

Newsletter of the Highland District Community Association & the Highland Heritage Parks Society

Purpose of HDCA is "to determine democratically the wishes of the property owners and permanent residents of the Highland Land District of the Province of British Columbia, and accordingly take appropriate action to preserve or improve the amenities of the Highland Land District."

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Highland Heritage Parks Society Executive 2005

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Slow Food Event

Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands' Convivium Presents

A casual Sunday afternoon Pot Luck Lunch

Where: Old Highland Schoolhouse, 1589 Millstream

When: Sunday November 6, 2005, 1:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Please bring a local or seasonal dish to share and your choice of beverage.

Please bring your own plates and cutlery.

Wine glasses will be provided.

For more information: call Angela Aarts-Faris 474-5738

COMING EVENTS

HDCA's Kids' Hallowe'en Party

Where: Pike House, 1589 Millstream Rd.

When: Monday, Oct. 31, 7:00-9:00 pm.

We invite you and your kids' to put on your scariest or funniest costume and join us for an alternative to door-to-door trick or treating. Especially fun for young children.

Please bring (peanut-free) treats to share.

Beverages will be provided, including our famously tasty witches' brew.

For more information: call Marcie 474-4725.

All-Candidates' Meetings

Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

West Fire Hall at 1564 Millstream Road

Sponsored by: Westshore Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

East Fire Hall at 3613 Woodridge Place

Sponsored by: Highland District Community Assoc.

Come and meet your candidates:

FOR MAYOR Mark Cardinal
Karel Roessingh

FOR COUNCILLOR Ken Brotherston
Karen Burns
Andrew Fall
Joe Kadar
Elaine Limbrick
Michelle Mahovlich
Jane Mendum
Tara Parkinson
Kenneth Williams
Bev York

HDCA presents The Night Sky with Sid Sidhu

When: November 4th, 2005

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Caleb Pike House, 1589 Millstream Road

The evening will begin with a slide presentation followed by an opportunity to view the night sky through a telescope.

Admission is by donation.

Please dress appropriately. The event will be held rain or dusk.

For more information: call Angela Aarts-Faris at 474-5738
Sid Sidhu is a member of the Royal Astronomical Society. We are delighted to introduce this spectacular evening and would like to invite adults or children with an interest in astronomy or a curiosity about the night sky.

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HIGHLANDS EMERGENCY LOCAL PREPAREDNESS

Your neighbours are mobilizing to form neighbourhood pods for self-help during an emergency under the sponsorship of the HDCA and Val Fletcher, Highlands' Emergency Preparedness Co-ordinator. Val is also helping us with materials, demonstrations, and suggestions. Group leaders volunteer to organize 15-20 households to be self-sufficient in times of emergency. In the Highlands, this might mean wildfire or earthquake.

NEIGHBOURHOOD REPORTS

Some groups have already met, and others will meet soon. There are many areas of the Highlands that still need leaders.

Hazlitt Creek Road/Old Mossy Road—Evelyn Samuel
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A small group met on September 25 at Evelyn and Michael's house for a pot-luck lunch. We sat outside in the sunshine, finding it hard to believe that this beautiful world could be upset by disaster. Val gave a short demonstration of a household emergency kit. Neighbours filled in forms giving resources that they would share in an emergency. These included medical aid, chain saws, a bobcat, potable water, etc. We discussed alternate escape routes. The group will meet again in the new year.

Millstream Road (Upper)--Marcie McLean
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First and Second Lakes—Bob McMinn
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The First and Second Lake Pod of HELP held an inaugural meeting at Kindwood, the home of Scott Richardson and Libby McMinn, 499 Millstream Lake Road on Sept. 23. About a third of potential Pod residents were able to attend. Val gave a valuable demonstration of the items that it would be advisable for each household to have on hand in case of an emergency. Services might be cut off for days or weeks following the big one, during which time residents would have to be self sufficient. Another meeting is planned for the new year. We expect to have a higher attendance if we can phone everyone ahead of time to confirm a date when most people can attend. Nevertheless, we have started raising awareness.

