

# Neighbourhood News

## WATERFRONT CELEBRITY

Exclusive interview by the  
Neighbourhood News!

**News:** Well Nelsea (northern elephant seal), it's been a bit of a surprise for us to find a celebrity moving into the neighbourhood here at Kosapsom Park! What's the story?

**Nelsea:** Well, to tell you the truth, I'm a bit surprised myself! There was some heavy harassment from the local orcas along the outer shore so I decided to look for something a little quieter, some new moulting digs, and to tell you the truth I'm just thrilled to be here on the Gorge!

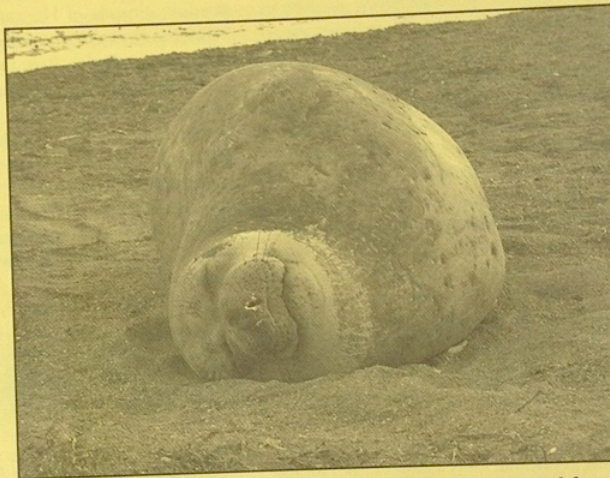
**News:** Well, we're glad you chose our piece of waterline Nelsea, and welcome! You've been around now since late April, what do you think of the place?

**Nelsea:** It's a great spot. You have a nice neighbourhood here and the people have been great. People stop by for a chat and those Craigflower school kids sure are a great bunch. And of course, I have to say a big thank you to Joy and her friend for organizing overnight company for me—so thoughtful. And the guys at federal fisheries are always around to check up on me so I'm certainly never lonely!

**News:** So tell us Nelsea, what exactly are you up to on the beach?

**Nelsea:** Between April and August, we elephant seals moult. The outer layer of skin and hair is replaced by a new one. That skin's important to us as the water round here is pretty chilly. We need a new warm 'coat' for each fall and winter. Now I know that sometimes I look pretty bad during the moult, but let me reassure all your readers that I'm really doing just fine. This moult takes a bit of time but it is a case of "looks bad, feels good". So just be patient with me, and don't get too close as I can be a bit irritable at times, know what I mean—just need my own space man!

**News:** Sure thing Nelsea, we'll pass that message along. Now in just a few weeks we'll be staging the Gorge Canada Day Picnic right here, are you still going to be around on July 1?



**Nelsea....first in line for the Canada Day pancake breakfast?**

**Nelsea:** Hard to say. I've heard the Picnic is a great community event with lots to enjoy all along the Waterway—parade, pancake breakfast, stage entertainment, craft market, canoe rides, kids games, classic cars, First Nations barbeque, road hockey, strawberry tea. What a day! And no cars on the road—wish I had a bike! If I stay, can I meet the Mayor? Maybe I will stick around and give the Picnic my "seal of approval"!!

**News:** Ouch Nelsea!! Thanks for giving us the interview and all the best for the moult.  
By Harry Lewis

**Editor's note:** Although Nelsea really wanted to take part in the Canada Day Picnic, her moult is complete and she left the beach in Kosapsom Park on June 9<sup>th</sup>.



**5<sup>th</sup> GORGE CANADA DAY PICNIC**  
**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

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# GTCA Annual General Meeting

The Gorge-Tillicum Community Association (GTCA) Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003 at Pearkes Recreation Centre.

Guest speaker Mayor Frank Leonard entertained a good crowd with recollections of his personal connections to the Gorge-Tillicum neighbourhood. He grew up in the Northridge area, attended Mt. View and Colquitz Schools (although he confessed to sometimes playing hookey from his homework studies to frequent the "Red Lion"), and romanced his future wife, Elaine, who lived on Rockwell Avenue. He coached Little League Baseball at Hampton Park and his two children attended Esquimalt High School. He ran for Saanich Council in 1986 and won his seat.

