



The Pointer

Spring 2007

To The Point

Now that spring is here, all the winter snow seems so long ago. It's never too early to start planning for the future though, so when you are doing your spring cleaning, give a thought to making your house safer and more prepared for power outages and the consequences of extreme weather. And take time to enjoy this lovely springtime.

Cheers, Pat Williams
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Willis Point Pioneer
Glen Twamley
January 27, 1922 – February 13, 2007



In the mid 1950's Glen Twamley took his family out in a boat in Brentwood Bay, pointed to the land known as Willis Point and said he was interested in buying and developing the property. It was a huge project in those days and scary with the money he had to put up front. But he went for it, and lucky for all of us who enjoy living here today, that he did. There were no roads so Glen and surveying friend Eric Hoel walked the 5 or 6 miles through the woods from Durrance Lake to Willis Point to begin their project. All the original lots developed and sold were water access only. Mark Lane, named after Glen's oldest son, evolved along the water as the lots were developed. The roads built were private and maintained by Glen and his young sons for years until they finally were taken over by the government and became public. The original Willis Point Road joined Mark Lane just above Dave Lawrie's property (#7036), which explains why several driveways on Willis Point Road seem to face the wrong direction. The 'new' road that passes by the Fire Hall and Community Centre was built in the mid 1970's.

Glen built a summer cabin on the water and it remained a cabin until the early 1970's when Glen and Beth added onto it and made it their permanent home. Life at Willis Point was exciting as many people were building and living here permanently. It changed in the 70's from a summer retreat to a year-round living community. Glen and Beth enjoyed their new lifestyle at the Point and in the early 80's decided to build across the road on a high bluff. Glen liked his new large backyard and at the tender age of 70 years young, he spent many hours cutting and splitting firewood, which eventually turned into a little retirement business.

In February 2006 Glen knew it was time to leave his beloved Willis Point. He and Beth moved into a condominium in Brentwood Bay and realized how wonderful it was to

be close to life's many conveniences. They both enjoyed the Brentwood area together until Glen's recent passing.

Glen, you were a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend. We all loved you dearly, your wonderful, jovial personality, delightful big grin and special, friendly greetings...hey, hey, hey! You will be missed, especially by all the 'old' Pointers who knew you for many years. Thanks for all you did and for leaving us with such a legacy... the Willis Point Community.

By Dianne Twamley



Dear Willis Point Friends and Neighbours,

We would like to thank all of you for your support and condolences since the passing of our Dad, Glen. The beautiful flowers, delicious food, and the many, many lovely cards were all very much appreciated. Thank you so much for your thoughts and kindnesses. You are all very special people.

Sincerely,

Dianne and Mark Twamley

Neighbourhood Notices

For Sale Parts for 8' Long Box Truck

- box liner c/w tail gate pad - \$50
 - thick rubber box mats, like new - \$85
 - 8' Canopy, Black - \$700
 - Heavy duty trailer hitch - \$100
- to view – David Lawrie 652-1286 7036 Mark Lane

For Sale

New neighbours with too much or the wrong kind of 'stuff' for their new home, have For Sale:

- Beautiful yellowwood TV cabinet From South Africa, 48" high with storage under.(TV opening 16 ½" high by 25 ½" wide) \$300
- Dark wood TV cabinet (36" high) with storage under (TV opening 21" high by 31' wide) \$150
- Rosewood telephone table with seat/storage \$200
- Ladies 5-drawer Rosewood dressing table with 3-panel mirror and stool \$350
- 4-drawer metal filing cabinet (mock wood finish) \$25

To view please call Pat or Pauline Burton 544-8149 mornings or evenings

The Cleaning Queens House Cleaning

Call to book an appointment today
Sheryl Campbell 652-7189 or Nadine 479-4286

Aerobics

Aerobics classes are held Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm at the Hall. With the longer days, the class will be walking into the park on these evenings. Watch the Hall sign for start dates.

