



# The Pointer

Autumn 2008

# To The Point

Many thanks are due to Sally McMillan, Mark Roozendaal and Bill Douglas who helped facilitate this issue while I was on holiday. Mark your calendars for the AGM and the Hallowe'en celebrations. See you there.

Cheers, Pat Williams  
652-0223  
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## Official Notice

# Willis Point Community Association Annual General Meeting

Sunday October 19, 2008.

4:00 PM

Willis Point Community Centre

Your Community Association executive will finalize the agenda for the AGM on October 14, so if there are agenda items that have a broad community concern and have not been raised with the Executive this year, please bring them to the attention of the Chair, [bill.douglas@telus.net](mailto:bill.douglas@telus.net) or 250-544-1042.

The executive are considering a few issues for community discussion this year, including such items as security at Willis Point and greater use of the WP website to communicate with pointers.

Four executive positions are up for election this year -- 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(250-652-4077), or Art Wynans, Vice Chair (250-652-5898).

The usual **free barbecue** and no-host bar will follow the meeting.

We look forward to seeing as many Willis Pointers as possible at the meeting!

Bill Douglas, Chair  
WPCA

# Willis Point Welcomes New Neighbours

By Ken Leighton

## **Martin Willock and Sonya Reuter**

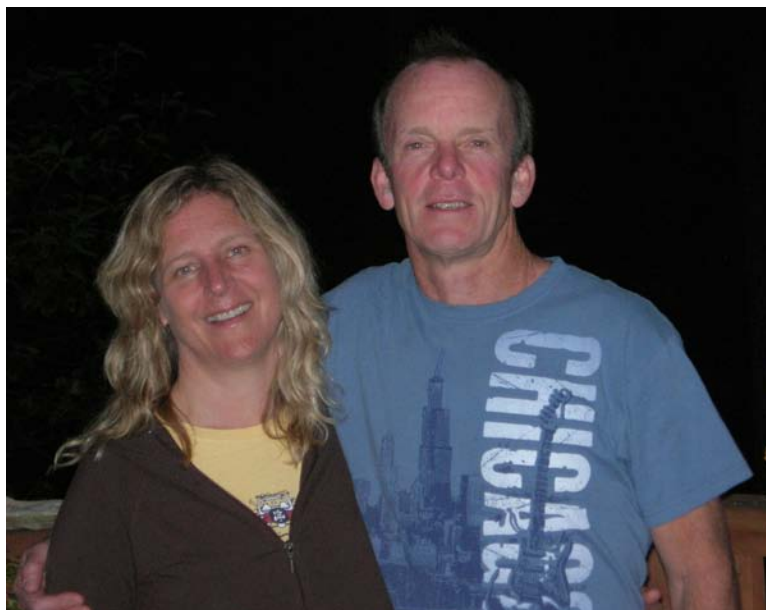
### **811 Melody Place**

Martin was born in Victoria and graduated from Claremont Secondary. He became a boat builder, specializing in interior joinery. He lived in Willis Point for two years from 1998, then rented his house until 2007. He now works at Brentwood Elementary School in the After School Program.

In the 1984 Olympics, Martin competed in the Bicycle Road Race. His daughter, Erinne has just competed in the Beijing Olympics in the Bicycle Road Race.

Sonya was born in Vancouver and came to Victoria in 1979. She worked in Human Resources for twenty years and is now working on a degree in psychology at U. Vic.

Sonya is interested in connecting people in different activities at Willis Point. These activities could include hiking, tennis, kayaking etc. For more information email [willispointrecreation@yahoo.ca](mailto:willispointrecreation@yahoo.ca) Martin and Sonya enjoy the community life at Willis Point.



# Neighbourhood Notices

## Wedding Congratulations



**Jackyln McCandless and Josh  
July 11, 2008**

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### **CUTTIN' IT CLOSE LAWN CARE...**

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This is a very nice unit ready to go. \$22,000. Please note we are leaving for Mexico (in our other motorhome!) October 15

Art and Gillian Jackson 250-652-0472 [G\\_Jackson@telus.net](mailto:G_Jackson@telus.net)

**FREE Inglis washing machine**, approximately 8 years old, good working condition. Free to a good home as of Friday Sept 26th. You pick up. (We have a trailer for the Point area, but cannot lift or carry it)

Art and Gillian Jackson 250-652-0472 [G\\_Jackson@telus.net](mailto:G_Jackson@telus.net)

## **Fitness Classes at the Point**

Exercise classes at the Community Hall resume on October 14. Men and women of all ages and exercise levels are invited to participate. Classes take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8pm. The drop-in fee is \$2 per class or \$20 per month.

