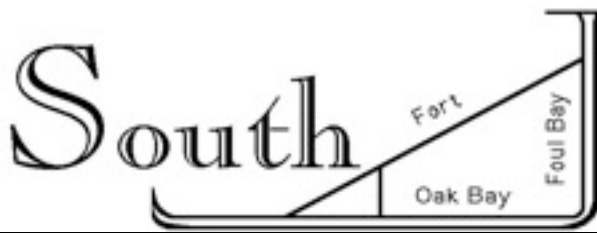


South Jubilee News



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November 2011

Next meeting of the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association

Monday, November 14th, 7:30pm

Victoria College of Art

Corner of Bank and Leighton

All Welcome!

Cornucopia table at Streetfest 2011 - Neighbours sharing their harvest.



Amazing music, generous donations from local businesses, big community turnout. All made possible by a wonderful group of volunteers and local businesses. Thanks to everyone who contributed. See you next year!

Read Ben Ziegler's entry at his site

[www.Collaborative Journeys.com](http://www.CollaborativeJourneys.com) for his Streetfest experience.



Many thanks to all our neighbourly sponsors: Gardenworks, Good Things Consignment, The Savory Café, Discovery Café, Blighty's Bistro, Gordie's Music, Cheryl's Gourmet Pantry, O'Beans, Villages Pizza, Mei Wah Restaurant, Oasis Nails and Spa, Oak Bay Dollar Plus, Bark Bath and Beyond, The Whole Beast, Delicado's, VI-Fitness-Oak Bay, Home Hardware, Oak Bay Hearing Clinic, Science Works, Safeway, French Vanilla Home, Eugene's Greek Restaurant, White Heather Tea Room, A Pet's Life, Tulip Noir, Oak Bay Copy Centre, Kissako Green Tea Café, Cook's Day Off, Frame-Up, Thrifty Foods, Oak Bay Bicycles, Christie's Carriage House, Dig This, Jubilee Pharmasave, Ramsey & Ramsey, Buckerfield's Brewery, The Herbal Path, Swan's Brewpub, Harry's Flowers, Julia Bump Reflexology plus the City of Victoria and the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association

Jubilee Urban Farmers

JUF is a new group in our neighbourhood. We join the many food growing groups that are sprouting across the city. We have visited 5 gardens and learned much from each other in our first 6 months. In October we cleaned and prepared mason bee cocoons for winter storage, discussed winterizing our gardens and toured a garden lush with food. If you would like to join us contact Denise: ddunn@pacificcoast.net



Mason bee condo and cocoon cleaning party

Plastic Recycling Update

It's been six months since the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association took over running our monthly plastic recycling and we're still going strong, thanks to our loyal volunteers and customers.

Just as a reminder, we take hard plastic, soft plastic, styrofoam (e.g. meat trays, packing, peanuts), gable top cartons (e.g. milk and soy), tetrapaks, foil-lined bags (e.g. chip bags, coffee bags), mixed paper (e.g. take-out cups). We charge \$6 for a large garbage bag of plastics. The cost is adjusted for portions of a bag. We also take batteries, and electronics for a small charge.

Come with your plastic on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9:00am – Noon at the parking lot of the Victoria College of Art, corner of Bank Street and Leighton Rd. It's a great chance to run into a neighbour and catch up on neighbourhood news. **Next date is November 12th.** Check for recycling news at <http://southjubilee.ca>.

Residential Parking

In accord with City Parking Bylaw 09-079-53, we, our visitors and our workers may only park in a Residential Zone designated as such, in the block containing our residence and in no other Residential Zone.

To have a mistaken Residential Zone ticket cancelled, the Parking Office (250-361-0252) requires proof of residency in the form of a driver's licence or vehicle insurance registration copy, and utility bill.

Residents of certain apartment or condominium buildings, or their guests, may not be eligible for street parking, as the city may expect those buildings to supply on-site parking. If you live in a condominium or apartment building, it would be prudent to call the Parking Office to discover the status of your building.