Some highlights of Mayor Leonard's speech included the success of Saanich Recreation Centres and their increased usage, fiscal responsibility despite government cutbacks to municipal funding, the development of safety and security measures within the police, fire and ambulance services, and \$6.8 million of park acquisition spending adding 53 hectares of new parkland. Mayor Leonard also said that Saanich intends to create a new Economic Development Area for the Douglas Street corridor, with new zoning allowing mixed-use development for an area that is considered in transition. Probably the most pleasant statistic for the Mayor was that in a recent survey by the Saanich News Group, a majority of residents rated the overall quality of life in Saanich as good or very good, with 0% rating it poor or very poor.

The Mayor answered questions from the audience on various issues: making Gorge Road West a "scenic parkway", the future extension of the Gorge Waterway Park under the Gorge Bridge, the possibility of another crosswalk across Gorge Road West near the new Gorge

Waterway Park, and a safe route to school for students if Hampton School is closed.

During the business portion of the meeting, President Paul Gerrard reported on some important issues that will affect the community this year, including the adoption of the Regional Growth Strategy, the Community Charter, the new Colquitz School, renovations to Pearkes Recreation Centre, expansion of Tillicum Mall, the Tillicum-Burnside Action Plan, the possible closure of Hampton School in 2004, the new playground equipment and upgrades to Taylor Park and Kosapsum Park, the acquisition of the Craigflower Manor and Schoolhouse by the Land Conservancy, and the possibility of a new library branch in the community. He also confirmed the adoption of the new GTCA Bylaws, which have been registered and are now in effect. Copies are available to members in good standing from the GTCA Secretary.

A new Board of Directors was elected. Returning members Paul Gerrard, Ed Lyons, Rob Wickson, Christine Helmink, Ray Farmer and Bob June will be joined by newcomers Arden Little, Scott Murdoch and Susan Dunlop, as well as Harry Lewis and John Hoole who are returning to the Board after short breaks.

A motion was passed for the GTCA to formally adopt a small sector (in "Area 5") that has had no representation by a community association. GTCA volunteers have been delivering newsletters to the residents of this area.

Membership in the GTCA now stands at 225—the most members we have ever had. The finances are in good order, and the yearly financial statement is available to members in good standing from the Treasurer.

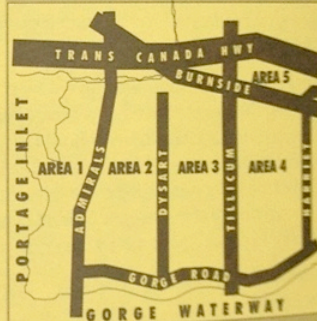
The final comment of the evening was to make sure to attend the Gorge Canada Day Picnic on July 1<sup>st</sup>! Refreshments were then served.

By Paul Gerrard

## GORGE TILLICUM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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# VOICES:

## REZONING OF 76 GORGE ROAD WEST

There is a development in our community which has caused some controversy. The property at 76 Gorge Road West has been rezoned, and a development permit issued, to construct a 12-unit apartment building on three upper levels with commercial space on the lower level. The owners of the two adjacent properties are opposed to the development on the basis of traffic volume, parking issues, and privacy concerns.

The developers and architect made two presentations to the GTCA Board in October 2002, showing the plans and design concept for the building, including the colours and materials to be used. The GTCA approved the concept of an infill development that they considered attractive and appropriate for the site, and a letter of support was written to Saanich municipality. Further to that meeting, the applicant and architect held two public meetings in the community to present their project and answer any concerns that the community may have had regarding the development. They also presented their project to the Saanich Advisory Design Panel and made changes to the building on their recommendations. Saanich Council unanimously approved the project in April, 2003.

The synopsis from the Saanich Director of Planning Services captured the feelings of the GTCA Board of Directors towards this project—that this is a creative development that fits the criteria for change in our neighbourhood. If we are to protect the urban containment boundary, then communities will have to accept suitable infill development as a reasonable alternative. This project also incorporates the intent of the Regional Growth Strategy to move communities towards increasing densities within and on the periphery of the urban containment boundary, and particularly along transportation corridors.

