



## Valerie Nash Elected New SHCA President

Susan Soux elected Vice President. Neil Edmunds rejoins Board.  
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## Past SHCA President Gray Waddell Honored

Long-time SHCA officer and Sandy Hook Resident was recently honored for his service.  
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## What Should SHCA focus on in 2014?

Here's your chance to provide your ideas and thoughts on our 2014 programs and services. (See Membership Form pages 5 - 6)

## Meet and Greet and Eat: Jan. 16, 2014

Mark your calendars: the SHCA Meet and Greet and Eat is coming on Thursday, January 16, 2014. See you there!

## Important Facts About SHCA

The Sandy Hook Community Association was established as the Sandy Hook Property Owners' Association in 1983 under the B.C. Society Act. Its purposes, as originally stated and which continue to form the basis for all SHCA does, are:

- A.To promote and maintain acceptable standards with respect to the environment and general welfare of the Sandy Hook community.
- B.To plan programs and to build facilities which will enhance the recreational and community life at Sandy Hook.

- C.To raise funds and to seek grants in order to carry out objects A and B above.
- D.To co-operate with other organizations whether incorporated or not, which have objectives similar in whole or in part, to the objectives of the society.

Over the years SHCA's bylaws have been amended several times; the most recent 2012 version is available on our website at: [www.sandyhookca.com](http://www.sandyhookca.com)  
Despite the specific changes in the bylaws, the purposes of your association have remained constant. Over the past year and based on the expressed interests of residents, we have focused on disaster

preparedness by providing information on how to get ready for a major earthquake, fire, or other calamity, holding a basic first aid preparedness class, and starting a house-by-house survey of residents' expertise and equipment that could be used to help our neighbors. We've not forgotten the fun part of living here. The 2013 Annual Picnic and yard sale was a great success (see the Summer newsletter features), and the annual Meet and Greet drew many residents, both new and long-term. We worked with the Parks department on improvements to the tot lot and boat launch area and continue to ask for better care of our roadways and infrastructure.  
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## Important Facts About SHCA (Continued)

Sandy Hook residents have also been actively involved as trail makers for Hidden Grove, a resource we can all enjoy. SHCA has provided financial support for Hidden Grove and continues to keep a strong relationship with its Board and report on its progress.

In keeping with our commitment to co-operate with other organizations (D), we have a representative attend attend the regular meetings of the Sechelt Community Association Forum (SCAF), to both report on our work and to hear what other associations are doing and common concerns affecting all Sechelt residents. At times SHCA has found it necessary to speak out, through letters and at District meetings, about issues of concern to residents here and to the wider Sechelt community. Recent concerns have included: a general need by the District to consult with the various community residents about projects or zoning changes in their areas, the proposed development in Tuwanek which may include a package sewage treatment plant that could impact the inlet, noise levels in Sandy Hook, and other concerns. We're also here to help residents with information and advice, such as who to contact for problems such as noise and long-term construction, tree removal from



Aerial view of Sandy Hook and the Inlet. See the SHCA web site for this picture with capability to zoom in for detail.

another person's property without permission, and parking on roadways.

New residents are encouraged to contact the Welcome Wagon (see the SHCA website) for a basket of goodies and useful information. All residents are encouraged to become active members of SHCA. Your \$10 per year per person fee will make you a voting member and will ensure you receive important information and updates on our activities, email copies of our newsletters, flash emails about news and information, and helpful advice from your neighbors.

