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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR WESTERN WEST VANCOUVER

B.C. FERRIES UPDATE. By the middle of December 2004, three new LED signs were installed on the approach to the terminal to assist customers in "finding their way". These signs, which display the three route destinations in neon light, help motorists make decisions about which lane they should be in prior to arriving at the pre-ticket zone. These signs have greatly reduced the number of vehicles arriving at the tollbooth, when their intended destination was truly the Village of Horseshoe Bay, and vice-versa. Positive feedback from customers shows our continued efforts to improve the flow of traffic at this terminal is on track.

Also last December, BC Ferries issued a Request for Proposals for a food and beverage kiosk in the vehicle holding compound following on the success of "Gary's Place" at the foot passenger/administration building. Like the last Request for Proposals, this one was issued to current food merchants of Horseshoe Bay only, as BC Ferries' preference is to partner with one of the local businesses. We expect the new food kiosk to be open prior to the busy summer season.

(From - Deborah Marshall BC Ferries Communication Manager)

ST. MONICA'S 2005 WINTER CALENDAR. Two Community "Fun-Raisers".

1/ Quiz Night on Saturday, January 22 at 7:30 pm. Test your skills against some of the finest minds in Horseshoe Bay. Moderated by our expert Quiz Master Dave Patrick,

this evening promises to be full of fun, laughter and the occasional correct answer to some tricky questions. Teams of four per table are only \$5 per person. Come with your own team or come on your own and join a team when you get here. Entry fees will be pooled with half going to the winning team as a cash prize and the other half going to the winning team's choice of charity. Call Dave Patrick at 604-921-1956 or the church office at 604-921-9112 to reserve your ticket or team table.

2/ An evening of Dinner Theatre, Saturday February 12 at 6:00 pm. Western Gold Theatre specializes in dramatic staged readings adapted from classic and contemporary plays performed by distinguished Vancouver actors. They will present two short Vaudevilles by Anton Chekhov: The Bear adapted by Morwyn Brebner and directed by Don Mowatt; and The Evils of Tobacco directed by Don Mowatt.

The plays will be preceded by a Valentine's-theme gourmet meal. Tickets only \$25. Call the church office at 604-921-9112 to reserve your tickets. We expect this event to sell out fast! Scottish Country Dancing on Thursday nights at 7:30 pm. Join us for a weekly session of Scottish Country dancing in the church hall. Bring your dancing shoes and enthusiasm. Kilt not required! St. Monica's Anglican Church is 1/2 block west of the roundabout in Horseshoe Bay. Sunday Services at 8:00 am & 10:00 am Evening service on Sunday, January 23 at 7:00 pm: Iona style service in the Celtic tradition.

(From - The Rev. Stephen Muir.)

EBB & FLO. We said 'Au Revoir' to one of our favorite residents at the end of last year. Carol O'Hanlon sold her lovely home on Douglas Street, and moved up to Davis Bay on the Sunshine Coast. Carol lived in the Bay for many years, and was secretary of the Horseshoe Bay Resident's Association for most of that time. A group of us took her out for an enjoyable farewell lunch before she left. We all agreed we would miss Carol's warm smile and the work she put into her community. Our best wishes go with her.

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The Bay lost two of its long time canine residents at the end of the year. David and Helen Weiser lost their lovely friend and companion Goombah, who had lived with them for all of his fourteen plus years. Your scribe and his wife like to think that they were special friends to Goombah, as did everyone who knew the lovely dog. He was friendly, loyal and, indeed the saying that a "dog is man's best friend" was written with him in mind. We are all going to miss Goombah, who was a credit to the canine world. He lived a long and happy life, and was a class act. About the same time John and Muriel Leith lost dear old Samantha who was a venerable 19 years old, and had lived in the Bay for most of that time. It seems strange not seeing John or Muriel taking Samantha for her daily walk around the Bay; however they do have a new addition (Candy) who is the most adorable little pooch you have ever seen. John says that Candy is going to live with them as long as Samantha did. We are sure John is right.