What is particularly appealing about this development is that the applicants are targeting a specific urbanite to live in the building who perhaps doesn't drive, uses public transit as an alternative, maybe cycles to work, wants access to our trail systems, and wants to walk to nearby services. I believe that this building fits the model of development that we are trying to attract to our neighbourhood, and is an important statement to promote in the redevelopment of the Gorge-Tillicum area.

By Paul Gerrard

## THANKS AND WELCOME!



The Gorge Tillicum Community Association is losing four hard-working directors (Steve Legg, Anne Genuist, Sue Koolman and Zuzana Capeau), and gaining five new ones (Arden Little, Scott Murdoch, Harry Lewis, John Hoole and Susan Dunlop).

Steve Legg and Anne Genuist are off to France with their family for a year's sabbatical from their teaching jobs. Steve served as an Area Director for many years, was on the Newsletter Committee, and coordinated "the Green Space" environmental pages in the newsletter. Anne has been our Membership Secretary forever, and together with Steve, introduced and ran the "Adopt-an-Outfall" program in our neighbourhood.

Sue Koolman has been our Area 5 Director for many years, and was on the recent Bylaw Committee. Area 5 is one of our largest areas, and Sue worked hard with little help and no complaints.

Zuzana Capeau joined the Board last year, and has been enthusiastic in helping with the Canada Day Picnic and the newsletter.

We welcome back to the Board Harry Lewis from his year in Australia, and John Hoole from the wilds of Vancouver. And we give a great big welcome to our newest Board members Arden Little, Scott Murdoch and Susan Dunlop (who is also our Newsletter Editor).

We also welcome Julia Menard who, though not a GTCA Director, has volunteered to co-ordinate the Green Space page for the newsletter.

By Paul Gerrard



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## Saanich Tree Planting Program Update

The deadline has now passed for the Saanich Tree Program for this year. However, it will be repeated next year (2004).

This year about 60 trees will be planted in the Gorge-Tillicum area through the program. Richard Price talked to all of his neighbours on Vincent St. and 28 residents agreed to have trees planted. Way to go Richard! Last year Leah Ruscheinsky, a resident on Heath Dr., talked to her neighbours and over half of the residents had trees planted. Other residents have done this on their streets—it is a good way to meet your neighbours and beautify your street. Thanks to everyone who took part in the program, you have made our neighbourhood a greener place. If you are interested in having a tree planted next year (fall of 2004), you can contact John Lee at Saanich Parks 744-5341 for more information.

By Ray Farmer

## Critter Count Update

Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> found the Victoria team of the Georgia Strait Alliance at Bayzan Bay in their gum boots and wind breakers checking under rocks at low tide. Volunteers found lots of critters to count in the intertidal zone, adding to the database which helps monitor changes to the environmental health of our beaches.

Volunteers are still needed to help with



Critter count volunteers at Bayzan Bay.

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this effort as two other beaches in the region are slated for a "critter count": Whitty's Beach on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and Whiffin Spit Beach on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. If you are interested in more information, please contact Judy or Chuck Sigmund (juchu@telus.net, 384-3841).

## New Integrated Pest Management Policy For Saanich

Last October, Saanich's Environmental Advisory Committee recommended to Saanich Council that it consider endorsing the development of a Pest Management Policy for the municipality. The Committee of the Whole endorsed this initiative in principle. Subsequently, the City of Victoria and the Capital Regional District Roundtable on the Environment put forward their policies, which followed the same template. The Draft Policy for Saanich was circulated to the appropriate departments for review and comments, and was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Saanich Council adopted the policy which means Saanich will now manage vegetation and pests using integrated pest management principles and practices that: 1) minimize the risk to human health and the environment; 2) utilize site specific information to determine appropriate pest management decisions; 3) consider the use of natural controls and alternatives to the use of pesticides, and emphasize prevention; 4) minimize the reliance on chemical controls; 5) use an ecologically responsible approach through which there is participation in the development of Natural Area Management plans that are created within the Municipality in suitable areas; 6) determine cost-effectiveness, inclusive of long-term

maintenance of various public facilities and landscapes.

