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Spring 2016 Newsletter

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Serpentine Bridge

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President's Message

I am happy to report that most areas on the Ridge have noticed a significant reduction in crime over the last six months with only few reports of break-ins and petty thefts. This trend may be partly due to a significantly stepped up effort by the City of Surrey By-law department as well as a much closer working relationship between the WPR-RA and the RCMP that are now sharing information on suspected areas in our community.

For those that have not seen the West Panorama Ridge video, you can view this on our website: <u>www.panoramaridge.org</u>. This video is now also viewable from the City of Surrey website under community associations and will obviously draw a lot of attention to our community. Our local real estate agents have advised us that they are noticing significant increase by people that are wanting to purchase on the Ridge. As of January 1, 2016, the City of Surrey has passed a motion to install only the newer LED street lights that are not only much more energy efficient, they have a more appealing color and light spectrum. Soon our community will have its own standard street light fixture that initially will be installed in new subdivisions and then over time will replace the existing light standards.

Whistle cessation is still eluding our community. After the last remaining railway crossing at 127A Street that the Railways legally are obligated to whistle, was inspected and approvedthe City advised us that they still could not place insurance on this crossing because they lumped our crossing in with four other ones in Surrey and they still had minor issues with the other ones to be corrected before train whistling will stop in West Panorama Ridge. For those new on the Ridge, the Community Association has worked on this issue for over seventeen years and started with fourteen crossings.... Trains whistled at each and every crossing, multiple times... The latest is that all crossings have been approved and the owner of the railway was ready to sign the whistle cessation documents but now the City hired a new lawyer that would like to see some changes in the indemnity clause... no one dares to make a commitment or prediction when whistling will stop but we have asked both our MP as well as our MLA to put pressure on the City of Surrey to get this project completed within the immediate future...

Speaking of our Member of Parliament, Dianne Watts will be coming to our Annual General Meeting Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 PM to address our community.... She may come with good news.... At the AGM we will again vote in a new Board of Directors and there are some positions open... I urge you to consider running for a position as this provides you with a unique way of learning about our community and helping it make even better than what it is now! The Board meets 9 times a year for about two hours in the evening and if you wish you can volunteer on some of the many projects and committees that have been established.

Making a decision to run for Director is one that you will not regret!

Presidents Message continued...

Earth Day on the Ridge will be held Saturday April 23. Usually 50-60 residents get together to clean up garbage that has accumulated in our community. We meet at 10:00 AM at Colebrook Elementary School and spend a couple of hours to clean up and then enjoy a barbeque at Tammy and Joe's house on 53rd Avenue. I hope to see many new faces as this is another excellent way to meet the people living in our community!



Last but not least, our WPRRA member Dave Plett received an email from the City after multiple complaints about the state of our sidewalk along New McLellan and 56th Avenue that the asphalt sidewalk between 120th Street and 140 Street in Panorama Ridge is scheduled to receive upgrades as part of their 2016 sidewalk rehabilitation program. This work is to be completed by the end of this summer. We have not received details on what exactly will be done but leveling and widening this sidewalk are issues that have been repeatedly brought to their attention.

If you have not signed up for your membership in our community association or have allowed your membership to lapse, I urge you to send in your \$10 for one year \$25 for three years or \$100 for a lifetime membership. This membership may well be one of the best investments in your community that you can make.

Cheers, Arnie van Hattem President, WPRRA



Colebrook United Church

Telephone: 604-596-2412, e-mail info@colebrookunited.org, website: colebrookunited.org, and find us on facebook.

Colebrook United Church has been part of this community for 70 years. The "heart of Panorama Ridge" we are a place of spiritual nurture and community for people of the Ridge. We gather to play, explore our spiritual selves and work together to bring the spirit of love into the world. We have space for family gatherings, meetings and community activities. We have worship that is open to all at 10:00a.m. on Sundays and various activities throughout the week. Drop by or give us a call. We'd love to connect.

Upcoming Event at Colebrook United Church: April 16, 9am – 2pm, Yard Sale

Ongoing Happenings at Colebrook United Church:

Prayer Shawl Group: alternate Tuesdays from 10am-noon. Stitching together prayerfulness and needle work. The gifted shawls wrap the recipients in love. Come & join this fun group.

Pickleballl: Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00pm. \$4.00 each session. Wiffle ball, tennis net and pingpong racket. A fun indoor sport.

Yoga: Mondays from 9:30-10:30am. \$48.00/8 sessions, \$7.00 for drop-in.

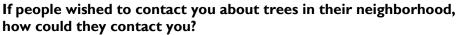
Family Dinner & Fun Night: for children of all ages & their families. Last Friday of the month from 5:30-7:30pm. Share in a meal and a variety of board games or activities.

Colebrook United Church also collects: Food for the Surrey Food Bank, Children's clothing up to size 14 and Diapers (sizes 4-6) for the Clothes Closet. Adult jackets, pants, shoes, warm tops (sweatshirts & hoodies) given out at Community Dinners at the Hub once a month.

