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The POINTER...

SPRING '83

Decision Time

Willis Point Future On The Line?

Windmill Enterprises are charging ahead with its plans to turn Partridge Hills into a World Class golf course and to build a hotel, 800 houses, and a marina, all on land now zoned for 30-acre lots.

The time to find out what the developers say they plan to do is Thursday, June 2, at 7:45, at the Willis Point hall.

The following week, June 8, Windmill will be making its proposal before the CRD Advisory Planning Commission. Because of the importance of the proposal, the APC will hold a special meeting at the Willis Point hall to hear local opinion on the topic the following Tuesday, June 14, at 7:30. The APC can then send the proposal to the June 22 zoning committee meeting, which in turn can recommend bylaw changes to be initiated at the Regional Board meeting on July 13.

On Sunday, June 5, the WPRA will hold a special executive meeting to discuss the development plan and to consider what to recommend to the Advisory Planning Commission.

If you care about the future of Willis Point, try your best to attend the meetings on June 2 and June 5.

The history of the project already is complex and perhaps a little hard to follow. In the special section at the back of this POINTER the entire development story is spelled out in considerable detail. Please try to read through it all before the June 2 meeting.

Sam Young

Date To Remember

This year the Hilltopper comes our way Saturday, June 18. Bring your running shoes, bring your friends, and above all, bring yourself!

WPRA news

WPRA Executive Meetings

Jan. 18 & Apr. 19

FINANCES: The WPRA is financially sound for the next few months after receiving a grant of \$500 from the CRD to assist with community programs, and after making \$227.41 at the New Years' dance. This brings our bank balance to \$2987.73. The executive has set up a budget committee to decide how best this money should be spent.

ROADS: The Capital Regional District planning staff has notified the WPRA that two roads resolutions were passed by the board:

- a) that the west route (around the lake) will be part of the official regional plan, and
- b) that they object to the fact that the section of the road going around the lake won't be built until a later date.

Highways Minister Alex Fraser has stated that he would take their position into consideration when funds become available, and will base his decision on the amount of funds needed for the project.

DOGS: Concern was expressed over dogs being allowed to run loose at Willis Pt. "Do you know where your dog is NOW?"

Lorraine Pommen

WPRA Membership Report

There are no new members to introduce, and the Ratepayers Association now numbers 124 members.

Anyone new to to Willis Point who would like to join the WPRA can contact Bruce Wilkinson at 652-3752 to sign up. There is a one-time join-up fee of \$5.00.

The WPRA greatly appreciates involvement in its activities, and adding your name to the membership list is the first step in meeting new friends and becoming involved in local activities.

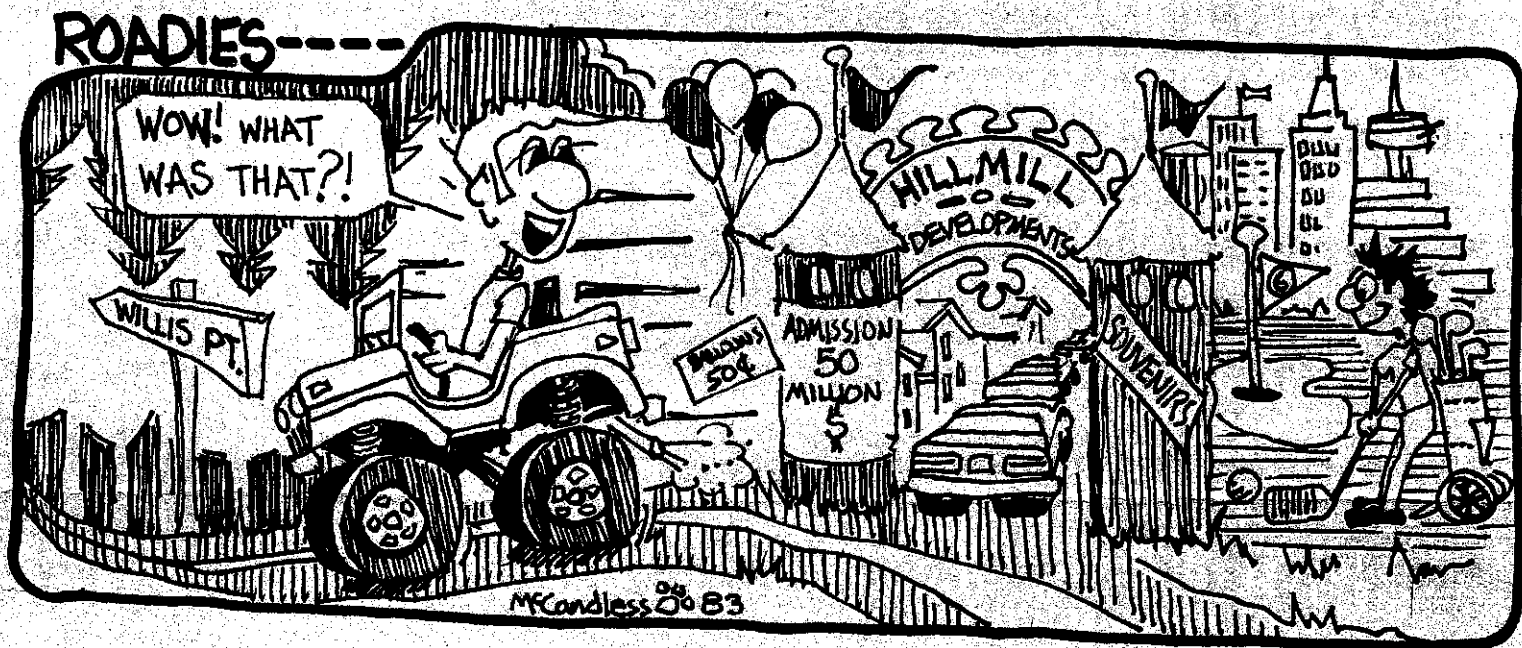
Keeping the membership list up to date is a constant challenge; if anyone receiving this newsletter notes anything incorrect in an address, please advise Bruce of any necessary changes.

