



OPSRRRA'S OTTER POINT, SHIRLEY & JORDAN RIVER NEWSLETTER: AUGUST 2016 CELEBRATING 13 YEARS OF PUBLICATION!

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OPSRRRA is a registered non-profit society with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of its members to local government. OPSRRRA was founded in 1992 and has a membership of over 400. Residents or property owners within the Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point Official Community Plan boundaries who are age 18 or over are eligible for membership.

Lifetime memberships cost \$10.00 per person and are available from OPSRRRA directors - see our web site (www.opsrra.ca) for further information. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley, Jordan River or Otter Point but wish to support the association.

The purpose of our society is to:

- 1.** Ensure that the development of the communities of Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
- 2.** Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
- 3.** Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
- 4.** Encourage citizens to stand for public office.

5. Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

Are you an OPSRRA member? Do you want to receive the OPSRRA's monthly newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your e-mail address? We began publishing this newsletter in June 2003. It is e-mailed to over **300** of our members as well as local elected representatives, media and archival organizations. Contact Marika Nagasaka at: opsrra@gmail.com if you want to receive this membership service.

OPSRRA's EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTORS

Marika Nagasaka	President	Debb Read	Vice-President
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Sandy Barta	Director	Bill Dushenko	Director
Julie Johns	Director		

Note: All OPSRRA directors can now be reached at a common e-mail address: opsrra@gmail.com

1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Marika Nagasaka at: opsrranewsletter@gmail.com to have your community event listed in our monthly **Community Events** calendar.

Visit the OPSRRA web site: www.opsrra.ca to view a Calendar of Events.

**Tuesday
Aug 2nd**

Juan de Fuca Emergency Services

Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm

**JdF Search & Rescue Campus Training Bldg.
2028C Idlemore Road, Sooke**

<p>Saturday Aug 6th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Grassy Lake Hike. This is an all day hike on rugged terrain with spectacular views and a possibility of a swim in Grassy Lake. Meet at the Charters Creek parking lot on Sooke River Road at 9:00 am for a 10 km hike to Grassy Lake via Charters Creek. This is a moderate route. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch, camera and water. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>For more information about the hike contact Jennifer Davidson: email jenniferanne.davidson@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Web site: www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</p>
<p>Saturday Aug 6th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HAT (Habitat Acquisition Trust) at Sooke Country Market</p> <p>Sooke Community Watershed Information: Come and learn which Watershed you live in. Help HAT learn more about why nature is important to you: Take the survey!</p>
<p>Tuesday Aug 9th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monthly meeting 1:00 pm Boardroom, SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings of the Commission usually take place at SEAPARC on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and are open to the public. • Meetings are also held at the call of the Chair. • Agendas and Minutes are posted for each meeting at: http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm
<p>Saturday Aug 13th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission and the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Thetis Lake to Francis King. This is a JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sponsored hike of difficulty level 3, which is 10 km long through beautiful forest. Meet at William Simmons Park west parking lot (Sooke Business Park) at 9:00 am to car pool, or alternatively meet at the Thetis Lake Parking Lot at 9:40 am. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and water. Everyone is welcome.</p>

	<p>For more information contact Sid Jorna at 250.642.2767 or email jdf.cts@gmail.com</p> <p>Web site: www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</p>
<p>Wednesday Aug 10th</p>	<p>Shirley Women's Institute Meeting Monthly meeting second Wednesday of the month 10:30 am at the Shirley Hall</p>
<p>Monday Aug 15th</p>	<p>French Beach Restoration Day For more info please see Newsletter Item #2.</p>
<p>Monday Aug 22nd</p>	<p>Shirley Fire Commission Meeting Monthly meeting fourth Monday of the month 7:00 pm at the Shirley Fire Hall</p>
<p>Monday Aug 22nd</p>	<p>OPSRRA Directors Meeting 7:30 pm in Board Room at SEAPARC Members welcome.</p>
<p>Friday Aug 26th</p>	<p>OPSRRA sponsored RRU Water Sustainability Project Final Presentation For more info please see Newsletter Item #3.</p>
<p>Saturday Sept 3rd</p>	<p>Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike Details to be announced. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and water. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>For more information contact Rosemary Jorna at 250.642.2767 or email jdf.cts@gmail.com</p> <p>Web site: www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</p>
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<p>Wednesday Sept 14th</p>	<p align="center">Shirley Community Association Meeting</p> <p align="center">7:30 pm at the Shirley Hall</p>
<p>Mondays</p>	<p align="center">Easy Yoga for Women</p> <p align="center">10:00 am – 11:00 am at the Shirley Hall</p> <p align="center">Yoga with Elizabeth Tse Contact: bloomingyoga4kids@gmail.com</p>
<p>Mondays</p>	<p align="center">Karate at the Shirley Hall</p> <p align="center">6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Shirley Hall</p> <p align="center">Mixed ages welcome, class will be structured on skill levels Instructors: Sen Sei Armin Sielopp and Sen Sei Tessa Peers</p>

	<p>Contact: asielopp@telus.net</p>
Saturdays	<p>Pilates at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>9:30 am Level 1 class, suitable for beginners Contact: Sandra Smith Email: info@sandrasmithyoga.com</p>
Saturdays	<p>Ecstatic Dance Yoga 7:30 am – 8:30 pm at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>Yoga with Elizabeth Tse Contact: bloomingyoga4kids@gmail.com</p>
Sundays	<p>Shirley Country Market</p> <p>10:00 am – 4:00 pm in Pioneer Park beside the Shirley Hall</p>
Sundays	<p>Kemp Lake Store Music Café Music Jam</p> <p>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm @ 7875 West Coast Rd For more info phone 250.642.7875</p>
Tuesdays & Fridays	<p>Yoga at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>Tuesdays at 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm Fridays at 10:00 am – 11:15 am</p> <p>Class for all levels megan.einarson@hotmail.com</p>
Thursdays & Sundays	<p>Nia Dance/Movement Class at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Sundays 11:00 am – 12:15 pm Contact: Melody Kimmell, 250-646-2995 email movingmelody@gmail.com</p>

2. FRENCH BEACH RESTORATION DAY AUGUST 15TH

FRENCH BEACH RESTORATION DAY INVASIVE PULL AND BEACH CLEANUP

**Monday August 15th
11am - 4pm**

**Everyone Welcome!
Lunch & Training
Provided**

Join Habitat Acquisition Trust & BC Parks for a restoration event on Monday, August 15th, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will be pulling invasive weeds and removing litter from this stunning shoreline! We love to carpool, so let us know if you are in need of a ride!

