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**Dunbar Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting
Civic Candidates' Meeting**

Monday, November 14, 2011

7:00 – 10:00 PM

St. Philip's Church

3737 West 27th Avenue

Agenda

7:00 Business meeting including election of 2011/2012 Directors

7:30 Candidates' Meeting

- Candidates' comments
- Prepared Questions
- Questions from the floor
- Meet the candidates over coffee, tea and cookies

Please check our website
www.dunbar-vancouver.org
for more information.



DUNBAR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Dunbar Residents' Association (DRA) publishes this newsletter. The DRA is a registered non-profit society formed in 1989 as a forum for the concerns of the Dunbar community. Volunteers deliver over 6,000 copies of the newsletter three times each year (February, June, and October) plus the Salmonberry Days calendar (April) to every house and business in Dunbar.

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DRA Membership and Meetings

Membership in the DRA is \$20/household/year (\$10 if a household member is 65 or over) and runs from October to September. Monthly DRA meetings take place the first Tuesday of the month at the Dunbar Community Centre. You can also see our website for the schedule (www.dunbar-vancouver.org). To be put on the agenda, call the DRA phone line, 604-222-9824.

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Dunbar Neighbours Sharing Information

— Greg Joyce

“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family” – Kofi Annan, seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, 2001 Nobel Peace Prize.

When Kofi Annan wrote those words, he was of course thinking of the Big Picture. But his words hold true everywhere, in every region, in every neighbourhood – including Dunbar.

Whether you’re a long-time Dunbar resident or have recently moved here, there is knowledge and information only a few keyboard strokes away on the Dunbar Neighbours web ListServ. Sometimes called a Mailing List, an information site, or simply a chatline, the purpose and advantages are the same - to keep abreast of issues in Dunbar and issues affecting Dunbar residents.

In addition to staying on top of issues that affect you and your family, it’s also an invaluable tool to find advice and recommendations if you’re in need of a mechanic, painter, housecleaner, electrician, or someone to build a fence or deck; you name it. Others can send you their recommendations and opinions. Or perhaps you have interesting facts to share about our neighbourhood, including history, organic gardening, or



recent crime concerns. It's also a great forum to announce upcoming events or to find a new home for an unwanted item.

Hundreds of Dunbar residents already have subscribed at <http://dunbar-vancouver.org/neighbours-mailing-list> and more are certainly welcome. When you go to the site above, you'll see a statement of the behavior that is expected of you and an easy-to-follow form to fill out. An important note: The subscribers' list is only available to the list administrator.

Once you've signed up, a message can be posted to all other list members by sending an email to neighboursdunbar-vancouver.org. You can subscribe to the list, or change your existing subscription by filling out a form you will see that asks for your email address.

"Information is the seed of an idea, and only grows when it's watered" - Heinz V. Bergen.

Hospice Opportunity Boutique

— Irene Regan

The HOB (Hospice Opportunity Boutique, a fundraising initiative of the Vancouver Hospice Society) is moving!



Thanks to the amazing support of the community over the past six years, the HOB is moving from its original location (3352 Dunbar Street) to a larger location in order to better serve all of our customers. We are very excited about our bright, new space just up the street (4255 Dunbar Street) and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have helped make the HOB a destination for 'cheap & chic' fashion finds for women of all ages. First, we would like to thank all of you who have donated your lightly used clothes, shoes, bags, and accessories in support of this important cause. Next, we would like to thank our many loyal customers and the local small businesses who welcomed us to the neighbourhood. Finally, we would like to thank our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to provide a special and successful shopping experience to everyone who walks through their door. We look forward to seeing you at our new location!

The Vancouver Hospice Society is raising money to build a

Memo from the treasurer
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME FOR EVERYONE
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Dunbar's Community Currency

You and Dunbar Dollars will strengthen our community by:



-  Raising funds for community groups & charities
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We at the Dunbar Dollar Project are committed to reflecting the personality and spirit of Dunbar in our Dunbar Dollar – we could not make this happen without residents just like you!

Help us design the Dunbar Dollar! Submit all photos, suggestions and opinions to:

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by November 7th, 2011

To learn more about the Dunbar Dollar, please visit our website, www.dunbardollar.com, or see the front-page article in June's edition of this newsletter.

