



April 4, 2014

You're invited!

Next South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Meeting
Victoria College of Art, Bank and Leighton

Monday, April 14th

Potluck dinner 6 – 7pm

Meeting begins at 7 pm

- 1) Alan Lowe presentation on Ian's Place**
- 2) Art School Bursary Winner**
- 3) Sundance - school closing**
- 4) Plastic Day changes**
- 5) Kasapi Park – city meeting**
- 6) Micro lending decision**
- 7) Summer BBQ**
- 8) Neighbourhood Assoc elections**
- 9) New Business: Wrap & Roll & Save on Foods**
- 10) Other Business**
- 11) Next meeting:**

A Garry Oak Meadow or the 'dozers?

South Jubilee Neighbourhood's small piece of original Garry Oak Meadow, on the north-east corner of Bank Street and Leighton Avenue is in danger. This lot, never developed, has 29 Garry Oaks of various ages around a rocky outcrop that shelters several native species - white fawn lilies, blue camas, shooting star and more. With less than five percent of this lovely, once-dominant ecosystem remaining in BC, it would be a great loss if the bulldozers move in.

For several years we have sent regular letters to the Kasapi family, who own the property, and to the city of Victoria to express our interest in acquiring it for a park. Victoria has a Parks Acquisition Fund that could be used for this. Since 2005, when a University of Victoria assessment made us aware of the natural heritage value of the land, we have felt we had a strong case.

But now there are credible rumours that the owners are in conversation with the city about building on the lot. South Jubilee has yet to be consulted. Because of our Neighbourhood's long-expressed interest, and because of the threat to this rare natural gem, we ought to be part of any discussion about development.

Therefore, we have sent letters to Mayor and Council and to the City Manager to ask for a discussion. As a result, on April 1st, South Jubilee Coordinator Ron George and Liz Hoar, will meet with Victoria's City Manager, Mr. Jason Johnson, to talk about our concerns.

We trust that we will have a fair hearing. We hope to work with the owners and the City of Victoria so that the Parks Acquisition Fund will be used to add the property to the City Parks system. Once that happens, we can begin the restoration of the land to its natural state, so that the next seven generations of South Jubilee residents can rest in the shade of Garry Oaks and revel in a sea of blue camas on the corner of Bank and Leighton.

LIFE BEGINS AT 40!
SPRINGBOARD 40 STUDENT SHOW AND SALE

The Victoria College of Art, the oldest and largest art institution on Vancouver Island, celebrates its 40th year as the creative center of Vancouver Island. The past 40 years has seen 5000 alumni and the college has developed from offering 4 basic courses to 90 different classes with 8 different programs. As the college enters the digital age, with a flurry of new career certificates along with its prestigious 3 and 4 year diplomas, it looks forward to taking its primary place in the new arts and entertainment economy.

This April marks the 40th year-end student show and sale. This year, at the opening reception, you will be able to visit the past and envision our future. Our 19th century antique printing press will be in operation to show you how modern materials combine with ancient skills to produce the new. Our existing and ever-evolving animation/illustration program will demonstrate the new age of digital design arising from basic classical hands-on skills.

THE-COME-BUY-IT-OFF-THE-WALL-AND-TAKE-IT-HOME-SALE!!

OPENING RECEPTION: THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 7 PM. AT THE VICTORIA COLLEGE OF ART.
SHOW CONTINUES FRIDAY, APRIL 11 AND SATURDAY APRIL 12 FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM.

Sundance School Closing in June

In a 5-4 decision, the School Board voted to close Sundance School last Thursday night in a long meeting that was packed with disappointed school supporters. Voting to close the school were school board members Peg Orcherton, Bev Horsman, Tom Ferris, Elaine Leonard, and Michael McEvoy. Those voting to keep the school alive were Deborah Nohr, Catherine Alpha, Diane McNally and Edith Loring-Kuhanga.

However, at the April 2nd budget meeting of Greater Victoria Public School trustees, Nicole Baker, a Sundance parent, made an interesting suggestion for the future of Sundance school—consider making Sundance a community school centre similar to the James Bay Community School Centre. A Community School Centre is a facility shared by a school and a community centre – school classes by day, community programs by night. This kind of communal use requires an agreement between the City of Victoria, the School Board and the neighbourhood association. Is this something we, as a neighbourhood, would be interested in pursuing? Can you think of community programs you would like to have available close to home? Bring your ideas to the South Jubilee Neighbourhood meeting on April 14th.

Congratulations are due to all the Sundance parents who have worked so hard at coming up with constructive ways to keep Sundance going. It's not surprising the school has such a unique program given the commitment of these parents.

The school board has stated that they may lease the building but they have no intention of selling the property.

Plastic Recycling - 2nd Saturday of every month
Saturday, April 12th,
10am – noon
Victoria College of Art parking lot (at Leighton and Bank Street)
We collect hard and soft plastic, styrofoam, tetra pacs, gable tops, electronics, batteries, small appliances, compact fluorescent bulbs. Check our website - <http://southjubilee.ca/recycling.html> for details.