

# Shawnigan Focus

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## Oh, Shawnigan...true patriot love!



**Ken Worth**  
*Cadillac Ski School*

Every long running tradition has its start. This is what I recall on how our skiing salute to Canada came about...

July 1st, 2000. After a busy morning of water activity, the bulk of our crew had cleared out. There were just three of us that remained behind to hold down the fort until their return -Me, Donna Jackson and Don Fuller. After an hour or so of soaking up the sun, Don suddenly piped up, "We should do something". "Like what?" "was the response that shot back at him. Don replied..."It's Canada Day. Let's get going!"

And so we did. Don fired up his boat. We found a good sized Canadian flag that we ended up tying on to a broom handle and added some noisemakers brought back from a sports trip a couple of months prior. Don drove his boat with the horn going. Donna was in the back seat with the flag up high, and I was manning the noisemakers! Off we went from the south end, following the shoreline doing a circuit of the lake. It would appear that we were successful in making a big enough spectacle with our homegrown celebration, as I recall

people spotting us from their homes and cottages and immediately they were running down to their wharves waving and smiling and jumping around, partaking in our impromptu celebration of Canada. We had no idea the amount of response our boat tour would create that day.

So that's how the whole show got going. As most of us know, much has changed since then. In 2001 we did the same thing but pulled nine skiers behind the boat and did the circuit again to even greater enthusiasm from the residents. We were on to something. Of course each year the event grew as more people became aware of the "Canada Day celebration on Shawnigan Lake" Progress and involvement by many volunteers has helped to add more boats, skiers, costumes, occasional float planes, music video, etc...All this and more is going on and is a result of the pride involved by all the skiers and residents of Shawnigan Lake who are proud to show their Canadian colours.

I mentioned the skiers and volunteers and that's what this whole event is made up of – a shout out needs to go to the "Shawnigan South Enders". This group got heavily involved with us in the Canada Day festi-

ties early on. They were putting together their own multi skier pulls on July 1st in the mid 90's. Once they brought their skiers into the mix, we all enjoyed increased presence, and skill that created great visual impact. In recent years, the Victoria Aqua Ski Club has joined the action. With their talent pool, they account for a good number of the experienced skiers you see out behind the boats. These two groups have been integral to the ongoing success of the July 1st celebration.

The entire event is really a fun time for the water skiing community of Shawnigan Lake. Plenty of laughs for all and good spirits are evident. The skiers and boat crews alike sharpen their skills while everyone is showing their Canadian pride. We often hear this referred to as the "boat parade" or something along those lines. For quite some time now it has been known as the "100 MAN PULL!" Our Shawnigan record so far? 37 skiers up behind three boats doing the circuit. Doesn't 100 sound better than 37? We think so! Story telling is part of the sport!

At any rate, the next time you have a group sitting around relaxing and someone says "we should do something", my advice is to go for it!



## We love a parade...



Photos by Dave Hutchinson



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It is with sadness that we mark  
the passing of Nancy Rose-  
borough on June 18, 2016.  
Many Shawnigan residents  
will remember Nancy as the  
loving force behind the "Auld  
Kirk Gallery" in Shawnigan.

Nancy and Frank Rosebor-  
ough met at Queen's Uni-  
versity, where she completed  
her Nursing Science degree.

## Nancy Roseborough

Together they raised a family  
of five children. The Rosebor-  
ough's had a summer home at  
Shawnigan and, in the early  
1980s, bought the decommis-  
sioned All Saint's Anglican  
Church in the Shawnigan  
Village. For two years, they  
painstakingly worked to  
restore the building to its  
former splendor.

The building, and the gal-  
lery, became a jewel in the  
community where Nancy pro-  
moted works of local artists  
and artisans. The Auld Kirk  
Gallery became the home of  
the Shawnigan Artists Group  
and significant artists, includ-  
ing the late E.J. Hughes, Pat  
Martin Bates, Dorothy Ox-  
borough and Robert Amos,  
were among the talented art-

ists who contributed to Gal-  
lery showings. The opening  
of the E.J. Hughes Exhibit at  
the gallery in 1994, was the  
only opening of any of his  
shows that Hughes attended.

The Roseborough's sold  
the Gallery after more than  
twenty years of enriching the  
community, and encouraging  
artists of all levels. The build-  
ing is now privately owned.

Nancy summed up the  
real meaning of the Auld  
Kirk Gallery in these words,  
"Working within the gallery  
is like working in the light  
and beauty of life."

Nancy is survived by  
Frank, her husband of 61  
years, her five children and  
her twin sister.



Nancy with E.J. Hughes at the  
Auld Kirk Gallery

## Notice Board

### Vandalism & Garbage

Porta-potty and picnic  
table in Elsie Miles Park  
vandalized.



White Ford 350 truck  
spotted dropping garbage  
on S. Shawnigan Road.



Police notified.



### 4th Annual Canadian Women's Ride Day

July 17th, 2016

Registration 9am  
at Country Grocer

Cobble Hill

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**It's Bear season!**  
Don't feed the bears  
Keep your garbage  
secured.

**Mark your calendar**  
**August 14th**  
**Heritage Fair**  
**Elsie Miles Park**

**The Focus turned  
six in April!**  
**Thank you for  
supporting our  
community paper**





# Shawnigan Focus ~ Letters to the Editor

## Bylaw Infraction Public Meeting

On May 31st, I attended a meeting along with approximately 120 residents of our community. Also in attendance was a number of staff from the CVRD.

I was amazed to hear a statement from the head of the planning department when he said that all complaints regarding Bylaw infractions are prioritized and dealt with in the appropriate manner.

I did not live in this community at the time that the CVRD was created. However, I do believe that the CVRD went into contract with the citizens here to provide a certain number, and quality, of services in exchange for a portion of tax dollars collected.

After residing here now for twenty years, I am still trying figure out what services the CVRD are actually providing. Also, in regards to zoning infractions, who is the individual that prioritizes these zoning violations? Is it the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, the head of the Bylaw or the Planning Department The Area Director? Are there certain thresholds or criteria that must be met? If so, then I believe that the public has a right to know just what they are.

