

## 2022-Spring Newsletter for the West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association

It's officially Spring and hopefully we are returning to a more normal world. Back to the routines, traditions and long overdue celebrations; feeling safe about getting out again, either travelling within Canada or even a simple trip across the border to Blaine or Bellingham.

Your Board of Directors of the WPRRA have had regular monthly meetings during Covid and we still hosted two AGM's - albeit in the month of October and via Zoom. Typically, our AGM is held in April, so we will have to get back on track as we make some progress. Having had our most recent AGM in October 2021, there will not be an April AGM this year.

We encourage you to join the association, if you haven't already, or perhaps renew your membership or recruit your new neighbours. Look for the green **Join the Association** button in the top right corner of our [website](#).

### What's New:

The Joe Brown off-leash dog park is open and is being well attended! Many are new pet owners and the regular users of the park are very welcoming! Please be mindful of basic dog etiquette when using the park. Reminder signs are posted at park entrances.

In September we launched our new website. We encourage you to check it out and submit photos and suggestions to help us keep it fresh and relevant. One feature on the site that we think you'll enjoy are interviews we're doing with your neighbours on the Ridge. Have a read and get to know them!

### Updates:

As many of you know, we have a Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Plan for the Ridge. We spent many long days on this project that was stalled due to Covid. We hope to get that back on track as it is a great way to be prepared and connected. We are one of the few communities in Surrey that is leading the way in this area. We want to stay ahead of this as much as possible as the City of Surrey could well be overwhelmed if there is an emergency or natural disaster, and it will be up to individuals and communities to support themselves for at least 72 hours following an event. More information, including how to purchase emergency supplies at a discount, is on the website. If you have previously provided household information to us that will be valuable in an emergency event and there have been any changes, please let us know. We encourage everyone to get involved. Tell your neighbours!

Development, new home construction and real estate are still a hot ticket on the Ridge and the City continues to engage and bring issues to our attention.

Does anyone have comments or concerns about local Postal Service? Many have commented that there is less mail or less delivery days?

How does everyone feel about the new streetlights? Personally, I find them very bright and more intrusive than the ones we had before. Lighting is always a hot topic on the Ridge, and we worked hard to ensure that we had lighting that was in safe locations and increased visibility at intersections. While initially more costly, the new, brighter LED lighting is more energy efficient.

Darryn and Deb Langstaff have left the Ridge for a new adventure in the Okanagan. We want to thank them for their years of service on this Board and at our social events with their amazing Hot Dog Cart. Darryn was our treasurer (officially) and Deb was our (unofficial) membership/database phenom. We wish them well!

There has been some traffic disruption down on Colebrook as Metro connects the Crescent Beach Sewer line into the trunk line that runs along the toe of the Ridge and into the larger pipe. This has involved tunnelling and should be completed by September. Work is being done by local contractor JJM Construction.

Tree cutting/illegal pruning or ill-advised pruning of trees continues to be a problem on the Ridge. Residents do love their trees and are proactive when it comes to asking for permits to be displayed or calling in concerns. Builders, developers and residents are encouraged to get good advice from the City of Surrey when attempting tree work!

#### **Coming Up:**

We will be working to install more Bus stop benches at new locations and replace one that was destroyed by a vehicle accident. Do you know a location that needs a bench? Let us know!

#### **SPECIAL EVENT: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual EARTH DAY - We're back!**

**Saturday April 23 9:30 a.m.** Meet at Colebrook Elementary. We will do sign washing, edging and cleaning sidewalks/small pruning/ planting and garbage and litter pick-up, with some curb painting! More work, but a great BBQ at the end to celebrate and meet your neighbours! We want this community to look loved and cared for. The BBQ is for people who participate, and details are given at the start of the clean-up. RAIN OR SHINE! A great outdoor event and a way to make a difference and meet your neighbours.

#### **Items for the calendar:**

May - municipal taxes coming

September – Ridge Days to resume (fingers crossed!)

October - Civic Election

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Thank you, stay safe and hope to hear from you,

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