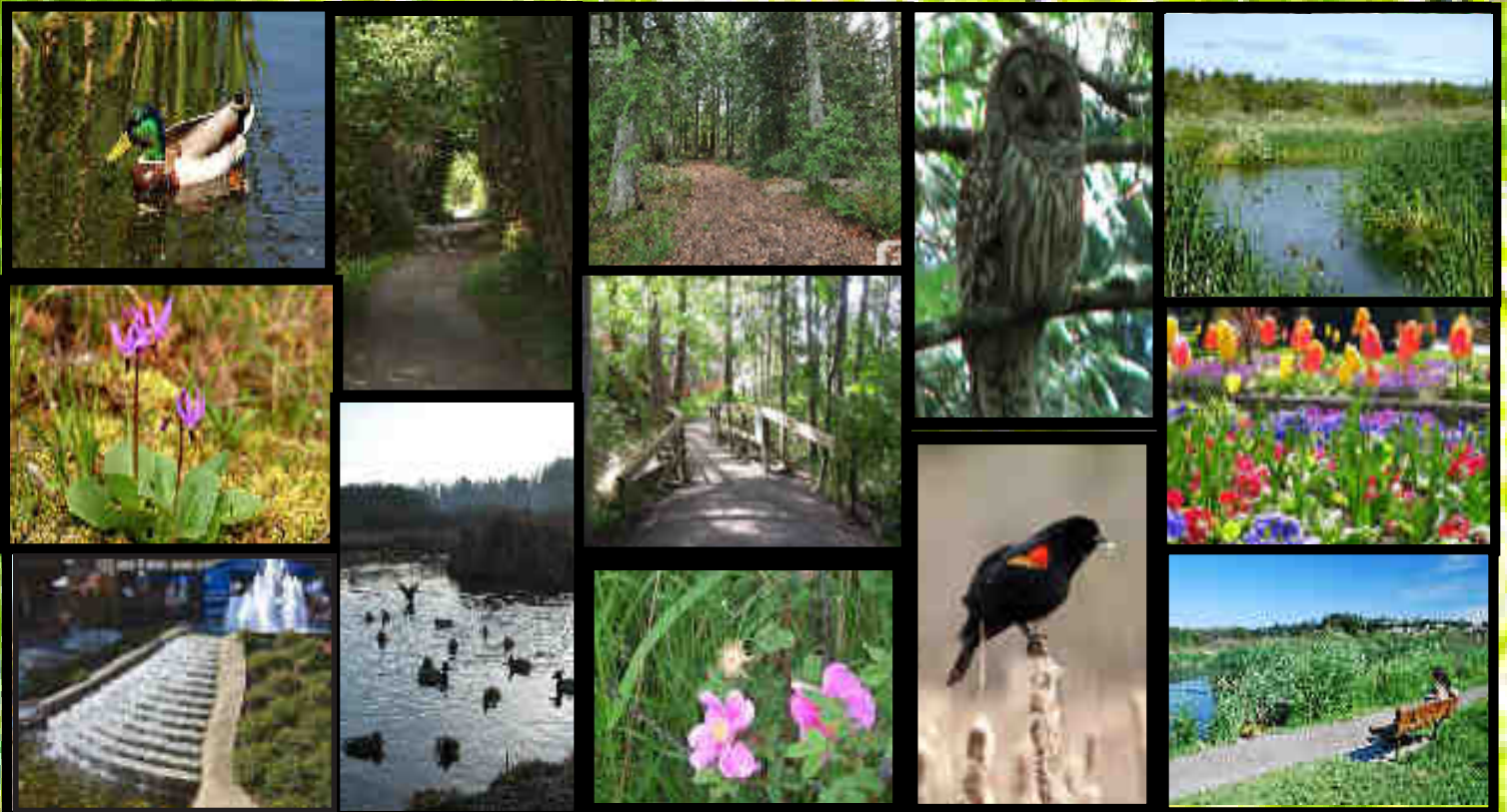


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Broadmead Area Residents' Association

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Why did you choose Broadmead?



