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OPSRRRA'S OTTER POINT, SHIRLEY & JORDAN RIVER NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER 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

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| Marika Nagasaka | President | Debb Read | Vice-President |
| Phone: 646-2133 | | Phone: 646- 9998 | |
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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.

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| Tuesday Nov 1st | JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission 3:00 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building 3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point |
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| | <p>Public Welcome. For enquiries call 250.642.1500</p> <p>https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/document-library/documents/committeedocuments/juandefucaeaparksrecreationadvisorycommission</p> |
| Tuesday Nov 1 st | <p>Juan de Fuca Emergency Services</p> <p>Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>JdF Search & Rescue Campus Training Bldg. 2028C Idlemore Road, Sooke</p> |
| Friday Nov 4 th | <p>Shards Glass Studio: The Mystery of Glass Revealed: Pin and Pendant Treasures</p> <p>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Coast Arts Collective in Colwood.</p> <p>For more info go to http://www.shardsglass.com/workshops.html</p> |
| Saturday Nov 5 th | <p>Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Monument Hike. Meet at the Charters River parking lot on Sooke River Road at 9:00 am for a 9 kilometre hike on forested trails in the Sooke Hills. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch, camera and water. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>For more information contact Rosemary Jorna at 250.642.2767</p> <p>or email jdf.cts@gmail.com</p> <p>Web site: www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</p> |
| Tuesday Nov 8 th | <p>Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)</p> <p>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. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agendas and Minutes are posted for each meeting at: http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm |
| Wednesday Nov 9th | <p>Shirley Women's Institute Meeting</p> <p>Monthly meeting second Wednesday of the month</p> <p>10:30 am at the Shirley Hall</p> |
| Wednesday Nov 9th | <p>Awareness Film Night</p> <p>Doors open at 6:45 pm. Film runs 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm EMCS Theatre (6218 Sooke Rd, Sooke)</p> <p>www.awarenessfilmnight.ca</p> |
| Wednesday Nov 9th | <p>Shirley Community Association Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm at the Shirley Hall</p> |
| Friday Nov 11th | <p>Remembrance Day Ceremony</p> <p>Begins 10:45 am in Pioneer Park (next to the Shirley Hall)</p> <p>Refreshments to follow</p> |
| Saturday Nov 12th | <p>Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission and the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Hike William Simmons Park. This is a JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sponsored hike of level 3 – through beautiful forest featuring views of the Ocean, Sooke and De Mamiel valley. Meet at William Simmons Memorial Park, west parking lot (Sooke Business Park) at 9 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> |
| Sunday Nov 13th | <p>Shirley Holiday Craft Fair</p> <p>10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Shirley Hall</p> |
| Monday Nov 14th | <p>OPSRRA Directors Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building</p> |

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| | <p>3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point</p> <p>Members welcome. For more info and to confirm meeting time/location please email: opsrra@gmail.com</p> |
| Tuesday Nov 15th | <p>Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee</p> <p>7:00 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building</p> <p>3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point</p> <p>https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/document-library/documents/committeedocuments/juandefucalandusecommittee</p> |
| Friday Nov 18th | <p>All Sooke Arts and Craft Show</p> <p>1:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Sooke Community Hall</p> |
| Saturday Nov 19th | <p>All Sooke Arts and Craft Show</p> <p>10:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Sooke Community Hall</p> |
| Saturday Nov 19th | <p>Shards Glass Studio: The Freedom of Creating with an Ancient Glass Art</p> <p>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Shards Glass Studio in Otter Point.</p> <p>For more info go to http://www.shardsglass.com/workshops.html</p> |
| Sunday Nov 20th | <p>All Sooke Arts and Craft Show</p> <p>10:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Sooke Community Hall</p> |
| Sunday Nov 20th | <p>OPSRRA General Meeting</p> <p>1:30 pm - 3:30 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building</p> <p>3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point</p> <p>Please see Newsletter Item # 3 for more info</p> |
| Monday Nov 21st | <p>Shirley Education and Action Society (SEAS) Annual General Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm at the Shirley Hall (note Karate ends at 7pm so the meeting may start 5 min late)</p> |

