

DBNA Annual History Night

November 12th, 2009, 7 pm—9 pm

Kin Hut, Departure Bay Beach

**Doors open at 6:30. Arrive early and
renew your membership!**

**This year's super-popular event will
bring you **STORIES!****

Stories - Old & True - Stories of liquor and hard-working men, of mines and moonshine will entertain you while you savor sweets and hot drinks and enjoy the good company of your neighbours.

The hard historical facts regarding getting a drink in early Nanaimo, and particularly at the HARPER HOTEL in Departure Bay will be explained by KEVIN STOREY.

Two Around Town Tellers, LAURIE PECK and MARGARET MURPHY will be telling Mining Stories -- One story is about how the rats in the mine saved miners' lives and the other, "Lizzie's Dream", is based on an actual historical figure: Elizabeth Aitken, a miner's wife in the South Ward of Nanaimo in the 1880's.

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 \$10 yearly family fee to:

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

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code _____ **Ph:** _____

Email: _____

Contact us!

www.dbna.ca Or by phone: 250-751-8261



**To: Departure Bay Residents
Neighbourhood News**

Event on November 12th!

See Inside for details

The Bay Watch

Our Beachfront!

Hanging baskets and brilliant banners decorating our beachfront this summer made Departure Bay look gorgeous. All the banners were painted by local residents, and we are lucky to count so many talented artists among us.

The improvements are all part of the neighbourhood plan approved by the city in 2006. According to the city's long term plans, next year will bring the start of our anxiously-awaited repairs to the walkway, leveling it so that it is safe for all of us to enjoy. (The slope presently varies from 8 to 13 degrees.)

The Departure Bay plan, designed by a neighbourhood working committee and planners and is now part of the official community plan for Nanaimo.

Christmas Lights

We all enjoy the Christmas lights on the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain. Thank you to our wonderful firefighters for setting them up every year.

Thank you also to the generous neighbour who has made a \$100 donation to this year's cost of sparkling our Holiday Season.

Contributions are welcomed.
Contact DBNA for details.

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 to those members without internet.

We welcome your feedback. Please forward your comments to reale_emon@telus.net

Word for the Bay!

slope |slōp| noun

- a surface of which one end or side is at a higher level than another; a rising or falling surface : *he slithered helplessly down the slope.*
- a difference in level or sideways position between the two ends or sides of a thing : *the Departure Bay walkway has a severe slope.*

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.

Neighbourhood Picnic

A great chance to meet your neighbours each summer!!!

We served over 200 hamburgers and hotdogs at our Old-Fashioned picnic in June. A brave councilor, Diana Johnstone, took off her shoes and waded into the bay to judge the sandcastle competition, and there were races, crafts and great music. It's not too early to think about next summer's picnic. We are always looking for talent, and we would like to know who is willing to flip hamburgers for an hour, run a raffle or award prizes. We believe in the saying 'many hands make light work' and welcome more volunteers.

NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATES

- The city has budgeted \$60,000 for upgrades to the toilets by the Kin Hut
- Signs have been ordered to indicate the extra parking by the Activity Centre
- Deer warning signs will be posted on Departure Bay Road

History Night Door prize coupon:

Name: _____

**Clip and bring this stub as your entry
for 1 of 2 wonderful door prizes**