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**WPRRA**  
**2008 Election & Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 23 April 2008**  
**Colebrook United Church**  
**(across from Colebrook Elementary)**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Stolen Signs**

Each Spring, the Association advertises our upcoming Annual General Meeting by posting four large signs throughout the neighbourhood (at 128<sup>th</sup>, 132<sup>nd</sup>, 136<sup>th</sup>, and New McLellan). These expensive re-usable signs were purchased from the annual dues of our members. Unfortunately, sometime over the March 29<sup>th</sup> weekend, three of our four posted signs were removed without our knowledge or permission. Since the signs were placed high up, removing them would have required a ladder or other equipment, and would have been intentional.

Naturally, the Directors of the Association question the motivation of those persons responsible for removing the signs, and are concerned that unknown persons might be trying to adversely affect the attendance and business at our AGM.

**In light of this recent incident, the Board of Directors urges your attendance at the Annual General Meeting, to demonstrate community disapproval of such actions and to show your continued support for the Association:**

**7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 23 at the Colebrook United Church Hall.**

Anyone with information concerning the unauthorized removal of the three Association signs is requested to contact our President, Arnie van Hattem at 604-572-8302.

**2007-2008 Board of Directors**

Arnie van Hattem	President (604) 572-8302 fax (604) 595-7785
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to acknowledge and thank the 2007-2008 Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to the West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association ("WPRRA") and help to improve our community:

Please note that any of the Directors may be contacted through our e-mail address: **panoramaridge@shaw.ca** or their personal e-mail addresses.

In our fall newsletter, I advised the residents of West Panorama Ridge that our Development Committee received an application for a commercial development on 128 Street and Highway 10. This is the development proposal that was raised at our last AGM and motions opposing this development were passed in nearly unanimous votes. There have been few development proposals that have been as widely opposed by our community as this one. Since the AGM, our Association has received in excess of 60 un-solicited letters and e-mails advising the WPRRA that they are strongly opposed to this Commercial Development and asked us to advise the City of this fact. We have restated our opposition to the City. This application is still active! We have been told that the Developer will soon hold a public information meeting. The WPRRA will give you as much notice as we can to advise you when this presentation will be made and ask you to come out in force and vote for:

**NO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS ON THE RIDGE.** We do not believe this issue will be raised at the upcoming AGM, but we would ask you to attend this meeting to prevent anyone from attempting to "stack" the meeting and pass a motion favouring this development.

Traffic changes around Colebrook School are being considered as this area continues to be very dangerous during the times that parents drop off and pick up their children. In response to this problem, the City of Surrey is planning to build a traffic circle to be located at the northerly point of a triangular shaped lot located just south of school. The City is in the process of purchasing a portion of this property which is currently the subject of a development subdivision proposal.

Through the efforts of one of the Directors of the WPRRA, the City of Surrey has agreed to construct a pathway on the north side of 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between 132 and 136<sup>th</sup> Street. The closure of access roads to Highway 10 in this area has resulted in increased traffic on this stretch of narrow roadway. This became hazardous for pedestrians sharing a road with moving and parked vehicles. The planned pathway will provide for safer passage for all residents who will no longer need to walk on the road.

As the WPRRA now has one and three year memberships available, some members may not remember if they paid for one or three year membership. If you require confirmation please e-mail: **panoramaridge@shaw.ca** we will then provide you with an answer. Please do remember to forward your membership dues (\$10 for one year or \$25 for three years) to the WPRRA Treasurer (Susan Williams) at: 12479 - 57A Avenue, Surrey, V3X 2S6. These funds are used to publish this newsletter, maintain our website and help improve our Community.

The Highway 10 BIP (Border Improvement Project) team is making good progress with the widening of the Highway and the installation of the noise wall. Obviously there are areas that require further "refinement" but based on the comments that we received, the majority of residents are happy with the noise wall installation. This wall does not only help to reduce the noise but also provides safety from vehicles that lose control and help confine the vehicle pollution in the Highway corridor.

Joe Brown Park will be used to film some scenes for a new movie production called: "Jennifer's Body". The film will be produced by the writer and producer of the Oscar Nominated film "Juno". Filming will take place April 1, 2 & 3, 2008. There will be some preparation before the filming and clean-up after. For the cooperation and support of the neighbourhood, the production company will be donating \$2,000 to the WPRRA. This check will be handed over to the City of Surrey with the request to use the funds for upgrades and improvements to Joe Brown Park.

