

South Jubilee

Neighbourhood Association



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VICTORIA COLLEGE OF ART
1625 BANK STREET
Tuesday, Feb 7, 2017
7:00pm

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Pam Madoff and Kimberley Stratford (City Hall)
3. My Great Neighbourhood Grant Award
4. Amphion Street Report
Refreshment Break
5. Individual Recommendations:
 - The light at Lee and Fort
 - Housing homeless adults
 - Non-owner occupied houses
 - Piano-in-the-Park
 - other recommendations / ideas
6. Next Meeting

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.



Thanks to the owner/management of the apartment building on the corner of Lee and Fort St. They painted and landscaped the property a year ago and it has made a huge difference to the appearance of the neighbourhood.

Recycling News

Plastic Recycling was cancelled in December for the first time since we started recycling back in 1997. The hardy recycling team has withstood gale force winds and rain as well as winter cold over the last 20 years but the combination of snow and ice in December was just too much. Sidewalks were slippery, there was snow on the ground and it was COLD.

Thanks to the team of volunteers who continue to show up, month after month and make recycling such a community event.

Last recycle a couple of computer towers were left at the recycle site before the team arrived. No payment was attached so that meant payment for these items had to come out of collected recycle money. Anyone can take electronic items down to the Bottle Depot on Queens for free recycling but please realize that if you leave them at our site then we have to pay Re-Fuse for their transport and handling.

Plastic and electronics recycling is the 2nd Saturday of every month. Next recycle is:

Saturday, Feb 11
10am—Noon
Victoria College of Art parking lot
(corner of Bank and Leighton)

Go to <http://southjubilee.ca/recycling.html> for more information.

Clearing that Snow

Hopefully the snow is done for this year. For the next time, here is some information from the City of Victoria:

Victoria may be a “City of Gardens”, but we can still get our share of snow. Snow and ice clearing is a big job, and unfortunately City trucks, equipment, and crews can’t make it everywhere at once. We need to work together as a community to keep streets and sidewalks clear and safe, and keep people, goods, and services moving. Everyone has a role to play when it snows.

If you live in a single family home or duplex, you are responsible [whether you are the homeowner or renter] for removing ice and snow from the sidewalk fronting your home. If you live in an apartment, condominium or townhouse, the property owner/manager is responsible for appointing staff or contractors to remove snow and ice by 10 a.m. each day. These types of properties are considered businesses.

What products can I use to remove ice and snow? *Environmentally friendly “ice melt” products can be used to remove ice and snow. Products that are corrosive and include a skull and crossbone on the label, including rock salt, are not acceptable as they can harm the environment and concrete sidewalks.*

If you are unable to remove ice and snow, please ask friends, neighbours and family for assistance before it snows. Alternately, please remember your elderly or disabled neighbours who would appreciate your assistance with snow removal. And remember to check on them in the event of a severe storm.

Plant Invaders

Recently, a South Jubilee resident mentioned she had Japanese knotweed in her garden and was removing it with help from the City of Victoria. I had read about knotweed but thought it was only a problem in Britain not here. A quick google search turned up many articles indicating the West Coast is becoming increasingly infested with this plant.

Japanese knotweed was introduced into Europe by Philippe von Siebold, a doctor who worked for a Dutch trading company in Japan, then a closed country. Knotweed was awarded a gold medal in 1847 by the Society of Agriculture & Horticulture at Utrecht for the most interesting new ornamental plant of the year. This plant was highly desirable and very expensive. Through his nursery, he sent samples of knotweed to the Kew Gardens in England. The plants then became available around Britain through commercial nurseries, the sharing of cuttings and the discarding of unwanted rhizomes. Knotweed spread naturally along waterways and artificially where soil containing rhizomes was moved about in road building and construction schemes. A highly prized plant had become a major bully invader. But still it was the darling of landscapers both in Britain and Canada for its dramatic bamboo-like growth, lush leaves and white flowers.

Now the West Coast is under threat from this invader. It spreads very rapidly, can punch through concrete, and is very hard to kill. Even a small bit of root will grow another plant. If you think you have this growing in your yard, contact the City Parks Division at 250.361.0600 (parks@victoria.ca) or Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) at crispcoordinator@gmail.com

