

The Pointer

June 2000

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To All Willis Pointers

Official Community Planning Meeting

June 19, doors open at 7pm

Meeting starts at 8pm

This meeting is to present the draft of the
Official Community Plan
For Willis Point

If you care what your community is going to look like in the future, you must attend.
Once the plan is in place considerable development is possible.
What do you want Willis Point to look like within the next 5 years.



To the Point

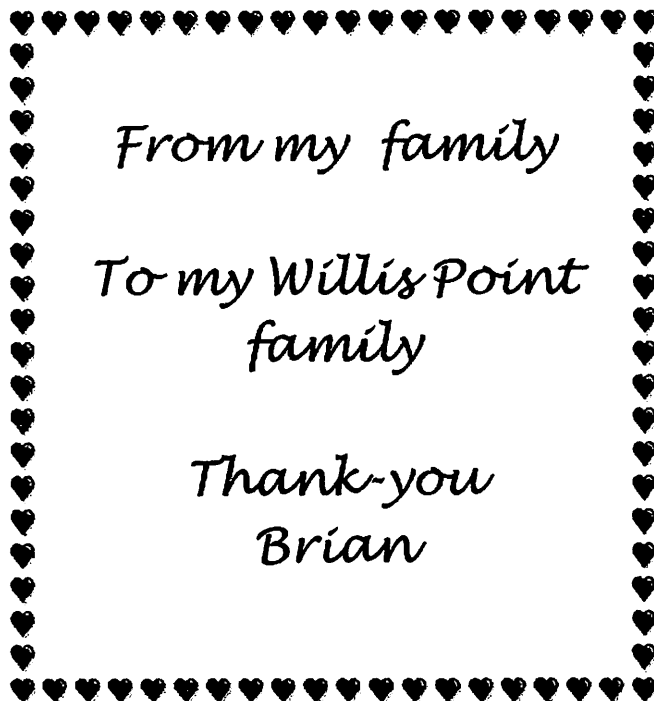
Well I hope spring has reached us by the time you get this newsletter. My tomatoes seem to be stuck at the same height I planted them at over a month ago. Oh well at least my cedar hedge is growing.

I have been up to my eyeballs with community projects this year already. I was sure happy there was a garage sale though. I did my spring cleaning and got rid of a truck load of priceless items. :-) Thanks to Willis Point Fire Department!!

I would like to welcome the new members of Willis Point. Feel free to send in your comments or register your business in our free business directory found in this newsletter.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I will publish again in the fall before the annual general meeting.

Donna Dow, *editor*



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Please phone any of the above people to find out when the monthly meetings are held. Any member of the community is welcome.

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Letters To The Editor
Comments, letters, and articles should be submitted to the editor at 6712 Mark Lane or Fax 652-3818 or email donnadow@islandnet.com (Posted deadline will be

NOTE: The "DEAR BLABBY" column is a regular feature of the Pointer. The writer, a professionally qualified know-it-all who chooses to remain anonymous, uses a tongue-in-cheek approach to problem-solving. Readers, therefore, should view advice with skepticism and must assume responsibility for all associated risks and outcomes. We hope, however, you will have a laugh or two along the way!!

If you have a problem that you would like Blabby to address, please forward it to the Pointer Editor. Blabby will select a letter or two for each issue. Submissions from readers of all ages are welcome.

Dear Blabby,

When a dear friend of mine recently offered me some prawns, I accepted, thinking they would arrive looking like Thrifty's shrimp rings. However, much to my dismay, when I removed the pail lid, they were still writhing about in the water!!!! I just about lost it. What can I do???

Upchuck-prone

Dear Upchuck-prone,

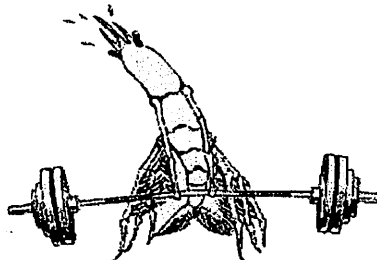
This was a toughie and took some serious research. However, here are several options:

1. Take the pail and leave it on a neighbour's doorstep, pretending it was delivered to the wrong house.
2. Put the whole pail in the freezer. The prawns will freeze to death and you can peel them later.
3. Bite the bullet. Tear their little heads off and listen to them scream. It will be brief.
4. Bite another bullet. Throw them in a pot of boiling water and listen to them scream. It will be brief. You can remove unwanted parts later.
5. Call a friend who has a stronger constitution than you and offer to share the loot, if he or she does the dirty deed.
6. Build a pond in the backyard, give the prawns names, and keep them for pets.
7. Grab the pail, run down to the ocean and dump the prawns back in. Get in your vehicle, make a flying trip to Thrifty's, and tell your friend how delicious they were! If the store-bought prawns are from Mexico, this option has the added advantage of conserving a local dwindling resource!!!!

