

Sandy Hook Community Association Newsletter

2015
Summer

Meet Your 2015 Board Members



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AGM

Sandy Hook CA celebrated its AGM on May 28th this year. New Board members were introduced and we had an informative and timely presentation on Emergency Preparedness given by Bill Elsner, SCRD Emergency Programme Coordinator. The following issues were brought up to the membership as themes to be continued or new initiatives to be pursued this coming year.

Aging in Place: The idea of planning for independence and remaining in our homes as we age appeals to many people in Sandy Hook. The Board will be exploring how seniors can be helped to stay in their homes longer; what community support services are available, what is needed? A gathering will be held at a future date to discuss this issue.

Signage: New community signs have been provided by the DOS to some of our neighbouring communities. Many Sandy Hook residents feel this is an opportunity to refresh our sign- a new look and warm welcome to Sandy Hook. We are exploring this while looking at retiring our old sign to a place of honour at one of SH's parks.

Paving Skana: Discussions are ongoing and renewed efforts are being made with the DOS regarding the paving Skana Crescent.

Abandoned beach access staircase: Discussions are ongoing between the Board and the District of Sechelt regarding fixing a set of abandoned stairs off Coracle Drive leading to the only south facing beach in Sandy Hook. The city maintained that it was privately owned, but we have presented proof that it was originally a public access planned, built and maintained by city planners in the early days of Sandy Hook.

Emergency Preparedness: Ongoing efforts continue to keep Sandy Hook people informed about resources, planning and preparation in the case of disasters or crises in our community. In order to maximize response efforts, anyone with special skills, equipment or willingness to help should advise a Board member, as should anyone who might require special assistance. Getting to know your neighbours and helping each other are key -that's the spirit of Sandy Hook



In Remembrance

It is with sadness that we note the passing of a beloved member of the Sandy Hook Community, **Gray Waddell**. He was active with the Community Association for many terms. He cared deeply about Sandy Hook, its people, and the parks and trails around us. He will be missed.

Meet Your Neighbours



We have so many nice and interesting people living in Sandy Hook. With this newsletter feature, we will introduce people every quarter as a way to get to know our neighbours.

This is **Rob Rowe** from Coracle Drive. You may see him walking his little dog, "Jackson".

Rob's parents owned property here since 1963. He spent many happy summers in Sandy Hook as a child.

Rob was a teacher in Chilliwack. He taught mainly grade 6, but also 5, 7, 10, 11, and 12. When he retired he moved here full time and just loves life in Sandy Hook.

When you see him, ask him about what it was like in the early days.

Sandy Hook Resident Cuts the Ribbon



Sandy Hook resident, **Charles Ennis**, is president of the Sunshine Coast Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. On June 27th he stood with Mayors Bruce Milne, Wayne Rowe (Gibsons), and others to cut the ribbon on the opening of the observatory at the Sechelt airport. Charles put in a lot of hours, as did many of the other members to build this impressive site. The Observatory will be available for small groups such as Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, classrooms or groups of people interested in star gazing. Efforts continue with fundraising for a "warm room" which would include indoor seating and remote viewing of what the telescope is seeing on a big screen TV. To donate go to:

www.gofundme.com/xsc4g7b3

Good News!

We sent out two notices this week about Molly the dog who had gone missing and a boat that went missing from the boat launch. Good news! Both the dog and the boat are happily reunited with their owners.

Champion from Sandy Hook

16 year old Norco Factory Racing's **Magnus Manson** from Porpoise Drive has been selected to represent Canada at the 2015 UCI Downhill Mountain Bike World Championships in Vallnord, Andorra Aug 31-Sep 6th. Magnus lives with his parents, Ivana and Paul (both former competitive cyclists) and sister Francesca. All of Sandy Hook wishes him success!



Magnus Manson

Water Matters

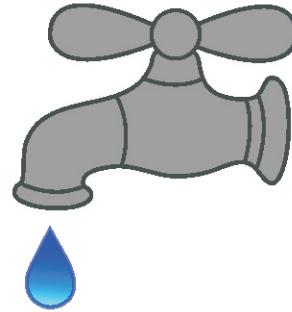
Climate change is a long-term reality that is creating hotter and dryer weather on the Coast that will require new strategies for protecting our water sources and conserving water. The SCRD has a water conservation programme. Their website points out that:

"In North America only about 1% of domestic water is used for cooking and drinking. The rest of our treated water is used for bathing, flushing toilets, washing clothes, watering lawns and gardens and many other uses."

"Residents of the Sunshine Coast consume more water than the average British Columbian and they consume more water than the average Canadian. Canadians consume way more water than the average for developed countries."

The goal of the SCRD's Water Conservation Program is to reduce the rate of drinking water consumption by promoting water efficient practices and technology. By doing this we can reduce the impacts on local streams and groundwater aquifers, and defer the need for expensive new water supply, storage and treatment infrastructure.

<http://www.scrd.ca/Water-Conservation>



10 Ways to Save Water

1. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth, washing your hands, or shaving.
2. Replace old showerheads which use 100L in a 5 min. shower with a high efficiency one that only uses 35 L.
3. Only run dishwashers and washing machines when full.
4. Turn off the shower to soap, shampoo, or shave. Turn it back on to rinse.
5. Turn the shower spray on half way instead of full blast.
6. Doing dishes by hand uses more water than a dishwasher. 5 thousand gallons a year more.
7. If you have unfinished bottled water, use it to water outdoors rather than pouring it down the drain.
8. Watering in early morning or late evening is the most efficient.
9. Take showers instead of baths. It takes 265 L (70 gal) to fill a tub, but only 35 L (10 gal) for a 5-minute shower.
10. Steaming veggies instead of boiling them uses less water.

