



THE HIGHLANDER

April 2006

Newsletter of the Highland District Community Association (HDCA) & the Highland Heritage Parks Society (HHPS)

Purpose of HDCA is "to determine democratically the wishes of the property owners and permanent residents of the Highland Land District of the Province of British Columbia, and accordingly take appropriate action to preserve or improve the amenities of the Highland Land District."

Purpose of the HHPS is the preservation and ongoing care and maintenance of the Caleb Pike Homestead and Heritage Orchard.

COMING EVENTS

This issue is full of events being planned by the above organizations. There are many hard-working volunteers in the Highlands. Come out to the events, meet your neighbours, and support YOUR community volunteer organizations, which work to make the Highlands a good place to live.

Tuesday April 4
7:30 p.m.

**Caleb Pike House 1589
Millstream
Refreshments**



**HDCA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Water and Waste**

Wells and septic systems are the Highlands way.
Do you know how to monitor your well and ensure that your water is safe?
Do you know how to maintain your septic system?
Join our expert speakers to learn/remind yourself how to keep your family's water supply and septic systems functioning smoothly.

Speakers:

Jay Jaundrew, from BC Aquifer, will speak on well maintenance and monitoring

Tara Mills, CRD Environmental Services, Septic Savvy
Michael Riefman, Vancouver Island Health Authority, septic regulations

Membership dues are \$5.00 for individuals and \$9.00 for families.

Sunday April 16
11:00 a.m.

**Caleb Pike House
1589 Millstream**



**HDCA
Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Please bring peanut-free treats to hide, or finger food to share.

Beverages provided. Everyone is welcome! Rain or shine.

Need additional information? Contact Marcie 474-4725.

Thursday April 20

7:30 p.m.

Heritage School House
next to the Pike House
1589 Millstream Road



Highland Heritage Parks Society Annual General Meeting

Musical entertainment will be provided by Karel Roessingh on the piano.

The Highland Heritage Park Society is a not-for-profit organization that has a management agreement with the District of Highlands to manage the Pike House, the old school house, and the grounds.

Both the Pike House and the Old School House are available for rental for birthday parties, weddings, or other private celebrations. For rental rates and bookings, please phone 474-7601.

Membership dues are \$5.00.

Saturday April 22

Sunday April 23

Saturday April 29

Sunday April 30

9:30 am - 3:30 p.m.

Rain or shine.

District of Highlands
Municipal Office
1980 Millstream Road



HDCA

WEED OUT AND PLANT IN Volunteers urgently needed!!

The HDCA is working to improve the landscaping around the Highlands' Municipal Hall.

Please grab your gardening tools, gloves & boots and drop by some time during the above dates and times to help whip our municipal garden back in to shape. This year we will apply mulch once weeded & planted.

Beverages provided. Participate in a "pot luck" lunch if you wish.
Note no food heating facilities.

We hope you can help with this ongoing task.
Need further information? Call Marcie 474-4725

Tuesday April 25

7:30 p.m.

Caleb Pike House
1589 Millstream



Highlands Emergency Local Preparedness (HELP) Leaders' Meeting

A number of your neighbours are acting as leaders to help organize local neighbourhoods to be ready for emergencies.

Anyone interested in being a leader or co-leader in their neighbourhood is welcome to attend and meet a great group of people. Training opportunities will be available

For more information call Evelyn Samuel at 478-6544

Sunday April 23

9:30 a.m.

**Please meet at
the mailboxes on
Caleb Pike West**



Highlands Trails Club Trails Work Party

Two jobs are planned - more broom cutting on Highland Park Terrace and establishing a trail along the south side of the wetland at Twin Flower Park. Pruning shears and saws will be useful on both jobs and a shovel and mattock will be handy for the new Twin Flower trail.

For more information on the club or the next meeting, please call events co-ordinator Sarah Fleming (478-0987 or e-mail wen0986@telus.net) or Association chair Bob McMinn (478-4403: e-mail bobmcminn@shaw.ca) Hope to see you there.

Highlands Trails Club

The **Highlands Trails Club** has been formed to bring new life to trails on public lands in the Highlands. Many of the trails outside the provincial and regional parks are incomplete. Some are not connected into complete loops or are so overgrown that they are difficult to follow. Trails Club members have started to maintain and enhance trails so that eventually hikers and horseback riders can make circuits in the Highlands without running the risks of using black top roads to fill in the gaps.

Alternate monthly meetings are planned to explore existing trails, with work parties for trail maintenance planned for every other monthly meeting date. Some of the existing trails may be familiar to Highlanders living in one part of the Highlands but not to those from other areas. Alternate meetings will be work parties to reclaim existing trails or create new ones on established rights-of-way on public land. The club plans to organize "trail wardens" to keep all trails in the Highlands in good shape and free from garbage.

The **Highlands Trails Club** has been formed under the auspices of the **Highland Park and Recreation Association**. The Association has been mandated by council to look after local parks in the Highlands. Two projects undertaken by the Association have been the upgrading of the riding ring and the creation of a mountain bike jump park. The **Highlands Horse Club** looks after the riding ring, and the jump park is maintained by its users.

Highlands Trails Club membership dues are \$5 for individuals and \$10 for a family membership.

Saturday May 13

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Pot Luck breakfast from
9:00 am - 9:30 am at
Pike House 1589
Millstream Road
Beverages provided.**



HDCA Community Clean Up of public land and main roadsides

Highlands' annual cleanup of garbage and tossed metal, tires, and miscellaneous items from **main roadsides & municipal parks**.
Garbage bags provided.

Join in a "pot luck" breakfast from 9:00-9:30 am at Pike House. There you may select a section of main road, get some garbage bags, have breakfast and meet your neighbours.

If you cannot bring your **collected garbage** back to Pike House, then please leave it in the main roadside in a location where items can be **safely** retrieved, by 1:00 pm Saturday afternoon.

Collected garbage will be picked up ONLY along Finlayson Arm, Millstream, Millstream-Lake, Munn, and Ross-Durrance Roads.

Thanks for your care!

To reserve a section of a main road prior to the Saturday or for more information, please call Marcie @ 474-4725.

Bulletin Boards



HIGHLANDS BULLETIN BOARDS Supplies and builders needed

Bulletin boards near mail boxes are the equivalent of the Highlands' smoke signals and tom toms—our way to communicate quickly. However, some of the Highlands' 25 bulletin boards are looking pretty tatty (although good Samaritans have fixed up a few here and there). The HDCA proposes to repair or install proper bulletin boards in current and new locations.

If you can help with the donation of materials or with work at a work party, please call Sheila Taylor at 474-1685.
We'll set up a time to get together and do a bang-up job.

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