

THE POINTER

FALL 2004

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The Willis Point Community Association Annual General Meeting
3 pm on Sunday 26 September — more details inside

Dear Willis Pointers:

It is with regret that I greet you as Pointer editor for the last time. Over the past two and a half years, I have enjoyed meeting many wonderful people and working in a congenial atmosphere of mutual respect with the Community Association Executive. Until this week, I had intended to continue as editor until Robin and I moved or had the baby we are expecting in December.

Unfortunately, under new circumstances which I believe to be hostile and unhealthy for me and for our community, I now feel that I must resign. In particular, a letter I received has made my position unexpectedly stressful, and that this letter was copied to other parties before I had been given the opportunity to respond was particularly upsetting. I am taking this opportunity to express my regret and attempt to clarify any possible misconceptions that may have occurred.

During the production of the current issue, I received an article that I believed may have contained some errors or been unclear. In an attempt to ensure that the article was accurate prior to printing, I initiated what I believe to be a friendly, non-confrontational contact with the writer: (in what follows, only phrases which identify the writer are omitted)

"Dear -----. Thank you for your submission. There are one or two facts in your article. . .that I would like to double check with the CRD prior to printing, as they conflict with my understanding (but I've certainly been wrong before). I'll give you a shout if anything comes up, and of course won't make any revisions to your content without your prior approval. With thanks, Katarina"

This email in no way was intended to imply mistrust, but rather was an attempt to clarify items of which I myself was not entirely clear, and to advise the author of my so doing. Here is the response I received:

"Dear Ms. Meglic...It is inappropriate for you to presume to "double check", or in any other way seek confirmation of, the personal views and opinions of an elected official prior to publishing them. Your action exceeds your authority as editor of the Pointer, and unjustifiably interferes with the performance of my obligation as an elected representative to report to the community. Your conduct casts aspersions on my integrity, honesty and professionalism, and is not only unwarranted, but also highly insulting. Given that the "editorial policy" of the Pointer is to print any and all articles as received (even anonymous ones), your action is particularly egregious. If you, or any other reader of the Pointer, wishes to raise questions about the accuracy of my views, or otherwise take issue with them, then you are free to do so in a separate article.

I demand that you immediately: apologize, withdraw any communications you have sent to the CRD, and promise that my article will be printed in the upcoming issue of the Pointer exactly as it was sent to you, with no changes or other alterations (except as needed to "fit the page"). I reserve all my options in the event that you do not fully comply.

In my opinion, your action is inconsistent with your duties as editor of the Pointer, and demonstrates a lack of suitability for the position. Please be advised that I will be raising this matter at the next meeting of the Willis Point Community Association Executive, and at that time I will be making a motion that your services as editor of the Pointer be terminated immediately for cause.

Yours truly, (name and title)"

I found this response surprising and incredibly hurtful and in stark contrast to any other dealings I have had with community members or the Community Association. While I did immediately apologize and again made assurances that I do not make changes to content unless requested, and that I had no intention of questioning the writer's integrity, as of this writing, I have received no further contact, and as a result continue to feel threatened and unwelcome. It is clear to me that I am no longer able to continue as editor in such an atmosphere.

I have aimed to produce a community newsletter that is as appealing and diverse as the community itself, and in doing so I may have made mistakes and unwittingly hurt feelings. If this is the case, I apologize. I would like to thank the Willis Point community, the Chair and the many members of the Community Association who have both given their support and provided an amicable forum for discussion and problem solving. To the next Pointer editor, I offer my sincere best wishes and any assistance requested.

Regretfully,
Katarina

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Ken Leighton, Membership Secretary

Gary and Debbie Howell
7000 Mark Lane

Gary and Debbie are not really new members; they are former residents of 6754 Mark Lane and 764 Melody Place. They have lived in Oak Bay for the last seven years. Daughter Roslyn is 17 and son Brian is 15. Gary is a stockbroker with Scotia McLeod. Debbie is technology manager for B.C. Investment Corporation which manages government pension funds.

The Howells enjoy golfing, skiing, and sailing in their 34 foot Catalina. Welcome back to Willis Point.

Greg and Michelle Elvedahl
7545 Mark Lane

Greg and Michelle moved here from Colwood, but their roots are here. Michelle (nee Norgaard) lived on Melody Place, and Greg lived at Brentwood.

