



The Pointer

Autumn 2007

To The Point

A big THANK YOU to Trevor and Ian Espin who have volunteered to deliver The Pointer along part of Mark Lane. Many people volunteer their time to benefit our community and it is especially nice to see young people stepping up. Thanks guys.

Cheers, Pat Williams
652-0223
pwill@telus.net

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**WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 14
4 PM
AT THE HALL**

**THE POSITIONS OF VICE-CHAIR,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, AND
MEMBER-AT-LARGE WILL BE UP FOR
ELECTION FOR 2 YEAR TERMS. IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OR WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE
ANYONE FOR A POSITION,
PLEASE CALL GERI GORLING AT 652-6149**

**THERE WILL BE A
FREE FAMILY
BARBEQUE
AT THE HALL IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE MEETING.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO HAVE AN ITEM
ADDED TO THE AGENDA, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIR
OF THE WPCA, BILL DOUGLAS, 544-1042**

An Unresolved Question: What About B&Bs at Willis Point?

At last year's AGM a question arose about the legal status of Bed and Breakfast facilities at Willis Point. Our Official Community Plan is silent on this matter. Practically speaking, this meant that an "unofficial" B&B could exist as long as there were no official complaints. However, in response to a request for a formal ruling, the Juan de Fuca Planning Department took the position that since operating a B&B is not listed among the permitted uses, it is not a permitted use. We have two choices: 1) to legalize B&Bs we would have to amend the Official Community Plan and specify conditions, typically dealing with off-road parking spaces; the maximum number of "guests"; whether non-family members can serve the breakfasts; and safeguards against annoyances to the neighbours. The other choice, 2) is to leave things just as they are. At the AGM there was a strong consensus in favour of leaving well enough alone, based largely on an informal Willis Point tradition of not making rules for dealing with problems which commonsense and a neighbourly spirit of cooperation can solve.

This matter had been referred to the Advisory Planning Commission and I expected that we would support what appeared to be the Community consensus. However, concern was expressed about the precarious position of someone who chooses to operate an "unofficial" B&B – because now that the Planning Department has ruled that B&Bs are not legally permitted, a single complaint to the Bylaw Officer could result in closing it down – even if the neighbours had no objections to it at all. The APC decided to bring the matter back to the community. I have requested that it be put on the agenda of the upcoming AGM. Meanwhile, if anyone wants to express an opinion on the subject or wants to raise a question, please either email me at hlresnick@aol.com or call 652 8278.

Larry Resnick,
Chair, Advisory Planning Commission
Members: Don Gorling; Ken Ilott; Dave Lawrie and Lois Lovo

Agenda For the AGM

Apart from the usual annual reports and elections, there are four other agenda items, and community input is welcomed for other topics.

- Fireworks budget – do we want to follow the pattern of other municipalities and get out of the fireworks business, or do we want to fund a community fireworks display, and if yes, at what level of expenditure
- Children's Christmas party – we need a new host
- Community Fundraising – policy regarding WPCA supporting external charities
- Awareness of CRD elections

If you have an item you'd like to add to the agenda, please call WPCA Chair, Bill Douglas at 544-1042

Neighbourhood Notices

Christmas Cakes and Sugarplums

Large Christmas Cakes (approx. 2 lb) light or dark, with or without nuts, \$16

Small Christmas Cakes (approx 1 lb) light or dark, with or without nuts, \$8.50

Sugarplums – a confection of dried fruit, nuts and ginger

Box of 8 - \$10 Package of 2 - \$3

Please call **Mariann Malvet** at **544-1681** to place your order



FOR SALE

Stunning mahogany chair with cushion.
Hand carved back. \$ 250

Additional item:

- ◆ Medium sized freezer, top opening.
\$95

Look for HUGE yard sale in the spring!