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Sunday Services
 Communion at 8.00am and 10.00am
 Church School and Youth Program at 10.00am



hospice on the westside of Vancouver; ground breaking for the hospice took place this past summer and the building is scheduled to be completed by March 2012.

Auxiliary to BC Children's Hospital Clothing Donation Bin

— Helen Roelefsen

Shoppers Drug Mart 4326 Dunbar

The Auxiliary to BC Children's Hospital wishes to express its sincere appreciation and thanks to the many residents of Dunbar who have donated, and continue to donate, gently used clothing and household items into our clothing donation bin located at Shopper's Drug Mart, 4326 Dunbar. Many, many thanks also to Mr. Lalani of Shoppers Drug.

Who are we?

We are the over 400 volunteers at B.C. Children's Hospital who make the lives of the children, their family and friends, who require the hospital services from clinic visits to longer hospitalization, more comfortable during their stay.

What do we do?

Along with our regular volunteer work at the hospital, we

also raise money through several revenue ventures, such as the clothing donation bin and the Still Fabulous, Thrift Shop located at 3479 Dunbar (across from Tim Horton's). The income generated from these ventures is spent on a variety of programs at the hospital. For example, revenue from our social bottom line fund:

- Doc Willikers (therapeutic clown)
- Treasure Chest (small treats and trinkets for kids at the hospital/clinics)
- \$1 million pledge to the new hospital
- Family Resource Library.
- \$100,000 to Mental Health Building

Where does your charitable clothing donation go?

In our case, this is a "social enterprise", meaning it is a joint venture between two non-profit organizations: The Salvation Army National Recycling Organization and The Auxiliary to BC Children's Hospital. The donated product is collected and



Janet Morningstar

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sorted according to usability & suitability by The Salvation Army for their many social undertakings. By choosing to recycle with us, you are supporting 2 recognized registered charities. Visit our website at www.bcchauxiliary.ca for locations.

Items left outside the bin is both unsightly and costs us money to dispose of, hence, we appreciate your consideration.

Safety Tips from the Dunbar Community Patrol

— by Linda MacAdam, Chairperson of the Dunbar Community Patrol, D5-57 Block Watch Captain

Combustible materials in yards, trees and bushes overhanging the sidewalks, ladders left outside and houses with no lights on after dark: these are situations that our patrollers have noticed that could escalate into serious problems.

This past summer there were several arsons in the westside of Vancouver, including two in Dunbar of which I am aware: a fence and a portapotty next to a laneway house under construction. Two fence panels, an adjacent tree and the portapotty were destroyed. It was very fortunate that these fires were noticed and reported before they did more serious damage. Patrollers have reported a house with firewood scattered over the entire back yard, houses with “potential kindling piles” in the yard and lane, and a house with foot-long tinder-dry grass covering the front yard. In the last case, a carelessly dropped cigarette could result in a serious fire.

Patrollers have also reported trees overhanging the sidewalk. These pose a potentially serious danger for walkers who could walk into a branch and sustain eye injuries; they are even more

dangerous for our visually-impaired neighbours who may not be able to see the branch. There are also many cases of shrubs and hedges overgrowing the sidewalks, making it difficult for wheelchairs and baby strollers to pass by.

Ladders left outside can be used by thieves to enter houses. One Dunbar resident has told me that he keeps his ladder outside chained to an immovable object. He has noticed that during some nights the ladder has been slightly moved, obviously by someone intending to use or steal it.

Finally, dark houses: There are many, many Dunbar residents who leave their houses dark in the evening. This is a clear signal to thieves that the house is unoccupied and makes these houses potential targets for break-ins. The simple solution is to put automatic timers on a lamp or two that would be on in the evenings if the owner were home and leave the timer running all of the time. The lamps will come on and go off whether or not anyone is home, making it harder for a potential thief to determine when the house is unoccupied.

So to make your property and your neighbours safer, please keep easily combustible materials out of your yard and the lane, trim trees and shrubs that are overhanging sidewalks, chain or lock up your ladders and put a lamp inside your house on a timer.

The Vancouver City Police have asked that residents leave their front porch lights on all night, so that officers can orient themselves when trying to find an address in the dark. The light also helps to deter a break-in as thieves do not like a well-lit property.

