



# The Westerner

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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR WESTERN WEST VANCOUVER

**NEXT WRA MEETING:** The AGM will be held on November 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2004  
7:30 PM at the GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE

## **B.C. FERRIES UPDATE** – Deborah Marshall (BC Ferries Communication Manager)

New Highway Signs will be installed at Horseshoe Bay Terminal. As the final step in the reconfiguration of the pre-ticket zone near Horseshoe Bay terminal, new overhead LED (Light Emitting Diode) signs are being installed on the Upper Levels Highway.

Current construction work includes installing footings and electrical service for two new overhead signs. The signs, to be erected in early November, will provide up-to-date messaging on traffic conditions.

The work on the highway means temporary lane closures and diversions for vehicles bound for the terminal and Horseshoe Bay Village.

While the signs are being installed, drivers are asked to use caution when approaching Horseshoe Bay and to follow the direction of traffic management personnel.

The new pre-ticket zone has successfully removed lengthy traffic line-ups from the shoulder of the highway. The project increased the holding capacity of the area

directly in front of the tollbooths from approximately 100 vehicles to 450 vehicles.

Since opening the new pre-ticket zone in July there have been no occasions when BC Ferries customers were lined-up on the shoulder of the highway. This has dramatically enhanced safety for both our customers and residents of the area.


BC Ferries apologises for the inconvenience to the residents of Horseshoe Bay and asks for your patience as we complete this final step in the project to reconfigure our pre-ticket zone and improve overall safety.


## **ST. MONICA'S CHRISTMAS CALENDAR**

– The Rev. Stephen Muir

### The True Meaning of Christmas

The traditional church calendar holds that Christmas is the season between December 24 and January 5: the 12 days of Christmas. Nowadays, however, it seems the Christmas season begins the day after Halloween and ends with the Boxing Day sales of December 26. We know that Christmas is no longer primarily a religious holiday, and hasn't been for a long time. Is Christmas really about

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When we set aside the purely commercial aspects of Christmas, we can recognize many of the good things of the season. People are generous at Christmas and often make a point of giving to local charities. People honor their families by making the time to be with family members. Sometimes people are just nicer to each other at Christmas. We remember that peace is better than war, that hope is better than despair, that

love is more powerful than hate. Perhaps Christmas is about something important after all!

Here are some upcoming events at St. Monica's to help you remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Saturday, November 20, 9 am - 2 pm: Our annual "Cranberry Faire" in the church hall, featuring homemade jams & baking. Delicious home made soup lunch for only \$6.

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Sunday, November 21 at 7:00 pm: Iona service. A meditative and prayerful evening service in the Celtic tradition.

Friday, December 10 at 7:30 pm: Community Christmas Carols in the church hall. Sing along to your favorite seasonal music.

Sunday, December 19 at 7:00 pm: A Service of Lessons and Carols.


Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm: Christmas Family Service.

Christmas Eve at 11:00 pm: Christmas Midnight Mass

St. Monica's Anglican Church is located 1/2 block west of the Horseshoe Bay roundabout. Our regular Sunday morning services are at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

For more information call The Rev. Stephen Muir at 604-921-9112.

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## EBB & FLOW

It really is hard to believe that this issue of your **Westerner** is number 7 in the current series. We are pulling out all the stops to produce it every two months and to put it bluntly, the will to publish regularly is there, but sometimes the funding is not. But be assured that we will keep bringing all the local news and gossip from our area of West Vancouver as long as we can. We do enjoy doing it and we hope that you enjoy reading it.

This is the last issue before Christmas. Speaking of which, we should mention that there will be a Community Christmas carol "singalong" held at St. Monica's Church hall on Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to this free event. Refreshments will be served and it is a good reason for the community to get together and "let rip" with some good old Christmas carols. A great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. See St. Monica's article for news of other interesting events planned by our local church.



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We hear that the video presentation of Tim and Rhonda's long bicycle ride was a great success and well attended. We need more of this type of event. If you have any ideas along these lines, we would be delighted to hear from you. Our thanks to Libby Lodge for letting us use their lounge for the evening.

Although it is much too early, the staff of the Westerner would like to wish our friends and neighbours a **Merry Christmas** and a very **Happy New Year**. See you in January.

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

In our last issue we thanked the people who were, and still are, putting so much effort into preventing the destruction of our community vis-a-vis the proposed four lane highway. Bruce McArthur will have an update in our next issue.

## Chris Adshead

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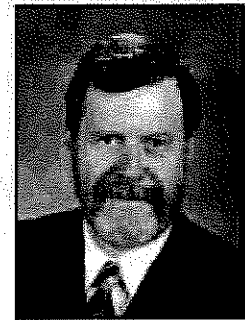
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Perhaps it is opportune at this time to suggest that there are many other issues that need our attention, for example; the development of the old Esso site on the corner of Bay Street and Royal Avenue; the on-going discussions with BC Ferries; Park and Municipal wharf improvements etc.etc. We have committees working on these issues, but always need more people. As a matter of fact elections for officers of the Western West Vancouver Residents Association (WRA) will be held at the November meeting (Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>) and we hope to get several nominations. This is probably wishful thinking on our part but quite frankly we need some new blood to spearhead the association. The current directors have been doing the job for eons and some of them are looking forward to stepping down and taking a break. We appreciate that people lead extremely busy lives these days and really don't have the time to spare but community activism is so very important. In the past we have seen what can be accomplished by citizens working together to fight unfair projects devised by un-caring government. Most of you will remember the fight waged by C.A.F.T.E. (Citizens Against Ferry Terminal Expansion) a few years ago which, although we didn't win, showed our community at it's finest. And the same sense of outrage is being seen again with the efforts of the Coalition. The W.R.A. has over a hundred members, is well organized (we think) and enjoys an excellent relationship with Mayor and Council.

As ever there is strength in numbers and we need each and every one of you to come to meetings and get involved. It would be encouraging to have a choice of who to vote for as officers of the association rather than vote in the same people by acclamation. All we are really asking of you is that you

support your community by putting aside two hours a month to come to our meetings. Make your voice heard, meet your neighbors, make new friends - - get involved. And if you want to get VERY involved and you put your name down for office, we would all be delighted. After all is said and done:

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## YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

WRA MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST)  
AT: 7:30 PM PLACE IN THE GLENEAGLES RECREATION CENTRE

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2004**

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