Contact **Peter Gary** – **652-9230**

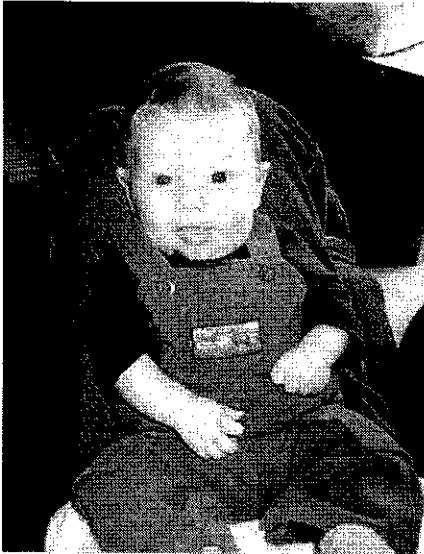
Discreet, reliable Pointer available for vacation

maintenance and security, watering plants, feeding fish, cats, etc., on-site supervision of tradespeople while you are at work or on vacation, emergency rides or pick-up for kids to sports, appointments or school, and vet appointments. If you can't do it, maybe I can!

Pat Sloan 652-0226

Thanks to the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department
from Pat and Mary O'Rourke.

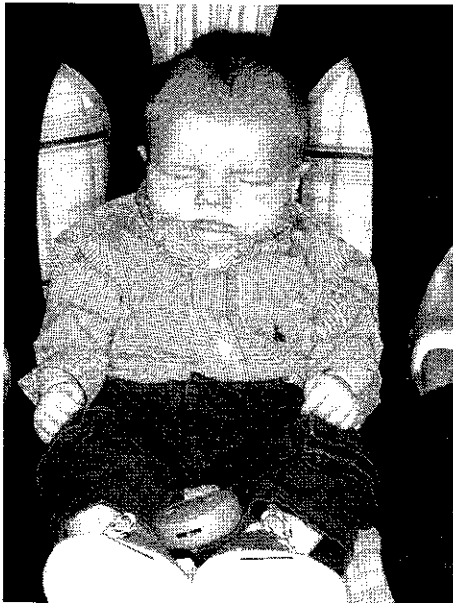
WELCOME TO OUR WORLD



Graeme Mark Twamley
Born June 14, 2007
Son of Andrew and Paula Twamley



Proud grandparents Dianne and Mark Twamley



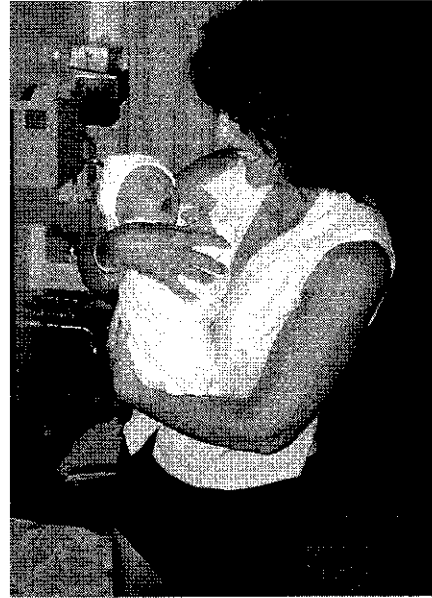
Austin Robbie Joseph O'Dell
Born July 22, 2007



Son of Melanie (Wright) and Brett O'Dell
proud grandparents Joan and Bill Wright



Finlayson (Finn) Story
Born July 28, 2007
Son of Jennifer and Stewart Story



proud grandparents Lynn and Bruce Story

Willis Point Fire and Recreation Facilities Commission (WPFRC)

HALL MANAGER

The WPFRC is looking for a Community Hall Manager following the recent resignation of the incumbent. The position offers a modest honorarium, and funds are available for supplies, repairs, etc. A detailed position description is available. Duties include the following general responsibilities:

1. Hall rental management;
2. Preparing & managing a Hall maintenance and upgrade plan;
3. Hall cleaning and general maintenance (e.g. window cleaning, floor cleaning, touch-up painting, outdoor building and grounds maintenance);
4. Liaison with contractors hired by WPFRC to provide Hall improvements and major maintenance work;
5. Reports to the WPFRC at monthly meetings

If you are interested in applying for this position or want to discuss the responsibilities further, please contact **Vern McConnell, WPFRC Chair at 652 – 2996.**

Free Fitness Class October 4th!

**Fitness classes start October 4th: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7pm at the Hall.
The cost is \$20 month or \$3 drop-in.**

Are you new to Willis Point? Has it been a while since you've worked up a sweat? Are you looking for an exercise option that's inexpensive and close to home? Come to the hall to get a great workout!

