



DECEMBER 2023 Newsletter



Seen Down by Stocking Creek.....

May this holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter, and grant you time to share with others

It's SNOW Season Again

We repeat this every year about this time so that folks can make a note of who to contact.

The Farmer's Almanac and the Weather Network both agree that winter in BC will be wetter than normal here, but disagree on temperatures: the former is predicting colder periods in December and January whereas the latter is showing normal to above normal temperatures throughout the winter. Temporary fluctuations always occur but if we happen to get both the precipitation (i.e. a pineapple express) **and** a cold snap – that means SNOW.

Mainroad Contact: 24 HOUR HOTLINE - [1.877.215.6006](tel:18772156006)

Email: midisland@mainroad.ca

The Ministry of Transport has chosen one particular organization to manage and remediate issues and maintenance on our roads: Mainroad Mid-Island Contracting. Mainroad has a hotline for motorists and residents to report all road condition concerns and situations requiring maintenance response. **This number is to report accidents, unsafe road conditions, road kill, downed trees, blockages, flooding, sink holes – whatever; report both the condition and location as clearly as possible.**

Mainroad is responsible for meeting the **Ministry's standards for clearing** snow from our roads – which may be a little different from our expectations. If you'd like to see them, go to:

Reminder: Please keep cars off streets and away from turns so snow plows (when they get here) can move around. Our area plows are narrower but only remove one lane; if they can't make a turn, they don't plow.



On November 11

The SDRA remembered....Many thanks to our John Silins for placing a wreath on our behalf at the Chemainus Cenotaph as he did last year.

Help Requested

Handyfolk Wanted: All costs will come from the SDRA budget.

Sadly, the SDRA's notice board by The Owl's Nest coffee shop has been vandalized. The sliding Plexiglas doors have been broken and taken away. We need a handy person to design and replace them. The frame and sliding windows need to be both sturdy and weather proof (like a window). Our president is happy to work with the person to come up with a fresh design. Call Kerry McIntyre at 250.701.1065 if you would be willing to help.

Community Conversations Meeting - #2: WATER

This event was held by Jesse McClinton who invited Todd Etherington (CVRD Manager, Water Operations) and Ben Maartman (Director, Area H Diamond & North Oyster) to speak. Mr. Etherington gave a comprehensive presentation on both the new dam extension and the new water treatment plant projects. A copy of his presentation is on our website: www.sunnysaltair.ca Many thanks to all the folks who attended and participated in this information session, to Jesse McClinton for holding this important information meeting, and to the speakers who invested their time in it.

Notes from the meeting were sent out separately (email if you misplaced or deleted yours and want a new copy); there are two corrections to the content of those notes:

- The new dam extension, once built, will be 30 **meters** below the existing dam (not yards); and
- **Ryan** Bouma (not Brian) is with the Engg. Dept., Town of Ladysmith

Community Conversations Meeting #3 – January 21, 2024 – topics TBA – stay tuned, details will be distributed as soon as arrangements are finalized.

Stay Alert and Safe

There has been a report of an older man, mid-height with salt-n-pepper hair, roaming around a home; when accosted to enquire his business, he replied that he was delivering an Amazon box. (Amazon does not deliver to back doors unless specifically instructed to do so.) There was no box, no truck, no indication he replied honestly. (Facebook post)

Do not open your door if you aren't sure who is there. Keep doors locked whenever possible. Call police if you find unidentified persons on your property who you did not invite there. And perhaps keep an eye out for your neighbour's place too.



Many Thanks to All Contributors

From the Evans – great turnout and effort from Saltair residents in support of Harvest House food bank. This is a picture of Janet and her son Matthew at the drive thru event which made \$535 plus filled the back of their SUV with food!

“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

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