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2006 PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: FRED WEBER

The OPCA executive for 2007

President:	Fred Weber	Secretary:	Tara Sketchley
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Director:	Mike Powley	Director:	Karen Reid
Executive Director and Hall Manager: Jean Matthews			

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS - Fred Weber

Summer although far too short has come and gone and Fall is once again upon us. With the return to school and regular work schedules it is a very busy time of the year for all concerned. I was hoping Mother Nature would bless us with some pleasant autumn weather but judging by the past several weeks I should not hold my breath.

Ocean Park continues to be a busy community and I would like to comment on some of the issues or activities that were in the forefront this past summer and the early part of autumn.

The development application for an extended hours Wine and Liquor Store was approved by Council in September. The majority of the Board did express their concerns about this application to Council during the Public Hearing Process. We live in a democratic society and as such are governed by the wishes of the majority and as such have to accept this change in our community. The application approval will not impact on how we continue to operate the hall. The OPCA screens very closely all perspective renters/users of the hall, especially for social events, to determine their suitability. All rental contracts include a copy of the City of Surrey Noise By-Law and specific regulations for noise during hall usage. The OPCA also monitors social events by random onsite visits to minimize the impact on our neighbours.

I would like to congratulate Laura Thibeault and the Ocean Park Business Association (OPBA) for the very impressive Banners that adorn the utility poles in our village- what an improvement- keep up the excellent work. I understand that a winter version will soon be on display. (see a picture of ours page 3)

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS continued

The hall hosted a Town Hall Meeting to allow residents to express their concerns re the Flight Path changes introduced by Nav. Canada in early May. Although several other meetings were held prior on the same subject, interest was still so high that a large number of residents were turned away as the hall was filled to capacity. Among the attendees at the meeting were representatives from the offices of our MP, MLA, City Council, The Now, The Peace Arch News, Global TV and CBC Radio. (See more information page 4) The turn out was overwhelming and would be nice if some of this could translate into increased membership. It would be welcomed to see similar responses to other community issues. We as citizens need to get involved, take ownership of our neighbourhoods, streets and City at large. We cannot just write letters to the editor, phone radio talk shows, ask the government to fix the problems, change laws and always expect some one else to do it. We must be positive role models and take responsibilities socially and environmentally for our actions. We are the government, we need to give our representatives directions and then hold them accountable. The livability of our neighbourhood is at risk here, if not further erosion will occur and we will reach a point where we will not be able to reverse it. Once again I hope you enjoyed this Issue. .

In closing let me remind all of you again of our slogan **“Your Hall, Your Association, Your Community”**

Make it work for you; Get involved!

Suggestions, comments, questions or concerns are always welcomed;

Please contact me by phone at 604 535 1310 or through our Board Members Page on our web site

http://www.oceanparkca.ca/board_members.html



Camp Kwomais “Sold” ...to the City of Surrey for the purpose of creating a City park for the Peninsula re-

gion—see page 2 for photos and further details. Presently the site has now a Surrey City sign as noted to the right key word is **“Park”**



The City of Surrey has purchased Camp Kwomais from the United Church of Canada, with plans to make it a new destination park for both Surrey residents and visitors. (for more information visit the OPCA web site at <http://www.oceanparkca.ca/kwomais1.html>)

Camp Kwomais, which has been a Surrey landmark since 1910, was a summer camp owned by the United Church of Canada. Located on 16.25 acres of beautiful treed land on the bluffs overlooking Boundary Bay and Mud Bay, Camp Kwomais is a site of significant social and cultural significance to Surrey in addition to its natural beauty.

“The purchase of Camp Kwomais demonstrates Council’s commitment to preserving Surrey’s natural beauty for all of our residents,” said Mayor Dianne Watts on behalf of Council. “Camp Kwomais will be a new destination park, a natural gem on the waters edge in Surrey.” The Mayor is seen to the right addressing the visitors at the site for this special moment.



The picture to the left includes members of the City of Surrey Councilors, Mayor Dianne Watts, United Church representative Rev. Doug Goodwin and of course the “Transfer of Title.”



Others attending were Councilor Bob Bose (a “neighbour to the park now) and to the right Past President, OPCA, Marianela Martinez & current OPCA President Fred Weber.



Events up & coming for 2007 Fall http://www.oceanparkca.ca/special_events.html

DAY & DATE	TIMES	EVENT DISCIPTION
Saturday Nov. 3 rd	Hours posted @ Hall backlit board	Buckingham Auctions, carpet Auction Registration & View from noon on. Auction begins at 1:00PM
Sat. Nov. 24th	Hours posted @ Hall backlit board	"A REAL PIECE OF WORK" arts & Crafts show & sale
Fri. Nov. 30th eve. & Sat. Dec.1st all day	Hours posted @ Hall backlit board	SEMAHMOO POTTERS CLUB show & sale
Sat. Dec. 8 th	Hours posted @ Hall backlit board	Shawn Haukaas Art Show and Sale

Hi Members & supporters of the OPCA. We are happy to say we reserve the right to photograph all program & community participants & use these photos for the Community Connections Publication without the expressed written consent of those individuals pictured. Questions?Please call the Hall @ 604.538.2460



New Banners come to the Ocean Park Village and there is "a light at the end of the tunnel"



Don't the new "Village" banners look great? Thanks to the OPBA for putting this together for all the merchants.

