



A Newsletter for the Town of Sidney

# TOWN TALK

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## PUBLIC INPUT - Parking Study

The consultants of Boulevard Transportation Group are currently undertaking a review of parking within the Town.

The study will focus on the downtown core and include issues related to: all day employee parking; resident only/permit parking; recreational vehicle and bus parking; commercial and residential driveway access; and no parking zone setbacks. A report supplement dealing specifically with smart cars is also being prepared. Other areas to be studied are potential parkade sites,

enforcement requirements and financial implications.

An on-line questionnaire will be available on the Town's website to help gather public opinion and suggested solutions. The survey will also be available at the Town Hall. All responses must be submitted by May 5, 2006.

The consultants will also be gathering input through casual interviews with property and business owners, developers and on-street interviews with the general public.

The study will consider the potential future impact of the Official Community Plan, zoning, recent development initiatives and trends and transportation strategies within the Town.

It is anticipated the report will be presented for Council's consideration in September 2006.

Further information is available through the Town's website or by contacting the Engineering Department at 656-4502.

## Yard & Compostable Garden Waste

Please note that effective **April 1, 2006** the Capital Regional District has banned yard and garden waste from the Hartland Landfill. Please ensure that such material **is not** deposited in with the regular household garbage.

If you receive the monthly yard and compostable garden waste collection service, please remember to limit the quantity to three standard size garbage cans without lids, or clear plastic bags,

per month. For each additional can or bag, a pre-purchased numbered adhesive green decal is to be attached. The single-use decals may be purchased at the Town Hall and the Thriftys Food Store in Sidney. The cost is \$1.75 (plus GST) each. The Town's contractor is under no obligation to collect additional untagged material or material left in non-conforming receptacles. For further information, please contact Alpine Disposal at 474-5145.

## Tax Payments

Council has adopted a Financial Plan for the year 2006-2010 reflecting a modest 2.9% tax increase.

Property tax notices for 2006 will be mailed out the end of May and must be paid on or before July 4. If eligible, please do not forget to claim your Provincial Home Owner Grant.

To avoid long lineups, post dated cheques are encouraged. For your convenience property taxes, utility bills and parking tickets can be paid at your bank.

**Town of Sidney Website: [www.sidney.ca](http://www.sidney.ca)**

## Utility Rates

**Refuse Collection:** Refuse collection for residents is funded 100% by user rates.

	<u>Single Family</u>		<u>Multiple Family</u>		<u>Commercial</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Quarterly Rate	21.18	21.18	17.37	17.37	56.55	56.55
Monthly Rate	7.06	7.06	5.79	5.79	18.85	18.85

**Water Utility:** The water user charge provides for operation of the Town’s water system and the purchase of bulk water.

	<u>2006 Rate</u>	<u>2005 Rate</u>
Per Thousand Gallons	4.610	4.540
Minimum Quarterly Charge	20.00	20.00

**Sewer User Charge:** The sewer user charge provides for the operation of the Town’s sewer system and Sidney’s portion of the Unified Treatment Plant. The sewer user charge is based on water consumption.

	<u>2006 Rate</u>	<u>2005 Rate</u>
Per Thousand Gallons	5.07	4.60
Minimum Quarterly Charge	25.00	25.00

## Grants Requests

Council approved the following grants for the year 2006:

1. Navy League of Canada, Saanch Peninsula Branch	\$ 500
2. Friends of the AMAR B	\$ 500
3. Peninsula Stroke Recovery Club	\$ 500
4. Community Arts Council of Saanich Peninsula	\$ 2,750
5. Peninsula Celebrations Society	\$ 3,500
6. Victoria Human Exchange Society	\$ 1,000
7. Parkland School - Dry Grad Committee	\$ 750
8. Parkland School - Concert Band	\$ 500
9. Beacon Community Services (Vol. Serv. & Hotline)	\$ 2,750
10. Beacon Community Services (Youth Employment)	\$ 2,200
11. NEED Crisis & Info Line	\$ 500
12. VIATec	\$ 500
13. 676 Kittyhawk Air Cadet Squadron	\$ 1,000
14. Peninsula Streams Society	\$ 500
15. Town Crier	\$ 1,000
16. Sidney Sister Cities Association	\$ 1,000
17. Saanich Peninsula Foundation	\$ 3,000
18. Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society	\$ 500
19. Greater Victoria Volunteer Society	\$ 600
20. Peninsula Community Cross Roads	\$ 1,000
21. World Invitational Town Crier Tournament	\$ 1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 25,550</u></b>

## Family Emergency Preparedness

Every area around the world where you choose to live has some type of threat of a natural disaster ... earthquake or tsunami happens to be ours. There is a significant amount of time you will be on your own with no help except from your neighbours ... here are a few tips to help you on the road to preparedness.

