

GRAFFITI

Most Broadmead residents will have seen graffiti around Greater Victoria and may wonder why this doesn't seem to be a problem in our immediate area. One reason for this may be that for over six years now a tiny group of the same two or three BARA volunteers has dealt with scores of graffiti on public property all over Broadmead. We do this by checking the streets either during the course of our normal activities or by active patrolling. When graffiti is found, we refer the matter to Saanich Public Works if it affects municipal infrastructure such as lamp posts or street signs, or we clean up the "tags" ourselves on non-municipal targets such as Telus boxes, BC Hydro transformer boxes, and power poles. We do this as soon as we find graffiti on the principle that the longer it remains, the more other "taggers" are encouraged to add to the graffiti. We also take photographs and report spikes in activity to the Saanich Police.

The same individual may place his "tag" on numerous surfaces spread over a wide geographic area and may return repeatedly to reapply his mark after it has been erased. At the moment, one of these battles, is ongoing with the same individual responsible for more than 40 tags, in Broadmead alone, in a four-month period.

Continued suppression of graffiti in Broadmead will depend on residents' willingness to help in one of two ways. First, more volunteers are needed, as ideally we would like to divide the area into smaller "neighbourhoods", with each being the responsibility of one person. Second, we ask that residents report any graffiti seen in Broadmead to BARA (info@broadmead.ca). This will aid in a timely response and reduce the need for us to regularly patrol the entire area and seek out graffiti.

Paint and other materials we require are provided to us by Saanich Municipality and BC Hydro, and we are grateful to them for helping us keep Broadmead a desirable place to live.



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Broadmead Area Residents' Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Cher's Farewell Tour lasted three years, and several years afterward she went on the road again. This is my second and final farewell as President of BARA (the first was in 2012); there won't be a third, but not because I haven't loved it. I agreed to stand in again for one year only, and the year has come to an end, but I will be keeping my hand in as the managing editor of *The Bugle*. As always, I enjoy working

with the residents of Broadmead and especially the members of the BARA board, who are committed to making Broadmead a wonderful place to live.

Looking back on my involvement with BARA for the past eight years, I feel privileged to have been part of the evolution of Broadmead and the implementation of several changes.

1. Our financial situation is stable, allowing us to plan projects, and a significant amount of money is in the covenant contingency fund.
2. Thanks to a matching grant from Saanich, this year we were able to donate \$6,000 toward the renovations and improvements of Emily Carr Park.
3. *The Bugle* is an attractive and informative newsletter, and along with the new and improved website www.broadmead.ca, allows communication on important community concerns. We want to be relevant to our residents, so please continue to contact us and suggest topics or write an article and submit it for publication.
4. Community Day is an annual occasion providing enjoyment for more than 500 people. We've settled on the Sunday after Labour Day for the event, so this year it will be held on September 13.
5. The award-winning renovation of Broadmead Village has created a focal point for the community.
6. We have an email distribution list of more than 400 addresses and membership of even more. We ask that you continue to spread the word about being a member of BARA.
7. The board of directors has increased from seven members to fifteen over the past eight years and is more representative of Broadmead's demographic.
8. We have a good working relationship with the municipality of Saanich in which they welcome BARA input rather than us fighting to be heard.

I encourage you to stay involved if you are a volunteer, and if not, consider becoming one. There are many ways to contribute, and both you and the community will benefit from your effort.

Best regards, and thanks for your support over the years,

Jim Griffith

EDITOR'S CORNER

"Oak Bay is the perfect place to live," I said to my husband. We had just moved to Victoria, and I believed my statement. I didn't realize then that a community in Victoria is about more than just historic architecture, walkability, and ocean views. I got my wish, and we found a small house rental a block from the ocean. There was a catch. We had to wait for it. We couldn't move in for one more month. We needed a place to stay, and we were lucky enough to live in Broadmead for a month in July 2012. The weather was hot, the sky deep blue every day when we looked up. While we discovered trails, people always said hello. They welcomed us on the playground. They smiled at my very active son when he banged open a freezer door at Thrifty's. They spent time talking to us, proud of their local school. On August 1, we moved to Oak Bay. But I wasn't as happy there as I had imagined. We felt connected to Broadmead after only a month of living there.

We wanted to move back, but with two very young kids, it had to be the right property and house, and we had signed a lease on our rental. We were even set on the area of Broadmead. "These are my two favourite streets," I would tell my husband as he laughed, but we were in agreement. As soon as our lease was up, we moved straight back to Broadmead, rented for a few more months, and finally found our home. As I hear time and time again from young families, we had been searching here for almost two years. We now live on a uniquely lovely street one block from where we stayed that month of July. On one of our two favourite streets.

