



Representing the Residents and Ratepayers of Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River
www.opsrra.ca

SEPTEMBER 2016

**OPSRRA'S OTTER POINT, SHIRLEY & JORDAN RIVER
NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2016
CELEBRATING 13 YEARS OF PUBLICATION!**

- 1. UP-COMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**
- 2. EARLY OTTER POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE TRUCKS**
- 3. ROYAL ROADS WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT LINK**
- 4. ODE TO A FARMER CONTEST DETAILS**
- 5. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS**
- 6. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER**

OPSRRA 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. OPSRRA 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 OPSRRA 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
Phone: 646-2133		Phone: 646- 9998	
Brenda Mark	Treasurer	Fiona McDannold	Director
Phone: 646-2598		Phone: 646-2730	
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.

Saturday Sept 3rd	Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike Anderson Cove. Meet at the parking lot across from the 17 Mile Pub at 9 am to car pool or meet at the Anderson Cove parking lot of East Sooke Rd at 9:15 am for a 10 kilometre hike on forested trails. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch, camera and water. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Jennifer Davison at
---	--

	<p>jenniferanne.davison@gmail.com</p> <p>Web site: www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</p>
Tuesday Sept 6th	<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>
Wednesday Sept 7th	<p>Block Watch Meeting and Presentation in Shirley</p> <p>7:00 pm at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>RCMP Power Point Presentation followed by a question and answer period about making our community safer.</p>
Saturday Sept 10th	<p>Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission and the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Charters Bridge to Grassy Lake. This is a JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sponsored hike of level 3 - difficulty on good trails with an elevation gain of 400m. Meet at William Simmons Memorial Park, west parking lot (Sooke Business Park) at 9 am. Alternatively meet at the Charters River parking lot on Sooke River Road at 9:30 am Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and water. Many like to swim in the lake this time of the year, so bring a bathing suit, if you like. 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>
Saturday Sept 10th	<p>Sheringham Water Works Ltd AGM</p> <p>2:00 pm – 3:30 pm at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>All water subscribers are welcome to attend and participate. However, only those with Class A Shares are entitled to vote on Motions and in any Elections.</p>

Sunday, Sept 11th	<p>Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society AGM</p> <p>2:00 pm – 3:30 pm in the SEAPARC Boardroom</p> <p>2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke</p> <p>All Sheringham Lighthouse Preservation Society members and friends of the Society are welcome.</p> <p>For more info: http://sheringhamlighthouse.org/society/upcoming-activities/</p>
Tuesday Sept 13th	<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. • Agendas and Minutes are posted for each meeting at: http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm
Wednesday Sept 14th	<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 Sept 14th	<p>Shirley Community Association Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm at the Shirley Hall</p>
Thursday Sept 15th	<p>Sooke Town Hall at EMCS</p> <p>Fair Vote Canada and Transition Sooke present speaker David Merner, Fair Vote Canada Acting VP. Moderated by Maja Tait, Sooke Mayor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn more about proportional representation and the Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform • How will your vote be counted in 2019? <p>7:00 pm – 9:00 pm</p>
Tuesday Sept 20th	<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>
Monday Sept 26 th	<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>
Monday Sept 26 th	<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>
Monday Sept 26 th	<p>OPSRRA Directors Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building</p> <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>
Wednesday Sept 28 th	<p>Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4097(Rezoning Application RZ000243 – Sheringham Point Lighthouse)</p> <p>7:00 pm at the Shirley Community Hall</p> <p>2795 Sheringham Point Road, Shirley, BC</p> <p>https://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf</p>
Saturday Oct 1 st	<p>Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Empress Mountain. Meet at the Sooke Potholes Regional Park parking lot #2 on the right at 9 am for an all day 14 km hike on forest trails to reach an elevation of 660 metres. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and a couple snacks, your camera and lots of water.</p>

	<p>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>
Saturday Oct 1st	<p>Shards Glass Studio: CHI Fusion – The Ancient Arts Fires of Food and Glass</p> <p>Learn the ancient art of glass fusion to make your own unique plate! Then help Nature's Chef create a wild-crafted meal to christen your fresh baked artwork. Max 12 people. Location is at Shards Glass Studio in Otter Point.</p> <p>Glass Fusion 9 am – 12 pm</p> <p>For more info go to http://www.shardsglass.com/workshops.html</p>
Sunday Oct 2nd	<p>Shards Glass Studio: CHI Fusion – The Ancient Arts Fires of Food and Glass</p> <p>Food CHI 11 am – 2 pm</p> <p>For more info go to http://www.shardsglass.com/workshops.html</p>
Tuesday Oct 4th	<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>
Saturday Oct 8th	<p>Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission and the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Sooke Potholes Park to Peden Lake. This is an all day JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sponsored hike of difficulty level 3 with an elevation gain of 300 metres through beautiful forest and possibility for a swim. Meet at William Simmons Memorial Park, west parking lot (Sooke Business Park) at 9 am. Alternatively meet at the Sooke Potholes Upper Parking Lot at 9:30 am. Dress for the</p>

