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### 2006 PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: FRED WEBER

#### The OPCA executive for 2006

President:	Fred Weber	Secretary:	Mike Powley
Vice Pres.	Allison Thompson	Director:	Laura Thibeault
Treasurer:	Mary Ann ten-Hooper	Membership :	Jane Hayes
Director:	Maureen Hamblin	Director:	Vacant

Happy New Year! I trust you and your family had a pleasant holiday season and are looking forward to an exiting 2007.

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The annual Heritage Tea is scheduled for Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the hall and we require a convener and help for set up, take down and serving of the tea. Please contact Jean Matthews or any one of us on the Executive. Long time residents and seniors of Ocean Park look forward to the tea and socializing with old friends and new.

The annual AGM is scheduled for Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 7:00 PM at the hall. At this meeting the membership gets the opportunity to review, shape the health of our association and elect a new Board. Election of new officers is crucial at all times but even more so this year, as number of current board members are planning to step down and not stand for re-election again.

There is a benefit to all of this as change brings in fresh ideas. The majority of board members have served four (4) or more years in their present capacity and there is a feeling among us that regular change is good for both the well being of the Board and the Association. Clearly there is a need now for the members to step up and either stand for election or nominate some one. If you care for the association and wish to sustain this great little community attend the AGM and become involved at all levels. We will be mailing out the AGM package including nomination forms shortly but in the meantime if you are interested or know of someone that may/is, you can use the form provided in this OPCA Newsletter see page 4 or please contact any one of us as soon as possible for further information.

One of our highlight events of the year is the annual Taste of Ocean Park Extravaganza, our primary fund raiser. Each year this event has become more successful than the previous year. This has been the case even more so the past two years when our venue was the beautiful Koco Garden Centre, it sold out within the hour of tickets going on sale. Success at this beautiful venue came with a price and that was, it required a great of planning, organizing to hold the event, set up and take down and not impact the business activity of the garden centre. Laura Thibeault and her ever shrinking group of volunteers worked their hearts out and deserve a very great deal of credit for the success of the last two years. However, due to the potential sale of the garden centre property we needed to consider other venues. After much discussion and taking into consideration the evolution of this event from one of a fundraiser to one of community event, we decided to rethink our approach from both a financial and community aspect and bring it back to the hall and hall grounds. Although planning has started we find if we are to be successful we need more volunteer help to organize and put on this event.

We need people to commit and be available from start to finish. Laura chaired and was responsible for the TOOP committee the past two years but is unable due to business commitments to assume this role again this year. Again we need help in this area. If you wish to volunteer please let us know as soon as possible. Possible dates for this event are May 26, June 2 & 9 2007.

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Well the "light up" event didn't go for the snow ...too bad ...sorry to anybody who ventured out that night ...but this Hall picture is what all would have been able to see on "normal" light up night. The colouring contest was reviewed in spite of the cancelled night. And a draw was

held at the library for the prizes. The winners were **Aksel, Sophia, Darcy & Ethan**...congratulations to all participants. Thanks also to prize donors, Bell Travel, Cotton'N'Crayon & the Bank of Montreal.



Remember to attend the OPCA AGM Tues. March 13th at the Hall starts 7:30PM

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As you may have read in the PAN or heard we have been advised by the City of Surrey Planning Dept of a "Preliminary Notice of Proposed Development of 1611-128th St. from City of Surrey".

The applicant is proposing to rezone from Combined Service Gasoline station Zone (CG-2) to Comprehensive Development Zone (CD)" and proposed Development Permit to allow for the construction of a 2600 sq.ft. building containing a commercial unit and a restaurant, 8 parking spaces proposed, 6 are required.

This application has not gone to Council and is at a very preliminary stage. As such, different aspects of the proposal may change as the application proceeds through the review process. Any concerns regarding this application may be directed to Keith Broersma at 604 -591-4766 or in writing quoting file number 7906-0446-00. We, the Board, would like to make a submission to the City on this matter but require direction from the membership. We are prepared to hold a Town Hall meeting at which you the membership could express your views/ concerns which we in turn would communicate to the City. Please advise if this is something you would want us to do.