We understand that plans for the development of the Esso gas station are going ahead. It seems that a majority of the residents in the area approve of the plan with a few dissenting voices. This is the way it has to be, of course, and we are certainly being kept in the picture by

the development company. It is going to be interesting watching things happening on the site.

The WRA may be looking for a new venue for their monthly meeting after the January one. For a variety of reasons holding meetings at the Gleneagles Community Centre may not be practical, and the matter will be discussed at the Jan 18th meeting. (To be held at the Centre).



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EDITORIAL COMMENT. We would like to wish our readers a belated Happy New Year, and success in all of our personal and community endeavours. This is the year that the Ministry of Highways hope to start on the Sea-to-Sky Highway destruction programme, and the year that we are going to make sure it doesn't happen!

The last three editorials of the Westerner have been on this subject, but we make no apology, as this government-planned desecration of our community needs all the attention it can get. It is so encouraging to see that the Coalition to Save Eagleridge Bluffs is still fighting this unfeeling government, and that West Vancouver Council are doing everything in their power to stop the "Highway Improvement Plan" going ahead. You can find out more about latest happening by clicking on to the coalitions website at www.eagleridgebluffs.com

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Of one thing we can be sure, and that it this battle is far from over. The time must be approaching when the wishes of municipalities, and the residents that live there, will take precedent over destructive government programmes. Until that day we will have to keep writing letters, phoning MLA's and doing everything we can to save our community. Let's


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use Winston Churchill's famous "We have not yet begun to fight", as our catchphrase, and once again let's thank our lucky stars that we have literally hundreds of people willing to battle on to the very end. The community spirit is alive and well in western West Vancouver.



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RON'S WALK UPDATE. The landscapers are still doing an excellent job aided by our new neighbour David Coopersmith Also thanks to the Parks Dept for installing a garbage bin and a sign asking dog owners to pick up after their pets. (Bags are available by the bin).

SEA-TO-SKY UPDATE. The bulldozers and blasters are preparing to destroy our front yard. It is important that everyone knows

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the timetable and that we keep asking questions. Many people (including the West Vancouver Mayor and Council) don't agree with the selection of the Overland route and don't think the process shows what the true impact will be.

The Provincial Government will be selecting a Contractor team to Design, Build, Finance and Operate the Sea to Sky Highway. The important dates are:

1. Closing Date for Contractors' Submissions...Jan. 10, 2005.
2. Announcement of Preferred Contractor... Mar 10, 2005.
3. Contract award..... Apr. 15, 2005.

There are three Contractor teams bidding this work. The two that are not successful will each receive a \$1.5 million stipend from the Provincial Government.

Other activities to watch for are:

1. "Preliminary Design Consultation". Public comment would not be expected until after March 10th, when the preferred contractor is selected.
2. "Detailed Design Consultation" would be anticipated to start after the contract award on April 15th.
3. The Province's property appraisal process is expected to continue until May 2005.
4. Construction activity would begin after April 15th, 2005.

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There are documents that have not been made public yet that will give a clearer indication of the devastation that the overland proposal will incur. These are:

1. "Property Impact Plans" which were issued to the bidders the week of Nov. 1, 2004. These plans show changes made to the original highway layouts that were a part of the West Vancouver Clarification Report (April 2004). They also are a basis for the property appraisal and expropriation procedures of the Government. The Contractor is not responsible for right-of-way negotiations for this first section of the

highway unless he deviates from this proposed layout.

2/ "Proposed Compensation Locations Outside of Right-of-Way" which were issued to the bidders the week of Nov. 8, 2004. These drawings show the sites that are planned to be the compensation for the loss of the dry arbutus dominated habitat and for loss of areas of red- and blue-listed plant communities.

Check the website

<http://www.eagleridgebluffs.com> for more information and use the links to send messages to our Government.

(From - Bruce McArthur - Co Chair Western Residents Association)

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