Greg is a paramedic with the BC Ambulance Service. They have two daughters. Chantelle, almost 10, and Jessica, almost 8. The whole family enjoys camping and canoeing. They love the peaceful, quiet ambience of Willis Point.

Steve Atwater and Laurel Nash
7054 Willis Point Rd.

Steve is an electrician who works for Belltech Systems. He lived in Nova Scotia before coming to Victoria in 1987. His hobbies are woodworking and hiking. Laurel graduated from UVic with a geography major. She works for the Department of Energy and Mines. Her hobbies are embroidery, hiking and camping.

Steve and Laurel have two children—Aaron 5 and Angela 16 months. They came to Willis Point because they wanted to raise their children in a small community.

Steve Davis and Jane Leece
763 Melody Place

Steve, Jane and son Taylor have lived at Willis Point for two years, but they weren't interviewed.

Steve works for the Ministry of Forests as a computer analyst. He is in the process of becoming a member of the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Dept. Jane works in the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Lab, which is in Sidney. Taylor age 10 is a soccer player. Steve and Jane kayak and sail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOGA classes to suit all ages and levels—a mixture of Ashtanga and Iyengar, involving a series of classic yoga poses and stretches. Six week course beginning from October 5th includes with two different classes a week: relaxing yoga on Tuesday evenings and energizing yoga on Saturday mornings. For more information, contact Jessica Wu at 652-2242.

AEROBICS every Thursday, beginning October 7, only \$2 admission. Bonus classes on Tuesdays when Yoga is not in session. Questions? call Deanna Roozendaal 544-0426

THANK YOU to all our friends at Willis Point for your best wishes and recollections of our 16 years at the Point. Those 16 years encompassed one of the highest points of our 50 years together, and we will always treasure memories of incredible friendships which will remain with us forever contained in a very exquisite white cedar box. Thank you all so very much from 2 loyal ex-Pointers.

Pat and Alan (Casey and Apollo send woofy greetings to all their friends too)

THANK YOU broom Bashers!



JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE

WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT- SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

After a somewhat lengthy process, the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee is now up and running. The elections for the six "sub regional" representatives were held on June 19, but at least one neighbouring municipality had to sign on before the Committee was formally established. This finally occurred on September 10, when Central Saanich signed an agreement with the CRD. Metchosin is still considering participating.

An informal meeting of the Committee took place on August 4, primarily to familiarize the sub-regional members with the CRD land use planning process and administrative matters. The attached "flow chart" (from By-law 3110) illustrates the general development permit process.

The first formal meeting of the Committee will be held on October 5, 2004 at 7:00 PM at the Sooke Council Chambers, 2225 Otter Point Road. I have not yet received an agenda, but I understand future meeting schedule and locations will be one item. At the informal meeting in August, there was a general sense that meetings should be held in the community that is affected by a particular proposal. I plan to push for that approach at the October meeting, as well as for evening meetings to make it easier for community members to attend.