Tuesday and Thursday night exercise classes start on October 4th at the hall. This first class is free for all participants; just show up at 7pm wearing comfortable clothes and runners. Pointers of all ages and fitness levels are welcome. Some participants have attended the class for over two decades, and many new Pointers join the group every year. At least a dozen folks show up for most classes so you'll probably connect with your neighbours. The class is currently co-ed, but I'd like more men to give the class a try. I'd love to see more young Pointers join the group as well. The class routines are quite simple so don't worry if you haven't attended a fitness class or if you're not terribly coordinated. Come out and give it a try!

This year, Tuesday's class will be a low-high impact class with a new focus. After attending a summer bootcamp class, I plan to add some bootcamp components to Tuesday night's session to ensure that everyone improves their fitness levels and sees results. We will warm up and then aim for 20 minutes of cardio to work the heart. After that, we'll challenge ourselves with strength exercises for the arms, legs, butts and abdominals. Don't worry if you haven't attended a high-low or bootcamp class before. The exercises will be demonstrated and options will be provided for different levels of fitness.

Thursday's session will be our popular step class. Everyone gets a great workout because there's no cheating with the steps! You have to step up and down every time and this guarantees a good workout. You choose your level of step, and you can add higher levels as you progress. We'll start with an 18 minute cardio session, but we'll progress to 25 minutes in no time. After cardio, we'll work on strength components and both classes will end with a relaxing stretch.

I am excited about resuming the classes. I've fallen into my usual summer slump where I don't workout as regularly as I need to. I became a certified fitness leader in 1986 and have taught classes on and off since then, but I often lose my commitment. Frequently, I bring my exercise gear and runners to town and back, but I haven't found a convenient option to stick to. Fitness at the hall works for me because I love the exercising with friends and neighbours. If people are expecting you, it's much more difficult to stay at home on the couch!

I am glad to volunteer my time to teach fitness classes, and I'd like Willis Point to become a very fit community. In addition to teaching fitness classes, I'd love to create a small gym with cardio equipment, weight machines and free weights. If you have any ideas about how to make this happen, please let me know!

In the meantime, I hope to see you on October 4th. If you have any questions or concerns about the classes and whether they are a fit for you, please give me a call.
Deanna Roozendaal 744-4891.

Coming In October

Pointer Craft Fair and Sale

Willis Point Community Hall

October 20 and 21

10 am - 4 pm

Local Artists, Craftspeople, and More
Stampin' Up, Epicure, Mary Kay,
Partylite Candles just to name a few



It's not too early to start shopping
for Christmas

Come out and help promote your
community

Door Prizes

Admission only \$1.00

For more information or to reserve your table,
please call: Sheryl 652-7189 or Alicia 544-0202

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Community Parks Plan

The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission (JdFParks) is responsible for the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of community parks that are contained within the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.

JdFParks invites public comment on the preliminary first draft of the revised long range parks plan for the Electoral Area, tentatively titled "Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Community Parks Plan". The purpose of the plan is to make provisions for a sustainable land base that will accommodate all recreational options required by future generations of all ages. While general comment on the material and parks plan policy is welcome, please give specific consideration to Appendix A and B:

*Is the inventory complete? What is missing?

*Are the specific community objectives complete? What is missing?

*Is there any information that is inaccurate? What corrections are needed?

This stage of the public comment period ends on September 30, 2007. Constructive feedback is appreciated. The resulting collective information will be considered for inclusion into a second draft and presented at local area open houses at the next stage of the public comment period. Interested parties should submit their written comments to the JdFParks, care of the Administrative Secretary at the address listed below. All comments received regarding the draft parks plan will be public information.

Download a copy of the draft parks plan at the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Home Page: www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm See Draft Parks Plan (PDF)

Copies of the draft parks plan are available at the following location:
SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke, BC

Written comments on the Draft Long Range Parks Plan – Proposed Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Community Parks Plan should be submitted by regular mail or email before September 30, 2007 to:

Wendy Miller

PO Box 421, Sooke, B.C. V0S 1N0

Phone (250) 642-8000 Email wmiller@crd.ba.ca

For maps of the electoral area, visit www.crd.bc.ca/maps

For Willis Point, recommendations include a "wish list" of areas vital to our parks and trails system (secure accesses to the park at each end of Mark Lane, and preservation of the extensive trail system through the Partridge Hills). Of equal importance, are the public water accesses along Mark Lane. Most of them are vertical but there are a few which could be prime waterfront parkland. They are currently owned by MOT who are willing to divest themselves of these small areas (for free!). The "useable" accesses have been identified and are included but unfortunately don't appear in the list in the Draft.

