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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Vicki Hughes-Romero

Vicki was born and raised in Victoria and grew up in a modern home in Cordova Bay designed by Mike Nixon, who designed many of the early homes in Broadmead, so Vicki has always loved the Broadmead style west coast contemporary homes.

After working for the federal government for 17 years as a Systems Analyst, Vicki retrained in architectural building technology/interior design and then graphic design. This led her to a job in Santa Cruz, Bolivia to work on a design project for one of the Bolivian national parks, bordering on Brazil in the Amazon. After living for a number of years in Santa Cruz, where she worked as a graphic designer and then a high school computer teacher, Vicki and her husband Oscar, a Bolivian Air Force fighter pilot, moved back to Canada. It took a few years of living in South Oak Bay, but they finally found the right Broadmead home, one of the originals built in 1969

which they have been renovating inside and out since they moved in almost eight years ago.

Vicki has volunteered with at-risk youth, Big Brothers Big Sisters, legacy arts board, and she now looks forward to supporting our Broadmead community and BARA.



Wayne Neumann

Wayne Neumann was born and raised in St. Catharine's, Ontario and is eldest of four children. He obtained his post-secondary education (Mechanical Engineering) at Niagara College and the University of Toronto.

Wayne worked at Westinghouse Electric Canada Ltd. in Hamilton, Ontario in the Steam and Gas Turbine Department. He later joined the Canadian Air Force (pilot) based in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba and Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. He attended the Royal Naval Engineering College in Plymouth, England and worked on various Canadian naval destroyers as Marine Systems Engineering Officer based in Esquimalt, BC. Wayne joined B.C. Ferry Services Inc. as a Marine Engineer based in Swartz Bay. He participated in the design, construction and delivery of the German built Coastal Class vessels. He is currently employed as an Engineering Superintendent.

Wayne's hobbies include mountain biking, woodworking, and providing blue collar labour for wife (Wanda) who is a very avid gardener. They enjoy both international and domestic travel either with their RV or astride their Harley Davidson. Wanda and Wayne recently became a grandparents, so the real fun and games are about to commence!



EDITOR'S CORNER

We returned to Canada to place our two daughters in school. After eight years in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, we were looking for an all girls' educational setting. We chose St. Margaret's in Lakehill and began looking for a place to live. My husband wanted a home within walking distance of the school: we were lucky to find one house, no longer on the market, but available for sale. We moved in and stayed in Lakehill throughout our daughters' years at St. Margaret's and the University of Victoria.

After 10 years, it was "empty nest" time. We had walked through Broadmead often, admiring the lovely homes, the naturalistic landscaping, and the quiet tranquil streets. We watched as house after house came up for sale, and then quickly sold and disappeared. Finally, after two years of waiting, thanks to our industrious real estate agent, we bought one.

It is perfect. Our neighbours are lovely, the back yard borders a small park with lots of birds to watch, and we can view Blenkinsop Valley and Mount Doug on our evening walks. Best of all, it has a garage! (This is a definite bonus after years of parking outside and running for the house in the rain.) My commute to work at Commonwealth Place is now a five-minute drive or 13 minutes by bike.

While I had to give up being captain of our Lakehill neighbourhood's Block Watch chapter, I think my volunteering in Broadmead is off to an excellent start here at the Bugle. I hope the Bugle can use some of the editorial and writing experience gained while working in Toronto. (We won't talk about that; I tell everyone in Ontario it rains here all the time.)

It has not even been a year, but we already love it here. My husband and I see a long and rewarding future in Broadmead. Now, if I can just convince him that gardening will keep him busy when he retires!

Eleanor James

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

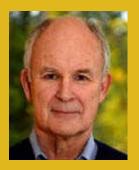
I am pleased to be the new President of the Broadmead Area Residents' Association. The current Board of Directors has a diverse group of volunteer directors who bring a rich and beneficial perspective to serving our community and preserving the features of Broadmead that make it such a beautiful place to live. We would like to hear from you on how you feel BARA could serve your interests. Please email me at president@broadmead.ca and tell me what you think would benefit our community. We would like particularly to find out how we can be of service to strata residents' unique concerns and issues.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Grosvenor Canada, BARA hosted a summer Friday evening music program at Broadmead shopping center. More than 650 people attended the Broadmead Community Day in September. Thank you to all our donors and participants who made Community Day such a success.