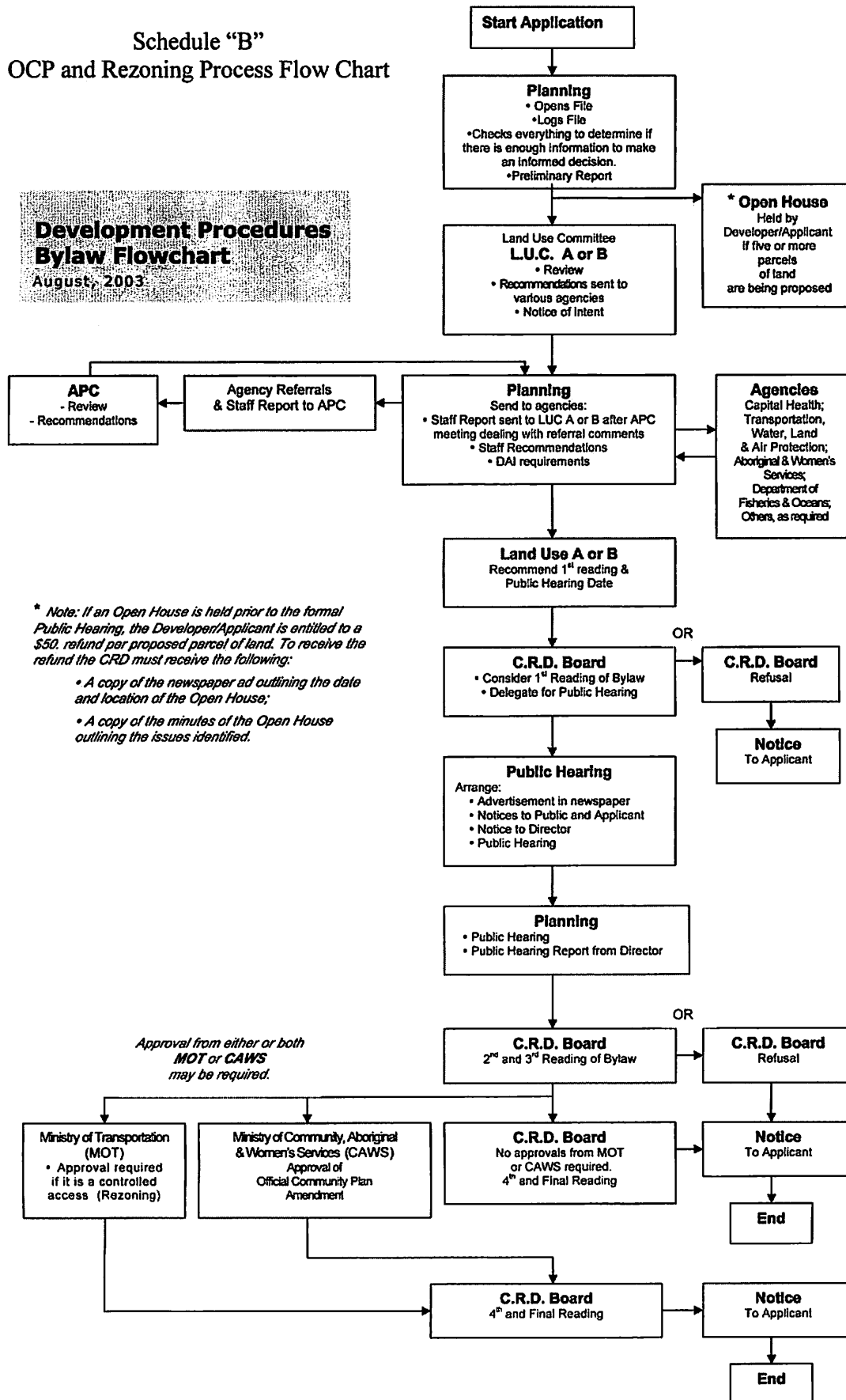
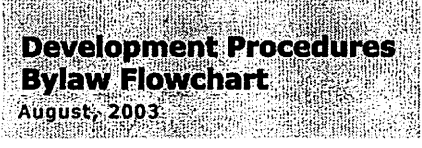
With the new Land Use Committee in place, Land Use Committee B, which previously was responsible for Willis Point land use matters, ceased to exist. That Committee dealt with three Willis Point Development Permit applications in its last two meetings.

On June 8, Land Use Committee B recommended approval of a Development Permit Application by David Lawrie and John Sykes. On August 10, 2004, Committee B recommended approval of Development Permit applications by Karen Hyde/Arthur and Gillian Jackson, and Robert and Judith West and James and Judith Rikely. The Hyde/Jackson permit allows development of a vacant lot on Melody Place. Both the Lawrie/Sykes and West/Rikely permits allow subdivision of lots that are now divided by Mark Lane. While both lots are under the normal minimum size, Land Use Committee recommended approval to resolve the physical division of the lots. Land Use Committee B also passed a motion directing staff to report on how many similar lots existed. I assume this report will be made available to the new Land Use Committee.

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

Pat O'Rourke
652-5598

Schedule "B"
OCP and Rezoning Process Flow Chart



FIRE FIGHTER NEWS

Well from what started out to be predicted as a long hot spell similar to last year, things sort of petered out to a short hot spell which was fine by the department. When the index hit "High" we started our night patrols on the week ends, but when it went to "Extreme" we were out every night. This year we went on 34 night patrols for a combined total of 102 extra hours. Thanks for the assistance of ex fire fighters Tom Hockin and Eric Hoel. It was nice to have you back in the trucks even if it was for just one night. There were very little incidences to report, but we took down a few license numbers and talked to a few people out in the area late at night.