1. Plan to be on your own for at least a week.
2. Make a family evacuation and reunification plan.
3. Pack a “grab and go” bag for each member of your family - don’t forget your pets.
4. Pack an “earthquake kit” focusing on:
  - Shelter/Comfort
  - First Aid/Medications
  - Food/Water
  - Sanitation/Storage
5. Choose an “out of province” contact person and ensure each member of your family has the same contact information.

This preparation will help you and your family cope with the consequences of a disaster. For more information, please contact Erika Kanczula, the Coordinator of Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness at 655-3751 or email to [earthquakeerika@shaw.ca](mailto:earthquakeerika@shaw.ca).

### Obey the Sign or Pay Double the Fine

Many drivers disregard signage and speed through construction zones - please help our workers go home safe at the end of the workday.

**PLEASE OBEY THE SIGNS!**

**NEW**

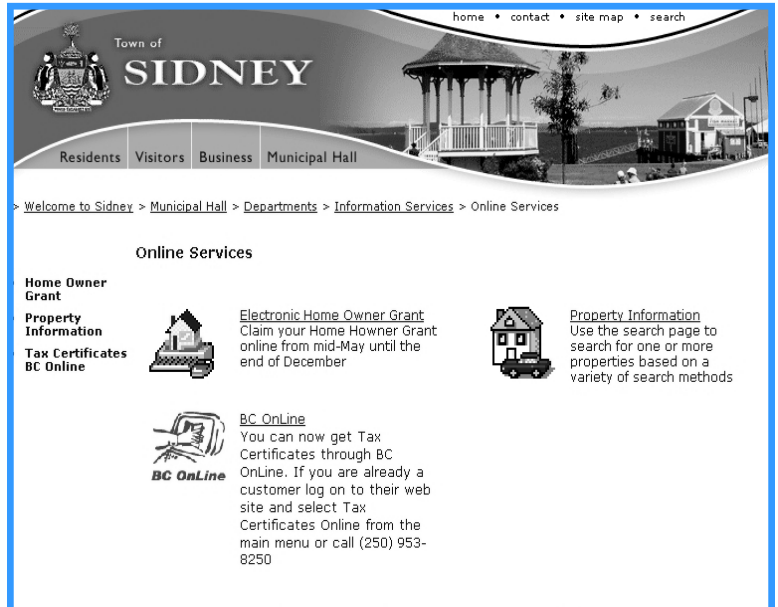
# On-line Services

The Town is pleased to announce its new web on-line service available to Sidney residents. These services include Electronic Home Owner Grant applications and General Property Information.

## Electronic Home Owner Grant (eHOG)

Residents eligible for the Home Owner's Grant will now have the option to apply for their grant on-line through the Town's website. This service will be available once you receive your 2006 tax notice in the mail. Instructions will be included with your tax notice.

The on-line form will guide you through several screens to complete the eHOG application. A link will also be provided to allow you to pay your taxes on-line using your internet banking institution.




Please remember that if your mortgage company is responsible for paying your property taxes it is still the property owner's responsibility to claim the Home Owner Grant (if eligible). When claiming your Home Owner Grant on-line you will need information from your property tax notice to complete the application.

## Property Information

Assessment and taxation information on your property in Sidney is also now available on-line. From the Town's homepage, select "Online Services" from the Quick Links listing and click "Property Information". You will then see instructions on how to retrieve this information.

The Town encourages residents to take advantage of these convenient service options and is looking forward to providing additional on-line services in the future.


If you have any questions or comments regarding these services, please contact the Finance Department at 656-1184.