We have just learned that historic New McLellan Road / 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been nominated for the prestigious “**Canadian Green Street**” award. This Green Streets Canada program is the flagship program of the Tree Canada Foundation. Last year this award went to Green Timbers and provided the City of Surrey with a \$33,000 prize. We believe that New McLellan Road with its large cedar and fir trees has an excellent chance to win! We will keep you posted on any updates that we can pass along.

As a neighbourhood association, we are very proud of what West Panorama Ridge has to offer our residents. In celebration, we have decided to have a photo contest to seek out the best of our neighbourhood. We welcome all residents to forward their best photo of their favourite area of the Ridge. This may be a spectacular garden, a pet in Joe Brown Park or your family enjoying the outdoors, etc. etc. Please send your photograph to [panoramaridge@shaw.ca](mailto:panoramaridge@shaw.ca). Our judges will select a winner and award a \$50 prize.

I hope to see you all at our 2008 Annual General Meeting which will be held, **Wednesday April 23** in Colebrook Church!

***Arnie van Hattem***

President,  
West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association



**Call For Nominations**

**WPRRA Board of Directors**

The WPRRA is now accepting Nominations for positions on the Board of Directors.

Elections for all Directors will be held at our AGM at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Colebrook United Church.

According to our by-laws, the number of elected directors must be at least 7 and no more than 14.

This is an excellent way to become knowledgeable about issues affecting West Panorama Ridge and to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of our community.

Members of the Association who are interested in offering their name for nomination, or require further information about nominations, are invited to contact:

JOHN POLEY  
Nominating Committee Chair  
Phone: 604-596-3980  
Email: [panoramaridge@shaw.ca](mailto:panoramaridge@shaw.ca)

**Community Spotlight**

Meet...Suzanne Dennis

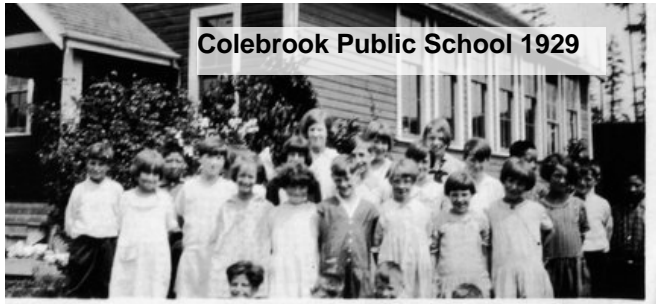


**Suzanne Dennis & Kindergarteners 2008**

“Mrs. Dennis” as she is affectionately known to her morning Kindergarten class at Colebrook Elementary, has been a Panorama Ridge resident since 1956. Originally from England, she came to Canada for a teaching exchange in 1955. That same year, she met and married her husband and they chose the Ridge as the place they would settle and start a family. She opened a private kindergarten out of her house in 1959 and began work with the Surrey School District in 1974. With the exception of a three year teaching position in Czechoslovakia from 1979 to 1982, Suzanne taught primary level grades until her retirement in 1996. In September of 1997, she returned to teaching and in 2000, settled at Colebrook Elementary, where she has been teaching Kindergarten ever since. She brings to her classroom a love for nature, a traditional English teaching style and her endless enthusiasm for her students and her job.

Suzanne and her husband raised their five children in Panorama Ridge and over the years, she has seen many changes to the neighbourhood. There was no development west

of Scott Road, which was not paved at the time. She has lived in the same house for 52 years and says that the biggest changes to the neighbourhood include the amount of traffic and the removal of so many big trees. In 1960, her oldest daughter started attending Colebrook Public School, a one room school house, which had opened in 1919 where the Elementary School



now stands. The school had been built to serve Surrey children from the farming district, west of King George Highway and north of the Serpentine River. At that time, the school taught only primary levels, until additions were completed to the school in 1965. In 1987, a 1.2 million dollar expansion was completed and this coincided with a change in grade offerings from primary only to a full elementary program. In September of 2007, Colebrook Elementary had to add an afternoon Kindergarten class due to an increase in enrolment. A second teacher was hired for the afternoons, so that Suzanne can continue to enjoy her lunchtime walk back home through the Ridge.

