



SJNA Meeting

Tuesday Sept 7 @ 7:00 pm
On-Line Zoom Meeting

1. City Staff Update
2. Charlayne Thornton-Joe Update
3. Zero-Waste Coordinator Report
4. Treasurer Report
5. Bank Street School Update
6. Redfern Parkfest Planning
7. New "Little Free Library"
8. Greening Committee Update
9. CALUC Report
10. New Issues
11. Open Discussion

If you would like to attend, the Zoom link will be on our website southjubilee.ca/ under "Next SJNA Meeting"



The South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association is hosting Parkfest in Redfern Park on September 26, 2021. We are so excited to be hosting this neighbourhood BBQ and music festival for the first time in two years.

We are inviting people who live, work or play in South Jubilee to our community party. We will have a day of live music, art activities, children's events (bouncy castle, games), a Red Barn BBQ, Barkfest for dogs, community greening events and more.

Parkfest will also be the closing ceremonies for **Do the Loop**, a 25km Run/Bike/Relay Fundraiser around the City of Victoria for the Threshold Housing Society.

Watch our social media pages and website for more information in the coming days. **If you'd like to volunteer, please email us at board@southjubilee.ca**

Next plastic/electronics recycle

Saturday, Sept 11th 10am—noon
Bank Street School parking lot (Bank and Leighton). Go to southjubilee.ca/recycling for updated list of accepted materials. Payment is by donation.



South Jubilee is the community sponsor for an exciting fundraiser to support Threshold Housing Society, who operate two homes in our neighbourhood. **"Do The Loop!"** is the first ever run/bike/relay to circle the City of Victoria's unique 25km border, all to raise funds for Threshold Housing and support at-risk youth in Victoria.

From September 18th to 26th, participants can do the loop for fun, or fundraise \$25 for 25km for Threshold. Participants can do the official 25km route, along the City of Victoria's scenic border, the 25k Capital Bike-sponsored safe cycling route (great for kids, families or new bikers), or any 25km route of their own creation anywhere in the city, country, or world!

For more information, to register, or to donate to South Jubilee registrants, visit thresholdhousing.ca/dotheloop

SJNA President Matt Dell will try to raise \$2500 for his 25km run—donations are welcome.



Get Growing, Victoria, through the City of Victoria, is providing free fall/winter vegetable seedlings and growing materials to the community. The distribution date in South Jubilee is **Wednesday, Sept 1 from 4pm-7pm** at the **Bank Street School parking lot** (Bank St + Leighton Rd). Some native plant/pollinator kits will also be available on a first-come basis. No registration needed. Find more information at victoria.ca/getgrowing

Newsletter Delivery Needed

We need a newsletter delivery person for Lee Avenue. The job is pretty simple—40+ newsletters delivered along Lee Avenue 5 times a year. Newsletters are dropped off at your home for delivery. If you want to volunteer, please email Liz at newsletter@southjubilee.ca.

Bank Street School Update

SJNA Board members & Bank St School committee members met with officials of SD61 and City of Victoria on Aug 13 for a discussion and update on the plans for Bank St and Sundance Schools. After a preliminary assessment of the condition of the Bank St School by SD 61 last summer, SD61 applied to the City of Victoria for a demolition permit. The city did not grant this, nor has it yet. Then the City conducted its own, more thorough assessment last winter, and received the report from consultants in January. The report was not released publicly and it was not until April that this city-funded assessment came before City Council. At the time the Council voted to work with SD61 to discuss options for saving the old school. The report has still not been made public, but the SJNA board has filed a Freedom of Information (FOI) request with the city for access to the report. While the SD61 commissioned report concluded the old school was too far gone to be saved, we can only surmise that the City-commissioned one did not come to the same conclusion, otherwise they would not have passed the above mentioned motion.

On the question we asked, why the fencing was erected now, Chuck Morris of SD61 said that it was a directive of an SD61 architect to construct a fence around the school and grounds, not an engineering report recommendation.

