



A Newsletter for the Town of Sidney

TOWN TALK

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE **Waterfront Park Concepts**

UPDATE

Official **Community Plan Review**

The Town is currently reviewing draft plans for the new design of the waterfront park commonly known as Bandstand Park, located adjacent to Beacon Wharf. All members of the community are invited to attend a Public Open House regarding proposed park design options on:

Thursday, November 2, 2006

6:00 - 8:00 pm

The SHOAL Centre
(10030 Resthaven Drive)

The public will have an opportunity to view a three-dimensional model of the proposed park as well as a series of landscape design boards and to provide feedback on the proposed design options. Town staff and the project's Landscape Architect will be in attendance to answer any questions. For more information, please contact the Development Services Department at 656-1725.

Grant Applications

If your organization wishes to apply for a 2007 grant, application forms are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall. Please include with your application a written request to Council providing details of what the funding would accomplish. The deadline for receipt of grant applications is January 31. Please submit your request to the Town to the attention of the Chief Administrative Officer. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 656-1184.

For the past eight months, the Town has been involved in a comprehensive planning process for the purpose of reviewing and updating its current Official Community Plan (OCP). With a large component of the public consultation complete, Development Services staff is now in the process of writing the first draft of the new OCP. Upon completion of the draft, the Town will then conduct a series of Open Houses, anticipated for early 2007, to receive additional feedback from the public on the contents of the plan. The projected completion date for the new OCP is spring of 2007.

For more information, please contact the Development Services Department at 656-1725. Relevant background information on the OCP review is available on the Town's website.

Peninsula Celebrations Society **Important Requests**

The Peninsula Celebrations Society urgently requests volunteers to take a leadership role in the Society. President Hewitt Helmsing will be stepping down at the year end and the Society requires someone who is able to give the time required for this important role in our community. Interested people please call the Society's office at 656-4365.

The Society requests support for the Sidney Lions Club Food Bank. Please bring gifts of food to the Santa Parade on November 26 and at the Sailpast viewing area at Diver's Point on December 2 to help support your community.

www.sidney.ca

Please Apply - 2007 Committee Appointments

Town Council invites interested residents to apply to serve on the committees below. Please submit a written submission to the Town (attention Mayor and Council) no later than **Tuesday, November 14, 2006**. (Watch for advertisement in the *News Review* in October). Please ensure that your submission includes your name, address, home and business telephone numbers, history of community involvement, other relevant expertise and reasons for seeking an appointment. For more information, please contact the Administration Department at 656-1139.

Advisory Planning Commission

- Recommends on matters relating to land use and planning, including heritage matters.
- Comprises of 10 members, generally meets twice a month.

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

- Recommends opportunities for enhancing the rights and the communal well being of the disabled.
- Comprises of 7 members, generally meets once a month.

Police Advisory Committee

- May research legislation, comment on community initiatives and make recommendations for change.
- May identify community concerns and recommend goals and priorities for policing.
- Comprises of 7 members, generally meets once a month.

Youth & Community Advisory Committee

- Provides recommendations from youth perspective to enhance community centers and activities for youth.
- Comprises of 10 members (students from local schools), generally meets once a month.

Vision Advisory Committee

- Provides recommendations regarding implementation of the objectives of the Vision 2000 document and achievable timelines.
- Comprises of 12 members, generally will meet once a month.

Peninsula Recreation Commission

- Provides input regarding operation and programs at the Panorama Recreation Centre
- Generally meets once a month.

Peninsula Water Commission & Wastewater Management Committee

- Provides input regarding the water supply and distribution and sewage treatment on the Peninsula.
- Generally meets once a month.

Contact Your Council

Wishing to write to Mayor and Council, please address your correspondence to:

Mayor and Council
2440 Sidney Avenue
Sidney, BC V8L 1Y7

Please make certain your full name and address is on the letter to ensure a prompt response.

Retirement of Town Employee - Colleen Pierlot

The Town will miss employee Colleen Pierlot who has retired after 8 years of service as Financial/Administrative Assistant for the Sidney/North Saanich RCMP Detachment. We thank Colleen for her contributions and wish her a healthy and happy retirement.

Winter is Coming



With the winter rains coming it is a good idea to spend a little time checking the drainage system around your home. Check your gutters for leaves and needles and check driveway drains and catch basins for debris. Remove any debris that blocks or impedes flow and flush the system. If you have had a drainage problem in the past from root intrusion, now is a good time to have your drain system inspected and cleaned, if necessary, by a qualified professional.

Should you have any questions, please call the Engineering Department at 656-4502 between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. If you experience a flooding problem, please call the Town at 656-1184 (24 hours).

TOWN HALL 656-1184
EMERGENCY 911

Emergency Preparedness

Another tip to help prepare your family and home for a disaster is to complete a "hazard hunt". The purpose of this hunt is to allow you and members of your family time to get to a safe place.

1. Strap your hot water tank. Good source of water, but has to be treated before consumed.
2. Place a pair of good soled shoes under the bed. DO NOT get out of bed after an earthquake until you have put these shoes on. Many of the injuries occur after the earthquake when people are not prepared.
3. Secure pictures to the wall. Many options are available from brackets to double sided Velcro.
4. Remove anything hanging behind the bed in each room. You need to stay in bed and ride out the shaking, so this area needs to be safe.

