

South Jubilee

Neighbourhood Association



NEWS

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NEW LOOK

Notice anything different? Yes, we have a new masthead on our newsletter and also a new logo on our website. Based on the votes cast during the November neighbourhood meeting, the design above was the winner. Congratulations to Patrick Derricourt from Duchess Street for a great design that captures the visual centre of our neighbourhood.

We'd like to thank the other two people who submitted designs, for the time and design energy they put into their submissions.

RESIDENTIAL BRANCH PICKUP

It's the time of year to start pruning your trees to take advantage of The City's branch chipping program. Residential branch collection will start on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 so have your tree branches on the boulevard by this date.

Each household in Victoria is allowed one tree branch pile, limited to 1.2 metres x 1.2 metres x 1.8 metres (4 feet x 4 feet x 6 feet). This is the approximate amount that a half-ton pickup truck can hold.

Branches are to be loosely stacked into one pile with their cut ends together.

Items that are **not accepted** for chipping include: shrubs and plants, ivy clippings, blackberry canes, morning glory, garden refuse, compost, lawn clippings, loose leaves, soil, rocks, roots, stumps, construction lumber, and material from commercial tree contractors

February 11th is BC Family Day . There's a day long series of concerts at the Inner Harbour. Find out more at <http://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcfamilyday/>

SOUTH JUBILEE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

VICTORIA COLLEGE OF ART
1625 Bank Street
Monday, February 11, 2012
7:00pm—9:00pm

Agenda - Not available at publication time

If you live in the South Jubilee Neighbourhood as a home-owner or renter or if you own a business in the neighbourhood, please come to the meeting.

PLASTIC RECYCLING 2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Next plastic and electronics recycling is
Saturday, February 9th
10am – noon

Victoria College of Art parking lot (at Leighton and Bank Street)

We're there, as usual, rain or shine... or snow or wind.

Check our website - <http://southjubilee.ca/recycling.html> for details of what we collect.

HOW DO I RECYCLE THIS?

The CRD is a useful resource for figuring out how to recycle or reuse different items. You can go to their on-line encyclopedia of recycling information at <http://myrecyclopedia.ca> and type in the name of the item you want to recycle. If it's in their database, you'll get suggestions for reusing the item and where you can take it to recycle. If the item is not there, phone their hot-line at 250-360-3030 and someone will help you out. They can also give you information on disposing of hazardous wastes like paint and pesticides.

FIELD CLEANUP FOR THE FLAX TO LINEN PROJECT

Editor's Note: In April 2010, members of the Linen Project, lead by Denise Dunn, planted their first flax seeds, in two garden beds and a 1/10 acre field in Saanich. In the fall, the crop was harvested and over the following two years, much of that flax was transformed into flax fibre. A skilled spinning and weaving member of the group created several feet of luminous linen fabric from this fibre. The project continued in 2012 when South Jubilee residents Ken Dunn, Barb Rimmer and Jens Kiefer plus other volunteers planted an acre of flax near Elk Lake by hand.

By August the crop was ready for harvesting. Over the course of many weeks by the labour of many volunteers, lead by Barb and Ken, the crop was finally harvested also by hand. (If you want an appreciation of the convenience and abundance of our modern life, pull flax for a few hours and then think of the closet full of clothes you have. How much labour would it take to process that flax to fibre then spin and weave it into linen fabric? And then sew all those clothes?) Once harvested, the field cleanup could begin.

Well --- at last the flax field has been harvested and stored in a garage, a barn we have until April unless we can arrange for a longer period of time. Harvesting was really quite pleasant - A peaceful South facing field overlooking Elk Lake with deer browsing for the weeds growing between the flax and quail scrabbling in the blackberry bushes. Not too much traffic on the road to interfere with the serenity of a sunny morning. The harvest was started later than we would have liked so we didn't get it completed until after the rains came. This meant that we had wet flax standing with the seed pods sprouting at the tips. Quite silly looking with little white hairy round pods on the end of a tall flax plant. But we had already harvested the best of the crop and had it stored away.

Farmers on the prairie talk about the horrors of flax left on the field -it will wrap around any rotary machine and seize it up. The giant heaps of unused flax straw is burned after the winter snow has gone as most flax farmers just want the seed. I soon realized that flax on our wet coast had to be handled differently. We couldn't save the burning until after the rains or in the spring as the rejected flax just goes black and soggy so quickly. And we had to get it off the land. On the prairies the rejected flax is stacked or put into rows and burns hot and fast in the spring when the snow is gone. So we spent the last day with 3 small bonfires to which we slowly added the wet flax, creating continuous columns of white smoke. That was too bad but at least the smoke mostly drifted into the woods and not peoples'

homes. Lots of raking while the fires burned and we left the field looking pretty good. It was a great experience and we met people who came and helped out and will continue to be involved in the processing of the fibre. There are pictures of the flax planting and the different processes on Transition Victoria's website

<http://transitionvictoria.ning.com> then click on 'Our Projects' then 'The Linen Project' or look for 'Flax to Linen' on Facebook

By Barb Rimmer.

DISPOSING OF COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS

As incandescent light bulbs are being phased out, more of us are shifting to compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). But what do we do with them when they stop working? A recent report commissioned by Environment Canada says Canada is not prepared to deal with the disposal of these bulbs. Since they contain mercury, throwing them in the garbage is not the answer. BC has set up a recycling program where designated retailers are supposed to take back the bulbs at no charge and send them to a mercury recovery depot for disposal. Check <http://www.lightrecycle.ca> for a list of retailers in Victoria who are supposed to take back these bulbs.

We take CFLs at our 2nd Saturday plastic recycling depot but we have to charge \$.75 a bulb as that is what ReFuse, the company picking up our recycling charges us.

If you take a CFL to one of the designated retailers and they tell you they no longer take them, contact the LightReCycle program (their contact information is on their website) and let them know. We need to know that we can dispose of these bulbs in a safe and easy manner. If not, they will end up in the landfill!

SIGNS FOR REDFERN PARK