Does a loud stereo trump a barking dog? Or, an oversized garden shed trump an over height fence? Does a rock retaining wall along the shoreline trump a dock that is a navigational hazard? Does a sawmill operation trump an automobile scrap yard? Or, does the CVRD pick and choose whom they decide to pursue? If the latter is the case, then I assure you that the CVRD is not fulfilling the contract that they made with the citizens of this community.

After purchasing a copy of Zoning Bylaw 985, and reading it thoroughly, I believe that there were a large number of people at the May 31st meeting that are in violation of zoning Bylaws, including some of the vocal opponents to the application put forward that evening.

I continue to find it somewhat amazing that people living in glass houses are still throwing stones at their good neighbours.

~Bill Savage

## Increasing Water Rates

Dear Editor,

Please find a survey regarding rate increases by Shawnigan Village Waterworks at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/N639HBF](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N639HBF)

The purpose is to gather community thoughts on this topic. Respondents are anonymous and collective results are immediately made visible.

I have significant concerns &

questions for our community. In order to accommodate plant upgrades, Shawnigan residents received notice from Shawnigan Village Waterworks that rates would be increasing from \$84 to \$136, bi-monthly, which is over a 61% increase.

This increase represents costs rising from \$500 to over \$800/year for water to drink and bathe.

If, however, one goes over their quota of water, overage fees are charged. My own bill has been over my quota due to watering my veggies and plants. I commute out of the community 5 days per week! It doesn't take much to go over.

By contrast, can consumers benefit from conservation practices and receive a credit? It seems only fair that if we are charged for too much use, we can curtail our use and then benefit from conservative water practices.

How will a 61% increase, to over \$800, affect families that generally do use more water? If you're reading this article, have you asked what your water bill was for last year, then multiplied by an additional 61%? This could be your projected cost for water! How will this increase impact:

- ★ Families?
- ★ Retired couples who are home most of the time?
- ★ People who work from home?
- ★ Stay at home parents?
- ★ As a resident, I have questions & concerns:

Since the plant upgrades will be happening in three phases, how can a rate increase also follow a schedule of phased-in rate hikes?

How can our bills reflect both the cost of the new plant AND the cost of our water? Consumers are entitled to transparency regarding for what we are paying.

Once the plant is paid for, that cost to the consumer should also come off the bill.

As new homes are built, consumers should see a decrease in the cost passed onto them for the plant because the plant cost will then be distributed across a larger population base.

How will consumers of Shawnigan Village Waterworks be assured this new plant will be effectively removing all the possible projected contaminants from the water, due to the SIA contaminated soil site?

How will this monitoring of water from the new plant be made TRANSPARENT so that the water we are paying for will be water that is acceptable for drinking?

What happens to the plant we are paying for when the

good folks at Shawnigan Village Waterworks retire?

Given these concerns, is it fair to introduce competition into to see who can deliver transparently monitored safe drinking water, at an affordable rate, with credit given for water conservation and with accountability for decreasing costs as the population base grows and the building loan is paid off?

If you'd like to have input on this topic, please take the survey at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/N639HBF](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N639HBF)

~A concerned Shawnigan Resident

## Rates upped for much needed upgrades.

Dear Editor,

It would be nice if we all lived in Lake Cowichan. There they have water, sewer, garbage pick-up and recycling, that is charged out once or twice a year by the town. That's because they are a town. Here in Shawnigan Lake we don't have that luxury because we aren't incorporated. Now to the meat of the subject.

The Village Waterworks are upping their rate for much needed up grades.

The whole system was started by Mr. Ray Dougan who originally provided water for a few people in the village core. Over the years more and more people asked to be included which he obliged. To my understanding some of these very old pipelines run through people's property instead of along the sides of roads because it was the shortest route to go from the lake to the houses.

Now fast forward many, many years to our current owners. The system is very old in some areas of the village and is in dire need of newer larger pipes and increased water pressure. There are so many houses on it now that there is a need for more water towers to store water for servicing these households. I imagine that those poor pumps run at full capacity everyday and all day trying to keep up with the consumption of our community. The intake in the lake probably needs to be moved out further into deeper waters to be able to keep up with the demands of our usage.

Unfortunately all of these changes cost money. Big money. I would love to be able to have my water rates stay the same however I am not prepared to go without this vital service.

Time moves on, all things cannot remain the same as it once was. So we must accept that all of these upgrades are necessary and bite the bullet with the rates going up. Hopefully it will be many more years before the next set of improvements are needed.

~Anna Ruttan

## Water rates increase by approx 61%?!

I sent an email regarding Lidstech Ltd.'s request to increase rates by approx. 61 percent. The notice indicates this is just an estimate to upgrade the system based on initial estimates from the 2013 order to upgrade. That was over two years ago. So this means actual cost could be higher. The notice makes no indication that this will be phased in. It also does not consider adjustments based on residential growth. Upgrades also do not factor in any type of heavy metal filtration and monitoring as a result of the toxic soil dump now in the watershed since the CVRD order to upgrade.

Residents had until June 15th to voice their concerns. That was the date of the rate increase hearing with the water controller office. I sent an email to Sonia Fursteneau as well. She may have more info in this regard.

I understand that upgrades are required. It's the process that is being invoked without any consideration to phase in the increase. Once its there, it stays. It won't reduce once the upgrade work costs are recovered.

Shawnigan Lake Resident, Since 1999

## Bear Advice

Dear Editor,

I'm glad you asked your readers to share about bears. I'm from rural Nelson and have lived around bears my entire life. I might have a few tips! And I do have a bear story or two.

Since moving here in 2013 I have had three bear encounters while hiking around Shawnigan Lake; once behind Shawnigan Lake School and twice at the Quarry on Thain road (once with a cub). Sharing this info with other hikers they seemed to be complacent about this which always concerns me. My son-in-law Jeff was attacked by a Grizzly bear while at work as a Forest Technician in the Kootenay Lake watershed.

If attacked, black or grizzly, my first piece of advice I can offer is FIGHT! Do not run, do not climb a tree, and do not play dead; BE BIG and fight for your life.