We had 7 calls since the last "Pointer" Of these 2 were first responder calls, 2 fire calls and 3 smoke reports. The smoke reports were from neighbors in the evening smelling smoke. These turned out to be there neighbors having a small fire in there fire places to take the chill of in the evening. The fire calls were to stand by to assist Saanich Fire with the grass fire at the Rifle Range, the other was to a neighbor on Willis Point Road who was having a tree brought down and it landed on the power lines. Well I do believe that if it were not for the department members we would only have about half the fire or first responder calls we get. A couple of cases, the tree fire was an ex fire fighter and the other being a first responder call to Mark lane and the home of a serving member of the fire department. We tried to be quiet. Hope all is well. The second first responder call could have had a very different outcome. We received a call to visit a new neighbor. This one being an altercation between a set of fingers and a table saw. Of course the saw won, but thanks to the first responders and an angel looking over the young man both the fingers and body are still attached. What is it about sharp objects and electricians?

Captain Crawley will be receiving her 20 year service medal from the Lt. Governor next month. Congratulations Kathy.

The departmental training is moving along smoothly. With a course on the Incident command system which was introduced by the Province of BC in response to the major fires last year taught by Captain Roozendaal to the members.

With a number of new "Pointers" taking up residence this past while, it would be nice to see them come up to the Hall on a Wednesday evening and check us out. The next program of training for new fire fighters begins in October. So come on up we would like to see you and show you around so you can see if this would be your cup of tea. This is not just for the men we do have ladies on the department as well.

The department held its annual picnic at the Leighton's (thanks again). Great food cooked to a tee by the head chef and his assistants. We made it through another picnic without hurting Captain Orr to much, maybe next year Graham. It was nice to renew acquaintances with the ex fire fighters and their families. Did Mark ever return Ken's little sail boat?

The final bit of news is that this will be my last Fire Fighter News as I will be retiring from the Department after nearly 28 years. The department has come a long way since its beginning in 1977 with the "Dirty Dozen minus one" to what we have on the department in 2004. There have been many changes from high rubber boots and old black canvas fire coats (1940's) from Central Saanich and who can forget old 102 with its boiler plugs, to our new state of the art fire trucks and turn out gear. With the acquisition last year of wild fire coveralls and this year of new forestry helmets and gloves we are now able to fight forest fires with a little more ease but more important safety.

Since joining the department at its inception to this "Pointer" it has been my pleasure to serve with the 119 members of the Willis Point community who have been on the department.

It is now up to the new fire chief to build on the lessons learned and successes of the previous chiefs Dave Carley, Vern McConnell, Ian Blaney, and to a smaller extent myself. Proceed into the future with great gusto but do not forget our past.

To the present fire fighters I could not have asked for a better crew may all your fires be small and first responses minor ones "Stay safe". Oh yes Mark and Kathy I will be watching E-Bay.

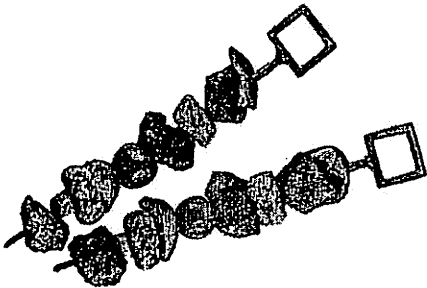
To the community it has been an honor, a privilege, and a pleasure to serve you for the past 28 years.

Bill Wright
Fire Chief
Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department

HAPPY HOUR REPORT

Another Fall Happy Hour has come and gone. It's too bad that our great Summer weather seems to have gone away as well!

On behalf of the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Fighter's Association I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who dropped by our event. It was great to see so many of our neighbours there. We would also like to extend a special welcome to the several new residents who dropped in for their first event. We hope that you make our community events a regular part of your calendar.



Dean Hyland was in the kitchen, with his helpers Marie and Kathy, cooking up a storm! This time we served delicious shish-kabobs dinners with all the trimmings. Over seventy dinners were sold so we are pretty sure you enjoyed the food. An additional thank you to Sarissa Pause for jumping in to help build more emergency kabobs as our initial supply ran out.

One of our newer firefighters, Brendan Pause, was in charge of the bar. As requested, we had much more Kokanee and Labatts on hand than in the past, and it sure seemed to be a big hit. Yes, yes, yes we'll get much more Sleemans as well next time!

At this point, I was planning on telling a few funny stories from the event. But, since I want everyone to attend next time I think that the stories are better left as rumours....

Thank you again for supporting our Happy Hour. A tip of the hat as well to the many fire fighters who helped organize, implement, and then clean up. Including a very generous donation from Mrs. Paul, \$475 was raised for our association. Whether you attend the event or help put it together, your support ensures a better future for our community. For example, last year we used funds from these events to help buy adult and infant CPR training dolls.

