



Broadmead Area

Community
Newsletter

Spring 2023

**Trails of Broadmead:
new detailed pull out map**

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Fixing our "Welcome to Broadmead" signs

Welcome New Board Members:

Gail Gabel

Gail and her family moved to their first home in Broadmead in 1992.

After son, Tony, went off to university in 1994, it was time to “downsize” from a large family home, with a move to what in the end, turned out to be an almost as large, Broadmead townhouse.

No thought was ever given to a move out of Broadmead. “After all, there is no better location in Victoria to live.”

Gail is officially retired from a business career as a company founder and CEO in the technology sector, where the focus was on water imangement and electronic instrumentation.

“Retirement”, though, keeps her very busy with volunteer activities where she continues to hold appointments on corporate and NFP Boards of Directors, and was delighted to accept when invited to join the BARA Board last year.

Gail’s personal interests include corporate governance, history, travel, and experimenting with international cuisine.

An avid “container” gardener, she enjoys cultivating a wide range of organic vegetables and fruit for family and friends.



Jamie Stevenson

I have been happy to call Broadmead home since the summer of 2022.

This is truly a great community with its parks, trees and friendly people!

My wife, Cindy, and I moved here from Toronto to be closer to our new granddaughter!

We are both originally from Nova Scotia, but we spent the last 9 years in Ontario.

We are enjoying the wonderful offerings of beautiful Vancouver Island and are very happy with our choice of Broadmead for our new home!



President’s Message

Doug Baer



I am pleased to see that our Spring issue of the Broadmead Area Community Newsletter (formerly called “The BARA Bugle”) is now being delivered in time for us to include an announcement of our 2023 Annual General Meeting at Gateway Baptist Church (7pm, Thursday April 27). Our special guest speaker will be Saanich Mayor Dean Murdock. I hope that, like me, you are looking forward to attending this event.

BARA’s Board continues to meet monthly with online meetings to discuss the organization’s activities, organize future events, examine matters of community concern and think of ways in which we can do things that will improve the lives of community residents. In March – a couple of weeks hence as I write this but “in the past” when you read this – the Saanich Police Chief will be a guest at our Board meeting as part of his efforts to reach out to community associations. We let BARA members know about this meeting by email and

solicited comments and suggestions that members wanted to see us talk to the chief about. Most of the responses concerned traffic along Emily Carr Drive.

Traffic on Emily Carr Drive: As readers will undoubtedly have heard, the municipality of Saanich will be implementing a speed limit change on selective semi-arterial city streets, having already done so in the past along Cordova Bay Road north of Royal Oak. The entire length of Emily Carr Drive will be one of these. We had previously been told that, because it had a “centre-line,” Emily Carr was considered to be an arterial road and thus would not be included in any speed limit reduction efforts. Fortunately, things have now changed. Most of us are pleased to see that Saanich Council has passed a motion to confirm this change. Many urbanists argue that speed limit changes don’t do much to change driver habits and that enforcement efforts are at best temporary (with average speeds ramping up fairly shortly after enforcement campaigns to ticket speeding drivers), but I expect that this speed limit will be welcomed by most of the residents along and near Emily Carr, with perhaps a few exceptions.

Alongside Emily Carr Park, the municipality has already installed two traffic-constricting crosswalks with the objectives of enhancing pedestrian safety and of “traffic calming”. Saanich’s near-term capital expenditure plan includes the provision of a similar crossing at Lohbrenner and Emily Carr. Generally, most urbanists argue that a change to the physical structure of the road of this sort will yield traffic speed reductions. We might have preferred to see the “traffic constriction” occur closer to Fir Tree Glen, where drivers sometimes dangerously “round the blind” curve, but if residents want us to BARA can always consider lobbying the municipality for an additional crosswalk there. BARA has not, generally, heard concerns or complaints from Emily Carr residents near Fir Tree Glen, though (our volumes of correspondence on this topic come mostly from residents living closer to Emily Carr Park).

Trail connecting Quailwood Place with the Lochside Trail, School Drop off driveway on Lochside Trail
In the last issue of this newsletter, we published an article describing the plan on the part of Saanich Parks to have a trail build between Lochside Drive beside Lochside School and Quailwood Place. The developer of a new subdivision at 4590 Lochside was asked to provide or pay for this trail. We solicited comments from residents on this proposal, noting that Saanich Parks was not seeking public input as far as we knew. We received 9 emails on this topic, with the preponderance of these arguing that we should not oppose the construction of the trail, which was regarded as a valuable part of the overall Broadmead trail system. Opposition to the trail came from residents on Quailwood itself.

Also in the last issue of the newsletter, we published an article describing the SD-63 school board’s plan to build a drop-off driveway parallel to the Lochside trail right against the school building. Eleven people wrote to us on this matter, with all but 2 of these writers opposing the driveway. We attempted to contact the PAC (Parents’ Advisory Committee) see ascertain their thoughts on this plan but have yet to hear back from them. And we do not currently know if Capital Bike has a position on the plan (given that cyclists will be affected).