(Editor's Note: Advice can vary. For example, some experts do advise playing dead if attacked by a mother grizzly defending her cubs.)

Jeff fought with a kick to the bear's nose with his cork boots, and with his partner in range to fire bear spray, the bear ran off. Jeff's work partner was able to get him under a large deadfall while she ran a couple of kilometers to radio for help. Jeff was seriously injured but he has survived. Jeff is a recognized Canadian hero. He stepped in

front of this bear to protect his female partner; he would not allow a hunt to kill this bear as they were on its turf (Reader's Digest 2007).

I still get emotional remembering this. Trust me, you never want to hear your child's voice over the phone telling you their spouse (or any loved one) has been seriously attacked by a bear. This was a grizzly but please understand that black bears do attack and have been known to do a 'spree attack' killing numerous people at a time. This occurred in August 1997 at Liard River Hot Springs Provincial Park.

## So, some of the rules on the farm and while hiking were adhered to strictly:

- ★ We had no garbage pick-up and had to take our garbage to a Transfer Station in Nelson. Nelson's mountains are too steep for a land-fill so garbage is trucked out.
- ★ We froze all our food garbage that was not compostable and could not be fed to chickens, dogs or cats; then bagged it up the day of the trip to town. If you have pick-up, put your garbage can out that morning.
- ★ Wash all your food, milk, juice containers and wrappers that (now) go into re-cycling bins.
- ★ Keep all pet food inside. If you have livestock like we did, keep their food inside. We kept it in the barn in an old deep-freeze that was locked. This also helps to keep the raccoons away. Both bears and raccoons are highly dexterous. Bears are very strong; they could tip that freezer over trying to get into it.
- ★ Hot wire your chicken coop and rabbit hutches. We attached a metal panel to the door and ran a hot wire to the coop door and put our rabbit hutches inside the barn.
- ★ Shake down all your fruit trees – some food share organizations will come pick your trees.
- ★ Carry bear spray when hiking; you may think bear bells are enough. They are not! A bear is going to smell you long before he hears that bell.
- ★ Carry your bear spray in a holster at your hip. If we are in deep woods; like the local (Renfrew Road) Ancient Forest on the Koksilah, I carry my bear spray in my hand with the safety off and my finger on the trigger. This has become second nature to me. My son-in-law could not get to his bear spray in time; the bear was on him



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as he was almost ready to fire the spray and bear bit right through his hand.

Have control over your

dog, an irritated bear and an uncontrolled dog add up to trouble. A bear may chase your scared dog right back to you.

On CHEK News I recently saw that there are four bears in our neighborhood at Shawnigan Lake. So please do your best to not attract them.

Attempts to relocate bears are typically unsuccessful as black bears seem often able to return to their home range. It makes me incredibly sad

to hear another bear has been shot!

Be Safe and Save a Bear!

~ Joanne Wallace

## The looming Climate Refugee crisis

**Award winning essay by Mireta Strandberg-Salmon, Grade 11**

The Syrian refugee crisis has been in the headlines, but many of us don't realize that the same problem affects millions of people around the world. Last year, 19 million people from over 100 countries were displaced due to climate change. Every second, one person around the world is forced to leave their home because of extreme weather events such as flooding, drought, desertification, and rising sea levels.

The current Syrian refugee crisis arose in part due to the long period of drought from 2006 to 2010 as this resulted in increased food prices, displacement, and indignation toward the Al Assad regime. Clearly, climate-induced migration is a real and pressing issue that is affecting all of humanity today –

yet there is no internationally recognized policy outlining the definition, rights, or security of a climate refugee.

Since 2008, climate change has displaced an average of 26 million people a year, and is expected to force the migration of an estimated half a billion people over the next hundred years. The increase in the burning of fossil fuels, resource extraction, human consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions is having adverse effects on the global climate.

Cyclone Pam ravaged the small island state of Vanuatu in 2015 displacing 3,300 people. There is ongoing desertification across the African Sahel leading to food insecurity and displacement of 3.5 million people to date. These are two examples of human catastrophes brought on by

climate change.

A key issue that is unresolved is the definition of a "climate refugee". The 1951 UN Convention defines refugees as people who have left their home country and cannot return due to a "well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion." This definition ignores the plight of climate refugees – it does not include the families and communities searching for protection from the onslaught of climate change. Refugees seeking asylum from extreme weather events and the effects of global warming are not guaranteed the same legal protections, rights, safety, and security as those escaping war and persecution. This is wrong. Those forced to flee their homes and communities face many

risks, including discrimination, exploitation, violence, lack of access to public services and employment, poverty and the loss of family ties.

While climate change was the focus of the recent Paris conference, the unsteady futures of those living in areas vulnerable to the impacts of climate change were not addressed in the final climate change agreement.

The looming climate refugee crisis demands the attention of countries, governments, and communities worldwide. An international, collaborative response is necessary to reduce the impacts of climate change on developing countries, and to ensure the futures of those facing extreme environmental hazards. By pursuing early measures now, society can avert an otherwise inevitable collective crisis. We all stand to benefit.

## We're going to the Philippines and we need your help

**Taryn Treloar**  
*International Association for Transformation*

My name is Taryn Treloar and I am 32 years old with an almost 5 year old son named Declan and a pug named Dax.

I have been an active community member in Shawnigan Lake for the last five years. I volunteer with the local paper doing the layout (The Shawnigan Focus) and I am a volunteer and board member with a local charity, International Association for Transformation (IAT).

For Declan's birthday party this year, instead of gifts, he would like to receive donations from friends, family and local businesses to take with us when we head to the Philippines in December for a month with other IAT board members to

help impoverished children and orphans. We will also meet our sponsor son, Dwanny. *(If unforeseeable events occur that prevent us from going, all of our fundraising will go directly to IAT to sponsor children in the Philippines.)*

Over the last four years Declan has been going to daycare at Starchild Centre in Cobble Hill. This place is wondrously beautiful and spiritual. Such an emphasis is placed on nurturing children's individual needs and creativity as well as loving and respecting nature. These values come from the owners of the childcare centre, David and Petra Durrance.

