

South Jubilee News

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SJNA Meeting: Monday, April 16th, 7pm Victoria College of Art, Bank and Leighton

Agenda

Neighbourhood Business - all brief items!! (5 minutes each)

- vote on new SJNA logo
- update from South Jubilee Urban Farmers
- AGM Meeting - include Official Community Plan presentation? Or separate day?
- letter to support new community cohesion project
- Notice of invitation for neighbourhood reps to meet with Police Board May 1st
- Announcement : seeking new SJNA Coordinator - needed for AGM in June!
- Any item brought forward by a resident (must be brief)

7:45pm: Short Break

8pm: Short Presentation/Discussion about long-term sustainability on a local level
Presenter Roy Brooke, Director of the Department of Sustainability for the City of Victoria, will do a short presentation on the city's plans to become a sustainability leader.
Questions and discussion to follow.

**If you desire, please bring snacks to share, and bring a mug to have some tea (provided).

Announcement from SJNA Coordinator:

I wish to announce that I will NOT be putting my name forward for the position of Coordinator of the SJNA in the coming year. I have had a wonderful (!!!) experience getting to know/working with all the amazing people in our little neighbourhood. I simply need to take the time to focus on some other projects/areas of my life. Any resident who wishes to volunteer, you are welcome and encouraged to put your name forward! We need you! The job is pretty easy (only a few hours per month) and I promise you will meet lovely human beings that share your neighbourhood. Please feel free to contact me through the SJNA website if you have any questions. So long and thanks for all the fun! (though I'll still be around and involved!)

- Carrie Ann Taylor

Recycle Your Household Batteries

Did you know that South Jubilee's monthly recycling will take your household batteries as well as plastics, electronics and compact fluorescent light bulbs? We charge \$1/lb of batteries. This covers our cost for having ReFuse pick up our recycling. Collection sites such as Pharmasave, London Drugs, The Source, Staples, Canadian Tire, Home Depot, Home Hardware, and Sears will accept small amounts of household batteries for free.

What happens to the batteries once they have been collected? The **Call2Recycle** program, run by RBRC, a non-profit organization, and funded by manufacturers of consumer batteries, has set up a system for recycling batteries. All kinds of consumer batteries are collected through this program: Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn), Small Sealed Lead (Pb), and Alkaline. Collection sites package up the batteries and send them to Toxco, a battery recycling company in Trail, BC, for sorting by chemical composition.

Lithium batteries are processed at Toxco. The batteries are cooled to -325°F. Lithium is explosively reactive at room temperature but becomes inert at this extreme temperature. The batteries can then be safely sheared and shredded and the materials are separated. Metals from the batteries are collected and sold. Residual plastic casings and miscellaneous components are recovered for appropriate recycling or use as feed material in the plant. Lithium Ion batteries are processed at Xstrata in Sudbury, Ontario.

Other battery types are sent to Inmetco, a metal recovery plant in Pennsylvania. Metals recovered include nickel, iron, cadmium, copper, lead, manganese and cobalt, all of which are processed into metal ingots and reused, in some cases in new batteries. Again, plastic casings and other scrap are used as feed material in the plant. No battery material is deposited in the land fill.

For more information on the Call2Recycle program, go to <http://Call2Recycle.ca>.

South Jubilee Plastic Recycling happens the second Saturday of every month at the Victoria College of Art parking lot (Leighton and Bank Street) from 9am to noon. Check out <http://southjubilee.ca/recycling.html> for info on what we collect. Next recycling day: **Saturday, April 14th. 9am-noon.**

Jubilee Urban Farmers

A huge **thank you** to Sol and all the folks at City Harvest Co-op for showing us around their farm on Haultain Street at our last JUF gathering. We had a wonderful tour and Sol related their experiences growing organic food in the city, how to compost on a large scale, wash and sort produce and even showed off their honey bee hives. It was a great afternoon with lots to learn.

For our next meeting, April 15, we're heading to the south side of Oak Bay Avenue. Silas has generously offered his garden for this meeting. He will focus on permaculture and irrigation. Anyone who is interested in being part of this urban farming community please contact Heloise (heloise.nicholl@gmail.com) to get your name on the emailing list. More details of this meeting (including the exact time) will be forthcoming.

Silas' address:

1959 Brighton Ave
corner of Redfern and Brighton Ave in cul-de-sac
Look for the grey house with prayer flags in front and greenhouse in the back yard.
Time: TBD (sometime in the afternoon)

Also: Does everyone know about Sharing Backyards? A program through Lifecycles that matches fallow garden space to willing gardeners. Check it out:
http://www.sharingbackyards.com/browse/Victoria,%20BC&welcome_box=2

One of our own neighbours, Ken Dunn, would like to **lend his garden** to a willing gardener this summer. If there's anyone close by who would like to use his garden for growing food, **please contact Heloise**. Ken is on Davie near Fort. There's a full shed of tools and a composter, with shady garden space and sunny south facing garden space. Fantastic opportunity for one or two people, lots of well kept space. Please spread the word.

Pole Painting

In early-mid May Heloise Nicholl is initiating an "adopt a pole" project where people who are closest to tagged poles take on the duty of regularly painting over the pole. It will start with a one day event, perhaps the weekend of May 12th or 19th. Neutral paints and some other supplies are available. This will be a neighbourhood effort.

Anyone who is interested in helping out with this project, please contact Heloise at heloise.nicholl@gmail.com. She has lots of ideas, but would like to get a group together to make a plan.

Meet Your City Council Liaison!

On the first Saturday of every month, Shellie Gudgeon meets with whoever turns up at 10 am at the Moka House on Fort St. Shellie is our City Council Neighbourhood Liaison. This is a chance to get an interesting look at Council.

Smart Meters are Coming!

Sometime soon a smart meter will be coming to a location near you. About 3 weeks prior to installation you will be receiving a letter explaining the process. The installers could come any time between 8 am and 8 pm. You don't have to be home if there is safe and clear access to your meter. Expect about a 60 second power outage. For more information from BC Hydro go to:

http://www.bchydro.com/energy_in_bc/projects/smart_metering_infrastructure_program.html

For an alternative view of smart meters see: <http://citizensforsafetechnology.com/>

Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) on Redfern St. this spring. Note the banding. This hawk is part of an urban research project.

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