



Sandy Hook Community Association

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Boat Launch

We have held off any towing away of boats for a month or so. It is winter and we want to give as much time to all that we can to kind of wake up and register. Nevertheless it is going ahead soon so if you have not registered a boat spot for an existing boat do it now. Online at www.sechelt.net for the Sandy Hook pages or phone 885-5766.

VERY IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL IN SANDY HOOK

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS—What are they and Why?

There are plans in place for all Sechelt neighbourhoods except Sandy Hook and Tuwanek. At last it is our turn. For the past several months Sue Jackel and I along with reps from Tuwanek have been working with Community Planner Andre Boel to develop such a plan. Specifically, something that ties in with the fairly recently approved Vision Plan for the District and the long standing Official Community Plans (OCP).

We are now at the stage where input from the interested members of our neighbourhood is essential to further progress. Therefore, an Open House is scheduled for Sunday, November 23rd.

Information will be available including:

- Overview of the area with trends from the recent past regarding demographics and development activity.
- Preliminary policy direction for the next 20 years
- The neighbourhood planning process

At 2 PM there will be a presentation followed by a question period and discussion.

Your interest and input are very important to the success for the exercise. Let's show them we care. See ya! - Gray Waddell, President

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1 PM TO 4 PM

At the

ARTS CENTRE

(5714 Trail Avenue)

Also Meet & Greet

Back by popular demand, we are holding another of our super fun and friendly gatherings for all Sandy Hook Community Association Members.

With wine and cheese and snacks and goodies

Open and FREE to all members over 18 (liquor thing you know)

Memberships available at the door * See Note

WHERE? - The Arts Centre (Trail and Medusa)

WHEN? - Saturday, November 29th

TIME? - 5 PM to 7 PM

Be sure and mark your calendar

The sixth of our "Meet and Greets" where everyone has a great time meeting their fellow Sandyhookers. The more the merrier so drag your neighbour along with you.

P.S. Your President will be giving a BRIEF report on SHCA (No such thing as a free lunch—grin)

* Note

SHCA Memberships are: \$10 Per person and good for the calendar year BUT any bought this night will be good for all of 2009 too.

CoastRide update



WOW! Have we been surprised at how this has gone so far and the potential for greater things.

As at this date 58 residents of Sandy Hook have registered as either Drivers or Riders or both. Many more have indicated they want to register but have "Just not got around to it".

Most folks registered as "Both" so they will do pickups but also on occasion hitch a ride—save the environment, save gas and meet their neighbours.

Already some neat anecdotes are coming in.



Arrived to house sit for a month but without a car and no bus service one lady had a bit of a panic attack but then saw the notice on the bulletin board. Registered as a Rider and the same day was into town and back for groceries without any problems.



Registered as both Driver and Rider, one Sandyhooker had an eye operation and was barred from driving for a few weeks. Used her Rider card back and forth to town for meetings and social events.



Young couple had a major breakdown in their truck—beyond the current budget to fix. Off to work and shopping each day.

Some Drivers have commented they see no one to pick up and are sort of disappointed. It seems you are all picking Riders up so fast there are rarely any waiting. Few even get to the CoSpots but are picked up walking to them.

Good for you Sandy Hook.

East Porpoise Bay's community association board has agreed to join in although that is not reality yet. That will expand the rides available and will make the program even more viable. Once they are in it is likely that Tuwanek will join too. We have had indications of interest from other communities further afield. Stay up to date at the Special website at www.coastride.net

Remember:

Don't just talk about green house emissions and global warming but do something - **CoastRide.**



SilverBack?????

By the time you get this newsletter our municipal elections will be over. During the campaigning a reoccurring question was about the support for the new sewer project and the promised contribution of the SilverBack project. While nothing is for sure, the tone of the answers from the candidates was consistently that this project appears dead for the time being. It would seem our quiet little goat trail from town will remain so for the time being and we will not be faced with a major change in the character of Sechelt. Maybe in a few years this will come up again.

Secondary Suites



Secondary (Basement or other) suites are now legal in the District but subject to some rules. They must register with the district, must provide an extra parking space on the property in addition to the two required now and the owner must be resident in the house at least 9

months of the year. There are some other rules too but any enforcement will be by complaint only for now. It is not known when the suites will have to be brought up to the building codes if they are in breach now.

Your Sandy Hook Website



One by one the websites for the community associations are being redone. It is hoped that giving them a fresh feel will make them more appealing and lead you to their gems more easily. For the techy's out there the pages are now resolving in the bigger screen format as statistics show less than 19% of web surfers are still in the older small size. Some things to research:



On the Sandy Hook site—maps for your guests to find your home and for all to walk the woods. Links to websites of fellow Sandyhookers and archives of past newsletters, letters and minutes. Pictures galore including some from the 1980's and more...



On the main SCAF site there are links to many helpful sites for your living in Sechelt, information about local services with helpful phone numbers, minutes of meetings.

Did you know you can post a classified ad there or get the latest local weather or find reference materials or quickly jump to the library, the District or Hidden Grove site.



Explore the sites of the other community associations and see what they are doing. AND... visit often for constant updates.

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YOUR Neighbourhood Plan—
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