By Paul Gerrard

## Saanich Community Garden Policy

Saanich Council is considering a Community Garden Policy which has been proposed to enhance the viability of existing community gardens and to support the creation of new ones. The Gorge-Tillicum area does not have a community garden site. The closest to our neighbourhood is the Craigflower Community Garden on the grounds of the Craigflower Manor in View Royal, or the Cecilia Ravine Park off Burnside Road in Victoria.

Identifying possible sites cannot be undertaken without assessing the support of the neighbourhood and potential gardeners. As a result, the best approach to determining new sites is for Saanich Planning, Parks and Recreation to respond to requests from the community. If anyone is interested in pursuing this initiative, contact the GTCA, or Saanich Council will accept written opinions which can be mailed, dropped off in person, or faxed.

By Paul Gerrard

## Choose Smart Growth

Over the last 20 years or so, our community has been eroding, in part, because of the pressures from traffic passing through the neighbourhood with destinations of just about anywhere else in Greater Victoria. We have built wider roads to accommodate such traffic, and as result, we now have over 22,000 vehicles a day passing through on each of Tillicum and Burnside Roads. At the same time, we have done little to enhance and encourage our pedestrian environment. Who wants to take a stroll down Tillicum Road when traffic is roaring by a couple of feet away?

Well, that is about to change. This coming fall your community association (GTCA), in partnership with Smart Growth BC and the municipality of Saanich, will be conducting a design charrette to address the issue of how we move vehicle

the web of life, his is merely a strand in it.  
the web, he does to himself."



traffic and people through our neighbourhood. This is part of the Local Area Action plan that was flagged when we revised our Local Area Plan a couple of years ago.

Smart Growth is about finding practical solutions to real problems and about working together to build the best and most sustainable community for all of us. With the professional assistance of Smart Growth BC, we will sit down together to look at the best solutions from around the world that might apply to our neighbourhood. We might even find our solutions right in our own community. Stay tuned for more information about time and dates for participating in this project.

To find out more about Smart Growth BC, check out their web site at [www.smartgrowth.bc.ca](http://www.smartgrowth.bc.ca). To find out more about the design charrette, please contact Rob Wickson at 812-9164.

#### Raising awareness about car idling

Did you know that idling your vehicle for more than 10 seconds, except in traffic, wastes money and causes damage to the environment? Unnecessary idling costs Canadians millions of dollars every year, is a major contributor to climate change and contributes to deteriorating air quality and smog in our neighbourhoods (which directly affects the health of our children and other vulnerable members of our community)?

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National Resources Canada has launched Canada's first Web site dedicated to helping Canadians stop unnecessary engine idling in their communities. In Ontario, the cities of Sudbury and Mississauga have launched awareness campaigns of their own on anti-idling. Take a few moments to check it out and read up on the common myths, benefits and research on anti-idling at: <http://oeo.nrcan.gc.ca/idling/home.cfm>

By Julia Menard

#### Saanich Parks Dept. Manager Retires

David De Shane, the Saanich Parks Manager, retired on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003. He has been a thoughtful and articulate spokesman for Saanich Parks Department, and his advice has been respected and followed by the GTCA on the issues that concern his department's work in our area. David has been a strong voice for this community, and has always shown support and encouragement for our efforts, particularly on the Gorge Waterway Park extension. We wish him well on his retirement and hope that he will drop by and visit us occasionally, as a good friend in our neighbourhood.

#### KNOW ANY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS?

If you know of any environmental news specific to the Gorge-Tillicum area, let us know! E-mail the Green Space coordinator with a news idea or story at [julia@makeandbelieve.com](mailto:julia@makeandbelieve.com). We will do our best to either follow up or encourage you to try your hand at writing (less than 300 words). Our next deadline for submissions is October 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## PROPOSED CUT TO FUNDING OF SAANICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE

On Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003, at a Committee of the Whole meeting, Saanich Council endorsed a recommendation from Councillor Carol Pickup that Saanich write a letter to Premier Campbell expressing its grave concern with the budget cuts proposed by the Ministry of Children and Family Development which will effectively eliminate community based services in the South Vancouver Island Region.