### Skana Crescent Update and Action Needed

The June SHCA Annual general Meeting offered residents an opportunity to speak out about issues of concern to them. Angelika Sieber, who lives on Skana Crescent, pointed out that the road has never been paved and causes dust, noise, pot hole, and mud problems for anyone using it or living on it. Many of the 18 property owners

have made repeated efforts to have the District pave the road. Angelika reported to the SHCA October Board meeting the the District has started its own petition campaign with Skana Crescent residents, but information about how many people have signed and if the required 50% approval level has been reached is not forthcoming. If 50% or more of the residents approve, the estimated \$40,000 paving costs would be amortized among the residents over a period of 10 years. The District's May 23rd



Committee of the Whole meeting included discussion of Skana Crescent and a recommendation that a Local Improvement Project be initiated with 90% of the costs being borne by the residents, SHCA Board members pointed out that SHCA can support paving of Skana Crescent if at least 50% of the residents there approve the proposed District plan, but until then the Board would appreciate an update report and additional information from Skana residents at its November regular meeting.

## Past President Gray Waddell Honored By SHCA

Longtime Sandy Hook resident, SHCA Board member, and past SHCA President Gray Waddell was recently honored by the Sandy Hook Community Association for his many years of service and advocacy for Sandy Hook. Gray recently moved to the village and is getting settled



SHCA Board Secretary Gene Scanlan, on behalf of the Board of Directors, presents Past President Gray Waddell with a certificate honoring his years of service to SHCA and the community.

into his new home there with his wife Heather and Cassie, their dog. Gray, as far as available records show, was SHCA President as early as 1999. He was, until very recently, a regular attendee and frequent participant in District of Sechelt Council and Committee of the Whole meetings, served as the SHCA representative to the Sechelt Community Association Forum (SCAF), and was active with many other area organizations, including the Royal Canadian Legion and the Sunshine Coast Association for Community Living. Gray's long career included service with the Canadian armed forces as a pilot and trainer, as well as work with the corporate sector.

Sandy Hook neighbors point out that Gray was always willing to help, whether it was putting out trash cans when people weren't able, walking pets, helping with projects, or taking people to appointments. As one of the cadre of Hidden Grove Trail Makers, he helped build, maintain, and clear the older and new trails in the Grove.

The SHCA Board decided to honor Gray with a gift and a certificate which reads as follows:

**"In Appreciation for his years of service to the Sandy Hook Community Association, the residents of Sandy Hook, and to Sechelt, the Board of Directors of the Sandy Hook Community Association recognizes and honors Gray Waddell and declares him to be an honorary permanent resident of Sandy Hook"**

## New Board President Valerie Nash Elected; Susan Soux Elected As Vice President; Neil Edmunds Rejoins Board

Gray Waddell's leaving Sandy Hook necessitated the election of new officers at the September 19th Board meeting. Valerie Nash, former Vice President, was elected President and Susan Soux was elected Vice President. (See Valerie's letter following).

Susan and Cristian moved to Sandy Hook in 2011 to settle in one of the most beautiful places in the world. Susan is an anthropologist by training and has worked for many years in the field of human rights, peace building and humanitarian assistance. She has had the good fortune to live and work in various parts of the world and participate with the United Nations in peace operations in Central America and Africa. Until now her home base has always been Vancouver where she grew up and raised three sons - except for the years the family lived overseas. She continues to work as a consultant and her husband Cristian - a geologist, works between here and his native Bolivia. She now hopes to be able to contribute to the Sandy Hook community.

Neil Edmunds is active with both the Provincial and Federal NDP, and is a member of the Federal NDP Riding Association's Fund Raising Committee. He retired after spending 30 years in sales and marketing of heavy truck equipment in western Canada. He attended SFU, UFV, and Capilano University studying history, political science, sociology, and other subjects. His interests include travel, building and repairing anything that captures his interest, debating, writing, and hiking (particularly around Sandy Hook), reading both fiction and non-fiction, and spending time with his family and Mac, his Golden Doodle.

## A Letter From President Valerie Nash

Dear Neighbors,

Many of you will know that our long time board member and friend, Gray Waddell recently moved to the village with his wife

Heather. On behalf of the Sandy Hook Community Association I wish them both lots of luck and hope that they will come back to visit. Gray certainly did more than his share of volunteer work, most recently serving as President of the Association. He deserves a huge thank you. As the new President I know I have some big boots to fill. I'll do my best. In truth, the main reason I

signed up for Sandy Hook Community Association Board was that I wanted a way to get to know as many of my neighbors as possible. I grew up in Northern England, in Liverpool though you might not know it - my accent only really comes out strong when I'm on the phone to my family (or mad at someone— usually my husband). I like people, I love a good party and I think one of the roles of the Community Association is to create opportunities to bring people together.