Happy prawning,

Blabby

P.S. Don't forget to invite me to dinner!



Letter To The Editor

I feel compelled to share with you a frustrating experience I had last week. As most folks are aware, I am doing an update on the Emergency Response Guide for the Fire Dept. In addition to the telephone calls I am dropping some forms off in the Times Colonist box at your driveway for the residents to fill in and return, now here is when the dilemma starts. I have the house numbers in order, not much help as there is NO order! NO numbers! No houses, only unmarked driveways!

Please heed the plea from your volunteer Fire Dept. and erect a **VISUAL** house number at the lane side so that if you need a response to a medical problem or a fire, a firefighter can see the number on the way. Remember it won't always be a long time resident responding. It could be me, someone new and unfamiliar with the area (like me) looking for **YOUR** house. Judy Kozler

Buy, Sell, Services

Missing In Action

Green and blue baseball cap that was passed of to a course Marshall at the Up Chuck & Ride during the race. Please return Call Sarah Bonner at **652-4483**

Brown leather lazy boy chair \$75
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Chris Connoly Age 12

Will sit kids over 3 yrs. old. Has Red Cross and St. John's First Aid.
Call 652-6770

Jessica Ernshaw

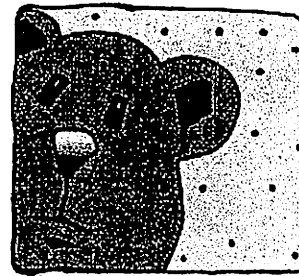
Age 16
Experienced Babysitter
Call 652-1938

Danielle Conner age 13

Experienced babysitter. Has taken Babysitting course and St. John's First Aid. Able to babysit children ages 3 and up.
Call 652-0050

Saija Conner Age 15

Experienced babysitter. has Babysitting Course, and the St. John Ambulance First Aid course. Is able to babysit children ages 2 and up.



Go Out... ENJOY YOURSELF!

Leave the Babysitting to ME

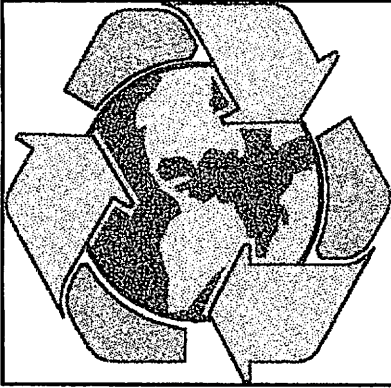
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Elaine McCandless 652-3656

Need a Babysitter?

Do you need responsible and trustworthy babysitters that do safe but fun activities with your child/children? If so call Jacquelyn Parker, 17, or Jennifer Parker, 15. Both have taken First Aid, Kwater Safety, and Babysitting courses. Experienced with children of all ages. Call 652-6466



Recycling, not just at the curb

Some Willis Pointers have discovered a plastics recycling station called Syntal Products, just down the road on Keating Cross Road across from Beaver Lumber. They take things like old plastic lawn chairs, flower pots (clean), vitamin containers, shampoo bottles, etc. Unlike the CRD program, items for recycling are kept on the island and used to make synthetic lumber. The lumber is environmentally friendly and also creates jobs for islanders. There seems to be very little that has to be thrown away these days. Now it is up to us to do the work and check twice before tossing, if it can be recycled **DO IT**.

A big thank you to **Joyce Menzies** who single handedly made sure that all of us at Willis Point got our blue boxes picked up and not delivered to the fire hall which was the original plan of the contractor.

EDITORS HIGHLIGHTS FROM WPCA MINUTES

March

- Vern McConnell is the Fire and Rec. Commission representative on the WPCA.
- Vern McConnell reported benefits of LCC's, as outlined at a meeting he and Ken Ilott had attended.
- Concern was expressed that Mr. Henson had not yet attended any public meetings in Willis Point.
- Permission from FAMA to use their property for the June 4th Upchuck race was received.
- Donna Dow reported that the Land Conservancy has agreed to coordinate fund-raising efforts to purchase parkland. A list of potential corporate donors has been prepared. The Funding Committee is very positive about this initiative.
- The FAMA subdivision application for 12 lots is currently delayed until development permit applications are made.
- A motion to reaffirm the position that the WPCA supports the current zoning was unanimously passed, and Mr. Frank Edgell was notified accordingly.