Tuesdays – step class

Thursdays – circuit class

For more information, please contact Deanna Roozendaal at 250-744-4891.

### **Substitute instructors wanted for Circuit Fitness Classes:**

Have you ever taught or wanted to teach fitness classes? I am looking for individuals who are interested in running the circuit fitness classes when I am not available. I have the music and the circuit plan worked out ; I am willing to train too. If you are interested, please call Deanna Roozendaal 250-744-4891.

## **Letter of Thanks**

I feel compelled to take the time in giving this well deserved bouquet to the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department, and feel remiss in not having done so before.

My wife and I moved to Willis Point three and a half years ago with our adopted son, we had always hoped to move into this community after having lived on the peninsula for most of our lives. Shortly after the move I had a stroke. In response to a call to 911 less than ten minutes later at approximately two 'o'clock in the morning my bedroom was filled with volunteers from the Willis Point Fire Department fully equipped and prepared to handle this emergency situation which they performed flawlessly.

This past Saturday evening (August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008) at approximately ten 'o'clock a boat with seven people aboard had the misfortune of hitting a rock and running aground in the front of our house, throwing an eleven year old out of the boat who was fortunately wearing a life jacket and injuring a couple of other passengers which prompted yet another call to 911. Again within minutes the Willis Point Fire Department volunteers responded with their Search and Rescue vehicle and fire trucks, fully manned, equipped and prepared to deal with this incident efficiently, effectively and professionally which of course they did. Within an hour five people were evacuated from an awkward and difficult spot to access and taken to hospital in the awaiting ambulances, the outcome could have been a lot worse had it not been for the dedication of these volunteers. I would be remiss if I did not also mention the response time of the local volunteer Coast Guard members who had two boats arrive shortly after the Willis Point Fire Department. Within thirty minutes

after the call to 911 there were well over twenty volunteers from both organizations in attendance along with the RCMP and the Provincial Ambulance Service.

It is not uncommon to see these dedicated Willis Point fire department volunteers directing traffic during road closures in the most inclement weather conditions for whatever the reason and advising the residents of the situation. The community hall during these events is manned and open to look after the needs of the residents and visitors. They are diligent in their Wednesday evening practices and are continually attending courses that benefit their community

They can be seen annually as they put up road blocks into and out of Willis Point sticking out a boot for contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Association as you pass through, they also put on a great Halloween Party annually for the children with a bonfire, barbecue and all.

They are all sincere and caring neighbours that unselfishly give of their time in making this the greatest community in which to live.

Forever indebted to these volunteers,

Carl and Ruby Johnson.  
7012 Mark Lane

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## Willis Point Community Association

### WPCA Executive

Chair	Bill Douglas	544-1042
Vice-Chair	Art Wynans	652-5898
Corresponding Secretary	Michelle Elvedahl	652-4077
Recording Secretary	Melanie Douglas	544-1042
Treasurer	Pete Veasey	544-4949
Member-at-Large	David Lawrie	652-1286
Membership Secretary	Ken Leighton	652-2686
Member-at-Large	Bob Scott	652-8522
Fire & Recreation Rep.	Jerry Tombu	652-4097

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

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JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE  
WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE  
POINTER REPORT– September 2008

Summaries of recent meetings of the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee are in the 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](http://www.crd.bc.ca)).

In July, the Committee approved a Development Permit for a two lot sub-division on Willis Point Road in an area designated as Steep Slope and Foreshore, Wetlands and Riparian. The applicant submitted a report and development plan from a registered professional, who attended the meeting and confirmed that the development would not impact the community's water supply.

#### NOVEMBER ELECTION

The position of Land Use Representative is up for re-election in this November's local government elections. I have decided to NOT seek re-election.

I encourage other Pointers to run for the position. As some will know, Willis Point is the ONLY community that actually had elections for this position – the others have never had more than a single candidate, and in some cases, none!

Some background may be helpful, especially for new Pointers. In urban areas, the municipal government makes "land use" decisions such as sub-division approvals, development permits and zoning by-laws. In "electoral areas", the Regional District makes most of these decisions (the highways Ministry approves sub-divisions).