More Members Needed: Members only constitute a small proportion of the total number of residents in Broadmead (and the nearby Donwood/Faithwood/Praisewood area). BARA needs your support to better represent the community when it engages the municipal government on matters of concern to the community; membership in the association helps to ensure this. Membership also provides BARA with additional financial resources for its programs and helps it to be able to provide new programs in the community. And members are kept informed, via email, of developments in the community that occur between the publication of issues of this newsletter (which, after all, is only distributed twice a year).

We are aware of the fact that, in a few instances, residents living in strata (townhouse) developments have been told or are otherwise under the incorrect impression that strata fees are automatically applied towards BARA membership dues and that all owners in the strata are therefore BARA members by virtue of their strata residency. This is not correct: there is no “strata membership” category and no strata sends BARA financial resources of any sort. If anyone with an official capacity on your strata board makes this claim, please correct this person but also let us know. Right now, while we have a number of members who live in strata, we feel that strata residents are under-represented on our membership list and we want to ensure that their concerns and interests are included in BARA’s activities.

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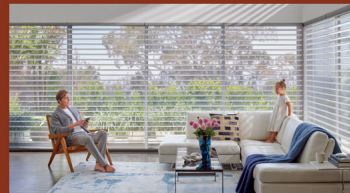
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The Fauna of Rithet's Bog: Townsend's Vole

The Townsend's Vole is a medium sized rodent with a plump and rounded body shape and dense, dark brown fur. The snout and face are short and the ears are fairly large, but not prominent. With a body length of 120 to 160 mm (4.7 to 6.3 in) it is one of the largest North American voles. The tail is relatively short, about half the body length. The scientific name is *Microtus townsendii* and this species is closely related to other voles, lemmings and muskrats. We often think of muskrats as being small beavers, but they are actually large voles.

Townsend's Voles occupy a narrow strip along the west coast of North America, ranging from Vancouver Island and southwest corner of mainland British Columbia south through Washington and Oregon into northern California. They inhabit grasslands, wet meadows and the edges of marshes. At Rithet's Bog they are usually seen on the edge of the trail beside the West Wetland adjacent to Chatterton Way and also beside the Wet Meadow on the south side of the park below the Foxborough townhouses. They are fairly docile and can sometimes be viewed for several minutes if not approached too closely. Like many rodents, Townsend's Voles undergo large swings in population density. At Rithet's Bog they have been fairly numerous over the last few years.

Townsend's Voles feed on soft green vegetation such as grasses, rushes and sedges. High population densities can have a significant impact on native vegetation. They are also an important prey species for owls, hawks, mink and raccoons, so they are an integral component of the ecology at Rithet's Bog. The feral cat population at Rithet's Bog probably has a significant impact on our Townsend's Vole populations. While we hear a lot about the impact of feral cat predation on birds, only around thirty percent of cat predation is on birds. The other seventy percent is on terrestrial vertebrates such as rodents. Cat predation on voles not only affects the vole populations, it also impacts native predator populations by reducing their food supply.

In some of the areas at Rithet's Bog that harbour Townsend's Voles, the vegetation is dominated by Reed Canary Grass, an invasive species that we are trying to eradicate. In areas like this, Reed Canary Grass will have to be removed gradually and replaced by native species such as Tall Mannagrass to maintain the habitat of our native species such as the voles. Invasive species removal is not ecological restoration, it is just one component of a larger process that should be carefully planned.



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Our Newsletter Needs Your Help

This publication is put together by volunteers twice a year. For the past few issues, we have operated without a volunteer acting as editor; instead, an interim team of Board members has stepped in to temporarily take on this task while we await more help from volunteers. An editor would come up with ideas for new articles in conjunction with an editorial team/committee, proof-read articles and co-ordinate publication activities.

In addition to an editor, we are looking for people willing to come up with ideas for articles and, hopefully, follow through by acting as writers for those ideas approved by the editorial group.

On the distribution side, we are looking for people who can help us with the delivery of the Bugle twice a year.

We have some unfilled routes. A "route" typically consists of 15-25 houses in the community.

If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Doug Baer at PresidentBARA@gmail.com Volunteers Needed

BARA is always in need of volunteer help and usually has gaps (people needed where we do not have enough volunteers). Right now, we are especially in need of volunteers to : a) help organize our fall Community Day event, b) join the editorial staff of this newsletter (perhaps with the view towards eventually taking on the task of an "editor") of this newsletter, and c) help out with our web page. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact me at PresidentBARA@gmail.com

Dean Murdoch,
Newly elected Mayor of Saanich

Spring is upon us! The blossoms are emerging and the weather is getting warmer. It's also budget time at the Municipal Hall.

Your Council is working on finalizing this year's budget. Just like households across Saanich, we're up against higher costs due to inflation. We strive to strike a balance between higher inflationary costs and delivering the high quality programs and services that Saanich residents depend on, while being mindful of the impact on households through property taxes.

