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President's Message

This is my first message since coming on as the President of BARA, in April. I want to start by saying how proud I am to be part of such a vibrant and committed group of people. I want to thank our Past President, Jim Griffith for all he's done for BARA over the years. Jim has left some big shoes

to fill but I will do my best to continue his legacy. I also want to thank the rest of the BARA Board of Directors because I absolutely could not do my job without all of them. I am awed by the tremendous wealth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm we have on this board. Of course, all of the community members who volunteer in so many ways are the ones who really make our residents' association, and our community, what it is. This fantastic team effort was apparent at our recent Broadmead Community Day where we had a great turnout of merchants, residents, community partners and volunteers. It was a great chance to check out the renovations at Broadmead Village, say hi to neighbours and meet some new friends all while enjoying a hotdog and some sunshine. What a great way so say goodbye to summer.

I have been in Broadmead for five years now, where I live with my husband Richard and our 8 yr old daughter, Julia. Our oldest daughter Morgan has just started college and has moved out. We love walking, cycling, and playing tennis, so being in Broadmead gives us the opportunity to enjoy those things without having to leave our neighbourhood. I have been on the BARA board for 18 months and have gotten to know our community fairly well in that time. I am the Executive Director of a non-profit society, I am a student at the University of Victoria and I and I sit on the board of a provincial organization; I have a strong interest in community development and collaboration so I am always excited about opportunities to bring people together and create new projects. If anyone is interested in volunteering, sharing ideas or just connecting, I encourage you to contact us. You can reach the BARA general email at <u>info@broadmead.ca</u> and you can reach me directly at president@broadmead.ca.

I look forward to my term as President of BARA and I look forward to meeting and working with as many residents of Broadmead as I can.

Sincerely, Kathleen Bellamano

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Broadmead Area Residents' Association

www.broadmead.ca

Covenants Commentary: Jeff Millar

Some residents continue to raise the topic of breach of covenants to various members of the BARA board and there are still a number of homeowners who refuse to abide by the covenants that have been placed on all homes in Broadmead

The original vision of Broadmead Farms was to keep our community as a pleasant well kept and desirable place in which to live. The covenants were designed to perpetuate this vision and to ensure that properties maintained their aesthetic value and at the same time protect property values as the area grew and developed.

When we purchased in Broadmead we were made aware of the covenants attached to our property title. The large majority of residents do a wonderful job in maintaining their properties and by doing so Broadmead is perceived as an area of well kept land-scaping and homes. The covenants cover many aspects of the properties ranging from the color of the home, the style of fencing, signage, landscaping, to the design of additions and external renovations. The majority of complaints about breach of covenants continues to be about vehicle parking and illegal suits.

The covenants on most homes in Broadmead allow up to three vehicles parked in a driveway and street parking is strongly discouraged. **Vans, Commercial Vehicles, and Service Trailers** parked at Broadmead homes are becoming one of the biggest sources of complaints for BARA. Broadmead covenants specifically identify commercial vehicles as illegal on many of the covenants. BOATS, TRAILERS, UTILITY TRAILERS, and CAMPERS are required to be hidden behind screened areas or in garages on the owner's property. If residents, owners or renters, of Broadmead homes would respect the intent of these covenants we would see major improvements in the neighborhood and the complaints would be minimal. We ask for cooperation from all Broadmead Residents in helping your Board to manage the covenants.

In case you have misplaced your covenant you can find them on our website <u>www.broadmead.ca</u> under covenants. If any homeowners would like to talk to us about the covenants we would be more than pleased to meet with you.

Editor's Corner

Bill Wong



BARA Community Day, September 8, 2013



Broadmead Talk

Thank you to Community Day Sponsors: Your

generosity and support enabled us to attract hundreds of residents and provide them with a pleasant and entertaining day. We have acknowledged your contribution on the BARA website (<u>www.broadmead.ca</u>) to our community event held on September 9, 2012 .The business community and residents of Broadmead have worked together on several occasions and BARA is grateful for that partnership.