Information: Deanna Roozendaal 544-0426

Babysitting

Shevaun Cunningham, 17 years old, will look after children of all ages. She has St. John's Ambulance training and babysitter training. Call 652-1908

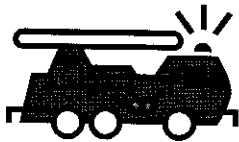
Discreet, reliable Pointer available for vacation

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

FireFighters 30th Anniversary Celebration

Our FireFighters will be celebrating their 30th anniversary on April 14 at 7 pm. If anyone has photos or memorabilia that they would like to share for this evening, please call Brian McCandless at 652-3656. For more information about the event please call Vern McConnell at 652-2996



A big bouquet to our local fire department! Having to call out the men and women on the Willis Point Dept. on a Saturday night was tough but they came, all 10 or 11 of them. They averted what could have been total disaster for us with neighbourly kindness and professionalism, and also put out the fire with the least amount of damage to our property. This is a wake-up call to all of us who have a wood-burning stove – clean that chimney, not only the stove pipes...OFTEN!

Thanks again guys and gals for saving our home, we do appreciate it.

David Lawrie, Judy Kozler, Kyla, DB, and last but not least, Sugar.

Dance!

Get your poodle skirts, floods, and shades ready!

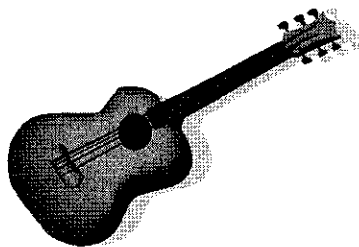
The 2nd annual

HOP FOR HOSPICE is coming **April 28**

Featuring RUKUS 50's music

Look for ticket information on the poster boards towards the end of March

Or call Lynn Storey 652-5882



Willis Point All Fools Dinner and Dance

After a winter of miserable weather, are you suffering from cabin fever?! Do you want to break out and have a really good night out to welcome the spring and the party days of summer? Come on out of hibernation and join your Willis Point friends and neighbours for a fun 'All Fools Dinner and Dance' on **Saturday March 31st**.

This is going to be a truly Willis Point affair..... The simple but **tasty supper** will be prepared by Pointer chefs, the bar will be run by your own WP Fire Department. There will be fun door prizes generously donated by Pointer businesses (First Prize value \$750!) and the LIVE music will be courtesy of an amazing new band – THE POINTER BROTHERS! (the band may be new but the faces aren't – they are your tried and trusted favourites!) Any profits from the evening will be divided equally between the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department and the Willis Point Community Association, so your money stays local.

Where? **Willis Point Fire Hall**

When? **Saturday March 31st**
from 6:30 pm until midnight.
Supper served until 8 pm

How Much? **Only \$10**
INCLUDES SUPPER!

Tickets at the door

So come and have fun with a delicious supper and then dance the night away. And if you'd like to donate a door prize and have your business profiled on the prizes table and at the event, then please contact Karen Davies 544-1319
See you there!



The Pointer Brothers

JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE
WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE
POINTER REPORT- March 2007

Summaries of the January 9 and February 13, 2007 meetings of the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee are in the February and March reports to the Community Association, and posted on the bulletin boards.

The December 2006 Pointer Report included correspondence I exchanged with Eric Lund, Chair of the Land Use Committee regarding Official Community Plan compliance and enforcement. Subsequent to my Report, Mr. Lund acknowledged that I could put this question on the agenda of a future Committee Meeting.

At the January 9 meeting (held in Sooke) I requested that OCP compliance and enforcement be added to the agenda. I informed the Committee of the discussion at the Community Association Annual General Meeting last Fall, and that I had community support to propose two measures to improve OCP compliance and enforcement (i.e., revise geo-tech guidelines, provide notice to neighbours of all development permits).

Larry Resnick, Dave Lawrie and Lois Lovo attended the meeting. Mr. Resnick made a presentation on what he saw as shortcomings in the existing development permit process (similar to the comments Mr. Resnick has expressed in previous Pointers, as well as the Community Association AGM last Fall). Mr. Resnick proposed that all Development Permit applications for the remaining FAMA properties be referred to the Advisory Planning Commission (Mr. Resnick is the APC Chair, and Mr. Lawrie and Ms. Lovo are members). The Committee adopted a motion that all future Development Permit applications for FAMA lots would be referred to the APC, and that staff examine the proposals I made and other measures to improve OCP compliance and enforcement.