We continue to prioritize the things you told us are important: creating affordable, family-suitable homes; building safer, walkable and accessible neighbourhoods; enhancing our natural environment, green spaces and protecting against climate impacts; growing our local economy; and promoting community well-being. We're taking important steps to make our roads safer for everyone. Council recently approved speed reduction on nine corridors, including Cordova Bay Road through PKOLS (Mt. Doug) Park to Arbutus Road. Signage changes will roll out this Spring. In the coming months, staff will bring forward speed reduction options for Saanich's neighbourhood roads (without a centre line) and will continue to assess appropriate speed on major routes.

We know that slower speeds save lives by improving driver response times and reducing the chances of a fatality when someone is hit by a car. We continue to prioritize safer places to walk with better sidewalks and improved crossings, as part of our Active Transportation Plan.

We're also working to make Saanich greener. Last month, Council asked staff to report back with options to increase our tree-planting target to up to 10,000 trees a year. In particular, we're looking at ways to add more street trees and create incentives for homeowners and institutional land owners (like the School District and Health Authority) to plant and maintain trees.

More trees add to the natural beauty of our community. They also provide shade during hot weather, absorb stormwater, prevent flooding, and replenish the air with oxygen and absorb carbon pollution.

We're looking forward to growing Saanich's urban forest and making sure everyone gets to enjoy the benefits of green spaces.



Susan Brice
Saanich Councillor

Hello Broadmead Neighbours

It is my pleasure to contribute some information to this newsletter to inform you about some Saanich Council issues which I know residents are interested in. Springtime at the Council table is budget preparation and I assure you we are examining every aspect of the municipal finances to ensure that your taxes provide value to your family. In this time of inflation there is a particular challenge, just as we all experience in our household budgets. I am confident that Council has found a level that is fiscally sound while investing in our infrastructure and programs.

As we are aware the trees in Saanich are one of the features that residents love. When our wonderful community of Broadmead was planned and built out the visionaries ensured that tree retention and preservation were imbedded in every lot subdivision. And now all these years later their forethought contributes to issues that go way beyond beauty to climate change, shade, water retention, wildlife habitat and even mental health.

Council recently received a report "State of the Urban Forest" to guide us in future decisions and strategies to preserve, where possible, the current tree cover throughout the whole municipality and to plant many more trees on public and private land. A fun fact: currently throughout Saanich there are 742,000 trees and 537,000 of those trees are on private property. The whole Urban Forest report can be accessed on the Saanich web-site.

From my role as CRD Director I want to say that like everyone I was challenged and disappointed with the Recycle Program over the latter part of 22/23 with schedule delays and misses. There were issues around vehicles and staffing with the company contracted to do the pick-up. Thanks for your patience and I am confident that CRD staff and the contractor have found immediate and long term solutions. We must all recommit to more of our waste being diverted from the landfill so a robust recycling service is critical.

Looking forward to sunny days and meeting with you out and about in our community.



1 Rolston Trail This trail extends from Rithet's bog through the core of "lower Broadmead" (Broadmead south of Royal Oak Drive) to Royal Oak Drive one block to the west of Lochside Drive. It is discontinuous: one major section extends from Rithet's Bog to Emily Carr, while a second section picks up a block away along Emily Carr and connects to Rithetwood Drive, in some senses continuing to Royal Oak. The first section is used primarily as a hiking/nature trail and follows a creek. In the past, it was the subject of some concern on the part of local residents who wanted bicycles banned from this trail. Saanich Parks initially did so on an experimental basis but no longer has this ban in place as it favours the "multiuse" nature of most trails in Saanich. The section from Emily Carr to Rithetwood forms a pedestrian and cyclist corridor – at least in good weather -- for students attending Lochside Elementary School.

Exploring the Trails of Broadmead

2 Boulderwood Park This is a "linear park" which forms a ring around the townhouses at the top of Boulderwood Rise. At the top of this trail, there are spectacular views of Haro Strait, the San Juan Islands and beyond – and even two park benches from which to enjoy the view. The trail can be steep at points, but there are stairs and a bridge at key points. The trail can be entered from a point across from Perez Park (the tennis court) along Boulderwood Drive, and from Boulderwood Rise (there's also an entry point outside Broadmead at Bramble Court).

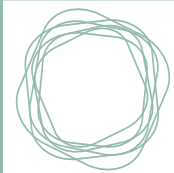


Hi, I'm Mark. **Broadmead resident**, husband, dad, and real estate agent with an exciting new brokerage called **The Agency**.



