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Sandy Hook
Community Association
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Hi folks. Yup, the Smith Corona is back again. Sorry this isn't as professional as you are used to but lots of news to report.

A WOBD FROM THE PRESIDENT:

During a chance encounter at the grocery store, Gray was reminded that his name had not appeared under his comments in our December issue. Sorry 'bout that.' For good measure, here are the names of all currently serving Board members.

President: Gray Waddell 885-5606
V.P. & Newsletter: Robyn Hume 740-0607
Treasurer: Barbara Scodras 885-6343
Secretary: Harold Fletcher 885-4433
Past Pres. & Event: Joyce Fitzpatrick 885-3314
Co-ordinator:
Director: Public Works Max Pleuss 885-4816
Director: Newsletter Julie Towle 885-0771
Distribution:
Director: Emerg. Prep.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Sandra Sharkey 885-2500

Thursday, Feb. 24th, starting at 7:00 p.m. Usually we meet in private homes so it is awkward to accommodate observers. However, this meeting will be held at the offices of the Sunshine Coast Assoc. for Community Living, #105 - 5711 Mermaid Street where there is room for guests. If you'd like to attend, please phone Gray Waddell or Harold Fletcher. Don't forget the A.G.M. comes up in May (just around the corner) and new blood on the Board is always welcome. Perhaps you have a community issue that you think should be dealt with. Come to this Feb. meeting. Incidentally, we are still waiting for a reply from the District to our "Wish List" that was part of our December newsletter.

You and your neighbours tired of being left in the dark? Believe it or not, there is a process for obtaining a street light. District Engineering Dept. will consider requests if 600+ or more of your immediate neighbours are in favor. There are conditions, of course, but no charge to you. Some are definitely against having them. If you decide it would be a good thing, just organize your neighbours and draft a letter. Please keep your Board informed by a copy to the president. Need help? Give Gray a call.
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THE GRAVEL TRUCK MOMBO:

Starting some time in March, C.A.L. will be hauling 100 loads per day from the Gowe site off Burnet road, along Sechart Inlet road, around the "S" bend and up Dusty road to their property. The empty trucks going back will add up to 200 one-way trips per day. Throw in a few logging trucks and the odd tourist P.V. later on, you won't recognize the place. C.A.L. will be hauling from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. There will be flag persons where needed and dust supervision is a high priority. They have looked at, and haven't entirely given up on, an off-road route. That may come to pass but it won't be there initially. Why worry? It's only for two years. After that, perhaps the Terraces will get started. Meantime, the District is looking at upgrading that stretch of road. Maybe this year. Good thing for the trucks, I guess.

NEW MAIL BOXES ARE COMING:

Postmaster says could be as soon as May. Mail boxes will be closer to your door whether you want them there or not. Survey has already been carried out by the Post Office but don't ask where the new locations are going to be because the Postmaster has not been told yet. Appears it is an outside job with no local input wanted. Big Daddy knows best?? Those who have seen the new boxes will probably agree that they are a big improvement over what we have now. Look for details in your old mailbox sometime.

Because of these new boxes, we have delayed putting up a new Bulletin Board until we see where the locations are and decide where the best place would be for all of us to read the notices.

VANDALISM:

In the first few weeks of the new year, two instances have been reported. A van on Deerhorn was targeted as was a seasonal dwelling on the waterfront near Painy Bay Park. A third incident was also reported of a house break in but we do not have details. P.C.N.P. say the best defense is neighbours keeping an eye open and reporting suspicious activities. For your vehicles, current conventional wisdom in some police circles is:

1. Don't leave valuables in your car.
2. Don't lock the doors (they'll just smash the window anyway).
3. Do lock the steering wheel with a club.

There goes the popular theory that Sandy Hook is an unlikely

target. Do it twice, better.

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target. Or a busy-busy.
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DOGS WILL BE DOGS:

Do you know where your pooch is right now? If he/she/it does wander off, does she carry I.D. (licence, tattoo, implant) so that she can be returned to you instead of ending up with animal control?

It's known from recent experience that there are cases where the answer to all of the above is NO. Believe it or not, Sechelt has a mandatory licence requirement which costs only ~10.00 for a neutered male. With summer just down the road, the problem of dogs running loose on beaches, in parks, etc. will be with us again. Parents don't like having their kids scared, bowled over, or stepping in biodegradable waste. Answer PLEASE control your animals from roaming, and especially their needless barking.

LETTER BOX LITTER:

If you don't like what Canada Post puts in your mail box, there IS something you can do about it besides leaving it on the ground or on top of the boxes to be blown around and eventually being picked up and disposed of by a passing environmentally conscious person. You can leave a note in your box or speak to a Postal Clerk and request that you not receive bulk mail not specifically addressed -to you. For details, perhaps you should get it from the Postmaster. -There are certain things they are obliged to deliver. Your ultimate recourse is to do what nearly everyone does and that is to take it home and recycle it.

GREAT NEIGHBOURS:

A big bouquet of thanks to Bob & Sherril and to Naomi for helping deliver the last Newsletter. Naomi even did an extra route. Some of our regular delivery people were away on holidays so these wonderful Sandy Hookers came to Julie's rescue. Thanks neighbours.

Feb. 14th - VALENTINES DAY

Love the "Good Morning, Sunshine" little newspaper. Here's one of their little bits from the paper. Seeing Valentines is almost here, thought you'd get a kick out of it.

A guy walks into a Post Office one day to see a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them.

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The balding man then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying them all.

His curiosity getting the better of him, he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing?

"I'm sending out 1,000 Valentine cards signed 'Guess Who?'"

"But why?" asks the man.

"I'm a divorce lawyer".

Please remember that it is that time of year again. If you haven't renewed your membership for the New Year, we would appreciate it if you would complete the membership form below, include your cheque and mail to our address, listed on the form. Thanks.

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