While visiting the Philippines in 1973, David began sponsoring a number of orphans at schools and universities. In 1979, Petra, an orphan who

David had sponsored through nursing school, graduated with the intentions of assisting others like herself. Bonded through a shared belief that destiny had brought them together to help others, the couple establish IAT as a non-denomination, non-profit organization that provides sponsorship and development programs for children in the Philippines.

Once learning David and Petra's story, I was interested in supporting this important cause. David and Petra noticed my interest in being involved in IAT, wherein they asked if I would like to join their board. I was officially elected as Secretary Treasurer in April 2016.

### Who is IAT?

Founded in 1979 as a non-profit service society, and based in Mill Bay, British Columbia, Canada, IAT has had ongoing programs in Canada and the Philippines for the past 36 years.

### Child Support:

IAT's Sponsorship Program, since its beginning in 1980, has focused on assisting orphans and the poorest of the poor - those whose parents or guardian's major concern is, "How am I going to feed my children tomorrow?"

IAT's focus is upon a holistic and sustainable approach to development and Youth empowerment. As a result IAT now has young program graduates in more than 50 villages in several areas of the Philippines.

### IAT's primary focus:

- ★ Multicultural Youth



Taryn & Declan



Petra & David

Development and Leadership Training

- ★ Environmental Protection and Restoration
- ★ Tropical Agriculture and Organic Farming

### IAT Mission:

*To raise the awareness of humanity concerning global conditions and to support its efforts toward creating a peaceful, pollution-free world with an abundant standard of living for all.*

### What will Declan and I be doing in the Philippines:

- ★ Providing support to IAT staff on the compound and in remote villages
- ★ Updating existing structures and determining future structural goals
- ★ Meeting our sponsor son, Dwanny
- ★ Sharing culture

Our 'kickoff' fundraising event is on Sunday, July 10th and we're hoping to raise \$5000.00 before we head to the Philippines in December.

Declan, myself and IAT would be thrilled if you would consider sponsoring our charity and/or our upcoming fundraising event. This event is a huge opportunity for us to bring awareness to this amazing cause.

**We are seeking money donations, goods and gift certificates/cards for our fundraising event.**

~Taryn & Declan

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Happy summer, Shawnigan.

# Shawnigan Weather June 2016

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network ~ compiled by Grant Treloar

	June Stats	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Normal High	19.6	22.9	26.3	21.4	24.7	21.7	25.3	21.9	24.3
Normal Low	9.7	10.9	11.8	10.3	11.1	11.1	12.4	10.9	11.7
Highest Temp	35.6	34.4	35.0	32.3	34.1	33.3	35.2	31.5	34.0
Lowest Temp	0.0	5.7	8.2	4.8	7.0	5.8	8.2	5.5	7.5
Precipitation	40.2	26.4	5.0	25.3	2.7	26.2	3.2	25.8	4.0
Days w precip	10	10	2	7	2	8	2	8	2
Precip since Jan 1 (mm)	644.9	690.8	530.4	732.9	506.2	616.0	447.5	714.2	492.0
Since 1914: 12 <sup>th</sup> warmest 42 <sup>nd</sup> wettest									
Lake Temperature: Lake Level Change:		June 5 <sup>th</sup> : 19° June 5 <sup>th</sup> : 0cm	June 12 <sup>th</sup> : 19° June 12 <sup>th</sup> : -2.5cm	June 19 <sup>th</sup> : 17° June 19 <sup>th</sup> : -2.5cm	June 26 <sup>th</sup> : 21° June 26 <sup>th</sup> : -1cm				

***"You give but little when you give of your possessions."***

*It is when you give of yourself that you truly give - Kahil Gibran*

# BC PROVINCIAL WATER SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

**@ Shawnigan Lake - August 6 & 7**

### 3 EVENTS

## Slalom ★ Trick ★ Jumping

**Saturday (Aug 6) 7:00 to 4:00**

**Sunday (Aug 7) 7:00 to 2:00**

## AWARDS TO FOLLOW

**Competition Registration \* - \$35 for one Event**  
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# Shawnigan Lake (Area B) Parks Commission

by Gaileen Flaman

The most recent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was a goodie with input and action from various members of the community. The first delegation was the Shawnigan Village Committee with a community-driven conceptual proposal for the development of Elsie Miles Park. The Parks Commission has marked this as a priority project with the support of the CVRD Parks Department. In early spring, 2012, Bruce Fraser, then Area B Director, created the Shawnigan Village Committee (SVC) to bring ideas together for the Village as a whole and to create a vision

for a Village Green park on the grounds. Since then, there has been consultation and design work done with architect Christine Lintott through 2012 and 2013, with storyboards on display in the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre for feedback. Then, in 2015 Co-design consulting facilitated significant public visioning at the Shawnigan Gathering with 80-100 people participating. Other events include InspireFest, PoetryFest and a village Placemaking event encouraging further public participation, adding to the list of desirable “wants and do’s” for the property.

The current vision ensures the space is welcoming to all

ages encouraging educational, imaginative and leisure activities with a green and sustainable design that is inclusive and open-ended. Design elements include infrastructure to support special events; artwork; natural play elements; native plant landscaping; and a large timber multipurpose structure, as well as other components. When the Commission reconvenes in mid-September, it will decide on a final conceptual plan and present it to the public for final input throughout October.

A second delegation reminded us of the need for risk assessment, and safety features, in and around our parks. The residents in the neighbourhood of Galland Park expressed concern of speeding vehicles using the road alongside the park. It seems it’s not the residents so much as the commercial vehicle drivers attending to construction sites beyond the



neighbourhood that seem to be the offenders. Measures being looked into include signage for the park, painted curbs and a split rail fence. In the meantime, residents and those guests to our homes can be reminded of the need to slow down in playground areas.

Lastly, an announcement made by Area Director Sonia Furstenuau has the Commission excited for the potential of a school-driven project to create

some trails in Mount Baldy Park, our most recently acquired park. Francis Kelsey Secondary is planning the project as part of its curriculum, for students to both learn about trail-building and then practically applying what they have learned.