For one thing, it's a great place to walk!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring's arrival is a magical time in British Columbia, but particularly so in Broadmead. On my walks along our streets and trails, I often stop to chat with fellow walkers and ask them why they chose to live in Broadmead.

I hear responses such as "It's very quiet and peaceful" or "The streets are clear of parked cars" and "The houses and landscaping are diverse, beautiful and well integrated into the environment" and, often "The beautiful trees." I know that my neighbours and I have a sense of community with other residents.

How did this come about? Merv Mawson, Past President of Broadmead Farms, and Mike Nixon, Head Designer, created the Broadmead we know today. The Broadmead Story quotes Mawson "The name Broadmead stood for environmentally sensitive, custom-designed homes ... That's what set Broadmead apart. We wanted tight controls (covenants) so people would feel secure in making an investment. We wanted that to continue through the BCES (now BARA)."

Mawson and Nixon recently donated the original scale model of the Broadmead area to BARA. After handing the model over to me, Mike looked again at it and said he could not imagine a development of Broadmead's scale and environmental integration being duplicated in today's development market.

Registered Covenants Safeguard Broadmead Vision

How does BARA maintain this vision of residential living? We manage the covenants registered against each property in a way that encourages compliance with restrictions regarding single family dwelling use, prohibitions against operating a business, parking restrictions, design considerations, and tree issues. We work with nearby neighbours on a confidential basis to address concerns with the district of Saanich regarding zoning and suite complaints. We maintain, and are adding to, an electronic data base of the restrictive covenants registered against each address in Broadmead.

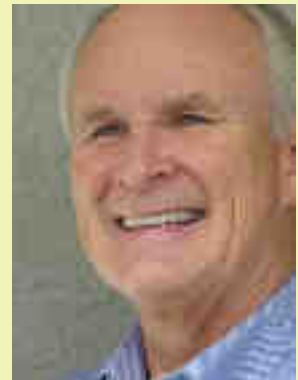
We do all this through volunteers and membership dues. I can tell you that the work is interesting and the experience of meeting and working with other board members and community residents is rewarding. Our Secretary Lorie Bradley has provided an article describing her experiences and rewards as a volunteer and director with BARA.

I ask you to reflect on why you chose Broadmead as a place to live and support your choice by joining BARA or becoming a volunteer or member of our board of directors.

The BARA Annual General Meeting is April 21 at 7 p.m., at the Gateway Baptist Church with Saanich Councillor Susan Brice as guest speaker. I hope you will join us to learn more about what we do for your neighbourhood.

Thank you for your support

Bob Isbister, President,
Broadmead Area Residents' Association.





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EDITOR'S CORNER

"Spring has sprung, the grass is ris," from a short poem by an anonymous author, will soon apply to our fair city. While temperatures were slightly cold this winter, they do not compare to the daily -10 degrees Celsius weather that my daughter endured in Ottawa. She sent us frequent photos of herself bundled up against the cold and wind trudging through drifts of snow on her way to school. Her move from the mild winters of the "wet coast," to the blizzards of Ottawa, has not been without its challenges.

Spring will be our first year in our new residence in Broadmead or "the Duchy" as Jack Knox once called it in The Times Colonist. Every day, I look outside my kitchen window and enjoy the birds at the several feeders in our backyard. After more than 10 years in Victoria, I am grateful for the more temperate climate and all but resigned to the endless grey days of rain that is a B.C. winter - at least there's no snow to shovel. That will all change soon, however, as spring comes early to the west coast (on March 20 according to the Old Farmer's Almanac). It almost seems cruel to publicize the results of Victoria's annual flower count (last year's was March 5 to March 11), during a time when the rest of Canada is still struggling with snow removal and wind-chilled temperatures. Victoria often enjoys spring weather of 10-15° Celsius. Except for the occasional Chinook that blows through Calgary, raising temperatures for a day, Victoria and the West Coast enjoy warmer weather earlier than anywhere else in Canada.

Of course, once spring is here, it will be time, once again, to tend to the garden. Our backyard is surrounded by large trees, and the winter windstorms have left piles of leaves and small branches covering all of the flower beds. I have not yet broached the subject of the annual spring clean up to my husband, but here's hoping the nice weather will be enough encouragement.