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| | <p>8:15 pm Time of Adjournment</p> <p>For more info please go to: seasbc.com</p> |
| <p>Tuesday Nov 22nd</p> | <p>JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission</p> <p>3:00 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building</p> <p>3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point</p> <p>Public Welcome. For enquiries call 250.642.1500</p> <p>https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/document-library/documents/committeedocuments/juandefucaeaparksrecreationadvisorycommission</p> |
| <p>Monday Nov 28th</p> | <p>Shirley Fire Commission Meeting</p> <p>Monthly meeting fourth Monday of the month</p> <p>7:00 pm at the Shirley Fire Hall</p> |
| <p>Saturday Dec 3rd</p> | <p>Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Sooke Hills: West. Meet at the end of Sun River Way at 9:00 am for an 11 km hike in the Sooke Hills. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and a couple snacks, your camera and lots of 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> |
| <p>Saturday Dec 3rd</p> | <p>Shards Glass Studio: Fused Glass Workshop</p> <p>1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Shards Glass Studio in Otter Point.</p> <p>For more info go to http://www.shardsglass.com/workshops.html</p> |
| <p>Tuesday Dec 6th</p> | <p>Juan de Fuca Emergency Services</p> <p>Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>JdF Search & Rescue Campus Training Bldg.</p> |

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| | 2028C Idlemore Road, Sooke |
| Saturday Dec 10th | <p>Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission and the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>East Sooke Park to Iron Mine Bay. This is a JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sponsored. Meet at William Simmons Memorial Park, west parking lot (Sooke Business Park) at 9 am. Alternatively meet at the East Sooke Park Parking Lot on Pike Road at 9:30 am. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and a couple of snacks 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> |
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| Mondays | <p>Easy Yoga for Women</p> <p>10:00 am – 11:00 am at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>Yoga with Elizabeth Tse Contact: bloomingyoga4kids@gmail.com</p> |
| Mondays | <p>Karate at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>Mixed ages welcome, class will be structured on skill levels</p> <p>Instructors: Sen Sei Armin Sielopp and Sen Sei Tessa Peers</p> <p>Contact: asielopp@telus.net</p> |

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| Thursdays | Shirley Quilters and Crafters 10:30 am at the Shirley Hall |
| Saturdays | Pilates at the Shirley Hall 9:30 am Level 1 class, suitable for beginners Contact: Sandra Smith Email: info@sandrasmithyoga.com |
| Saturdays | Ecstatic Dance Yoga 7:30 am – 8:30 pm at the Shirley Hall Yoga with Elizabeth Tse Contact: bloomingyoga4kids@gmail.com |
| Sundays | Kemp Lake Store Music Café Music Jam 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm @ 7875 West Coast Rd For more info phone 250.642.7875 |
| Thursdays & Sundays | Nia Dance/Movement Class at the Shirley Hall 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 |
| Fridays & Sundays | Yoga at the Shirley Hall Fridays at 10:00 am – 11:15 am Sundays at 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm Class for all levels wildwomanspirit21@gmail.com |

2. OPSRRA SEEKS NEW DIRECTORS FOR 2017

Is OPSRRA important to you? Do you have energy to sit on a Board of Directors and stay informed about what's going on in the communities of Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan

River? We are currently seeking members who are interested in running for election at our next AGM which will take place around April of 2017. Please contact any of the Directors for more information about the position(s).

3. OPSRAA GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 20TH

Sunday, November 20th OPSRRA is hosting a General Meeting at the JDFEA Services Building (3-7450 Butler Road). The topic of the meeting is Water Resource Sustainability in Our Communities and 2 RRU students will review the assessment conducted by their Royal Roads University student team Pacific Priority Solutions. They will give an explanation of the project and results and will answer questions from the floor.

Light refreshments will be available (by donation).

The report is available on our website. You will be able to see the navigation bookmarks if you download the file and open with Adobe Acrobat.

<http://www.opsrra.ca/Water/RRU%20Project/Assessment%20of%20Water%20Resource%20Sustainability%20Report.pdf>

4. KING CREEK CLEAN-UP OCT 18TH

On October 18th ten OPSRRA and JDF Community Trails Society members braved the elements to complete a community clean-up on Otter Point Road in the area just west of King Road. This was the second event funded through a grant from the CRD Community Clean-Up Assistance Program. The volunteers gathered approximately 10 m³ (12 yd²) of garbage, in addition to metal waste, construction materials, electrical appliances, hazardous materials including asbestos/concrete pipe, insulation and drywall.



