

South Jubilee News

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

If you live in the South Jubilee neighbourhood as a homeowner or renter or if you own a business in the neighbourhood, please come to the South Jubilee Annual General Meeting at:

VICTORIA COLLEGE OF ART
1625 Bank Street
Monday, June 21, 2010
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Agenda:

1. Annual Report: Carrie Ann Taylor
2. Treasurer's Report: Dave White
3. Elections: At present South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association requires a board of five members. The following four people have agreed to let their names stand for re-election:
 - Carrie Ann Taylor—Coordinator
 - Dave White—Treasurer
 - Tom Sellgren—Land Use Chair
 - Denise Dunn—Member at LargeA second Member at Large position is vacant. Nominations for any of these positions are welcome and can be made at the AGM.
4. Discussion
 - Plans for Streetfest
 - Plans for a neighbourhood potluck picnic in Redfern park
 - Control of graffiti in neighbourhood
 - Any other issues introduced at the meeting

A NEIGHBOURHOOD STORY

Roger Smeeth, a founder and active member of the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association has written a novel called *A Neighbourhood Story*. Drawing on his experiences with neighbourhood building, he explores how unwanted development can bring neighbourhood residents and developer together in an unexpected fashion. If you're interested in buying a copy, contact Roger at 595-3914.

NEW HOURS FOR RECYCLING

Plastic Recycling is as busy as ever on the second Saturday of each month at the Victoria College of Art at the Bank Street location. **New hours effective July 10th are 9:00am –noon**, Look at the website <http://www.pacificmobiledepots.com> for the list of plastics, electronics et al that we collect. Looking forward to seeing you there.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

City of Victoria Police Constable Chantal Ziegler has initiated communication with all the Neighbourhood Associations in the City of Victoria regarding removing/covering graffiti. Many Associations have a group of volunteers who will paint over graffiti as soon as it is discovered. Some of the utility poles in SJNA have a collection of graffiti on them and with a few volunteers on each street (who can have paint free of charge from BC Hydro) we can clean up the visual side of our streets. Come to the AGM and discuss this.

HUMMINGBIRD CONSTRUCTION



Brad Yahemech and Dorrie Murphy had hummingbirds nesting in their yard this winter. Check out the Youtube video Brad and Dorrie made of the nest building. <http://tinyurl.com/victoriahummingbird> The hummingbirds had two chicks then came back later to have a second batch.

LOCAL BUSINESS HAPPENINGS AROUND SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is linked to long-term relationships. Businesses that operate with a triple bottom-line, doing what's good for people, profit, and the planet, think a lot about long-term relationships, and how to balance competing interests. Sounds a lot like a personal relationship, e.g., marriage!

Ten Thousand Villages on Oak Bay Ave is a not-for-profit business that operates with sustainability in mind. They enable sustainable business relationships, using Fair Trade practices, that benefit disadvantaged communities, around the world. And always being a good neighbour and thinking of relationships, they often have free coffee (and chocolate) tasting happening at the store! Support this SJN business.

Discovery Coffee, also on Oak Bay Ave, is a for-profit business with sustainability in mind. Did you know that last October they were (through an online vote) the first choice of a new Victoria network of consumers, called "Carrotmob", looking to reward businesses who are making the most socially responsible decisions? Traditional consumer activism uses a lot of sticks, such as protests, lawsuits, boycotts, and so on. Carrotmob changes the dynamic – and uses the carrot instead – believing they can get businesses to make big positive changes by offering them profits in return. It's a positive model where there are no enemies and everyone wins. Consumers vote which business they want to mob. For the winning business, a day is picked, and scores (hundreds) of people show up on that day to buy the product (e.g., coffee/pastries), and give publicity to the business. Read more about the carrotmob movement at www.carrotmob.org. Support this SJN business.

There are many ways to connect with other folks interested in sustainable, socially-responsible business practices; including: Green Drinks Victoria (<http://www.conversationworks.ca/green-drinks-victoria>) and the Victoria Values-Based Business Network (<http://www.vbnetwork.ca>).

What SJN sustainability-oriented business do you support and/or recommend? Let us know and we'll build a list of those businesses (email benziegler@shaw.ca with your recommendation).

*Editor's suggestion for sustainable SJ business is **Black Stilt Coffee** at Fort and Richmond by the Pharmasave.

Black Stilt kicked off a fundraiser this month to help coffee farm families in Costa Rica - especially sport and education initiatives for the children. Black Stilt is a triple-bottom-line, carbon-neutral company and helps create healthy, sustainable communities (plus they have great coffee!)

WHAT IS TRANSITION TOWNS?

I have been asked by a friendly neighbour to write something about the Transition Towns movement (<http://www.transitionnetwork.org>) which began in the small market town of Totnes, U.K.

"Transition Town Totnes (TTT) began informally in late 2005, when Rob Hopkins and Naresh Giangrande initiated a series of talks and film screenings to raise awareness about the issue of peak oil. This rapidly began to build momentum for some kind of a community response, and this was launched as Transition Town Totnes in September 2006, at an event called "The Official Unleashing" of TTT, attended by 400 people. We have since delivered an extensive programme of events with many of the leading speakers in the field of sustainability having visited Totnes to contribute."

Since then the concept has gone global. Transition Victoria (<http://transitionvictoria.ning.com>) started up in January 2009 after a two day workshop in Victoria with Naresh Giangrande and Sophy Banks of TTT in November 2008.

You might ask what is the concept that sparked this movement? The four key assumptions are:

- life with dramatically lower energy consumption is inevitable, and that it's better to plan for it than be taken by surprise.
- our settlements and communities presently lack resilience to enable them to weather the severe energy shocks that will accompany peak oil.
- we have to act collectively and we have to act now.
- by unleashing the collective genius of those around us to creatively and proactively design our energy descent, we can build ways of living that are more connected, more enriching and that recognise the biological limits of our planet.

I am involved in projects to maintain the skills needed to grow and process flax for making linen fabric and another to make Victoria the nut capital of Canada - nut trees - a food-bearing legacy for those that come after us. If you want to get involved, contact me (Denise Dunn) at transitionvictoria@gmail.com.