



South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association MEETING

September 21, 2015 7:00 p.m.

1525 Bank Street - corner of Bank & Leighton

Agenda

- 1) Minutes of last meeting
- 2) **City of Victoria (see next article)**
- 3) Art Bank School Painting
- 4) Cancelled Street Fest
- 5) VCan Meeting September 15th, 5:00
- 6) Red Barn Market
- 7) 100 years of Save-on-Foods
- 8) Art Bank sign at end of Bank Street
- 9) New Business:
- 10) Next meeting: November 9th.

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.

Our usual meeting time has been changed so that the city of Victoria can come and meet with us.

Following is a list of the topics the city hopes to cover at our upcoming meeting on September 21st. ***This is a great opportunity to let the city know what you think.***

1. Great Neighbourhoods Initiative
 - Overview
 - Early thoughts
2. Tell Us About South Jubilee
 - Current opportunities and issues, current challenges and demands
3. Share Your Experience with the City
 - What works well, what could be better
4. Local Area Plans
 - What are they and what can they be
 - How can they be done
5. Q&A

In attendance from the city will be:
Jonathan Tinney - Director of Sustainable Planning And Community Development
Andrea Hudson – Assistant Director of Sustainable Planning And Community Development
Katie Hamilton – Director of Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning
Kristina Bouris- Senior Planner, Sustainable Planning And Community Development
Your Councillor Liaison Councillor Madoff has also been invited.

DIY Rain Water Collection

Looking for a simple, affordable way to keep rain water out of the storm sewers? If you're not quite ready for the CRD's Rainwater Rewards Program (do a search for 'Victoria BC

Rainwater Rewards'), maybe you'd like to ease into it, using an old method. It won't qualify for money back through Rainwater Rewards but it'll reduce your home's footprint.

Here's what we did for our Duchess Street house. Every time I considered installing rain barrels I backed off - partly because the garden is in 'my' part of the family budget, but also because our house has asphalt shingles so the water that runs off is only recommended for lawns and ornamentals, not for food gardens. Still, letting rain run down the drains and out to sea always troubled my green conscience. What to do, on a budget and with minimal effort? Yesterday we bought an elbow fixture (\$2.49) and a ten foot gutter extension (\$19.49) to attach to the down spout, along with a few screws to fix them in place. With a few moments of handyman effort by my partner (the garden budget may be my duty, but he contributes his share of the work) the next rain will be draining out onto our lawn, with an option to be collected in a low tub for carrying later to trees and flowers.

But there are websites describing inexpensive DIY rain barrels. Since our house has another downspout at the front, maybe we'll add one there. Check the next SJNews for an update!"

Plastic Recycling Update

Thanks to all our neighbours in North and South Jubilee, and beyond, who faithfully bring your recyclables to the monthly pop-up depot at the Bank St Art School. One or two of the other neighbourhood drop-offs have called it quits, so our recycling event is very popular and busy. We really appreciate the effort everyone makes to sort their items and ensure that what they bring in is nice & clean. A few tips from the recycling team:

- The silver coloured plastic (ie many chip bags and candybar wrappers) are not to be confused or mixed with aluminum foil, such as the metal foil seal on yogurt containers. Aluminum foil can be saved, balled together and put in your blue bin. We can take aluminum foils, but they need to be separate from the silverized plastic
- Unfortunately we cannot take the plastic net bags (usually red mesh) that onions, oranges etc come in. They clog up the machines that pulverize the soft plastics. Sadly, they have to go in the garbage if you have them.
- Thanks for remembering to visit the pay station to make your donation before you drop off what you have. This allows us to help you to assess an appropriate donation amount, as ReFuse charges us to take all this stuff away, and we hope to at least break even. Any extra proceeds go to the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association.

Thanks very much for participating!

Next Recycling Date

Saturday, Sept 12th 10am – noon
Victoria College of Art parking lot