Bruce Wilkinson

CPR On Track

This course has been one of the best attended events at the point - learning the lifesaving techniques of Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

Another CPR course will be offered this September. If you are interested in attending, give Bill Wright a call at 652-3254.



Current Issues

Fall Programs For Hall?

Is Willis Point Community Centre Ready to become a Real Recreation Centre?

It could be if enough people are interested!

Juan De Fuca Community Recreation Program Dept. would like to provide Fitness and Preschool Programs at our hall in the Fall. Costs would be minimal.

Look for the Community Recreation display table at the Hilltopper where you can find out more about, and sign up for various programs.

Also, if there are people living at Willis Point who are interested in putting on programs, Juan De Fuca staff will provide a leadership program help to prepare you for a teaching assignment.

For more information call Nathan Ory 652-3249.

Coming Events

Fishing Derby

Hang onto your hat!
The derby is back!

The great Willis Point fishing derby will take place Sunday, September 18. There's fishing, of course, and prizes, races for the kids, and food too! (The cook promises to stay sober this year.)

Get your tickets from Terry Tribe; 652-3700.

Hilltopper

Let's all try to make the Hilltopper the great success it was last year. Remember that date again, Saturday June 18, and give Bob or Gaybrielle a call if you can lend a hand. And try to take the poster included in the POINTER to your office or club or wherever and put it on the wall, notice board, etc. Extra copies of the poster will be available as well from Sam Young (652-3859).

Firefighter News

Thanks to all those "Bar Flies" who donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Box. Along with a donation from the fire department, we were able to turn over \$64.00 to the "Fire Fighters Fight of Muscular Dystrophy." For those that don't know, there is a red box on the bar at the hall at all times. This box is for donations towards Muscular Dystrophy. Please be generous.

Earlier this year the department responded to a chimney fire on Melody Place. Thanks to the quick thinking of Tina Cliff, the fire was under control when we arrived.

We are sorry to say we have lost some valuable members over the last few months. They are Butch Cleland, Bernadette Anderson, Charlie Bonner and Gerry Verhagen. A special thanks go out to these members as some of them have been members since the department was formed.

To try to fill in these vacancies we have two new members who have completed their basic training. We welcome Uwe Pause and Nancy Cranston. As you can see, we have room for more new members, so come on out Wednesday nights if you are interested in joining.

The department has acquired a new set of helmets from the Esquimalt Fire Department, thanks to Grant Twamley.

Thanks go out to Ralph Anderson for the use of his beautiful antique cars which we used for extraction practice along with our own ambulance.

Joel Cotter has completed his Industrial First Aid course. Congratulations, Joel.

And last but not least, Burning Permits are now required and are available at the fire hall Wednesday nights at 7:30.

Bill Wright
Capt. W.P.V.F.D.

.. CALENDAR ..

June 2
Windmill Presentation
Fire Hall; 7:45

June 5
WPRA open Exec. meeting
to discuss Windmill
proposal; 7:30 at the hall.

June 6
Windmill Open House
at Chantecler.

June 8
CRD Advisory Planning
Commission hears Windmill
proposal; Langford office

June 14
CRD Advisory Planning Commission
special public meeting at
Fire Hall; 7:30

June 18
Hilltopper
Bob Halsey 652-4195

September 13
Annual General Meeting
Gloria Graham 652-5509

September 18
Fishing Derby
Terry Tribe 652-3700

October 16
Car Rally
Joel Cotter 652-2039

DOG ISSUE CRITICAL

Your Pet Could Be Next

Imagine, if you can, arriving home from work and finding your pet whimpering from pain, unable to stand or walk properly, oozing blood and air from a couple of holes in the rib cage.

You rush to the vet and are advised that open-chest surgery is necessary, and that your pet will be in critical condition for two days.

