



Next Community Meeting: Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 3 @ 7:00 pm

Lai Brothers Lecture Theatre (Room S169) at the Royal Jubilee Hospital and online.

Zoom link available on homepage of website.

- **Welcome, Introductions and Territorial Acknowledgement**
- **Review and Adoption of June 2025 AGM Meeting Minutes**
- **Election of the Board of Directors** (5 mins)
- **Chair/Co-Chair Update** (1 min)
- **Treasurer Update** (1 min)
- **Neighbourhood Engagement Update** (1 min)
- **Get Growing Update** (1 min)
- **Neighbourhood Liaison (VCAN) Update** (1 min)
- **City Neighbourhood Liaison Update** (2 mins)
- **CALUC Update** (2 mins)
- **City Council Liaison Update** (5 mins)
- **Garden Coordinator Update** (1 min)
- **Neighbourhood Talk: South Jubilee Through the Years – John Adams** (20 mins)
- **Open Discussion** (5 mins)

Join us for snacks, refreshments and great neighbourhood connection!

Following Meeting: Sept 2 @ 7PM

Neighbourhood Talk - South Jubilee Through the Years

In 2007, John Adams created a walking tour on a soggy fall day of our SJNA neighbourhood. John will personally update us on June 3rd of the history and curiosities of South Jubilee - and this time he'll be dry while sharing riveting stories and images with us.

Watch the video from 2007 on the SJNA website, or on YouTube: "South Jubilee History Walk 2007".

Get Growing, Victoria! Upcoming Schedule

Seedling Distributions

Saturday, May 23rd from 1:30pm

Redfern Park

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Saturday, August 15th from 1:30pm

Redfern Park

Fall Soil-Building Materials Distribution (Compost, leaf and bark mulch)

Friday, September 25th from 1:30pm

Bank Street School parking lot

Please note that the distribution will be until supplies run out. Please bring your own wheelbarrow to carry soil to your residence.

Call-Out for Equipment - Aug 16

Due to an equipment shortage, we are looking for residents and business owners that can loan us 10x10 tents, folding tables, and/or cable covers at our annual event, Redfern Parkfest, on August 16th. If you are able, please email engage@southjubilee! We appreciate your support!

Next Plastics Recycling Every second Saturday of the month

**Saturday, June 13
10am—12pm**

**Bank Street School parking lot
(Bank Street + Leighton)**

Go to southjubilee.ca/recycling for a list of accepted materials. Please make sure your plastic and styrofoam is CLEAN. Dirty materials can't be recycled.

Payment is by donation. Current cost for us is \$10.15 per large 100L bag. Thank you!

From South Jubilee Resident to City Councillor

by Matt Dell

In October 2022, I made the sudden transition from the Board of South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association to joining Victoria City Council. I love community building, including my time working with neighbours on the SJNA, so I was a bit worried that joining Council would not feel as rewarding or connected to community. I often get asked how things are going at council, and it's been so busy I have not fully stopped to reflect on this question. As our four-year term will end in October 2026, I wanted to share a few thoughts on the experience.

First, it's been a true pleasure to work with our talented city staff, the city manager, Mayor Alto and my council colleagues. There has been so much positive support, it's made the job much more enjoyable. City staff are so collaborative, and always want to help out on any issues or projects. Mayor Alto has made things easier by running smooth meetings and supporting collaboration between councillors and staff. Lastly, I've truly relied on the input of all of my colleagues on challenging decisions. When I don't have the answer, it's been helpful to listen, learn and find solutions together. This has made the job easier.

Second, I've met more people and learned more about the city than I could have ever imagined. Nearly every day I meet residents, businesses, or non-profits who are doing amazing things in Victoria. I really wish we could tell our stories better, as there are so many talented and interesting people here. I've served as liaison to Fairfield, Fernwood and James Bay, and have loved getting to know those communities and residents. For a small city, we are rich with culture.

Lastly, I've found the majority of residents share a similar vision and passion for the city, although we often have different ideas how to balance those priorities. The hardest part of the job has been addressing the big issues – affordable housing, shifting transportation options, and the balance between taxes and investing in parks, community, arts and infrastructure. For example, my experience as a young family is different than a senior living alone, but both these perspectives are valid, and need to be balanced. I've enjoyed listening, I've been

wrong a few times, I've learned a lot, and I've enjoyed trying to collaborate, even when it's been hard. Overall the jump from SJNA to Council has been truly incredible, and one of the best experiences of my life. I'd love to answer any questions people have, so please send me an email to mdell@victoria.ca. See you around the neighbourhood!

- Matt

Redfern Commons Garden Update

Last month we finished tidying the commons and amended the raised beds with some fresh compost, and in early May we got some first veggie seeds of the year started, including radishes, spinach, carrots and peas. We also got ready for planting out the City of Victoria seedlings on distribution day, May 23rd. Come on out if you'd like to help in the early afternoon.

Upcoming Work Parties

Saturday June 6 & Sunday July 5
10am-12pm

Everyone is welcome. Tools, snacks and refreshments provided. Besides weeding, edging, and planting, we will also learn about plant ID, organic fertilizer options, and a low tech way to test the soil, so bring your questions.

Upcoming Community Workshop!

Disenchanted with backyard composting? Smells, flies, critter trouble? Unsatisfactory results? We have the solutions! **Join in for the "Beyond the Pile" Specialty Composting Workshop in Redfern Commons on June 6, at 2pm to 4pm** (after the morning work party). My colleague Andrea from Pacific Composting Co will be demonstrating alternative composting methods for outdoor and indoor settings. Participation is free. Please register by emailing Christina at gardencoordinator@southjubilee.ca so we know how many handouts to bring.

Volunteer at Redfern Parkfest 2026

We're in need of some helping hands at SJNA's annual community event, Redfern Parkfest, on **Sunday, August 16th at Redfern Park on Leighton Rd!** Please email engage@southjubilee.ca if you're interested and able!