

South Jubilee News

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The South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association is a registered non-profit society established by residents to act as a forum for the interests of all those who live, work or own property in the neighbourhood.

STREETFEST !!

2004

**- Saturday, Sept. 11-
1-4 PM**

The second Saturday of September approaches and with that ... our eleventh annual **StreetFest**, when your neighbourhood association closes off Leighton by Redfern Park for an afternoon of **fun!**

Bring your dancing shoes - we'll have live **music** with **Bossa You**, a quartet of talented local musicians who play Brazilian bossa nova, jazz, and original music. The sound is energetically appealing, blending deep tradition, contemporary grooves and harmonic beauty. Local talents Ben, Jeremy and Nicola will be leading **games** and **face painting**. **Major Conrad Flapps**, the clown, will keep us laughing, and there'll be **draws for prizes**. And of course hotdogs and drinks.

To the local businesses and individuals who've donated prizes, our Neighbourhood Association offers a big "THANKS!". We especially want to acknowledge **Christie's Carriage House** who, once again, called to say they'll bring their bus and serve **free non-alcoholic drinks**

Who can come to StreetFest? Everyone. Just **bring a smile**, a sunhat (or an umbrella) and come meet your neighbours. Mark it on your calendars: Saturday, **Sept. 11, 1- 4pm, Leighton Road by Redfern Park**. See you there!

Boulevard Trees ...

A few weeks ago, in the driest dog days of summer, the Times-Colonist published reports of boulevard trees dying for lack of water. This got some of us wondering: who is responsible for the care of these trees – the home-owner or tenant who mows the boulevard grass? The city workers? A quick call to city hall produced some answers. Apparently, boulevards are either 'taxed' or 'non-taxed'. This means that, if the property owner pays tax on the boulevard, the city will maintain it. But for 'non-tax' boulevards, the property owner (or tenant) is responsible for maintenance. Does maintenance include watering trees? Pruning them? We are waiting for a call back from the city with answers to these questions (see next issue). In the meantime, let's not see our trees die because we don't know who should offer them a drink. Urban trees have enough challenges as it is!

It's Official!!

The Block Watch Program now guards the 1500-1600 block of Amphion Street. After several acts of vandalism on homes and autos, we took a poll. A unanimous response, evidence of our neighbourly concern for all, resulted in this community concept being installed.

The Block Watch Program works with "organized" involvement and cooperation of police and community members, and is a proven crime deterrent. We now have "watch" signs at both entrances to our block (funds for this expense were contributed by Coast Capital Savings) and warning stickers for front and back windows or doors. There has been a noticeable "silence" on the whole, since!

We hope other blocks in our great neighbourhood will consider organizing a Block Watch Program like ours. For more information, call Beverley of Victoria City Police at 995-7409 or e-mail her at stewartb@police.victoria.bc.ca.

Christie's Carriage House

by Brock Carbery, General Manager

Jim O'Brien and I have been here two years now and are thoroughly enjoying ourselves. This truly is a great neighbourhood! We've done lots of work on the building - new carpets and upholstery, new wallpaper - and will continue as updates become necessary. Jim and I believe that keeping this facility bright, clean and updated is the best way to promote our business.

We look forward to bringing the Christie's bus down to StreetFest as usual - free drinks for everyone! We think it adds a nice touch to the party. Thanks to all for your support.

1614 Redfern ...

In May of 2003 and 2004, South Jubilee News printed articles about our district's smallest dwelling, 'The Little Pink House' at 1614 Redfern. This month we have a follow-up, written by Pat Dunderdale who lives on Davie Street. Here it is:

Regarding the article in the May, 2004 issue, "No More Little Pink House". As my late husband's grandfather built that house, I decided to do some research. In the process, I came across some interesting facts about local street names, so I'll tell you about that first.

City Archives show that Redfern, between Oak Bay Avenue and Leighton Road, was not always Redfern Street - it was Hurlston in 1893, Hurlton in 1895, Hulton in 1903, only becoming Redfern in 1914. While 1925 archives refer to Leighton Road, 1903 records call it "Leighston". My street, Davie, has also been through some name-changes; prior to 1905 it was "Dudley Avenue" from Oak Bay to Leighton, and "Baronet" from Leighton to Fort Street.

But now, the history of "The Little Pink House". On October 29, 1891, the lot and sub-lots were sold by Robert Howard Benedict to Rose Belmore for \$250.00. Some years later, on September 19, 1904, Rose (now married to D. Campbell) sold the 1614 lot, for **\$1.00**, to Peter A. Olsen, my late husband's grandfather. For the next nearly seventy years, 1614 Redfern (or 1614 'Hulton' as it was called when purchased in 1904) belonged to Peter Olsen and his family.

Did you know that the Little Pink House originally was white? My mother-in-law, Lillian Dunderdale (nee Olsen, daughter of Peter) lived in that house for sixty-five years, from 1908, the year it was built, until September 28, 1973, when she sold it to Ada Clark for **\$17,000.00**. Oh my, how the price of housing has gone up in the last thirty years!

Now one side of the new duplex at 1614 Redfern is for sale at **\$429,000**.

Peter Olsen died in 1941, his daughter Lillian in 1978, his grandson (my late husband) Kenneth Dunderdale in 1994. They, along with myself and my two children had many happy years and lots of memories of "**The Little White House**" at 1614 Redfern Street.

What is an Alternative School? ...

Any parent with a child in Sundance School knows what a gem we have in our neighbourhood. Over the past thirty-one years, twenty six years here in South Jubilee, through many changes and challenges, there has been a consistent commitment to providing quality academic experiences in a respectful, accepting, and cooperative environment.

The education program at Sundance, governed by the B.C. Ministry of Education, is grounded in a process of nurturing within the learner self-esteem, love of learning, and respect for personal and group responsibility. It is a caring community where no letter grades are given for there is no emphasis on competition.

Within this school, children's interests come first, parents are welcome in the classroom, and monthly 'Whole School Meetings' involve staff, students and parents in discussions and decisions affecting the school's operations.

Though the student body is small, Sundance offers a wide range of opportunities - band, fine arts, chess and reading clubs, sports, field trips and a Student Voice Forum looking at school issues.

South Jubilee Neighbourhood is fortunate to be home to this special community institution and welcomes the new principal, Scott Ritter, whom we are sure would love to hear from any of our residents.

New South Jubilee Website

Our new website is under construction. You can now find us at <http://www.southjubilee.ca>. We're going to try to keep things up to date. If you can't remember when the next recycle day is or you want to find your block reps phone number, this will be the place to go. The site should be completed by the end of September. Many thanks to John Manuel for all his work setting up our new site.

Our site is hosted by the Victoria Telecommunity Network <http://victoria.tc.ca>, a volunteer-run organization that provides web hosting by donation. It's a great service so if you're setting up a web-site for an organization, check them out.

If you have any articles or news items to contribute to the next newsletter, contact Liz Hoar - 595-2685 fax:595-4148