Welcome packages: Let us know about new people moving into your neighbourhood. A BARA representative will be happy to deliver a welcome package to their door.

Mary Brookes has left the BARA board after several years of serving the Broadmead Community. Thank you Mary for the volunteer work you did in our Community.

Saanich Parks & Trails: Saanich Parks offer great opportunities for free, easily accessible fitness.

Did you know that 97% of Saanich residents live within 500m of a park or trail?

BARA NEEDS YOU

Your community association is looking for people to fill a number of roles within BARA.

- The Bugle needs someone with computer skills to do graphic design and layout work. Writers for articles of interest are always welcome.
- BARA is exploring ways to expand its role and is looking for volunteers who are interested in planning community activities.
- 3. The committee on *Parks, Trails, & Recreation* is looking for new members as are the committees on *Traffic Roads & Safety* and *Communication*.
- There are numerous other volunteer jobs including distribution of BUGLE, assisting with registration at meetings, and conducting surveys.

Please contact us at info@broadmead.ca or Box 53527, Broadmead RPO, Victoria, BC V8X 5K2

Municipal Affairs

Saanich Councillor,

It's a lovely September day and as you drive along Royal Oak Drive, suddenly a sign flashes in front of you, "Your fine is now \$196." If this happened to you then you were exceeding the posted speed limit of 50Km/Hr. While we've all become used to the digital boards that flash the speed our vehicle is travelling, it's something quite new, in our area, to see



the actual fine we'd be required to pay. I spoke with Staff Sgt. Rob Piercy of the Saanich Police who is in charge of monitoring traffic safety He advised me that this piece of equipment is a solar powered speed trailer, paid for by ICBC, to monitor speeds before and after its use to determine if it has an effect on driver behavior. It is positioned by Saanich Police as an educational device in appropriate locations. According to Rob Piercy there is a positive effect but unfortunately it's short lived and drivers tend to revert to previous habits unless constantly reminded.

When I asked Staff Sgt. Piercy why that particular location at Royal Oak Drive and Emily Carr had been selected for the speed trailer he advised that it was a follow up to what had been perceived by some neighbours as excessive speed on Royal Oak Drive. However he informed me that with detection equipment between May 15 and May 21 recording all vehicles travelling along Royal Oak 40.8% were going 50Km/Hr or less; 92.4% were going less than 60Km/Hr and 99.1% were going less than 70Km/Hr. With these numbers, the police determine that this stretch does not have a speeding problem. In fact with 38% of cars travelling between 41 and 50 Km/Hr it could be described as a low speed area. One exception is very early in the morning when cars were recorded at going well in excess of the posted speed limit.

A little further down Royal Oak by Lochside Elementary School Saanich Police have been giving special attention to enforcing speed limits in the School Zone. All drivers must take extra care to slow down and watch carefully for children. And just in case anyone needs additional incentive, Rob Piercy advises that speeding in a School Zone could cost you from \$196 to a whopping \$483 for excessive speeding.

There is no doubt that the number of vehicles travelling throughout our community continues to increase which means that our driving habits are critical to the safety of ourselves and our neighbours. AS the days grow shorter and wetter, November is the start of the "speed relative to conditions" enforcement campaign which the Saanich Police conduct in conjunction with ICBC.

The livability of Broadmead is one of the reasons most of us chose to locate here and we each play a role in keeping it safe for walking, driving and cycling.

Rithet's Bog is home to three species of woolly bear caterpillars, which are the larval stage of various species of tiger moths. These caterpillars are colourful, covered in a thick pelt of long hairs and fairly large, around 5 cm long by 1.5 cm in diameter. They are most noticeable on warm days in September and October when they can be seen wandering on the trail looking for places to overwinter.

The BANDED WOOLLY BEAR is the larva of the Isabella Tiger Moth, *Pyrrharctia Isabella*. It has a black band at each end, with a middle band that can be red, reddish-orange or reddishbrown. This species overwinters as a hibernating caterpillar and re-emerges in February or March when it can be seen in mild weather searching for a place to spin its cocoon. This is the classic woolly bear caterpillar of legend. Folklore says that wider black bands predict a severe winter and narrower bands predict a mild winter. In reality, colours and band widths reflect the age and maturity of the caterpillar.