Broadmead is a one-of-a-kind neighbourhood in Canada, but it's not just the natural beauty you sense when you walk through. We are proud of where we live. The sense of community and peace is wound here with the lodge pole pines and open spaces. For every person who welcomed us that month and every person who has welcomed us and new community members since, thank you.

Christine Block



RITHET RESERVOIR



Anyone who has taken the hiking trail off Perez Drive will recall the decrepit state of the water reservoir they walked around. Not only did it leak like a sieve but was about as earthquake-proof as it looked—a creaky structure that had seen better days.

Consequently, Saanich embarked on an \$8.8 million replacement capital program to demolish the old reservoir and replace it with a new earthquake-resistant structure. This was to be accomplished over a period of about two years. Demolition work began in February 2014.



Most of the old reservoir was flattened by mid-2014.

All concrete material was crushed and used as aggregate in the new structure.



Walls were up and support columns being installed by early November 2014. This is now a much quieter phase of the operation (i.e., fewer decibels).

Roof work was proceeding well by early January 2015.



Control centre of the general contractor, Island West Coast Developments Ltd.

All work appears to be proceeding on time and within budget. Appropriate landscaping will be done upon completion.

Ralph Ward



RITHET'S BOG UPDATE

Hairy Willowherb Removal

Recently we have been focusing much of our volunteer work-party effort toward the South Wetland area on the southeast side of the park, about halfway between Fir Tree Glen and the southwest entrance onto Chatterton Way. We are removing Himalayan Blackberry and Reed Canary Grass, two of our usual invasive culprits, but the predominant reason for working here is to remove Hairy Willowherb. It is an alien, invasive aquatic plant that nearby Washington State considers as destructive in wetlands as Purple Loosestrife.



Rithet's Bog has a small but well-established infestation of Hairy Willowherb in a drainage ditch located outside the perimeter trail. This infestation was starting to spread across the trail and into the adjacent Wet Meadow, which is important habitat for the endangered Vancouver Island Ringlet butterfly.

The decision to work on this infestation was motivated by concern that it was degrading the habitat of an endangered species and also because it was spreading, with the potential to overrun large areas of wetland at Rithet's Bog.

Our intention is to completely eradicate Hairy Willowherb from Rithet's Bog, and we are well on our way to accomplishing this goal. Native plants such as Horsetails and Broad Leaf Cattails are recolonizing the cleared areas, as well as mallards, shorebirds, garter snakes, frogs, dragonflies, and damselflies.

Although we are concentrating efforts on this single project, we will continue maintenance activities such as periodic Scotch Broom removal, annual swallow nest box cleaning, and patrols to remove Purple Loosestrife and Yellow Flag Iris.

We will also continue special projects such as the fall invasive cattail removal in the Chatterton Marsh on the west end of the park. If you are interested in participating in Rithet's Bog Conservation Society activities, please email us (info@rithetsbog.org) and we will have someone contact you, or phone Russ Pym at 250-658-5167.

VOLUNTEER GARDENERS NEEDED AT LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY!



Lochside Elementary, of School District 63, is our Broadmead neighborhood elementary school that educates more than 350 children between kindergarten and Grade 5. The school sits in a picturesque setting overlooking the Blenkinsop Valley and Mount Douglas, and the property runs parallel to Lochside Trail. Additionally, it has a Strong Start program funded by the Ministry of Education, which is run by an Early Childhood Educator and offers a free drop-in for parents and their preschool-age children.

Lochside has a beautiful inner courtyard that is used for gardening education and school beautification. Many of the classes overlook the courtyard. There are veggie beds, flower beds, some mature shrubs, and small trees, as well as some

lawn. It also has a lot of untapped potential. Due to changing financial realities in our public education system, the budget for maintaining this courtyard has ceased to exist. The school's Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) fundraises for bare-bones necessities in the courtyard, and a dedicated teacher volunteers her time to manage the space. Administration can also be seen out there mowing the grass. It was the PAC's idea to solicit local residents for some keen gardening volunteers to help manage the courtyard garden. If you are interested in volunteering in the courtyard at our local elementary school, please contact the courtyard teacher, Sandy Rainer, at rsainer@sd63.bc.ca. For more information on Lochside Elementary, visit lochside.sd63.bc.ca.



DESIGN THE HOLIDAY GREETING CARD!

BARA is looking for artists in the Broadmead area to submit artworks for the annual Holiday Season's Greeting card, which goes out to more than 160 recipients, including Saanich staff, corporate sponsors of Broadmead Community Day, and advertisers in the *Bugle* newsletter. Please note that BARA is a non-profit organization; hence your artwork will not be remunerated. However, we will place your website address or contact information on the back of the card as a promotional incentive. If you are interested, please contact Chin Yuen (BARA council member) at chin@chinyuenart.com for more information.