I would also like to draw your attention to the following. After a follow-up story re the BNSF train derailment in Everett, Washington in the Peace Arch News, the Crescent Beach Property Owners Association at their November meeting unanimously endorsed a request to push the City of Surrey to support the installation of warning sirens along the BNSF right of way as a prudent means of alerting citizens of a train derailment in the shortest possible interval of time. I for one would like to see the OPCA support the CBPOA imitative. Perhaps it would make sense to invite a representative from the Semiahmoo Peninsula Citizens for Public Safety to explain why a siren warning system is in the safety interest of Ocean Park. We could combine this, plus the Shell Gas Station issue in one meeting. I look forward to hearing from the membership.

As always I appreciate your comments and input and look forward to hearing from you. You may reach me at: [fabweber@shaw.ca](mailto:fabweber@shaw.ca)  
 Cheers Fred Weber

Forceful reminder here along will all the other little notes.

THE OPCA AGM happens  
 March 13th at 7:30PM

Be there to support your Association. We will provide refreshments to get you through the 2 hours it will take. BUT we can't go on with out you & your support!

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**THE HIGGINS in Concert**  
*Kathleen, Eileen and John Higgins*

**Bell Travel's Concert Series**  
 Ocean Park Community Hall  
 Saturday, January 20th, 2007

Doors Open: 7:30pm  
 Concert: 8:00pm

Based in Delta, B.C., The Higgins first came to our attention on Global TV's Morning News, and have since played the Merritt Mountain Music Festival, the CBC, and have just returned from China and Nashville to name a few of their performances. They are fast becoming in demand across this country of ours.

Their music is contemporary country seasoned with styles ranging from roots and classic rock to Celtic. Their sound is melodic and edgy, echoing the rich musical era of the 60's and 70's. The Higgins' influences are powerful and diverse - ranging from Crosby, Stills & Nash, Fleetwood Mac, Emmylou Harris to Stevie Ray Vaughan and traditional Irish Music. The result? A unique and unmistakable sound.

As usual, all proceeds go to our historic Ocean Park Hall

*Refreshments available from the Ocean Park Business Association*

**New this season is a dinner/concert package. Enjoy a Souvlaki dinner with a beer or highball at the Ocean Park Village Pub then claim your upfront reserved seats for the concert. This package sold out for the November concert.**

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**We need YOUR promotional help too!**  
 Plan an evening out with your neighbours & friends.

**Concert Location Details:**  
 1577 - 128th St., Ocean Park, Surrey  
 Just south of 16th Ave. on 128th Street

**Come out for a superb evening of fun with your Ocean Park neighbours.**

**Tickets Available at:**

**Bell Travel**  
 12894 - 16th Ave.  
 Ocean Park  
 604-535-2587

**Advance Sales:**  
 Adults: \$25 Children: \$15

**At The Door:**  
 Adults: \$30 Children: \$15

**Dinner/Concert: \$40**

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A serious moment from the OPCA Directors group ...we will in 2007 have 5 out of 8 positions vacant ...critical will be our Treasurer and our President and someone to lead the organization of the Taste of Ocean Park (TOOP) event. Where are the folks when you need em? ...and will we be continuing? Maybe! What does it take and what is expected.

So what does it take?

No Previous Experience needed—just devotion to the Ocean Park Village



Time? Hey just one meeting a month!  
Held in delightful surroundings.



(not the Hall we can't get in there as it is fully booked week day evenings)



Fun?



You bet the executive has fun ...so get through the meetings. Don't the group in action at the you bet!



we are a bit crazy ....how else to believe us? ...see what is left of AGM ...you will want to join us-



OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Nominating Form for an Ocean Park 2007 Executive/Committee position.**  
Please submit this form to Jean Matthews c/o 1577 – 128 Street, Surrey B.C. V4A 3V1  
prior to Feb., 2007 or at the OPCA AGM Feb. 2007

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Positions include, Directors, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President & President

Phone: (H) 604 \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: (Suite #) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously served on a volunteer board? – List recent activities:



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a specific position you would be willing to serve as? \_\_\_\_\_

Special skills/interests \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in ensuring the future of the Hall and the role of the OPCA within the Community, please volunteer by submitting this form as noted above. For further information contact OPCA President Fred Weber @ 604.538.7402



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 Jane Hayes at jphayes@shaw.ca & you will be receiving the next issue in full colour and will save the OPCA postage & mailing costs.