Eleanor James



MEET YOUR BOARD

Lorie Bradley

Local community has always been important to me. We have lived in Broadmead for 26 years, and are fortunate to have neighbours who are friendly, involved, and caring towards one another. My neighbours are aware of (and appreciate) the many attributes of Broadmead and strive to maintain their homes and yards in a way that was intended by the original developers.

When I retired, and was looking for a volunteer opportunity, working on behalf of BARA seemed like a good fit. I enjoy the smart people on the Board, many of whom I wouldn't have otherwise met. I have learned a lot about the importance of a community organization in communicating with Saanich about issues which make a difference to our everyday life such as park and trail maintenance.

I value the many volunteer hours that make Broadmead such a pleasant place to live. Many people comment that Broadmead is pleasant and appealing, and seems different from other neighbourhoods. Not everyone realizes that Broadmead was a planned community: the choice to put covenants on the properties was a deliberate plan to control the appearance of the streetscapes.

Volunteers working for BARA and, earlier, for the Broadmead Area Covenant Enforcement Society, are the ones who have been successful in maintaining the vision of the original developers by helping to manage the covenants over the past 40 years or so.

I would encourage anyone who is interested to consider volunteering for BARA. In addition to being a Board member, there are opportunities to do everything from help with the production and delivery of the Bugle to assisting in organizing BARA's Community Day. It's a great way to meet people and to learn about issues affecting our neighbourhood.

Lorie Bradley has been active on the BARA Board since 2012. She is currently the Board secretary, but also sits on the Covenant Management Committee.

Eleanor James

Eleanor was born and raised in a small northern Ontario railway town near the Quebec border. She attended Trent University earning a bachelor's degree in English while working for the student newspaper. She then obtained an applied arts degree in journalism from Ryerson University (then Ryerson Polytechnic), and stayed to work in the communications department. She later worked for the Bank of Nova Scotia in community relations as an editor and writer.

In 1996, she and her husband, Greg, moved from Toronto to Saudi Arabia with their two young daughters where he worked for Riyadh Bank. Shortly after, her husband accepted a position in the asset and liability management division of Arab Banking Corporation in Bahrain. Eleanor continued writing and editing for various expatriate publications in both Saudi Arabia and Bahrain while raising their daughters and navigating the habits and customs of Islamic countries.

They moved to Victoria in 2004 so their daughters could attend St. Margaret's School. Greg served on the Board of St. Margaret's as its treasurer while Eleanor volunteered on its communications committee as a writer and editor. After 10 years of living in Lakehill near St. Margaret's, they downsized to a smaller home in Broadmead.

Eleanor and Greg enjoy walking and cycling on the Lochside and Galloping Goose trails and really appreciate the close proximity of Lohbrunner Park with its vocal goose and other wildfowl residents. Eleanor also volunteers to assist the covenant committee in its valuable stewardship work.

Saanich Matters

I love so many aspects of our neighbourhood in Broadmead, but number one in my heart is the trees. When I turn off Royal Oak Drive onto Ambledwood Drive, no matter what the day has brought, I enter a place of towering graceful trees and say, "Wow, I'm glad to be home."



The Saanich Parks Department will be replacing wood decking on the trail bridges in Boulderwood and Shadywood [Fir Tree Glen] parks, while in Rithet's Bog, the section along the south side of the Bog will be resurfaced with gravel, particularly in the areas affected by seasonal flooding.

I have recently been appointed as the Chair of the CRD Select Traffic Committee. Often Broadmead residents mention the increase in traffic on Royal Oak Drive. It seems that this road has become a route for traffic travelling between UVic and Gordon Head through to the Peninsula and the West Shore. I hope that when the McKenzie interchange is complete, more drivers will choose to take McKenzie to the highway.

Just to dispel any rumours ... Saanich has no plans to widen Royal Oak Drive.