Details for submission:

- Colour artwork, including photography, to be used on a 5" x 7" format ratio.
- Artwork/photography can be oriented vertically or horizontally.
- Artwork should be non-religious.
- You own the copyright of the image, but the image cannot be reused for another card publication.
- Send jpeg files to chin@chinyuenart.com (maximum 3 images).
- Deadline for submission: November 2, 2015

NANCY MARTENS – 40 “WHAT CANCER CANNOT DO” QUILTS

Building community has been a central theme in Nancy Martens' life. A Broadmead resident since 2008, Nancy worked as the volunteer resources coordinator at the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health for 25 years before retiring in 2013. During her career, she launched the Family Friend Volunteer Program, where she worked with therapists to match volunteers to families with children with special needs.

A volunteer met with the child once a week, often in the home but sometimes at a recreation centre. If parents wanted the child to learn how to swim, Nancy would find a volunteer who enjoyed swimming to stay in the pool during the lesson. She remembers several of the families living in the Broadmead area. "It was a wonderful help to the families, making a huge difference to the parents, children, and volunteers," Nancy says. "Many of these relationships are still intact, and the real success is the volunteers becoming true friends of the families."

Friendship is also what inspired the current project in Nancy's life, the 40 "What Cancer Cannot Do" Quilts, which will raise funds to benefit hundreds of people impacted by cancer. When her best friend, Jeanne Cloverdale, died of breast cancer, Nancy decided she would make 40 quilts to honour their 40 years of friendship. Nancy has personally finished 17, with 23 made by others, some arriving in the mail from what she calls "an amazing community of quilters."



Before distributing the quilts for fundraising, the quilts will show at the Sawyer Sewing Centre. The show opens Saturday, March 28, from 4 – 6 p.m. at Sawyer Sewing Centre at 3400 Douglas Street in Victoria and runs throughout the month of April. Entrance to the show is free, but donations are welcome, with all proceeds going to the B.C. Cancer Foundation. In addition to the 40 quilts, which are not for sale, several beautiful quilts will be sold in a live auction on Saturday, May 2, starting at 4 p.m.

After the show, each of the 40 quilts will be donated to fundraising projects for a specific cancer agency, such as teal quilts for gynecological cancers and yellow quilts for below-the-belt cancers. A story will be displayed by each quilt. "I'm happy the quilts will be used twice as fundraisers," Nancy says "First at the show and second for fundraising projects for various cancers."

*For more about the project, visit 40quilts.wordpress.com.
For Sawyer Sewing Centre location and hours, visit www.sawyersewing.com.
For more about the B.C. Cancer Foundation, visit bccancerfoundation.com.*



NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Bonny Stedman

Bonny grew up in Durban, South Africa. She and her Dad came to Victoria on a vacation in 2008, and she instantly fell in love. It helped that they were here in May! What captured her most about this island was not only its scenic beauty but also the incredible sense of community. Bonny has a background in the hospitality industry but since coming to Canada has pursued her passion of financial planning. She really enjoys working with people and is actively enrolled in the Certified Financial Planner designation program. Bonny joined the BARA Board of Directors in an effort to give back to the community that has already given her so much. She also volunteers through a program called Junior Achievement to deliver sessions that focus on increasing financial literacy to Grade 7 classes around Victoria. Whenever she can, Bonny enjoys spending quality time hiking on the beautiful trails of Victoria with her partner and their little dog.



Dennis Abbott

Dennis attended the University of Victoria for two years and then entered the life insurance business in 1968. Eight years later, he incorporated and became a general agent with Maritime Life, active in life underwriter affairs and speaking at various Life Underwriter Association meetings across Canada. He was a member of The Banff School Faculty for Continuing Education and has lectured at conferences and colleges in Ontario, Victoria, and Vancouver. Dennis is a 20-year life member of the Million Dollar Round Table and member of the Conference for Advanced Life Underwriting. During his career, he held several executive positions in various life underwriting associations. Dennis was marketing director for eight years with the PPI Financial Group of Companies in Vancouver and Victoria. Fifteen years ago, he incorporated The Legacy Group, which specializes in corporate financial planning, charitable gifting techniques, and succession planning. His son, Trent, is now a partner with the company.

Outside of business, Dennis' interests include being a director of BC Football Officials, a college football referee, the past chairman of the board of Lambrick Park Church, and now a member of Gateway Baptist Church. He is married, with three sons and one daughter, and moved to Broadmead in July of last year.



