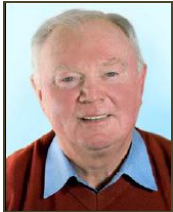




**Message from the President –
Jim Griffith**



*Welcome to our
first Electronic
Newsletter*

Dear BARA Member:

I'm delighted to welcome you to the first edition of our electronic newsletter, which is a big step forward in our plans to improve communications with our residents. Soon you will receive these newsletters quarterly, and we will also continue to publish *The Bugle* in hardcopy twice each year. Our long term plan is to move *The Bugle* to electronic distribution as well.

As always, any suggestions you may have either for this newsletter, *The Bugle* or any issues relating to our community are welcome, so please send them to us.

Email is our preferred form of communication, but your telephone calls and letters are always welcome as well.

You may recall that discussion took place at our Annual General Meeting in April about concerns that the number of bicycles on trails in Broadmead, especially the Rolston Trail, is increasing. The following motion was passed at the meeting:

....that, "The BARA Executive advise Saanich Parks and Recreation Department that during a discussion at the BARA AGM the proposal to open any part of the Rolston Trail to bicycle traffic was strongly opposed by residents".

Accordingly, a letter was sent to the District of Saanich and, as a result, the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Trails will be reconvened to investigate the matter further. There will be a BARA representative on the committee. Thanks to all who had input into this issue.

Last year graffiti was a problem in our community. Our anti-graffiti program resulted in some fifty instances of graffiti being removed from street infrastructure such as trail posts, traffic signs, transformer kiosks, switch boxes and power poles. Saanich Public Works undertook other cleanups at our request.

Recently a \$500.00 grant was received from Imperial Oil Ltd. which will assist us in dealing with the graffiti problem. Our thanks for the grant is included later in this newsletter.

Your community organization is only as good as the people who commit to serve in various volunteer roles, and we would welcome your help. Please see the article on '*Volunteers Needed*'.

Jim Griffith

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Swine Flu – Protect Yourself and Others

The following information on how to protect yourself and others is provided by Health Canada and the BC Ministry of Health.

Good infection prevention measures can help protect you and others if the H1N1 virus begins to spread rapidly in Canada. Here are the most important things:

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly in warm, soapy water or use hand sanitizer. Handwashing, when done correctly, is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of influenza.
- Cough and sneeze in your arm, not your hand.
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected. Do not share personal items or drinks.
- Stay home if you are sick unless directed to seek medical care. You should also visit those who are sick only if necessary.

If you have a fever or cough, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others. See a health care provider if your symptoms become worse, but call ahead of time to let them know you have fever or cough illness.

You can call [HealthLink BC](#) at **8-1-1**, 24 hours a day/seven days a week to speak to a nurse if you have questions about influenza or are feeling ill. For more steps on how to protect you and your family visit [FightFlu.ca](#)

BARA Needs YOU...



BARA is looking for people to fill a number of roles, including: graphic design and layout work for *The Bugle*; planning community activities; roads and traffic safety; and, parks and recreation issues.

There are numerous other volunteer jobs including distribution of *The Bugle*, assisting with registration at meetings, conducting surveys, etc. Please email or call if you can help.

Contact information is provided on Page 3.

Board of Directors' News

Your current Board of Directors was elected at our Annual General Meeting in April. We are fortunate that so far the Board has not required any changes. Key appointments are:

President – Jim Griffith
Vice President – Gary Potter
Secretary – Phil Miles
Treasurer – Anne Cameron

The Board has committees for Covenant Management, Parks and Trails, Roads and Traffic, Membership, and Communications. At present all of the committees are staffed with the exception of Parks and Trails, which is managed centrally.

Any member of BARA who is interested in serving on the Board or is prepared to act as a volunteer for specific activities is asked to let us know.

Traffic Safety



We have received a number of complaints recently about the increase in traffic in Broadmead and, in particular, about the speed at which vehicles are travelling. Emily Carr Drive and some other roads have been identified as areas of particular concern.

Our *Roads and Traffic Committee* is working with the District of Saanich Engineering Services and the Saanich Police Department to find appropriate solutions. The best thing that we can all do, however, is to adjust our own driving habits. Broadmead is primarily a residential community, and the safety of our streets is the responsibility of every resident. Please drive carefully and safely, keeping our roads safe for everyone, and particularly our children.

Remember that the speed limit on our streets, unless otherwise marked, is **50 km/h**. Please always keep at or below that speed.

Imperial Oil Ltd. Grant

We wish to thank Ralph Ward, a long time Broadmead resident and BARA member, who has again successfully applied for and received an Imperial Oil Ltd. *Community Investment Grant* of \$500. The company provides cash grants to eligible non-profit or charitable organizations to which annuitants contribute their time and skills.

This brings the total amount of funding received by BARA through this program to \$4,000. The funds this year will go towards initiating an anti-graffiti program within the community.

We also extend our thanks to Imperial Oil Ltd.

Membership Drive and Survey

BARA will be hosting a display on Saturday, September 12th, at the Broadmead Village Shopping Centre. Look for the BARA banner and the Thrifty's tent. Coffee, soft drinks and cookies available as well as several draw prizes.

There are 1,800 homes in Broadmead and we presently have 600 members. Our objective is to double that number over the next twelve months.

Find out more about your community organization as well as Parks and recreation in your neighbourhood. See you in September!

CONTACT US

The easiest and most efficient way to contact us is by email at:

info@broadmead.ca

Email correspondence will be handled quickly and is our preference for comments or questions. We can also be reached via voicemail at:

250-744-1416

Broadmead Community Day

BARA is discussing the possibility of hosting a community event in the Spring of next year. It would be a family day for all residents of Broadmead, with the aim of getting to know each other. A suitable location for the event is currently being investigated.



Early plans foresee music, BBQ snacks, activities for children, displays on the history of Broadmead, art displays, prize draws, etc. It may also provide an opportunity to involve members of our business community.

To make the day successful we need tables, tents, BBQs and, most importantly, some dedicated volunteers.

If you have any suggestions about the planned community day, would like to serve on the planning committee or otherwise help out, please let us know. Your input is important!

Our Web Site

Do you check our web site regularly? If not we encourage you to start doing so. The web address is:

www.broadmead.ca

This is where our community information is published between newsletters. The site provides details about BARA organization, community notices, covenants and other issues. It's a quick and easy reference for community news and also provides an easy way to renew your membership.

Please bookmark the site and make it your primary source of information about BARA. And your suggestions about how we could improve the site to make it more useful and user-friendly for our members are always welcome.