Introducing Carolina Arango, City Arborist

Hello Carolina what is your job with the Municipality of Surrey?

I am a City Arborist in the Trees and Landscape section in Planning and Development. My section enforces the Tree Protection Bylaw on private property that aims to build community in the region by saving and planting trees. We work together with residents to sustain tree canopy in the City.





I can be reached by email at <u>carango@surrey.ca</u> or phone at 604-591-4708. If I cannot be reached, residents can email <u>treebylaw@surrey.ca</u> and call 604-591-4675.

Are there any species of trees in Surrey that are protected, meaning they cannot be felled.

Protected trees in Surrey require a permit if removal is required. A protected tree on private property is defined: (a) any tree, including multi-stemmed trees, within the City, regardless of species, having a D.B.H. (diameter

at breast height) of 30 centimetres [11.8 inches] or more;

(b) a replacement tree;

(c) a tree planted or retained as a requirement of a subdivision application, development permit, development variance permit, building permit or demolition permit;

(d) a tree located within a high sensitivity area as identified on the "City of Surrey Environmentally Sensitive Areas Map" described in SCHEDULE "A";

- (e) a specimen quality tree;
- (f) a significant tree;
- (g) a tree with evidence of nesting or use by:

(i) raptors as defined in the Wildlife Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 488, (ii) osprey, or (iii) a heron colony; (h) the following tree species of any size:

(i) Arbutus (Arbutus menziesii), (ii) Garry Oak (Quercus garryana), (iii) Pacific Dogwood (Cornus nutalii), (iv) Pacific Yew (Taxus brevifolia), (v) Coast Redwood (Sequoia sempervirens), (vi) Dawn Redwood (Metasequoia glyptostroboides), (vii) Giant Redwood (Sequoiadendron giganteum), (viii) Maidenhair Tree (Ginkgo biloba), and (ix) Monkey Puzzle Tree (Araucaria araucana).

If a group of trees has an orange protective tree barrier around them during construction, can they still be limbed?

Protected trees on private property may be pruned at any time as long as the person(s) pruning them follows the Best Management Practices for pruning according to Arboricultural Industry Standards are followed and the trees are not pruned more than 25% or topped.Pruning does not require a permit and should be done by a certified arborist. If the pruning exceeds the limits, it may be a finable offence under the bylaw.

Do you need a permit for a tree to be removed if it is on residential land?

Yes, permits are required for protected trees on private property. The criteria to determine whether a tree cutting permit can be approved on private property is:

A tree is deemed hazardous by the City's ISA certified arborist, A tree is in decline beyond expectation of recovery, A tree interferes with servicing without an alternative, To allow for construction, A tree is within 3 meters of the home's foundation,

Forinformation in regards to tree cutting permits http://www.surrey.ca/community/1361.aspx

What do you do if you suspect a tree on your property has been poisoned?

If you suspect a tree has been poisoned or damaged, you should contact the city so we can investigate. If the tree is on private property, please call our section at 604-591-4675 so we can investigate the situation. If the tree is on City property, please call parks at 604-501-5050 so they can investigate.

Kids, the Ridge, and the Sixties

I am the house, an old house now, and I've sheltered my family, the one family, for all of my 55 years. But right now, I'd like to tell you a little of what it was like for my kids growing up on the Ridge in the sixties.

School is a big part of any kid's life. When the Fergusons moved in in 1961, the older boys John and Chris started grades 3 and 5 at J.T. Brown at 125th and 60th: they hiked and biked up what the kids called Knight's trail, with the Knight's house at one end, from New McLellan to #10, then along to 125th where the grade 7 crossing guards escorted the younger kids across the highway, and finally began the home stretch to 60th Avenue. At that time, Colebrook was a 1 room school with grades 1 and 2 only, and that's where Bruce started his school life. By the mid sixties, Colebrook had expanded to two rooms and grade 3. Kindergarten was taught privately; Heather, the little imp, would, when kindergarten was not to her liking, take herself home through the bush from 56th Ave to New McLellan. Once home and teacher figured out what was happening, no one worried.

When I think back over the years, there wasn't a lot of variety to what the kids did but what amazes me is how much freedom—and space the kids had to roam. Houses were further apart but families were large and there were lots of playmates: bikes were a kid's ticket to freedom and he could take off with his playmates for hours. The old gravel pit was then nearing the end of its working days but my kids were never allowed to explore there. After its closure, the pit was used as a firing range by the RCMP and John and his friends used to dig out the lead to melt down for fishing weights. One of the neighbors had a front lawn big enough for the kids' football games and the boys played 'kick-thecan' almost every weekend. When it snowed, and as the day eased into twilight, the neighborhood boys would wait—and sometimes wait really a long time—for headlights to shine on the telephone wires. This would give them just enough time to abandon their other pursuits, jump into the ditch or hide behind a tree, gather up a few snowballs and throw them at the passing car. Little scoundrels. I guess after 50 years they think it's safe to confess! A winter treat was to catch the bus from #10 and Scott to the skating rink in the old hangar, leftover from its days as a training base, in what is now the Boundary Bay Airport. As a family treat in hot weather, the older kids would ride to the gas station at 128th and #10, pick out their bottles of pop from the old fashioned water-bath cooler and then bounce and laugh their way home. Of course, by the time they got home, the pop was warm and very, very fizzy. Most of the kids on the Ridge were 'outdoorsy'—that's what there was to do—but still it was a big deal when the library book van started coming to the Ridge. John, and no doubt others, had 'read out' the school libraries.



