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The Otter Point, Shirley & Jordan River Residents & Ratepayers Association (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**. Any resident or property owner in Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point Official Community Plans 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 and on-line registration. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley or Otter Point, but who wish to support the Association.

Our society's purpose is to:

- 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.
- Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
- Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
- Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
- 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 newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your email address? OPSRRA now emails this newsletter to over **300** of our members as well as local elected representatives, media and archival organizations. Email opsrra@gmail.com if you want to receive this membership service.

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1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Marika Nagasaka at: opsrra@gmail.com to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar here and on our website.

Monday June 2	Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. JDF Local Area Services Building 3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC Proposed Bylaw No. 3923 Rezoning Application Z-02-13 Specialty Medijuana Products Ltd. (6-7450 Butler Road)
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Monday June 2	Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. JDF Local Area Services Building 3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC Proposed Bylaw No. 3934 Rezoning Application Z-03-13 Purdy & Vowles (3384 Otter Point Road)
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Tuesday June 3	Juan de Fuca Emergency Services Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building 2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC
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Wednesday June 4	Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC) Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m. Board Room SEAPARC Leisure Complex 2168 Philips Road, Sooke BC <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Regular meetings of the Commission take place at SEAPARC on the first Wednesday of the month and are open to the public.● Meetings are also held at the call of the Chair.
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Agendas and Minutes posted for each meeting at:
<http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm>

Wednesday June 4	Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society Annual General Meeting 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. JDF Local Area Services Building 3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC Financial report and election of directors Information: www.jdflandtrust.ca
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Saturday
June 7

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
Hike the Harrison Trail to Charters River over to
Monument

9:00 a.m.

Meet at the Charters River parking lot on Sooke River Road to carpool to the start.

An 8 km, difficulty level 3+ hike mostly on forest trails. The climb up Monument is steep.

Bring a lunch, water, good footwear, and dress for the weather.

Everyone welcome

Contact Rosemary Jorna, sid2767@shaw.ca for details.

Web site:

www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Monday
June 9

Seniors Advocate, Isobel Mackenzie, Hosts Lively
Discussion

7:00 p.m.

Free admission.

Bring a friend. Come early. Seating capacity is 50 people

Harbourside Cohousing
6669 Horne Road, Sooke

(Turn south on Murray Road at the Otter Point Road light.
Turn at the second left onto Horne--second house on the right. Angled parking.)

Wednesday
June 11

Shirley & Jordan River Citizens' Committee
Official Community Plan Review

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

See newsletter item below.

Link to documents: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/about-the-region/juan-de-fuca>

Saturday
June 14

**Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks &
Recreation Advisory Commission / Juan de Fuca
Community Trails Society
Priests Cabin to the Matterhorn**
9:00 a.m.

Everyone welcome.

Meet at the William Simmons Memorial Park (Poirier Lake) parking lot to car pool to the trail head. (Turn into the Sooke Business Park at 3220 Otter Point Road; the parking lot is behind the berm immediately to the left.)

A 10 km, difficulty level 3 hike. The hike features beautiful forest and grand views of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, Olympic Mountains beyond.

Bring a lunch, water, and dress for the weather. Good footwear a must.

Contact Sid Jorna:

Phone: 250-642-2767 or

email: jdf.cts@gmail.com for more information

Monday
June 16

**OPSRRA Board of Directors
Meeting**

Note: Location
change

Members welcome!

7:30 p.m.

JDF Local Area Services Building
3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC

Agenda available on request.

Contact opsrra@gmail.com

Tuesday
June 17

Shirley Women's Institute

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Tuesday
June 17

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Land Use Committee

7:00 p.m.

JDF Local Area Services Building
3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC

Wednesday
June 18

Shirley Fire Commission

Meeting

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Tuesday
June 24

Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Commission

Monthly Meeting

3:00 p.m.

JDF Local Area Services Building
3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC

Wednesday
June 25

**Shirley & Jordan River Citizens' Committee
Official Community Plan Review**

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

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Link to documents: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/about-the-region/juan-de-fuca>

Tuesday
July 1

**Juan de Fuca Emergency Services
Monthly Meeting**

7:00 p.m.
JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

Wednesday
July 2

**Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation
Commission (SEAPARC)**

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m.
Board Room
SEAPARC Leisure Complex
2168 Philips Road, Sooke BC

- Regular meetings of the Commission take place at SEAPARC on the first Wednesday of the month and are open to the public.
- Meetings are also held at the call of the Chair.