The covenant management program continues to be one of BARA's most important tasks. Virtually every lot in Broadmead has restrictive covenants that impact on property use, intended to enhance and preserve: low density living, spacious, safe and clean streetscapes, neighbourhood stability, and growth of a sense of community. Please visit broadmead. ca and review the Covenants tab. We have a digital library of the covenants registered against each Broadmead address. Should you require assistance regarding covenant management matters you can email info@broadmead.ca.

Work continues on the website making it an even better source for neighbourhood information. We will be providing information on the recent Saanich Area and Corridor Study Plans and details of the governance participation initiative. We will also post information regarding the Conflict Resolution Act, providing residents with information on what is hoped will be an efficient, cost effective, and satisfying way to resolve smaller disputes. and certain strata conflicts.

I am eagerly looking forward to the coming year and invite you to become a volunteer and be active in our organization as we move forward. Being involved in BARA is an enjoyable and invigorating experience of learning, getting to know new people, and giving back to our community. Join us!



Bob Isbister

EMILY CARR PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Saanich Parks staff are now working on the redesigned Emily Carr Park playground. The new concept uses the current space to provide additional recreational opportunities including a hillside slide, a natural play structure, swings, a mushroom table, climbing rocks, and logs, and play features along the existing trail. A key challenge was working with a very small site and trying to maximize activity space for children of all ages.

Saanich Parks staff consulted with the community, BARA, a local parent advisory group, and people living near the park for several months to discuss concerns and ideas before developing any plans. In addition to providing design input, BARA provided funding for more picnic tables.

Work on the new playground is due for completion by mid-November subject to weather conditions. Check the Saanich website at saanich.ca/emilycarr for updates.







HOW TO ENSURE YOUR VEHICLE IS SAFE



November is a great time to become more aware of crime prevention. We hope that this month's tip from BlockWatch will help you remember to start securing your vehicle before the rainy winter weather begins.

We recommend that you lock all of your vehicle's doors and clean out your car, especially removing any loose change, a gym bag, or your running gear. If you must keep your fitness equipment in the car, put it in the trunk. That's it: the best crime prevention tip you will receive for discouraging a theft from your vehicle. Thieves want open doors and they won't bother breaking in if there's nothing visible to steal. Thieves will smash a window to find out what's in the gym bag, and they don't care that your insurance has a \$200 glass deductible: they want the small amount of change that they can see.



Always secure your vehicle and never leave anything of value – or perceived value – in your car. I know of one instance where a vehicle was damaged because an old printer, broken laptop, and expired batteries were left on the back seat. The thieves didn't know that the items were of no value. While you know it is worthless, it could be something saleable to them. Make sure you clean out your car, leave nothing visible, and always lock your doors. These tips will ensure your vehicle does not offer thieves the opportunity or the temptation to break in.

Ian Gibbs, Block Watch

RITHET'S BOG CONSERVATION SOCIETY RECEIVES 2015 SAANICH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD



The Rithet's Bog Conservation Society received the 2015 Saanich Environmental Award for long-term achievement this June, providing an opportunity to reflect on its history.

Saanich mayor and council appointed a task force in May, 1990 to consider the future of Rithet's Bog. Initially, the group was to provide input on acquiring the bog as parkland, then, subsequently, on its management. The group was incorporated as a registered charitable society in December of that year called the Rithet's Bog Preservation Society.

The land was donated to Saanich by the Guinness family (successors to Broadmead Farms Ltd.) in 1995 and became a park and nature sanctuary. In 1997, the society changed its name to the Rithet's Bog Conservation Society.

Now that the site had been preserved as parkland, the society's purpose shifted to conservation and restoration of its biological communities. This continues to be its purpose and, in addition to restoration projects, it still participates in park management in co-operation with Saanich Parks, and with Ducks Unlimited.