The planned Wilkinson Road and bridge, and Colquitz River Trail upgrade, while not in our immediate area, will have an impact on many of us. This project has been the subject of media coverage concerning the preservation of giant redwood trees. It will upgrade a portion of Wilkinson Rd. and extend the Colquitz River Trail from Casa Linda Dr. to Wilkinson Rd. The benefits from this project are: renewed transportation infrastructure; new cycling lanes and pedestrian paths; and improved safety for all users of Wilkinson Road. So over the next few months, if you are stuck in a construction zone, we will all benefit once the project is completed.

On behalf of Saanich Council, I thank the members of BARA who help us keep our neighbourhood so special.

Municipal Affairs - Saanich Councillor
Susan Brice

MUSKRATS AT RITHET'S BOG

Muskrats have been seen regularly at Rithet's Bog over the last two years. Most of the sightings were in open water near cattails in the Chatterton Marsh at the west end. One muskrat was seen in the central drainage ditch last summer when the marsh was extremely dry. Muskrats are skilled at adapting to life in drainage ditches when marsh habitat is not available. This is important to their survival at Rithet's Bog since their preferred marsh habitat often dries up in late summer.

You are unlikely to see a muskrat until spring, but the muskrat lodge in the photograph is currently visible from the perimeter trail. Walk south from the Chatterton Dalewood corner until you pass the north edge of the Chatterton business complex, then look at the north side of the next patch of cattails. The lodge is a pile of cattail stems halfway along the edge and a short distance into the cattails. There is also a narrow entrance channel between the cattails, leading into the lodge.

Muskrats are most active from dusk until dawn during spring, summer, and fall. However, there are occasional sightings during the day. Cattails are muskrat's preferred food, but they also eat bulrushes and other herbaceous plants. They are often seen swimming near cattails, possibly carrying a cattail stem back to their lodge.

Muskrats are rodents with a similar rounded body shape and dense brown fur as beavers, but they have a thin, hairless tails and are noticeably smaller. Adults reach a total length of 60 cm; half body and half tail. Although muskrats look like small beavers, they are actually large field mice. Their closest relatives are field mice, voles, and lemmings. They are not closely related to true rats. Muskrats are native to North America, but not Vancouver Island. They were introduced from mainland British Columbia in the 1920's as a fur bearing species.



Russ Pym

EMILY CARR PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT



The redesigned Emily Carr Park playground is now complete. Saanich Parks staff members have created an innovative play area for younger children with a separate activity space slightly further down the trail and a bench for parents to enjoy. We commend Saanich Parks staff for consulting with the community in the park's design and the final results. BARA provided design input and funding for one of the picnic tables.



BROADMEAD TALK

Have you noticed the newly painted signs in Broadmead? The "Welcome to Broadmead" signs, as well as the larger signs designating some streets, such as the one at Rithetwood, were installed by the original developer years ago. BARA recently contracted updated and refreshed these signs.

If you are interested in getting more involved in your community, BARA has several volunteer opportunities:

- "Bugle" Managing editor
- Treasurer
- Membership chair

All positions include job descriptions, orientation, and guidance to new volunteers. Contact BARA at infor@broadmead.ca for more information.

JOHN MCCONNELL: A SOUL'S JOURNEY - THE LIFE OF AN ARTIST

John McConnell is a professional full-time painter from Ireland who now calls Broadmead home. He and his wife Geraldine Slater, also an artist, have previously lived in several homes in Ontario and Ireland. However, they have now decided to stay near family. "My brother-in-law lives five minutes away and if I feel the need to travel again, well, I still have family in Oakville." John says it was this close family proximity, and the naturalistic setting of Broadmead, that sold him on moving to his current home.



John points out the skeletal boat ribs which inspired his series of "Ancient Soul" paintings.

He was born in Northern Ireland in 1937 and studied at the Belfast College of Art. He left college just shy of his degree in 1956 to become an art director and graphic designer in London. He won two European design awards during this time and then, in 1970, began a 19-year tenure as creative director and manager of SCI, the sales promotion division of McCann Erickson Advertising in Toronto. "I was living in Oakville, across from an independent school called Appleby College. I was bemoaning the lack of art in its students' education to the principal - so he had me start an arts program there and built me a large studio for photography, metal working, and other artisanal crafts. I enjoyed teaching for 19 years and kept growing my arts program to encourage students to develop their artistic talents with the guidance of world-class artists as guest instructors."