BROADMEAD TALK

Mark your calendars now for **Community Day, Sunday, September 13, 11 am – 2 pm.**

Secondary suites are illegal in Broadmead. Check broadmead.ca for information on this and other covenants pertaining to homes in Broadmead.

Friday Night Music will be offered again this summer at Broadmead Village. Check the Community Notice Board for further information.

Emily Carr Playground will receive a facelift this autumn. If you have children using the park and have suggestions, contact broadmead.ca.

If you know of an **interesting person** living in Broadmead who has a story to tell and would like to share it, let us know.

BARA has a new website. Check it out at broadmead.ca.

Volunteers are still needed to **deliver the Bugle**. Please contact info@broadmead.ca.



MEMBERSHIP:

More important than ever before

Now is the time to renew or start your membership in BARA. Why is this so important? First, our AGM is just around the corner and you must be a member to fully participate. Second, you must be a member if you ask us to pursue any concern regarding covenants. Lastly, we have always enjoyed a strong relationship with all levels of government but especially the folks at Saanich Hall. To help us continue this positive, influential voice at the municipal level, we need your support through membership because strong membership numbers ensure our voice is heard. BARA has a reputation for being a very well run volunteer organization, and we encourage you to support our work by being a member.

If you have already renewed your membership, thank you. If not, please refer to the membership form below, and act today. Many of the present members have renewed for more than one year, which makes life easier for them and for our membership committee. There will be a membership table at the AGM on April 16. You can inquire about the status of your membership by sending an email to info@broadmead.ca.

COVENANT CORNER

Real estate agents advertising “suites” as part of a property sale

As noted in the last issue of the *Bugle*, rental suites are not permitted in Broadmead. Their construction and operation would require a permit from Saanich, and Broadmead is one area where the municipality will not issue such a permit. They also contravene restrictive covenants. The BARA Covenant Committee has made considerable efforts to inform local real estate firms and their agents about this, and most real estate agents are aware of and respect our covenants. From time to time, we still find real estate ads featuring that a property might house a “rental suite,” or we hear about open houses or showings where agents tell prospective clients this is an option. If you see such an ad or hear of a real estate agent making claims regarding the suitability of a property for a rental suite, we ask you to contact us (info@broadmead.ca) with as many details as you can provide. We will then follow up with the real estate agent in question.

The covenants also require real estate agents to get our permission to erect real estate signs. We allow standard signs placed and maintained by a contractor responsible to us, and we tend not to be concerned with single-day “open house” signs of any sort. But if you see a sign that doesn’t have the characteristic light wood color and two-part form and is located on a property for more than a day or two, please notify us and we will take action.

Doug Baer



!! MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME - 2015 !!

BARA MEMBERSHIP FORM (January 1—December 31, 2015)

Complete and mail this form with your cheque for \$15.00 payable to BARA, for a 1-year household membership, to: Broadmead Area Residents’ Association, Box 53527, Broadmead RPO, Victoria, BC V8X 5K2.

Renewing Member: New Member: Cheque: Cash: 1 year 2 years 3 years

Name: _____

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Email: _____

(Email addresses are protected and not placed on any website)

You may inquire about the status of your membership or update your email address by sending an email to info@broadmead.ca or by mail to the postal address above.

A Welcome Package with The Broadmead Story will be delivered to new members.



BROADMEAD AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 16, 2015, 7 pm - Gateway Baptist Church, 898 Royal Oak Ave

AGENDA

Call meeting to order, President Jim Griffith

Welcome / Introduction of directors

Establish a quorum

AGM Minutes, April 2014

Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, and budget for 2015

President's report

Other business

1. Bylaw change regarding new membership categories
2. Members' forum
3. Recognition of outgoing Board members

Election of directors for 2015 – 2016

Termination of meeting

Introduction of guest speaker, Mayor Richard Atwell

Refreshments

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES RE MEMBERSHIP

Delete section 4 and replace it with the following:

4 (a) Membership in the society (known as the Broadmead Area Residents' Association) shall be open to households / strata units, organizations (registered under The Society Act), local businesses located in that part of the District of Saanich, British Columbia, commonly known as the residential community of Broadmead and its immediate environs as designated by the directors, and as outlined in the sections (b) through (e) below. A person representing a household / strata unit, organization or local business may apply for membership in the society by application to the Board of Directors and, on acceptance, shall become a member.

(b) Individual Households: Single family homes / strata units are welcome to become members of the society.

(c) Organizations (registered under the Society Act) and Businesses: Organizations and businesses located in Broadmead are welcome to become associate members of the society.