Think about the distress while you wait for the phone to ring, wondering if you'll have the strength to ask him to end the suffering if the news is too bad. And then you face a bill for surgery, hospitalization, drugs, etc. for five days which totals over \$600.00!!

Would you take all this in your stride and shrug it off? Well, neither will your neighbours. Willis Point has grown to the state where dogs at large no longer can be tolerated. All dog owners are urged to begin confining their charges. There is no good reason why some, like myself, should bear the burden of confining our small pets so that larger brutes can patrol the area at will.

"Not My Dog," You Say?

Don't mislead yourself. There isn't one owner in the Point who thinks that his or her dog could hurt anything. But one of these "pussycats" was responsible for the above scenario on May 12, 1983, and for something similar in January. Admittedly, this is probably the worst case to date. But note those key words, "to date." Whose pet is next? Maybe even, "who" is next?

I am advised that poodle cross-breeds such as mine are often susceptible to attack. However, Tina is not the only dog that has been attacked. My investigation has uncovered at least ten cases in the recent past, most of which probably would have been more serious if people hadn't intervened. Obviously, if animals are allowed to roam, they won't always be under supervision -- hence the need to confine them.

Let's Pull Together

Some Willis Pointers without pets are tired of DDD (dodging dog droppings) and cleaning up urine stains. Some neighbours are being terrorized, and their pets are being attacked when they're out for a walk together. Others, like myself, are facing mental anguish and staggering vet bills.

It has been suggested that raccoons could be the cause of the trouble. There is no evidence to support such speculation, but there is evidence that some Pointers are feeding and encouraging raccoons. Be advised that they are unpredictable wild animals and that feeding them can be dangerous.

If you have any comments on this topic, or would like a special public meeting held to discuss the dog issue (probably between June 15 and July 15), please contact me, Bruce Wilkinson, at 652-3752.

Bruce Wilkinson

Past Events

New Years Eve 1982-83

The New Years Eve Dance was a great success. People who attended enjoyed dancing to canned music put on by "Sound Incorporated." Free champagne "hit the spot" at midnight and shortly afterwards a superb roast dinner was served.

A special gift was presented to Bob and Gaybrielle Halsey in appreciation for all the work they have done, and continue to do, at the hall.

Clean-up commenced at 2 p.m. the next day and a large crowd showed up to help. The work was done quickly and efficiently and was appreciated greatly by the convenors of the dance; Clive Farmer, Linda Cleland and Dianne Twamley. Thank you.

Dianne Twamley

Happy Hours

There have been three Happy Hours this year. All have been extremely successful fun affairs with a good variety of food. Sydnie and Charles' hot turkey was delicious, as was the pizza in March. Brian, Joan and Gary's hamburgers were great. It's good to see everybody patronizing these informal events.

If anybody feels like running a Happy Hour, it would be appreciated.

It is not difficult, and there's plenty of advice available on how to go about it. Some fresh ideas and new input would be great. How about it, Willis Pointers?

Gaybrielle Halsey

Point Blank

Thanks to Linda Cleland for typing much of this issue of THE POINTER. It's always fun reading the varied handwriting styles of our many correspondents.

Congratulations to Sydnie Bonner for making sure we could get to vote at our own Fire Hall as usual, and for making sure everything ran smoothly on election day.

This issue THE POINTER welcomes a new full-page advertiser: Laurice and Tim Mock and their Shaklee products. First, Tim sold me on their line of biodegradeables, and then I sold him on the ad!

Don't forget the June 2 meeting with Windmill on the Partridge Hills development issue, and please take a close look at the history of the project to date in the special section at the back of this POINTER.

Any comments about THE POINTER, or any future contributions, should be directed at and to editor Sam Young, 652-3859.



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HILLTOPPER !

June 18th is the date to remember. It's Hilltopper time again.

There are a few changes this year but the long-distance race is still on. Can the time of just over 32 minutes be bettered? For any race information please phone Gary Butchart 652-1731, or Sandy Foreman 652-1258.

There will be barbequed Hilltopper Hamburgers available during the afternoon, plus hot dogs, icecream, pop, chips etc. The saloon and casino will be running, and anybody who can deal please call and give your name to Bob Halsey 652-4195.

There will be a children's stall, so dig out the old toys etc., and a bake sale, so please plan a contribution for that.

No White Elephant, no craft or book stalls, no raffle or auction. We're trying to streamline it into an easier to run affair. Lots of help is needed for the race, but that is only for a short period of time. So anybody willing to help please call Bob or Gaybrielle, 652-4195.

This is our biggest fund raiser. Last year was a great success and the enthusiastic help from the community was wonderful. This time, with the ground work done and the bugs out of the system it should be a lot easier. Bring the city to the country! Plan to have your friends and relatives out for the day - the more the merrier!

Gaybrielle Halsey

BE A HILLTOPPER BOOSTER!

Let the word get out by taking the poster in this issue of the POINTER and putting it up at work, at your club, at your school, wherever people of good cheer gather looking for information about fun events they would like to go to.

Additional posters are available from Sam Young (652-3859).

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