

Fall 2014

Grand Boulevard Ridgeway Residents Association

The GBRRA represents the neighbourhood to the City, providing a unified voice with a mandate to improve the quality of life in the area.

GBRRA ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

Wednesday, November 5, 7-9:30pm

Ridgeway Elementary School Gym

420 East 8th Street, North Vancouver

Official Community Plan (OCP)

Since 2011 the City has presented **City Shaping**, the process for developing the next OCP.

To quote from the website, City Shaping is "an extensive engagement process to reach out broadly to the whole community for ideas and to set goals, while also bringing stakeholders and 'local experts' into deeper conversations about specific strategies and measures of success." After all that, and thousands of people hours, we thought we had a plan.

But the OCP was rejected on September 29th by a vote of 4-3. How is it that a Councillor could bring up issues, which he felt weren't dealt with, at the last minute? Some people think that this just gives some Councillors another opportunity to push for greater density, which the community already rejected.

It's not clear if this will be an election issue or if this Mayor and Council have it in them to resolve the outstanding issues and pass the OCP very soon.

3 Candidates for Mayor in CNV

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18 Candidates for Councillor (some have websites and email addresses and some only email addresses Back, Holly - 2100 Rufus Dr. www.hollyback.ca, info@hollyback.ca Bell, Bill - 1406-110 W. 4th St. www.electbell.ca , electbell@shaw.ca Bell, Don - 402-137 W. 17th St. donbell@live.ca Bell, Dorothy Anne - 1406-110 W. 4th St. www.electbell.ca , electbell@shaw.ca Bookham, Pam - 508 E. 12th St. www.pambookham.ca, bookham@shaw.ca Buchanan, Linda - 508 E. Keith Rd. www.lindabuchanan.ca, buchanan4council@telus.net Clark, Matt - 619 Fir St. www.votemattclark.com , contactmattclark@gmail.com Clark, Rod - 628 E. 2nd St. www.rodclark.ca , clark@royal.net Fearnley, Via - 4003 Delbrook Ave. www.viafearnley.ca, viafearnley@shaw.ca Harvey, John - 33-1910 Cedar Village Cres. joharv@telus.net Heilman, Joe - 248 W. 27th St. www.joeheilman.ca, joe@heilman.ca Janis, Dave - 203 W. 2nd St. Unit D doubledvd@yahoo.ca Keating, Craig - 172 E. 25th St. creynoldskeating@gmail.com Makris, Iani - No.5 Lonsdale Ave. ianimakris@hotmail.com McGrenera, Kathy - 103-510 Chesterfield Ave. mcgrenera4council@gmail.com Nichol, Amanda - 485 E. 1st St. anichol@gmail.com Sostad, Ron - 231 E. 15th St. Valente, Tony - 14-168 E. Esplanade St. www.tonyvalente.ca, tony@tonyvalente.ca

To read more about the candidates, go to: <u>http://www.cnv.org/Your-Government/</u> <u>Election/2014-List-of-Candidates</u> or click <u>here</u>

Chair's Report - Fiona Walsh

If you're planning to attend our All Candidates Meeting on November 5th, please submit your questions, and the name of the candidate(s) to whom you would like them to be directed, to Carole Stewart at <u>twinbeaches2007@shaw.ca</u> or 604 984 2321. We will try to ask all the questions we receive. We can't promise that you will have the same opportunity, if you think of a question from the floor of the All Candidates Meeting.

With 3 candidates for mayor and 18 for city councillor, I know you probably think that it will take much too much of your already small downtime to separate the wheat from the chaff. Then you would have to determine how much of what they say is based on fact and how much on fiction, or unsubstantiated data. And then the kids need your help, or you need to deal with a time-sensitive issue -- reality calls. But the winners of this race are going to decide how your neighbourhood changes FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS! Your kids will be 4 years older when you'll get another chance to make a difference. Take a stand and tell your loved ones that for the next few weeks you need to set aside time to get the big picture and then vote on November 15 or in the advance polls from November 5 at the City Hall and the City Library. Go to: http:// www.cnv.org/Your-Government/Election for more information and plan to go with your family, friends or neighbours. Get involved. Show you care. ... at least by voting!

What's with Boulevard Crescent?

Good question. The bike lane ends at the southbound entrance to Hwy 1! What does that dotted line mean? How can the cars see if there's a cyclist coming up on their right? Here are some answers. You can read all about it, if you go to <u>http://</u> <u>www.cnv.org/City-Services/Streets-and-Transportation/Cycling/Cycling-Projects/ Lynn-Valley-Underpass</u> or click <u>here</u>. <u>The</u> <u>Pedestrian/Cyclist</u> <u>Highway 1</u> <u>Crossing</u> <u>Improvements in the Lynn Valley/Loutet</u> <u>Area Study</u> was done by the City of North Van in Feb. 2010, and it highlighted the need for improvements to the pedestrian and bicycle facilities at the interchange.

The City of North Vancouver, the District of North Vancouver and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) have developed designs for improved transportation links along Boulevard Crescent and Lynn Valley Road.

Well, the City has done their part, to the city boundary. They'll paint the bike lane green, on the south side of Boulevard Cres., for the section where motorists turn right toward Hwy 1 southbound, when the weather cooperates. The big change will come where Lynn Valley Road goes under Hwy 1, but the timeline for that is not clear. Bosa, the developer for the Lynn Valley Town Centre, has agreed to pay for the upgrade, as an amenity, and it will be completed before their first building is occupied. Phone Nicole Foth or Tegan Smith in District Transportation and Planning for more on this. So now you know. Please be vigilant and watch for cyclists. Of course, a pedestrian bridge over Hwy 1 at Loutet Park would be far better for all, but that's another battle ...

SUTHERLAND'S GARDEN

The students and a teacher at Sutherland Secondary School are having a 30-day,

'crowd funding campaign' with The Edible Garden Project to raise money to pay for the soil and perimeter fence (native plants, shrubs and low trees to keep the dogs out) for their Schoolyard Market Garden and Outdoor Classroom. Go to:

http://igg.me/at/schoolyardmarketgarden

or click <u>here</u> You have until November 10th to donate money or 'in kind'. You can even volunteer through this link: <u>http://sutherlandgarden.weebly.com/</u>

They hope to break ground in November.

GREENWOOD PARK IVY PULL VOLUNTEER WORK PARTY

Saturday, Oct 25 - 9am to 12pm 23rd St. and Ridgeway, Park Entrance Help pull invasive plants out of our city park. Everyone welcome! Great activity for families!

> Gloves, tools and training provided. No previous experience necessary. Free lunch, hot chocolate & coffee! We can't guarantee sunny skies but we can guarantee

a GOOD TIME, GOOD COMPANY & GOOD FOOD!

Facebook: Greenwood Park North Vancouver Info: Evonne 778-835-0635

Loutet Farm still has Farm Gate Sales on Wednesdays and Saturdays until October 29. <u>http://ediblegardenproject.com/calendar/</u> or click <u>here</u> to check out their events. To get involved with GBRRA, go to our website: <u>www.gbrra.org</u> The GBRRA Executive would like to recognize and support local Grand Boulevard, Ridgeway and Queensbury business owners. Thank you to these members for supporting the GBRRA Bulletin. Contact Carole Stewart at 604 984 2321 or twinbeaches2007@shaw.ca.







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