I wish to thank Mr. Resnick, Mr. Lawrie and Ms. Lovo for taking the time to attend the Committee meeting, and in particular Mr. Resnick for his presentation.

I would be pleased to answer any questions, provide copies of reports, applications and Bylaws, or to discuss any land use matters.

Some residents may know that Mr. Lund, as the Electoral Area Director, has established a committee to oversee a "governance study" of the Electoral Area. Some reports have linked this committee to the Land Use Committee. This is not accurate. Although some LUC members also sit on the "governance" committee, there is no connection. The Land Use Committee is established by Capital Regional District by-law, with elected members and a clearly defined role that does not include "governance". Pointers wishing more information on the "governance" committee should contact Mr. Lund.

Pat O'Rourke
(652-5598)

Upcoming Burning Restrictions

If you are planning on burning yard debris now is a great time to do it while the forest is safely damp and before spring burning restrictions come into effect.

We expect burning permits to be required by April 15 and a full outdoor burning ban to be in place by May 15.

At this time of year you do not need a permit for an incinerator or for a small backyard burning pile of 2 meters or less in diameter. Any other type of outdoor burning, such as land clearing piles, always requires one or more types of permits.

What you can legally burn is restricted. You can burn yard debris and paper. The burning of plastic is always forbidden. As well, please avoid burning green branches as they produce a large quantity of smoke and could cause your neighbours respiratory difficulty.

If you see a burn of any type that causes you concern, please call 911 and report it immediately. Instead of sending the whole department they will have one of our officers check up on the burn to ensure that it falls within the CRD bylaw regulations.

If you have any questions about a burn you are planning, or if you require a burning permit, please stop by the Firehall Wednesday evening between 7pm and 9pm.

Mark Roozendaal

Fire Department Report

There is no better way to start this update than to thank the citizens of Willis Point for their patience and good nature as your fire department dealt with all the trees, power poles, and power lines down over the last few months. We realize that it is extremely inconvenient for you when we have to close the road but, of course, we are doing it for your own safety and for the safety of our firefighters. Our training has taught us how easily power lines can kill, and even lines that seem to be completely dead can be just as dangerous.

Whenever lines are down on, or very close to, the road we are empowered by the police to close the road on their behalf. In discussions with Sidney RCMP they reiterated to me that if they had the manpower they would attend in our place. But, since we are a rural area we act on their behalf. It can be very inconvenient for us all, but when we close the road it is legally closed by force of the RCMP. Thank you again for your understanding and for obeying our safety roadblock.

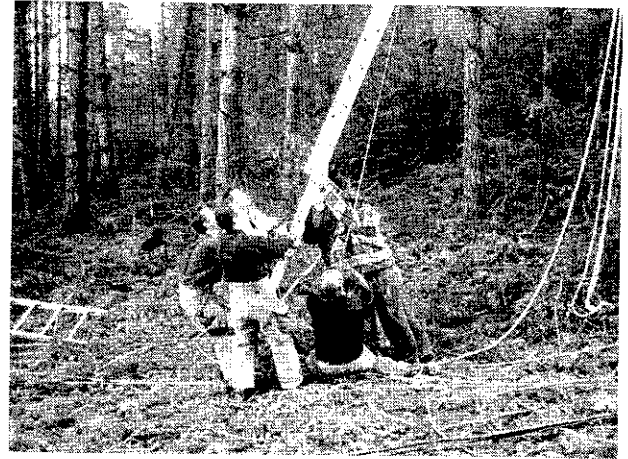
As you can guess, due to all the wind we had this winter our call volume is at a record high. Your department was called out seventeen times over the last three months. That's fifty percent more calls than we usually get over an entire year. However, no matter how often that pager went off our members responded. While power lines down on the road can wreck your day, it is even worse for us as we must guard the lines until they are confirmed dead by BC Hydro.