Landscape Inspired Art

In 1978, he remarried, to Geraldine Slater, the daughter of his best friend from Ireland. (His grown children from his first marriage still live in Ontario.) Geraldine is also an artist. She crafts one-of-a-kind hand made books using her own photography, hand made paper, photo transfer, and found objects.

John and Geraldine moved to the wilderness of Muskoka in 1989, where they built a log cabin, and, later, an adjacent art gallery and craft shop. "We were so successful as a business, that I could only spend March and April in Ireland, but one year, I decided to live there full-time. I did nothing but paint and exhibit. While I was having a pint in the local pub, I bought, sight unseen, an unoccupied cottage from the pub owner who was also a real estate agent. We closed the deal with only a handshake." He says when he returned home to tell his family in Oakville about the cottage, an old photograph hanging in the hallway caught his eye. "It framed the view from across the harbour with the ribs of a boat clearly visible in the centre of the photo. And now I owned a cottage on that very harbour. That coincidence was a profoundly emotional experience for me."

The boat's skeletal remains became the focus of inspiration for John's next series of paintings called "Journeys of an Ancient Soul." About 50 of these paintings are owned by private and corporate collectors including: the Allied Irish Bank, AIG Global Investment Co., and Jason Kenney, former minister of national defense. John and Geraldine moved to Ireland permanently in 1997, and for the next seven years operated a gallery next to their house, shipping his art all over the world. John was elected to the Artists Association of Ireland and gained tax free status on the sale of his original artworks. He was chosen in an Ireland-wide competition for AIG Global Investment Co. to create a painting in memory of a beloved American executive killed in New York on September 11 called The Bill Dimmling Ancient Soul.

Artistic Influences

A photography trip to the peat bogs of Connemara, Ireland plus the fortuitous introduction to the bog poetry of Irish poet laureate Seamus Heaney (awarded the 1995 Nobel Prize for literature) became important influences in his work. “I was extremely lucky to start up a correspondence with Seamus. I still have the letters he wrote me about my work. I based one of my paintings on his poem Homecoming. In his letter about it, he said, ‘I like the upfront image of the head, the uncharming expression, and enigma, and fact of the latch.’”

John counts Heaney and Canadian abstract painter Harold Town, O.C. as inspiring his work as well. (Town is best known as a member of Painters Eleven, a group of abstract artists active in Toronto from 1954-1960.) John also believes in the words of Ronald Bloore, a Canadian abstract artist and teacher who says, “Any truly creative work should be a revelation to the beholder, an extension of his own experience of life, not a confirmation of what he already knows.”



Portraits from his soon-to-be published book of famous Irish writers and poets.

Return of an Artist

John and Geraldine returned to Canada in 2004, living near Sidney and exhibiting his work in several art galleries on Vancouver Island. He had several joint exhibitions with Geraldine and, in 2010, one with Will Millar, (who, with his brother was part of the singing quartet the Irish Rovers), in Duncan. They decided to “downsize,” and moved to a smaller home in Broadmead in 2015. “I don’t think we will be moving again. I have a huge amount of space for my art and for working on my many projects. My studio overlooks Rithet’s Bog and you just cannot get that western exposure with the light filtering through the trees anywhere. There’s also loads of room for Geraldine to have space for her own projects.”

John has taken a break from commercial showings of his work. “I may consider joining a gallery sometime in the future, but for now I sell my work through my website, or through personal contacts. We are both still members of the Community Arts Council of Saanich Peninsula, in Sidney, but I won’t be on any artists’ tours or sell any works from home.” John is busy with two immediate projects. He has just finished a series in acrylic called “Memories” which express his life experiences through colour, design, and form. A book of biographies of famous Irish writers and poets, with accompanying portraits he has painted of them, is just about completed and he hopes to self-publish it this spring.