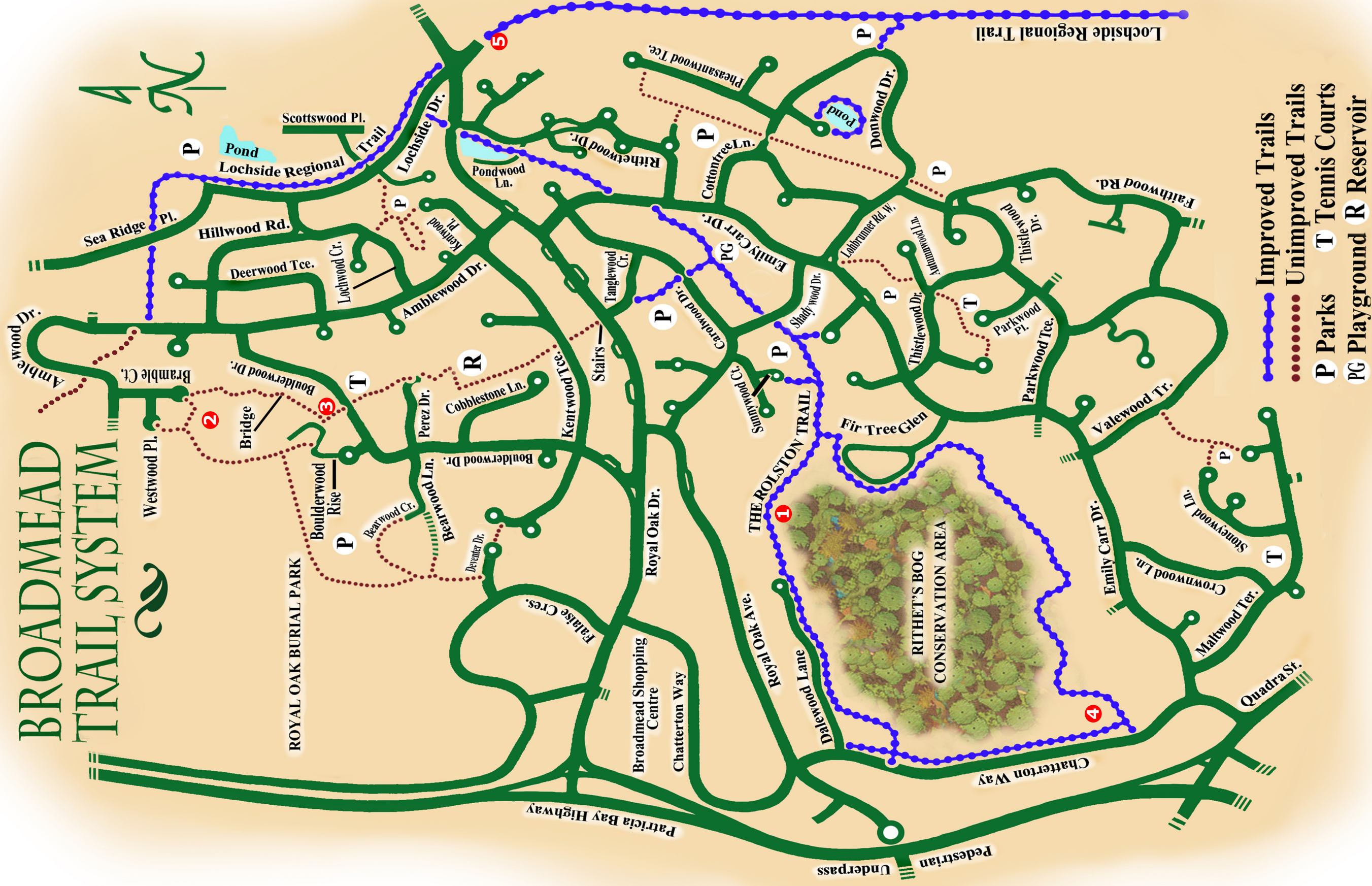
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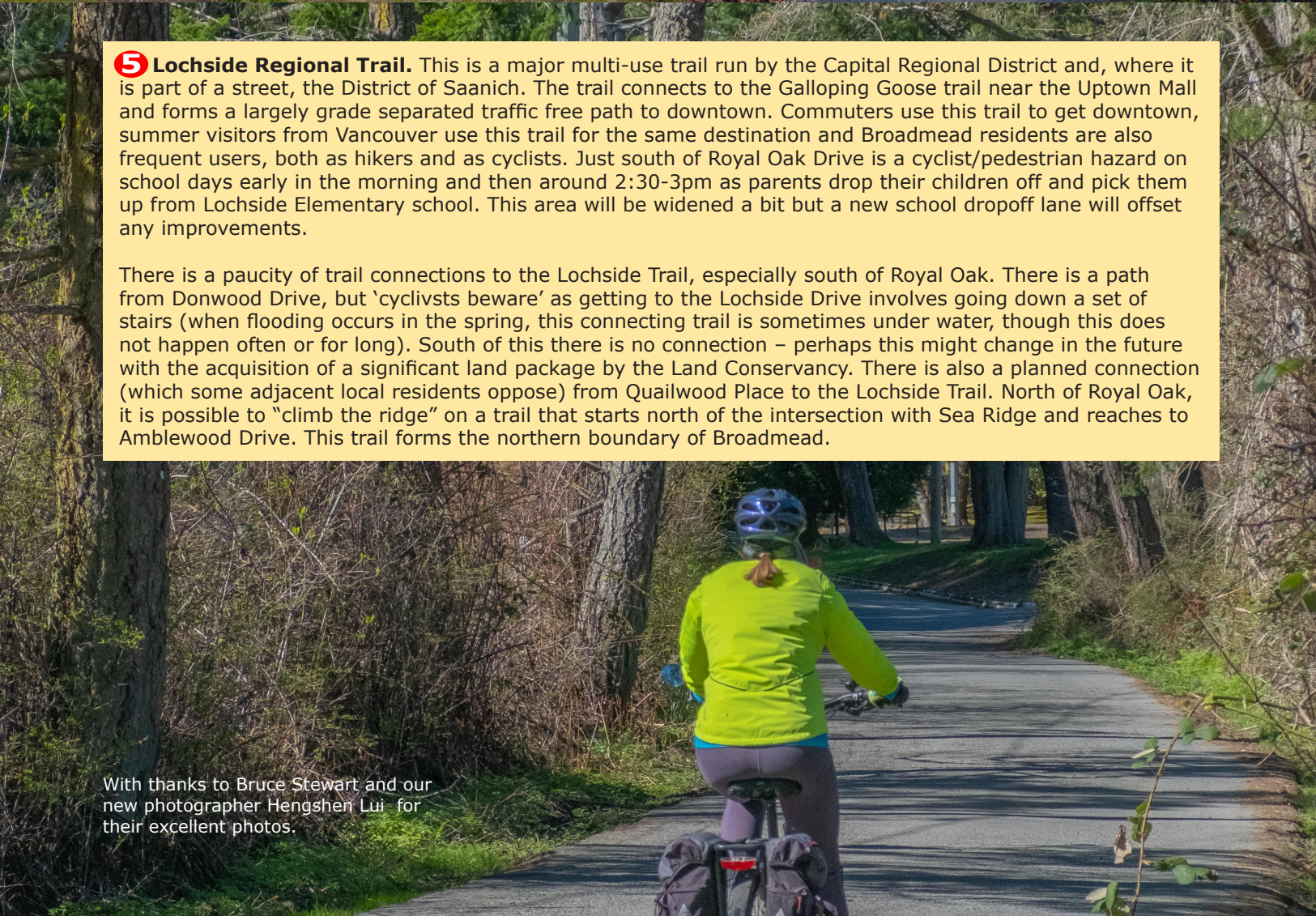