The JdF Parks Commission has an annual operating budget of \$20,000. Park acquisitions are made by negotiations with developers for land or money, or from bequests.

Please take time to register your comments -- the more support we give will certainly create more Willis Point parks, a lasting gift.

For more clarification or information, please call:
Patricia Sloan, Parks Commission Representative at 652-0226

Willis Point Welcomes New Neighbours

By Ken Leighton

Brent and Cynthia Kornelson
6949 Willis Point Road (next to the Fire Hall)

The Kornelsons came from Kamloops where they own a factory with twenty-eight employees, manufacturing electronic controls for heavy-duty equipment. (See www.suregripcontrols.com) Brent worked for ten years in the logging industry operating heavy-duty machinery. In 1995 he developed a better electronic joystick control, patented it, and set up a manufacturing facility in Kamloops. He is still actively designing new products for the company.

Cynthia was operations manager at the company and continues to look after the finances, via the internet. Her other interests include interior decoration and grandchildren.

Brent and Cynthia came here because they wanted to retire on acreage in the forest. Now that their house is completed, they are creating a large pond and a network of hiking trails on the property. They have several children and grandchildren in the Victoria area.



Fire Department Update

The cool summer weather has been quite kind to our forests. The fire hazard stayed below extreme and we're pleased to report that there were no forest fires in our area. Please keep in mind that even though the bulk of the summer is over the forests are still dry and continued caution and vigilance is necessary. Please be extremely careful with your cigarettes, barbecues, and other sources of ignition. As you know, even though we are heading into fall the outside burning ban is still in effect. As soon as the rains set in, probably by mid-October, limited outside burning will be allowed.

Although we weren't called out to any forest fires, our summer at the department was far from quiet! Since the last Pointer we were called out twelve times with three of those calls in one weekend! Half of the calls were fire-related and half were medical first responses. Two of the medical first response calls involved motor vehicle incidents, one of which was a head-on collision with several victims injured. It's a good time to mention, especially to our new residents that, as our fall rains begin the old asphalt on Willis Point Road will become extremely slippery. Please drive with care.

When not at calls we continue with our regular weekly training schedule. Recently, our training has included auto extrication, brush fires, medical first response, and incident management. In addition, nine members re-certified their first responder level three credentials including endorsements for spinal management and defibrillator. Finally, three members completed live fire level two training at the Nanaimo Fire Department.

As we move into fall our weather will be changing. If last year is any guide we can expect wind and possibly even snow. When it snows, please remember that parking on the paved areas of Willis Point Road or Mark lane is prohibited. We must allow room for the snow plows and emergency vehicles to pass. These vehicles are large, and snow plows especially need a much wider path than you may think. If necessary for public safety, we will have vehicles towed.

As well, if potentially live power lines are down on the road, we may be forced to temporarily close the road. It's inconvenient for all of us, but even more so for our volunteer members who have to man the roadblock! But, when we do close the road we are doing so with the authority and backing of the RCMP. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. As you have seen, we'll get the road open as soon as possible.

Thank you again for keeping safe this summer and thank you for supporting your Volunteer Fire Department.

Mark Roozendaal, Fire Chief

Hospice Fundraiser Fishing Trip

Jessica Elvedahl and her cousin Sarina show off their prize catch from this year's Hospice Fundraiser Fishing Trip, donated by Carol and Jim Scott. Greg and Michelle Elvedahl were the lucky winning bidders at the Fundraiser Live Auction, and the weather and fish cooperated for what all agreed was an "Awesome Trip"! Everyone is looking forward to next year's event - hopefully more money for Hospice and bigger fish!



Pub Night!

The Willis Point Volunteer Firefighters Association invites you to another classic Willis Point social event.