A black and white advertisement for Clayton-Carroll Real Estate. On the left, a woman (Susan) and a man (Peter) are smiling. The text on the right reads: "Serving the Community since 1987", "Thinking of selling or buying? Call us today!", "SUSAN & PETER Clayton-Carroll", "604.732.1336", "claytoncarroll@telus.net", and "WWW.CLAYTON-CARROLL.COM". The RE/MAX logo is visible in the bottom left corner.



Facility Renewal Update from the Dunbar Community Centre Association

— Erica Levy and Ann Knapp, Dunbar Community Centre Association Board Members

The 2012-2014 capital plan is now public and Park Board is recommending the renewal of only the Marpole-Oakridge community centre. The proposal for this facility includes a community centre, library, daycare and social services, as the city is moving away from building stand-alone community centres, finding it more economical to build integrated community facilities. It may take two capital plan cycles for the Marpole-Oakridge facility to be built, making the wait for renewal of other community centres even longer.

The Capital Plan envelope is much smaller this year and, unless more money is put towards community centre renewal in subsequent capital plans, it will be some time before we see a new community centre in Dunbar.

Although we are very disappointed not to have been chosen for renewal at this time, we encourage everyone to vote for approval of the Capital Plan in the election on November 19, as community centre renewal is important for all Vancouver

residents.

What does your Community Association do?

As many local residents know, the Dunbar Community Centre itself is operated JOINTLY by the Vancouver Park Board and the Dunbar Community Centre Association. When you sign up for a class, you become a member of the Dunbar Community Centre Association, a volunteer-managed, non-profit society and registered charity, whose vision is to represent and advocate for the recreational, social and educational interests of our community.

Financial responsibility for running the centre is shared by Park Board and the DCCA. The Vancouver Park Board uses your tax dollars to pay for grounds and building maintenance, facility utilities, fitness centre and spin cycle room equipment and staff, and most programmer and building supervisor wages.

Using funds generated primarily by programme fees, the Dunbar Community Centre Association pays for everything else, including most program instructors and supplies, front desk staff wages, seniors' programmer wages, child-minding employees, special event subsidies, your Community Centre brochures and office operations. The total dollar value of the Association's activities average about \$1,000,000 annually.

The Dunbar Community Centre Association has also been instrumental in planning and funding:

- Acquisition of new Fitness Centre Equipment
- Construction of the Fitness Centre's Weight Room
- Expansions of programmable space, including construction of the "Dunbar Room"
- Facility asbestos removal
- Needs assessment study and 50% of the funding for the



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Feasibility Study for a new Dunbar Community Centre
 Community Centre furnishings
 Christmas Tree lights and lighting party
 Salmonberry Days fair and November Craft Fair
 Student Bursaries

Your Community Centre Association works hard to provide for the recreational, social and educational needs of our community and to ensure that all its funds are retained for reinvestment in the Dunbar Community Centre.

Coming Up at the Dunbar Community Centre!

Mark Your Calendars for the Dunbar Holiday Craft Fair, Saturday November 26th, 10am-5pm. Admission is \$3.00. There will be 140 artisans, with entertainment and child minding. Profits from the craft fair go to fund youth bursaries, community centre improvements, and support programs.

We are looking for volunteers for upcoming community centre activities:

Craft Fair: Set Up: Friday, November 25;

Event: Saturday, November 26

Breakfast with Santa:

Set Up: Friday, December 9;

Event: Saturday, December 10

For questions or to volunteer for these fun activities, contact dunbar.volunteers@vancouver.ca

Dunbar History Group

— Larry Moore

In early 2009, the Dunbar History Group donated materials related to the research and publication of *The Dunbar Story* (sponsored by the Dunbar Residents' Association) to the City of Vancouver Archives [CVA]. The book has been a great success, making possible a further donation of \$15,000 to the CVA to preserve and to make publicly available the archival materials. The CVA's Archives Manager, Heather Gordon, will report on this completed project at the DRA's Annual General Meeting on November 14th.

Emergency Preparedness

The Dunbar Transition Village, the Dunbar Vision Implementation Committee and the Dunbar Residents' Association have been planning some activities to help the neighbourhood be better prepared in the event of a serious emergency, such as an earthquake. Please watch the Neighbours Mailing List, the website www.dunbar-vancouver.org, and the newsletters for future announcements.

St. Philips Christmas Fair

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Dunbar Community Centre Holiday Craft Fair

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Flu Shots

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4747 Dunbar St
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