This follows the announcement by the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development that it intends to cut its budget by 23% by the end of the 2004/2005 fiscal year.

The Municipality of Saanich provides funding for space in the Pearkes Recreation Centre for Saanich Neighbourhood Place, which uses its core funding of \$55,000 to help 300 families a year who are considered at risk, and uses this base funding to leverage other monies to run its programs.

Saanich had previously provided a letter of support (February, 2002) to the provincial government asking that core funding for Saanich Neighbourhood Place be secured.

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# At the Centre

## G.R. PEARKES RECREATION CENTRE



### Summer Activities Not Just for Kids

When summer rolls around, recreation centres tend to fill up with lots of young, smiling children's faces happily enjoying the new freedom of summer vacation. As a Recreation Programmer, I know we focus a lot on activities to keep children active over July and August, but let's not forget those adults!

Summer is a great time to take advantage of many wonderful day trips offered through all of the Saanich recreation centres. At Pearkes a variety of day trips, hikes, nature walks and outdoor programs are available. Most trips are to surrounding Vancouver Island Provincial parks and local Gulf Islands. All include transportation as well as knowledgeable, qualified and friendly guides.

Your guide to Salt Spring, Mayne and Galiano Islands is Joy Brown, owner/operator of Galiano Tours. Joy has been running her tour business now for nine years. She is extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the many delights that the Southern Gulf Islands offer. Her tours are informative, picturesque and always include wonderful lunches at unique island restaurants, afternoon teas, scenic walks and visits to the local artist's shops.

Larry Hall will guide you through the Juan De Fuca rainforest, East Sooke Park

or the beautiful Mt. Washington alpine lakes and meadows. Larry can give tips on everything from wilderness safety, how to react to wildlife encounters, to the history of local parks. The hikes will take you along rugged coastlines, colourful mountain meadows, and into some breathtaking scenery. Larry's experience as an eco-tour operator and naturalist gives participants an invaluable outdoor experience. For a less strenuous but still enjoyable day trip, why not join Larry for a drive up to Coombs. You'll visit the country market and have an opportunity to shop for unique crafts and gifts. Then off on a short ferry ride to the neighbouring Newcastle Island for an easy hike.

If a whole day away is not a luxury that you can afford, there are many shorter outdoor programs and workshops available. Learn to row, take a golf or kayaking lesson, or make some new friends at the Westside Striders Run Club. Better yet, why not sign the whole family up for Goldstream Park's evening walk and talks about creatures of the night such as owls and bats. These are all wonderful ways to stay active over the summer.

The sun is shining and summer has begun! Let's get out there and enjoy it.  
By Julie Wallace, Recreation Programmer

### A NEW PHASE IN THE HISTORY OF CRAIGFLOWER MANOR AND SCHOOLHOUSE

As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, TLC The Land Conservancy of British Columbia took on responsibility for the care and operation of Craigflower Manor and Schoolhouse. Usually known as TLC, The Land Conservancy is a non-profit, charitable land trust working throughout British Columbia. TLC protects areas of environmental significance as well as properties with historical, cultural, scientific, scenic or compatible recreational value.

TLC plans to interpret the Craigflower farm community of the 1850s by significantly increasing activity on the site, opening the facility to the public on a regular basis, organizing special activities and events, and working with schools to develop educational programs. Along with the Friends of Craigflower and other volunteers, TLC intends to breathe life and energy into this tremendous community asset.

The Land Conservancy prefers to work in partnership with local communities, community groups, individuals and businesses who share their passion and commitment for protecting and interpreting natural and cultural heritage. To be successful, this project will need the support and the involvement of the community and will require ongoing fundraising and financial support from many sources.

There are many volunteer opportunities, including: stewards/interpreters; gatekeepers; gift shop clerks; gardeners; housekeepers; maintenance/construction; office clerks; and volunteer coordinators.

Look for TLC representatives at Craigflower Schoolhouse during the 5<sup>th</sup> Gorge Canada Day Picnic!