3 Perez to Royal Oak and Beyond. From Perez Park (the tennis court) across from the trail at Boulderwood Park, one can cross the cul-de-sac at the end of Perez Drive, follow the trail through the reservoir and then follow the trail all the way down to Kentwood (it's fairly steep) and thence to Royal Oak (there are stairs on the Kentwood to Royal Oak section), arriving across from the intersection of Tanglewood and Royal Oak. Crossing Royal Oak, one can continue along Tanglewood then a trail through Emily Carr Park to connect to the Rolston Trail.



4 Rithet's Bog Path
On this trail, cycling is not allowed. This is a wonderful trail circling Rithet's Bog, a "natural gem" in the middle of the Broadmead community. Entrances are from Dalewood Lane, Fir Tree Glen, via the Rolston Trail with entrances at Shadywood Place/Shadywood Park



5 Lochside Regional Trail. This is a major multi-use trail run by the Capital Regional District and, where it is part of a street, the District of Saanich. The trail connects to the Galloping Goose trail near the Uptown Mall and forms a largely grade separated traffic free path to downtown. Commuters use this trail to get downtown, summer visitors from Vancouver use this trail for the same destination and Broadmead residents are also frequent users, both as hikers and as cyclists. Just south of Royal Oak Drive is a cyclist/pedestrian hazard on school days early in the morning and then around 2:30-3pm as parents drop their children off and pick them up from Lochside Elementary school. This area will be widened a bit but a new school dropoff lane will offset any improvements.

There is a paucity of trail connections to the Lochside Trail, especially south of Royal Oak. There is a path from Donwood Drive, but 'cyclivsts beware' as getting to the Lochside Drive involves going down a set of stairs (when flooding occurs in the spring, this connecting trail is sometimes under water, though this does not happen often or for long). South of this there is no connection – perhaps this might change in the future with the acquisition of a significant land package by the Land Conservancy. There is also a planned connection (which some adjacent local residents oppose) from Quailwood Place to the Lochside Trail. North of Royal Oak, it is possible to "climb the ridge" on a trail that starts north of the intersection with Sea Ridge and reaches to Amblewood Drive. This trail forms the northern boundary of Broadmead.

With thanks to Bruce Stewart and our new photographer Hengshen Lui for their excellent photos.