April

- A motion was passed to poll the community in relation to improving the Quiet Lane road access.
- It was decided to spend \$1500 for a tennis court backdrop.
- It was moved that \$3500 be advanced to the Planning Committee to engage a professional consultant to complete the Official Community Plan draft, with the understanding that the WPCA would be reimbursed when CRD funds are forthcoming.
- Sheila Carnegie, on behalf of the Research Committee, presented a report based on meetings with Municipal Affairs, concerning a restructuring study, LCC's, and an Advisory Planning Commission.
- Ken Ilott requested that all groups report their intentions to the WPCA, that no meetings be arranged without the knowledge of the Executive, and that the Environment Committee circulate their proposed CRD meeting agenda for Executive approval.

May

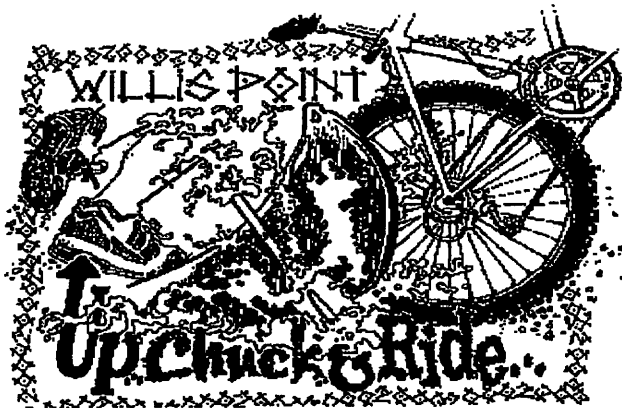
- The WPCA sent a letter of support for the Planning Committee in their continuing attempts to obtain CRD funding for the consultant.
- The budget for the tennis backdrop was increased to \$1750.
- Brian McCandless offered to coordinate a crew to erect the community notice boards, built by Dave Lawrie.
- Brian McCandless reported on Upchuck and his intention to evaluate the race after this event.
- Discussion continued concerning building some steps and a three foot ramp in Quiet Lane; however, there appears to be little interest and considerable opposition to this endeavor.
- The Environment Committee reported a very positive meeting with the CRD CEO, lawyer, and planner. They obtained considerable legal information, and will be investigating the potential for downzoning a portion of the FAMA lands. The lawyer indicated that development permits were **very important** to both the environment and hazardous slopes.

Willis Point Residents, Did You Know?

You can rent the Willis Point Community Hall for as little as \$72.00/day or \$7.50/hour? Outside renters pay from \$150-\$175 per day, still a bargain!

Call Laverne 652-5210 or Judy 652-1286

A Pointer's pointer



Been to a great restaurant lately?

You might want to try the Blues' Bayou for some great New Orleans Style Cajun/ Creole fine cooked food. I myself am hooked on the Horseradish encrusted halibut, with mashed potatoes and delicious vegetables. The fish is always fresh, the vegetables cooked to perfection and these are no ordinary mashed potatoes. All of a sudden I am really hungry. The Louisiana crawfish and crab cakes make a wonderful appetizer or try one of their extremely fresh salads. My dining partner raved about the Jambalaya and having only the lunch size she was stuffed to the rafters when she finally stopped licking the plate. There are too many items to list but I am sure you will find something to tantalize all types of taste buds.

They recently started serving draft beer and also have a wine list. They open at 11:30 and serve lunch and dinner. Reservations are recommended. They are closed on Sundays.

There is a large outdoor patio and cozy indoor dining both facing Brentwood Bay, Or maybe I should say on top of Brentwood Bay. Their address is 899 Marchant Rd. Enjoy and don't forget to tell them where you heard the news!