In spite of the weather, training has been progressing at a rapid pace. Our members just completed several weeks of auto-extrication and auto-fire training. Over the next few months many of our members will be attending live structure fire training at the Nanaimo Fire Department Training Facility. As well, several of our members attended a seminar on identifying and dealing with clandestine labs. These labs include marijuana grow ops and chemical factories such as meth labs. Fires and medical calls are much more frequent to these premises and we want to ensure that we are able to respond safely and professionally.

As winter ends and spring begins I remind you to keep safe. If you are planning on burning some yard debris please ensure you plan for that before the weather starts to get dry. To help you plan, we anticipate a full outdoor burning ban in place by May 15 of this year.

Mark Roozendaal

Photos by Uwe Pause



The WP Fire Dept. at work after the wind storm in December 2006

1. LEGAL CLEAR-CUTTING?? No way!

At the AGM several residents expressed the view that a tree-cutting permit issued by the Ministry of Forests would override any restriction on tree-cutting contained in our Official Community Plan (OCP) because a permit issued under Provincial authority takes precedence over a regulation authorized by an electoral district. This would mean that clear-cutting on the Fama Lands, for example, might be perfectly legal. It was agreed to seek clarification on this issue.

The facts are that:

- The Local Government Act, a Provincial law, gives Official Community Plans the power to regulate development to provide safeguards against hazardous conditions and for the protection of the natural environment – including the power to restrict or prohibit tree-cutting in specified areas.
- The Forest Act, also a Provincial law, does not give the Ministry of Forests any jurisdiction over private lands covered by an OCP and zoned for residential use.
- **Therefore the Ministry of Forests cannot issue a permit for clear-cutting on the Fama lands or any other lots at Willis Point.**

2. WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT LOT 1?

Lot 1 has been described as an eyesore which constitutes a significant hazard for Willis Point residents on Mark Lane hundreds of feet below the denuded cliff face as well as a threat to traffic and power lines from wind damage high up on Willis Point Road. Although dealing with the wind sheer problem is probably going to be difficult and time-consuming, engineering works could have been done months ago to control the stormwater runoff which is the primary threat to Mark Lane. What has been done so far? Apparently, nothing. According to the Development Permit issued on the recommendation of the Land Use Committee, the owner is allowed to postpone installation of remedial works until the house is ready for occupancy. In a worst case scenario, that could be years! Meanwhile, each heavy rainfall has the potential to worsen the existing hazards.

There is a locally elected Planning Advisory Commission (APC) which I chair, consisting of Ken Ilott, vice chair, Don Gorling, Lois Lovo and Dave Lawrie. All meetings of the APC are open to the public. However, unless the Land Use Committee refers a matter to us for advice we cannot hold an APC meeting. I'm hoping the Land Use Committee will seek our advice about the situation at Lot 1.

As a Willis Point resident I have written to Bob Lapham, General Manager, CRD Planning and Protective Services, regarding the possibility of requiring the owner of Lot 1 to complete, without delay, the work relating to the stability of the cliff face and the steep slope leading to Mark Lane.

If anything interesting happens, I'll post a note on the bulletin boards.

Questions?

Call Larry Resnick 652-8278

Hello fellow Pointers!

Here is a list of upcoming stamp classes that I am offering throughout the coming months. Of course, in order for my business to flourish I count on my hostesses to gather their friends and family for an afternoon or evening of stamping. Stampin' Up offers fantastic rewards to all hostesses! I recently started my own online blog, Alpine's Stamped Creations (www.alpinesstampedcreations.blogspot.com), so please have a look and enjoy! I always have cards on hand or would be more than happy to create a very personalized card for someone special in your life, just give me a call and I would be happy to supply you with whatever you're looking for!

