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# Sandy Hook News

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## Your President's Report

It's always something, isn't it? In the summer it was risk of fire. We brought the danger to your attention and some folks did indeed take steps to clear highly combustible vegetation from near their houses. That way, when the big one hits, some homes will burn later than the others and with any luck maybe they'll be by passed. One never knows.

Then it was the annual visits by those cute and cuddly bruins. Many residents commented favourably on our special news bulletin which was basically all about how to discourage bears and what to do if they become a problem. Some people interpreted it as a recommendation for wholesale slaughter. Oh well, can't win 'em all!

So, you may well ask, what is it this time? Well, as much as I hate to mention it, this time around it's that old and tired subject--Dog Control.

Many dog owners equate living in the country to mean that their dogs are free to roam at will, alone or in groups, on the roads, on the beaches. Some have even expressed their belief that Sandy Hook is an off-leash area. The truth is we live in the Municipality of the District of Sechelt and, as usual, there are Bylaws governing such things. I won't bore you with the details. If you really want it from the horse's mouth

the folks down at City Hall will be happy to oblige. But just so we're all reading from the same page, here are a couple of excerpts:

- a dog must be on a leash when off your property.
- dogs running at large can be impounded.
- there are no "off-leash" areas.

Now to be realistic we know there is no enforcement without complaint so if you're off in the Heritage Forest with your well-behaved dog running around enjoying itself and you meet a similar party and humans and dogs get along just fine, well, who is going to complain? On the other hand if your uncontrolled animal attacks (or even threatens to attack) a person or another animal there will be a complaint and you will have to deal with the consequences.

Also, if a stray dog makes its way across my property, with no owner in sight, I will do my best to intercept it and try to determine who it belongs to. If unable to do so, I will turn it over to the authorities. If more people would do the same it would go a long way towards encouraging responsible dog ownership.

Holiday Season is almost upon us. Enjoy yourself while remembering to keep your speed down in our 30 kph community.

- Gray Waddell



The water works on Deerhorn should be done by December and then it is hoped to repave as the weather allows. In the meantime—

**PLEASE SLOW  
DOWN  
ROUGH ROAD  
LIMITED  
VISABILITY**

## The SH Moot & Greet

Our September social event at the Arts Centre was enjoyed by all who attended. A good turn out of new Sandy Hookers and we were pleased to see some 'old' faces we had not seen for sometime. The darn ferry kept about 8 people away as that was the weekend it limped. Your board is thinking that two social events a year would be a good idea although it might be decided to make one of them a picnic. Anyway it is fun to meet the neighbours. A set of pictures are up on the website so if you missed the 'do' you can see what you gave up.



Everyone socializing while Gray looks on.



Weather and energy permitting(!) watch for a new bulletin board installation near the mail boxes on Coracle Drive.

**Have a Happy Holiday Season and a Great New Year**



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