*The Parks and Recreation Commission continue to hold meetings that are open to the public on the third Thursday of every second month at 7pm at the SLCC.*

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## Discovery Elementary School

Allison Vliet (aged 12)  
Discovery Team.

Discovery Elementary’s grounds have many different terrains. This includes a big variety of different options you may choose from! In my opinion, the most popular feature is most likely the mound. The mound has many trees, from small to large and it includes ledges for forts from the tree roots and rock ledges for you to safely climb.

The sand pit is another option you may choose. It is a very large pit full of sand! Here you may build sand mounds, sand castles and a very popular thing kids do is to dig, aiming for clay and water. In winter snowstorms, we sled down the hill to the sandpit.

Discovery has a fruit and vegetable garden, a flower garden, and a memorial garden as well as flowering ornamental trees to provide shade for reading or sitting to visit with friends on the benches at the cemented front entrance alongside the bus lanes.

We recently replaced the old wood playground with a new metal playground that is safer in the winter and there are no splinters. The wood one has gone on to a dryer climate in a poor country for a second life, thanks to the Rotary Club. The new playground has attracted many children and includes a wheelchair accessible rocker.

Then, of course there is the field. The field is about 100 meters across. We split it in half at lunch with one side for Kindergarten to grade 3 kids to play and the other half for grades 4-7. There, we play soccer, capture the flag, and other games.

To end my description, we have the swamp for pond studies and a wooded area that currently has existing nature trails being cleared for forest walks with classes or outdoor clubs. If you would like a tour of the school or school grounds, please contact the school office at 250-743-3291.



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# Provincial Water Ski Tournament comes to Shawnigan in August

**Lee Curtis**  
*President of the Victoria Aqua Ski Club*

The BC Provincial Water Ski Championships take place at the Victoria Aqua Ski Club site August 6 and 7. There will be competition for all age categories in slalom, jumping, and trick. Spectators are welcome both days and events start early to take advantage of better water conditions. It would be greatly appreciated if spectators in boats create no wakes to give the competitors flat water. A lot of ski tournaments are currently held on man-made lakes to eliminate wake problems, but our local club, the VASC, does not have that luxury. Rough water is dangerous for competitors and makes fair competition more difficult. Please do your utmost to help the competitors by staying clear of the slalom course and jump when spectating.

The Victoria Aqua Ski Club is celebrating its 59th anniversary this year and it is one of the oldest continuously operating water ski clubs in Canada. It is a club that celebrates skiing and has brought several competitors

to national and international podiums. VASC's founding members say that their common love for water-skiing and strong friendships gave them the idea to begin the club. It started as the Victoria Outboard Club and most skiing took place on the ocean and Elk Lake. The club eventually ended up on Shawnigan Lake and took up temporary residence in what is now Old Mill Park. A few years later when a three-acre parcel of land became available at the north end of the park, nineteen members decided to purchase it and together they moved the club and began developing the site. They formed the Victoria Aqua Ski Cooperative that provides a permanent home for the Victoria Aqua Ski Club.

The VASC was born when water-skiing was a new and glamorous sport. A post-war generation was thrilled to watch adventurous men and women slalom ski while powerfully throwing up rooster tails and often crashing in the course or off the ski jump. Members were pioneers in building and mastering slalom courses and ski jumps. They



were excited about inventing other "contraptions" to ride as well, such as trick-skis and discs. They enticed others to join in on the fun and learn how it's done. Now the club remains strongly involved in the BC competitive water skiing sports organization; WSWBC and some members travel to tournaments throughout Canada, the US, Australia and other countries hosting international competitions.

In its heyday the VASC brought pride and excitement to the people of Vancouver Island through its water-skiing demonstrations. In the early

years the ski club was asked to showcase skiing at the Oak Bay Tea Party and Qualicum Beach, by performing kite flying, over and under acts and clown acts. The club participated in Buccaneer Days and also had a float in the Victoria Day parade.

Today the Victoria Aqua Ski Club remains strong. There are lots of children entering competition and membership has grown. Members have improved their well-used clubhouse and the waterfront is inviting with well-maintained docks and a safe swimming area all looking out over

beautiful Shawnigan Lake.

The club is currently preparing for the provincial tournament that takes place on August 6th and 7th. Registration is at the site on Friday evening at 6 pm or on-line at Water Ski Wakeboard BC. If you wish to watch, and join in the fun, spectators are welcome. There will be a concession, silent auction, and raffle. Head south from Shawnigan Village to Munsie Road, The site is at 2586 Lavinia Road. Parking is very limited so please park on Shawnigan Lake Road and walk the short distance to the site.

## Shawnigan Lake Watch Group - update

Last month's article focused on respectful use of the lake with a list of items for all users to keep in mind.

In June, the Lake Watch Group (Ian Gellatly, Tim Parker, Grant Treloar) met with Director Sonia Furstenau and Rob Conway, Manager, Development Services at CVRD. Updating the Lake Regulation signs at the boat launches and entrances to the Village to include information about large wave/wash activity was discussed.

In addition, there was conversation about placement of large buoys in key areas where large wave/wash should be avoided.

Funding for these items and approval by the CVRD is still to be approved, but there is hope to have this completed soon.

As has been mentioned, the goal is RESPECTFUL activity by all users who use the lake for recreation:

- ★ Non-powered boats have the right-of-way at all times – yield and give plenty

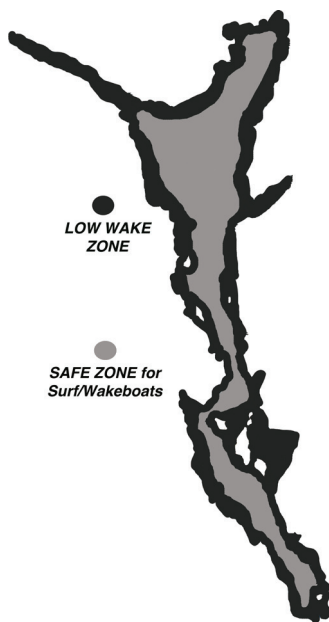
of space to sailboats, kayaks, rowboats, paddlers and canoes.

