

## **DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBERS,**

Welcome to all new community members. We have a few so I'm starting off with a bit of history. The Mount Tolmie Community Association (MTCA) was officially formed in 1993 by a group of residents interested in fostering a community feeling for this area. Some of those members still live here and have been a great resource. Thank you to those that provided history on why some land uses are the way they are, how residential parking became to be in some places (and some not), to the naming of the streets. One thing is clear though and that the Shelbourne Valley is evolving and the Mount Tolmie area is growing. Change is bound to happen, and it is certainly happening here.

There are more senior residences, small businesses and students living in the MTCA boundary area than ever before. <http://mtca.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/MTCA-boundary-map-detailed-20100425.pdf>

Everyone is busy with personal and work lives and all wanting a balanced lifestyle. And with this in mind is one of the reasons why we send out bulletins when we have news and updates to send to you. Doing something monthly takes too much time and quarterly sometimes misses announcing important upcoming events. Thank you to all those that have responded saying that you enjoy these bulletins and we will continue to send them out.

### **Important Event Announcements:**

#### **SHELBOURNE VALLEY ACTION PLAN OPEN HOUSES**

##### **MOBILITY AND LAND USE: CONCEPTS AND IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SHELBOURNE VALLEY**

**Monday November 19, 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.**  
Lambrick Secondary School Gym

**Monday and Tuesday, November 26 and 27, 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.**  
Cedar Hill Golf Course Club House

The purpose of the Open Houses is to have residents and stakeholders review the concepts and ideas from the Shelbourne Valley Transportation Study and the Shelbourne Valley Land Use and Urban Design Study. Those attending the Open Houses will be surveyed for their comments, preferences and opinions on the ideas and concepts presented. The results of the survey will then be used to inform the policies and guidelines to be included in the Shelbourne Valley

Action Plan. If you're unable to attend an Open House a virtual Open House will be available on line at [saanich.ca](http://saanich.ca) along with an on line survey beginning the week of November 19.

Remember that this plan will include recommendations for determining the density and height for future buildings and housing along Shelbourne. Any questions, can be directed to Harold Stanley, Area Planner, District of Saanich, [stanleyh@saanich.ca](mailto:stanleyh@saanich.ca) or 250-475-5494 ext. 3410  
<http://saanich.ca/business/actionplan/shelbourne.html>

### **Gathering to Discuss Food Support in the Mt. Tolmie Neighbourhood**

**November 20, 2012, 7pm – 9pm**

**St. Luke's Anglican Church Parish Hall**

**3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road (at Cedar Hill Road)**

A group of representatives from Mt. Tolmie area businesses, agencies, churches, organizations and the Community Association have been meeting together since January, 2012 to discuss poverty concerns in the neighbourhood. The group has focused on food support that is needed and currently available in the area. The opportunity to apply for a grant to develop a creative and sustainable food assistance response in our area has prompted this invitation. Representatives of your business, agency or organization are invited to a facilitated "brainstorming" meeting to explore what might be possible to provide food support to those who require it in our neighbourhood. Your ideas, comments, concerns and questions are encouraged and welcome! For more information and to indicate your willingness and availability to attend, please contact us at:

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Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/mttolmiecommunitytable/>

Phone: (250)477-6222 Lutheran Church of the Cross office

If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to stay informed please consider adding your email to our list. You can add your address or offer your comments by visiting the website at <https://sites.google.com/site/mttolmiecommunitytable/> or sending an email to [mttolmiect@gmail.com](mailto:mttolmiect@gmail.com)

### **Rezoning Open House**

**December 16, 2012, 2pm – 4pm, St. Aidan's Church**

Open House for a rezoning application that will be brought forward for 3839 Kremlin. For further information, please contact: Amrit Gossal 250-858-4483

General updates:

## **Business:**

The upgrades to Shelbourne Village Square are coming along and the new walkways are welcome improvements. Van City Credit Union is the major tenant of the new building and should be ready to move in spring 2013.

## **UVic:**

The Community Relations department is our main link to UVic and we have a representative that sits on the Community Association liaison Committee. Vikes will be holding their annual Christmas tree sale in December. Other useful links are also noted below.

Community Relations: <http://www.uvic.ca/external/community/>

Events Calendar: <http://events.uvic.ca/index.php>

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: <http://www.uvic.ca/anniversary/index.php>

Strategic Plan: <http://www.uvic.ca/strategicplan/>

CARSA & Parkade: <http://www.uvic.ca/carsa/>

## **Community:**

### **Proposed Cedar Hill Clay Court Tennis Facility**

A not-for-profit group called the Cedar Hill Clay Court Tennis Society is proposing an outdoor clay court tennis facility. The proposed location is on the north side of the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre in Cedar Hill Park. It is important for the public to be aware of this project and know that you can provide comments to Saanich with questions or concerns.

<http://www.saanich.ca/parkrec/parks/projects/current/cedar-hill-tennis.html>

**C.A.R.S.** is a Saanich based group formed in 2011 to advocate for reduced speed limits in residential areas in order to improve the safety and livability of our communities. The District of Saanich is a starting point for our initiatives. For further information check out their Facebook Page COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR REDUCED SPEED.

**Saanich Civic League** is a non-profit society formed by local citizens. They are committed to protecting and enhancing quality of life and wellbeing in Saanich through increased civic engagement. <http://www.saanichcivicleague.ca/>

## **Municipality of Saanich:**

Saanich wants to hear from the public and are conducting a Public Participation Survey. I encourage you to complete it. <http://saanich.ca/living/about/news/2012/public-participation-survey-2012.html>

Also, here is the link to specific departments and contacts. Please contact Saanich with any issues, concerns or questions you may have. And don't forget the elected officials can also be contacted.

Administrative Departments: <http://www.saanich.ca/contact.html#Administration>

Mayor & Council: <http://www.saanich.ca/living/mayor/council/index.html>

Pending developments:

<http://www.saanich.ca/business/development/shelbourne.html>

Saanich Calendar of Events: <http://www.saanich.ca/living/about/get-involved/community-calendar.html>

## **Shelbourne Corridor Action Plan (SCP):**

Many dedicated residents, including myself have been part of a stakeholders committee for this plan. After three years, we've made some progress; although it is hard to say what the final outcome will be. I encourage you to attend one of the upcoming Open Houses to learn more.

<http://saanich.ca/business/actionplan/shelbourne.html>

Priorities for the MTCA board include transportation, parking and sidewalk issues and as always we will continue to respond to your community issues and assist in any way we can. Thank you to all those who have contacted us with concerns and note we are doing our best to get things done to make our community and safer and vibrant valley.

Remember to please feel free to share this bulletin with friends, family and neighbours. And remember to bookmark [mtca.ca](http://mtca.ca) for upcoming news and events.

**Warm regards,**

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**President**

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