For more information about TLC or Craigflower Manor and Schoolhouse, visit their website, [www.conservancy.bc.ca](http://www.conservancy.bc.ca), or call them at 479-8053.

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## Local Hero

From the time of her birth in June of 1922, Ada Amelia Rose (Burt) Bone was destined to be a person who would be involved in 'making history' in her community.

Ada can trace her own ancestry back to the days of Fort Victoria. Her great-grandmother, Ruth Hayes, arrived here in 1861 with three daughters, Amelia, Selina and Kate. Amelia married Stephen Sylvester Burt who had himself come to Victoria in 1862 above the SS Tynemouth, known as the bride ship.

Ada has been a life-long resident of the Gorge-Burnside area and has always been actively involved in her community. She was a Girl Guide Captain, and for a number of years, the President and Fundraising Chairman for the PTA groups at Tillicum School.

Early in life Ada became an accomplished musician who received many awards for vocal, piano, elocution and public speaking and received a Diploma of Distinction for vocal from the Associate Board of The Royal School of Music in London, England. She was a volunteer accompanist for the Tillicum School choir.

All her life, Ada has been involved in one project or another, especially when she served for ten years as a member of Saanich's Special Events Committee under "Mr. Saanich" himself, Ken Middleton. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1993, she was awarded a set of

municipal-crested book ends for her service on the Special Events Committee. The gift was presented to her by former Saanich Mayor, Murray Coell, at the Strawberry Festival at Beaver Lake Park.

Ada was the main instigator for getting a pedestrian crosswalk put in at the intersection of Tillicum and Obed Roads, a project she worked on for four years.



Ada Bone, centre, with Frank Leonard and Carol Pickup at Hampton Hall heritage building ceremony.

Her most recent project has involved having the old Hampton Hall designated as a Heritage Site. This building was begun in September of 1923 and Ada worked for many months researching the building's history in order to present her case to council for its designation. At a recent council meeting, her dream came true and

the building was granted official "heritage designation". A ceremony to recognize this event was held on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ada's on-going work is to make sure that the bridge often referred to as the "Tillicum Bridge" is now officially given its rightful (and original) name, the Gorge Bridge.

Ada Bone has studied and researched Victoria's history back to the city's earliest times and is proud that her roots are firmly planted here. But her strong involvement in Saanich's current community affairs and her on-going desire to fight for what needs to be done, makes her a lady of conviction who is also always looking to the future.

Determined, forthright and never bored, Ada Bone cannot understand other seniors who complain there is nothing to do when she herself is always so busy. She believes life is full of challenges and there is always something to do if you 'step up to the plate.' Aside from all her community projects, she keeps herself occupied with her family of two sons and three active grandchildren.

Ada Bone is a 'mover and a shaker' who makes good things happen in Saanich, and her community honours and thanks her for her lifelong achievements. Excerpted from Valerie Green's "Pages from the Past" column in the Saanich News

## Of Days Gone By

This old photo of the Gorge, courtesy of the provincial archives, shows the fourth span over the narrows. It was constructed in 1882 by Daniel Adams, whose own house still stands at 2803 Adelaide Street. Visible on the Saanich shore below the bridge is the towpath that stood for many years as a safe route for boaters to get beyond the tidal rapids. Concrete footings for this boardwalk can still be found beneath today's span. The building on the left was the dance hall of the original Gorge Hotel, constructed in 1886. Advertisements of the time encouraged dancers to "take the air on the verandah from which a beautiful view of the mountain scenery is obtained"—presumably they meant the Sooke Hills just barely visible upstream. Prior to its demolition in the late 1940s, the hall also served as home to vaudeville shows, charity bake sales, political rallies, amateur theatrics, scout meetings and Saturday night basketball games.

By Dennis Minaker



# 5<sup>th</sup> GORGE CANADA DAY PICNIC

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

**9:00 AM** Canada Day Parade with Esquimalt Singers and Dancers and Pipe Castle Carey. Starts at Gorge at Tillicum. Draw prizes for kids with costumes and decorated bikes!

