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**Northwest Nanoose Residents Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, June 5, 2006, 7:00 PM
Nanoose Place**

AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING

- Introductory Comments (Kirke MacMillan, President)
- Adoption of Minutes of 2004 AGM & 2005 AGM
- Financial Report (Frank Herman, Treasurer)
- Committee Reports & Member Questions
- Election of Directors

BREAK—Refreshments to be supplied

DISCUSSION

- George Holme, Director, Area E, RDN Board
- Guest speaker from RDN

Please attend and actively participate in our 5th AGM.



Kirke MacMillan

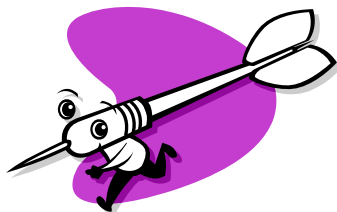
Daily, Weekly or Monthly Neighbourhood Activity Groups

Thanks to all the residents who answered the survey in the January 2006 newsletter. There is a definite interest in the following activities:

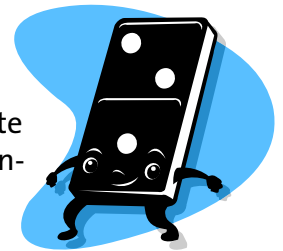
Bridge Game
 Exercise Group – interest in walking, hiking, Tai Chi and Yoga
 Gardening Group and Plant Sale
 Lunch Bunch
 Poker Club
 Quilting

There is also some interest in the following activities:

Book Club
 Cards - Euchre
 Christmas Carolers
 Creative Writing
 Darts
 Dinner Club



Dominoes
 Folk Singing
 Friendly Phone Service – I have someone to coordinate if you need a call each morning
 Making Greeting Cards and Gift Containers
 Movie Group
 Scrapbooking



If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please call one of the following people below and we will coordinate your first get-together. The first meetings will be held by the middle of May 2006.

Diane Hill 468-7757
 Jeannie Gregory 468-5553
 Ann Voshall 468-1654

Water and Waste Committee Report

WATER

Last year a new committee was formed: the Nanoose Water Users Committee (NWUC) - to represent a wider spectrum of Electoral Area E than just the residents of the NNRA. This committee is chaired by Ron Kuhn of NPORA, and has three other members – Gordon Buckingham of the Arrowsmith Watershed Coalition Society, Gary Hackney of the Fairwinds Community Association, and Mike Rich of the NNRA. The pooling of information and ideas will work to the benefit of all four groups, and where appropriate will afford an opportunity to deal with the RDN on a common front.

On March 7, the NWUC was invited by the RDN to a demonstration of three new interactive software programs designed for them by Aquavic of Victoria. One program deals with the water supply and demand balance over a number of forecast years; a second deals with rate-making; and a third with Capital Cost projections. While the programs are not self optimizing, they are capable of accepting a host of variables and analyzing the results. These are new and powerful tools and the NWUC found them most impressive.

Please remember that watering restrictions are now upon us: Conservation Level 1 started on April 1st, and will continue until the end of May. Sprinkling may be done between 6am and 10 am, and between 6pm and 10 pm every other day, with even-numbered houses sprinkling on even-numbered days, and odd-numbered houses on odd-numbered days. Hand-watering with a hose may be done at any time, provided the hose has some type of shut-off mechanism at the operator end.

SEWER

At a meeting with Area E Director George Holme and RDN support staff, it was reported that funding had been set aside in the 2006 budget for updating the March 2004 Koers Report on the Madrona Sewer, and for the other sewer prefeasibility studies required by Section 5.8 of the OCP. The amounts seemed to be on the low side, and the RDN was asked to review the costs and to ensure that the work be undertaken as soon as possible. With no monies remaining in the Federal/Provincial infrastructure funding budget for the current year, we need to be in a position to apply for 2007 funds, and we understand there is already a wait list of other projects in BC hoping for these funds.

