



You're Invited!

**South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association
Annual General Meeting
Victoria College of Art
Bank and Leighton**

Monday, June 9, 2014

Potluck dinner 6 – 7 PM

Meeting begins at 7pm

AGENDA

To be announced

Sundance BBQ

We are moving into the last few weeks of Sundance Elementary's time as part of Victoria's educational community. **The families at Sundance will gather as a community on Friday June 13th to celebrate and say good-bye. We would like to extend an invitation to our community supporters to join us in this celebration.**

We are so grateful to all of you for your thoughts, wishes and support during this difficult year.

The event will be Friday June 13th starting at 6PM. There will be a barbecue with beef and veggie burgers and hot dogs. In true Sundance style, please also bring a potluck item to share.

Please email savesundance@gmail.com or RSVP at our Facebook page if you think you will come, so we have a sense of how many to expect

<https://www.facebook.com/events/638610162894623>

We hope to see many of you on the 13th!

'Kasapi Park' Update

Last week the blue camus finished blooming and the lot was mowed. A walk through the property this morning, May 30th, revealed many Garry Oak saplings, some mowed but likely to recover, a wild rose bush (probably a Nootka Rose) hiding in the grass, a snowberry copse at the base of a mid-size oak tree. Other native plants on the lot – shooting star, miners' lettuce, fawn lilies and more – have either completed blooming or were mowed. As in other years, they will likely be back next spring.

Our Neighbourhood still hopes that this little piece of Garry Oak Meadow can be purchased as part of the City Park system and maintained as a native plant area but, for now at least, we must wait for the property owner to decide on a course of action. To that end, Liz Hoar and Ron George have met with City Manager Jason Johnson and Director of Parks Kate Friars to discuss our interest in this property. We were told that the first contact must come from the owner.

Since that meeting SJNA Coordinator Ron George has been attempting to meet with the property owner, Mr Kasapi, and also to contact the CRD, to discuss South Jubilee's interest in the property.

Who Owns the School Grounds?

A title search revealed the schoolyard and buildings occupy fifteen lots, two are city property, thirteen school district property. In spite of rumours that the land was donated on condition that a school would operate on it, no proof of this has yet been found. Regardless of ownership, with the southeast corner being another small slice of rare Garry Oak Meadow, many of us hope that this section will be given special consideration.

Come for Coffee!

A drop-in gathering of South Jubilee neighbours happens first Monday of each month (not on holiday weekends) 10am -11am, Moka House, 1769 Fort Street, next to Jubilee Pharmacy. Mark it on your calendar!

Bzzz! Mason Bees on Duchess!

Nurturing these gentle native bees, you learn more each year. This spring we found spiders in the bee house 'attics' waiting to dine on the hatching bees. While removing them was simple, parasitic wasps are another matter. Little *Monodontomerus* wasps parasitized twenty of last summer's cocoons, with ten eggs in each; as they hatch, the wasp larvae eat the bee larva, then mature, chew their way out and parasitize more cocoons. Warm weather allows several generations each summer. Knowing their life cycle, we hatched most of this crop of cocoons in separate batches of a dozen each, in a clear plastic box with air holes. This let us see what came out – and destroy the wasps before releasing the bees.

Our two bee houses are now fully occupied and wrapped in net bags to prevent wasps getting in this year. Before they laid their eggs and died, the bees pollinated fruit trees and berry bushes all around.

To learn more, read Dr. Margriet Dogterom's '**Pollination with Mason Bees**'.

Support for Refugees?

A refugee is a Person...

Persecuted for race, religion, social group or political opinion. She fled her country and will be un-protected if she returns. Over 15 million people fit this description – each is a child, sister, brother parent of someone, somewhere.

Would you like to donate to a local group with 30 years experience bringing newcomers to Victoria and supporting them while they rebuild their lives? If that appeals, you could make a tax-deductable donation:

Refugee Support, Church of St John the Divine, 1611 Quadra Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 2L5.

More information, call Ruth: 250-592-6735

Hey! Don't Miss This Sale!

The annual V.O.C.A.L. (Voice of Concern For Animal Life) will be on

Saturday, July 5th, 9am – 3pm

1665 Fell Street (corner of Fell and Leighton)

VOCAL is a registered non-profit animal welfare society with 20 years of helping animals in need (spay/neuter, rehoming lost or abandoned animals, assistance with vet costs, education)

YOU can help: donate quality items for the sale; make a tax-deductable donation; adopt a rescued animal

Contact: 250-598-1758

Website: vocalvictoria.com

Plastic Recycling 2nd Saturday each month

Saturday, June 14th

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