



Sandy Hook Community Association

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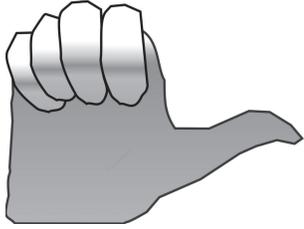
When Sandy Hookers can't get a bus, they get smart!

CoastRide program to start.

Join in

A Transit System with no bus—good for the environment—save gas— meet neighbours—reduce the carbon footprint.

See more detail at: www.coastride.net



How does it work?

1. Participants—You can be:

- A DRIVER—You have a car and agree that most of the time when you go to town or are coming back you will pick up CoastRide registered folks at one of the designated CoSpots and drop them off in Sechelt where it is convenient for you or on the way to home in Sandy Hook where it is convenient to you. You will have a visor card to identify you.
- A RIDER—Whether you own a car or not you can be at one of the CoSpots and show your registration card to CoastRide drivers who stop for you and so get a ride to or from town.
- BOTH A RIDER and A DRIVER—you own a car and are a registered Driver but sometimes your trip is not so pressing so you decide to save gas, the environment and meet a neighbour so you opt to be a Rider that day. Other days you take your car and act as a Driver.

2. Register—Registering is one of the safety features since you will have a card with your photo on it that identifies you as a CoastRide participant. Registering is pretty easy:

- We are holding 2 registration days hoping that most folks will take the time those days to join in. If you cannot make one of the days then you can phone to book a time another day.
- Drivers have to bring their driver's license.
- Riders must bring some form of photo ID and if they are under the age of 18, they must bring a parent or guardian.
- Obviously if you are going to take the "BOTH" option then comply with both requests.
- At registration, you will fill out a simple application form and sign a waiver to protect the community asso-

REGISTRATION DAYS

1. Saturday, October 4th at 5866 Deerhorn Road from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM
2. Sunday, October 5th at 6028 Coracle Drive from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

If you cannot attend one of these days then phone and make an appointment with Bob D'Arcy (885-5766) for most any date later.

Some Simple Rules:

- Under NO circumstance must any money change hands. This could present serious legal issues and insurance default.
- It is ALWAYS the drivers' option to pick someone up or not. They may be in a hurry one day or just having a bad day or not like the look of you!
- Always be courteous and polite
- No smoking or eating or drinking in the car.
- No pets unless an emergency and the driver concurs

ciation and its volunteers. Your picture will be taken for the card(s).

- Cards will be delivered to you in the days following registration as it takes time to print and laminate them all.

CoSpots (pickup locations)

In Sandy Hook

- All post box locations in Sandy Hook. Clearly some are better for getting a ride than others due to traffic flow so it would be wise to walk to one on a main route (SH Road for example)
- Shrimp Road at the bottom of the big hill (see sign to be posted)
- Deerhorn and SH Road on right

side of SH Road (see sign to be posted)

In Sechelt

- On the sidewalk beside the Shell station on Trail Ave.
- On the sidewalk at the Daily Roast on Wharf at the lights.

IT IS ALL FREE

(Might be a \$2. charge for replacement Rider cards just to encourage care)

Go to: www.coastride.net

Special Edition

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BOATS TOWED AWAY!

As we write this newsletter the final steps in cleaning up the Sandy

Hook Park boat launch is under way. The notice to register has been public since April, stickers were placed on all unregistered boats and your newsletter has reminded everyone twice. Now the District Parks Department are starting to haul away the boats in unregistered spots to store them for a period in their yard.

Freed up spots will be allocated first to those who are registered in order of registry and who want a different spot. The remainder will be open to new registrants. We will contact registered owners by email or phone but it may be a month before this is done.

If you have neglected to register your spot it may not be too late so go to our website and follow the links to the Sandy Hook Boat Registration. If your boat has already been taken away then contact the District Parks Department.

Hidden Grove News

The effort to save the Grove goes on as the so-called community forest still includes the Grove in its allo-

cated forest. We have been given a moratorium to 2011 but after that the Grove may be logged. Kevin Davies, the GM of the Community Forest, has said there are only 12 or 13 trees worth saving! Even some of the more receptive CF board members do not seem to understand what area the Grove encompasses and talk often of only the little area as you first enter.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? First, talk it up often to everyone so it is always at the forefront. Second—Use it. The more it is used the more proof of its recreational values—so walk it once a week or so and take all your visitors.



On September 7th two large groups (over 40 folks); The Gentle Hikers of Gibson and Sechelt, toured the Grove with your Grove committee members. Many had never been to the Grove and were in awe after a short while. You can see pictures and listen to commentary on the website at www.hiddengrove.info.

Sechelt Heritage Forest

Board member Rupert Clark is working on a new and clearer map of this forest and copies will be placed on posts in the forest to help you all better navigate the trails. We also plan on putting a supply at the tourist office in town to encourage visitors.

A work in progress but hopefully done in the next month or so.

Association Buys Laminator

Last month as part of the CoastRide project and to enhance our efforts in the community we have purchased a laminator of signs and cards. It is for use by your Association and Sandy Hookers who have community important items to post in a protected plastic covering. For use by others there has to be a charge of \$1 per item to cover the costs of the sleeves. You can request laminating by calling Bob D'Arcy at 885-5766.

Doggie Who?

Not long ago a dog showed up in a neighbourhood yard and made himself comfortable. I thought I recognized him but I had no idea where he lived. He had soft trusting eyes and didn't act at all worried. He wore a collar with a dog tag attached.

It being a weekend it wasn't possible to ask District staff to trace the tag number to a name and address. I contacted the duty bylaw officer only to be told that access to the registry records was not

available on off-hours. SPCA said they'd be glad to take him if all else failed. The dog happily accepted a ride to a friend's place who identified the dog and his owner. Checked the owner's home but no one home. Friend kept the dog overnight and he was re-united with his owner's the next morning.

Moral of the story? In the interests of all concerned you should have more identification attached to your pet than just the license required by law. A name, address, a phone number or anything helps. You can buy tags at Suncoast Lock on Cowrie street. Your dog and your neighbours will love you for being so thoughtful.—Gray Waddell



Once More. Don't forget.

The "all residents' survey" said you really wanted this so Remember to Register

www.coastride.net

CoastRide Registration—Saturday Oct. 4 and Sunday Oct. 5

Save Gas—Save the planet