The YELLOW BANDED WOOLLY BEAR is the larval stage of the Spotted Tussock Moth, *Lophocampa maculata*. This is the most striking of our woolly bears. It has a black band at each end which is adorned with tufts of long white hairs. The middle band varies from bright yellow to light orange and may have a row of black dots on the back of mature individuals. These caterpillars feed the on leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs such as willow, alder, poplar, cottonwood, wild roses and blackberries. They can often be seen crawling and feeding on trailside Himalayan blackberry.

The YELLOW WOOLLY BEAR is the larva of the Virginian Tiger Moth, *Spilosoma virginica*. It is a single, solid colour which can vary from bright yellow to light orange, cream or white. The hairs are not as densely packed as in the first two species.

The Rithet's Bog Conservation Society is a registered non profit society dedicated to the care and stewardship of the Rithet's Bog Conservation Area. www.rithetsbog.org







Emily Carr Park – Gabo Creek Restoration

Submitted by: John Delli-Carri, Foreman Creek and Waterways, Saanich Public Works Cory Manton, Manager of Urban Forestry, Horticulture and Natural Areas, Saanich Parks

Collaboration between Saanich Public Works & Parks Divisions has enhanced the ecological integrity in Gabo Creek! The day-lighted portion of Gabo Creek is located in Emily Carr Park. The Public Works Creek and Waterways Crew discovered that the inlet pipes that flow into Emily Carr Park were submerged under water due to silt build







up. The crews put a plan together that was reviewed by a qualified environmental professional. This plan included installing two temporary silt fences prior to removing the silt. The silt was removed with a hydro-vac in the eastern arm of the creek. The hydro-vac was the preferred method over an excavator because it reduces the impact to the vegetation in the riparian area. Following this work, the Creek and Waterways Crew found that the northern arm of the creek was also inundated with silt.

The Parks department assisted this process by trimming riparian trees and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canada thistle for excavator access to the

creek. Environmentally sensitive oil was utilized in the excavator, and 40 loads of silt were removed from the north-south arm of the creek. Once excavation was completed, the path was re-instated, topsoil was delivered and the disturbed area was reseeded.

The combined crews utilized bio-engineering to assist with slope stability and reduce the overland run-off, including silt. This involved planting Willow wattle fences in the area that was washed out and utilized three existing willow trees behind the new Willow wattles. In the near future, native vegetation will be planted on the banks of Gabo Creek to further protect the banks and to provide cover for invertebrates within the creek. We will be completing the restoration work this fall in partnership with members of the Saanich Pulling Together Volunteer Program, Emily Carr Park site steward Larry Statland.

Trees and the proposed Saanich bylaw amendment

by Julian Dunster

Residents in Broadmead wishing to remove trees have always needed to consult with BARA to ensure conformity with the covenants, and with Saanich if the tree was of by-law size. The Saanich bylaw is being amended and is expected to be adopted by Council late in 2013. The main changes affecting tree owners is that the size threshold defining a bylaw sized tree is being reduced. Native trees such as Douglas-fir, Western red cedar, Big leaf Maple, and Grand fir will now become by-law sized trees once they reach 30 centimetres in diameter (it was 60 cm). Non-native trees such as maples, oaks, Elms, Planes, and Cypress will become bylaw sized trees at 60 centimetres. Seedlings of Arbutus, Garry Oak, Pacific Yew, and Pacific Dogwood will now become protected trees. There are also proposed changes affecting the definition of trees within building envelopes and building footprints, which will affect developers.

Meet Your Neighbours

Lois Brown: A Personal Journey

"Next year, I'll be in Africa" says Lois Brown. She is living "One Woman's Journey" (www.shetravelsphotography.com).