- ★ Boat drivers are responsible for any damage to shore property and wharves (subject to \$400 fine) – see below for suggested zone use guidelines to reduce damage.
- ★ Loud stereos are a violation of local noise bylaws – enjoy your music, but the rest of the community does not want to hear it. Keep your volume reasonable. Noise travels easily over a flat surface and can be heard from a long distance away.
- ★ Maximum speed limit 30 metres or less from shore is 10 km/hr
- ★ Large wave activity (at least 100 metres from shore) (Water-skiing is not affected by this boundary) Large wave/wash activity should be restricted to the safe zone area (light coloured) on the attached map of Shawnigan Lake.

Large wave activity causes considerable damage to both private property and to the lake foreshore, where natural vegetation is being eroded.

- ★ Under federal law, boat operators who cause damage to property are subject to a \$400 fine.

Your comments for support or otherwise are welcome to the following address: shawnigan-lakewatchgroup@gmail.com





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OUR Ecovillage takes food security to the next level as we work with educators from around the world to inspire, educate and facilitate food production. The Ecovillage embraces the learning process equally with the outcome. Each year we welcome an abundance of participants to come and develop their skills in growing food and raising livestock.

The food produced at OUR Ecovillage is put to very good use! The many learners in OUR Farm School, as well as visitors and staff, are well fed with as much locally grown food as possible from the Zero Mile Eatery.

As we harvest, the top crops are set aside and designated to our Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) program. Weekly, from June 2nd to October 13th, we fill our CSA boxes with a delicious and fresh diversity of produce. We offer The Veggie Box, filled with fresh produce, as well as The Lifestyle Box, which also includes eggs, meat, preserves and a variety of delights each week. Come and pick up your box, meet the people who grew the food and see the chickens that laid the eggs!

OUR CSA is a fantastic way to fill your fridge with an abundance of weekly food, while simultaneously supporting local agriculture and new farmers! We are grateful for the community support. For more information, please contact us at [grow-food@ourecovillag.org](mailto:grow-food@ourecovillag.org) or visit our website [www.ourecovillage.org](http://www.ourecovillage.org)

# Waters Gardens

**Shelagh/Shemama Bell-Irving**  
*Shawnigan Resident*

## Another way of growing our food

In May 2014 I received my Permaculture Design Certificate at OUR Ecovillage in Shawnigan Lake.

Growing up on Shawnigan Lake, I had been taught by my Grandmother, who it turns out was a permaculturalist, to work with nature and protect our water - hence my passion fighting the Contaminated Soil Landfill on Stebbings Road over the last four years. As a result, I have become interested in solutions for bio-remediating contaminated water.

I had been researching cattails for cleaning our lake water and also wanted a veggie garden, but it was not possible on our rocky moss covered property. I looked to the waterfront and had a thought ... floating gardens. My nephew Jonathan Noakes and our permaculture team built a cattail garden and a container garden that floats on a dock submerged in the water. Our gardens are self watering and get full sun.



The food crops are abundant and my cucumbers were huge. I now have three gardens for veggies and two for water cleaning plants. I recently built a floating wetland out of Scotch Broom - I call these "Broom Booms"!

I took broom in flower and cut them down and bundled them up like a sage bundle; I put three empty recorked wine bottles in each boom for floatation; I pulled the broom apart and stuffed in cattails, hardack, skunk cabbage, grasses, comfrey, and then bundled several together with willow branches (Willow bio-accumulates heavy metals).

These Broom Booms are water cleaners and will restore our shoreline water plants that drowned with the higher lake levels caused by government regulated management of the outflow weir. People around the lake could build these and

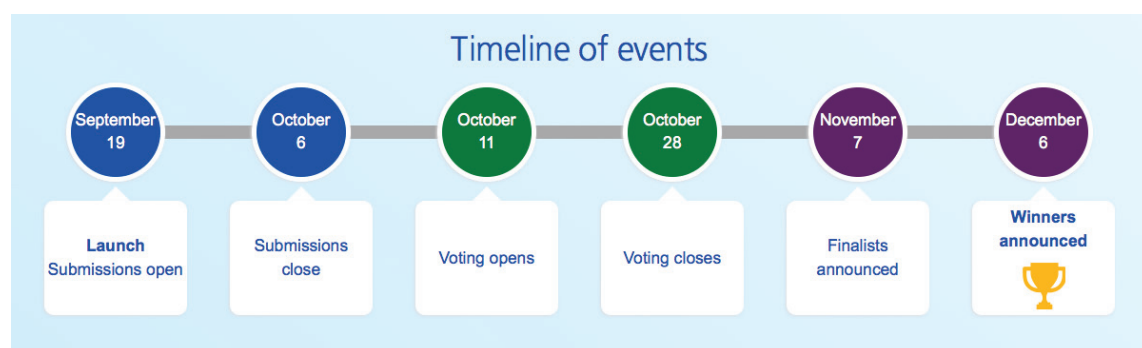
attach to their docks and/or shorelines to help clean our water and absorb toxins. They also break up the large wakes and protect the shoreline from erosion.

I have a huge strawberry garden and grew cantaloupes last year along with tomatoes, squash, pumpkins, peppers, potatoes and lots of herbs. Gardens floating on our water are creating little eco-systems for bugs, frogs, dragonflies and fish underneath. No fertilizer is needed (nor should any be applied!) as our lake is high in nutrients that the plants love and remove from the water.

Instead of bringing the water to the food we brought food to the water. The Aztecs called them Chinampas and it is an ancient way of food cultivation.

Please feel free to look at "Still Water Gardens" from the water or stop by 1784 E Shawnigan Lake and see them.

## "The power to make a difference is in your hands" We could win up to \$100,000!



**Kelly Musselwhite**  
*Executive Director for the Shawnigan Basin Society*

Last year the Shawnigan Basin Society put forward a submission to the Aviva Community Funding Program entitled Foreshore to Forest: Restoring Shawnigan Lake's Watershed and with the help and support of our community, we won \$5000! This funding has been earmarked for a FREE Ecological Restoration Workshop to be lead by acclaimed expert Dave Polster on September 24 and 25. Day #1 will be in class learning at the Village Watershed Office while Day #2 will offer an opportunity to put those learned techniques to use in a field project at the foreshore of the Shawnigan Provincial Park. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kelly Musselwhite at [luvlife@shaw.ca](mailto:luvlife@shaw.ca) to register. Everyone is welcome!

