

The Sandy Hook  
Community Association

# Newsletter

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## The Picnic

By Joyce Fitzpatrick

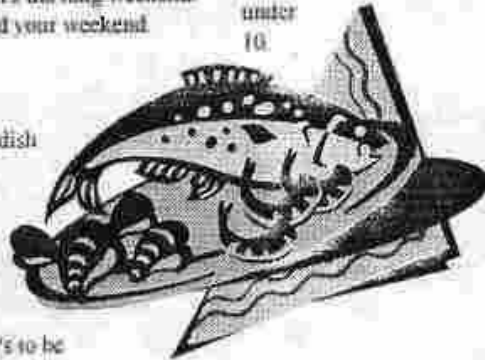
Come One! Come All! It's on Saturday, July 31, 1999. That's the long weekend. Bring your clan and your weekend guests!

**Pot Luck**  
Bring any potluck dish for admission. Make it "family size" if you are providing for your family.

Hot dogs and fixin's to be provided by the SHCA. We are also going to have mixers, games and contests for young and older.

### Sand Castle Competition

Recruit your team for the sand castle building competition now. One member must be over 40, one member must be under 10.



and one other member can be any age. Hope to see you there. \*

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

By Sandra Sharkey

At 1:00 pm on Anyday June, 1999 an earthquake registering 7.2 on the Richter Scale hit the SW corner of British Columbia. Damage is severe and wide spread in the Lower Mainland on Southern Vancouver Island and in a number of coastal communities.

- Hydro and phone services (including cellular) are not operating in most communities. In areas where phones are working, the 9-1-1 system has been overloaded due to excessive calls.
- A large number of roadways are not passable due to damaged overpasses, bridges and downed power lines (Sandy Hook is cut off, the road is out due to a landslide on Sechart Inlet Road). All routes marked as "Hazard Response Routes" are closed to all but authorized personnel.
- Most unreinforced masonry buildings have experienced serious damage. Other buildings have experienced minor to moderate damage.
- Emergency Services such as Fire, Ambulance and Police are overloaded and unable to respond to all but the most severe problems.

It will be weeks before life is back to normal. It could be hours or days before you can re-connect with other family members.

*Are you prepared? See other side...*

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- Do you and your family have a plan to re-connect? Where will you be meeting?
- Do you know what your children's school earthquake plan is? How long will they supervise your children? Where will they take them?
- Do you have supplies at home, work and/or in your car to meet you and your family's basic needs for up to 3 days?
- Does your community have a neighbourhood earthquake response plan? Do you know what this plan is and have you been involved?

### There are a number of things you can do to prepare for a disaster

Here are a few things you can do to help re-connect your family following a major earthquake.

- Ensure that you have a battery operated radio and batteries available (or you could use a car radio). Location of the designated "Reception Centres" will be announced. Family members can register and inquire about other family members at these locations.
- Designate an out-of-province or out-of-lower-mainland emergency contact person. Make sure all family members know the name and phone number of this person. Family members can then try to contact this person after the disaster and find out where the other family members are. As phone lines start working, connections to out of province areas will likely work before local phone lines.
- When possible after the earthquake, set your voice mail or answering machine with the current date so that people calling you know that you made it through the earthquake.
- Ask all family members to post notes at home saying if they are OK and where they have gone.
- Make arrangements for a neighbour to care for your children if you are away in an emergency.
- Know the "Earthquake Plans" for your children's school or caregiver. Find out where they will be taking the children if their building is unsafe.
- Designate an emergency meeting location outside of your home. This could be the same one as in your family fire plan.

Stay tuned for more Emergency Preparedness information in the next Sandy Hook Community Association Newsletter. ♦

### *Our New Board*

The new board was elected June 14, 1999. The members are:

**President** Gray Waddell (for one more year he says)  
**VP** Robyn Hume  
**Secretary** Harold Fletcher  
**Treasurer** Barbara Scodras  
**Directors** Gino Cayer, Julie Towle, Max Pleuss, Sandra Sharkey  
**Past President** Joyce Fitzpatrick

Regular Board Meetings are held monthly on the 4th Thursday at 7 pm. The next meeting is on July 22.

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