Since 1999, Lois has travelled alone through Ireland, Tasmania, Newfoundland, Antarctica, Alaska and some parts of the Middle East. As a photojournalist, she searches for hidden stories, the ones full of human and environmental interest, often unseen by tourists. Sometimes the topics are quite serious, such as her photographic research of Irish migration and the transportation of convicts in the 1800's. Other times, her landscape portraitures tell a beautiful story. I looked over some samples from Eastern Antarctica. Blue water appears vivid in contrast to the white bergs with each frozen mountain-face engraved by nature, beckoning us to look closer.

What motivated this passion for travel? Her personal journey started early, with a childhood interest in photographing real-life moments. Then experiencing painful symptoms, her mobility was compromised and after a lengthy process, a diagnosis of a rare form of rheumatoid arthritis was later confirmed. This serious autoimmune disease attacks the joints and other body parts (e.g., heart). She spent two years in a wheelchair. Being restricted fueled an appreciation for mobility and, as her recovery progressed, the freedom to travel. Imagine traveling alone. It is a process of self-discovery; for example, you figure out how to be resourceful and learn that ongoing risk assessment is a necessity and there is another upside. Locals find you approachable and are more likely to help uncover those untold stories.

Her first solo exhibition was held at the Maritime Museum of BC in 2001. More recently, she participated in a collaborative art show called, "Into the Ice". Photographic silk prints from her Antarctic voyage were shown at the Mary Winspear Centre in 2012. These pictures were taken during a month-long expedition on a Russian icebreaker, starting from Hobart, Tasmania and following the historic trail taken by Sir Douglas Mawson in 1911.

Lois lives in Victoria, BC (Broadmead) and Whitianga, New Zealand with her life partner, Brian. She thinks of Broadmead as her safe haven, providing respite between travels and shoots.

Bill Wong

Saanich South with MLA Lana Popham

In my first term as MLA, the necessity of safety improvements at the intersection of Sayward Road and the Pat Bay Highway was clearly identified by the community as a priority. This crossing has had the highest rate of highway intersection accidents on Vancouver Island for years but nothing had been done. I'm pleased to say that after incorporating public input provided by my office in 2012, the Ministry of Transportation is nearing completion of four key safety improvements at a cost of approximately two million dollars. The contractor is slightly behind schedule but the improvements will be completed this fall and we can begin to assess their effectiveness. I am now evaluating data to prioritize other highway improvements in Saanich South and I welcome your input. For example, people have spoken to me about the southbound turn-off from Pat Bay Highway to the Victoria City Rowing Club at Elk Lake. What is of concern to you?

Two months ago the Federal government restricted public access to the Saanich Observatory, a National Historic Site in Saanich South. They closed the Observatory to the public and pulled the plug on "Centre of the Universe" (the interpretative centre). They ended all youth education summer camps, cancelled all future public school visits, and stopped heritage tours.

The Federal government is arguing that this decision was a necessary budget saving cut. However, the cost is minimal and the benefits to our community are enormous. The Observatory historic telescope is almost a hundred years old but over the years technological improvements have made it ten thousand times more powerful. The Herzberg Institute, located on Observatory Hill, remains the National Research Council's premier astronomical centre, and coordinates Canada's astrophysical projects around the world.

I have been working with a range of stakeholders to restore public access to the Saanich Observatory. And we are making good progress! It will take community support and reengagement by the National Research Council but there is good-will on all sides and I'm confident that we can get this

done. Visit saanichobservatory.ca for more information. Regards, Lana Popham,

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Block Watch



"We have a strata, so we don't really need to have a Block Watch group as well...." These are words we hear all the time in the Saanich Block Watch office, and once we outline what the program can indeed offer, most people change

their mind.

Peace of Mind and Enhanced Security – It has been proven that when people looking to do things against the law see the Block Watch sign or the decals on doors on windows, they are far less inclined to bother with that area. Thieves are generally looking for the path of least resistance, so motion sensor lights, dogs who like to announce visitors – mine just licks them, and things like Block Watch programs tell thieves you are educated and ready for them. They simply don't want to bother.

Insurance discounts – Insurance providers often provide a 5% to 15% discount for Block Watch members. If there is no other reason to join, free money is a compelling one! It really does depend on who your insurance provider is, but it never hurts to ask.