Our opportunity to win again is approaching and the Shawnigan Basin Society, on behalf of our community, needs your help!

This year we will put forward a submission to Aviva using the same title, which is the premise of all our work, but will seek funds specifically to

support a public engagement initiative regarding our recently acquired scientific ecosystem-based conservation plan. This project is intended to involve the entire community as - together - we move toward holistic watershed management. By sharing integrated local knowledge with science, we can further our understanding of the Shawnigan watershed and determine where best to protect, conserve, and restore our upland forests, urban forests, and lakeside properties in an effort to secure the hydrological integrity of our watershed and in turn, clean and abundant drinking water for approximately 12,000 people in perpetuity!

On-line voting will begin on October 11 and will close October 28. Voters are asked to submit their vote supporting our application once a day. The application with the most votes wins!

More information will be provided in the coming Focus editions so stay tuned...

The Basin Society is also thrilled to announce we have a new website! Check out how we work, who we are, and what we do, as well as our successes and projects at [Shawniganwater.org](http://Shawniganwater.org)



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## Take A Hike!

**Robyn Massy**  
*Shawnigan Focus*

It’s summer - so let us take a little visit to the famous Salt Spring Island Farmer’s Market” mixed with a lovely hot day and sprinkle in a trip up Mount Maxwell for a fulfilling day.

This was my first experience of the eclectic market - it was chaotic and I loved it. With an astounding number of vendors providing so much to peruse, poke and taste, it was impossible to decide where to start or when to end.

After a satisfying market venture and sushi lunch we went off in search of the Mount Maxwell Provincial Park and its well-known viewpoint. From the market we headed up the hilly Cranberry Road with its beautiful homes, farms, and acreages. The road then shifted into a 4X4er’s glory. Our driver, brave gal, gave it a go for quite some time, however not being a 4X4 driver, or in one, she pulled over, parked and

advised grabbing our packs and hiking the rest.

The road continued to be fairly steep, gravelly, and full of charming tire sized ruts. Lucky for us it was a beautifully hot day and we were completely under the shady protection of the forest canopy. Yes, a few cars passed us on our trek upwards – but I am convinced that they were park regulars and knew the road intimately - besides we LOVE hiking!

There are a variety of trails in the park, including a 2km interpretive trail along the west ridge from park entrance to the viewpoint. We naturally stuck to the road because we knew it was the straight-lined path for our first visit. We saw western red cedar, Douglas fir, alder, and arbutus trees. Nearer the ground were salal, ocean spray, bracken fern, blackberry and huckleberry. After about an hour of upward hoofing we were pleased to see the parking area and the potty (plenty of



water was consumed).

Scattered picnic tables and benches in the cool shade beckoned us, but we came for the view and headed to the left toward a fenced outcrop overlooking the Southeast, showcasing a beautiful valley, nestled farmlands, and Fulford Harbour. Following along the chain link up and over to the right brings you to

Baynes Peak with a handsome sight of Sansum Narrows and other islands and channels. Baynes Peak is the highest point on Mount Maxwell at 1975 feet. On a great eye-sight day (or with binocs) you can see Mount Baker, the San Juan Islands, and the Olympic Mountains. Oh, and the main viewing area IS fenced for our safety and thank goodness as it’s a loooooong

way down!

Read this: Capt. H. Westmorland “Climbing Face of Maxwell Mountain.” Daily Colonist [Victoria, B.C.] (September 10, 1922), an epic adventure of two men climbing up the face of Mount Maxwell. JOIN US! Find photos of our adventures on Facebook at The Om Tree.

## Book Review

**Marcy Green**  
*Shawnigan Focus*

**The Girl in the Spider’s Web**

by David Lagercrantz  
Published by Penguin Canada  
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It’s summertime and what better book to take to the beach than a good Swedish thriller?

If you read the three books in the Millennium Series by the late Steig Larsson, who died of a heart attack in 2004, you might be curious to see what direction a different author takes in writing the fourth book. Larsson’s publisher gave the assignment to David Lagercrantz, who is a respected and acclaimed author in his own right. Although there is still some controversy over an unfinished manuscript owned by Larsson’s partner, I think this latest book about the escapades of Lisbet Salander and Mikael Blomkvist carries the story forward very well.

While the plot twists and turns and many new characters are introduced, there is still enough explanation given to guide the reader through the multiple layers of spy and law enforcement agencies, a hacker’s circle, and a criminal network called the Spider Society.

There is even a long-missing twin sister of Lisbeth, her nemesis, who works against her and plots her destruction. Several familiar minor characters are reinstated and, together with the Swedish landscape, place names and cold wintry weather, provide a good continuity.

However, the story is always about the two very different main characters, Salander and Bloomkvist. Salander is dark, tormented and scarred by her childhood experiences. However, she retaliates by fighting against those who she sees as corrupt and in power, particularly within the realms of industrial espionage. In this story she encounters quantum computing and ASI (Artificial Super Intelligence), and, with her fierce intelligence, is able to master and decipher all that she needs in order to keep the criminal element off balance. She remains an enigmatic, dangerous woman with no remorse for hurting those she deems deserving of punishment.

Bloomkvist is also a crusader, but he exposes corruption through his writing and work in a prestigious, well-known journal. Sometimes, as in this case, he gambles his good name on following an elusive lead, ignoring criticism and the prospect of his magazine going down as he orchestrates a brilliant expose. As in the previous books, the two of them continue to make a formidable team and the tension, as they race to save a child who is an autistic savant, and then to uncover a murderous spy ring, makes this story taut and exciting.

If this particular volume is as well received as I think it will be, there should be a few more Millenium books coming to us soon. Stay tuned.

**Rating: 4.5/5 Stars**

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Positive Tickets Program

Shirley Walker  
SCCP

It is that time of year again in the South Cowichan area.... The Positive Tickets program will be starting up July 1st, 2016....!!!