Join us Saturday, **September 29** starting at **6pm** for drinks, pizza, games, music and good times with friends and neighbours.



Everyone is welcome.



WILLIS POINT FIRE AND RECREATION FACILITIES COMMISSION

Update by Vern McConnell, Commission Chair

The *Willis Point Fire and Recreation Facilities Commission (WPFRFC)* will hold its Annual General Meeting and Budget Presentation in November. The term of office for three Commissioners expires in 2007. Prior to the AGM, the Commission will establish a Nominating Committee to receive nominations for three upcoming vacancies in advance of the AGM (nominations may also be made from the floor). Please check the "Boards" for the notice of meeting and Nomination Committee call for nominations.

The *WPFRFC* is governed by CRD By-Law 2336 and was established in 1975. It has the administrative powers of the CRD regional Board and encompasses the *Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facility Commission* and the *Willis Point Fire Protection Committee*. The Commission has eight voting commissioners - seven resident and one is the CRD Director.

Commissioners are elected for a two - year term (three people one year, four people the next year; the CRD Director seat is permanent). The Committee meets monthly. The Chief of the *Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department* attends and provides a report. The *Willis Point Community Association* has a standing invitation to Commission meetings, and all Pointers are welcome to attend. See list of Commissioners below.

WPFRFC responsibilities

1. Appoints the Fire Chief;
2. Determines and manages the annual budget for the Willis Point Community Hall and the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department;
3. Responsible for the day-to-day operation, maintenance, major repairs and management of the Willis Point Community and Fire Department Hall and grounds;
4. Provides an annual grant to the Willis Point Community Association to enable that society to purchase liability insurance for the community's use of the Hall.

Commissioners

1. Vern McConnell, Chair
2. Ken Ilott, Vice-Chair (term expires 2007)
3. Mary O'Rourke, Secretary (term expires 2007)
4. Bob Halsey
5. Eric Lund, JDF Director
6. Pat O'Rourke
7. Jim Scott (term expires 2007)
8. Jerry Tombu

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Vern McConnell at (652 – 2996).

JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE
WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE
POINTER REPORT– September 2007

Summaries of the June 12, July 10 and August 14 meetings of the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee are in the September report to the Community Association, and posted on the bulletin boards. The minutes of the meetings are available on the Capital Regional District (CRD) web site (www.crd.bc.ca).

The September 11 meeting reviewed two proposed bylaws of importance to Willis Point.

The Willis Point Official Community Plan (OCP) identifies several “Development Permit Areas” for reasons such as steep slopes, wetlands and sensitive environment. All developments in these areas (with a few exceptions) require a Development Permit. The OCP sets out the requirements for a Permit, including a report from a qualified professional intended to ensure the development is consistent with the OCP. The OCPs for the other five sub-regions in the Electoral Area contain similar requirements.

Currently, the Land Use Committee reviews Development Permit applications and makes a recommendation to the CRD Board, which formally approves or rejects the application. Development Permits are about one-third of the Committee’s workload.

The first bylaw proposed to delegate authority to the CRD planning staff to approve “routine” Development Permits, with only “complex” applications going to the Committee. Staff would determine whether an application was “routine” or “complex”. The main rationale for this bylaw was that the current process was too lengthy.

I opposed the by-law, as did a few other members. After some debate, the Committee adopted my motion that the bylaw be referred to each of the sub-region Advisory Planning Commissions (APCs) for review.

The second bylaw proposed to limit the notice given for Development Variance Permit applications (these permits allow for reduced setbacks, taller structures and the like). Currently, all owners within 500 meters receive notice of the application two weeks before it goes to the Committee. The bylaw would have reduced this to 50 meters. I also opposed this change, and the Committee voted to also send it to the APCs.

It is not known when the Willis Point APC will meet, but this information will be posted on the bulletin boards. I strongly urge all Pointers to attend the meeting and express their views on these two bylaws. You may also send your views to me, or to Eric Lund, the Electoral Area Director.

I would be pleased to answer questions, and to discuss any land use matters.

Pat O’Rourke (652-5598)

Bears and Cougars on the Trails

Be aware when you are hiking that you are in bear and cougar territory. Please remember that this is their world and we are the visitors. So that you can both enjoy the rest of your lives, what follows is a summary of a few essentials to insure mutual safety and enjoyment in the woods.