We look forward to seeing you again very soon at the Halloween bon-fire and Happy Hour.

Captain Mark Roozendaal



FAMA LANDS

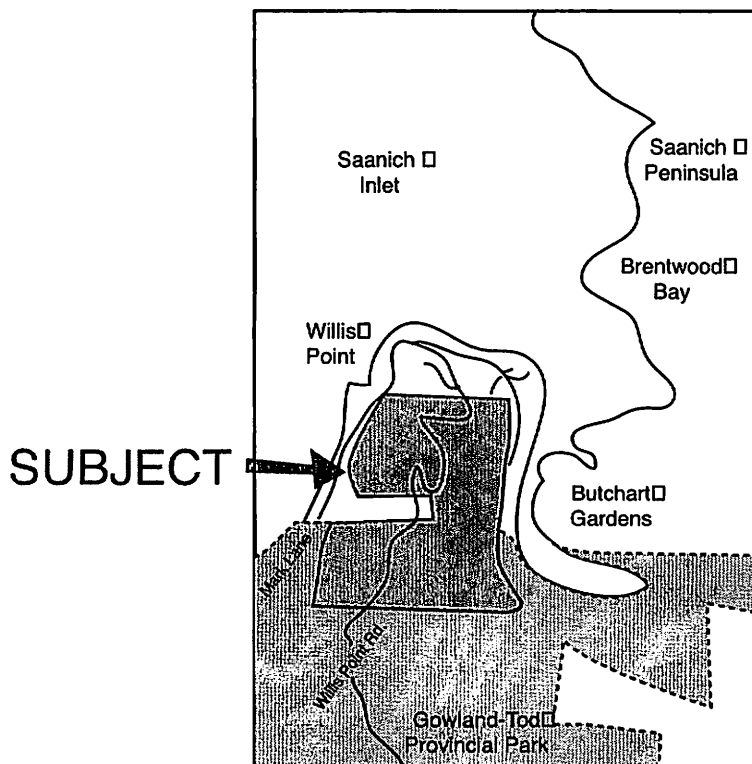
At Frank Edgell's request, Ken Ilott and Don Robin met with him on Tuesday 14 September to discuss the FAMA lands. It was made clear to Mr. Edgell that Ken Ilott and Don Robin were attending as private citizens and not as members of any committees.

At this meeting Mr. Edgell outlined FAMA's wishes regarding a new proposal. In summary (and by no means finalised) the main points are:

- (i) a two thirds for one third "swap" of FAMA land i.e approximately 280 acres for park and 140 acres for development;
- (ii) development to take the form of approximately ten 16 lot clusters in a bare lands strata format. Development to take place over 5/10 years;
- (iii)
 - 5 acres dedicated to community centre
 - \$1000 per lot given to the community
 - water to Firehall at FAMA's expense
 - stand pipe/hydrants at each cluster at developer's expense.
 - no development on wetlands
 - possible designated right of way using the old hydro road as emergency access

It was insisted that water would have to be supplied from a source outside Willis Point. Mr. Edgell said he would respond to this request before September 26.

The above will be open for discussion at the AGM to be held at 3pm on the 26 September. All residents should attend the AGM to ensure that their views are heard on this topic which is of great importance to everyone at Willis Point.



WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Willis Point Community Association will be held 3pm SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.
The following positions will be open for election:

- Chair
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Member at Large

All members of the Community are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

WPCA TREASURERS REPORT

31 August, 2004

Balance, 31 August, 2003			
Account #944017	3242.52		
GIC (3)	28739.68		
Petty cash	116.71		
CC Share	5.00		32103.91
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Revenue			
Interest	599.44		
AGM bar profit	55.50		
Christmas Party bar profit	53.50		
Thrifty/Red Bard playground donation	125.00		
CRD grant in aid	1500.00		
Membership dues	45.00		
Mug sales	20.00		2398.44
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Expenses			
Pointer publication	1053.91		
Correspondence supplies	50.68		
AGM printing	48.68		
AGM barbecue supplies	113.01		
WPVFA fireworks donation	500.00		
Christmas Party Donation	500.00		
WPVFA barbecue donation	515.24		
WPVFA plaques	85.88		
WP Fire & Rec. playground donation	125.00		
Minister of Finance report	25.00		
Postage	3.65		
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Balance, 31 August, 2004			
account #944017	1291.03		
GIC	4851.44		
Max. savings account	25202.06		
Petty cash	131.56		
CC share	5.00		31481.09
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note—\$4851.44 GIC is segregated until the AGM for the Partridge Foundation.

