
The Park News

Spring 2019



Annual Hotdog and Garage Sale

June 22nd - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Hotdogs, Donuts and Drinks at Teresa's, Unit 19

Hotdogs \$2.00, Pop \$1.00, Donuts \$1.00

We, the Committee, are doing our best to promote this event through advertising and putting up signs. We made 6 big sandwich signs to advertise this year and we are placing them outside the park. We are also advertising in the local community papers and on posters in the neighbourhood. This only benefits you as it draws more people to come to our park and your table. Therefore, we are asking \$5.00 per vendor to cover the costs of advertising and promotion.

We are also having a draw with prizes for those who come to our sale. This will be a great way to get people to come out to our park to buy from us.

Thanks to all those supplying the prizes for the draw.

All proceeds we raise through the hotdog sale are donated to the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation

Our New Hospitality Person

Karen Fraser at 250-656-3062 is now our new Hospitality person. Karen is coming back into this position, so she will fit right into this job. Let Karen know of any illness's, passing's, or new people moving in. We can then offer our sympathy's or welcomes. Many thanks to Lilly and Carol for doing Hospitality for the park last year.

In Passing

Our condolences in the passing of Ray Zander on April 27th.

MAKING OUR WORLD GREENER

When it comes to making eco-friendly changes, these are the little ones that really add up to make a big difference.

- ✓ Switching to green cleaners reduces air pollution both indoors and out, minimizing exposure to both asthma and allergy triggers as well as chemicals that can be harmful to your health. Look for plant-based products from companies that have a complete list of ingredients on their labels.
- ✓ Having pasta or a vegetarian soup on Mondays might not seem like a big deal but adding one meat-free meal per week (for a family of four) has the same impact as driving a hybrid car. Raising livestock produces a large amount of greenhouse gases, so cutting back, even one night per week, makes a big difference.
- ✓ Adding insulation to prevent leaky ducts, walls, windows, and doors can improve your home's energy draw by 20 to 30 percent. If totally redoing your insulation isn't in your budget, try thermal shades, which block the sun in the summer and retain heat in the winter, or even something as low tech as a draft guard on your outside doors.
- ✓ Heating plastics can cause leaching into food and many contain hormone-disrupting compounds (not just the much-maligned versions made with bisphenol-A or BPA). Plastics that are labeled "microwave-safe" only means they can withstand a higher temperature before losing their shape. So, when popping anything in the microwave, opt for glass or microwave-safe ceramics.

8 reasons to Victoria

If you have visitors from out of town and you want to show off our city, or if you want to go exploring the city yourself, here are some of the more unusual things to see and do in our city.

1 Little Free Libraries (Book Exchange Boxes Like ours)

There are at least 160 of them in Victoria. Take a book, leave a book. Find them at: www.victoriaplacemaking.ca

2 Pickle Boat Pub Crawls

Use the Victoria Harbor Ferries to hop from pub to pub in the inner basin. Participating pubs offer a free appetizer to those on the hop. Check the details at: www.victoriaharbourferry.com

3 The Peacocks

Go visit the free ranging peacocks at Beacon Hill Park. They hang around the Children's Farm and kids petting zoo.

4 Beacon Drive-In

A burger and shake joint in the 50's style. Fries, shakes, floats, and apparently the best soft ice-cream in the city. 126 Douglas St, Victoria. www.beacondrivein.ca

5 Victoria Pride

July 1-8. A week-long party. Check out the Big Gay Dog Walk and the Annual Memorial Drag Ball Game. www.victoriapridesociety.org/events/

6 Thanking Bus Drivers

Victorians regularly thank their bus drivers. A pleasant tradition considering the rudeness displayed in other cities. Be sure to thank them the next time you're on the bus.

7 The Stone Angel

Also called the Pooley Angel in the Ross Bay Cemetery, 1495 Fairfield Rd, Victoria. She is rumoured to cry during a full moon. Check out the Victorian era cemetery and learn a little history also as it has a lot of famous Canadians and Americans buried there.

8 Trounce Alley

From Fan Tan to Dragon Alley, Victoria is full of historic alleys. With its tapa bars, chic boutiques and art galleries it's something to remember. Stroll under strings of lights and the glow of antique gas lights at night. Just North of Government St. and View St.

Gardening Tips



Yellow Jackets, Paper Wasps and hornets are the most common types of wasps that build their nests right where you don't want them — in and around the lawn and garden. While these insects are often seen as pests due to their nasty stings, they're important for the garden as both predatory insects and pollinators. However, when their nests get a little too close for comfort, it's sometimes necessary to eliminate wasps to avoid any future problems. The best way to deal with wasps is to minimize their numbers by deterring them from the area. Do not keep any food

(including your pet's) lying around. Keep drinks covered when outdoors and always ensure that garbage cans are tightly sealed. Get rid of any rotting wood and repair any rotted wood areas. Also, keep any fallen fruits from nearby trees or shrubs, as well as in the garden, picked up as their sweet, sugary juices attract the wasps.



Joke of the Day



An older married couple, she was 62 and he was 64, were out celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant.

Suddenly, a tiny fairy appeared on their table and said, "For being such an exemplary married couple and for being faithful to each other for all this time, I was sent to grant you each a wish."

"Ooh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband" said the wife. The fairy moved her magic wand and - abracadabra! - two tickets for the new QM2 luxury liner appeared in her hands.

Now it was the husband's turn. He thought for a moment, and then said: "Well, I'm sorry my love, this is all very romantic, and you've been a great wife over the years, but an opportunity like this only occurs once in a lifetime and I'm going to take it. My wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me".

The wife, with shock, hurt and dismay on her face, was deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish...

So, the fairy waved her magic wand and -abracadabra! the husband was turned in a 92-year-old man.

The moral of this story: Men are idiots. Fairies are female!

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The Park Committee plans and organizes the Social Activities. If you need information on any social activities, please contact any Committee Member. For Park Issues and concerns please contact Park Management: Gus Underwood 250-652-3724 or Tony Underwood 250-652-5777. If unable to contact either, call Ann at 778 351 0114