Thursday, March 29, 2007 7pm – 9:30pm **Technique Class**
And you thought shaving cream was just for shaving!! Learn a very simple technique using shaving cream to create a one-of-a-kind look for your card. We will make 2 cards using shaving cream along with 2 other basic cards.
\$15 includes all supplies

Sunday, April 1, 2007 11am – 1:30pm **Stamp-A-Stack**
My first ever Stamp-A-Stack! I will offer you 7 all occasion card projects to stamp. You can pick and choose which you would like to complete or complete all 7, its up to you! This class will include Easter cards.
\$12 for 4 projects, all additional projects add \$2 each

Wed, April 11, 2007 7pm – 9:30pm **Technique Class**
Using Versamark, chalks and a brayer we will create a few unique looking cards!
\$12 includes all supplies

Sunday, April 15, 2007 11am – 1:30pm **Scrapbook Layout Class**
In this class we will create a few different 12x12 layouts that you will be able to take home with you to add your own photos to!
\$15 includes all supplies

You must pre-register for all above classes at least 3 days in advance. Payment for all classes by cash or cheque only please.

Alicia Pine
Independent Demonstrator
Stampin' Up!
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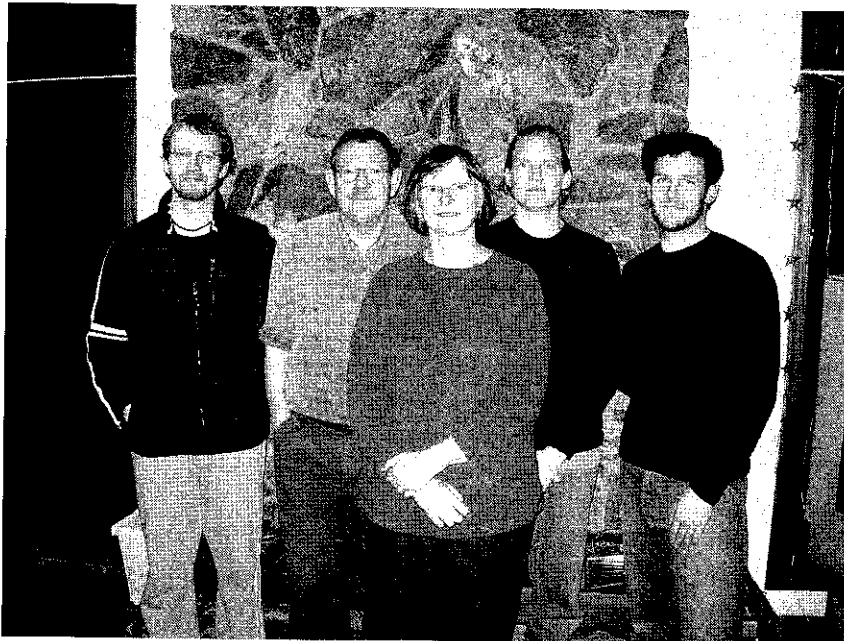
Willis Point Welcomes New Neighbours

By Ken Leighton

Braam and Sonia deKlerk
7129 Mark Lane (formerly Carnegie-Jolson)

Braam and Sonia were born in South Africa but presently they live in Inuvik where Dr. Braam deKlerk has been the medical director of the Inuvik Regional Hospital for the past 16 years. They will remain in Inuvik for the time being but will be returning to Willis Point periodically until he retires. Braam enjoys woodworking and hiking and Sonia, a former teacher, is interested in gardening, sewing, and reading.

Their three sons will be living here at the Point while attending Camosun College. Braam Jr. is an accounting student with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Alberta. His interests are sports, the outdoors, and camping. Cobus is studying residential carpentry, plays rugby and cricket and is a qualified kayaking guide. Louis is also in the accounting program at Camosun. He has worked as a computer designer and likes the outdoors. Daughter Elizabeth (not in the photo) is a second year Social Sciences student at UVic.





J.C. Patchell and Cathy Patchell
841 Melody Place

J.C. is a pilot with Air Canada's Jazz Airline and Cathy is an occupational therapist at Victoria General Hospital. They came from Vancouver about a year ago and had been renting in the Highlands until discovering Willis Point. They wanted a place that was remote and peaceful with room for their dogs, Sadie and Lucas. Cathy and J.C. enjoy kayaking, skiing and biking and both are interested in joining the Willis Point Fire Department.

