



THE HIGHLANDER Spring/Summer 2009

Newsletter of the Highland District Community Association (HDCA) & the Highland Heritage Parks Society (HHPS)

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."
Purpose of the HHPS: is the preservation and ongoing care and maintenance of the Caleb Pike Homestead and Heritage Orchard.

COMING EVENTS

Come out to the events, and meet your neighbours. Support YOUR community volunteer organizations with time or resources.

March 28th



Country Dancing

The Highland Heritage Park Society is planning another Scottish Country Dance in the Old Schoolhouse on Saturday, March 28. Mary Ross will provide the music and Bob Anderson will again lead us through the steps. You are invited to a pot-luck supper at 6 pm, followed by dancing from 7:30 to 9:30pm.

Please phone or e-mail Bob (250) 478-4403 bobmcminn@shaw.ca or Daphne (250) 478 7338 daffjim@telus.net to confirm arrangements.

**Thursday, April 2nd
7 - 9 PM**



CRD Septic Savvy Workshop

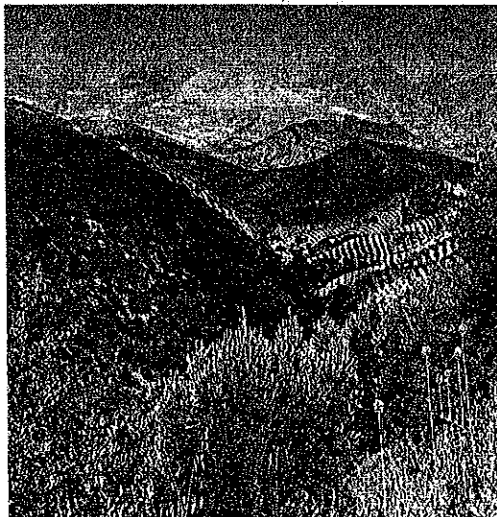
Got a toilet on the property? Live in the Highlands? Odds are that you are treating your waste water through a septic system to ensure our drinking water from the underlying aquifer is not contaminated by your outflow!

The CRD offers this free workshop for residents on how to care for your septic system. Learn how to protect the environment and your health while saving money.

For more info. call or email CRD hotline at 250.360.3030 or hotline @crd.bc.ca
The Old School House 1589 Millstream Road

**April 15th, 2009
7:30 PM**

Pike House 1589 Millstream Road



HDCA Annual General Meeting

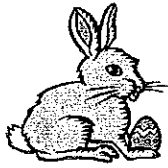
**Followed by: "The Natural City"
Featuring Vic Derman**

Guest speaker Vic Derman, District of Saanich Councilor and CRD Director will offer a presentation on "the Natural City", a refreshingly different perspective to land use and community planning with an exciting, yet practical vision for Victoria and its environs. Integrating the objectives of the Regional Growth Strategy with the ever increasing challenge of Climate Change, Vic identifies the need for a collaborative approach, to protect and enhance the Quality of Life and Place in the CRD. The concept is a bold one that envisions Victoria and its surrounds as among the most attractive, livable and, above all else, sustainable medium sized urban areas in the world. Join us on April 15th and contribute to a stimulating debate on this creative initiative !

For more information contact: Scott Richardson @ (250) 478-2526

**Sunday, April 12th,
11:00 AM**

Pike House 1589 Millstream Rd.



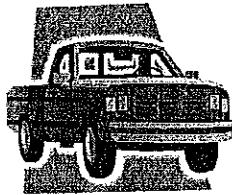
The Highlands Annual Easter Egg Hunt

All Highlanders Welcome

Please bring "nut-free" treats to hide, or finger food to share.
Beverages provided. Everyone is welcome! Rain or shine.

*Organized by the Highland District Community Association
Contact Marcie @ 474-4725*

Saturday, April 18th.



Highlands Scotch Broom and Gorse Removal

Meet at 9:30am Pike House.

Broom is our most common invasive species and it is high time to cut back the broom again.

Mission: to cut pull and clear broom away from Highlands Road Way, or Municipal Park.

Bring: Tools such as loppers; puller brush blade; etc.

Pickup Trucks Needed: for transport of cut broom to Highest Recycling (Chew's) at 1943 Millstream between 11:00 and 3:00 - same day.

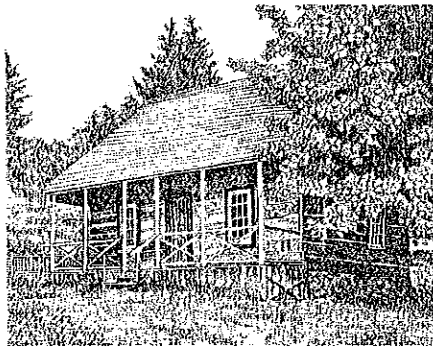
Call: Marcie 474-4725

sponsored by Highlands Stewardship Foundation and HDCA

Note: During same day and hours Highland residents may transport broom from their own land to 1943 Millstream for disposal without charge. Ensure load is tied down.