The light at the end of the "tunnel"? Yes it is the BNSF underpass at the bottom of the 1001 steps. The former structure was a creosote laden wooden trestle and has been taken down and replaced with the concrete under pass pictured below. It seems to be a safer structure for the passage of trains and concrete has reduced the fire hazard greatly. It seems also to have reduced the number of beach fires as the high tide line almost meets the concrete apronso this "upgrade" seems to be a good thing that might even reduce the "beach party" problems at this site. .



Ocean Park Community Association Annual Membership Form 2008



First Name (s): _____ Last Name (s): _____

Address: _____ (Suite #) _____ Phone: 604 _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ E-Mail: _____

Check appropriate category for 2008:

- New Member _____
- Renewal of Membership _____

Please renew your membership for 2008 with this form or visit the membership site http://www.oceanparkca.ca/membership_registration.html

I (We) would consider Volunteering in one of the following areas: (check desired categories)

- Fund Raising Hall Restoration Taste of Ocean Park Baking
- Heritage Tea Family Events Membership Drive Social Events/ Dances
- Executive/Committee Position Other? _____

Annual Family Membership Dues/Fees	\$20.00
Donation for Hall Maintenance	
"The Ocean Park Story" 14 page booklet	\$6.50
Total	

Please mail/deliver forms & cheques to:
OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
1577 – 128 Street Surrey B.C. V4A 3V1
Attention, Jane Hayes

NOTE: Declaration & By-laws of the OCPA are available on request. For information call 604.538.2460. Thank-you for joining the OPCA for the year 2008.



From the OPCA "Town Hall" meeting regarding excessive air plane noise. A letter expressing the residents concern was circulated , a total of 287 signatures were collected and it has been forwarded to Ottawa. From this meeting a new group of citizens are organizing under the banner of "**Surrey Citizens Against Airplane Noise** " SCAAN and has set up an email list at scaans@gmail.com for residents who want to join the fight and keep up to date with what's happening. More information to follow. The letter signed by the 287 signators and forwarded to Ottawa has been posted to the OPCA web site at <http://www.oceanparkca.ca/SCAANwebletter.pdf> Please note the following E-mail contacts are posted and noted here for further input by concerned residents. The newly formed SCANN group urge any concerned residents to voice their concerns about excessive air plane noise to the following representatives:

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper.....pm@pm.gc.ca
- Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, & Communities.....mintc@tc.gc.ca
 - Transport Canada.....www.tc.gc.ca
 - NavCanada.....service@navcanada.ca



Gas Station Site 1611 128th Street, Will remain an automotive repair site for some time to come.

This re-zoning application is in a bit of a hiatus with respect to the initial proposal for a Tim Hortons outlet. This seems now to be on hold with the permit still in effect. The good news is that rather than currently have another "fast food" site in the area residents can avail themselves of a local "drop & walk" car repair service, most folks feel (while not the most architecturally pleasing) this is a welcome automotive service for the residents.

Sunnyside Acres Fund Raising Calendar to Mark 20th years

In 1984 there was a proposal to turn this park of 400 acres into a golf course and housing. A group was formed to fight it, SOS (Save Our Sunnyside) and in 1988 Surrey Council designated it as an Urban Forest, i.e. as little human interference as possible. SOS became the present Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society, a kind of watchdog group who work with Surrey Parks in protecting this site.

The calendar pictures - full colour - are all taken within the Forest and the primary purpose, aside from celebrating the 20th Anniversary, is to raise and maintain public awareness of the Acres and, with a little luck, make a bit of money. The calendar sells for \$15.00, no tax.

For more information OPCA members may contact, Society president Ron Meadley (pictured right) at 604-535-3507. (photo courtesy of Peace Arch News)

Those interested in the calendar can find it in locations including O'Hagan's Peninsula Cycles (152 Street and 17 Avenue) and Whitby's Bookstore (west Marine Drive).



Are you a member of the OPCA & receiving Community Connections by "snail mail" but have on-line access? You can receive a full colour issue by e-Mail in PDF format for downloading and printing out in colour. Just contact us on the OPCA web site @ http://www.oceanparkca.ca/board_members.html and you will be receiving the next issue in full colour and will save the OPCA postage & mailing costs. Many thanks to those that have ...we have not had to raise the dues for several years now in part due to this saving in our communication coststhank you the OPCA executive.