	<p>weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and a couple of snacks and water. Bring a bathing suit, as there may be a chance to go for a swim. 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>
Tuesday Oct 11th	<p>Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)</p> <p>Monthly meeting 6:30 pm Boardroom, SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings of the Commission 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
Saturday Oct 15th	<p>FALL DANCE at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>Dance starts at 8 pm. Featuring the band Southbound & Friends</p> <p>Tickets \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door</p> <p>Watch for them to become available at Shirley Delicious and Sooke Shoppers Drug Mart.</p>
Mondays	<p>Easy Yoga for Women</p> <p>10:00 am – 11:00 am at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>Yoga with Elizabeth Tse</p> <p>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>
Tuesdays	<p>KIDS Club!</p> <p>3:45 pm – 5:30 pm at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>After-school drop in for ages 5+</p> <p>kellywilliams1978@yahoo.ca for more info</p>
Thursdays	<p>Shirley Quilters and Crafters</p> <p>10:30 am at the Shirley Hall</p>
Saturdays	<p>Pilates at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>9:30 am</p> <p>Level 1 class, suitable for beginners</p> <p>Contact: Sandra Smith</p> <p>Email: info@sandrasmithyoga.com</p>
Saturdays	<p>Ecstatic Dance Yoga</p> <p>7:30 am – 8:30 pm at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>Yoga with Elizabeth Tse</p> <p>Contact: bloomingyoga4kids@gmail.com</p>
Sundays	<p>Kemp Lake Store Music Café Music Jam</p> <p>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm @ 7875 West Coast Rd</p> <p>For more info phone 250.642.7875</p>
Thursdays & Sundays	<p>Nia Dance/Movement Class at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Sundays 11:00 am – 12:15 pm</p> <p>Contact: Melody Kimmell, 250-646-2995 email movingmelody@gmail.com</p>

**Fridays &
Sundays**

Yoga at the Shirley Hall

**Fridays at 10:00 am – 11:15 am
Sundays at 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm**

Class for all levels

megan.einarson@hotmail.com

2. EARLY OTTER POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE TRUCKS

This 1956 Dodge 1 Ton truck pre-dates the fire department. It was purchased and assembled in May 1978 by the Otter Point District Home Fire Protection Society (OPDHFPS), which was formed in 1976. The OPDHFPS existed before the Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department was formed in January 1980. The truck then became part of the department's fleet and was used until December 1984. It had a flat head 6-cylinder engine, 4-speed manual transmission, 200 - gallon water tank and a small portable pump with a few rolls of fire hose.



1956 Dodge 1 Ton used as a fire truck by the Otter Point District Home Fire Protection Society (OPDHFPS) and the Otter Point Fire Department. OPFD photo c.1978.



1956 Dodge 1 Ton to the right, parked next to the 1968 Ford tender. This photo was taken inside the new fire hall in the early 1980s. OPFD photo.

In May 1978 the OPDHFPS bought a used fire truck from the community of Woss Lake, on northern Vancouver Island. It was a 1941 International Pumper, originally in service with the Colwood Fire Department. The truck was updated with a 1970 Chevrolet 250 cu. in. gas engine and had a 4-speed manual transmission, 250 GPM (Gallons per Minute) PTO (Power Take-off) driven pump and 500-gallon water tank. It was in service until December 1984. After retirement the truck was stored at the fire station for 30 years. Considered unrepairable, it was scrapped and parts were donated to the Colwood and Sooke fire departments for use in their fire truck restoration projects.

In 1979 the Kemp Lake Water District (KLWD) agreed to partner with the OPHFP society to form a fire protection local improvement district with expanded boundaries to include the KLWD. The Otter Point Fire District officially came into existence on January 1st, 1980 and the fire commission applied to the Capital Regional District for an \$80,000 loan to pay for a new fire hall at Kemp Lake and Otter Point Roads. The official opening of the fire hall was held in May 1981.



1941 International Pumper shown outside of the Otter Point Fire Hall on 6 November 1983. OPFD Photo, taken by Frank DeGruchy.