The other reason I joined the Association is a bit more serious. During the 2003 and 2007 Wildfires in California I helped facilitate the development of post-fire community recovery and rebuilding plans, working with community members, local government, funders and FEMA. Through the course of doing this work I learned a lot about what “community” means. I saw that at the end of the day it was the communities who had the strongest local volunteer networks who fared the best. It didn't really matter what these organizations had been doing before the fires, what mattered was that they had knowledge of the neighborhood, communication processes and were used to working together. While I'm certainly not predicting any kind of disaster fall on us, I do think it's important to be prepared and I am pleased that your Association has focused on this issue.



If you haven't already joined the Association I'd encourage you to do so. We have 59 members as of today – it would be great to pass the 70 mark before the end of the year. This issue of our newsletter includes our membership signup/ renewal form for 2014. I would also like to invite

anyone who is interested in serving on the board or volunteering in any capacity to contact me directly (email is best [vnash@nashandassociates.org](mailto:vnash@nashandassociates.org)).

Also make sure you mark the date of our 2014 Meet and Greet and Eat in your calendar: January 16, 2014 at my home. Look for the upcoming announcement.

And, as always, I encourage you to check our web site frequently: [www.sandyhookca.com](http://www.sandyhookca.com).

I'm off now to read Robert's Rules

of Order, or watch Law and Order – I'll let you guess which!

- Valerie Nash

## Haikus For Late Fall and Early Winter

Chilling autumn rains  
curtain Mount Fuji, then  
make it  
more beautiful to see -  
Matsuo Basho

The clouds come and go,  
providing a rest for all  
the moon viewers -  
Matsuo Basho

All Heaven and Earth  
Flowered white  
obliterate...  
Snow...unceasing snow - [Hashin](#)

If you were silent  
Flight of herons on dark sky...  
Oh! Autumn snowflakes! - [Sokan](#)



**2014 Membership Form**

You can use the same form for multiple members living at the same address.

Please print clearly

First Name	Last Name	Phone/s	Email
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Sandy Hook Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Address (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues (per individual voting member): \$10.00

- Cheque Preferred if mailed  
 Cash

Payment can be placed in a sealed envelope in the SHCA mailbox located at the base of Tot Park on Deerhorn and Skookumchuk, or mailed to SHCA Treasurer, 5922 Sandy Hook Road, BC V0N 3A4. You can also renew your membership at SHCA events including the Meet & Greet, or directly on our web site at:

<http://sandyhookca.com>

**SHCA use only:**

Receipt provided by \_\_\_\_\_ (Board member) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Receipt of Payment of Membership in Sandy Hook Community Association

Name of member/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount received: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Payment: Cheque/Cash

Date payment received: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (SHCA Board member): \_\_\_\_\_ (no signature needed if emailed)

Receipts will be emailed or mailed (if no email) to address listed above or provided at time of joining if at an event.

**What should the Sandy Hook Community Association focus on during 2014?**

**Here's your chance to make suggestions and give us your ideas. Please use the back page for your input.**

## What should the Sandy Hook Community Association focus on during 2014?

Please give us your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, and anything else you think will be helpful in the space below. Please attach this to your 2014 membership form and return as shown on the form, or email it separately to the Board Secretary at: [sandymail@sandyhookca.com](mailto:sandymail@sandyhookca.com)

Here are my suggestions for the Association Board's consideration for programs, activities, and services in 2014.

First priority:

Second Priority:

Third Priority:

Fourth Priority:

Fifth Priority:

Name (optional):

Date:

Email address (optional):6