Suzanne's biggest hope for the future of Panorama Ridge is for the protection of our precious community. She believes that everyone should take responsibility for keeping the Ridge clean, including disposing of garbage properly and cleaning up after animals. She would like to see as little disruption to nature as possible by limiting development, protecting big trees and properly maintaining area green spaces.

Suzanne Dennis has a unique role in the community as both a long time resident and community teacher. She hopes that by teaching her students to love and respect nature she is doing her part for the future of Panorama Ridge.

### When to call 911

Call 911 if someone's life is in danger, a crime or fight is in progress or you see a suspect damaging someone's property (this includes graffiti). Also call 911 if you see a motor vehicle accident (with injuries).

### Call 9-1-1 if immediate action is required by emergency personnel.



### When To Call The Non-Emergency Number

The non-emergency number should be used when an immediate response or dispatch of the police is not required. Dial 604-599-0502 for all non-emergency calls. By doing so, you are keeping 9-1-1 lines available for people reporting an emergency situation. Examples of non-emergency calls include; a crime with no suspect, a serious crime with a suspect but with a lengthy delay, a noisy party or barking dog, ongoing crime issues such as graffiti problems or suspicious circumstances such as marijuana grow operations.

REMEMBER: it is not an emergency when the situation is not dangerous and immediate action is not necessary. Check the Surrey RCMP website for more information:  
<http://www.surrey.rcmp.ca/ViewPage.action>

### Helpful Safety and Crime Prevention Websites

#### Surrey Crime Prevention:

<http://www.surreycrime.bc.ca/>

#### BC Crime Prevention Association:

<http://www.bccpa.org/>

#### Ministry of Public Safety:

<http://www.gov.bc.ca/pssg/>

#### Block Watch Society of BC:

<http://www.blockwatch.com/about.aspx/>

### SURREY CRIME MAPS ARE NOW ONLINE!

The Surrey RCMP has re-launched their website with an improved format. Monthly crime maps are now available that allow you to zoom in to the Panorama Ridge area. Check the website for December 2007, January 2008 and February 2008 maps!



## **5523 – 123<sup>rd</sup> Street development**

On February 25th the WPRRA made a presentation to Council opposing the re-zoning of the three acre parcel located at 5523 123<sup>rd</sup> Street from one acre to half acre. The re-zoning had already received first and second reading approval but based on the WPRRA's presentation, the by-law to permit this re-zoning was not approved but "filed".

This particular parcel has a long history with the City, the WPRRA and various developers. When the parcel was first created, a deal was struck between the original developer, the City and the community association to retain one acre zoning on this site in exchange for the developer gaining higher density in another portion of the development. The community association requested the one acre density to allow 56<sup>th</sup> avenue/New McLellan to remain a picturesque street with lots of trees and green space and gardens. They believed, as we still do, that this street sets the "tone" for the entire rural feel of the ridge. As soon as the deal was struck and the higher density was granted, the developer demanded that the zoning for these one acre lots be changed to half acre.

The community association felt the developer was renegeing on the deal and the one acre density should be retained to meet the objectives of the community. The City agreed with the community and refused to rezone the property. The developer was not to be stopped and threatened to sue the City. The City won the ensuing court case and the zoning remained one acre.

Years later, a new developer obtained an option to purchase the property and again tried to rezone. Their plan was to see if rezoning was successful, then exercise their purchase option. This was brought to Council on February 7th, 2005 and again Council refused to rezone the parcel. The developer dropped their option to purchase.

It was a third, new developer who purchased the parcel after the successful first and second reading of the rezoning bylaw who was attempting to once again rezone. The community association will continue to monitor this situation

and will work to ensure that this parcel is developed in a manner that benefits this main street of our community.

## **Traffic report**

The widening of Highway #10 has created many changes in the daily lives of Panorama Ridge residents, especially to those residents with properties abutting the highway. Extensive traffic pattern changes along the highway are the new reality. In some areas, these changes have been more extensive requiring adjustments from all motorists and pedestrians. Members of the W.P.R.R.A. and the City of Surrey have worked ceaselessly to mitigate the changes in some areas, brought about by the highway construction. Residents concerned about speeding vehicles requested the monitoring of speed in some areas. Concern about too many pedestrians, especially children walking on some roads with a high volume of traffic, is also being addressed. Moreover, a number of residents have indicated that the intersection at 57 Avenue and 132 Street appears to be too dark, causing many motorists to "overshoot" the turn-off onto 57 Avenue. The City of Surrey is presently reviewing these complaints.