Up Chuck & Ride 2000

Well another crazy year at the Up Chuck... Eighteen teams competed in the third year of this popular event

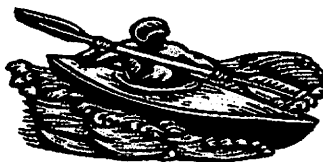
on the sunniest day so far this year. Not too sunny to dry out the old mud hole though (heh, heh). It seemed that more than one cyclist needed to take advantage of the soothing medicinal effects of cool mud all-ll-ll over their bodies. Teams this year ranged from the usual selection of athletically challenged armchair athletes, to the first place finishing "Team Beer" and a great showing by the youngest competitors team "Road Kill" (Great trophy you guys!) The Ilott family contributed three pumped performers on three separate teams, and managed to walk away with three first in category prizes. Thanks to huffn puff Ken for pulling ahead in the stealth canoe to make up a few placings (no motor in that canoe I hope Ken!) Once again many thanks to ALL the volunteers who helped in ways too numerous to mention making this years event a great success. You know who you are. We just couldn't put on an event of this scope without your assistance.... Brian McCandless

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DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: Questions and Answers

1. What are they?

Development permits are planning tools for specific sites, buildings and structures that warrant special protection or development control. If used correctly, they are the *only tools which can control site disturbance prior to approval* of a development. **Development permits do not prevent site development or building; they just ensure it is properly done.**

2. What purpose do they serve?

Development permits are protective. By ensuring certain conditions are met, they protect property owners from hazardous conditions, sensitive environmental features from damage or destruction, and the landowner from legal liability for damages incurred by faulty developmental practices. Development permits provide assurances to home buyers and, therefore, add to property values in an area.

3. How exactly are they protective?

Development permits are commonly used to protect features such as steep slopes, watercourses and riparian areas, marine waters and shorelines, and sensitive ecosystems. For example, a development permit could ensure that slopes are developed to prevent erosion, that blasting occurs without damage to neighbouring wells and structures, that endangered vegetation is undisturbed. Permits could also prevent alteration of watercourses, flooding of nearby properties, landslide, landslip rockslide, and windthrow.

4. Why are we hearing about them NOW in Willis Point?

Development permits have been in effect in this area since 1987. Until recently, the CRD "overlooked" their enforcement. In January, the Planning Committee discovered their existence and requested that they be enforced until such time as the new Official Community Plan is approved and in effect.

5. Should we have them?

- Most definitely on hazardous slopes. To do otherwise is to sacrifice safety and security of persons and property. An accident is waiting to happen.
- Most definitely on wetlands and watercourses. Our groundwater supply must be protected.
- For the protection of the Saanich Inlet and its marine life, most definitely on the foreshores.
- The case is less definite with regard to sensitive ecosystems. Although they are worthy of preservation, it is pretty difficult, if not impossible, to do so on lots of less than 3 or 4 acres.
- In summary, development permits for steep slopes, water courses and wetlands, and foreshore should apply to all lots. However, permit exemptions for buildings, structures, and additions of less than 1,000 sq. feet may be justifiable.

The issue of development permits will be discussed in the context of the Official Community Plan. Think about it. If you have any questions, please call. 652-3366.

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Fire Fighter News

June 12/2000

I will start this article off by welcoming all our new neighbours on Sea Aria Heights, Willis Point Road, and Mark Lane to Willis Point. Would you like to meet your neighbours? Well come on up to the Fire and Community hall on Wednesday night at 7:30 for our regular get together and social. We have some of the finest people in the Point belonging to this group. Oh and by the way this group is called the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department, We call it the best small fire department in BC. We would love to see you Wednesday evening. The Department has at present 7 women and 14 men of which 3 are junior fire fighters (17 to 19). Your community needs you.

We have been a busy crew since the last Pointer, With Neil Darren and Brittany Going up to Oliver for a weekend training officer's conference and live practice seminar. Bill and Dean spent a week with the fire commissioner and his trainers learning about fire investigation. We are now level 1-fire investigators. Gord spent an interesting day out at the otter point dire departments car burn 2000 training seminar. Learning all about car fires and how to put them out and rescue casualties from them.

The training crew of Darren and Marie set up an evening with the ministry of forests fire boss. He gave us a great talk on Interface fires, and how to prevent them and if one were to happen in Willis Point what to do. We had invited members of the three community groups to attend as well as the Peninsula fire departments. It was very gratifying to have some of the group's put out an effort to attend. I would hope it would give you some thing to think about when the community starts to heat up and the fire department gets a little short when we ask you to put out your fires and to be very careful with your cigarettes etc.