Residents should consider whether it is in their best interests to acquire sewers, even if no grants should be forthcoming. Many of the septic systems in the area are old, and in the event of failure, must be replaced with an approved alternative. The options are few, and largely consist of either on-site treatment facilities, or pump and haul, both of which can be expensive. Because each residence has its own individual characteristics (building orientation, high or low side of the road, slope from current septic tank to the road, and so on) it is difficult to give an estimate of cost, although we hope that Koers will be able to provide some guidelines when they update their earlier report. It is to be hoped that a significant portion of the costs of the Madrona Sewer Project can ultimately be offset by way of a Federal/Provincial Infrastructure grant.

Once the Koers update is complete, your Committee plans on conducting a brief survey to measure residents' reaction.

Mike Rich



Lawn & Garden Weed Controls

(This is an excerpt from the article "Putting Your Lawn and Garden into De-Tox," reprinted with permission from the series "Toxic Smart Alternatives," published by the Georgia Strait Alliance. To view the entire article, as well as other articles describing Toxic Smart alternatives for household cleaning and solvents visit the Georgia Strait Alliance website at <http://www.georgiastrait.org/>)

Many weed killers pose an unnecessary hazard to groundwater, and when washed away by rain, to local waterways and aquatic life. Some herbicides may target and kill specific plants, while others are not species specific and will kill everything they touch, including the lawn you are trying to protect. Remember that weeds can be useful: they attract valuable wildlife, help nearby plants to grow strong and healthy, provide food and shelter for beneficial insects, and many are attractive and may even be edible!

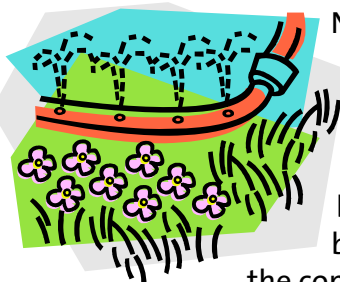
FOR LAWNS

- Aerate every 2-4 years by removing small cylindrical cores from lawn or use a thatching rake to remove the thatch.
- Plant a mixture of grasses, rather than one variety
- Mow weekly, keeping grass between 1 1/2" to 2" in length.
- Water lawn deeply and infrequently.
- Remove weeds, including dandelions, by hand before they seed.



FOR GARDENS

- Hoe, hoe, hoe! Invest in quality tools suited to your gardening needs.
- Reduce weeds by improving soil quality. Add compost, manure or mulch. They can be an important source of plant nutrients and organic matter while also improving the soil's ability to hold water and helping to protect against erosion.



Note: Be cautious about applying too much manure in the rainy fall as it can contribute to water and air pollution. Don't put the seeds, roots or other parts of invasive species (e.g. blackberry, ivy, morning glory, bamboo) in your compost pile. Heat from the composting process kills most seeds and roots, but it isn't usually hot enough to kill aggressive invasive species such as these.

Better: Products containing corn gluten meal inhibit the growth of weed seeds. Corn gluten meal then breaks down into useful nutrients, which pose no health or environmental threat.

Best: Pull them out! But remember, some weeds can be beneficial.

Fertilizers/Soil Amendments

Fertilizers and soil amendments may help the garden look healthy, but excess nutrients can be washed away in heavy rainfall—polluting our waterways. This is particularly dangerous if the fertilizer also contains weed killers. "Weed 'n' Feed" products spread toxic herbicides over entire lawns, whether weeds are present or not.

Better: Choose a fertilizer that is best suited for the plants you are growing. Commercial fertilizers and soil conditioners containing slow releasing nutrients promote slow, steady growth (e.g. bone meal slowly releases calcium and phosphorus into the soil), while reducing the possibility that excess nutrients will run off and contaminate surface water. Also, avoid fertilizing when plants are about to fall dormant in autumn. Most plants only need fertilizers in the spring and summer when they are growing most actively.

Best: Organic! Start your own yard or worm compost, using organic waste such as: fruit/vegetable peelings, lawn clippings, coffee/tea grounds, etc. Or make your own organic fertilizer (see recipe on following page):



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Organic Fertilizer

4 cups seed meal or fishmeal
1 cup rock phosphate (or 1/2 cup bone meal)
1/2 cup kelp meal
1 cup* agricultural lime or dolomite
Mix all ingredients together in a large bucket.
Use in garden or on lawn.

Note: Bone meal should be mixed into soil, not left on the surface, as it is attractive to dogs.

Recipe from the Territorial Seed Catalogue.