Willis Point is part of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, along with Malahat, East Sooke, Otter Point, Port Renfrew and Shirley/Jordan River. In 2004, the CRD established the current Land Use Committee to make land use decisions for the Electoral Area. The Committee is composed of the Electoral Area Director, one representative from each of the six "sub-regions", and members from other CRD communities who chose to participate (currently Central Saanich and Metchosion).

The Committee meets monthly, and considers a variety of applications. Meetings are open, and both applicants and members of the public have an opportunity to present views. The Committee is supported by CRD Planning Staff, who prepare reports on all agenda items. Decisions are made by simple majority. The Committee may adopt staff recommendations, or reach an entirely different decision.

It has been an honour and a privilege to represent the community these past four years, and I wish the best to my successor.

Pat O'Rourke (652-5598)

# Golf Tournamentt 2008 Recap

Thanks to everyone who came out to the 2008 edition of the Willis Point Golf Tournament! For those who missed out, it was held on Sunday, September 14th right here in the Point. Various residents set up some truly creative and challenging golf holes in their yards making up a nine-hole championship course rivaling the design and prestige of other notable tracks like Carnoustie and Parksville Mini-Golf. Teams of two embarked on the links under fabulous blue skies and mid-twenty temperatures with no wind. Not bad for September! After hours of golf and over thirty-five groups of two, the mixed team of Katia and Aran Puritch, with a score of thirty-four, was declared the overall winner. Other winners included Isaac and Darren Pine for having the most strokes and a tie for second place to the Douglas team and the Campbell team. Congratulations to all the winners!

The barbecue and bar were running all day with burgers and hot dogs for lunch and chicken and steak for dinner. An estimated one hundred people attended keeping the Firefighters Association members hopping. The proceeds from the golf tournament go towards the WPVFFA and thanks to such an amazing turnout; approximately one thousand dollars were raised!

The event would not have happened without the generous support of various sponsors, residents who offered their yards for an afternoon, and the golfers. Thanks to our course designers and hole hosts: **the Tregears, the Campbells, the Wilsons, the Pines, Laurel & Steve, the Connors, the Williams, the Bradsons, and Bill Wright**. Special thanks to Dave Lawrie for his leadership and coordination of the tournament and extra special thanks to this years sponsors who kindly donated all kinds of prizes: **Mark Roozendaal Preferred Homes Realtor, Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company, Armchair Cynics, Schindler Elevators, Canada Post, Air Canada and Jazz, Fidelity Mutual Funds, Acuity Funds, Aim Trimark Funds and, Bonnie Manning at Canaccord Capital Corporation.**

Next up for the Firefighters Association is the Halloween party. We'll be putting on a fireworks display, bonfire, and party again this year. Be sure to bring your bag of goodies for the 'trick-or-treaters'.

