## The Park News

Winter 2019

# **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

#### March 26th - Saanichton Bible Fellowship - 2159 Mt Newton Cross Rd - 7:00pm

Hello fellow residents of this park. It is that time of the year again for you to come to the Annual General Meeting of Central Saanich Estates.

This is where you elect your committee and have our Members-at-Large join or rejoin. The Elected positions are Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Members-at-Large are just as important and we always need those people to be at our meetings and help plan our events.

Management usually tries to be there, and this will be your chance to ask management or the Committee any questions about how things are run in the park, any social events, or any other things on your mind.

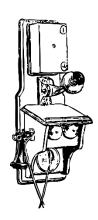
Your committee usually has a few good ideas on how to improve the social life of our park and we always welcome the residents' input and ideas.

We will also be collecting our usual park residents' fee of \$5.00 The Committee relies of those fees to do all those wonderful things for you, the residents, like the Christmas party last December, which everyone enjoyed. We do much more than that for you, with summer socials and hotdog and garage sales and keeping the front entrance looking good. We also publish 4 newsletters, a service directory, and a phone directory. We also have a Hospitality person to welcome new people and to visit those who are not feeling well.

This is the most important meeting of the year, and we would love it if you could be there. Come and show your support for your park.

Also, we are going to have coffee, tea & cookies for everybody.

### The Park Phone Directory



We will be publishing our new park directory soon. Karen, and the Secretary usually work extremely hard to make sure everyone is included, and all your information is correct.

If you are new to the park since last year, call Karen, or the Secretary (Phone numbers on the bottom of last page) just to double check we have everything correct for you.

#### Community Services Directory

We will also be publishing the Community Service Directory. If you are someone from this park who is listed as a service, we will leave you on the list.

#### Kismet the Poet

A New Year just beginning.
Who knows what lies ahead?
Will there be love and laughter?
Along the paths we tread

Will there be friends we've yet to meet?
And happiness to find?
Forgetting last year's problems,
We'll leave them all behind

Will there be new excitement?

A time when dreams come true?

Step out toward tomorrow now.

It waits for me and you.

Iris Hesselden



Kismet:

An event (or a course of events) that will inevitably happen in the future.

#### **CASH PAID FOR CARS Free Scrap Car Removal**

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### **Annual Park Christmas Dinner**

We had a great Christmas party. We had music and lights and everyone signing Christmas Carols. Everyone was in a real Christmas mood.

We want to thank Gus and his family for being there and having have some fun with us. They are always welcome at our party.

We all want to thank Keith Nelson and his wife Janice for the wonderful signing they did for the party and leading us in singing those old favorite Christmas Carols.

We want to thank all the local business who gave generously to our party. Be sure to support them and tell them thank you when you see them.

Another highlight was the 50/50 draw. We want to thank Karen, of our committee, for organizing this draw. It brought in \$351.00 Half of that went to Paul McDermid of Unit #3 and the other half went to the food bank. This was the first time we've done a draw like this, and it was a big hit with everyone.

This party would not have been possible without the handwork of our committee. They are; Ann, Carol, Detlev, Jaan, Lilly, Lucy, Margie, Carmen, Karen, Teresa, B.J.Ward, and Sylvia.

We want to thank those who did extra for the party. There was Diane, Detlev's wife, who made beautiful table ornaments that where part of our gifts. There is Carmen, who said Grace. There was Gus, who rented the hall, who brought candies and cookies and contributed \$100.00.

We want to also thank Rose Jimmy and her team for catering our dinner. It was good and there were lots of it, as usual.

A big thank you to all the Committee members who donated extra gifts to the gift table. And final thanks to Margie for loading all the donated food into her car and delivering it to the food bank.

Let's do it all again next year.

## Gardening Tips



The sun is shining, birds are singing and it's time for your garden to come back from the winter weather. Your garden needs some help getting back in shape, though, so it's time to get the supplies from the home improvement store and pull out the tools from the shed.

**1. Clean out the garden**. It's time to clean your garden and remove all the winter debris. Get rid of weeds, making sure that you get the roots **2. Revitalize the soil.** Because your soil is likely dried out and packed after winter, add organic material like compost or manure.

**3. Trim old plants.** Make sure to wait until mid-April or May in case there's an unexpected freeze. Blooming plants should be pruned

right after they bloom to avoid cutting off future flowers. Summer plants should be pruned in early spring. **4. Add mulch.** You should think about adding mulch to your flower beds and garden. One to three inches of mulch helps to prevent weeds and diseases. It also keeps the moisture in the garden and maintains the temperature. **5. Plant new flowers and shrubs.** Plant more perennials rather than annuals. This means you're making an investment in plants that will die every year and require replacement. Perennials, on the other hand, last for two to three years and usually survive winter frosts.



### Jokë of the Day



A stingy and miserly old lawyer who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to disprove the old saying, "You can't take it with you."

After much thought and consideration, the tight-fisted old ambulance chaser finally figured out how to take at least some of his money with him when he is finally gone from this world.

He instructed his wife to go to the bank and withdraw enough money to fill two pillowcases. He then directed her to take the bags of money to the attic and leave them directly above his bed.

"This is my plan." He told her after she had brought home the money. "When I'm finally gone, I will reach out and grab the bags on my way up to heaven". He explained to his wife.

Several weeks after the funeral the deceased lawyer's wife, up in the attic cleaning, came upon the two forgotten pillowcases stuffed with cash.

"Oh, that old fool," she exclaimed. "I knew he should have had me put the money in the basement, he should have known he was going to be sent the other way."

Park Residents Committee: Chairperson, Ann Miller 778 351 0114, Vice-Chairperson, Carol Lewis 250 885 2550 Secretary, James Dies 778-977-2497 Treasurer, Jaan Scheel 250 665 6137 Hospitality, Karen Fraser 250 656 3062 Members-at-Large: Detlev Szukalla 250 818 4211, Lucy Bandet 250 857 5109, B.J. Ward 250 652 4461, Teresa Britton 250 652 9664, Sylvia McMahon 778 351 2888, Carmen Robertson 778 351 3893, Lilly Botting 778 351 4445.

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.