Agendas and Minutes posted for each meeting at:

<http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm>

Saturday
July 5

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
Explore old routes through the Sooke Hills**

9:00 a.m.

Meet at the Park & Ride on Kaltasin Road to car pool to the start.

Ev leads this 10 km, day-long hike on forest trails.

Bring a lunch, water, wear good footwear, and dress for the weather.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767

or email sid2767@shaw.ca for details.

Web site:

www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Saturday
July 12

**Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks &
Recreation Advisory Commission / Juan de Fuca
Community Trails Society
Thetis Lake to Francis King**
9:00 a.m.

Everyone welcome.

Meet at the William Simmons Memorial Park (Poirier Lake) parking lot to car pool to the trail head. (Turn into the Sooke Business Park at 3220 Otter Point Road; the parking lot is behind the berm immediately to the left.)

Or, meet at the Thetis Lake parking lot at 9:35 a.m.

A 10 km, difficulty level 3 hike with little elevation change. We proceed past Thetis Lake through well-developed mature forest to Francis King. The hike returns via Mackenzie and Thetis Lakes

Bring a lunch, water, and dress for the weather. Good footwear a must.

Contact Sid Jorna:
Phone: 250-642-2767 or
email: jdf.cts@gmail.com for more information

Sundays

Shirley Country Market
11:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

Pioneer Park at the Shirley Hall

Mondays

Karate for all ages
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall
Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

Mondays

Pilates
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Shirley Community Hall
Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)
Contact Sandra Smith:
website: www.svakayoga.com
email: svakayoga@gmail.com

Tuesdays

Yoga
6:00 to 7:15 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall
Gentle Flow Class for all levels
Contact Nicole Spackman: shirleyhallyoga@gmail.com

Thursdays **Shirley Quilters and Crafters**
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall
[Everyone welcome](#)
Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

Saturdays **Pilates**
9:30 am
Shirley Community Hall
Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)
Contact: Sandra Smith
website: www.svakayoga.com
email: svakayoga@gmail.com

Thursdays &
Sundays **Nia Dance / Movement Class**
Thursdays: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Sundays: 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall
Contact Melody Kimmell:
250-646-2995
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2. WHERE IN THE JUAN DE FUCA?

Where in the Juan de Fuca? is a continuing feature in the OPSRRA newsletter. We present a picture and ask you to identify where the building or object is located, what it is, or any significance it might have.

No one correctly guessed last month's picture of the starting cannon used by the Otter Point Volunteer Firefighter's Association at the annual New Year's Day Polar Bear swim at Whiffin Spit. Operated by an Otter Point firefighter, the cannon has been used at their New Year's event since the mid-1990s. The first Polar Bear swim started in 1992 at Young's Lake (Scouts Canada, Camp Barnard) and moved to Whiffin Spit in 1994 when participation began increasing.



On the left is the starting cannon used for the Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department's annual Polar Bear swim at Whiffin Spit. On the right are swimmers entering the water at the sound of the cannon (top right). Polar Bear swim picture courtesy of Britt Santowski, Sooke News Mirror.

This month's Where in the Juan de Fuca?



Tell us where the metal in the distance is located and what it was used for. No prize for the winner(s), but we'll give you credit for your "find" if you're okay with us using your name. The answer will be in next month's newsletter. Send your guess by June 29, 2014 to: opsrra@gmail.com

3. **UPDATE: WILLIAM SIMMONS PARK SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Manager of Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation submitted the following:

Juan de Fuca Parks and Recreation has contracted Valhalla Trails Ltd. to develop an update of the Site Management Plan for William Simmons Memorial Park prepared in 2010. The revised plan will assess the "Phase 3" area of development (former life tenant area) with a specific focus on parking, recreational opportunities for Poirier Lake and proposed improvements in other areas of the park. A public information session will be held in late September or early October to present a draft plan to the public for their review and recommendations; a questionnaire will also be made available to organizations and on the Juan de Fuca Parks and Recreation website for those wishing to submit comments. Implementation of the plan will commence in 2015.

Note: The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has granted a permit for public access off of Otter Point Road into the proposed parking area.

4. **NOTE FROM THE KEMP LAKE WATERWORKS AGM**

Here is a tip for residents on the Kemp Lake Waterworks system. First a little background. At the Kemp Lake Waterworks AGM, someone commented that she

has heard a lot of complaints about water quality but usually from people who are not on the Kemp Lake system. Over the last twenty-five years, there has been only one “boil-water” order caused by an intake of water somewhere on a line, not by water from the lake. That problem was quickly dealt with.