**10:00 AM** Opening Ceremony and O'Canada

**11:30 AM–2:30 PM** Kids Bike Rodeo, Gorge at Adelaide. Enter and you could win a bike!

**12:00 PM–3:00 PM** Kids Games, Gorge at Austin  
Road Hockey, Gorge at Heath

### STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Stage starts immediately following the parade and continues until 4:00 PM. The entertainers will be, in order of appearance: Esquimalt Singers and Dancers; Sweet Adelines; Groovin' Hard Band; Alma de Espana flamenco dancing; Esquimalt High Jazz combo; Azmira belly dancers; Taiko drummers; Lonely Mancini; and Walter Bodega Band.

### FOOD EVENTS

**8:00 AM–11:00 AM** Pancake Breakfast at Kosapsom Park

**11:30 AM–1:30 PM** First Nations Salmon Barbeque at new Gorge Waterway Park expansion at the Canoe & Kayak Club

**2:00 PM–4:00 PM** Strawberry Tea at Canoe & Kayak Club Zoli Virag on flute

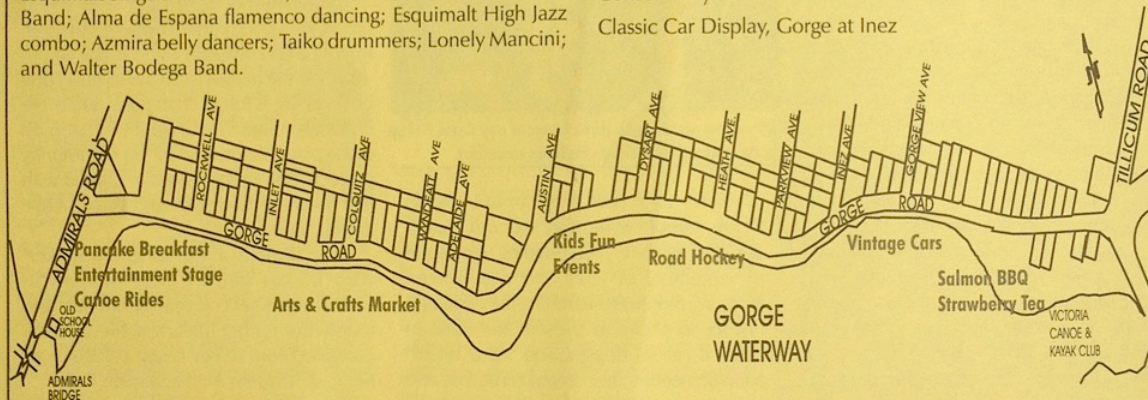
### ALL DAY EVENTS

Canoe rides with Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club

Canada Day Market

Craigflower Schoolhouse and Manor open courtesy of The Land Conservancy

Classic Car Display, Gorge at Inez



## CANADA DAY ROAD CLOSURE ADVISORY FOR GORGE ROAD

On Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> the Gorge Tillicum Community Association is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Gorge Canada Day Picnic, a day celebrating our country, its people, and the place we live. This event is a part of the Saanich Sunfest celebrations which are running across the municipality. It is supported by Canada Heritage and many local businesses. An integral part of the day is the closure of Gorge Road West between Tillicum and Admirals Roads. This closure has been approved by Saanich Council and is being coordinated with Saanich staff, as well as BC Transit. Following are the details of the road closure.

- 1) Gorge Road West will be CLOSED to traffic between 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> between Tillicum and Admirals Roads.
- 2) Vehicle access to and from Gorge Road West properties will be for emergency purposes only.

- 3) Access to and from all sidestreets off of Gorge Road West will be by Vincent Avenue and Cowper Street.
- 4) Gorge Road residents are asked to park their cars on side streets on June 30<sup>th</sup>. No residential parking is permitted on Gorge Road West between 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 5) The westbound lane of Gorge Road West must be kept open for emergency vehicles.
- 6) The #10 Gorge bus service will re-route from Gorge Road West directly to and from Tillicum Centre along Tillicum Road during the road closure.

Clearly a road closure as widespread as this is asking everyone to be as understanding as possible. Rather than taking your car to escape the area we hope you will walk/bike up and down the Gorge joining your neighbours in a community celebration.

*Paul Gerrard, President GTCA*