Since conducting the neighbourhood survey last fall, which elicited over 300 responses, it became clear there is a strong desire to save the Bank St School, with restoration and seismic upgrading, for some kind of community use, even if that does not involve SD61 using it for grades 1-12 education. Most importantly, our position as a neighbourhood association is that before big decisions are made, the residents of both our neighbourhood and nearby ones, should be consulted in some meaningful way. We also are trying to work with MLAs Murray Rankin and Grace Lore, and MP Laurel Collins to secure funding to upgrade the Bank Street School and put it to good use serving several neighbourhoods on the eastern side of the city. The City has until Sept 13 to comply with the FOI application from SJNA, and once we know what is in the report, the next steps are to meet with City, SD61, provincial and Federal politicians to discuss funding for the future of this site.
~Murray Gudmundson and Susan Wetmore

South Jubilee Development Update

If you would like to keep abreast of city developments, please go to [City of Victoria Development Tracker](#). No new projects.

Current Active Projects:

1609 Fort St: Vessel Liquor store—Variance application to expand the existing liquor store floor area and make exterior changes. Staff review of revised plans completed July 14.

1906-1912 Duchess: Proposal to build 5 storey apartment. No change since Jan 2019.

1905 Lee St: application to create two small lots and construct a new single-family dwelling. Aug 16: applicant submitted revised plans.

1514 - 1520 Foul Bay: Proposal to build 8 townhouse units. City provided comments to applicant on Feb 19, 2021.

1693-1699 Fort St: Development Permit with Variance: Jun 01, 2021, The City is considering an application to construct a student housing building. ~Kathleen Laird, co-chair, Land Use Committee

Recycling News & Call for Volunteers

The SJNA monthly recycling depot team is looking for volunteers. We have lately been getting such a generous volume of refundables donated that it has made taking them into the Bottle Depot a suitable task for a separate volunteer team. Otherwise, one of our team members who is already volunteering from 9:30am to 12:15pm to set up and staff the

depot has to also manage the refundables.

Our biggest need now is for at least one team of 2 (2 teams of 2 would be better, for backup) with a pick-up truck to take the refundables to the Bottle Depot. We can provide the basic training and accompany the new volunteers on their first run to the Bottle Depot.

We are also always looking for people to join our recycling team for the usual monthly set-up and operation of the depot, either as a regular monthly volunteer or as a replacement when anyone of us is not available. We have a lot of fun doing this, and it's a great way to meet and interact with many community members, and strengthen our neighbourhood. Contact Michael Pohmann at miknmur@lightspeed.ca for more information.

The company that collects most of our recyclables is no longer collecting lightbulbs or batteries, but you can **still bring those**, as we are collecting them while we search for a location to take them for recycling.

Thanks for helping the planet! ~The SJNA Recycling Team

Redfern Little Free Library Proposals needed to rebuild Our Library

Thanks to many generous donations, just over \$1000 is in place to rebuild Redfern Park's Little Free Library, which was vandalized in June. Proposals are now needed from neighborhood carpenters and builders to design and build the new structure. Donations of material (primarily shelves, siding and roofing) will be sought once a design is agreed upon.

For design criteria, the new structure should be, at a minimum:

- Beautiful
- Weatherproof & durable
- Accessible to children
- Accessible to people in wheelchairs (shelves at 1100 mm)
- Built from local and/or reclaimed material
- Of a minimum interior space of 52 cm x 52 cm x 30 cm
- Low maintenance

If you have a great idea that meets these criteria, now is the time to share it! Ideas for additional features such as step-ups for children or even solar lighting are all welcome.

Proposals from school groups, clubs or individuals are all welcome.

All proposals will be discussed with SJNA, the Board will make a final decision, donations of material will be sought and then work can begin!

If you want to discuss ideas, see ideas compiled in Pinterest, or need any other specs then please contact Roy at droybrooke@gmail.com

Christie's Pub has done some extensive renovations on their patios. If you have dogs or kids, eating out just got easier. One patio is dog friendly and another is child friendly. They've also done some renos in the main pub and have a new chef, new menu. They are open for breakfast Saturday and Sunday 11AM.

Block clean-up update It has been a real eye-opener! Once a week I just do 1 block, Leighton, Davie St. (one side) Oak Bay Ave (by the bus stop) & my side of Fell St. The number of masks I find is finally lessening but for weeks I was picking up 3 or 4 per clean-up. What has been horrifying to me are the number of cigarette butts I pick up in 1 block, usually between 30 or 40. And most of them are put out on the boulevards in the dry grass! There is the usual assortment of plastic & paper wrappers, pop & beer cans & other odds & ends. I usually fill a medium sized bucket ½ to 2/3 full. Just in case anyone else wants to do the same thing on their block, ☺, I got my grabber at The Dollar Store for \$3.99 & I love it! I've had lots of good chats with neighbours, a lovely bonus! ~Diana Leeming