The system delivers lake water. One of the reasons meeting the 4-3-2-1 treatment standard will be expensive is that the lake water has a tea-like tinge. An extra step would be required before ultraviolet light would be effective. People do object to the herbal flavour of the “tea” but the Kemp Lake water is as good as any bottled water if it is filtered for drinking and cooking.

One of the Trustees pointed out that the extra flavour in water from a household’s taps might be caused by stuff in the water line between the Kemp Lake water meter and the residence. The meter belongs to the Kemp Lake Waterworks and should not be interfered with. Best not even lift the lid to peek. However, the line between the meter and the residence belongs to the property owners and they are the ones to maintain that line.

Here’s the tip. Your water might taste extra gunky because your lines need flushing. That’s your job. Some lines, because of length and layout, may have more build-up of gunk than others but flushing your waterline twice a year is a good idea even if it is short and sweet. Trustees recommend opening an outside tap, one that is close to ground level, and letting it run full blast for about five minutes, or until the water runs through clear. If you have an outside system for your yard, it is a good plan to flush the line before closing the outside system down for the winter. When you remember to flush your water line, do your hot water tank as well.

Contact the Kemp Lake Waterworks administrators at 250 642 2875 or through administrator@kemplakewaterworks.bc.ca

5. **BEAR BUZZ: BE BEAR AWARE/WILDSAFE**

Careful management of bear attractants is the first and most important step in controlling “bear problems”, as bears are motivated by hunger, not malice. By the time we recognize our mistakes, it is often too late for the bear.

Problem: Otter Point area of Helgesen and 2000 block of Otter Point Road; chickens were the attractants for two black bears seeking a food source. These bears caused damaged to properties and frightened the residents in this area.

Solution: Electric fences provide “shocking solutions”

If you have livestock/ poultry, an electric fence has the power to keep bears out of your enclosures, grain sheds and just about anywhere else you don’t want bears to go.

- Build [electric fencing](#) to protect chicken houses.
- Keep chickens in at night.
- Keep chickens close to the home and protected
- Keep feed secured.
- Don’t bury carcasses in areas close to your home or livestock

Problem: Several Black bears have been spotted in Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River residential areas. Bears are ruled by their stomachs (they need to store fat for winter) and therefore can easily become habituated to garbage and other attractants. Foraging in communities is a learned behaviour that threatens the safety of both the bears and the residents of that community.

Solution: Take responsibility.

Many of us remain skeptical as to our responsibility in attracting bears. Even after we have seen the bear in the yard or had the trash raided, we often continue to deny our personal responsibility.

If bears cannot find the food they need, they soon leave the area. The following bear attractants should be managed to ensure bears don't move into your neighbourhood.

Use this checklist to ensure bears do not become **human food conditioned** and/or **habituated** due to your carelessness .

- Store garbage in a secure building, until collection day.
- If you cannot store garbage securely, freeze smelly items
- Use bird feeders only in the winter
- Compost: be sure not to add fish, meat, fat, oils, un-rinsed eggshells, cereals or grains or any cooked food
- Feed pets indoors and store pet food indoors
- Store freezers indoors, and never leave a cooler outside,
- Remember that vegetable gardens may become an attractant if a bear has already gained other food rewards on your property

Check out the following link for ways to manage your attractants:

<http://www.wildsafebc.com/species/black-bears>

Report problem wildlife or bears in an urban setting: 1-877-952-7277.

Debbie Read, WildsafeBC/Bear Aware Co-coordinator, CRD Region

Please view my [Facebook page](#) for info and local photos.

6. GOVERNANCE SERIES: SCHOOL TRUSTEES

This is the sixth in a series on governance in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) leading-up to elections in November, 2014 for JDFEA Regional Director and School District #62 (Sooke) School Trustees and appointees to the JDFEA Land Use Committee and Advisory Planning Commissions.

To date we have looked at:

- The differences between the JDFEA Parks & Recreation Commission and SEAPARC. (January, 2014);
- Elected and appointed commissions and committees in the JDFEA. (February, 2014);
- The role and responsibilities of the JDFEA Regional Director. (March, 2014).
- How property taxes are determined (April, 2014)
- Who makes land use decisions for the JdFEA (May 2014)

Note: The final two installments in this series will appear in the September and October issues of the OPSRRA newsletter.

