

September 2020

# South Jubilee

Neighbourhood Association



# NEWS

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## SJNA Meeting

Tuesday Sept 15 @ 7:00 pm

On-Line Zoom Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Annual General Meeting
  - Financial Report
  - Election of Board
3. Update from City Council/Staff
4. CALUC update
5. Community Garden Update
6. Bike Lane Consultation Update
7. Bank Street School update.
8. Community Events Planning

If you would like to participate, please send your e-mail to [board@southjubilee.ca](mailto:board@southjubilee.ca) and we will send you a Zoom link.

## Plastic Recycle News

Recently questions arose regarding the 'end result' of the recyclable material SJNA collects. All the recyclable material we collect goes via **Refuse to Cascades Recovery**, partners with **Recycle BC**, who forward the material to whoever can make use of that material. I understand all our submitted material is reused.

South Jubilee is in good standing with "ReFuse" thanks to the clean, well sorted material brought to our Plastic Recycle Saturdays by residents of our neighbourhood and others. Well done you!

From May 2011 to Sept 2020 SJNA has collected **3942 bags of plastic** and many kilos of batteries and electronics. Not bad for the smallest neighbourhood in the Victoria. ~ Dave White

Next recycle is **Saturday, September 12th 10am—noon** at the Bank Street School parking lot (Bank and Leighton). Go to <http://southjubilee.ca/recycling.html> for more info.

## Jubilee Bike Lanes

Route planning in the Jubilee neighbourhood is now underway. The City is seeking preliminary input from residents, businesses, and commuters on options for priority AAA investments into the Jubilee neighbourhood.

Visit the cycling network page of the City's [engagement portal](https://engage.victoria.ca/) at <https://engage.victoria.ca/> to learn more. There you will find an introductory video, additional resources, and link to a short survey. Later this fall, the City will be rolling out full-length designs for further comments and detailed feedback.

## Victoria College of Art

After 45 years as tenant of the Bank Street School, the Victoria College of Art has moved out to Metchosin.

The school and its students have been an important artistic presence in the neighbourhood for all those years. Peter Such, president of the school, has been very generous in allowing our neighbourhood to use the school for neighbourhood meetings and events and the parking lot for our monthly recycle.

Our loss is Metchosin's gain. Good luck to Peter and his school in their new location.

## Congratulations to Wrap N Roll

The owners of Wrap N roll, at the corner of Fort and Davie, held a falafel fundraiser Aug 8 + 9th for the victims of the August 4th Beirut explosion. Over the course of the weekend, they had lineups around the block and managed to raise over \$21,000 in donations. Thanks to Wrap N Roll for their generosity and to all those people who donated to the cause.

## Cats vs Birds

North America is in the midst of a disastrous plunge in bird populations, and the biggest single cause of bird death — bigger than hunting, window strikes or even wind turbines — is the housecat. Every year in Canada, cats kill between 100 and 350 million birds.

Victoria in particular stands as one of the deadliest places for songbirds in the entire country. The streaked horned lark, once a resident of southern Vancouver Island, is now likely locally extinct in Canada. Cats were cited as one of the main causes of nest failure. If we want to save our birds we must start thinking about locking up our cats.

Dogs are not allowed to randomly enter private gardens or run unleashed in neighbourhoods, yet cats, which are natural predators, are free to roam through back yards untended, where they not only kill countless birds but also defecate and urinate in vegetable gardens, rendering the produce inedible.

Whilst rarely observed, the City of Victoria bylaws actually mandate that cats remain in the owner's direct control when they're in a public setting, which means in a kennel or on a lead. Cats are also banned from trespassing on private property without an occupier's permission. Infractions can lead to fines of \$150.

If your feline companion is craving an outside experience a "catio" (aka outdoor cat enclosure) can be purchased. There are a number of options available both on line and at pet stores in the city. ~ a South Jubilee resident

## Development in the Hood

There will be no public meetings held at this time for any development permits due to Covid 19. The City is providing the opportunity to review plans and give feedback via the internet. You will need to go to the [Development Tracker Victoria](#) website to find out what is going on and submit your comments.

**1908 - 1920 Oak Bay Ave: Gardenworks site:** Application to change zoning and build a four storey mixed commercial/residential building.

**New plans have been submitted by the developer to meet the City's request for a rooftop garden. These plans have NOT been included in the original rezoning application but have been added to a Pre-application entry.** To see these new plans go to "Development Tracker Victoria "; Filter Search by Neighbourhood/South Jubilee and scroll down to "[Pre-Application: CALUC 1908 Oak Bay Ave CLC00304](#)". Follow the links to the feedback

form. You have until Sept. 28/20 to submit your comments. **Sep 20/2020 Correction :Date for comment should have been Sept 18, 2020.**

**1906/19012 Duchess:** Application for rezoning to build five storey apartment . No activity since Feb 19/19.

**1905 Lee Ave.:** Application to subdivide existing property and create a new small lot with a 2006 sq ft house. Plans revised July 31/20 and are now with the City. No significant changes from previous plans that I can see. There is no 'official' comment window but you can send remarks to Chelsea Medd at [cmedd@victoria.ca](mailto:cmedd@victoria.ca).

- Gail Anthony, Landuse Committee

## Be Kind to Your Neighbours

During this pandemic, many of us are spending more time in and around our homes. As neighbours, we may be in close proximity to each other more than usual. Be kind to your neighbours.

Be considerate. Ensure your actions do not unnecessarily disturb your neighbours. Our homes are a refuge, or should be, from life's hustle and bustle, a safe place to restore and recharge. Yes, now is a good time for that DIY project. At the same time, respect the Platinum Rule, "**Treat others the way they would want to be treated.**"

Being kind to your neighbours is also good for your health! Research shows that being kind to other people whether they're loved ones or strangers boosts your happiness and well-being.

Kindness works. As our BC Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, continually reminds us: "Be kind. Be calm. Be safe." ~ a South Jubilee resident

## Get Growing Update

Thanks to all the wonderful neighbours who came out to pick up free food seedlings and soil this spring/summer.

Thousands of plants were distributed throughout our community to encourage and support local growing. This program was created by the City of Victoria in partnership with community and non-profit organizations to support communities and the renewed interest in food security and learning how to grow food at home. The plants were grown in the existing municipal nursery in Beacon Hill Park. There is every indication that it will be continued next year as well! We were so inspired by the response in the South Jubilee area that we have formed a working group to look at adding shared growing space and improve existing community spaces. Any great ideas? Please send to Kathleen Laird [srjgetgrowing@gmail.com](mailto:srjgetgrowing@gmail.com).