Play Fair Games Nite and Neighbour Day at 10,000 Villages

When the rain is pouring, the sky is grey, and you're cooped up inside... why not come to your neighbourhood fair trade shop, and play some games! **Ten Thousand Villages Oak Bay** will be hosting a weekly community games night from 6 pm to 8 pm Wed. Nov 9, 16, 23, 30!

Starting Wednesday November 9th from 6 pm to 8 pm people will come together to learn and play unique fairly traded board games from all corners of the world. From dominoes to marbles, dakon to chess, mancala to backgammon, we have it all! There will be puzzles available for the kiddies. Door prize to be won each week! Delicious fairly traded tea/coffee and goodies will be provided for the enjoyment of all. Come join in, bring a friend, and meet some new smiley faces.

RSVP if you'd like to attend, space is limited! Maria Lyons, Manager - Ten Thousand Villages Oak Bay 250 598 8183 **Ten Thousand Villages** is also inviting its South Jubilee neighbours to come out again in support of Mitchell House. Last year Ten Thousand Villages raised over \$200 in one day by donating 10% of your purchases to Mitchell House. 4 large boxes of food items were also collected for the Mitchell House, generously donated by South Jubilee neighbours. This year, on **Saturday December 10th** we once again invite you to give back to our community. Meet your neighbours, sip some warm apple cider, purchase your Fair Trade Christmas gifts and Ten Thousand Villages will donate **15%** of sales to the youth in transition at Mitchell House. And don't forget to bring along a non perishable food donation!

Mitchell House

The needs of youth are the same as for anyone: food, shelter, safety, and a place to belong.

In our society, it can be surprisingly challenging for young people to meet their basic needs, especially when they have little family connection and are forced out of foster care or troubled homes.

At Mitchell House, we're fortunate to be able to provide most of what youth need, right within our walls. But since our move to South Jubilee from Fairfield last year, we've been grateful to witness the importance of community involvement for youth.

It began with Maria Lyons' choice to honour us last year with a portion of proceeds from a Christmas shopping day at 10,000 Villages Oak Bay, and an accompanying food drive that fed hungry youth for months (she'll be doing the same for us this year). Then, in September, a planned collaboration with 10,000 Villages on a booth at Streetfest in Redfern Park led to the involvement of Mitchell House in the festival's two music stages, and an opportunity for our youth to assist with equipment set-up and stage management.

The youth proved themselves indispensable on that day, and with the kudos and kind words they received from neighbors, they saw that they are part of a community that cares for them, and values their presence. You can bet that's another basic need met!

Thanks to the South Jubilee Neighborhood for making us feel so welcome, and to 10,000 Villages for all of the kind donations and support.

HOPEFULLY A GARDEN RESTORATION

Even though I had heard from many others blaming the cold Spring for their disappointing food gardens, I was convinced that for me there was something else - something basically wrong with my soil.

With hope of remediation I called in an expert, a neighbour - Christine Nikolic, from *The Organic Gardener's Pantry*, to consult. After rubbing a sample between her hands and smelling it, she noted it too dry for microorganisms, but reassured me that my soil was OK. However she did suggest the following procedures to develop optimum soil conditions for the future: →



FALL PREPARATION

- loosen soil 6" deep w/fork, all soil to be damp
- mix equal parts leaves & grass clippings as mulch
- add 4" mulch to all beds - NB don't turn the soil over

WINTER REST

- let things rest and read a good book
- assemble seeds and start plants

SPRING GROWING

- loosen soil 6" deep w/fork, mulch will fall into soil
- apply 1lb Gaia Green (4 4 4) per 30 sq. ft.
- work remaining mulch into the soil with cultivator
- planting using effective microorganism culture and mycorrhizal fungi
- add new mulch around plants and keep all soil damp
- coat dampened legume seeds with inoculant
- only use agricultural lime if needed, not Dolomite

Roger Smeeth