Caleb Pike West--Holly Percy
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Highland Estates South--Michelle Mahovich
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Finlayson Arm Road--Wendy Major
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Emergencies in the Highlands—WHEN not if!!

We have recently seen so many huge disasters—tsunami, hurricane, earthquake on TV. Here, in the Highlands, **our time will come** and, as we see from TV, it is sometimes days before anyone can come to help. We have very strong resources in the people who live here, and we can help ourselves if we are prepared.

What are neighbourhood pods doing?

See the names of your neighbourhood pod leaders and short reports of meetings held in some areas of the Highlands. Neighbourhoods decide what they need to do to prepare for emergencies in their area.

Can you be a neighbourhood pod leader?

Being a pod leader is not hard—you get a lot of help from the HDCA's HELP program and from Val Fletcher. It's a great way to get to know your neighbours and to plan social/educational events in your area. Call Evelyn Samuel – 478-6544 if you'd like to know more.

Training available for neighbourhood pods

Val Fletcher is interested in knowing how many people would like emergency training, such as first aid, ham radio, building inspection, etc. Contact your neighbourhood pod leader if you're interested.

Stag Road and Fork Lake--Eric Bonham

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The Fork Lake (HELP) Program was announced on August 13th, 2005 at the Fork Lake annual summer social event. The program was outlined by Eric Bonham, the Fork Lake HELP contact person, and it was agreed at the gathering that the residents around the lake should meet again to specifically discuss the program in more detail with Val Fletcher. There are 21 homes identified within the Fork Lake HELP and Neighbourhood Watch program, homes that would become very dependent upon each other for assistance in the case of a serious emergency. The meeting to discuss the HELP program and Neighbourhood Watch program will be held at Len Tolson's cabin, 5226 Munns Road, on Sunday, December 4, 2005 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Upper Munn Road--Elaine Limbrick

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The meeting took place on a sunny Sunday afternoon in early October. About 10 people showed up out of 45 invited. Even our emergency coordinator had forgotten! however, he rushed over and gave a very good demonstration of an emergency kit. We have key points covered for wildfire look outs (on top of hills). It was a pleasant social gathering. I will be collecting information forms in the near future. It is important to get the telephone trees established.

Stewart Mountain Road

Karen Carle 391-1914 johkar@shaw.ca

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Teanook Lake/Lost Lake Road

Sue Johnson 474-1349 charlie_sue@telus.net

Jeannette Welham 490-0405 jjwelham@hotmail.com

In July, the Teanook Lake/ Lost Lake Road neighbourhood got together for a pot luck BBQ and initial HELP meeting. It was a great evening with 12 of 15 families attending. Everyone was most enthusiastic about the idea of getting prepared for an emergency and were pleased to meet new neighbours. A telephone tree has been created and copies will be distributed to everyone. The general consensus was that we all needed to have each others' phone number and address.

Millstream Road(lower)--Sheila Taylor

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River Road--Marcela Strasdass

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Highland District Community Association Service

The HDCA is active in the Highlands community in several ways:

- We hold events such as the Hallowe'en House, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Community Roadside Cleanup, and various information events (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch, Wildfire Interface).
- We volunteer our services to help the community (e.g. trying to establish landscaping around the municipal hall).
- We are sponsoring the formation of neighbourhood HELP groups to mobilize neighbourhoods to be self-sufficient during an emergency.



Marcie McLean serving Witch's Brew last Hallowe'en.

HIGHLAND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Consider joining the HDCA. A dedicated group of volunteers can make a difference in a community. Even if you don't have time to help, your membership will help to support the Association financially.

Membership Fee is annual: \$5.00 per person; \$9.00 per household.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Please make your cheques payable to Highland District Community Association and send to:
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