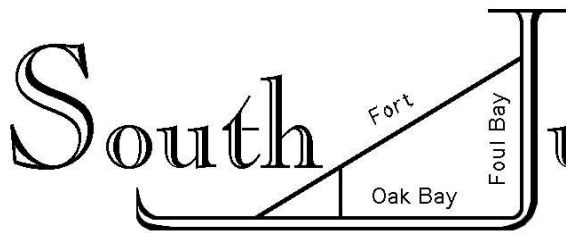


South Jubilee News



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Next South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Meeting Monday, April 18

The Victoria College of Art and Design
Neighbourhood Association Meeting (quick one) starts at 6:45pm

**Presentation by Gorge Tillicum Urban Farmers at 7:30pm (doors open for presentation at 7:15pm)
ALL WELCOME!**

***You are invited to bring snacks to share!
You are invited to bring seedlings and seeds to share with other gardeners!***

**Official Community Plan (OCP) Presentation by the City of Victoria
Monday, May 9 at 7pm at the Victoria College of Art and Design
ALL WELCOME!**

The City of Victoria is updating its *Official Community Plan* (OCP) to create a powerful vision and detailed plan to ensure that Victoria's growth and change over the next 30 years is sustainable. The draft plan will be submitted to City Council in early April 2011, when it is anticipated to be approved for release to the public in an engagement period that will end in early June 2011. As part of the process, the City would like the opportunity to present the draft plan to community associations. The draft plan has been created based on a combination of public engagement, research and staff analysis over the last 12 months. More information on the OCP can be

Grounded In Fun

The mosaic project at Sundance continues. Mosaicking at Sundance will take place most Friday afternoons in May. If you would like to be involved in the design stage, please contact the school or stop by!

South Jubilee Website Update

South Jubilee has had a website for well over a decade but it hasn't been used as much as it could be. Recently, several people have mentioned that since we only have 5 newsletters a year perhaps we could use the website more to communicate with the neighbourhood. We plan to post announcements about events, have feature pages on topics like urban gardening and articles and photos submitted by South Jubilee residents.

So here's where you come in! If you have an event, a photo or an article you'd like the neighbourhood to know about, send them to me, Liz Hoar at lhoar@shaw.ca and I'll post them to our website, <http://www.southjubilee.ca>. If you have any suggestions for information you'd like to see on our website that's not there now, let me know. Also check out our website from time to time to see what's new. We're working on our 'Urban Farming' page as we speak.

Our thanks to Tobin Stokes for all his work on the website over the past couple of years.

A small plug for a local business!

When you stand at Fell looking across Oak Bay, you might wonder if you are looking at South Jubilee or a bordering neighbourhood. We will not squabble about borders when it comes to The Savoury Café. This bustling new business is a great place to enjoy a coffee or a light meal. No matter what your objective, you are always greeted with friendly conversation by the owner Alan or his business partner Thea. Both Alan and Thea warm to the idea of being a part of the neighbourhood and community. Also, don't be deceived by the name "savoury" as Thea's chewy ginger cookies have a few neighbours addicted already!

Photo by Carrie Ann Taylor



Urban Homesteadingitis continued:

Anyone interested in growing food in the urban environment will not want to miss the next South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association gathering on Monday April 18th. We have invited members of *Gorge Tillicum Urban Farmers* to share with us their experience, process and tips with a view to creating something similar in our corner of the city.

In the introduction to their beautiful Welcome document GTUF states their raison d'être in these terms: Gorge Tillicum Urban Farmers is a community of people who live or work in the Gorge Tillicum neighbourhood. We share information about food production and support each other to produce more food locally. We connect through food growing meetings, garden tours, email contact, etc. We promote food security. We welcome diversity in our membership and in the functioning of GTUF.

The SJ Neighbourhood Association meeting on the 18th will start a little earlier than usual with doors open at 6:45pm with the GTUF presentation scheduled for 7:30. Then let's have some post-presentation snacks and beverages and a chance to mingle and chat with our guests. Please bring snacks to share with our guests and neighbours.

I would also encourage neighbours to bring their surplus seeds and seedlings to the April meeting so we can have our second annual **seed swap and plant share**.

Linen Project (photo: retting by Denise Dunn)

In case you missed it last time I am still looking for adventurous and curious neighbours who might like to perform a **science experiment** in their back (or front) yards this 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>



Skillshare and Maker Place

This year, on the fourth Saturday of each month, Transition Victoria's reskilling group has been facilitating skill share and maker place events at the Art College on Bank Street. Thanks to the support of Peter Such of the Victoria College of Art, the SJ Neighbourhood Association and the generosity of people ready to share their skills and time, we have had the opportunity to learn all kinds of things from shoulder massage to dowsing to twisted bit sharpening and toaster oven repair. At the February event amidst the snow and ice several of the participants were lucky enough to be cosily wrapped in blankets and experience a delicious foot massage kindly given by our neighbour, another Denise, reflexology practitioner.

The College is not available in April as it is a very busy time for the students and staff but this kind of event may pop up again soon. Please check the SJ website for updates on Skill share and Maker space events. <http://www.southjubilee.ca/South%20Jubilee/Home.html>

If you want to know more about any of the above please contact: ddunn@pacificcoast.net

South Jubilee Human Resource Directory

Our neighbourhood is blessed with many talented people, often known by only a few, but who might be glad to share their gifts with others. Some neighbours have discussed creating a directory to help get that happening. The directory would not only help share talents, but could connect doers to learners, provide needed skills and services and help people with shared interests discover each other. The directory could list skills, trades, services, hobbies, crafts and other special interests. If you find this idea intriguing, come to the neighbourhood association meeting and discuss the benefits and possible pitfalls of such a directory.