BE BEAR AWARE

*If you know bears are active in the area, DON'T GO.

*Keep a close eye on your surroundings. Look for bear poop (human sized, dark, may contain berry seeds), as well as claw marks on trees, or paw prints. If you see a lot of these signs, leave the area.

*If you spot cubs, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. Back out the way

you came if possible.

*When walking on the trail, make noise any way you can, yell, whistle, bang rocks. Wear bear bells, which are like small cowbells, on your belt or backpack. The object is not to startle but to warn a bear of your approach.

*If you see a bear, continue to make noise so as not to surprise it. Closely observe the bear's actions. If it approaches you or stays put, leave immediately. It may be protecting offspring or a kill. It may have lost its fear of humans or it may perceive you as a meal.

*Wear bright solid colours, not camouflage.

*Don't offer food to bears. Keep all food in airtight containers and bury any garbage you can't carry out.

*Keep dogs on a leash always. If your pet is injured by a bear, it will most likely run back to you, drawing the bear closer.

In Summary: bears attack for protection of cubs or a kill or when stressed. Bears stomp around and generally don't attempt to hide their presence from you. To retreat from a bear, calmly back out, continue to make noise, do not bolt, do not make sudden moves.

Bear Spray

The use of bear spray is generally not recommended because it can create a false sense of security. Misdirected spray (aim or wind) can engulf you, putting YOU out of commission instead of the bear. Spray will not deter a motivated bear or cougar. To be effective, spray must be used at point-blank range. Few people know how to use bear spray effectively, and improper use may further enrage the animal. Since the safety lock on the trigger is difficult to operate, many people disarm the lock for convenience. This raises the risk of the canister unexpectedly discharging in a vehicle, or in your handy upper pocket if you stumble.

COUGARS

*When on the trails, the object is to warn of your presence. As with bears, make any noises such as yelling, singing, whistling, use bear bells, talking etc. (If you hear Christmas carols echoing through the woods, it is probably me!)

*Cougars prefer smaller prey such as children or pets

*A cougar stalks. It will be very close by before you know it is there. If you see it, most likely it will be close to attack mode. Cougars that stalk humans are typically desperately hungry, thirsty or stressed.

* Since cougars typically attack prey smaller than themselves, avoid putting yourself in a position of appearing small and vulnerable, for example, crouching down to drink from a stream, fixing a bicycle tire or sitting to rummage through a backpack. Make yourself appear as large as possible.

*Cougars attack from the rear, very rarely face-on. Some people experienced in back-country skills will paint large glaring eyes on the back of a hard hat, or wear a full facial mask on the back of their heads.

*If you are faced with a cougar, make yourself **LOOK BIG**. Make yourself appear as large and aggressive as possible by raising and waving your arms over your head, with large branches in hand if possible. Hold clothing up beside you to make it seem that you are huge. Shout loudly or make other threatening noises. If accompanied by small children, place them on your shoulders and back out.

In summary: cougars stalk. They attack for food (you), be aggressive, big and loud. To retreat from a cougar, calmly back out with an aggressive posture. Always, always keep dogs on a leash in cougar territory. And Willis Point is cougar territory.

