



Sandy Hook News

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**Sandy Hook
Community Association**
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SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

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Issue # 2

Your Board Members

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The Annual General Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 24th, 7:30 p.m. sharp. Greenecourt Hall
(West end of Medusa behind Greenecourt Seniors Complex at Ocean and Meduse).

GUEST SPEAKER: Everything you ever wanted to know about our WATER but were afraid to ask! The safety of our tap water has been much in the news recently as has the question of availability. If you read the papers, you'll know what our Coast Garibaldi Health Office thinks but what have we heard from our supplier, the S.C.R.D? To get the word first hand, we have invited Bob Patrick (one of our own Sandy Hookers), the S.C.R.D. Water Planner, to make a presentation. He's agreed to be there and will most likely be accompanied by Dave Crosby, the guy who has worked with the water system for about 20 years. One more reason to attend the A.G.M.

Bring your questions and get them answered.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sandra Sharkey

Hello again, to all you happy "Sandy Hookers". Now that winter is over and we are well on our way to what looks to be a "dry" summer, we need to heed a few basic neighbourhood considerations. We maybe short of water this summer and should be sure to conserve and to be careful with our burning.. when it is permitted. It seems we have someone who is reluctant to take garden refuse and tree trimmings to the dump and has dumped them on the roadside, not once, but at least twice. This may not be a problem at the moment, other than it is very unsightly, however, once the material dries out, it could prove to be a real fire hazard. The large quantity of refuse is also plugging the ditch. The District has removed the first batch (a whole dump truck full) and now there is more. Please keep your eyes open for the culprit(s) and maybe we can stop this

person(s) from threatening our safety.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to voice your opinion in writing to Interfor regarding the Block 350 cutting plan. A Public Hearing was held on March 12th and Block 350 was one of the items covered. The minutes of that meeting were received by Council and the following is an excerpt from the minutes of that Council Meeting.

"MOTION #14550 Reid/Kershaw: That the Ministry of Forests be advised that Sechelt requests a moratorium on logging on Cutblock 350 until the issues are further reviewed by the community AND that Sechelt request that Interfor meet with Council, the Ministry of Forests and the community to clarify the Forest Development Plan and outline options in respect of the future use of Cutblock 350". CARRIED

Stay tuned for further developments.

I hope to see many of you at the Annual General Meeting May 24th. We currently have seven board members and would love to have a full board. Julie Towle (885-0771) and Bob D'Arcy (885-5766) are the nominating committee and would be happy to hear that you will stand for office.

Membership - \$10.00 per person per calendar year
Mail to Association Address above or drop in the FREE box at the Tot Park:

NAMES(S) _____

Mailing Address _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ OFFICE PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Julie Towle

As mentioned by Sandra, we would love to see you all out to our A.G.M. This is a great time for everyone to come out and support your community and meet your neighbours. If any member wishes to submit an item of NEW business for discussion at the AGM, that request must be submitted in writing to the President, Sandra Sharkey, within the next couple of weeks so that the entire membership can be notified in the publication of the next Newsletter. Otherwise, the AGM will appropriately be a meeting for members to hear reports on the activities of the Association during the last fiscal year. As usual, after the formal part of the meeting, there will be ample opportunity for open discussion by all those present, on any subject you wish to discuss. In the event a vote is called for, you must be a current member of the SHCA. New members must be paid up ten days before the AGM in order to vote. Renewal memberships can be obtained at the meeting.

At present, we have seven board members, all in elected positions. Our by-laws state we should have approximately ten to twelve so you can see we are somewhat short-handed. One current member is stepping down, having completed her two years. We will then be down to six so we desperately need at least five or six new people to sit on the board. For those of you not familiar with the SHCA, you do not need to contribute a lot of time to this endeavour. The Board meets once a month to discuss issues concerning Sandy Hook. Some Board members attend meetings at the District, the G8 (our neighbouring community assoc. groups), Public Works, Planning, etc. so you can see that the time demand is by no means onerous.

We need some new blood on the Board. We would love to see a couple of younger parents representing the family concerns in our community. If you have any questions, or are interested in getting on the board, PLEASE call Julie or Bob as we would love to hear from you. Some of our current Board members have put in many years working towards keeping Sandy Hook the BEST community on the Coast. We all love living here so lets get involved and help out and, at the same time, keep yourself informed as to what is happening on the Coast, in other communities, and with the District.

