



## Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association

2730 Elk Street, Nanaimo V9S 3T9

### ***Building Block of our Community Member Newsletter, Fall 2007***

**Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association was formed spring of 2000 with the following mandate:**

**To identify issues affecting the Departure Bay Neighbourhood and to produce and promote neighbourhood devised solutions, to develop a sense of community awareness, and to provide a forum for neighbours to get to know one another**

**The Association is registered as a non-profit organization under the Societies Act of British Columbia. As such we are required to have an elected Board, hold annual elections that are open to all members in good standing and file an annual financial report with the Provincial Government.**

#### **Executive Positions - Term May 2007 to April 2008**

<b>President:</b>	<i>Allan Davidson 756-0395</i>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<i>Penny Bent 751-8261</i>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<i>Karen Hovestad 751-0988</i>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<i>Jennifer Davidson 756-0395</i>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<i>Joan Wallace 758-8973</i>
<b>Past President:</b>	<i>Joan Shillabeer 758-4355(non-elected position)</i>

#### **Non-elected committee positions**

<b>Social:</b>	Joan Shillabeer
<b>Newsletter &amp; Publicity:</b>	Reale Emond
<b>Members at large contributors:</b>	Dale Bent, Kelly Franklin, Marianne Erb, Fred Pattje, Linda Cole, Dave Shillabeer

Welcoming a bright Autumn!

## Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association newsletter



Artwork by Joan Shillabeer

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**CHECK [WWW.DBNA.CA](http://WWW.DBNA.CA)  
FOR DETAILS OF OUR NEXT HISTORY NIGHT,  
NOVEMBER 22nd!  
[TELL YOUR NEIGHBOURS](#)**

# Report from your president

## DBNA Website Update

The new Neighbourhood Association web site, [www.dbna.ca](http://www.dbna.ca) has been up and running for a few months now. Members are encouraged to check it every few weeks as we are trying to keep it up to date with items of interest to the community. A **What's New** Page has been added to make it easy and quick for users to identify and access recent changes that have been made within other parts of the site. A Contact section is also included if you have any comments/suggestions you wish to pass on.

We have also attached a series of Links to other web sites of interest. These include the Vancouver Island Health Authority testing results on beach water quality (two sites on Departure Bay are tested on a weekly basis); Nanaimo Air Quality Information; local tide tables; weather reports; City of Nanaimo etc. Other links will be added as we become aware of them.

We would like to thank **Nanaimo Webmasters** for their help in creating the site and for hosting it free of charge on their server. Without their help, development of the site would not have been possible.

## Volunteers

We encourage more members to become involved with the Association. We are always looking for members to become more active. At present, some areas in which we always need help are:

- Helping to set up for meetings
- Volunteering at our annual summer picnic
- Delivering newsletters
- Attending executive meetings (we welcome fresh faces and ideas)

**Please contact Allan Davidson at 756-0395 if you are interested, or use the contact section in the DBNA website.**



Artwork by Kim Rimmel

## DBNA committees updates

### **EMBELLISHMENT COMMITTEE**



Artwork by Brian Wallace

From quirky bathing beauties to ice cream in the sky, our neighbourhood artists have once again surpassed our expectations with their affectionate interpretations of life at Departure Bay.

We would like to acknowledge our wonderful contributors for their hard work and dedication to making our area a vibrant and welcoming venue.

Thank you to:

Jane Barlow    Linda Cole    Reale Emond    Kim Rimmel  
Joan Shillabeer    Brian Wallace    Joan Wallace (at the Aquatic Centre) and  
Herbert Frederich (Downtown?)

We look forward to rekindle our energies and imagination at next year's Festival of Banners, Departure Bay.

If you are interested in participating please contact Reale at [reale\\_emon@telus.net](mailto:reale_emon@telus.net).

## **DBNA committees updates (cont.)**

### **HISTORY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 2006**

If you weren't at our 6<sup>th</sup> annual History Night you missed a wonderful evening. The Kin Hut was packed, with at least 90 people. We had two very interesting speakers; the first speaker was Dick Beamish a Biologist from the Biological Station. Doctor Beamish spoke about the history of the Station, and gave us some facts concerning the work the Biological Station does. One important fact is that this year the Biological Station will be celebrating 100 years of operation. There were a number of enthusiastic questions from the audience and from this response we may try and ask Dr. Beamish to come back to our next History Night.