Pat and Pauline Burton
6777 Mark Lane (formerly Cornell)

For the past year, Pat and Pauline have been living on Triangle Mountain and before that they owned and managed a hotel on the Isle of Wight. Previously Pat was Vice-President of Shangri-La Hotels in Asia. They have one son who he lives in London where he is a financial trader. Pat and Pauline chose Willis Point because it is quiet, peaceful, and has a beautiful water view. Pat hopes to take up golf again.



Through My Eyes

All deciduous families in the countryside have standing invitations to attend the Gala Spring Affair. The annual date changes ever so slightly year to year. Excitement in the air is contagious, everyone cannot wait to display their new spring attire. Green is 'in' again this season, as in previous years. The shade is soft, billowy, and lacy looking. The outfits are accentuated with bouquets of violets and lady slippers. Crocuses are playfully and artfully strewn at their feet by Mother Nature in jubilation of Spring!

The Parade of Colour progresses in waves across the countryside – each area waiting its turn to join in the celebration. Many have attended before, some several, others numerous times. The newcomers didn't notice when the 'Parade Marshall' began to paint from the multi-green palette, shading area after area, blending and dabbing.

For those viewing this extraordinary experience from a bicycle, motorcycle or walking, the beauty of this Spring Affair will long be remembered by the sweet heady perfume used by all the participants!

Judy Kozler



Willis Point Community Association

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Member-at-Large	Ken Leighton	652-2686
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Fire & Recreation Rep.	Jerry Tombu	652-4097

WPCA Minutes Summary

See the notice boards for copies of the complete minutes

December 11, 2006

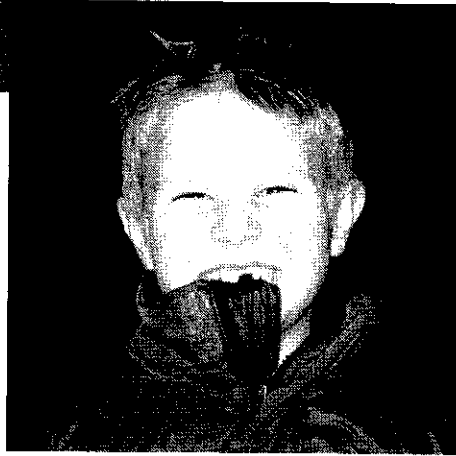
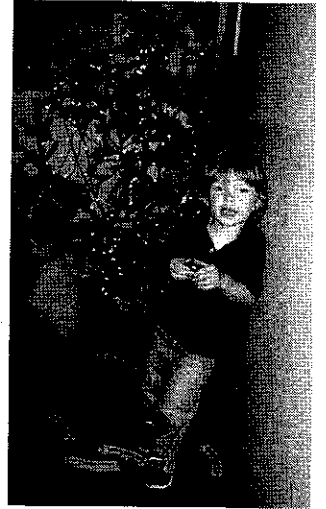
- 30% of our general tax goes to policing, government may enact a new tax which would mean we would pay double if legislation proceeds
- concern about the growing fleet of junk ships in Tod Inlet, Park rules state 2 weeks moorage per year only, but there are no funds to facilitate evictions, sewage is a problem and new moorages are being created and sold, people are living on board
- fund raising ideas for the community were discussed

February 5, 2007

- Brenda Rusak is the new Hall Custodian, in charge of rentals etc. A guideline for Hall rentals is being formulated, a plan is needed for renters regarding insurance for events
- old financial records and important correspondence to be stored in lockable storage. Printed statements older than 7 years will be destroyed
- discussion of the FAMA lands and whether further development proposals might be forthcoming and what densities and conditions the community would or would not consider
- our taxes include clearing the road of snow. Discussion of the problems with this encountered over the winter. The company responsible is Main Line. Concerns expressed about the ability of emergency vehicles to get around the community in the snow



CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 17, 2006





Thanks to Carol Anne Scott and her committee,
The Willis Point Community Association, our
bartenders Bob and Gaybrielle Halsey, and
Santa Claus



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