*Adjust lime/dolomite levels as needed as too much can make soil acidic.

Disease Controls

Chemicals designed to control plant diseases are often hazardous to humans, wildlife, soil, and/or water quality.

Better: Safer's brand Defender Garden Fungicide.

Best: Select disease resistant plants or prepare your own organic mixtures (see "Preventive Recipes" at the end of this article).

Slugs and Snails

The damage caused by these mollusks can be frustrating; however, slug and snail baits that are spread on the ground are hazardous to dogs and other small mammals, and can be hazardous to aquatic life if washed into waterways. There are no substantially less toxic chemical products for controlling slugs and snails, so aim for chemical free control!



Follow these easy steps:

Reduce hiding places. Keep garden and yard clean and free of debris, pots, boards and other objects under which slugs and snails like to hide. Also, check under rocks, another popular hiding place!

Reduce humidity and moist surface. Slugs and snails favour moist areas; by switching from a sprinkler to a drip irrigation system you can reduce the amount of surface moisture in your garden.

Plant slug and snail resistant plants. These include: begonias, fuchsias, geraniums, and impatiens, as well as stiff leaved plants with highly scented foliage (i.e., lavender, sage, rosemary).

Create barriers. Slugs and snails do not cross copper as it reacts with their mucus, producing electricity. Since these mollusks travel on a soft foot, crushed egg/oyster shells (or anything prickly such as wood chips or fireplace ash) can also produce an effective barrier.

Trap and remove. A flashlight and a pair of tongs are a slug hunter's best friend! You can also create a beer trap using a small plastic container—cut holes near the lip, sink into ground leaving holes exposed, fill with beer (or 2 tbsp baking yeast to 1 gallon of luke-warm water, let sit 10 minutes then add 2/3 cup sugar) and secure lid in place. Empty often.

Preventive Recipes!

Fungal disease

Mix 1 part compost with 5 parts water; let stand one week then strain. Spray directly onto diseased plant.

Insect infestation and to control disease

Soak 85 g minced garlic in 10 ml mineral oil for 24 hrs, strain and add 600 ml water and 5 ml natural liquid dish soap.

OR: Mix powdered garlic with water and dish soap. Spray plants with a mixture of 15-30 ml garlic spray and 600 ml water.

Powdery mildew

Mix 5 ml baking soda, and a few drops liquid dish soap in 1 litre of water. Spray directly onto plant, weekly in spring before symptoms appear (only if plant has history of mildew).



A wide range of insects (including aphids, cabbage loopers, cabbage maggots, cutworms, leaf miners, mites, weevils, and whiteflies)

Mix 15 ml liquid dish soap and 235 ml oil (peanut, safflower, corn, soybean, or sunflower). Mix 5-12 of soap-oil base to 1 cup water and spray directly onto plant.

OR: Add several drops of an essential oil (rosemary, pine or citronella) to 235 ml water. Spray directly onto plant.

OR: Use garlic spray (recipe under "preventing insect infestation"). Spray plants with a mixture of 15-30 ml garlic spray and 600 ml water.

GIANT NEIGHBOURHOOD GARAGE SALE - May 27th, 2006

I hope everyone has had time to get organized for our 3rd Annual Neighbourhood Garage Sale!!!

DATE: Saturday, May 27th, 2008 - rain or shine

TIME: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Each house will hold their own garage sale on their own property and all the proceeds will be yours.

The NNRA will be responsible for advertising in the local newspapers. In the past the ads have said 'no early birds' but this year we have changed the hours and will let you open your sale when you want. The NNRA will also place signs along Northwest Bay Road direct people down Beaver Creek Wharf Road, Arbutus Drive, Ballenas Road and Wall Beach Road to direct prospective buyers into your area.

NOTE: Residents of Terrien Road, Bay Drive and Gracyn Drive—the first time we did the garage sale, a sign was placed on Northwest Bay Road directing customers down your way. Unfortunately, there were no garage sales down that way, resulting in confusion for customers and headaches for residents. This year, the sign WILL NOT be put up unless I get a phone call from at least one household on these streets that want to take part in the garage sale.

Please use your own balloons or place your own sign at the end of your driveway if you want so customers can find you easily once they turn off Northwest Bay Road.