One single development, however, which will greatly contribute to the recreational facilities of residents of the Ridge, who reside close to Highway #10, is the City of Surrey's proposed plan for a Community Park immediately North of Highway #10, between 130 and 131 Streets bordered by 59<sup>th</sup> Street on the North Side and Highway #10 on the South Side.

The proposed park is part of the West Newton/Highway #10 Neighbourhood Concept Plan. The planning of this park is preliminary and will require further discussions with the public as the plan develops.

The intended park, with amenities for the neighbourhood and the community is visualized as an active park with sportsfields, game courts and playgrounds. Access to the park will be via the community walkway planned for the North side of Highway #10. The intended park will, in fact, be in walking distance for most residents who reside along Highway #10. A pedestrian-

controlled crossing has already been provided at the intersection of 132 Street and Highway #10. Those residents, aware of the intended development of this park, are in overwhelming support, especially amongst residents with children who have expressed keen interest in playgrounds.

The intended establishment of the “active park” North of Highway #10, coupled with the facilities already available at Joe Brown Park, in which the W.P.R.R.A has, and will continue to be actively committed, will create a choice of recreational facilities for all residents of Panorama Ridge.

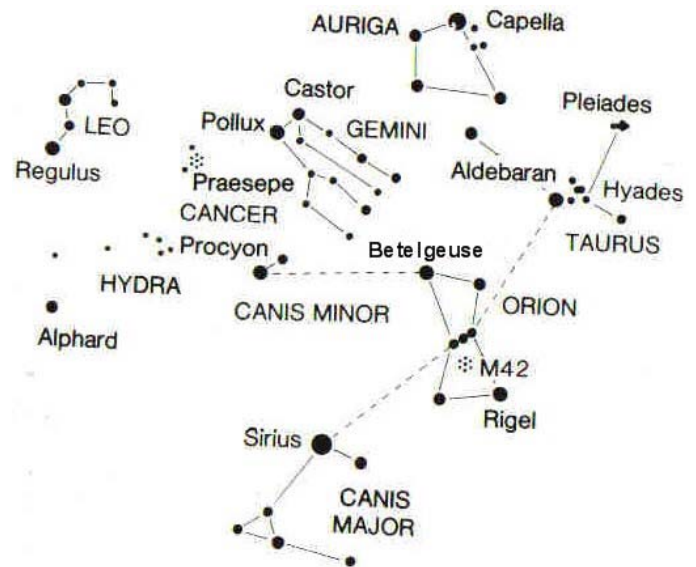
### The Ridge – An ideal place to sky-gaze

Panorama Ridge has a unique advantage for sky-gazing, whether or not you live in a home with a view. In our neighbourhood, when it's dark at night there are few street lights that would otherwise reduce visibility of the sky.

On February 20, 2008 there was a total eclipse of the moon – not an everyday or even every-year event – the next one will be in December, 2010. The full lunar eclipse, a natural darkening of an otherwise full moon, happens when our planet earth moves into position directly between the moon and the sun. What you see is a full moon which gradually darkens as the earth blocks more and more of the sun's rays, until there is just an eerily orange or brown or even blood red glowing muted version of the moon. Then, as the three astral bodies (earth, moon & sun) move out of alignment, the moon is slowly returned to its full brightness.

The most recent full lunar eclipse occurred on Panorama Ridge when the moon was just rising over the eastern horizon – so in order to see it you had to be in a position to look at the eastern sky – not the usual southern sky that many of the Ridge homes look at nightly. That meant residents were outside, on the sidewalk or in

yards, looking to the east. It was a great time to get together with neighbours and celebrate a special event! The lunar eclipse is not the only reason for looking skyward. Those on the Ridge with the more common southern view are treated nightly throughout the winter to a spectacular view of the constellation **Orion**, the hunter. His belt, being three bright stars almost in a row, is the



best known part of this constellation. This constellation is important in history, as the three great pyramids of Giza are placed in exactly the same pattern as the stars that make up Orion's belt. This constellation was obviously revered by the ancient Egyptians. We in the northern hemisphere get the best view of it. Without the intense lights of the city, Panorama Ridge is one of the best places in the lower mainland to view the sky.

