to build the mosaics under the guidance of Shylene. Recycled materials donated by various neighbours and businesses were used to construct the mosaics. Construction took about three months but the whole project took up most of the school year.

Hanging the mosaics was a challenge. The school district's facilities team worked with Sundance to make sure they were properly hung and supported. A special machine was needed to lift the heaviest mosaic, the Sundance sign, into place.

There is a second phase of mosaic building planned. If you're interested in being involved, contact the principal of Sundance, Barb Hardy at [bhardy@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:bhardy@sd61.bc.ca). Learn more about Mosaic the City at <http://www.mosaicthecity.com>

## A COMMUNITY EVENT

Earlier in January, and as was my habit, I dropped off my usual bit of plastic at the regular monthly collection. I reconnected with the volunteers. We chatted about the state of the plastic world and what we could do about it—not much, it seems.

Rather than returning home, I found myself watching the ebb and flow of neighbours, mostly women, responsibly focused on getting their bags of stuff to the right place. In their rush up and down the line, they'd discover friends they hadn't seen for sometimes months—but not much time to linger—there was important work to do, and then get home.

As I witnessed all this action, greeting folks I recognized, I began to see the whole thing as a "social event" - in fact, this was a regular, unstructured Community gathering, and as such was the strongest connector our Neighbourhood has—and it took retirement to allow me to discover that quality. So, come and see your friends on the second Saturday of the month. 9:00am - noon.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Monday Feb 19th 7:30pm**  
**Victoria College of Art**  
(corner of Bank and Leighton)

ALL WELCOME!

- Needed: a backup representative for the Jubilee Hospital Neighbourhood Liaison Committee
- SJNA website ideas/caretaking
- Discuss proposed joint meeting with North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association: ideas, topics of interest, potential date/location
- Ideas/interest for spring gardening workshops/seedling sharing/potluck event?
- Transition Streets
- Neighbourhood Nuts

An apology to **Ten Thousand Villages** for overlooking their generous contributions of coffee, samples of dried fruit and a prize to Streetfest this year. Thanks for your December fund-raising event for Mitchell House!



Owl photographed on Redfern by Brad Yahemech

## I THINK I HAVE CAUGHT URBAN HOMESTEADINGITIS

With something approaching criminal intent, I have been eyeing up the gorgeous mounds of **leaf mulch** Victoria Parks Department has heaped on Leighton Road's traffic calmer gardens. Parks is willing to drop 4 cubic yards of machine-munched leaves (mulch, not leaf mold) in our drive way, for use by the community. If you are interested in sharing this bounty please contact me.

I hear there are **chickens** in the neighbourhood. I am interested in learning about keeping urban chickens and wondered if you South Jubilee neighbourhood pioneers in urban homesteading would be willing to share your experience and expertise.

Lastly I am looking for adventurous and curious neighbours who might like to perform a **science experiment** in their back (or front) yards later in the Spring! All you need to qualify is a patch of undisturbed, short grass (weeds) and willingness to check the progress of the experiment over a few weeks or sometimes just a few days. **Retting** is one of the processes by which flax straw is converted to flax fibre, ultimately linen. The story of this Transition Victoria project is told here (mostly in pictures) <http://transitionvictoria.ning.com/photo/albums/the-linen-project>

If you want to know more about any of the above please contact me: [ddunn@pacificcoast.net](mailto:ddunn@pacificcoast.net) 250 598 3514  
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## SHARING ART IN THE HOOD

We are new in the neighbourhood and want to thank everyone who has been so welcoming. I was teaching art in the Cowichan Valley but we decided to relocate to Victoria and ended up buying a house across from the art college. We met our neighbours and immediately felt that we had come to the right place.

In life, as in art, it is the relationships of the parts that determine the quality of the whole. So that is why we are so pleased to be in this neighbourhood. We are meeting people who genuinely care about others both in the neighbourhood and the entire planet! As we all build relationships we will be able to contribute our own unique skills to the process of a dynamic and vibrant community.

As an artist and an educator, my hope is to be able to assist children and youth develop a sense of purpose and an understanding of their inherent nobility as human beings. One of the best ways to do this, in my opinion, is to offer children's classes that explore these concepts in a creative

way. Our neighbours have been sending their children to join our grandchildren in this endeavour. It has been a wonderful experience and it is open to all the children in the neighbourhood. Feel free to call us for more information. This is a service that we are offering so there is no charge and parents are encouraged to join in as well.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD SKILL SHARE & MAKERPLACE FEBRUARY & MARCH 26TH 1-5 P.M

Imagine living in a neighborhood where neighbors meet regularly to share food & skills and connect with each other. Imagine there is a place where people teach each other small skills and exchange their unneeded but useful belongings at no cost. Imagine a place where creativity, DIY and the *maker* spirit take on fixing up and repurposing the things we hate to throw away.

This place exists, right in our neighborhood.

On the last Saturday of the month, all neighbors are invited to join us at the Victoria College of Art (1625 Bank St) to bring something worth sharing - some food, a skill or just your lovely presence. With the support from the folks from the Transition Town movement (a local DO-IT-OURSELVES climate change adaptation group) this monthly event will feature a variety of small fix up & repurpose projects as well some Maker & craft projects.

From **2 to 4:30pm**, a REALLY, REALLY FREE MARKET will be open - a place to give away good stuff that you no longer need and to find that perfect thing that you do need. Participants in the market will be required to remove their items that do not find a new home.

Thanks to Peter Such & Nancy Ruffolo for their generous support

For more information on Victoria's Transition Town movement: [Transitionvictoria.ca](http://Transitionvictoria.ca). If you would like to share a skill and need some help with the your set up, please contact K!EF at: [kiefer.jens@gmail.com](mailto:kiefer.jens@gmail.com)

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## PATIENT CARE CENTRE TOURS

The new Patient Care Centre at the Royal Jubilee Hospital is almost ready to open. The public will have an opportunity to tour the new center on:

**Saturday, Feb 26 - 3pm - 7pm**

**Sunday, Feb 27 - 11am - 3pm**

Go to the main lobby of the new building (1952 Bay) to start the tour.