Phone Diane Hill at 468-7757 if you have any questions about the garage sale. Remember, residents of Terrien Road, Bay Drive and Gracyn Drive must phone me or a sign will not be placed on Northwest Bay Drive.



WEBSITE FOR NNRA MEMBERS

The Board of Directors of NNRA supported the establishment of our own website in the summer of 2005. The website is now fully operational, regularly updated, and available to all registered members of NNRA. The website is simple to access and use. The website is accessed via www.nnra.ca, which displays a splash page. The user will see a series of items displayed, as follows:

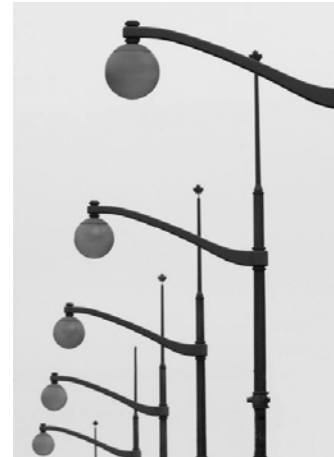
Map & Pictures-Constitution-Executive-Board of Directors-Newsletter-Committees-Contact Us-Links

Click on any of these items and a prompt will appear asking for a user name and a password, which is provided to each registered member as an enclosure in the April Newsletter, and changed annually. Enter these items and have the password manager store them for ease of future operation and click OK to activate.

To access any of the items, click on the item and more detail will appear. In the Map and Picture section, a further click on each image will enlarge it to screen size. The Director item has records of agendas and meeting minutes for each of the BOD meetings held since the website was established. Click on any agenda or meeting minutes sub-item and the report will be displayed. Committee reports provided to the webmaster are found in the Committee item section. Newsletters are available in that section, in colour, as provided by our Newsletter consultant.

If there are any questions or suggestions regarding the website, contact Dave Jamieson at 468-9262 or davidjamieson@shaw.ca.

David Jamieson



STREETLIGHTING

Due to the development of the properties on the south side of North West Bay Road across from Beaver Creek Wharf Road and Ballenas, the RDN is proposing the installation of street lights at the Ballenas Road and Beaver Creek Wharf Road intersections where they intersect North West Bay Rd.; these lights are being recommended for public safety. Traffic lights are not contemplated.

It is envisaged that there would be one light at each intersection, and all charges would be covered by the residents to the south and west of North West Bay Rd - NNRA residents would not face any incremental charges. A petition is being prepared for the owners of the two properties for extension of the street lighting service area to include all the new properties to the south and west of North West Bay Road.

If there are any NNRA residents living close to the proposed lights who feel they might be adversely affected by them, please call either Greg Field (468-9764) or Wayne Moorman of the RDN (390-6510; or by e-mail to wmoorman@rdn.bc.ca). If responding by e-mail, please be sure to include your street address.

The question of whether the speed limit should be reduced along this stretch of North West Bay Rd. is a matter outside the RDN's jurisdiction, and any decision would rest with the Ministry of Highways.

Mike Rich



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.

address letters to:

Northwest Nanoose Residents Association

P.O. Box 216

Nanoose Bay, B.C. V9P 9J9

NNRA@shaw.ca

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	Mail application and payment to: Diane Hill P.O. Box 216 Nanoose Bay, B.C. V9P 9J9
FEE: Ten Dollars per household for 2006	
Application for Membership in the Northwest Nanoose Residents Association	
Name(s): _____	
Address: _____	Postal Code: _____
Number of adults in household?: _____	Telephone Number: _____
New Member? <input type="checkbox"/> or Renewal? <input type="checkbox"/>	

WORKING COMMITTEES

Budget and Financial Plans – Mike Gray, Frank Herman, Dave Jamieson

Legislation – Kirke MacMillan (Chair), Wolf Reidel

Neighbourhood Issues – Greg Field

Waste & Water – Greg Field, Bruce Galick, Martyn Green, Ken Kyler, Ryan Petersen, Mike Rich (Chair), Bonnie Robertson, Colin Wykes

Membership – Anne Dobrowski, Diane Hill (Chair), Rhonda Lott

Social Committee – Jeanne Gregory, Diane Hill (Chair), Anne Voshall

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