



The Pointer

Summer 2008

To The Point

Many of the old issues of The Pointer are now online, thanks to the efforts of Mark Roozendaal. Check out www.willispoint.ca to get a good overview of our history through the newsletter. You'll notice that we are still missing some back issues. If you have any of these, please consider loaning them to Mark for a few days so they can be scanned into this great archive.

Tessa Clayton has generously volunteered to take over distributing The Pointer on Melody Place. Many thanks, Tessa.

Thanks also go to those members of the community who spend time during their walks picking up garbage along the road and especially to those who dedicate a morning or afternoon to cleaning a major area of roadside. Well done.

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

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Neighbourhood Notices

Wedding Congratulations



Saija Connor and Vinko Poldrugovac
April 19, 2008

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Lots of storage, very comfortable, phone for details, see at 7568 Mark Lane. Art Jackson 250 652 0472

FOR RENT

Waterfront home for rent Nov 2008 to April 2009. Large master suite with balcony, great views of Brentwood Bay and north to Saltspring Island. Living room with similar views, fire place, HDTV; guest room; rec room with wood stove; dock shared with neighbour. Includes basic phone, internet, Starchoice satellite TV, \$1500.00/month (full term) plus hydro. Pictures available. Car possible.

Art & Gillian Jackson 250-652-0472 G_Jackson@telus.net

COMMUNITY HALL FIELD

Just a friendly reminder to remove your pets' sticks, frisbees and/or throwing balls after using the field so that it's clear for grass mowing.

Many thanks

The Lawn Guy

I have just moved to Willis Point and am looking for **walkers**. I don't do climbs well.

Also, is there anyone who does **chi gong** or **Yang style tai chi**?

Kathryn Harwood

k7harwood@gmail.com

Are you a Crafty Pointer?!

Do you enjoy making things and doing crafts
(quilting/embroidery/knitting/jewellery etc.)?

Would you like to get together once a month with other Crafty Pointers to
share enthusiasms and learn new skills?

A small group of us have held a couple of meetings now and have learned
how to weave Norse silver bracelets (thanks Yemima Gledhill for the
lesson), how to mitre corners and quilt Welsh circles (thanks Catherine
Goldwater) and how to print personalised photo books (thanks Delaney
Tosh).

If you would like to come along and bring any projects you are working on,
or come and learn/share new skills, you'd be very welcome. There is no
charge or cost, other than if someone is teaching a new skill they have had to
buy extra materials for (eg. Yemima's wire for the bracelets we all made and
kept). We take it in turns to host the evening so the hassle and cost of that is
shared, and the next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd July at 7pm at
Karen Davies house – 7035 Willis Point Road, when Karen will share how
to make a denim circles quilt and we'll keep working on our felted knitting
projects, as well as anything else people are working on. ☺ Please phone
or email to let us know if you are coming: 250 544 1319 or
cedarwoodvid@telus.net

Babysitter

14 year old with babysitting certificate is available to
babysit here in the neighbourhood.
Please call **Carolyn Orr 652-0896**



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**

THANK YOU

My heartfelt thanks to the volunteer fire fighters/paramedics for the very quick response to my desperate call in April. My husband suffered a heart attack in the early hours of the morning and even though the fire fighters had been up most of the night fighting a garage fire they arrived at my house so quickly (some still in pyjamas and bare feet). Sharon, Jennifer and Nathan were there in less than a minute. Thanks to you all, my husband is recovering, and although he will be a long time in the hospital, he gets better every day.

Also a great big thank you to our wonderful neighbourhood friends, who took turns to so thoughtfully cook a meal every night for myself and family so that we would not have to worry when we got home from the hospital. How did we get so lucky to find a home among such lovely caring people?

Thank you, thank you!!

Pauline and Pat Burton

IN APPRECIATION

On behalf of the community, I would personally like to thank Brent and Cynthia Kornelsen for their contribution of firewood. The amount they have raised is over a thousand dollars, which can take us a great deal of effort to make. Also, Brent and his "big" excavator have been of assistance at the basement cleanup and moving the Fire Department's storage unit.

It's good to have new neighbours with a keen community spirit.

Thank you very much!

Bob Halsey

Thank You WPFD and Pointers!

April 28th seemed much like any other day, perhaps even a little mundane..... until the garage blew up! We didn't even see or hear the explosion, but the neighbours and boaters in Brentwood bay certainly did, and they wasted no time in calling 911.

Our first hint that something unusual was happening was when we noticed it was raining flaming cedar shingles in the yard and on the deck. A quick check revealed that our detached garage was already looking like a total loss, with huge flames pouring out the door, windows and a section of roof. A quick call to 911 confirmed that they were aware and had already notified the WPFD.



Minutes later (maybe 8-10) the first unit arrived and set up to suppress the tree fire that had developed between the garage and the house. A few more minutes later, the second unit arrived and went to work on the other side of the structure dealing with the tree fires that were a threat to the rest of the community. As opportunities permitted, they tried to cool down the inferno that the garage had become, but it was fueled by two full gas tanks in the cars, 3 full propane tanks that were venting their contents, significant quantities of other fuels and lubricants and some volatile paints, plus all the plastics that make up a large part of a modern automobile.