The next truck added to the fleet was a 1968 Ford F700 Water Tender, which was in service from January 1980 to February 1988. The cab and chassis were purchased from a used car lot; the tank and fittings were installed by OPFD volunteers. It had a 477 cu.in. gas engine, 5 and 2 manual transmission and a 1000-gallon water tank.



1968 Ford Tender outside Otter Point Fire Hall in June 1984. 1941 Pumper shown to the left. OPFD photo, taken by Frank DeGruchy.

Two fire trucks were added in December 1984. A 1966 Thibault Pumper (Custom Built) and a 1964 Thibault Pumper.

The 1966 Thibault Pumper was purchased through Crown Assets from the Department of National Defense. It had an 819 cu. in. Waukesau engine, 5- speed manual/electric transmission, Hale 840 GPM pump and carried 500 gallons of water. It was in service from December 1984 to July 1990.

The 1964 Thibault Pumper was purchased from the Colwood Fire Department in July 1984. Built on a Mercury cab over a F850 cab and chassis, it had a V8 gas engine, 5 and 2 manual transmission, Hale 625 GPM pump and carried 500 gallons of water. It was in service from December 1984 to June 1998.



1966 Thibault pumper shown on left, 1964 Thibault pumper is centre and 1968 Ford tender on right. Photo taken outside the Otter Point Fire Hall in May 1985. OPFD photo taken by Frank DeGruchy

The information and pictures for this story came from the files of the Otter Point Fire Department. More information about the history of the OPFD can be found at:
<http://www.otterpointfire.bc.ca/home/history.shtml>

The department's volunteers provide fire protection and emergency services to the community of Otter Point and, through Mutual Aid Agreements, to the neighbouring communities of Sooke and Shirley. More information about the OPFD can be found on their web site: <http://www.otterpointfire.bc.ca/index.shtml>

3. ROYAL ROADS WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT LINK

On Aug 26th, OPSRRA attended the Final Presentation at Royal Roads for the Water Sustainability Project that was commissioned by OPSRRA. The Final Report and Power Point Presentation has been posted to our website under the community issues heading http://www.opsrra.ca/Community_issues.htm.

4. ODE TO A FARMER CONTEST DETAILS

The following Press Release was submitted by the BCAFM (British Columbia Association of Farmers Markets). Sooke Country Market is a member of BCAFM. Did you know the majority of farmers vending at Sooke Market are from the JDFA?

August 25, 2016 (VANCOUVER, BC) – As part of the annual [Farmers Appreciation Week](#) celebrations, September 12 to 18, the BC Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM) is inviting British Columbians to submit their original poems to honour B.C.'s local farmers. Writers of all levels are encouraged to submit their farm themed-poems to the fourth annual [Ode To a Farmer Poetry Contest](#) by midnight, Sunday, September 18.

The grand prize-winner will receive a \$150 gift certificate to spend at the B.C. farmers' market of their choice. Regional winners from the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast, Kootenay Rockies, Northern British Columbia, Thompson Okanagan, Vancouver, Coast & Mountains, and Vancouver Island will also be chosen and awarded \$50 gift certificates. Submissions are being accepted [online](#), by email, and by mail.

"It's such a pleasure reading poetry from across British Columbia that connects to the land, and to farmers and food," says Renee Sarojini Saklikar, Surrey's poet laureate and returning judge. "I always learn something new and am delighted to see so many entries."

"Last year we received a record 120 submissions of farm and food inspired poems and we are hoping to exceed that again this year," said Georgia Stanley, BCAFM's Communications Manager. "We encourage everyone to take a few minutes to consider the immense skill, time and dedication that goes into growing that fresh food we all value. It's challenging work and worth celebrating everyone involved."

Along with the Ode To a Farmer poetry contest, the public can enjoy various activities in celebration of Farmers Appreciation Week that highlight B.C. farmers and local food. Visit markets.bcfarmersmarket.org to find a farmers' market near you and join the celebrations.

The BCAFM is a not-for-profit association that represents 135 farmers' markets across the province and works to support, develop and promote farmers' markets in all regions of B.C. For more information on the BCAFM or to find a farmers' market near you, visit www.bcfarmersmarket.org.

Follow the Ode To a Farmer Contest:

- Webpage: <http://www.bcfarmersmarket.org/fresh-market/farmers-appreciation-week-2016>

- Twitter: [@BCFarmersMarket](#)
- Instagram: [@BCFarmersMarket](#)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BCAFM>
- Hashtag: #BCFarmersWeek

CONTACT:

Georgia Stanley

Communications Manager, BC Association of Farmers' Markets

604-734-9797

georgia@bcfarmersmarket.org

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

Glen's Gardening Company

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

Stick in the Mud Coffee House

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

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

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

www.opsrra.ca

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.