This month's installment: The role and responsibilities of elected School Trustees

There was a time when Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point had schools in their communities; individuals in a local community would organize themselves, appoint trustees, build a school, hire the teacher and pay most of the cost of wages and building maintenance. School buildings were used as community centres. Schools would open, move and close as working families followed jobs in forestry, fishing and construction.

Much has changed in the 142 years since the Sooke School District was formed in 1872 and later absorbed the Metchosin and Highlands School Districts. The elementary school in Port Renfrew is the only remaining public school west of Sooke.

School Districts are established by provincial legislation to govern public school activities in a specified geographic area of the province. Sooke School District #62 (SD 62) is the third largest on Vancouver Island and one of only seven in the province with increasing enrollment. It provides kindergarten to grade 12 (K-12) education to an estimated 8,700 students from the communities of Colwood, Metchosin, Langford, Highlands, Sooke, Otter Point, East Sooke, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew. The District is responsible for: three secondary, four middle and 19 elementary schools; a technical centre; a learning centre; Continuing Education; Distributed Learning; and Alternative Education Services.

An estimated 250 students from Otter Point and 40 from Jordan River and Shirley attend elementary, middle and secondary schools in SD 62, mostly in Sooke.

Although school taxes can be the single largest part of a property owner's taxes, surprisingly less than half of the eligible taxpayers choose to vote in the school trustee elections.

SD 62's operating budget for 2013-14 was about \$82 million. School Districts derive most of their revenue from three sources: provincial taxes; property taxes; and fees for service, such as surcharging for certain courses or enrolling foreign students. This coming year property owners in our area will be assessed \$2.0225 for school taxes for each \$1,000 of assessed property value. This will amount to \$1,011.25 on a \$500,000 property. However, the net amount paid is much less for most of us because the provincial Home Owner's Grant, put in place in 1957 to reduce homeowners' costs towards education, rebates either \$570 if you are a permanent resident of the province or \$845 if over the age of 65 or have a disability.

School Districts are supposed to be governed by a board of trustees (known as the Board) and elected by eligible residents living within the District. However, the Province can dismiss trustees and appoint an administrator. School trustee elections are held at the same time and location as municipal and regional director elections. SD 62 elects seven trustees from two zones, four from the Belmont Zone and three from the Milne's Landing Zone. The Milne's Landing zone includes Sooke, East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew. The current trustees from this zone are Margot Swinburnson (Otter Point), Neil Poirier (Sooke) and Bob Phillips (Otter Point). SD 62 trustees receive an annual \$10,000 stipend, one of the lowest in the province.

A number of provincial laws and regulations establish the role and function of a Board of Education as well as the statutory responsibilities of the District Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer:

- A School Board must file a balanced budget with the Province and adhere to strict guidelines for Special Education and Aboriginal students. The current provincial funding formula is around \$6,900 per student;
- A Board has no taxing authority, but it could hold a referendum on a funding matter.

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer oversee all day-to-day operations and the Board has overall responsibility for the budget, policy and procedures related to personnel, education and collective agreements.

The Board, is responsible for:

- Hiring all senior staff as well as principals and vice-principals;
- Making the decisions concerning school catchment areas, building or closing schools, grade configurations, fees and codes of conduct;

- Overseeing personnel decisions concerning discipline or termination;
- Functioning as an Appeal Tribunal when an employee believes they have been treated unfairly;
- The Appeal Process when a parent disagrees with decision made by District staff.

The Board works very closely with the parents and employees – the “stakeholders”. Each school has a Parent Advisory Council (PAC), which is then represented on the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC). Virtually all Board decisions in SD 62 are preceded by consultation with the DPAC as well as employee unions and associations. For example, the local stakeholders provide formal budget input and participate in hiring interviews.

Trustees serve on a number of SD 62 community and provincial committees and boards. The BC School Trustees Association is the provincial trustee organization funded by the Provincial Government. The Association’s primary tasks are to serve as an advocacy group for public education and consult with the government on all matters effecting children’s education and well being.

The Association also offers educational opportunities for trustees as well as legal advice to School Districts.

For more information refer to the SD 62 web site: <http://www.sd62.bc.ca/>

7. **UPDATE: SHIRLEY & JORDAN RIVER OCP REVIEW**

Update: The Shirley/Jordan River Official Community Plan Review Citizens’ Committee

The committee met at the Shirley Hall for their seventh meeting on May 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Planners Emma Taylor and Tracy Olsen, six Committee members. No members of the public attended.