Rithet's Bog Conservation Society still has two members from the original task force: Dr. Nancy Turner and Diane Mothersill. Diane is a long-term resident of Broadmead and has been active in both the Rithet's Bog Conservation Society and Broadmead Area Resident's Association. Diane represented the society at the Saanich Environmental Award ceremony and is the personification of long-term dedication and service at Rithet's Bog.

The Rithet's Bog Conservation Society is a registered non profit dedicated to the park's care and stewardship. www. rithetsbog.org

Russ Pym





!! MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME - 2016 !!

We need your support! Your residents' organization, BARA, is only as strong as its membership and its finances. BARA undertakes and promotes activities that enhance your community, such as the annual Community Day at Broadmead Village, and its volunteers work to preserve the well being and unique character of your community.

Please consider joining BARA today for a fee of only \$15. If you are already a member, please renew your membership before our next annual general meeting to be eligible to vote on BARA initiatives. Please use the Membership/Renewal link on our home page, or the form below.

Please fill out this form:

info@broadmead.ca or by mail to the postal address above.

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

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You can now pay for your BARA membership by credit card through PayPal on your computer, iPhone, or tablet. Go to QUICK LINKS on BARA's website www.broadmead.ca and choose Membership/Renewal. Enter your information and then press the PayPal button. Then next screen asks for your credit card and billing information. Then press Pay. PayPal automatically notifies the Treasurer who then updates your membership record and confirms your membership payment by e-mail. No cheque or trip to the post office required.

WE NEED A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS!

BARA has organized a successful Community Day each September at Broadmead Village. Our excellent organizers are retiring this year and BARA needs some new volunteers. BARA will provide a list of organizational tasks and contacts along with support from members of the BARA Board. This is a great opportunity for you to contribute to your community.

If you'd like more information, please contact BARA at info@broadmead.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!

NEW MANAGING EDITOR NEEDED FOR THE BUGLE

The Broadmead Area Resident's Association newsletter, the Bugle, requires a new managing editor. The managing editor is responsible for:

Co-ordinating the production process. Working with the editor, layout manager, proofreaders, and distribution managers.

Establishing deadlines.

Retrieving finished copies from the printers. The Bugle is published twice a year in November and April.

THE SPORT OF RIFLE SHOOTING-AN EYE FOR DETAIL

Broadmead resident Patty Dahlstrom is an international award winner in the sport of rifle shooting. Success in this sport calls for the ability to accurately fire a rifle equipped with iron sights at targets up to a 1000 yards away in a variety of wind conditions. She enjoyed the competition, the development of a recreational skill and the opportunity to make friends both in Canada and elsewhere where she competed internationally.

Patty was born and raised in Sheffield England and later trained in speech therapy at the West End Hospital in London. After four years of work in England, she immigrated to Calgary where she continued her career as a speech therapist with the Cerebral Palsy Clinic. Her husband introduced her to the sport of small-bore shooting in Calgary where she soon demonstrated an innate skill and aptitude by becoming the National Lady Champion in Sporting Rifle in 1965.



Family commitments meant that she did not competitively shoot again until 1980. She opted to move up to the .308 calibre full bore category shot from the prone position. This offered a greater technical challenge and an opportunity to compete internationally. Men and women competed equally and age was not a factor. The only requirement was an ability to shoot accurately, carry a 30 pound bag of equipment and ammunition, a twelve pound rifle and a spotting telescope.



At age 60 Patty became engaged to and married Clint Dahlstrom, a renowned international shooter. Her male shooting buddies were so delighted with the news of her upcoming marriage to Clint that they gave her a wedding shower to celebrate the happy news of her upcoming nuptuals.

With Clint's help she continued to develop her skill in the sport and even learned to load her own ammo. She went on to qualify for 8 Canadian teams at the prestigious Bisley England tournament and 2 competitions in New Zealand and South Africa.

