



# Sandy Hook News



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**Sandy Hook  
Community Association**  
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## Your Board Members

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our annual A.G.M. will be held Thurs., May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
at Greencourt Hall (west end of Medusa behind the Senior's complex at  
Ocean and Medusa, just behind Hackett Park).

**We will be starting 7:00 p.m. SHARP. — SPECIAL: Guest Speaker**

PLEASE.....everyone welcome. We would love to see a big turnout of all  
Sandy Hookers. Come and meet your neighbours, and see what your Association is  
doing.

After the formal part of the meeting, the floor will be open to questions, discus-  
sions, etc. so we would love to see you there.

Eight of the current Board members will be staying on the Board, completing their  
terms. Two new volunteers have come forth and offered their help. Thank you to  
David Cripps and Tom Nash for answering our call for new people.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Sandra Sharkey*

Greetings everyone. This will be the last newsletter from your current Board as we will be  
having our Annual General Meeting and a new Board will be formed. Please mark your cal-  
endars and attend the meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Greencourt Hall. Our guest speaker will be Bill  
Higgs, our local Fire Chief.

The Public Works committee, headed by Ron Atkinson, has been hard at work in Sandy  
Hook Park, No-name Park (this is lot 63 between the east end of Skookumchuk Rd. and  
Deerhorn Drive), and the Tillicum Beach Access on Porpoise Drive. We want to thank all  
the volunteers who showed up for the "Gardening Bee" on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Your help, especially  
volunteers who are not on the Board, was greatly appreciated.

You will recall that we reported in the last newsletter that the "S" bend on Sechelt Inlet Road  
was to be worked on commencing April 8<sup>th</sup>. It seems there was a hitch in the plan and the  
date has been put forward. However, we are assured that the work will take place.

There are no further developments on the Block 350 issue. A recent article in "Our Forest

Community" newspaper, written by Brian Fournier of Interfor, clearly states that they will preserve the areas that were identified as  
important to the community at the outset of this debate. He also states that "this group (he is not referring to the SHCA) would like  
to see the entire area inside the municipal boundary protected as green space for the expansion of the "Sechelt Heritage Forest". We  
have repeatedly stated that the SHCA will form a committee of concerned residents to represent the community in any discussions  
with regard to Block 350 but they have never approached us or provided maps or plans to show exactly what they are proposing.  
We all know that there is no decision that will completely satisfy every position, however, there must be a compromise that can give  
all parties some level of comfort. This head butting and maneuvering are ineffective and painful for our community.

I find it distressing

On a lighter side.... spring is here! (would you believe there was a snow storm in Gibsons and Langdale on May 6<sup>th</sup>.... yikes).

**Membership - \$10.00 per person per calendar year**  
**Mail to Association Address above or drop in the FREE box at the Tot Park**

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**Check: Is YOUR membership up to date?!!**



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## PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: *Ron Atkinson*

The work on the Tillicum beach access is almost complete. New concrete stairs and a new handrail were put in by the District along with realigning the trail down to the beach to make it less steep and safer to walk down. The new crusher dust added will pack down so the area is not so slippery. The District has done a wonderful job and we are grateful to them and with the co-operation we received from John Gillespie, District Gardener, with this project.

Sandra touched lightly on the "Gardening Bee" at the boat launch. Thanks to all who gave their time and cleaned up all the Rhodo beds and surrounding areas. Bramble bushes were starting to choke the Rhodos but everything now looks beautiful... thanks to the working hands down there.

I delivered a letter to the District Administrator, Bill Brown, with the results of the informal survey done re playground equipment. We would have like to see more ballots turned in but we do thank those of you who took the time to fill them out. Several asked for shower facilities or at least, a fresh water tap so we asked for future consideration for these items. We hope to have more news re the road and waterline problem going down Sandy Hook Rd. to Shrimp Way. Hopefully, we will have a report in time for the AGM.

## BITS AND PIECES

So far, we haven't received any reports of Bear sightings but please give a Board member a call if you spot one so we can let people in the community know that they're back.

Just a reminder to check and make sure your house address number is very visible to the road. It still surprises me that there are a few houses with no address showing. Try and imagine if the police or an ambulance is called and they can't find your house. Scary!

If you haven't done so, please renew your membership with the SHCA. If you aren't sure whether your membership is up, give Harold a call and he can check the records. We need your support.

To those who are fairly new to Sandy Hook, please be aware that our park down by the boat launch is for everyone to use. It is deceiving seeing what looks like a private road going towards the house at the park boundary. The whole grass and garden area belongs to the public and is part of the Park, right up to the boundary at the edge of the house. The road is for use only by the residents of the house but you can walk down into the whole area to picnic or let the kids play.

## TURN OUT FOR THE AGM

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: *Julie Towle*

This will be my last newsletter. After eight years on the SHCA Board, it's time for me to step down and let someone else take over. Every organization needs fresh blood and new input. Because I have had a lot of years on the Board, please forgive me if I appear to be rambling but there are a few things I would like to say.

To all the wonderful Sandy Hookers I have met over the years, I look forward to our continued friendship. I especially want to thank the ten people who go up and down our driveways delivering the Newsletter. Without you, there would be no newsletter. I don't know who will be taking over my job but I know you will give him/her all the support you have given me and our entire community thanks you for your continued spirit.

I have fond memories of two special people involved with the SHCA who have passed on, namely, Jay Hess who was on the Board for years and Jeff Wickens who delivered the newsletter to two nightmare routes. You both enriched my life and I am grateful for the opportunity of knowing you.

Thanks to Bob D'Arcy, our Vice Pres., who is the most patient person on the face of the earth... trying to turn me into someone who can actually use one of these awful computers. I only put in the words... he does the fancy work but at least my typewriter is now collecting dust and I am getting more comfortable with this machine every day.

Norm and I look forward to still being part of the work parties as they can be fun and it will keep us involved with so many of the great people we have come to know.

## Julie Get's the Last Laugh



JUST FOR FUN  
THIS MONTH!

A doctor and his wife were having a big argument at breakfast. "You aren't so good in bed either!" he shouted and stormed off to work. By mid-morning, he decided he'd better make amends and phoned home. After many rings, his wife picked up the phone. "What took you so long to answer?"

"I was in bed."

"What were you doing in bed this late?"

"Getting a second opinion."

## SANDY HOOK WEB PAGE NEWS

### New since the last newsletter:

- ★ A collection of OLD pictures of Sandy Hook. Can you spot your house or street?
- ★ A screen saver of Sandy Hook Pictures
- ★ A Sechelt jig saw puzzle to try on the G8 entry page

### AND, remember there are all the following:

- ☞ Your Board minutes are on site as soon as approved
- ☞ Recent letters on Block 350 and the Ferry scene.
- ☞ The Main G8 site has links to special sites for emergencies, seniors, transport and more.
- ☞ See what other community associations are doing

### UPDATED AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH

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