Cheers,

Aran Puritch  
Willis Point Volunteer Firefighters Association



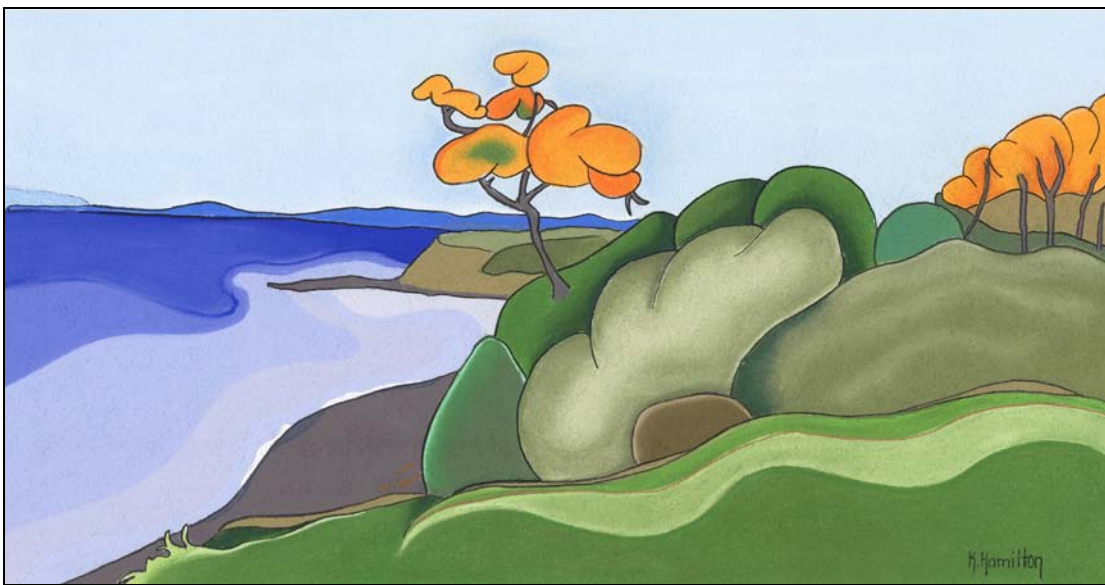
## **Karen Hamilton**

### **Abstract Landscape Commission Artist**

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## **Fire Department Report**

The fire department has had a very busy and interesting summer with a variety of calls.

July 1<sup>st</sup> - the RCMP had called for our assistance in searching for 3 missing children last seen swimming at Durrance Lake but were thankfully located in a short time after calling.

July 4<sup>th</sup> – responded and treated a hiker with cardiac problems.

July 18<sup>th</sup> – 13 year old boy with a serious leg laceration at McKenzie Bight, the boy's leg was bandaged and he was packed out on a stretcher all the way back to Mark Lane.

July 19<sup>th</sup> – the department was called out at approximately 3:00 am to conduct a 2 hour search for a possible drowning victim. There were multiple agencies such as RCMP, Saanich Police, BC Ambulance and View Royal Fire Department who responded with their zodiac. In the search we used our fire truck 102 with generator powered lighting to light up the lake. Eventually the teenager was found safe and sound.

July 26<sup>th</sup> – cardiac medical call.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – cardiac medical call.

August 6<sup>th</sup> – we received a mutual aid call from our neighbor's the “Highland Fire Department” to help fight a forest fire. Again this was a multiple agency response with the BC Forest “Rapattack” service which had 2 helicopters assisting as well as Langford and View Royal Fire Departments. Our members gained valuable first hand experience fighting the fire and picked up a lot of technical information and tips from the experts from the Forest Service and other departments. We were also quick to conduct a head count of available members standing by at the hall as to not deplete our community should the need arise.

August 7<sup>th</sup> – a call to help locate a possible forest fire. The caller was not very specific and had difficulty giving an exact address as they were calling from the Malahat area. We did not take any chances and completed a thorough search of our district. Turned out the call was another fire in the Highlands.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – received a call about a possible boat fire in Finlayson Arm which turned out to be a campfire on a dock.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – boating accident with eight passengers on board who unfortunately hit some rocks near the south end of Mark Lane. Again another multiple agency response with 3 vessels from the Canadian Coast Guard, BC Ambulance and RCMP. This call involved hiking down a trail to gain access to the victims and then setting up a triage area in a gazebo type shelter half way up this trail. Two of our members assessed and treated

one of the victims with a serious head injury , the victim was immobilized on a spineboard and rapidly transported in a Coast Guard zodiac to the Brentwood Bay boat ramp where our members then transferred over to an advanced life support unit from the BC Ambulance Service. It is uncommon for emergency workers to treat so many victims at one call. The department carried out and performed their duties flawlessly in this challenging call where 7 ambulances responded.

Many thanks to Ken and Paulette Blunt for coming over in their boat and helping with the rescue, as well many thanks to Carl and Ruby Johnson for letting us gain access through their property.

Carl and Ruby, thank-you for your recent newspaper submission, praising the department. It means a lot to the members to have the community support you have shown.

September 2- Officers checked out a burning complaint.

Thanks again to the members for your dedication to practicing and training, it is very impressive to see. I believe our community is very fortunate to have such a well equipped and capable department that I feel could handle any emergency. Pretty well every piece of equipment has been required over these past few months.

Special thanks to Darren for your continued dedication to fire/rescue training and to Kathy for conducting all the first responder/medical training and examinations.

A big thank-you Graham for keeping all the trucks and apparatus running like a top (and repairing the fire sign). Al for all your hours spent fabricating and maintaining everything in the hall. Jeff for ordering and organizing food, cars for auto extrication, pagers, radio's, you name it !! THANKS... Jim for all your work as president of the Fire Fighters Association. Rick for your guidance, comradeship, organizing and keeping the trend alive with meals on practice nights, there's nothing better than a hot meal after practice and nothing brings people closer together than FOOD !!!

