

To: Departure Bay Residents
Neighbourhood News



The BayWatch

Who are we?

The Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association has been in existence since 2000. We are a registered Society with the Province of BC and have the following mandate:

1. Identify issues affecting the Departure Bay Neighbourhood, produce and promote neighbourhood devised solutions
2. Develop a sense of community awareness
3. Provide a forum for neighbours to get to know one another

If you are currently not a member, we would love to have you join. If you would like more information, please check our website www.dbna.ca or call 250-751-8261

Your DBNA Membership Application Form

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

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

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code _____ Ph: _____

DOOR PRIZE

Bring this stub as your entry for the wonderful door prize - (hint - it grows in a pot with dirt).

Door prize coupon:

Name: _____

Clip and bring to the AGM

DBNA Annual General Meeting



**Refreshments
and Door prizes!**

**March 26th, 2009, 7 pm—9 pm
Kin Hut, Departure Bay Beach
ON THE AGENDA**

**Yearly reports, Elections & Motions
The evening's Theme:
GARDENS AND GARDENING
IN
DEPARTURE BAY**

This AGM's Theme!

“GARDENS AND GARDENING IN DEPARTURE BAY”

CLIMATE CHANGE COMES TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Leading experts are predicting that the climate of Vancouver Island is going to shift to a more Mediterranean climate over the next few decades. What is this going to mean for us? We already know that Departure Bay enjoys a milder climate than the rest of Nanaimo, tucked in a little pocket of warmer air. It was not by chance that the Snuneymeux preferred to winter here.

Come to the AGM and hear our local gardening expert Karen Hovestad talk about the future of our gardens and how to design and plant for the changing times. She has just returned from the Pacific Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle and can tell us the latest in horticultural hot news.



The Bay Watch!

Check out our new Newsletter to keep abreast of past, current and future events. All newsletters are posted on our website www.dbna.ca and will be hand delivered upon request to those members without internet.

Word for the Bay!

ACTOSTAPHYLOS UVA-URSI...

This popular indigenous plant is also known as bearberry and kinnikinnick. An evergreen shrub, it is often used for groundcover, attracts hummingbirds, and is useful for drought and salt-tolerant landscapes.

LOVE BUG? AT THE AGM

Lawn and Order is the name of the film we will be showing at the AGM. Only 11 minutes long, it will be presented by PAN, the Pesticide Action Nanaimo organization backed by the Canadian Cancer Society. Their goal is to inform Nanaimoites about alternatives to toxic chemicals to control garden pests, and to ban the use of cosmetic pesticides, especially in municipal parks. Our knowledgeable presenters will be able to answer your questions about chemicals, bugs and your grass.

At the AGM!

ANNUAL FEES: At the AGM there will be a motion to raise the annual fee. Pay now, and get your annual fee for the bargain rate of only \$5.00. By the end of the meeting, you may be paying a new rate!!!! **Sign up now**

ELECTIONS: Nominations are requested for the positions of president, vice-president (2), secretary and treasurer, as well as for members-at-large. The members-at-large attend meetings and are a valuable asset to the association. It is a great chance to get involved. You can volunteer for a position or send your nominations to the elections officer, Dave Harvey at dtharvey@shaw.ca or phone him at 758-7518.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS: Looking to get a little more involved in your neighbourhood? We are looking for help in the following positions:

History Researchers: We will be developing our next promenade plaque; the subject will be Coal Mining in the Bay and we need people to research the content for these plaques.

Members at Large: We want to expand our pool of talent. Come to the executive meetings and learn how you can contribute on a personal level.