His art has shifted through many mediums including unique art jewellery crafted in silver, gold, and precious stones, photography, and from oils to acrylics on canvas, but he considers water colour painting to be one of the most exacting. “I do them quickly, usually with a large brush to start. I will fill in some of the detail, but I believe it is up to the viewer to finish what I have done in his or her own mind. I believe it takes years and years to learn to paint. But I have no idea how long an individual painting takes me. I never have preconceived notions when I start. I just pick up my brush and see where it takes me.”

COVENANT CORNER

Rental suites are not allowed in Broadmead

Suites are not permitted in Broadmead. First, their construction and operation requires a permit from Saanich. When the new bylaw permitting suites (albeit with permits) in Saanich was passed, Saanich council agreed to exclude Broadmead from this provision.

That is, the municipality will not issue such a permit for a suite in Broadmead. So, by definition, any suite in Broadmead is illegal. Saanich usually requires complaints from two nearby residents to act on any violation. BARA is prepared to assist residents on matters related to illegal suites. (Contact us at: info@broadmead.ca).

Suites also contravene property use restrictions which have been placed on almost all Broadmead properties as part of “planning schemes.” Details regarding the restriction (usually worded as “no building shall be used for any purpose other than that of a single family residence”) can be found with property deed documents. Anyone who operates a suite becomes vulnerable to civil court action which neighbours might launch. Again, BARA will assist residents who find that a neighbor is operating a suite and would like this to cease. BARA maintains a data base of Broadmead addresses that is cross referenced to the applicable restrictive covenant registered against the title to each Broadmead address. Again, please contact us at info@broadmead.ca for further information.



The BARA Covenants Committee has made considerable efforts to inform local real estate firms, and their agents, about covenant restrictions. However, members occasionally hear that an agent has told a prospective buyer that additional income could be obtained from a property if a suite is built. In some instances, potential buyers are not told that these cannot be operated legally in houses which may already include an illegal suite.

If you hear of any such representations, please report them to us and we will in turn discuss the matter with the real estate agent(s) in question.

Doug Baer



LANDSCAPING AND HOW TO KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE

Spring is just around the corner... well in this part of Canada anyway. As you begin your garden cleanup, it's a great time to consider landscaping as part of this month's Block Watch tip to help protect your home.

We usually think of locks and alarm systems when we consider home security. However, trees, shrubs, lighting, and fencing can also be used to deter a criminal. Bushes and trees should be pruned or trimmed regularly so that they don't obstruct windows and doors or provide hiding places. Consider using low growth, thorny bushes near the house to discourage a burglar from using the bushes as cover while attempting to enter your home. Motion sensor lights for the front and rear of your home are a good idea as the sudden bright light will discourage a prospective thief from sneaking across your front lawn or side yard.

Be aware that a "green thumb" burglar could be nearby while you are gardening. Always lock your doors and windows and close the garage doors when you go out, even if only for a short time. Lock the front door when you are in the back yard. Put away purses and wallets left inside the home. Engrave all valuables, including tools and garden equipment. Don't leave gardening tools lying around; they can be used by burglars to break into your home. A ladder may allow a burglar to reach a window left open on the second floor.

Watch for suspicious persons in your neighbourhoods. We often leave doors, windows, and garages open in the warmer weather of March and April; this provides an opportunity for a thief to enter our home.

Children's play areas should also be considered for safety. Is the play area visible from your home, the road or from nearby houses? Are trees and bushes blocking the view? Is the play area too close to the roadway with cars driving past too quickly? A small fence, or low hedge which doesn't block vision, is useful for keeping the balls and toys inside the area.

For your protection, and that of your neighbours, remember to be observant and security wise. Keep any would-be "green thumb" burglars out of Broadmead.

Ian Gibbs, Block Watch



WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S SUNDAY MAY 1, 2016

Harbour Towers Hotel and Suites, 345 Quebec St, Victoria, B.C.

Registration: 9 a.m., walk begins: 10 a.m.

