



To: Departure Bay Residents

Neighbourhood News

Introducing

The Bay Watch

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: _____

History Night

**November 13th 2008, 7 pm—9 pm
Kin Hut, Departure Bay Beach**

Tim Stokes

“A Geological History

of the Departure Bay Area”
including how Departure Bay formed, and types of visible local rock formation and geological features of our area. The Vancouver Island Biosphere poster which Tim assisted in coordinating will also be explained briefly and displayed.

Christine Meutzner

“Cilaire—Then and Now”

covering 80 years of the Cilaire area starting in the 1890s with the Powder Plant, its shocking explosion and effects, continuing through to the subdivision and housing development there in the 1970s.

**Free Refreshments and
Door prizes!**

Door prize coupon:

Name: _____

Clip and bring to History Night

Happenings in the Bay!

First Nations Gravesite and Development at 2835 Departure Bay Road.

The waterfront will be changing between Bay and Wingrove, The property between 2835 Departure Bay Road and the 7/11 store is now owned by the BC government and will be administered by the Snuneymuxw.

During the archaeological dig necessary for the Tides Development, many very ancient burials were found, and evidence of continuous use of the Departure Bay site for thousands of years. As a result, development plans were shelved and the government was able to acquire the land from the developer. Plans for its use will be decided by the Snuneymuxw which will respect the sensitivity and historic and cultural importance of this special land.

At the same time, 2835 will be developed as a luxury condominium property with a coffee shop on the main floor. We are promised tables with umbrellas to enjoy the sun,

In cooperation with the Snuneymuxw the developer will create a path straddling each property to permit a direct route from the beach to the water park, tennis courts and playing fields. This walkway was one of the requests put into the Neighbourhood Plan and we thank them both.

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.

We welcome your feedback of our new publication. Please forward your comments to reale_mond@telus.net

Word for the Bay!

Cavitation.

The formation of bubbles or cavities in a liquid caused by the rapid movement of a propeller, etc. through it (OED 1993). Used in a sentence in the Nanaimo Daily News Oct. 2, 2008 "The new Super C Ferries, through cavitation, are causing havoc for residents in Departure Bay."

Promenade Banners!

For Sale

All the banners decorating Departure Bay this summer were created by our neighbourhood residents. They were great and now they are for sale. They are being auctioned off by the Nanaimo Art Gallery. To make your bid, go to www.nanaimoartgallery.com and follow the links. Typical prices last year were \$25 to \$50 – what a deal! It is time for all artists to start designing banners for next year as painting starts around March and there is always a need for more. There is no such thing as a bad banner!!

What a Great Summer!

Our Old Fashioned Picnic

Nearly four hundred people made this year's picnic our best ever. Joan Shillabeer our co-ordinator did a fabulous job; we had great music, expert hamburger flippers, a sandcastle competition judged by Nanaimo princesses and councillors, lots of games and even more prizes.

This was followed by the annual Bathtub Races, which always attract a cheering crowd.

Present Meets Past

A real highlight was the unveiling of the Portal by the Kin Hut, together with the interpretive plaque and then the wonderful spectacle of about fifty First Nations canoes arriving in Departure Bay as part of their voyage down the coast. The DBNA had been working for over a year on the plaque and its contents and have planned more. The next instalment will be about the coal mining and early industry in the Bay.

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 find out how you can contribute on a personal level.