When walking our neighbourhood in the dark, remember you can and probably should walk with a flashlight and reflective clothing. Not only will you be better able to see where you are going, you will also be more visible to traffic.

*When the sky is clear, step outside and look up!*

#### 2008 Events Visible With the Naked Eye

**July 9** - Jupiter at Opposition. The giant planet will be at its closest approach to Earth. This is the best time to view and photograph Jupiter and its moons.

**August 1** - Total Solar Eclipse. The path of totality will begin in northern Canada and move east and south through northern Greenland, Siberia, Mongolia, and central China.

**December 1** - Conjunction of Moon, Venus, and Jupiter. The crescent moon, Venus, and Jupiter will form a 3-degree triangle in the evening sky

## Train Update



It wasn't too many years ago that there were thirteen uncontrolled rail crossings below Panorama Ridge where trains whistled. The rough math was 13 crossings, times about 28 trains a day, times 4 whistles per train per crossing. The answer? **1,456 whistles per day!!** That's not only a lot of whistles, but when you consider they can be as loud as 95 decibels 600 meters from the track, that's a lot of loud whistles. This noise impacts quality of life and property values for those who own homes on the south half of Panorama Ridge and will only increase as the number of trains traveling to the Robert's Bank port grows.

For the past 15 years the community association has been working on eliminating train whistles. The complexity of this issue is amazing! Three operating train companies, a separate owner of the track, multiple land owners on both sides of



the track, separate Federal and Provincial laws that govern train operation including whistle cessation standards, and finally the City of Surrey. We are very proud to say that through an

incredible effort, we now have reduced the number of crossing where trains whistle to two and we have a plan to eliminate the noise at those last two crossings as well.

One of the two crossings is located at 127A Street. This is a key crossing as it is located where the rail line is the closest to the largest density of ridge homes. Through the efforts of the WPRRA, **over \$375,000 was gathered to upgrade this crossing** with controls and lights to a standard where whistling could cease. That was about three years ago and yet trains still whistle at this crossing. The primary reason for this is inaction and delay on the part of the City of Surrey. The City is a very good partner to the WPRRA on many fronts, and we have a great working relationship with them. For example, the City assisted us with closing a number of other crossings. For 127A, the City has dragged its feet

and generally done a dismal job of assisting our community.

The City is key to stopping whistling at this crossing as they need to pass an anti-whistling by-law and provide liability insurance. Without these items, whistling will continue. In recent conversations with the City, they indicate that they believe they are getting closer to whistle cessation for 127A. We have heard this before and we believe it is time for action. It is currently our plan to take this issue back before Council and ask for their assistance. Hopefully, 2008 will see the number of uncontrolled crossings reduced to one or none!

## New recycling collection system, good for the environment?



and recycling pick-up.

As we have all observed, the City of Surrey has a new contractor for garbage and recycling pick-up. The service seems to be settling down somewhat now, but we all heard or directly experienced initial disruptions to garbage

and recycling pick-up. These disruptions tended to overshadow an important change to recycling pick-up that is scheduled to begin this summer. That change is co-mingled or "single stream" recycling pick-up. Single stream pick-up means residents no longer have to separate newspaper, mixed paper and metal and plastic cans and bottles. You just throw them all in one recycling container, thus the name "co-mingled" or "single stream"... Why do this? There are a couple of reasons. The stated goal is to make it **easier** for people to recycle and therefore more people will participate. There is some merit to this, as other programs that switched to single stream did see an increase in volumes.



A goal less discussed is that this collection method is much, much less expensive than separated programs. Some estimates put it at up to 50% less expensive. The trucks for single stream pick-up are less expensive as they do not need to have compartments, just one large bin, they don't have to be emptied when just one of the compartments is full, and pick-up is faster as everything can be thrown into one bin versus the time required to dump into two or three compartments. These facts have helped the City of Surrey negotiate a new collection contract that saved \$6 million a year over the previous contract!

It's great to save money, especially when those are tax dollars paid by you and me. The question is; is this money being saved at the expense of the environment? After all, we recycle to keep materials out of the landfill and with the hope that those materials end up being recycled into new useful products.