The Investors Group Walk for Alzheimer's is an annual fundraising event being held in 23 communities across the province for the Alzheimer Society of B.C. Nearly 10,000 people in B.C. under the age of 65 are living with a form of dementia. Funds raised help people who are living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia to connect to a province-wide network of information, services, and support.

Help make a difference by making a donation, forming, or joining a team, walking as an individual, or volunteering. To volunteer call: Ray Sapergia, 250-727-919. For more information: www.walkforalzheimers.ca



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



Dear Broadmead Residents:

I would like focus on a tremendous challenge facing legislators in British Columbia, and of personal relevance to all of us. Just over one year ago, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled unanimously that adults in grievous and irremediable pain have the right to end their life with a physician’s help. The question is not if physician-assisted dying should be available, but how such end-of-life care will be provided.

The federal government is working on legislation, but the provinces need to be involved as well, because health care – up to and including our last breath – is a provincial responsibility. Quebec has already passed legislation.

I regret to inform you that the B.C. government is seriously failing us on this matter. They have not held public meetings or tabled draft legislation so a public debate can begin. In fact, they recently refused to accept their own standing committee’s report on this matter. In my view, they are avoiding this work because it is difficult, potentially divisive, and not “good politics.” But we deserve better than that.

Yes, end-of-life care brings up complex feelings and can evoke traumatic memories for many people – me included. However, this is a topic which can no longer be avoided. It must be addressed by legislators in a strictly non-partisan, sensitive, and transparent way – with deep engagement of their constituents’ views.

I agree that people with a grievous and irremediable condition should have the option to choose physician-assisted death. At the same time, I believe, when revising our laws, and developing new policies, we must be careful not to create a process that creates societal pressure for those nearing the end of their life to seek out a physician-assisted death. People who are vulnerable, or who do not want to burden loved ones, are at risk of feeling obligated to hasten their death.

The best way to address this concern is to ensure that palliative care is comprehensive, compassionate, and available to all. This is very important not just for those suffering and close to death, but also for their family and loved ones who are by their side.

We do have excellent hospice care locally; but did you know that there is often no available space? For example, at the time of writing there are eight people waiting for a room at Victoria Hospice – eight people who want hospice care, are at the very end of their life, but cannot access this critical service at the moment of their greatest need.

It is well past time for the provincial government to engage broadly on such topics. To contribute to that process, my constituency office will be organizing a panel discussion in May. If you would like to attend, or find out the details, please contact my office.

As always, please feel free to 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
Member of the Legislative Assembly for Saanich South



BROADMEAD AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 7:30 P.M., GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH , 898 ROYAL OAK DRIVE

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
2. Welcome /Introduce BARA directors
3. Establish a quorum
4. Adopt minutes from April 16, 2015 AGM
5. Financial statements for the year ended Dec. 31, 2015
6. Proposed 2016 budget
7. President's report
8. Other business:
 - a) By-law change regarding membership*
 - b) Members' forum
 - c) Recognition of outgoing Board members
9. Election of directors for 2016 – 2017
10. End of meeting

*PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP

In section 22 (1), delete the sentence: "Annual membership fees for individual households, organizations, and businesses will be set at \$15 per year."

The reason for this change is to remove the exact fee amount from the by-law. Section 6 (1) states: "any changes to the annual membership dues must be approved at the annual general meeting of the society." This is unchanged.

Guest speaker Susan Brice, Saanich Councillor

Refreshments

!! 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:

Please complete and mail this form with your cheque for \$15.00 payable to BARA, for a 1-year (January 1—December 31, 2016) membership. Our address is: Broadmead Area Residents' Association, Box 53527, Broadmead RPO, Victoria, BC V8X 5K2. ((E-mail addresses are used only for membership purposes.))

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To update or inquire about your membership status, please e-mail: info@broadmead.ca.

New members will receive a welcome package.

PayPal Option

To pay for your membership on-line, go to QuickLinks on BARA's website, and choose membership/renewal. Enter your information and press PayPal. The next screen will ask for your credit card and billing information. Then press Pay. PayPal automatically notifies the Treasurer who then updates your record and confirms payment by e-mail. No cheque or trip to the post office is required!

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