It was an unbelievably hot and dangerous fire. The BC Ambulance Service attended to take care of any possible casualties. The RCMP showed up by land and sea to investigate and maintain security if required. Surrounding municipal fire departments attended and brought water to contribute to the 16,000 gallons needed to finally put the fire out.

The volunteers in our fire department performed like pros! We are profoundly grateful for this small number of friends and neighbours who sacrifice their time and energy to being prepared and responding to community emergencies. Without our fire department, our major nuisance could easily have become a community tragedy!

The good news is that there were no casualties—nobody was hurt. All the losses, while significant, were material, and we will deal with them over time. In the days following the fire, we had many more reasons to be grateful for living here. As word spread around the neighbourhood, we received countless offers of the loan of vehicles and accommodation, in case the house was damaged. We appreciate all of this generosity both for the sense of support it provided for us and for what it says about Pointers. We recall the comments of a former fire chief, speaking at a community general meeting, who observed that “Willis Pointers are nice”. Yes they are—thank you all!

Bill and Melanie Douglas, 7560 Mark Lane



Photos by Art Jackson



Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department

June 25, 2008

Residents of Willis Point

RE: Emergency Response Survey

Dear Resident:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that in the next coming weeks a survey will be mailed out to each resident. This survey will assist the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department in responding to calls.

All information collected will be kept confidential, for use during an emergency response only.

Questions on the survey will include such things as:

- Name
- Address
- Contact Numbers
- Special rescue considerations
- Pets
- Location of major water supplies
- Number of stories and entrance/exit points
- Location and type of hazardous materials
- Type and location of fuel supplies

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department at firechief@willispoint.ca.

Sincerely,

Greg Elvedahl, Chief
Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department

A Big Thank You!

As most of you have heard we have a new Chief of our fire department! His name is Greg Elvedahl and I know that he's going to be a great leader! His father was the Chief of the Central Saanich Fire Department for many years so he comes well prepared for the job!

It was just under four years ago that I took my turn as the helm of the department. My goals were to replace some aging equipment, update our long term equipment replacement plan, and to increase the overall membership of the department. It's very gratifying to look back and see what we've accomplished as a team. We have a new rescue truck, 103, that has proved its worth time and time again. We replaced our breathing apparatus which really paid off at our recent structure fire, and our new auto-extrication equipment is ready for serious motor vehicle incidents. But, most important of all, we have a large number of eager, well trained members ready to serve the community in times of need.

It wouldn't have been possible to accomplish so much without help from all sectors of our community. My thanks go to Retired Chief Bill Wright for handing over a great department to my care, to the members for their hard work, and to the community for their support and help in making our little fire department one of the best around! I may be stepping down as Chief, but I'm looking forward to continuing for many years with the WPFDF as a firefighter.

Mark Roozendaal, Past Chief WPFDF



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Hello everyone, my name is Greg Elvedahl and I've been given the opportunity to serve as your new Fire Chief.

I would like to thank Mark Roozendaal for all his countless hours of dedication and great efforts as the previous chief and thank you for staying on the department Mark, you are a valued member.

The department's skills and training have sure been put to the test over these past few months with several calls, including a large structure fire at the north end of Mark lane, where additional fire truck tankers were called in from Central Saanich and the Highlands. The whole fire operation ran very smooth and professionally with the people at the scene as well as members back at the hall running the radio room and communicating with other emergency agencies and ensuring a quick turn around time for refueling tankers. A valiant effort from every member and even retired members was put forth in containing the blaze. Thanks Art and Jill for the pizza!! It was a welcomed break and thank-you Derek for your assistance. It was greatly appreciated.

The members of the department used their CPR skills and the defibrillator to bring a person back to life, a truly life changing moment for everyone involved. The department has also attended two car accidents that could have had very serious outcomes for the victims, one being a roll-over and the other a car crashed into a rock wall. Spinal and extrication techniques were used in helping the patients from their vehicles.

The department was called up to Durrance Lake for a patient with a medical issue on the pathway, and on the lighter side, we had one false alarm for a structure fire reported by passing boaters. Some of our members are gaining additional experience from a downtown ride-along with the BC Ambulance Service.

A big thank you to everyone in the department for giving up your spare time during the weekends over these past few months to participate in the "Dave and Penny Carley house burn" (excellent job Darren!!) and to take your First Responder Courses and examinations (excellent job Kathy!!) and not to forget the Auto Extrication Committee. Everyone's dedication, commitment, hours of practicing, training and instructing is amazing. As you can see your skills are extremely valuable and life saving.

I would also like to welcome Daphne Pook back to the department. Daphne's computer skills and office experience are a real benefit to the department.

It's a great honour for me to be involved with this fantastic crew of people and to live in such a wonderful community as Willis Point.

Sincerely,

Greg Elvedahl
Fire Chief

ph. 250-886-6635
e-mail firechief@willispoint.ca

Burning Down Penny & Dave Carley's House



Dart Night March 29





The tournament winners this year were Bob Lane and Pat Williams. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event happen and who cleaned up afterwards. A great time was had by all.

JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE

WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE

POINTER REPORT– June 2008

Summaries of the April and May 2008 meetings of the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee are in the monthly reports 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).

Two Willis Point applications came before the Committee since March. On May 13, the Committee approved a Development Variance Permit for the construction of a new residence on a Mark Lane Waterfront lot. The applicant had obtained 23 letters of support from neighbours. At the same meeting, the Committee approved a Development Permit for a non-waterfront Mark Lane lot (the lot is currently for sale).

As previously reported, the CRD has passed a by-law establishing the Juan de Fuca Agricultural Planning Commission. In April, the CRD requested expressions of interest from people interested in serving on the Commission, but the results of this process have not been reported to the Land Use Committee. I hope to obtain more information on the status of this Commission and the appointment process at a future Committee meeting.

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

Pat O'Rourke (652-5598)



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Willis Point Community Association

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Full minutes of the WPCA meetings are posted on the notice boards or can be obtained by contacting the recording secretary.

Early notice of Annual General Meeting

This is an early reminder that the Willis Point Community Association Annual General Meeting is coming up in October. The exact date (it will likely be the 1st or 3rd Sunday in the afternoon) will be announced in September.

Now is the time to start thinking about nominations for replacements for the Executive Committee and agenda items that have a broad community concern and have not been raised with the Executive this year.

The Executive positions becoming available this year are the Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. If you are interested in one of these positions or you wish to nominate someone (please seek their agreement first!) please contact a member of the nominating committee, either Michelle Elvedahl, Corresponding Secretary, or Art Wynans, Vice Chair.

Bill Douglas, Chair
WPCA

Willis Point Welcomes New Neighbours

By Ken Leighton

Lawrence and Denise Blade 6812 Mark Lane (formerly Menkens)

Lawrence and Denise came from London England where they have many relatives. They worked there with HEALTH CARE PROJECTS which sets up public-private projects to build hospitals. They are presently finalizing the Jubilee Hospital Care Centre partnership. Their next project will be in Fort St. John.

Lawrence and Denise find people here very friendly and helpful.



Stuart and Debby Branson 7053 Willis Point Rd. (formerly Jay Rangel and Jennifer Modigliani)



Stuart and Debby met while planting trees in the Queen Charlotte Islands. Stuart has worked as a cabinet maker, building the settings for water theme parks in the Vancouver area.

Debby trained at the International College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Vancouver and in China. They have a two year old daughter Isabel, and are expecting another baby soon.

**Aaron and Catherine Goldwater
6877 Mark Lane (formerly Boydells)**



Aaron and Catherine have come to us from Australia, but Aaron originally lived in New Zealand and moved to Australia twenty years ago.

They bring with them a software company called Jurat. They still have employees in Australia but the head office is here now. They have clients in the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Basically they write software solutions for the process of stakeholder engagement for governments as well as the petroleum and natural gas industries.

Aaron's son, Nathan lives here too and is in Grade 11 at Claremont and Catherine has a twenty seven year old son in Australia. They have a Cocker Spaniel and a West Highland Terrier.

Aaron and Catherine came to Willis Point because of a rental advertisement on the internet. They would like to purchase a house here because Willis Point is such a beautiful place and they are most impressed by the community spirit.

WILLIS POINTERS

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Casino Night May 31



Another Successful Casino Night!

Building on the experience of past Casino Night community fundraisers, the latest WPCA sponsored event rivaled the success of previous events, by raising over \$7,000 to support community activities for the next couple of years.

About a hundred Pointers and guests turned up to party; enjoy a variety of different kinds and styles of chili; gamble for artificial money; bid on an astonishing array of items in silent and live auctions; and spend their hard-won gambling proceeds on raffle tickets for gift boxes full of all manner of useful accessories for favourite activities.

By all accounts, a good time was had by all!

These events require considerable work by their organizers and count heavily on the generosity of many donors and sponsors, some of whom are our friends and neighbours and some are local businesses who recognize that Pointers are present or potential customers.

The list of Pointers who contributed to the success of Casino Night includes those who attended, those who donated; those who planned and organized, making their homes available for meetings and those who made things happen during the evening. The total is probably between a third and half of the families in the community! We are grateful to them all.

The list of outside donors and sponsors includes businesses that are old friends of the community and some new ones, whom we hope will continue to contribute in the years ahead. They are all listed below. If you are not a customer of some, perhaps you could consider becoming one. If you are already, I'm sure the business would welcome a word of appreciation for their continuing support.

Carden Street West Restaurant
Bagel Queen
Butchart Gardens
Garden City Body & Paint
Prospect Lake Service
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Thrifty's

Thanks Everybody!

Bill Douglas, Chair
Willis Point Community Association

Casino Night May 31



Business Directory

Chi-Kung Massage Studio Fiona Percy 544-4057	Housework Maid Easy Gerri Gorling 652-6149
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Burning Ban

All outdoor burning in the Willis Point Fire Protection District has been banned for the rest of the fire season. This ban includes incinerators, backyard burns, beach fires, and any other outdoor burning.