(d) Lifetime Members: Lifetime members cease to be members of the society once they move out of Broadmead. *Note: Lifetime Memberships have not been accepted since 2010.*

(e) Honorary Membership: Honorary membership in the society is granted to Lifetime members and to those individuals designated by the Board of Directors in recognition of that individual's exemplary support of the society.

Delete section 22 (1) and replace it with the following:

(1) A member in good standing at a meeting of members is entitled to vote as listed below:

(a) Individual member households / strata units in Broadmead have one (1) vote.

(b) Associate members are non-voting members.

(c) Honorary members are non-voting members except for those holding Lifetime memberships and who still reside in Broadmead.

Annual membership fees for individual households, organizations and businesses will be set at \$15 per year.

New members paying after September 1 of any year will have their membership fee applied to the following year's membership.



MLA UPDATE

Dear Residents of Broadmead,



As your Representative in the B.C. Legislature, it is my privilege to report out regularly in the BARA Bugle. You can always find out much more on my website, or by contacting me directly.

In this issue, I would like focus on my efforts to (1) preserve Maltby Lake and (2) challenge a monopoly recently created by the provincial government in the recycling sector.

Maltby Lake

Maltby Lake is one of the most important undisturbed ecosystems on the south Island. It is the headwaters of Tod Creek and feeds Prospect Lake. I've been working with the community to strengthen the environmental protections on this land. I'm pleased to report that we are very close to an agreement that will see the long-time environmental stewards of the land—and a non-profit called the Maltby Lake Watershed Society—take ownership of more than a 30% interest in the 12-acre property.

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/maltbylake>

Multi-Material BC

MMBC is a controversial 'society' created by the provincial government that now holds monopoly controls over the B.C. residential recycling sector. It is not accountable to the public but does have statutory power to demand an estimated \$100 million annually from businesses in B.C. Many local businesses are furious about this and have asked me to help.

Last year, I was able to help pressure the government to exempt most small B.C. businesses from this program. However, there is much more to be done to ensure that B.C. has a regulatory residential recycling system in place that is accountable to the public. I have called for the Auditor General to investigate, and I will be meeting with her in the next few weeks.

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/recyclemmbc>

Please contact me if you have concerns with provincial matters or require assistance with the B.C. government. I'm here when you need me.

Warm regards,

Lana Popham, MLA Saanich South
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SAANICH MATTERS



This is my first report to BARA since the November elections, and I'm thrilled to be back on council and serving the community. I am very pleased to have been appointed Chair of the Saanich Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee and thought I would use this report to bring a couple of issues related to that committee to the attention of BARA members.

Residents will know of Emily Carr Park and may even sit there, take children to play, or like me, pick blackberries. This park is classified as a neighbourhood park similar to Falaise and Rogers Parks, and it is 1.8 ha. in size. For information, it is zoned P-4 Recreation and Open Space. It includes a gravel trail that connects to Broadmead Park and Shadywood Park to Rithet's Bog. This darling little park has been a destination for many of our families over the years, but the playground equipment was built in 1990 and it's time for an update. With 25 years having passed, some of the youngsters who first enjoyed climbing on the equipment are ready to bring their own children to experience the wonderful interaction with nature. Just for information: currently within 1.2 km of Emily Carr Park, there are 5,575 people (age 0-4 years: 149, age 5-9 years: 195, age 10-14 years: 230, age 15-19 years: 308). Saanich Parks staff have been having discussions with residents and BARA, and information is being gathered. There has been \$110,000 identified for the project budget, and planning will take place February to May with construction occurring September to October. There are some constraints on this park property that will have to guide any changes, including topographical challenges, adjacency to Gabo Creek, and a 15m setback for the Streamside Development Permit Area. This will be a modest but welcomed upgrade, and I know we all look forward to seeing the improvements.

In the same general area, another update for you: Saanich Parks is enhancing the trail entrances to Rithet's Bog and Rolston Trail heads nearest the bog. Currently, the 10 trail heads vary in the way key messages are delivered to trail users as they enter the Conservation Area. The proposed plan will make the entrances more consistent in their look and will deliver the same park messages to alleviate any confusion.

One of the elements of this project involves replacing the wood trail marker posts with synthetic lumber trail marker posts. These will include directional and informational signs. This initiative is consistent with our Saanich Strategic Plan initiatives regarding way-finding signs throughout our community.

Enjoy our wonderful spring and summer, and be sure to make good use of the trails and parks in Broadmead.

Susan Brice, Saanich Councillor



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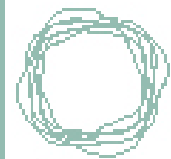
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