She learned early on that "reading the wind" was a critical factor in shooting success. A major match at the Nationals is shot at a distance of 1000 yards from the target. The wind is "read" by looking at the position and directions

of flags attached to poles at various points on the range. On this occasion, the flags were blowing straight out, indicating a wind speed of 20 to 25 miles per hour from left to right. Patty recalibrated her sights to the left and took a "sighter" shot that was off



center to the right. She clicked her sight further to the left and took another shot, and this time she hit the bullseye 1000 yards away. She proceeded to hit 10 more bullseyes with 6 being in the very center, finishing with a superb score of 50 6V. After completing her shooting, she proceeded to the Chief Range Officer to have the required trigger weight measured. Anything less than a pound of trigger weight meant that her score did not count. She was so nervous she asked a friend to hold the rifle in the vertical position while the 1 pound weight was hung from the trigger. The trigger did not engage and she won the competition. This was her proudest achievement.

She valued the times when she was a member of the Canadian competition teams at Bisley. Qualifying for the Bisley team meant

that you were among the top 20 shooters at the Canadian National Championships. She considers these experiences

some of her fondest memories, including an invitation to tea at Buckingham Place where she met Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. The Prince made a point of chatting with the Canadian team members on this occasion.

After 50 years of competition, Patty retired from the sport at age 75 with many wonderful memories and friends. She sold her rifles and donated the other equipment to the BC junior training program in the sport she loved so much.

Bob Isbister





Provincial Affairs M.L.A., Saanich South Lana Popham



Dear Broadmead Residents:

My office recently co-ordinated three presentations by the Royal British Columbia Museum. The first two were separate daytime visits to Claremont Secondary School by Professor Jack Lohman, CEO, Royal BC Museum to show an exact reproduction of the Douglas Treaty. There was a surprising moment when a student announced that he was related to one of the signatories. He introduced himself to Professor Lohman, and together they found his family name on the document, talked about what it represented, and posed for a photo with the document.

A third event occurred at the Beach House Restaurant in the evening. Two of the Museum's curators, Dr. Kathryn Bridge and Dr. Martha Black, accompanied several rarely exhibited items and spent the evening answering questions and discussing their significance. The event was open to the public and free. If you would like to be invited to such events in the future, please email or phone my office. I received a lot of extremely positive feedback about this evening - it is my privilege to make such events part of the work I do.

This was my fifth large-scale "community gathering" as your MLA. My goal is to always bring people together for an enjoyable experience that also raises awareness about important ideas.

I want to especially thank the Royal BC Museum! This was the first event of this kind, and it will likely become a model for other constituencies around the province. The Museum's collections include more than seven million items, many of which are rarely seen.

As always, please contact me if you require assistance with, or have questions about, the work of the provincial government.

Warm regards,

Horas Pedram

Lana Popham Member of the Legislative Assembly for Saanich South

> This is one of the items displayed at MLA Lana Popham's event: a carved and painted Haida frontlet with inlaid abalone shell.



SAANICH MATTERS

Voters were asked during the November municipal election of 2014 whether they supported the idea of Saanich reviewing



its governance; both in Saanich, and also, in relationship to the other municipalities within the region. This ballot was strongly supported. There has since been some discussion as to just what the question entailed. While some say it is synonymous with the "amalgamation yes" position, Saanich Council has maintained that we would follow the specifics of the ballot question.

Interestingly, the provincial government has since shifted its wording to be more in line with our Saanich ballot. In order to chart a path into these new areas, we engaged the services of City Spaces to provide a road map for us to follow. The draft report was presented to Council. While we acknowledged that it provided some excellent direction, we referred the document back to the consultants with the instruction that this process was to be driven by the public. City Spaces then used a focus group made up of individuals who volunteer on Saanich advisory committees to give direction.

As we move ahead, there will be other opportunities for residents to become involved in shaping the governance model that will set Saanich on a path for the next decade. There is a high degree of satisfaction whenever residents are polled in citizen surveys. However, we still review our procedures and make adjustments as we move into resolving complex issues now and in the future.

In closing, on behalf of Saanich Council, I want to express thanks to all the merchants who participated in, and the BARA members who volunteered their time at, the Broadmead Days celebration held in the mall. What a happy occasion it was, and a marvelous opportunity to gather as neighbours and welcome others to our beautiful community.

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