The dumpster provided by Sooke Disposal Ltd. was almost completely filled within the space of three short hours. Volunteers used their own vehicles, at their own cost, to shuttle materials from the roadside to the dumpster and eventually to Sooke and Hartland waste disposal sites. Volunteers delivered metal waste to the waste depot on Marilyn Place and hazardous materials and electrical appliances to the Hartland Landfill, with CRD mileage allowances paid to the vehicle owners and reimbursement of dumping fees at Hartland through the grant.

Waste collected included television sets, microwaves, fax machines, hairdressing equipment, printers and telephones. Also included in the inventory was a car seat, a sofa, a children's playhouse and pool as well as a car hood and fender, an empty oil barrel, full one-gallon containers of engine oil and other lubricants and dozens of empty plastic containers, garbage bags filled with household garbage – the list goes on! The dumped concrete and drywall potentially contained asbestos, and required special bagging and disposal at additional cost, as did animal carcasses.

In addition to Sooke Disposal and CRD contributions, The Stick in the Mud and Shirley Delicious provided coffee and sweets for the volunteers, which were truly appreciated in the cool, rainy weather. Sooke Home Hardware assisted with the purchase of heavy-duty gloves, which were invaluable. Mainroad South Island could not attend the site due to commitments to repair culverts and roads damaged in the recent storms, but offered to assist in future efforts.

The volunteers were all pleased to be able to work together on this clean-up but expressed frustration that people find it more convenient to dump their garbage along the roadside rather than take it to a waste depot. Cost to dispose of waste are minimal; disposing of two bags of garbage at the Marilyn Road site costs less than a six-pack of beer and the disposal of the hazardous materials at the Hartland depot was not much

more than a case of beer. Electronics and metal are recycled for free at the Sooke and Hartland depots.

Only the people doing the illegal dumping along roadways or in 'the bush' know what motivates them. Perhaps it's saving ten bucks; perhaps it's not having to drive into Sooke. Whatever the reason, it's irresponsible and disrespectful toward neighbours and rural residents. It's because of this irresponsibility that the CRD has adopted a bylaw dealing with illegal dumping as a deterrent. For those who persist in illegal dumping, the bylaw carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000 per offence upon conviction.

The objective was to clean up the site and raise awareness of the problem of rampant illegal dumping. The source of the dumped material is unknown but some does come from local sources. This was the second illegal dumping clean-up event spearheaded by OPSRRA with support from the community, the CRD and Regional Director Mike Hicks. No one wants garbage dumped in their front or back yard. The time is long overdue to show more respect toward rural neighbours by stopping illegal dumping.

5. JDFEA PARKS AND RECREATION POSITIONS OPEN

The following was submitted to OPSRRA by JDFEA Local Services

The Capital Regional District (CRD) invites applications from residents interested in sitting on the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to provide advice on parks and recreation in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.

Otter Point 1 position Shirley/Jordan River 1 position

Where representation from the areas above cannot be achieved, a representative may be selected from the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area at large.

Appointment will expire December 31, 2018.

Meetings are held at 3:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building, 3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC.

Send us a one-page summary telling about yourself, your area of knowledge and why you would like to volunteer on the Commission.

Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, December 2, 2016.

Mail, fax or email your application to:

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission 3-7450 Butler Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 1N1

E: jdfinfo@crd.bc.ca

T: 250.642.8100

F: 250.642.5274

6. 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

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

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 PocketNews

Sooke Region Chamber of Commerce

Sooke Water Inc.

Shards Glass Studio and Workshops

Stick in the Mud Coffee House

Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast

Three Sisters Farm

Tugwell Creek Honey Farm

Tugwell Creek Meadery

Le Sooke Spa
Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage

Welcome Wagon
Wildewood Custom Homes
Wood Visions

7. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER

Back issues of the OPSRRA newsletter are available on the OPSRRA web site:
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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.