Our First Responder trainer Kathy has put on a weekend rectification program for Marie Uwe, Lynda, and Neil. Wouldn't you Know it about 1:00 Sunday morning what happens but the pagers go off and we are on the run to A young woman in distress down by the boulder. After spending the night in the hospital she is fine. The People on course had a bit of live training, which was very interesting. It was also Melanie's first call, way to go Mel.

For those of you that aren't to sure if you need a fire permit for your little fires. **You do.** All open fires in the Willis Point community require permits. Whether it is a beach fire a campfire a clearing fire or an incinerator. Any fire outside requires a permit; they are available any Wednesday evening from the fire department at no charge.

The fire department would like to thank the community for your kind support with the annual Muscular Dystrophy drive. With your help we raised \$460. Thanks to fire fighters Dean, Ian, Brittany, Judy, Gord, Melanie, and Bill.

Thanks go out to the whole fire department for your assistance with the Most successful Up Chuck And Ride. Congratulations go out to the Two fire department teams (well sort of, one had two members of the department one junior and one x member), first over all **team beer** Jess and Cameron way to go. As well congratulations to the official team that were also first in their category and the sixth place finishers.

Until next time keep safe, we only want to visit on a non-business bases for a cup of what ever.

Bill Wright

Fire Chief Willis Point V.F.D.



Willis Point SCIENCE EXTRAVAGANZA

July 24 - 29
for youth aged 5-7 and 8-12

Science Rules!! Discover some of the coolest scientific principles in a hands-on activity based environment. Activities will include an archaeological dig, insect exploration, grossology 101, Super Stellar Stargazers and much more!

Also offering Camps at: Glenlyon-Norfolk School, Uvic, and at our out-of-school care facility.

For more Information or to register call Erica at 812-9937

W.P.C.A. News

Spring has been a busy season at the Point. While the weather has shown little sign of Spring there has been a flurry of activity.

Congratulations to Brian McCandless and his team of volunteers for another fantastic Up Chuck & Ride. The weather Gods shone down on us that day. With eighteen teams the event was a huge success. Thanks also to the Stitch Group for providing the baked goodies. What would a field day be without their delectable offerings!

We had a good turn out for the Water Survey Meeting on June 5th. Many questions were answered and a few raised. If anyone did not receive a report we still have copies available. Please contact one of the Executives to obtain a copy.

How about those great new community bulletin boards! Thanks to Judy Kozler, Dave Laurie and Brian McCandless for their design and construction. They will be a huge improvement over the taped notices on the mailboxes.

As you are all aware, for the past 2-½ years, the Planning Committee has been working on a made-in-Willis Point Local Area Plan. After many, many hours of work and deliberation a working draft has been completed for public presentation. A meeting will be held on Monday, June 19th at the Hall where members of the community will be asked for their input. I urge you to attend, as this is ***a truly important document, which will help secure the future of Willis Point Community.***

On a very sad note we mourn the passing of a very dear friend and community member. Linda Dallin left us far too early. We have been blessed to have Linda and Brian as friends and good neighbours. In typical Willis Point fashion we met during a walk in a snowstorm eight years ago shortly after they had moved into their new home.

Linda was a good friend, mother, wife and member of our community. I remember her at the AGM's requesting a place at the playground to sit where she took her grandchildren to play. I was so pleased last year to report the purchase of two picnic tables for the community playground. We left it to Linda to decide where they were to be placed. It is comforting to have a place to sit, remember her smiling face and wave to her as she passes by on her Harley.

For Brian and their family that survive her we offer our love and support. For those of us fortunate to have known her, she touched us all. Her spirit still and always will reside at the Point. She will profoundly missed but forever in our hearts.

Ken Ilott
Chair, WPCA

Willis Point Garage Sale

The Willis Point volunteer fire fighters raised almost \$1200 for new equipment at the garage sale. Judy Kozler managed to get some great door prizes. The Willis pointers cleaned up by winning the top four prizes. The super club flight was won by **Mary Brelsford**, the antique replica of a milk can was won by **Margaret Cornell**, the Roy Henry Vickers print was won by the **Bonner's**, and the helijet flight from Victoria to Vancouver was won by **Lois Lovo**. If you missed the garage sale you missed a lot of great bargains. Bob Halsey's hats were the best priced items at the sale and you could sure tell by the way people looked when they were leaving, very stylish indeed. Thanks to all the Willis Pointers who attended and to the entire volunteer firefighters who set up, sold food and cleaned up after everyone. Great job organizing **JUDY!**





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