**Tuesday, April 28th,
7:30 PM**

Pike House
1589 Millstream Road



Richard Mackie

"Island Time: A Brief History of Vancouver Island"

Followed by: Highland Heritage Park Society AGM

Our heritage lecture will be by Richard Somerset Mackie who is an award-winning historian and biographer. His books include The Wilderness Profound, Island Timber, Mountain Timber and the 2009 publication Mountain Timber: The Comox Logging Company in the Vancouver Island Mountains. He has taught creative non-fiction at Simon Fraser University and Canadian history at the University of Victoria and Vancouver Island University.

For more information contact: Eric 250 652-1466

2nd Saturday of the Month



Highlands' Coffee House

Pike House - 7:30 PM

Highlands' Coffee House organized by Brian and Zhinoos Armstrong since 1998. This monthly arts and entertainment strives to bring families, young and old, neighbours and friends together, so that bonds of kinship, friendship and mutual understanding grows in our beautiful Highlands community.

For more info.: Contact Zhinoos (250) 727-9561

Saturday May 2nd
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



HDCA Community Clean Up of Highlands Public Land and Main Road Sides

Volunteer clean up of garbage, tossed metal, tires, & miscellaneous items from main road sides & municipal parks. Garbage bags provided. To reserve a section of a main road prior to the Saturday or, for more info, please call Marcie @ (250) 474-4725. Join in a "pot luck" breakfast from 9:00 to 9:30 AM at the Pike House, 1589 Millstream Rd. There you may select a section of main road, get some garbage bags, a pair of rubber gloves, have breakfast and meet your neighbours.

If you cannot bring your collected garbage back to the Pike House, then please leave it on a main roadside location where it can be safely retrieved by 1:00 PM May 2nd. Thanks for your care.

Main roads are Millstream; Finlayson Arm; Millstream Lake; Munn and Ross-Durance.
 Organized by HDCA.

Coming Soon!



Highlands Green Map

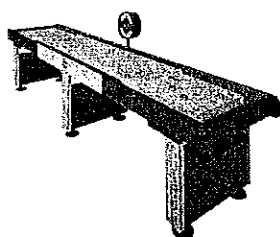
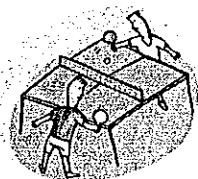
Celebrating: "Highlands Green Spaces and Heritage"

The Highlands Community Green Map will be published this Spring. Watch for announcements of launching parties. At a recent Green Mapping Conference at UVic, the Highlands map was praised as an outstanding example of community mapping combining the scientific, social and artistic features of the green mapping experience. The Highlands can be proud of this community achievement which sets a model that other municipalities can follow. Look for a copy for each household soon with other copies for property residents available through the Municipal Office.

Sponsored by the HDCA and the West Shore Arts Council with a grant from UBCM

Fridays* 6:30 - 8:30 PM

*Until May 2nd - Early start April 10th



Highlands Youth Program

Come & Join The Fun!

Meet at: Old School House Basement

Everyone Welcome!

In partnership with JDF, activities are available Friday evenings March 27th, April 3rd, 17th, and 24th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Old Schoolhouse basement for youth 6 yrs and up.

April 10th Swimming - Pick Up at Schoolhouse 5:30 pm

For more information contact:

Amy at West Shore Parks and Recreation (250) 478-8384 Ext 2261 or

Bob Highland Heritage Park Society (250) 478-4403 or bobmcminn@shaw.ca

School House 1589 Millstream Rd.

Volunteers Needed Highlands Fair!



Thursdays July and August 2009



HIGHLANDS FLING 2009

Help Wanted. If you enjoyed the Highlands Fling in previous years, you are invited to help organize the 2009 Highlands Fling proposed for September 13.

To become part of the organizing committee contact Daphne at (250) 478-7338 or daffjim@telus.net indicating what you would like to help with.

Summer Youth Program

Westshore Parks and Recreation Roving Play Park will be coming to the Highlands Twinflower Park again this summer.

10:00 AM for Pre-school age

11:00 - 3:00 PM for school age.

Broom Puller for Rent

The HDCA has a broom puller available for one day rental free to any HDCA Members.

Contact Scott Richardson at (250) 478-2526

The Pike House...



Highland Heritage School House...



Available for Rental...

The Highland Heritage School House And Pike House

Are you or someone you know looking for a character venue for a personal or community event?

The Pike House and the Highland Heritage School House are available for rental for birthday parties, weddings, or other private celebrations.

For rental rates and bookings, please phone 474-7601.

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