The reception at the Cobble Hill Fair in 2015 was a great indicator of the warm reception by the community for this program.

The RCMP veteran who started the program years ago stated the purpose of the program was to build better relations with the community and reinforce good safety habits in young children. The overall response shows that it is definitely working.

Tickets will be given for all sorts of positive behaviour such as wearing a hel-

met while biking or skateboarding, using crosswalks, walking on the correct side of the road, being visible when walking at night, skateboarding in designated areas, picking up garbage, speaking respectfully etc.

The Positive Tickets program is now in the fourth year after having being initiated by Cst. Mike Furlong. The program has been a success due to the significant support from the Shawnigan Lake RCMP, local merchants who have donated numerous prizes and Block Watch Captains who helped distribute tickets last year.

Community Policing Volunteers at the SCCPO will be approaching merchants in the next two weeks looking for donations that we can pass along to the youngsters who are awarded tickets.

Positive Tickets will be issued to youth in the three communities starting at the end of June. Youth will then trade in his/her ticket at the Community Policing Office in Mill Bay and be able to choose a reward from a variety of items donated by local merchants.

From the tickets brought into the office, six names will be drawn for larger prizes which will be presented on stage at the Cobble Hill Fair on August 27.

If you aren't approached by our volunteers but would like to participate by donating some prizes – you can call our SCCPO at 250-929-7222 or drop off your donations at the office in the Mill Bay Mall. By expanding the number of groups “catching” our youth doing great things, I anticipate it will be an even more rewarding program indeed!

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- ★ Thursday, Jun 2 – Burning Complaint on Damascus Rd
- ★ Thursday, Jun 2 – Burning Complaint on Colman Rd
- ★ Saturday, Jun 4 – Propane Leak on Northgate Rd
- ★ Saturday, Jun 4 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Jun 4 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Jun 4 – Burning Complaint on Colman Rd
- ★ Sunday, Jun 5 – Burning Complaint on Railway below SLCCentre
- ★ Tuesday, Jun 7 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, Jun 10 – MVI Mutual Aid with Mill Bay on the TCH
- ★ Friday, Jun 10 – MVI on Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Friday, Jun 10 – Chimney Fire on MacFarlane Cresc
- ★ Tuesday, Jun 14 – MVI on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Thursday, Jun 16 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Jun 19 – Burning Complaint on Peterbrooke Rd
- ★ Monday, Jun 20 - 1st Responder off Heald Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Jun 21 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Jun 25 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Jun 25 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Jun 26 – Alarms Activated on Strathcona Heights Rd
- ★ Sunday, Jun 26 – Burning Complaint on Baron Rd
- ★ Sunday, Jun 26 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, Jun 27 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Monday, Jun 27 – Bush Fire Mutual Aid with Mill Bay on Trowsse Rd
- ★ Monday, Jun 27 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Jun 28 – Burning Complaint on Fernridge Dr
- ★ Tuesday, Jun 28 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Jun 29 – Burning Complaint on Baden-Powell Rd

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About Boomer's Legacy

Boomer's Legacy was created after a suicide bomber killed Corporal Andrew “Boomer” Eykelenboom, a Canadian Forces medic in August 11, 2006. Andrew was committed to saving lives. His death was the catalyst to create this Foundation that helps our men and women in uniform make a positive difference in the lives of others, therefore helping themselves in the process.

To fundraise, there is a motorcycle biker ride around the local area and then a BBQ at the Legion. Funds raised are for the Vancouver Island Crisis Society. The Malahat Legion presented a cheque in the amount of 250.00 to this cause.

Virginia Bauder  
Secretary  
Malahat Legion



Denise Holloway (right) Virginia Bauder (Centre) presenting a cheque for \$4500 to the staff of Broadmead Village for the upgrade of three rooms for veterans. This money is from those funds raised by last years Malahat Legion poppy fund drive of which Denise was the chairperson. There is also an addendum to this. Somewhere in the greater Victoria area there is a benefactor who is matching all gifts to Broadmead which means our dollar value was increased to \$9000.  
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- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission (APC)**  
Meetings held in Watershed office: Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Rd **Contact:** [grtreloar@shaw.ca](mailto:grtreloar@shaw.ca)
- ★ **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**  
Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month. 7pm at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre. Next meeting is in September.
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission**  
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- ★ **Shawnigan Improvement District**  
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- ★ **Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)**  
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- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**  
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Contact: [shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca](mailto:shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca)
- ★ **South Cowichan Community Policing**  
Contact: 250-929-7222 - [www.southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca](http://www.southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca)

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### RENTALS

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### GENERAL INTEREST

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## What Is It? Where Is It? Why Is IT?



*One lucky respondent with the correct answer will be randomly selected to win two Specialty Coffees at Shawnigan House.  
Reply to: [editor@shawniganfocus.ca](mailto:editor@shawniganfocus.ca)*

## No Winner for June...

The photo for JUNE showed a close-up of the face of the iconic Stag sculpture at Shawnigan Lake School. The school mascot is represented by this splendid statue near the entrance.

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## Shawnigan Cemetery

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Information 250 929 6100

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### HEALTHY BEGINNINGS

A Free Drop-In at the  
Shawnigan Lake Community Centre



Healthy Beginnings is a friendly, relaxed group for moms and dads with babies and toddlers from birth to 3 years of age. There is no registration required, just drop-in to visit and share a cup of coffee or a snack. We will be discussing a wide range of topics. Gathering every Thursday morning except the weeks with a statutory holiday.

Toddler Group starts at 9:30 AM | Infant Group starts at 11:00 AM

INFORMATION : Rhoda - 250 709 3050

EMAIL : [rhoda.taylor@viha.ca](mailto:rhoda.taylor@viha.ca)

FACEBOOK : Healthy Beginnings Cowichan



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**YEARS**

**1956 – 2016**

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## **STORE & PATIO**

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**... SUMMERTIME EVENT  
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serving the  
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### **The Middle Years**



Jim Carey (Proprietor), with parents Midge & Norm Carey.

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