Higher Education of Crime Prevention Methods -How and when to report is something that I learned when I got involved with the Block Watch program. I also learned the effectiveness of pruning shrubs and trees up six feet from the ground and down past my windows to eliminate easy access points and hidden places on my property. I also learned about motion sensor lights and other strategies for deterring thieves.

Crime Statistics and Fan Out Notifications – If a crime occurs in your neighbourhood, you'll hear about it and make yourself better prepared. Block Watch neighbourhoods get fan outs when a crime occurs near or in their area. This allows other participants in the area to tighten security, remember to never leave anything in their cars and lock up their other property. As you can see, the benefits are many, as a Strata you also have the option of combining your annual meeting with your Block Watch meeting, thus removing the extra burden of arranging something separately. It's a win/win!

Please let us know how we can help you start a Block Watch today!

250 475 4365 or Blockwatch@saanichpolice.ca

Have You Seen the New Look of Broadmead Village?

As the last finishing touches are applied, Broadmead Village is ready to show off a new look! New storefronts, new amenities, a West Coast colour palette and enhanced landscaping – with so much that is new you almost won't recognize us. But this revitalized Broadmead Village remains the centre of your community, a place to shop, relax and meet your neighbours, and we look forward to welcoming you back to your community hub with all your favourite shops and services.

In the Breezeway, visitors now enjoy an outdoor fireplace and new water feature, which will soon be the location for the Broadmead Village Christmas tree! Our new covered seating area provides year-round protection from the elements. Decorative lighting throughout the Centre provides year round evening sparkle while complementing the natural landscape elements that make Broadmead Village unique.

Through this process many cyclists have inquired about bicycle parking. We were listening! Additional bicycle racks have been installed in convenient locations throughout the Centre. For customer convenience, the reconfigured parking lots offer the same number of parking stalls as were available before the construction project began.

To maintain an enjoyable outdoor environment for everyone, the Centre has adopted a no smoking policy. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the property. Signage has been posted to inform retail staff and customers about this change.

There are several exciting changes for our Broadmead Village merchants as well. ArtSee Eyewear and Running Room have relocated to new premises within the Centre and Pharmasave is now expanding to better serve customers. Suzanne's and Jenny's, a ladies fashion store, opened in October. Work is underway to prepare the new Romeo's Restaurant located at the west end of the Breezeway. Romeo's will welcome customers in their new location in early 2014.

Grosvenor Americas was proud to be the premiere sponsor of the fourth annual BARA Community Day, held in the Breezeway at Broadmead Village. Broadmead Village will become a hub of activity as we approach the busy Christmas season.

Check <u>www.broadmeadvillage.ca</u> for information on upcoming events.











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Meet Your BARA Board Members

Chin Yuen

Chin Yuen is our newest board member having been elected at the April 2013 AGM. Chin has lived in seven countries and is proud to call Canada her home. She and her husband, Fabian Wolk (an oceanographer), moved to Broadmead five years ago. Chin completed a diploma (1989) and BFA (1991) from the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design. She developed a strong interest in writing and earned a BA (1994) and MA (1996) from the University of Victoria. Chin cale a bide a BC Professional Fine Arts Teacher Cartificate



toria. Chin also holds a BC Professional Fine Arts Teacher Certificate (1993). For the past 20 years, Chin has taught ESL, business English, and fine arts in several countries. Besides teaching, Chin has a successful international art career. Her dynamic abstract paintings celebrate the beauty of life and can be enjoyed in major hotels throughout North America. Currently, Chin offers workshops from her studio and works as a mentor/educator for the New Extreme Art Program sponsored by the Gallery of Greater Victoria and Royal Bank of Canada.



Standing: Jeff Millar Neil MacLean Thomas Godfrey Chin Yuen Doug Behr Robert Hehn Lorie Bradley

In front: Kat Bellamano Jim Griffith

BARA MEMBERSHIP FORM (January 1—December 31, 2013)

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A Welcome Package with The Broadmead Story will be delivered to New Members