The second speaker was Carole Davidson who wrote a very informative book about the early years of Departure Bay, she spoke about her life and times at the Bay and what a fascinating time it was. There are many photographs in the book that show all the changes in the past 100 years, it certainly has changed and we expect several more changes in the near future.

This is a very popular and enjoyable evening with a cozy fire, lovely baking done by are executive members and a real amicable feel to the room.

**NEXT HISTORY NIGHT, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2007 AT 7:00PM SHARP!**

The meeting **will be held in the Kin Hut**



**Artwork by Reale Emond**



**Artwork by Linda Cole and Jane Barlow**

### **DEPARTURE BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PICNIC HELD JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

**FREE FOOD! GREAT FREE PRIZES! GAMES!  
FACE PAINTING! LOADS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

We changed the date of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual picnic because we were hoping for sunny and warmer weather, which we had. We also wanted the tide to be low enough so the sand castle competition could be held on soft smooth sand, which it was.

We were disappointed in the attendance, but the people who attended sure had a good time!

**DATE OF NEXT YEARS PICNIC IS BEING WORKED ON  
WE WILL LET YOU KNOW IN THE NEXT NEWS LETTER**



### **Upcoming Public Hearing- Rezoning of 2937 Departure Bay Road**

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday September 6 (Regional District Office) regarding the proposed rezoning of the property at the corner of Bay Street and Departure Bay Road. The application involves changing the current single family residential zone to multifamily, to allow the construction of a nine unit condominium building.

The Executive has been working with City staff, nearby residents and the property owner in an attempt to deal with community concerns surrounding the rezoning. However, issues remain, particularly concerning the impacts on views from adjacent properties and Wardropper Park.

Please attend the hearing and make your views known if you have an interest in this issue. Further information is available from the City of Nanaimo Planning Department, our Web site ([www.dbna.ca](http://www.dbna.ca)) or by phoning Allan Davidson at 756-0395.

### **SHOREKEEPERS WANTED September 10th, 2007**

The Shorekeepers are a group of people who have volunteered (in our case) to monitor two places on the foreshore of Departure Bay in great detail. This is done under the supervision of the Department of Fisheries. We measure the shoreline, and map the amount of sand, rock, and cobble, measure the slope of the beach and count the creatures that inhabit the area. It takes most of a day to do this. No particular talent is required. We need people who care about the shore and who are interested in the ecology of this habitat. Sunscreen and a hat are recommended.

Fisheries want to track changes in shore, populations, sand and grass. Apparently it takes about five years to determine a pattern of change, because there are changes every year of some sort. The results are posted by the Government of Canada and become available to researchers.

**Please call Penny Bent 751-8261 for more information. We want to see you on September 10th.**

### **SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

We will have a general meeting to discuss all the new and exciting happenings at the Bay. You maybe wondering what are going on with the road work, condo construction, and beautification of the walkway, if so come and ask Chris Sholberg from the City who will enlighten you.

The meeting will take place in the Kin Hut, at 7:00 sharp! **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2007.Hut.**

### **Membership**

We are currently working to update our membership list. We are also trying to increase membership by making more residents of the neighbourhood aware of the organization and its activities. To do this, we will be delivering this newsletter to as many homes in the neighbourhood as possible. If you are able to help with this distribution (perhaps deliver to people on your block) please contact **Jennifer Davidson** at **756-0395**. Also, please let your friends and neighbours, especially newcomers, know about the organization. A tear-off membership application is included below.

## **Your DBNA Membership Application Form**

Please fill out the application and drop it off /mail with your \$5 yearly family fee to:

**Jennifer Davidson, DBNA Treasurer, 2730 Elk Street, Nanaimo, BC V9S 3T9**

I am committed to a dynamic and healthy neighbourhood.

Count me/us in as member(s)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to get more involved? Please let us know your areas of expertise.

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