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# The Park News

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Winter 2018

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## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

March 28<sup>th</sup> - Saanichton Bible Fellowship - 2159 Mt Newton Cross Rd - 7:00pm

*In 2018 our Committee put on 3 social events. Not to boast, but this Committee did an outstanding job that year. We had great attendance with more new people involved also. We want 2019 to be even better.*

*This is where we need you, the residents of this park, to come to your Annual General Meeting (AGM). We get most of our ideas on how to put on these events from you, the residents. We need your input on the things that you would like to see for our park, like new events or other ideas you have. After all, we are YOUR Committee. We are here to serve you, the residents.*

*We also need to elect our Committee and have our Members-at-Large rejoin or volunteer for the first time. The Elected positions are: Chairperson, Vice-chairperson; Treasurer and Secretary. Our Members-at-Large always provide important duties at our events and we could not function without them. We are always looking for good people to be Members-at-large.*

*Also, as important, management usually attends, and you can express your concerns about the park to Gus. Things that you have noticed or have questions about, this is your opportunity. Things can't get fixed if you don't come to the meeting to let us know. Gus usually has updates and news that will affect us too.*

*A message to people who are new to the park and to previous Committee members. Please come to the A.G.M. because we would like to see your faces again. We value what you have to say and your good ideas.*

*Also, we're going to have coffee & cookies for everybody.*

The Tax Assessment Meeting at the Tsawout Community Centre on January 17<sup>th</sup>

Here is a brief note on what was said. The first speakers were from the BC Assessment Office. Most of the meeting they explained what tax laws apply to us and how they determined our assessed values. They also explained the appeals process to us if you are not happy with your assessment.

Visit <https://www.bcasessment.ca/> or call 1-866-825-8322 to get further details if you plan on appealing. Do not contact the Committee or Gus.

The second speaker was the C.F.O. (Chief Financial Officer) of the Tsawout band. His committee sets the mil rate, the rate at which we are taxed. He explained that our taxes may go up, but if they do, it will be only slightly.



***It's time again to publish the new phone directory.***

***Is your information up to date?***

***If you are new to the park or if you changed your phone number, call the Secretary to confirm everything is correct.***

***778 977 2497***

***This is your one chance a year to fix it.***

## *Useful Websites*

**RecycleCRD:** [www.crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/schedules-app](http://www.crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/schedules-app)

This is a useful app if you're not sure about the recycling pickup dates because of holidays and such. It's easy to use and self explanatory. There is even a phone app if you want to download it from Google Play. Thanks to Keith at #52 for finding this app.

## **THE COMPUTER HELP DESK**

How to install the above app (or any other apps you think are useful to you) on your Windows 10 desktop:

1. Open the app from your browser. i.e. type in the above address or just "RecycleCRD"
2. In the upper right-hand corner click on the 3 vertical dots.
3. Go down to "More Tools" and click. Then click on "Pin to Start".

You done. The icon should be sitting on your Start screen. It will always be there for you to use if you need to know the Blue Box schedule. You could put any apps on your desktop you think are important to you. Like [www.BCferrys.com](http://www.BCferrys.com), for ferry schedules, [www.BCtransit.com](http://www.BCtransit.com) for bus schedules, [www.thriftyfoods.com](http://www.thriftyfoods.com) to see what's on sale, [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca) for your CPP, OAS, etc.

# Annual Park Christmas Dinner

*Wow, what a great Christmas party we had! It was one of the best, ever. There where 73 park residents that came this year, which was a great turnout. We had the Underwood family there also, which brings it to about 100 people at this event.*

*First, some thanks are in order. This party would not have been possible without Gus, Ann, Jaan, and Lilly who generously donated, along with numerous businesses in our community, towards the door prizes. Thanks very much. In total we gave away over \$800.00 in door prizes.*

*A special thanks to the Committee members who came in an hour and a half early to set up the party and stayed late to take it down. They are Lucy and her husband Dennis, Carol, Jaan, Ann, Margie, Teresa and James. Be sure to thank everyone who helped when you meet them. Our thoughts to Lilly and Detlev who where feeling a little under the weather and couldn't make it to help.*

*Also, a special thanks to all the local business sponsors who contributed over \$400.00 as door prizes. Be sure to support them when you shop. Mention who you are and where you live too. That way they will support us again next year.*

*About the party? This year, for the first time, we had a professional p.a. system set up with music and a microphone. Carmen, who gave Grace, was heard clearly by everyone in the hall. Thank you, Carmen. Gus was able get his voice across clearly also.*

*The music was the amazing; because it was a professional system it filled the hall with music. It really set the festive spirit and had everyone mellow and relaxed. I noticed a lot more smiles and people talking and laughing and hugging each other. Everyone ate well, won a lot of prizes and had a lot of fun. That is what a Christmas party should be.*

*We look forward to being involved in preparing next years Christmas party as well.*

# Gardening Tips

## Winter Gardening Tips



Start pruning trees and shrubs in late winter before they break dormancy. Don't prune early bloomers until after they flower, or you'll lose this season's blooms. Research pruning techniques, if/when to prune for each species before you start in order to obtain the best results for a healthy and attractive plant all season long. Google or YouTube will help.

Flowering Quince is a good choice for winter interest. Virtually indestructible, Flowering Quince tolerates climate extremes and neglect. Just plant and forget. This deciduous thorny shrub can stretch up to 8 feet wide, makes great natural fencing, and puts on a big show of bright red blossoms in late winter, even with snow on the ground. Plant in spring or fall.



## *Joke of the Day*



*The local United Way office realized that it had never received a donation from the town's richest and most successful, and rather ruthless, corporate lawyer. A volunteer was sent over to ask him if he would like to contribute this year.*

*He knocked on the door and when the lawyer answered he asked; "Our research shows that out of a yearly income of more than \$600,000 you haven't given anything to charity in years. Wouldn't you like to give back and help your community in some way?"*

*Sounding indigent for being asked he said; "Did you even do any research on my family situation before you came over here? Didn't you know about my family's problems?"*

*The lawyer continued, sounding annoyed; "First, you should have known my dear mother is dying and she doesn't have enough money to pay her medical bills?"*

*The lawyer went on; "Second, that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair and is struggling to live on disability payments? Third, that my poor sister's husband died in a traffic accident, leaving her penniless and hungry with three small children to raise? You should have known all this before you came to my door!!"*

*The big ruthless corporate lawyer, now getting angry; "How could you even ask me to contribute??..... why should I help to you?!...I didn't help them either!!"*

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, Lilly Botting 778 351 4445 Members-at-Large: Detlev Szukalla 250 818 4211, Lucy Bandet 250 857 5109, B.J. Ward 250 652 4461, Teresa Britton 250 652 9664  
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.