Green Spaces

Explore the natural environment that make Broadmead a special place to live

Shiny Geranium, an Unwelcome Arrival

Spring is here. The days are getting longer, and the weather is getting warmer. Trees are leafing out and flowers are starting to emerge. Also poking up from the ground is an unwelcome arrival to our neighborhood that has the potential to become extremely destructive to the native vegetation in our shared green spaces, Shiny Geranium.

Shiny Geranium (Geranium lucidum) is a low growing herbaceous annual to biennial originating in Eurasia. It is a small plant with waxy kidney shaped leaves with 5-7 coarsely toothed lobes, small pink flowers, and smooth hairless stems that turn red as the plant matures. The seeds germinate readily in a broad range of habitats although it prefers forest understory. When the seed pods mature the seeds are ejected up to six metres which give the plant the ability to "climb" uphill. In our local habitats, it forms a dense mat which aggressively displaces native species and decreases biodiversity.

There are three other Geranium species that grow in our area that can be confused with Shiny Geranium. Pictures and descriptions on how to tell these species apart can be found here: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/invasive-species/alerts/shiny_geranium_weed_alert.pdf

A new arrival to the region, it has been identified in the Capital Region and a few sites in the lower mainland. In Broadmead it has been spotted in yards along Faithwood Road and Valewood Trail. Also, infestations in Shadywood Park and Lohbrunner Park have been recently treated by Saanich Parks.

This plant has considerable destructive capacity and it's spread is of concern to Saanich, the CRD, and the province. Please call the Saanich Parks office at 250-475-5522 or email parks@saanich.ca with any new sightings: staff will respond to all calls. Sightings can also be reported to the provincial report invasive species app here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/reporting-invasive-species>

If you have a small patch in your yard, it can be controlled by repeated hand pulling. The plant is delicate and when pulled roots remain which resprout. The goal in hand pulling is to stop the plant from successfully seeding. More extensive infestations require tarping, thick mulching or the use of herbicide. The seeds remain viable in the soil for possibly more than five years so once established, eradicating this plant requires several seasons of diligent control. Do not compost! Flowers can still form viable seeds after removal, and root fragments may persist. Put all plant material in strong/thick garbage bags and dispose. The best option is to take the bags labelled "invasive species" to the Hartland Landfill. If you would like assistance identifying Shiny Geranium, please contact us at: info@broadmead.ca



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People are moving to our amazing community more than ever, and we're ready to welcome them. But as Government we also need to allocate funds to update and improve our wonderful spot on the map as we grow. We are making historic investments into local governments' prosperity by giving one-time funding to the 188 municipalities and regional districts across the province of B.C., and it is why I am proud to share with you that 14 million was announced to the District of Saanich through, our Growing Communities Grants!



What an exciting announcement for Saanich! The money will go a long way toward helping Saanich continue to grow and provide much-needed support to the community. The combined \$1 billion that local governments receive will support them as they improve and continue to grow. Learn more at <https://news.gov.bc.ca/28303>.

Local governments like the District of Saanich provide the services at the heart of your community, on every street and in every home. As communities grow, we continue to work alongside local government partners to support this growth and provide historic investments in each community in B.C.

If you have any questions or concerns about any provincial issue or need assistance with a provincial body, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help. You can reach my office at 250.479.4154 or Lana.Popham.MLA@leg.bc.ca. Constituency Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Speaking of warm welcomes, when you visit my office, give one to new Constituency Assistant Kathleen Burton and her dog Bailey. Bailey is a sweetheart, and he can't wait to meet you!

Sincerely,
MLA Lana Popham



Who Enforces the Covenants in Broadmead?

Almost all properties in Broadmead are in a statutory building scheme placing certain restrictions on the use of property. Properties in the nearby Donwoods/Faithwood area, which are in the area represented by the Broadmead Area Residents' Association (but also by the Blenkinsop Valley Community Association) also have statutory building scheme restrictions.

There are over 70 different building schemes in our community. Some have as few as one or two properties, while others have over 20. While different building schemes have (slightly) different restrictions, for the most part there are common elements which apply to all or almost all building schemes. Briefly, these are:

- No parking of recreational vehicles ("RVs"), boats or commercial trucks on properties
- The restrictions probably prohibit suites, though they do not appear to preclude multi-generation families living in the same house or to prevent "in law suites"
- While not explicitly mentioning garden suites, by not allowing second family dwellings, the restrictions implicitly prohibit garden suites
- Advertising signs are prohibited, with the exception of "approved" real estate signs
- No "animals, birds or livestock" except for domestic household pets
- No outdoor clothes lines (permitted exception: "umbrella" type)

There are also restrictions mentioning the preservation of trees, but we believe that these have been superseded by the Saanich Tree Bylaw (which is similarly restrictive and requires approval before most trees can be cut).

