



Sandy Hook Community Association Newsletter Winter 2021

Update to Neighbours in Sandy Hook

On Sunday, October 24th the annual AGM for the Sandy Hook Community Association met at the Seaside Centre, on what was a very stormy day. Kudos to all who were able to attend. As we have had many new homeowners move into the Sandy Hook area recently, we thought it prudent to reach out to everyone residing in our quaint community; to introduce ourselves to the newbies and to remind others, who may not otherwise be aware, that the SHCA is your community resource centre for community activity, concerns, projects and social connection.

At this year's AGM we voted in our new board and discussed many topics, some which have rolled over from last year's summer 2020 AGM meeting at Tot Park.

The focus of this article is to outline the most talked about issue: How does the Sandy Hook Community Association make and enact decisions that involve all people who reside in Sandy Hook?

In Sandy Hook we have many passionate residents. While sometimes challenging, overall, this is a good problem to have, in that we all are engaged at some level of involvement. But, to execute decisions it is the members of the SHCA who drive the final outcome of the many projects on our agenda. To have your voice heard, we encourage you to become members of the association. **MEMBERSHIP + YOUR VOTE = MOVING FORWARD ON DECISIONS.** For example, agenda items such as:

- Sandy Hook sign
- Proposed new shelter
- Repair of the bulletin boards
- Boat launch, and more,

all need your involvement, over and above the armchair quarterback discussions we see on our Everything Sandy Hook Facebook page.

So, How Do I Become a Member?

It's \$10 per year and it's easy to sign up. Sign up in person at an AGM, any meeting (our SHCA meets the first Sunday each and every month), or get a membership form online:



www.sandyhookca.org If you have trouble with these methods, reach out by email or phone and we can help. We can even send a member of the association to your home to help you sign up.

We will be posting this newsletter on the bulletin boards in the community, and on our website, www.sandyhookca.org. On the website you will also find a catalogue of information such as past agenda items, minutes, and upcoming discussion topics.

We have many items on the agenda that need your vote and involvement. We also have many residents who are looking for community connection. As a member you will have the gift of both!

We meet the first Sunday of every month. This meeting is open to members and those who want to join. For people who can't connect to the association through a computer please contact Cathy or Ryan at our phone numbers below or if preferred you can always send a letter with your request to the mailing address listed at the bottom of the page.

*Sincerely your neighbours, Cathy Macartney 604 328 7599
Ryan Chalke 604 809 8008 & Cindy Hughes*



Spooky Sandy Hook

Thanks to everyone who participated in Halloween candy distribution this year. The kids had a great time and residents enjoyed seeing their terrifying and creative costumes. It's nice to see so many young people in our hood and the community spirit of everyone who joined in.

Living Safely and Respectfully with Resident Bears

The Sunshine Coast Bear Alliance Society has a mission to end human-bear conflict on Sunshine Coast by fostering a pragmatic understanding and appreciation of our bears so that residents, bears and visitors can have a safe and respectful co-existence. The SCBAS's motto is: "Replacing Fear with Knowledge."

Bears who have become accustomed to consuming non-natural food such as human garbage and various other attractants are at risk of being killed by the Conservation Service. The alliance provides educational information to our community via door to door canvassing, neighbourhood signage, community displays, presentations, social media and their website. For more information about living with our bears go to www.scbearalliance.com, email at scbearalliance@gmail.com or join the Facebook group at Sunshine Coast Bear Alliance.



Let's Light Up the Hook

Christmas is around the corner. We would love to encourage everyone to light up their homes this year. Imagine how beautiful it would be if many homes displayed some Christmas lights? Fa la la la - get your Xmas spirit on! No scrooges or you will get coal in your stocking.



Pooch Profile: Meet Frodo

Hi, I'm Frodo! I live on Sandy Hook Road. I was born in Iran then I came on a big plane trip to meet my new humans Jen and Ryan here in the hook a few years ago. I enjoy treats, getting attention and being adorable. Also I like my bed.