"Co-mingled" recyclables need to be separated if they are going to produce material of any value and obviously it's

harder to separate them after they have been mixed up and dumped and squished in a truck. How do you separate a broken glass jar from a newspaper? Contamination of these materials through ineffective separation can render them of poor quality, or in the worst case, unusable and effectively garbage. Obviously it is very expensive to separate these materials manually, so most companies use machines of various efficiencies to do the job. What doesn't get separated by the machine ends up as garbage!

We in the community association are concerned that the new City of Surrey single stream recycling pick-up contract will turn a significant percentage of what we recycle into garbage, or create products of lower value through contamination. In an age of ever increasing environmental awareness, we feel that the City should be trying to keep an even higher percentage of waste out of the landfill, not taking a backward step simply to save some money on a

collection contract. We will be monitoring this situation closely and asking the City tough questions as to the effectiveness of the new system. Watch for reports on this issue!

**Some tips on reducing your garbage.**



1. Recycle!! Can you believe some of us still do not recycle simple items like newspaper and aluminum cans??
2. Repair broken items where possible.
3. Donate unneeded items to Goodwill, the Diabetes Society, Big Brothers, etc.
4. Don't throw items away; sell them on eBay, Craigslist, etc. EBay sold **\$52 Billion** worth of goods last year! Make money and help the environment.
5. Use creative services like [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) to offer your unused items to others.
6. Recycle items that are not accepted in the blue box. These items would include paints, metal parts, gyproc, batteries, electronics etc. Check out the Recycling Council of BC at [www.rcbc.bc.ca](http://www.rcbc.bc.ca) to find out where to take these items.
7. Cancel your catalogs and junk mail. Use the web to receive and pay bills and invoices.

**Joe Brown Park History – Did Joe Or Didn't Joe ????**

It has always been told that our pioneer politician and mayor donated land for this park to the community. He and his family definitely played a large role in the development of Surrey and history of the Ridge. Mr. Brown served on Surrey Council for over 20 years and was Reeve for 11 years. He farmed here over 100 years ago. We now know that the first parcel of land for the park was acquired by Surrey by tax sale in 1932 and was named in honor of this well respected citizen. 4 additional parcels were acquired over the years to the present size of 27.5 hectares. More specific details will hopefully be available for future newsletters.



## Garbage/Earth Day Ridge Clean-Up

Tammy Ritchie and Joe Sweeney will be hosting an **Earth Day Clean-up of the Ridge** on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>.



Everyone should meet at Colebrook Elementary at 10:00 a.m. and go off to clean up the Ridge and meet back at Tammy and Joe's for a Participant-only barbeque.

Please bring gloves and/or tongs or "picker-upper tools." Bags will be provided.

We look forward to having the same enthusiastic crowd as last year and having a sunny day.

If you need further information or have information or solutions to the ever increasing illegal garbage dumping problem on the Ridge, please contact Tammy at [t.richie@shaw.ca](mailto:t.richie@shaw.ca)

Looking forward to having you come out and do your part to protect the environment.

## Colebrook United Church



The church will hold a Spring Yard sale on **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 3.** The Monday morning and Thursday afternoon Yoga classes will stop during the summer

months but resume in the fall. This also applies to the "Bridge with Lunch" gatherings, and adult pickle ball games which alternate with the Youth Group on Thursday evenings. You may also arrange your pedicure appointment by phoning Luci @ 590-9963. Bake sale dates are posted as they are scheduled and offer a great selection of home baked goodies.

Mark your calendars and don't miss the FASHION SHOW on SATURDAY, MAY 10<sup>th</sup>, the FALL FAIR on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>.and the annual THANKSGIVING DINNER to be held FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>. Please phone the church office @ 596-2412 for details.

Please remember to drop your donations to the SURREY FOOD BANK in the containers outside the church. The Food Bank advises their 10 most needed items are: canned fish/meats, peanut butter, pasta/rice, lentils, canned fruit, meals in a tin, macaroni and cheese, canned and dry soups, canned vegetables and cereals.

Items also collected for our less fortunate neighbors and women and children in transition houses include women and children's clothing, small appliances, kitchen start up kits, towels, bedding, toiletries, bus tickets and gift cards. We again suggest you call the church office for further details.

Reverend MacKinnon welcomes everyone to attend Sunday morning service @ 10:30.

Sunday school and youth activities are also open to all young people in the community.