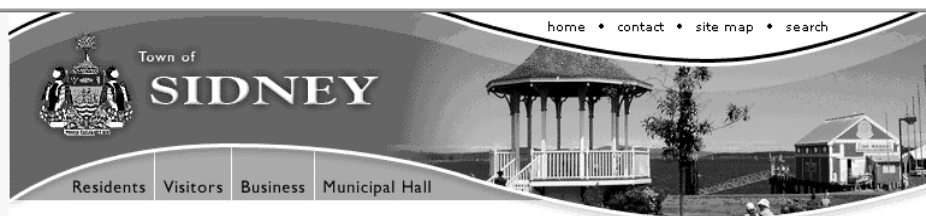
For more information on emergency preparedness, please contact Erika Kanczula, the Coordinator of Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness, at 655-3751 or email to earthquakeerika@shaw.ca.

Sidney Website Photo Gallery

The Town is looking to expand the number of photos posted on the Town's website. The photo gallery is a great place to showcase our picturesque, seaside community to the rest of the world.

Do you have any beautiful or unique scenic pictures of Sidney? Would you like to see them on our website? Please send your photo(s) to the Town at webmaster@sidney.ca.

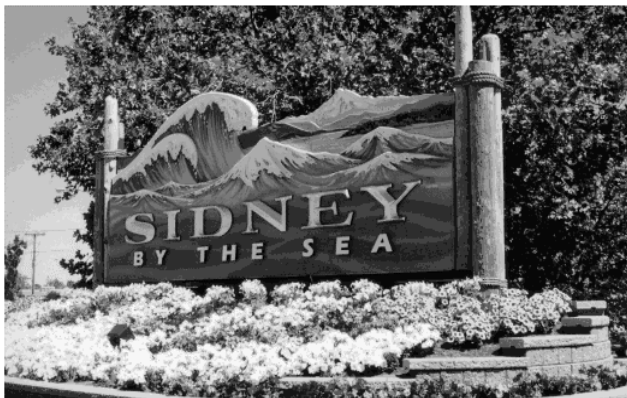
Please note that because the pictures are displayed in a gallery, no names will be posted with the pictures. Thank you.



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Photo Gallery

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UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

Sidney Fine Art Show 2006

Oct 13 & 14 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Oct 15 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Mary Winspear Centre

Artists from the Peninsula and across Canada work all year to produce hundreds of never-before-seen pieces. All works for sale. Call 655-6417.

Victoria Toy Show

Oct 22 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mary Winspear Centre

The biggest toy show in Western Canada. Collectors bring 1000s of toys for sale and trade: antiques and collectibles, dinky toys, planes, trains, game comics, Barbies, etc. Call 385-4292.

Christmas Tree Festival

Nov 24 - Dec 24 9:00 am - 5:30 pm and later

Mary Winspear Centre

Real trees capture the spirit of the season. Themes range from traditional to imaginative. Be sure to vote for your favourite. Call 655-6417.

Christmas Writers' Festival

Nov 24, 25 & 26 various times

Twenty plus writers read, perform and autograph their books in Sidney's bookstores. Call 655-4447.

Christmas Bake Sale

Nov 25 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

9580 Fifth Street (Sidney Lawn Bowling Club)

Lots of delicious home baking. Please make sure you come early - it goes fast! Call 655-1297.

Sidney Sparkles Santa Parade

Nov 26 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Beacon Avenue

This family event - bands, floats and vehicles are decorated with lights. Bring a food bank donation and spare change. Call 656-4365.

Christmas Memories Concerts

Dec 1, 2 7:30 pm

Dec 3 2:00 pm

Mary Winspear Centre

Peninsula Singers' well-loved annual concert will showcase the chorus' wide repertoire of holiday music. Call 656-0275.

Sidney Sparkles Lighted Sailpast

Dec 2 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Waterfront - foot of Beacon Avenue

A parade of boats from dinghies to large commercial vessels. Call 656-4365.

First Night New Year's Eve Celebration

Dec 31 6:00 - 11:00 pm

Fireworks 10:30 pm

Panorama Recreation Centre

Plan to spend a family friendly, alcohol-free evening of indoor activities, swimming, skating, arts and crafts, music, etc. Call 656-7271.



SIDNEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

MONTHLY DISPLAYS

October - Deep Cove Weavers & Spinners

November - The Art of Knitting

December - Teddy Bear Christmas

10:00 am - 3:00 pm daily

2423 Beacon Avenue (Old Post Office Building)

Admission by donation. Call 655-6355.

For more information on upcoming community events, please visit the Town's website www.sidney.ca or call the Community Development Office at 655-6417

December 2006 Council Meeting Schedule

Organizational Council Meeting - Monday, Dec. 4
Committee of the Whole Meeting - Monday, Dec. 11
Council Meeting - Monday, Dec. 18

Holiday Closure

The Town Hall will be closed as follows during the holiday season:

Monday, Dec. 25 to Monday, Jan. 1
(re-opening on Tuesday, January 2)