



We welcome letters to this newsletter and items of interest to the residents of this area. Member submissions must include author's name and telephone number.

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**Northwest Nanoose Residents Association**

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To all those who have recently moved to the Nanoose area, welcome to our community. We hope you will become members of the NNRA. It's a great way to stay informed and meet your neighbours and for us to get to know you. To save time, here is an application form to fill out and mail in along with your cheque for \$10. Membership is \$10 for one calendar year (Jan 1 to Dec 31) and you may pay for 2, 3 or 4 years at a time."

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**Northwest Nanoose Residents Association Membership Application Form**

FEE: Ten Dollars per household for 2005

**Application for Membership in the Northwest Nanoose Residents Association**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults in household?: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member?  or Renewal?

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**Legislation Committee**

**Nanoose Bay Official Community Plan  
Chronology of Events**

- May 30, 2005 Revised draft Nanoose Bay OCP presented to the community at Public Information Meeting.
- June 6, 2005 Publication of Amended Draft Nanoose Bay OCP
- June 14, 2005 Regional Board grants Nanoose Bay OCP Bylaw No. 1400, 2005 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and refers the Bylaw to a Public Hearing
- June 27, 2005 Public Hearing at Nanoose Place

**To Come**

- July 22, 2005 Minutes of June 27<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing to be released.
- July 26, 2005 Regional Board Meeting to receive Minutes of the June 27<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. Regional Board expected to give Nanoose Bay OCP Bylaw No. 1400 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and forward it to the Minister of Community Services (Hon. Ida Chong) for review and approval.



## WATER & WASTE COMMITTEE

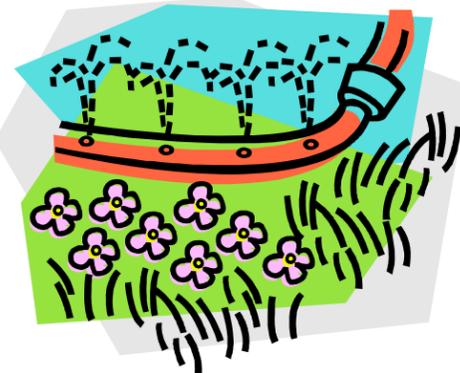
### WATER

The RDN has now completed the planned amalgamation of the seven water systems that exist in the Nanoose Peninsula **for operational purposes**; there will now be a single entity which will be known as the "Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water Service Area". The reserves, debt and surpluses will remain on the old individual service area bylaws until they are expended or retired.

Our summer supply source is once again the Englishman River, and Madrona LSA has been taking water from it since May. In late June, however, this service was extended to other Nanoose areas, and peak volumes of 500 imperial gallons per minute have been reached when filling reservoirs.

The extremely wet weather has led to a decline in the Madrona LSA water usage in 2005 compared with last year. Winter volumes are fairly constant since there is virtually no irrigation, nevertheless the increase in rainfall of 48% for the period Jan 1 to June 30 translated into a decline in usage of about 25%. Although we all hope there is some summer yet in store, residents should be able to look forward to a reduction in their water bills this year.

Notwithstanding the wet weather, we are still on Conservation Level 2, which means sprinkling is restricted to two days per week – Wednesdays and Saturdays for even numbered houses, and Thursdays and Sundays for odd numbered houses, from 6am to 10am, and 6pm to 10pm. Residents should be aware that a new bylaw is in place whereby infractions will be ticketed; there is a \$50 fine for the first infraction, \$150 for the second, and \$300 for the third.



### SEWERS

The Madrona Sewer Project is on hold until such time as we can apply for Federal/Provincial Infrastructure funding, which is dependent on the approval of the OCP and the consequent zoning changes – a process which, it is hoped, will be complete later this fall. In addition, the cost estimates provided in the March 2004 report by Koers and Associates Engineering need to be updated in order to provide residents with proper information upon which to vote, and for purposes of establishing funding needs.

Residents should be aware, however, that there could be further delays: there is a requirement in the OCP for a feasibility study of several alternative methods of sewer service to the Nanoose Peninsula as a whole, rather than Madrona in isolation. Details may be found at Section 5.8 of the OCP.

It is reported that the City of Parksville was asked to reconsider its decision to deny the developer of the Gilmore lands access to the existing sewer which goes from Pacific Shores to the French Creek treatment plant. Unfortunately this appeal failed and, as reported earlier, some method of on-site sewage disposal will be used with the potential for adverse impact upon our aquifer.

## Neighborhood Performs Marine Rescue!

### Scenario:

Late Saturday afternoon, July 30, Shirley Cooper observed from her Madrona Drive window a small boat in distress in Northwest Bay. The boat then overturned, throwing the lone occupant overboard into the water – without a life jacket! Shirley immediately phoned 9-1-1 and gave the location. She then tried to locate someone closer who could go to the rescue. She phoned several people in the neighborhood, but no one had a boat immediately available. One of those Shirley phoned, Diane Hill, contacted Beachcomber Marina who said they would dispatch a boat.

Shortly after, the Canadian Coast Guard inflatable rescue boat arrived in the vicinity, but somehow motored past the overturned boat and the waving boater. Fortunately, John and Hamish Bodnar were at their boat at Wall Beach when they were alerted to the distress. They immediately sped to the overturned boat and towed the boat and the unfortunate boater to shore at Colin and Georgene Wykes' house.

The boater, who was hypothermic by this time, having been in the water for about half an hour, was helped ashore, then taken inside, dried off, given dry clothes, and warmed up. He was subsequently assessed by BC Ambulance Paramedics, and pronounced fit to return home. He was picked up by relatives and with his boat, motor and fishing gear, returned to Beachcomber where he was staying.

This story is simple to tell, but a lot of neighbors pitched in to ensure it had a happy ending.

### Hats off to the following:

Shirley Cooper, for being so observant, for dialing 9-1-1, and for trying to locate a more immediate rescue boat.

Diane Hill, for having the presence of mind to phone Beachcomber Marina – an obvious place to try to get a boat!

John and Hamish Bodnar, in the small boat from Wall Beach, for speeding to the scene and towing the boat and boater to shore, and thereby saving the boater's life.

Colin and Georgene Wykes (and family), Rudi and Trish Withershoven (and family), Denny Pearce, and Bruce Galick, for getting the boater out of the water and securing the boat, motor and fishing gear. They ultimately loaded the boat, motor, and gear into Colin Wykes' truck and delivered it back to Beachcomber where the boater was staying. Now, that's service!

Rosemarie Davenport, for taking the boater inside, giving him dry clothes, blankets and hot tea while waiting for the Paramedics.

### What can we learn from this?

If you see a boater in distress, particularly one who has been thrown into the water, do not hesitate to phone 9-1-1, as Shirley did. Give as accurate a location as possible. If you can, stand on the beach and wave something bright to attract the attention of the rescue boat, and point to the location of the overturned boat or person in the water. Remember, the Coast Guard cannot identify street addresses from the water, and it is difficult to see people in the water, from the water.

If you know someone who can launch their own boat quickly and conduct the rescue sooner, then give them a call. You might also phone Beachcomber Marina, as Diane did, at 468 7222; but phone 9-1-1 first. It's better to have too many than too few rescuers.

