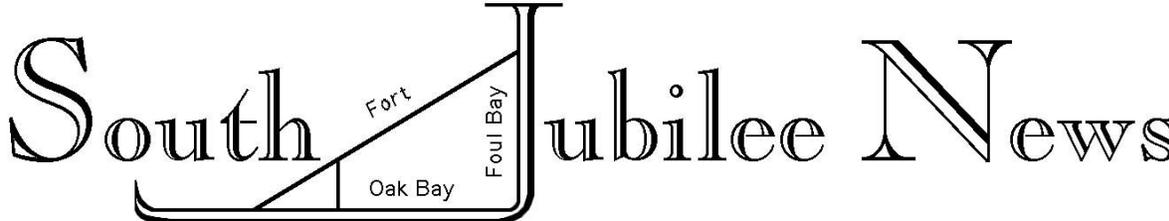


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SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

What makes it a joy to come to work everyday, (well most everyday) – YOU!

Ten Thousand Villages has been your Fair Trade neighbour now for nearly nine years. Seeing regular customers stopping by for their caffeine fix and a chat is a favourite part of my day, also being able to get involved in the community is definitely a privilege.

This past Christmas we held our second neighbourhood fundraiser for Mitchell House and you stepped up to the plate once again. Several large boxes of supplies were dropped off for the lads in the house and together we raised over \$400.

I want to thank South Jubilee residents for being an awesome neighbourhood to be part of. Keep up the carol singing, street partying and sharing of ideas to build an even better, stronger community in South Jubilee.

I will miss seeing Denise Dunn, my comrade in Fair Trade and a great believer in community, but fervently believe her spirit lives on in many of us.

Maria Lyons, Ten Thousand Villages

Editor's comment: Ten Thousand Villages is a wonderful neighbour. Please give them your business when you can.

PLASTIC RECYCLING

Our neighbourhood Plastic and electronics recycling depot is doing well. Since we took over running our depot from Pacific Mobile Depot in May 2011, we have collected and recycled over 700 large bags of plastic and styrofoam, 60 lbs of batteries and lots of electronics and small appliances.

To take on our own recycling depot, we've had to buy bag buddies, bags and tents. Any excess money each month over what we pay ReFuse, has gone to cover the cost of these items. We're close to paying them off. The tents will be available for other neighbourhood uses.

Next recycling day: **Saturday, February 11th. 9am-noon**, Victoria College of Art parking lot (Leighton and Bank Street). Check out <http://southjubilee.ca/recycling.html> for info on what we collect. If you can think of other things that you'd like to see collected, let us know at sjna@southjubilee.ca and we'll see what we can do.

SOUTH JUBILEE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday February 13, 7:30pm
Victoria College of Art
(corner of Bank and Leighton)
ALL WELCOME!

Meeting Agenda:

1. Shellie Gudgeon - our liaison to City Hall—come discuss neighbourhood + city issues.
2. Brainstorm SJNA events related to Victoria's 150 year anniversary
3. Ideas for a neighbourhood memorial to association director Denise Dunn.
4. Discuss upcoming beginning conversation about the possibility of municipal amalgamation
5. local greenspace issue
6. update on city support for reducing graffiti
7. New logo for South Jubilee
8. Any other topic/issue brought forward by a resident

BIG CHANGE TO RESIDENTIAL BRANCH PICKUP

The City of Victoria's Residential Branch Chipping (previously called Branch Pick-up) program starts its pickup Monday, February 13, 2012.

The big change this year is that all branches must be **at least 5cm (2 inches) or more in diameter**. Anything smaller **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**. Apparently smaller diameter branches jam the chipping machines and produce poor quality chips. This change reverses previous years' requirements that branches be smaller than 2 inches in diameter.

JUBILEE URBAN FARMERS MEETING

Sunday, February 19, 2012 2pm
1831 Fern Street Friends Meeting House.
View garden and comment on proposal for public green space. Anyone interested in gardening is welcome.

TOILS, TROUBLES AND TRIUMPHS OF CONSTRUCTION

It's still a work in progress. We moved into this neighbourhood 18 months ago and I promised my family that it would only take three months to build an addition that would allow three generations to live together. Another bonus would be a studio for me. Well, the addition is still not complete and at times I despair that this project will never get done. It certainly has been a learning process.

A learning process! More like a course in dealing with frustrations. The frustrations of too much bureaucracy, too much rain and way too much coffee. And to top it off, dealing with contractors who don't seem to understand the concept of a deadline. Sound familiar? Then there are the moments of realization that sometimes the work just isn't right and needs to be de-constructed and built again. After months of this I have heard myself repeatedly muttering, "I will never do this again!"

But the project will soon (finally) come to an end and I am beginning to realize that some important lessons were presented along the way. I remembered that neighbourhood friends were constantly willing to listen to our struggles and offer compassionate words of solace or advice. One neighbour led us to another who provided engineering services that were extremely helpful. And another neighbour worked with me for weeks as we removed the ancient furnace and lowered part of the basement floor. And yet another friend volunteered to help with painting. I now realize that these friends were part of the process and in a sense, they all helped to build our addition. I think the real triumph is the building of relationships during this construction.

I guess building a neighbourhood is full of challenges as well. We live in a society that seems to have sacrificed so much so that we can immerse ourselves in gadgets, glamour and the "good life." One of the biggest sacrifices we make is our time. This includes time for family, friends and often time for "giving back" to the community. But really, it is relationships that are the most important element of life. And it takes time (and volition) to build relationships.

We are so happy that we are building our home in South Jubilee. This is a place where we are finding people who are willing to build friendships. We hope to meet more of our neighbours and look forward to the next Neighbourhood Association meeting. See you there!

Garry Antinuk

REMEMBERING DENISE DUNN



Liz Hoar, left, with Denise Dunn in Denise's garden. April 2011

Denise Dunn, one of the directors of the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association, died in early January. We who knew Denise miss her greatly. For those who didn't have the chance to meet Denise, her presence can be felt in many neighbourhood activities and groups. Jubilee Urban Farmers was started by Denise to encourage us to grow our own food in our yards and the Cornucopia food exchange at Streetfest for sharing that garden produce. Through her involvement with Transition Victoria, she and Jens Kiefer hosted Meet and Mend Reskilling sessions to learn how to fix things we would normally throw away. The Linen Project was her long-term project to produce linen, from growing the flax to producing linen fabric. About this project she said on her Transition Victoria page "Don't assume everyone will be enthusiastic about your crazy project idea but there's likely to be a few." I laughed when I read this as Denise had a way of making crazy projects very appealing.

She believed the future lay in sustainable, healthier communities—urban farming, nut trees on boulevards, fixing, mending and reusing things, relearning skills like knitting and sewing, giving up the car were all ways she saw this as possible.

Denise was a teacher in the truest sense of the word, loving ideas and sharing them with others. She inspired us to learn more, to get involved with our community and to think of our impact on the future of this planet.

Rachel Dunn, Denise's daughter-in-law, is putting together a memory book. If you have stories or photos of Denise that you'd like to contribute, contact Rachel at rtdunn@telus.net