RSVP to salia@hat.bc.ca or call 250-995-2428, for more details and directions!



Thank you to BC parks for making this Restoration Event possible

3. ROYAL ROADS WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT UPDATE

Members of the Water Sustainability subcommittee of your OPSRRA Board (Brenda Mark, Sandy Barta and Bill Dushenko) met with our RRU BSc. Student Major Project Team, *Pacific Priority Solutions* (Kodi Bowman, Gayle Hatchard, Emily Rudderham, and Victora Ntomola) on Tuesday July 12. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss their work and progress on the water resource database and interpretation of the new Water Sustainability Act being conducted for our communities.

Work has been completed on the water resource database and GIS ArcMap, which will allow our members to make queries and view water licenses and other features geographically using a number of different map information layers. The data for these maps are connected to on-line servers, allowing the information in the database used to generate these maps to be updated as Data BC updates their data. We were given a demonstration and it was great to see how information (e.g., registered wells) could be easily queried and viewed on maps. We have also asked the students to explore ways in which we might be able to link accessibility to the database through the OPSRRA site. A static snap shot of the maps will also be provided as part of the final report they will be providing to OPSRRA as a deliverable for the project. This information is also being used to identify data gaps by the team and recommendations on how these might be addressed

The student team has also pretty much completed their summarization of the new Water Sustainability Act. Seven of the eight parts in the Act have been determined as being relevant to OPSRRA and its members. We also discussed a methodology for their interpretation of the act - the next part of this phase -, which they are now proceeding to work on. The approach the team will take in interpretation is: "if they were a member of the community, what would they want and need to know about water resources as property owners?" Some key messages coming out the interpretation include the need for all non-registered domestic users of water resources (i.e., surface and groundwater) to have their wells and/or other withdrawal means registered with the province. This can be done for free, if registered before February of next year (2017).

We ended the meeting by commending them on the great work they've done so far and look forward to their submission of the final project report and major project presentation at Royal Roads on Friday August 26th. **OPSRRA members interested in attending the presentation should contact OPSRRA Directors Bill Dushenko, Brenda Mark or Sandy Barta. There are a limited number of attendees permitted.**

4. OPSRRA PLANNING FALL CLEAN UP – GET INVOLVED!

OPSRRA is planning a clean up event in the fall subsequent to the successful Earth Day clean up on April 22.

A \$1000 Community Clean-up Grant was received from the CRD and there is a balance remaining in that fund that will enable us to launch another effort.

As was done in April, heavy equipment will be utilized to minimize individuals' contact with possibly hazardous waste. OPSRRA is looking for a few volunteers from our membership to work with the Directors and help coordinate the event.

The focus of this clean up will be the King Creek area, which was not done in April due to time constraints. OPSRRA Directors will check out previously identified problem areas and any new sites that may have cropped up to determine how much can be handled this time.

Interested volunteers should contact OPSRRA President Marika Nagasaka or any OPSRRA Director.

5. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS

Do you operate a small business? Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA offers a free business listing service for members, on its web site: www.opsrra.ca. We will list non-members for a suitable donation!

The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for businesses in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point to advertise their goods and services to their local community. We invite listings for accommodation, farm produce, art, furniture-making, fishing charters, eco-tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing, spas and more. More information, businesses already listed and a registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site (www.opsrra.ca) under **Business Listings**.

Note: OPSRRA does not accept responsibility for the services provided. Always check references and ask for confirmation of Work Safe B.C. registration if applicable.

Support local businesses. The OPSRRA web site www.opsrra.ca has more information about the following local business listings:

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair

Accent in Grooming

ALM Organic Farm

Beaches West B & B

Bear Home Remodelling

Birds Edge Press

Coastal Crunch Granola

Eco Craft Lights

Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suites

Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary Public.

Full Circle Seeds

Migration Design

Ocean Wilderness Inn

Otter Point Beach House

Otter Point Electric

Perfect Grade Plumbing

Reflexology by Marlene Barry

Road's End Construction

Saltwest Naturals

Sooke Region Chamber of Commerce

Sooke Water Inc.

Shards Glass Studio and Workshops

Glen's Gardening Company
Heron's Rest B & B
"In A Fix" Bookkeeping & Accounting Services
Jambo Pet Sitting Service
Kemp Lake Store Café
Knotty Beds by Nature and Cedar Surfboards
Le Sooke Spa
Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage

Stick in the Mud Coffee House
Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast
Three Sisters Farm
Tugwell Creek Honey Farm
Tugwell Creek Meadery
Welcome Wagon
Wildewood Custom Homes
Wood Visions

6. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER

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This monthly newsletter is prepared by the directors of OPSRRA. It is available to members by e-mail and to others on our web site. To have an item you would like to have considered for placement in the newsletter, or make a comment about the newsletter, contact an OPSRRA director or email opsrra@gmail.com

OPSRRA tries to verify the correctness of the information in this newsletter; if we have got it wrong we will acknowledge that and make a correction as quickly as possible.