SANDY HOOK PARK: In the last Newsletter, I mentioned we had asked the District to look into some playground equipment for the park down at the boat launch. To our surprise, we got a very quick and favorable response. Three gentlemen from the District: Bill Brown, District Administrator; Ken Tang, Director of Engineering, and Gerry Grognet, Superintendent of Public Works asked us to meet with them down at the park. Bob D'Arcy and myself did so. We all walked through the whole park area to see where a proper site would be. We wanted to leave the flat area at the top alone because people do play bocci, volleyball, etc. Just to the left of it was the only possible space that some equipment could be installed. It would not be a large playground area because of the slope of the land and the trees but some-

Remember - May 24th - AGM

thing can be done with it. Of course, with good news, there's usually bad and we were informed that this year's budget is taken so we asked for us to be on the top of the list for next year. When Bob and I were informed of the thousands and thousands of dollars playground equipment costs, we just about fell over. All equipment must be to code, etc. No more tying a rope to a tree and installing an old tire for a swing. They were also favorable to looking into another couple of picnic tables and maybe a bench to be able to sit and enjoy that incredible view. We were very pleased with the meeting and certainly grateful for these officials to spend the time with us. They did say that in order to get this program going, they would need input from our community so if some of you would take a minute and drop us a line, we can present the District with your "Wish List" as to what you would like to see in the park. It would definitely speed the process on. These letters from the community are very necessary if we want to get on next years list so please drop us a line. Remember the "free" SHCA mailbox attached to the Bulletin Board at the Kiddies Park on Deerhorn.

Also in the last Newsletter, we asked for a couple of volunteers to help with the delivering of the Newsletter on both Coracles. As usual, wonderful Sandy Hook people came to the rescue. We did get two ladies who love to walk and will help out. Thank you so much to Sharon and Deanna for calling. We've had so much favorable feedback on the Newsletter, where would we be without the ten or so people who trudge up and down all our driveways. A big Sandy Hook "THANK YOU" to all who deliver. Speaking of driveways, a

INTENTIONAL LAUGH OF THIS ISSUE



A woman accompanied her husband when he went for his annual check-up. While he was getting dressed, the doctor came out and said to the wife, "I don't like the way he looks".
"Neither do I", she said. "But he's handy around the house

couple of our volunteers mentioned it would be wonderful if people who do live with those nightmare driveways could install one of those small mailbox type containers, or just an empty pipe at the top, or bottom, of their driveway. That way, the newsletter could put be put inside the container, out of the rain, and save wear and tear on our calf muscles. Thanks.

By now, you've probably received your "Membership" notice and the helpful brochure attached to it. Many thanks to our board member, and our computer guru, Bob, for all the work he did in putting it together. It is great to have those emergency phone numbers handy.

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SPECIAL INTEREST ITEM

We received a brochure from "Citizens on Patrol" and the RCMP office regarding a new "COURT WATCH" program being set up in the Sechelt area and volunteers are needed. Following is a small part of what was included in the covering letter.

"In essence, Court Watch is a demonstration of our Community's concern about crime and the Justice System in our neighbourhoods. It requires a RCMP detachment that believes in Community Policing and involvement of both our police force and our community, working together toward the shared goals of reducing crime in our neighbourhoods. It is a wake up call to our Justice System that demonstrates to the Judges and the Attorneys, both defense and prosecuting, that the Community is interested in what goes on in the community's Courtroom. It supports the RCMP in their work and demonstrates to them that their community shares in the responsibility of reducing crime." The letter we received is quite long and we do not have space here to print the entire contents. It does sound like a worthwhile endeavour as they want people to sit in court to be aware of what is happening in our local Justice System to make sure those who commit crime are properly punished.

If you are interested in finding out more about this program, please contact Hugh Gadsby at 885-7038 and leave a message.

ATTENTION! WATCH FOR THE GREAT 'MAP PIN THIEF'



BEWARE: Somewhere in our community is a stealthy one who saves \$1.19 by taking the map pins out of the bulletin boards. The board at the Tot Park has been a special victim. We are giving up trying to stock the boards for your convenience until the culprits are apprehended and thrashed with a wet noodle!

If you notice a surplus of these precious items on, in or with anyone you know please have them return them to where they came from. After all, the ability to post is for everyone, not just for those who have a purloined supply of the rare fasteners.



SANDY HOOK WEB PAGE NEWS

- ★ We are sure that there are more than the three residents shown on the site as having their own web pages. Please let us know so we can add your site to our Links.
- ★ You can always get a message to the SHCA board by sending e-mail from the site.

AND, remember there are all the following:

- Maps and Guides you can print out or direct visitors to for help finding their way to and around Sandy Hook.
- An archive of newsletters and other documents.
- A list of projects the board is working on and a progress report on them.
- Information of interest to residents—watering and open fire rules, Bears!, and Neighborhood Preparedness.
- Links to other sites about the Sechelt area.

UPDATED AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH

We welcome your suggestions for content. Just use the e-mail icon on the site and send us your thoughts.

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The AGM - May 24th at 7:30 PM

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MEMBERSHIP IN

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