## West Panorama Ridge Classical Music Society



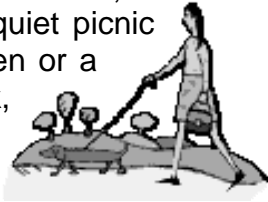
A spring concert called **Under Paris Skies** and presented by **Opera Appassionata** will be held on Saturday evening, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ St. Michael's Millennium Church Hall, 12996 – 60<sup>th</sup> Ave.

This evening will feature a French theme with chansons, jazz, and musical theatre featuring 3 singers, a saxophone and a piano. An art show and refreshments will be included.

For more info or to purchase tickets, please contact any of the following: Bob Cannon @ 604 594-5829, Edith Katronis – 594-0914, Karen Enns – 590-1157, Ann Lingertwood – 591-2103 or Maggie Hanson – 594-4465

## Community Green Space 56 Ave. and 136A Street

The triangular shaped lot at this intersection has been traditionally used by the community as a gathering place for families and children. A local resident maintained this large area for many years and Surrey is now cutting the grass and providing essential maintenance. So, if you are looking for a nearby quiet picnic spot for lunch with your children or a destination for your daily walk, don't forget this location right in the middle of our neighborhood.



This grassy area could use some extra maintenance and the Association is looking for volunteers to help on a Saturday morning. If interested in making this area more inviting, please e-mail the Association @ [panoramaridge@shaw.ca](mailto:panoramaridge@shaw.ca) and we'll coordinate the cleanup session. We'll post the date and time when confirmed. Come help beautify your neighborhood and meet your neighbors at the same time.

## Recipe For Happy People And Animals

Many dogs live on the Ridge and most are well cared for and exercised regularly. However, not everyone remembers to leash their animals when on public property. Most dogs are very well trained and obey commands so owners sometimes forget that some of their neighbors, and fellow walkers, are not accustomed to unleashed pets and feel most uncomfortable and sometimes even frightened. Please remember to consider your neighbor – and also obey the law.

## Increased Aircraft Noise Above The Ridge



NAV Canada has changed their flight paths but there still are times when outdoor activity is greatly disturbed by aircraft noise. And most of us haven't yet been outside to really notice the noise. They have stated the only monitoring they will do, will be based on the **number of complaints they receive.**

**If you wish to complain about increased noise caused by overhead aircraft, send your comments, every time you're concerned, to:**

- **Nav Canada:** [service@navcanada.ca](mailto:service@navcanada.ca)  
1-800-876-4693
- **YVR (Van. Airport):** [noise@yvr.ca](mailto:noise@yvr.ca)  
604-207-7097
- **Mayor Dianne Watts:** [diwatts@surrey.ca](mailto:diwatts@surrey.ca)  
604-591-4126
- **Minister of Transport:** [mintc@tc.gc.ca](mailto:mintc@tc.gc.ca)  
1-613-991-0700

Include your name and address and tell when and how you were disturbed. Please also send a copy to the largest group working to maintain aircraft noise control: **SCAANS@gmail.co.**

## We're Only A Click Away!



For the latest updates on issues such as crime, reference phone numbers, newsletters etc. please visit our own WPRRA website at: [www.panoramaridge.org](http://www.panoramaridge.org). **Make us one of your "favourites".**

**MEMBERSHIP INVOICE**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Membership to the West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association	
<b>One-year membership</b> from January 01, 2008 to December 31, 2008	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>or</b>	
<b>Three-year membership</b> from January 01, 2008 to December 31, 2010	<b>\$25.00</b>

*Thank you for choosing to support the WPRRA with your membership. We are only as strong as our membership. The fee is nominal (\$10 per year or \$25 for three years) but your membership gives us the credibility to continue to represent the residents of West Panorama Ridge on issues of importance to our community.*

*Your membership contribution will be used to publish the newsletter, maintain our website and help improve our community. Your Board of Directors are resident volunteers and receive no pay for time and contribution.*

*Please remit your cheque or cash to:*

*Susan Williams  
WPRRA Treasurer  
12479 – 57A Avenue  
Surrey BC V3X 2S6*

*or drop your payment of at any Board of Director. Receipts will be sent to the address listed below. The WPRRA keeps all membership information completely confidential.*

*[www.panoramaridge.org](http://www.panoramaridge.org)*

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*Please fill out this bottom section and include this portion of the invoice with your payment to the above noted address.*

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

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