Patricia Sloan

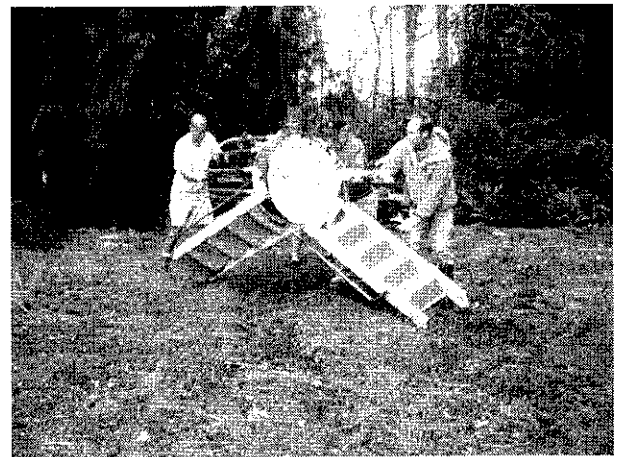


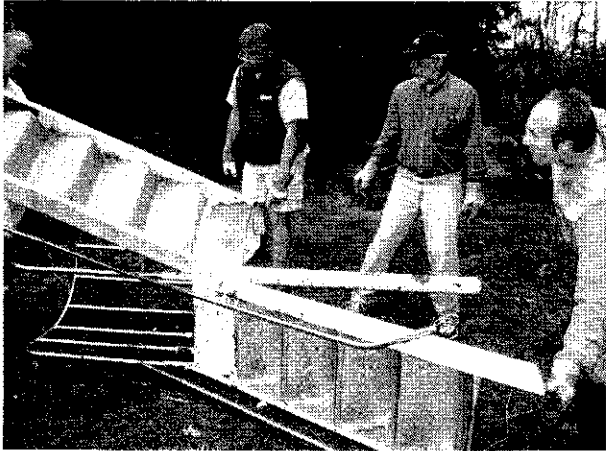
Hall Cleanup

The Willis Point Community Association organized at least 20 volunteers to clean up the Community Hall on Sunday September 16. A huge THANK YOU to all those who helped with the sometimes very heavy work, ridding the basement of 30 years of accumulated decorations, signs, and all manner of stuff, some of it unidentifiable. Two companies supplied huge garbage bins and donated their services. Many thanks to:

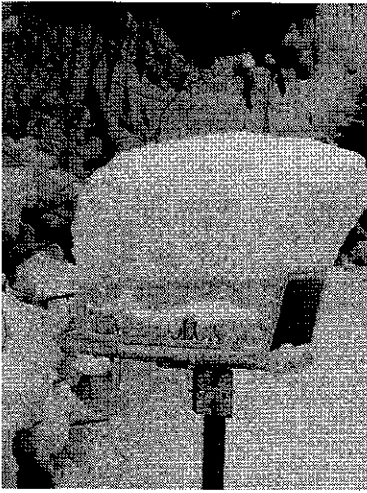
**Dan and Dave at D.L. Bins, 6844 Oldfield Rd 544-3103 and
Bill at Budget Steel/Selkirk Recycling 812-3469**

A full bin of garbage was collected and half a bin of scrap metal. A big job well done. Thanks to all.





Getting Ready For Winter Checklist



Before the Storms

- have your chimney cleaned
- lay in a supply of dry firewood
- plan an off-road place to leave your car if it snows
- buy snow shovels now. The stores will be out of them if the weather is bad, and you won't be able to get to the store anyway.
- service your generator. Make sure you know how to operate it safely and that there is a safely stored fuel supply.
- if you don't have a cell phone and rely on a cordless phone in the house, insure that you have a land line as well, as the cordless will not work during a power outage.
- when you have finished with garden tasks, turn off outside water supplies and hoses.
- clean gutters and peripheral drains
- make sure you have a good supply of propane for the BBQ.
- consider buying an extra propane tank and a gas BBQ with a side burner
- check your supplies of candles, flashlights and lanterns. Check batteries. Headlamps are great for reading and allow both hands to be free.
- keep several big jugs of water in the house
- winter tires for your vehicle?
- install surge protectors for computers and other sensitive electronics.

Storm Season

- weather prediction has vastly improved. Pay attention when a storm is forecast.
- if a storm is predicted, fill the bathtub or washing machine (or both) and use this water for washing and flushing if the power goes off.
- containers outside will catch water if it is raining, or catch snow to melt.
- carpool with someone who has 4 wheel drive if the roads are bad

If the Power Goes Out

- if the power goes out, check with your neighbours, then call the Hydro. Hydro doesn't know you have no power unless you tell them.
- don't open your freezer. A good freezer will last up to 24 hours and as long as 48 hours if left unopened. If it is below freezing outside, move some frozen things out, make sure they are safe from animals.
- check on neighbours. If they don't have auxiliary heat, invite them over to stay warm by your fire. Share dinners.
- don't try to heat the whole house. Close doors and just heat one area.
- practice generator courtesy, only run your unit when necessary.
- play games with your family, read a book, enjoy the moment.

Thanks to all who made suggestions for this list.



Please use extra caution when
the school bus is loading and
unloading.

Thanks!

Business Directory

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