

# South Jubilee

Neighbourhood Association



# NEWS

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## SOUTH JUBILEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Do you live, work or own in South Jubilee? Sure you do! That's why you're reading this Newsletter. Please come to the AGM to meet your neighbours. Take this opportunity to be a larger part of your community.*

**VICTORIA COLLEGE OF ART**  
**1625 Bank Street**

**Monday, June 10, 2013 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

### Agenda:

1. Annual Report: Ron George
2. Treasurer's Report: Dave White
3. Elections: South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association requires a board of at least five members. Nominations for any of these positions can be made from the floor. The following people have agreed to let their names stand for re-election:

*Ron George – Coordinator*  
*Dave White – Treasurer*  
*Tom Sellgren – Land Use Chair*  
*Jens Kiefer - Member at Large*  
*Roger Smeeth – Member at Large*  
*Graham Stinson – Member at Large*  
*Carrie Ann Taylor – Member at Large*

#### 4. Discussion:

- Plans for barbecue in Redfern Park
- Recent blasting on Bank Street
- Disaster preparedness at Sundance
- Any progress on Amphion?
- Any other issues introduced at the meeting

## NEXT RECYCLING

*Next plastic and electronics recycling is:*

**Saturday, June 8th**  
**10am – noon**

**Victoria College of Art parking lot ( Leighton and Bank St)**

## J.U.F. NEWS

A warm welcome from Jubilee Urban Farmers to Alysha Punnett, our new coordinator. Alysha, who lives on Bank Street, appreciates input from gardeners/farmers and will gladly respond to questions about gardening, permaculture or composting ([alysha.punnett@gmail.com](mailto:alysha.punnett@gmail.com)). Urban farming is a growing part of Food Security for Vancouver Island. To learn more, check out <http://vivavittles.wordpress.com/>.

## GARRY OAK MEADOW



Camas blooms in "Kasapi Park", possibly South Jubilee's only remaining original Garry Oak meadow. Shooting stars grow there, too. Victoria City hall is committed to buying some property each year to add to the city's parks. If you'd like to see Kasapi Park become a real, protected Park, write to city hall and ask them to buy this lovely piece of rare Garry Oak meadow for a new park!

Across from Lee on the north side of Fort Street, there is a recently planted stand of Camas and shooting stars beneath the Garry Oaks and snowberry bushes. Thanks to the garden and grounds staff of RJH for nurturing such rare native plants.

### WHERE CAN I TAKE IT?

South Jubilee “Plastic” recycling has grown to include many categories - styrofoam, foil, dairy cartons and more. Here’s a list of some items we DON’T take, and where you can take them:  
Incandescent bulbs, fluorescent lights, smoke alarms – London Drugs.

Broken table lamps, used cooking oil, hazardous materials such as pesticides and paint tins – Hartland Road, open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 7am-2pm.

SJNA Recycling wishes to recognize one dedicated recycler, **“Irene” from Oak Bay**, who rides the bus to our depot with her recycling each month, coming to our Bank Street site because the bus stops too far from the Oak Bay site. A gold star for Irene!

### V.O.C.A.L. HELPS ANIMALS

Don’t miss the annual **V.O.C.A.L. garage sale, Saturday, June 29, 2013 on the corner of Fell and Leighton**. Great buys and a great cause! Run by the volunteer efforts of SJN residents, Diana Leeming and Norma Simard, VOCAL, Voice of Concern for Animal Life (<http://Vocalvictoria.com>), finds forever homes for cats, as well as helping other animals and their owners in many ways. Membership fees, \$10/year, go toward this work, as does any money made at the garage sale.

Donations of items for the garage sale are always appreciated and can be left at 1665 Fell Street, porch on right hand side of the house; or for pick-up, call 250-592-9220, or 250-598-1758.

### NUISANCE DUMPING

Fed up with furniture and electronics dumped anonymously on boulevards, usually rained on and rarely claimed? While some may rail against this practice, I am inclined to feel a bit sorry for the perpetrators, usually people who tried to sell or give it away, and now can’t afford the cost or the time for disposal. (Poverty is real and local, after all.)

Years ago, Goodwill Industries would take such things for repair and resale – good furniture for low-income people and good for the environment.

But that was then, this is now! Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness, so **if you see a couch soaking in the rain, phone for pick-up: Victoria Public Works, at 250-361-0400 8am-4:30pm**, Mon-Fri. They’ll do it at no cost to you (unless you dumped it!)

If you are the ‘dumper’, be a good neighbour and try this: take the couch apart with tools, divide it into its parts and re-cycle them. Or, for affordable pick-up, go to <http://mattressrecycling.ca>

Finally, if you’re someone with a kind heart, a strong back, and a truck perhaps, when it’s move-out time, you could volunteer to help a neighbour by hauling that heavy item to Hartland Road.

### ANOTHER VIEW OF POVERTY

When I moved into this wonderful neighbourhood, nearly 13 years ago, I was on welfare. At the time a single employable adult received \$510, it was possible to find a decent room for \$325 or \$350, so surviving on welfare was difficult, but doable. With a little help from my parents, I managed.

I didn’t want to be on welfare. I’d graduated, as a mature student from UVic, with degrees in English and Education. Unfortunately, the public school system and I weren’t a good match. I’m a social justice activist with an eye to fundamentally shifting the dominant paradigm, not so good at being a disciplinarian in a junior high classroom. My resume lists various office jobs including computer software technical support, and plenty of waitressing, but I wanted to put my education to use, and live my values. I searched, with determination, for relevant employment. I just needed some temporary help.

Eventually I landed an internship with the Community Social Planning Council, and then launched the *Victoria Street Newz* in 2004. I’m still living simply and gently, decidedly under the poverty line, but content with meaningful work.

There’s no way I could move into this neighbourhood now, with welfare at \$610 and rents through the roof. If social assistance isn’t helping people survive through difficult times so they can lift themselves out of poverty, what’s the point of it?

*Janine Bandcroft invites you to learn more about your neighbours at Victoria Street Newz (<http://relativenewz.ca>).*

### DOES YOUR CAT KILL BIRDS?



“Trout” was a frequent birder so her owner, unable to keep her indoors, bought her the **“CatBib”** to wear on her elastic collar. This cut her hunting success, though not to zero. But adding a bright orange and yellow cloth sleeve over her collar provides complete safety for our birds whose excellent colour vision warns them that Trout is about.

(“CatBib” available at **Wild Birds Unlimited** on Shelbourne. Collar sleeve is homemade.

**Warning:** avoid red cloth: hummingbirds are attracted to red!)