Regarding an action item from Meeting #6, Tracy reported that the consultants from Madrone Environmental Services would be working on development permit area guidelines specific to the identified ecosystems in the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory.

Unfinished agenda items from the sixth meeting:

- Guideline Review of Development Permit Area No. 2, Foreshore and Marine Shoreline Areas and
- Development Permit Area No. 3, Watercourses, Wetlands and Riparian Areas.

Policy reviews for Emergency Planning, Traffic, Community Health and Commercial/Economy Themes were covered.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm, and Agenda Item #9 (Guideline Review of Development Permit Area No. 1, Steep Slopes and Development Permit Area No. 5, Commercial Development Areas) was tabled due to lack of time,.

The next meeting will be June 11 2014, 7:00 PM at Shirley Hall and the theme will be Water.

8. **DID YOU KNOW THAT ...**

A sailing ship ran aground off of Gordon’s Beach, in Otter Point, in 1912?

About 6:00 am on the morning of Monday, December 2, 1912 the *County of Linlithgow* was nearing the end of a seven week trip from Antofagasta, Chile when it mistook the recently installed lighthouse at Sheringham Point (activated on

September 30, 1912) for the Race Rocks Light. The ship was heading for the anchorage at Royal Roads, off Esquimalt Harbour, when Captain Mueller, who had already ordered an alteration to port in order to approach the anchorage, realized that instead of open water to his left he was heading into Orveas Bay. Gale force winds, strong currents and rain squalls apparently complicated matters as he tried to sail his ship away from the shore. However, by 6:30 am the *County of Linlithgow* was aground off of Gordon's Beach.



The four masted sailing ship *County of Linlithgow* ran aground in Orveas Bay off Gordon's Beach in December, 1912. The vessel mistook the newly installed Sheringham Point Light to be the Race Rocks Light and turned to port thinking it was entering the waters off Victoria. It was later floated, undamaged, at high tide. SRHS #1146

According to a story in the December 5, 1912, issue of Victoria's *Daily Colonist* newspaper, the noise of the flapping sails awoke the Gordon family. Kitty Gordon and her daughter Kathleen walked to the beach and greeted the captain and crew. Once ashore, Captain Mueller used the West Coast Lifesaving Trail telegraph station at the Gordon Farm to send word of the grounding to Victoria. The steam tug, *Lorne*, from Victoria and the U.S. life-saving steamer, *Snohomish*, from Clallam Bay on the American side of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, arrived immediately. The next day, the *Lorne* was able to pull the ship off of the shore and tow it to Royal Roads where it dumped its ballast and then continued to Esquimalt Harbour for dry-docking where little damage was found.

Meanwhile, newspapers in Oregon, California and even as far away as Pittsburgh, New York carried the story; but incorrectly had the ship aground in "pounding seas" east of Otter Point (Sooke Bay) and in danger of sinking as, "She is on a weather shore and seas are breaking high over her. It is feared she will be a total loss."

Read more about the *County of Linlithgow* in the *Daily Colonist*:
<http://archive.org/stream/dailycolonist57304uvic#page/n14/mode/1up/search/county+aground>

Information for this month's **Did You Know That?** came from the December 5, 1912, issue of the *Daily Colonist*, *The Sooke Story—the History and the Heartbeat*, written and published by the Sooke Region Historical Society, and *Otter Point Heritage Sites and Areas of Historical Interest* written by Arnie Campbell with the assistance of the Archivist at the Sooke Region Museum.

Do you have a question or historical information about Shirley, Jordan River or Otter Point that you want to share? Contact opsrra@gmail.com

9. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS

Do you operate a small business? Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA is offering 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 anticipate having 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 an on-line 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 has more information about the following business listings

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair

Accent in Grooming

A Point of View B & B

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 Cafe

Knotty Beds by Nature and Cedar Surfboards

Le Sooke Spa

Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage

Ocean Wilderness Inn
Otter Point Beach House
Otter Point Electrical Service
Perfect Grade Plumbing
Reflexology by Marlene Barry
Road's End Construction
Sandy's Drywall Ltd
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

10. **BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER**

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

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: www.opsrra.ca. 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 got it wrong we will acknowledge that and make a correction as quickly as possible.