So who enforces these rules? When Broadmead was first being developed, the rules were enforced

by the developer – Broadmead Farms Ltd. Now that Broadmead Farms Ltd. no longer owns property in the various building schemes, it no longer has the ability to enforce the rules or to act as an "approving agency" (for example, allowing exceptions). But other property owners in the same building scheme continue to enjoy the rights (and to be subject to the restrictions) of the building scheme restrictions.

What about the Broadmead Area Residents' Association? Does it not operate like U.S.-style "Home Owners Associations" and enforce the rules? The answer, quite simply, is "no". BARA does not own property and thus has no ability to act as an approval or enforcement agency. As part of its mandate, though, BARA tries to provide information to residents who have questions about the covenant restrictions in place on properties in the community.

Anyone violating the building scheme restrictions on their property faces the possibility of legal action which could be undertaken by neighbours (as long as they own property in the same building scheme). Conversely, if no neighbour objects, a resident could conceivably ignore one or more of the restrictions. But note here that this is not a matter of owners in the same building scheme forming a democratic conclave and voting "yes" or "no": an objection from a single property owner would be enough to veto an owner's ability to ignore the building scheme without potential consequences.

Please note that we are not lawyers and that this article is not intended to provide a "legal opinion" which people should feel comfortable relying on and citing in a court of law. For a definitive opinion on any matter related to the building schemes in Broadmead, a lawyer competent in the area of property law should be consulted.

‘Welcome to Broadmead’ Neighbourhood Signs



There are two 'Welcome to Broadmead' signs on Royal Oak Drive, one located at the eastern entrance near the Lochside School and the other located on the median at the western entrance near the Veterans Memorial Lodge.

These signs were installed during the early phases of the Broadmead development and are close to 40 years old. Over time they have sustained considerable damage due to exposure to the elements and now require replacement.

The Broadmead Area Residents Association (BARA) has decided to undertake a commitment to remove and restore these iconic signs welcoming homeowners and commuters to our lovely neighbourhood. To retain the character of the Broadmead theme, these signs will be reconstructed using similar materials and original colour schemes.

Utilizing funds accumulated from membership dues BARA has commenced this project with an anticipated completion date of the end of summer.

BARAs Board of Directors thanks all members for their continued support of Broadmead Area Residents Association.



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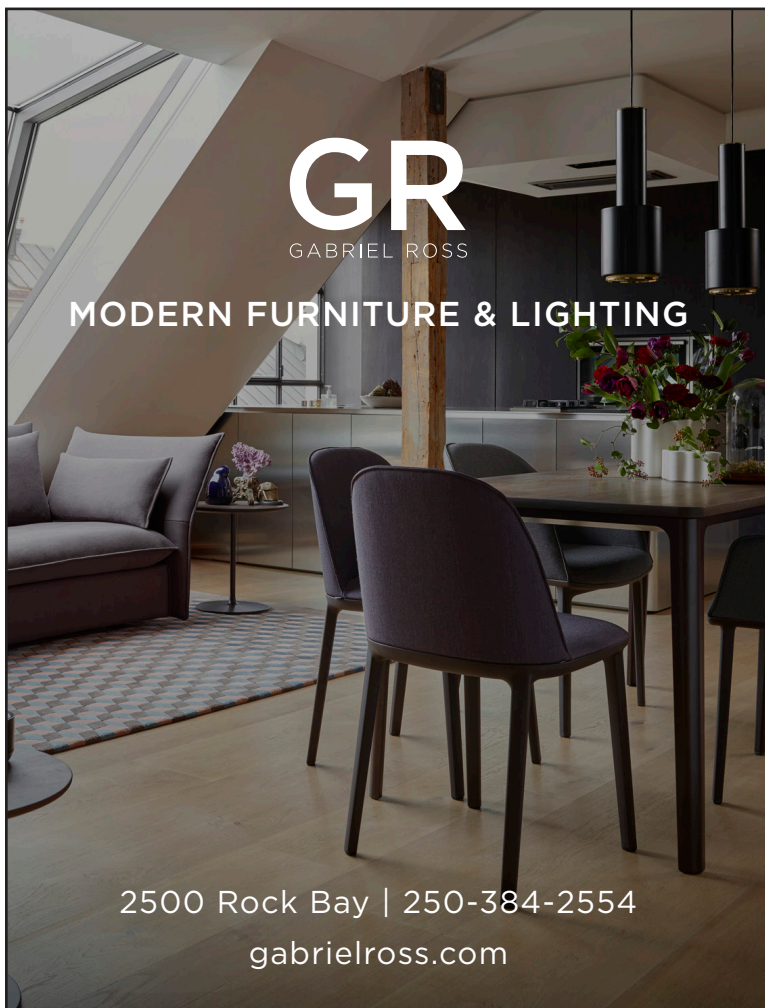
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protects 8 acres of urban greenspace in the Blenkinsop Valley

The Land Conservancy of British Columbia (TLC) was honoured to announce the receipt of a bequest of three adjacent properties in the Blenkinsop Valley, funds to maintain the properties in perpetuity, and a \$40,000 gift to Abkhazi Garden from the estate of Joan Alston-Stewart (nee Lohbrunner) last fall. The \$8.8 million bequest is the largest donation in the charity's 25-year history.