Thank you Willis Point for supporting our "Nine and Dine" Golf Tournament, it was a great success. Hope everyone had a great time. Thank you to Daphne, Jeff, Jim, JC and Kathy, Rick, Graham, Aran, Kathy C., Darren, Russ, Art, Al, Matt, Gord and Dave Lawrie. I apologize if I have missed any other people who were involved.

WHEW !!! What a busy summer we've had at the hall..... I wouldn't trade the memories for ANYTHING !! Thanks guys.

Hope everyone had a great summer.

Sincerely,  
Greg Elvedahl  
Fire Chief

# Firefighter's Pig Roast



# Business Directory

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# The Willis Point Real Estate Report

Currently, there are eight properties for sale at the Point. Four houses, three of them waterfront, and four building lots:

- Fama has two lots for sale as you come down the hill towards the fire hall. Both offer water views with the 30 acre lot listed at \$1.25M and the 42 acre lot at \$1.75M.
- The cleared lot at the top of the hill known as "pumpkinville" has also just been offered at \$1.75M.
- I have a water view lot listed on the South end of Mark Lane at \$350,000. It has better views than you may think!
- 7441 Mark Lane, on the North end just across from the beach access, is listed at \$715,000.
- 7300 Mark Lane, North end waterfront, is back on the market at \$1.25M.
- 7100 Mark Lane, South end waterfront, was recently listed for \$1,999,500.
- 7624 Mark Lane, the furthest waterfront house on the North end, just became available at \$1.1M. This is the little red cabin you see when you look left from the beach at Todd Inlet.

There haven't been any properties sold at the Point through the MLS system since the last issue of the Pointer.

It's been a while since we've seen so many for sale signs sprouting at Willis Point! But with over 4,600 properties for sale in Victoria we're not out of step with the rest of the area. Many people feel that real estate prices have peaked, for the time being, and that it's time to cash in. Instead of speculating, let's ask the numbers to speak for themselves.

The inventory of single family homes for sale in Victoria has definitely grown. You are seeing more "for sale" signs - approximately 39% more signs - giving us the highest inventory in twelve years. Add to this that the number of houses sold is down by over 35%. These are the figures that the press is reporting and they do look pretty bleak. But, as always, there is more to the story! When we compare current sales to last year we are comparing to the frenzy of 2007 when houses were selling in hours at what seemed like almost any price. A comparison with prior years puts today's market in a much more realistic light.

So far, prices are holding up, with the median house price in Victoria about even with last year, 11% ahead of 2006, and 19% ahead of 2005. But, with the large equity gains over the last several years, many sellers are willing to reduce their prices to compete in the current flooded market. I wouldn't be surprised if we see prices soften in the coming quarters.

Overall, sellers can still sell in a timely manner but realistic and well researched pricing is VERY important. On the other hand, buyers can find some great opportunities by taking advantage of stale listings and making aggressive but solid offers.

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Juan de Fuca Regional Director

*I believe in open and respectful communication.*

*I believe in working cooperatively.*

*I believe in planning ahead to determine our future.*

**I value Willis Point as a community that lives its vision of respect: for each other, for the community and for the surrounding environment.**

***Respecting our shared values, I will work with the community to:***

- *Ensure that the Willis Point Official Community Plan continues to reflect the community's wishes and long term goals*
- *Improve fire protection and emergency services/preparedness where needed (on the recommendation of the Willis Point Fire Department and residents)*
- *Protect and enhance valuable green space and park land, and work to acquire more beach access*
- *Bring together applicable levels of government with the community to find solutions for Willis Point's traffic safety issues*
- *Alert residents to broader electoral area issues, and to initiatives that would strengthen their community's control of its future*

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# Security Survey

## Willis Point Security Survey

Are you aware of the crime that has been occurring at Willis Point? The list includes public dumping, break and enter with theft from our emergency preparedness container, donuts and burnouts at the hall, house burglary, construction site theft and more. Someone even dumped a stolen safe that police were looking for. On the whole, the crime rate is not significantly different than other areas, but in our close and caring community, it gets noticed.

Would you support use of community funds for video security to help in the deterrence of crime, and aid police in investigation of incidents?

Please take a moment to complete a survey at:

<http://tinyurl.com/securitysurvey>

or come out to the AGM in October to voice your opinion.

Art Wynans