URGENT NOTICE

Stage 3 Outdoor
Water Use Restrictions are in effect

Our water supply is at risk due to prolonged dry and hot weather. Effective immediately, until further notice, the SCRD has declared Stage 3 water use restrictions for all regional water users.

Stage 3 Water Use Restrictions - **BAN ON SPRINKLING AND OTHER WATER USE**

DO NOT:

Use sprinklers to water lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables, including newly seeded or sodded lawns.
Use hoses to wash sidewalks, driveways, vehicles, boats or equipment.
Fill residential swimming pools, hot tubs wading pools, garden ponds, or decorative fountains.

PLEASE DO:

Use hand-held hoses with shut-off devices for watering trees, shrubs, flowers, or vegetables.
Conserve water with every opportunity inside your home.

Sprinkling regulations are enforced, consequences range from fines up to \$200 to temporary shut-off of water services

Report violators to 604-885-6806
Go to www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations

They called it the Old Sechelt Mine Fire. It was discovered on Thursday July 2nd and continued until 423 hectares of forest was consumed and one beloved man lost his life. The fire, they say, was caused by a human. Residents of Carlson Point were under an evacuation order and people in Sandy Hook watched apprehensively, some gathered their irreplaceable belongs in their cars or by their doors.

This fire brought home the importance of emergency preparedness especially in Sandy Hook having limited access points. Luckily there are plans in place for how to help us if a disaster were to strike here. Another thing it did was to show what was really important. What was irreplaceable or merely inconvenient to have to replace. It lent perspective on the flotsam of our lives.

Emergency Preparedness Links

Here is a link offering advice on how to prepare for emergencies.

<http://www.interiorhealth.ca>

For updates on local fires or other emergencies, consult the Sunshine Coast Regional District website which has frequent updates:

<http://www.scrd.ca/>

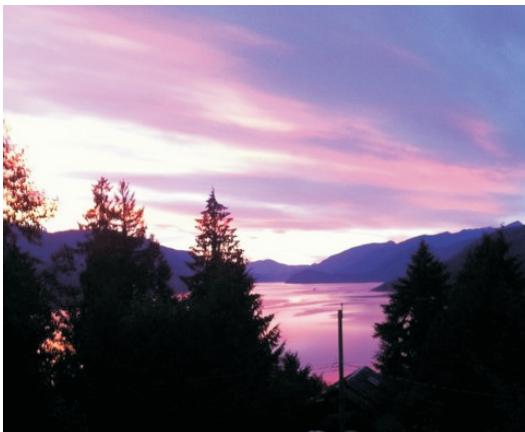
The Sunshine Coast maintains an Emergency Information site for all sorts of emergencies.

<http://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/>

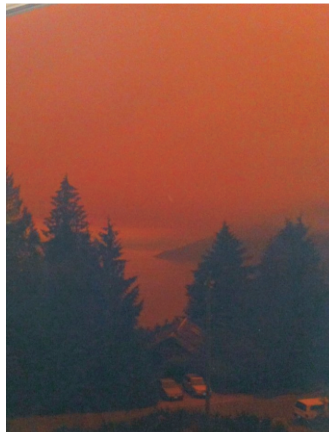
More often these days communication is fastest through social networking sites. For up to the minute updates and input from your neighbours, search for “**BC Emergency Info**” on Twitter.



Photo Jennifer Evans



Probably the prettiest sunset we've ever seen here



Sunday, before dawn. Red skies at night.



Day 1 looking down Skookumchuk

Star Party

Three astronomers from the Sunshine Coast Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society Canada set up their telescopes for the 2nd Annual Sandy Hook Star Party on Saturday July 18th. Several other members also showed up to answer questions.

34 people attended to view the sun through solar scopes and then after nightfall, the dark moonless night allowed visitors to see deep sky features including the Hercules, Double, and Wild Duck Star Clusters, The Ring Nebula, binary stars like Mizar, and Albireo, and two galaxies near the Big Dipper. The Milky Way was very prominent in our lovely Sandy Hook dark sky.



Sandy Hook Picnic

Families turned out for the annual SHCA picnic on Sunday July 19th. The day was hot but the kids enjoyed swimming, face-painting, a watermelon and doughnut eating contests. Folks relaxed under the shade trees and laughed with their neighbours and met visitors.



Sandy Hook Community Association 2015 Membership Form

You can use the same form for multiple members living at the same address
Please print clearly

First Name	Last Name	Phone(s)	E-mail

Sandy Hook Address: _____

Other Address (if relevant): _____

Date: _____

Membership Dues (\$10 per individual voting member) Total: _____

Cheque ☐

Cash ☐ (Don't mail cash)

Payment can be placed in a seal envelope in the SHCA mailbox located on the bulletin board near the mailboxes below Tot Park on Deerhorn. Or you can mail it to the SHCA Treasurer, 5922 Sandy Hook Road, Sechelt, BC V0N 3A4. You can also renew your membership at any SHCA events.

SHCA use only: Receipt provided by (Board Member) _____ Date _____	
Receipt	
Name of Member/s: _____ 	
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Date payment received: _____	
Board Member signature: _____	