Located near Blenkinsop Lake and the Lochside Trail in Saanich, the three adjacent properties span more than 8 acres of wetland, Garry oak, and Douglas-fir habitat. 1074 Donwood Drive (4.94 acres), 4386 Lochside Drive (2.14 acres), and 4394 Lochside Drive (1.00 acre) each consist of single- or dual-family dwellings with significant greenspace. According to their 2022 assessments, the combined value of the land and buildings is over \$5.3 million. TLC was named among 17 charities and institutions receiving bequeathed gifts from Joan and will receive one-third of the liquid assets of the estate; TLC's portion is valued at approximately \$3.5 million.

Pre-deceased by her husband Gordon in 2017, Joan passed away on February 3, 2020, at age 89. Having moved to the Blenkinsop Valley as a young girl, Joan wished to see the lands she and Gordon had called home for decades protected to advance the biodiversity of the Blenkinsop Valley. Funds donated from the bequest will be used to create an endowment fund with the Victoria Foundation to maintain the Blenkinsop Valley properties in perpetuity per Joan's wishes.

As part of the organization's ongoing stewardship of the properties, TLC's biologists and land managers are developing a restoration plan to inform future restoration work and the ongoing maintenance of the site. This will include a permaculture approach to observe how land functions before modification.

The Blenkinsop Valley, known for its fertile soils, contains some dry CDFmm zones with arbutus and Garry oak, as well as wetter western cedar areas. In addition to these naturally occurring features, the Alston-Stewart properties include modified ecosystems and areas in need of invasive species management. During our initial observation period, staff and volunteers will map each invasive species to prioritize their removal. Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, daphne laurel, and Scotch broom are all present in varying degrees of spread. Thankfully, native species abound so we are confident that when we remove the invasives the system will repopulate those disturbed areas with natives. Regular, ongoing monitoring will be critical to confirm this.

Dianna Stenberg,
TLC Deputy Executive Director

Attention: Broadmead Area Residents' Association



I am honoured to be a part of the Saanich Council. I was fortunate to have met many of you at the All-Candidate's Meeting hosted by BARA and partnering neighborhood associations and look forward to meeting more members in the future. As this is my first submission to your newsletter, I want to share with you some of my desires to ensure Saanich moves into the future in a safe, secure way for everyone.

Safety in Saanich is at the top of my priority list. This topic is relational in everything we do from where we live, where we work, where we recreate and all the pathways that connect us to these locations. Ensuring our roads are safe for all users is vital. Ongoing implementation of actions laid out in our active transportation plan are providing Saanich residents an increased sense of security while contributing to the health of our environment. Creating spaces for multi-mode travellers is important and the residents of Saanich have expressed this concern. More active commuters will result in a healthier community. Creating safe spaces for modes of transportation is critical in protecting Saanich residents and ultimately can contribute to reducing variables that impact climate change.

I am an advocate for active living! Bikers, walkers, runners, hikers – the many modes of transportation that improve our personal health while contributing to the health of our community is plentiful. We are fortunate to live in an environment where we can be improving our personal health and that of our community at the same time all year around. Ensuring our walkways, crosswalks and trails are maintained and safe are important. I have had the opportunity to meet with many Saanich residents since the election to discuss locations that are in need of upgrades and appreciate our community stewards that advocate for safety.

Saanich is a special place to live. I am grateful to be one of the lucky ones born in Saanich, raised in Saanich and established a life in Saanich with my husband where we have raised our four boys. I recognize there is a process and building safe communities takes time. I believe it starts with each of us. Walking the walk (no pun intended) to ensure every resident is a part of maintaining the utmost level of safety in Saanich for all residents is paramount. Let's move forward together, consider healthy options while travelling from "A to B" and when you are in a motorized vehicle, be attentive to those around you including those "actively" transporting alongside you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to meeting you, hearing from you and learning more about the awesome things that the members of BARA are accomplishing. Thank you for your commitment to community.

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BROADMEAD AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BARA)

AGM NOTICE

In accordance with the Societies Act of British Columbia (the "Act") and terms in Sections 2 and 3 of the Society's Bylaws,

our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on

Thursday, 27 April, 2023 at 7pm

Gateway Church, 898 Royal Oak Avenue

The AGM Agenda, guest speaker(s), final Board nominations and Motions will be available 14 days before the AGM - info@broadmead.ca



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

DATE: _____ ☐ One Year (\$20) ☐ Two Years (\$35) ☐ Three Years (\$45)

NAME: _____

A member of your family who resides in your home may be added to your membership (insert additional name above)

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** (_____) _____

MAIL A CHEQUE TO: Broadmead Area Residents' Association, PO Box 53527, RPO Broadmead, Victoria, BC V8X 5K2

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