Respectfully yours,
David H. Carley, Treasurer.

PARTRIDGE HILLS FOUNDATION

Founded in 1999, the Partridge Hills Foundation is a group of volunteers with the goal of helping raise the monies needed to purchase the Partridge Hills, approximately 430 acres of private land (currently owned by Fama) from the land developer.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Designating parkland does NOT necessarily forever preserve rural lands or prevent future subdivision. Parkland can be rezoned for other uses. In fact, in BC, within the past few years, several parks have been converted for commercial activities, including mining, logging, and tourist resort development.

The best way to prevent future subdivision is to place, on the property, 3rd party covenants that are held by a conservation organization such as The Land Conservancy, Nature Conservancy, or Habitat Acquisition Trust.

The position of The Land Conservancy of BC regarding Partridge Hills if unchanged. It remains as stated by Bill Turner, Executive Director, in June 2003:

"TLC has invested thousands of dollars in appraisal work relating to the Partridge Hills and continues to watch developments with interest. If and when the appropriate opportunity arises, we will be there to negotiate again...

...The residents of Willis Point have shown a strong interest in protecting this area through the successful pledge drive you undertook. We will be looking to these pledges if and when we see an opportunity to protect lands in the Partridge Hills...

...The Land Conservancy remains very interested in acquiring all or parts of the Partridge Hills should an opportunity present itself. The residents of Willis Point can be assured that we are very interested in the events in their community."

The Partridge Hills Foundation has been working for over 5 years to raise funds to assist the TLC purchase the Partridge Hills, if/when The Land Conservancy negotiates an agreement. To date, tremendous support from within and outside the community has been demonstrated—almost \$100,000 in pledges have been raised, in addition to over \$4,500 held in trust by the Willis Point Community Association.

For additional information on the Partridge Hills Foundation, or to make a pledge, contact Margaret at 652-3366.



WILLIS POINT GOURMET

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

There is chocolate, and then there is chocolate, and there are dozens of confirmed chocolate addicts at Willis Point (after all, local landmarks such as "Chocoholic Hill" are not randomly named). Although a few have tested the boundaries of chocolate as one of the four major food groups, most are happy to occasionally indulge in an Atkins-oblivious state. The weather is turning, and the approach of the ultimate comfort-food season is the perfect reason to give in to your sweeter side...

Chocolate Chunk Cookies

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, room temperature
- 3/4 cup (packed) golden brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped



Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix first 4 ingredients in medium bowl. Using electric mixer, beat butter, brown sugar, vanilla and almond extract in large bowl until blended. Add egg; beat until fluffy. Beat in flour mixture. Stir pecans and chocolate pieces into dough.

Using 2 tablespoonfuls dough for each cookie, drop dough mounds onto ungreased baking sheets, spacing 2 inches apart. Press tops slightly to flatten.

Bake cookies until edges begin to brown but centers are still soft, about 13 minutes. Let cool on sheets 2 minutes. Transfer cookies to racks; cool completely. (Can be made 2 days ahead. Store airtight at room temperature.)

The Only Chocolate Truffles

- 8 ounces bittersweet (not unsweetened) or semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon brandy
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 6 tablespoons ground toasted hazelnuts
- 1 1/2 cups hazelnuts, toasted, chopped

Place chocolate in medium metal bowl. Bring cream to simmer in small saucepan. Pour over chocolate; let stand 2 minutes. Whisk until smooth. Mix in brandy and vanilla. Cool completely, stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes.

Using electric mixer, beat chocolate mixture until fluffy and lighter in color, about 4 minutes. Mix in 6 tablespoons ground hazelnuts. Cover and refrigerate truffle mixture until firm, about 2 hours.

Line baking sheet with waxed paper. Place 1 1/2 cups chopped nuts in another medium bowl. Fill glass with hot water. Dip 1-inch-diameter melon baller into water, then into truffle mixture, forming round truffle. Drop truffle into nuts; roll to coat completely and press to adhere. Place on prepared sheet. Repeat with remaining truffle mixture and nuts. Cover and chill until firm, about 1 hour. (Can be made 2 days ahead; keep chilled.)

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