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### 2006 PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

DUE DATE: Tuesday, July 4, 2006



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It is not necessary for taxes to be paid to claim the Home Owner Grant  
5% Penalty if not paid OR Home Owner Grant not claimed by JULY 4, 2006  
Additional 5% penalty added to any current taxes outstanding after  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2006

FRYER, QUENTIN  
KITSELINO, MARYANNE  
9410 LOCHSIDE DR  
SIDNEY BC V8L 9Q7

LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
LOT 19, SECTION 81, RANGE 7W, NORTH SAANICH DISTRICT, PLAN VIS4653	
TOTAL NET ASSESSED VALUES FOR TAXATION PURPOSES	
CLASS      GENERAL      SCHOOL      HOSPITAL	
1 - Res      527,000      527,000      527,000	

PROPERTY ADDRESS	COLUMN A	COLUMN B	COLUMN C
9410 LOCHSIDE DR	NO GRANT	BASIC GRANT	ADDITIONAL GRANT
PID: 718-124-581			

SCHOOL TAXES COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE PROVINCE OF BC			
School Taxes	2.46890	1,301.11	1,301.11
Less: Home Owner Grant		-570.00	-845.00
<b>NET BASIC SCHOOL TAXES</b>		<b>1,301.11</b>	<b>731.11</b>
<b>LEVIES COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF OTHER AGENCIES</b>			
BC Assessment	0.09200	48.48	48.48



## Sidney Days 2006

June 30 - July 2

### Friday, June 30

- \* Community Dinner (*Tulista Park*)
- \* Canada Day Ceremony (*Tulista Park*)
- \* Fireworks (*Tulista Park*)

### Saturday, July 1

- \* Pancake Breakfast (*Mary Winspear*)
- \* Sidney/Canada Day Parade (*Beacon Ave*)
- \* Family Fun Fair (*Tulista Park*)
- \* Beer Garden (*Tulista Park*)
- \* Bingo (*Tulista Park*)

### Sunday, July 2

- \* Pancake Breakfast (*Beacon & 4<sup>th</sup> St.*)
- \* Sidewalk Sale (*Beacon Ave*)
- \* Beer Garden (*Beacon & 4<sup>th</sup>*)
- \* Bingo (*Beacon & 3<sup>rd</sup> St.*)
- \* Build-a-Quick Boat (*foot of Beacon*)

*Come join the fun!!*

## Wheels Keep Turning



Sidney's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion** event will take place on June 11. People of all ages and abilities will wheel, walk or run to raise awareness and funds for spinal cord injury and related disabilities. Registration will begin at 12:00 noon at Iroquois Park. Over \$6,000 was raised at last year's event, 40% of which was donated back to Sidney to make our community more accessible. For more information, please call 656-0441.

## Sidney Lawn Bowling Club

### Garage & Bake Sale - May 6

9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
9580 Fifth Street

**New Members Welcome**  
Please call 656-7477



## Upcoming Events ...

### The EVENT - The Roaring 20s May 12

7:00 - 11:00 pm.

Gangster molls, flapper girls, movie stars - - the glamour and excitement of the 1920s is yours for the evening. Fine wine, a mountain of appetizers and dessert decadence. Fundraiser for Summer Theatre in Sidney. Tickets \$75.

Mary Winspear Centre, call 656-0275

### Sidney World Invitational Town Crier Tournament May 21 - 27

Watch for costumed Town Criers from around the world and give them a friendly Sidney welcome.

Front lawn of Town Hall, call 655-0517

### Sidney Sundae By the Sea May 28

12:30 - 3:00 pm.

Longest ice cream sundae ever! Friends, fun, free food, bands and sports. Ages 11-25.

Iroquois Park, call 656-9159

### Sidney Summer Market June 15 - Aug 31

Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Fresh produce, locally made handicrafts and delicious food. This open-air market spans 4 blocks down Beacon Avenue, call 655-6417

### Sidney Historical Museum

Daily, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monthly exhibits:

**April** - 50 Years of Theatre

**May** - Gardening Tools

**June** - Radio Controlled Model Boats

Admission by donation, call 655-6355

### Nordic Tug Boats Rendezvous June 22 - 25

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

See the power and beauty of 70 tug boats, some 46' long! Of special interest to artists, photographers and boat lovers. Port Sidney Marina, call 656-1600

*Further information on these and other local events, please contact the Community Development Office at 655-6417.*