Community "Farewell" for John Ferguson

Well, my kids grew up a long time ago: they're good people and I'm proud of them. John worked in the mines in the NWT, fished, then trained as a chef and travelled. Now he and his dog walk his childhood haunts. Chris is a missionary for the United Church and is currently the General Secretary for the World Communion of Reformed Churches based in Hanover, Germany. Heather teaches St. John Ambulance courses and runs C-DART, which gives first aid and emergency shelter to pets rescued from apartment fires. And Geordie, well, you may have seen Geordie on TV last summer: he was the guy who kept loading planes with fire fighting supplies while his own place burnt in the Puntzi Lake forest fire. So here I am, an old house, a home. Soon I'll be rubble. But I'm happy to think of all the families, and now their kids, who've lived on the Ridge for decades and treasured it. I hope the tradition will continue.

A Message from the Colebrook Elementary School Principle



Colebrook Elementary School has been a part of this community since 1919. It has undergone many changes since that time, beginning as a one room school, changing to a primary school, increasing to include up to grade five students and finally including grade seven. Interestingly, in a cleaning of our crawl space recently, a package with the note, "Important Message" was spotted and saved by the work crew. It turned out to be a note from the very first grade seven class to "graduate" from our school in 1990. One of the teachers at our school, Ms. Kari Sawatzky, was part of that grade seven class! Thank you to the crew who took the time to save this package and ensure it went through the appropriate asbestos protection protocol! I am sure there are many people who attended Colebrook who still live in this neighbourhood.

Colebrook has traditionally held a **Garage Sale and barbeque the same day as Colebrook United Church** has their Garage Sale. This year both are on Saturday, April 16. We will be handling it a little differently and rather than offering tables for rent as well as collecting items to be sold generally, we will be offering tables for rent for people to sell their own second hand items as well as new items such as crafts or specialty items. This is a great community event for everyone and an opportunity to purchase new to you items as well as some unique books, toiletries, crafts and more!

Colebrook Elementary will also be hosting our **Annual Fun Fair on May 27 from 5 – 8 p.m.** This includes basket raffles, games for the kids, food and much more! Plan to drop by for this exciting community event. If you don't have children at our school bring your grandchildren, nieces and nephews or simply drop by to watch the children have fun!

Thank you to so many community members who helped us fund raise for our new playground which was installed last spring. We also have benches, tether-ball and a new Gaga Ball court coming as part of the project. It has been slow but will be well worth the wait in the end! Once everything is in place we will be hosting an official opening to thank those people who contributed as well as to celebrate our "new gigs."

Thank you all Panorama Ridge residents for your patience during drop off and pick up times. These are a challenge for everyone concerned! If you can avoid driving near the school during 8:15 - 8:35 and from 2:20 - 2:50 please do, as it can be very congested.

We are encouraging our children and their parents to walk, or at least park a couple of blocks away and walk the last section to alleviate some of the congestion. We also have teachers on supervision, as well as the principal, trying to keep the traffic moving as much as possible and ensuring everyone is driving safely. The round-a-bout has definite-ly helped reduce U-turns at the south end of the school. We are still working on eliminating them at the north end. Thanks to your members who have helped by counting cars and also by attending meetings jointly with both the city and school district engineering staff to help determine the best possible solutions to this ongoing issue.



Competition For Our Readers:

If you have a sticker placed on your newsletter, you can claim a prize. Contact us to claim!

MLA: Marvin Hunt

The association invited our local MLA to write a piece in this newsletter. Marvin Hunt is the MLA for Surrey-Panorama and was elected to the Legislature in 2013 after serving many years on city council in Surrey.

"As someone who started off in public life with local government, I am often asked if there is much of a difference be-



tween serving on Surrey Council compared to being the MLA for Surrey-Panorama. The short answer is there are a lot of differences, but there are a lot of similarities, too. Certainly, Surrey Council is very different from the provincial legislature. The first thing a city Councillor discovers on the first day in office is that many of the issues local government deals with have a direct impact on the daily lives of all the residents.

Everything from tap water to local roads, public transit, sewage treatment, the fire department and even police services are the responsibility of local government. While it could be argued that these are the only things that really matter to most people, the provincial government does in fact play a very important, if not distinctly different, role in our lives.

From a strictly legal point of view, our national constitution only shares responsibilities between the federal and provincial governments. The Constitution Act of Canada leaves it up to the provinces to make laws exclusively in relation to local government. So in many ways, local governments are considered to be a creature of the provincial govern-

ment. But in the last 145 years since B.C. joined Confederation, the role of local governments has evolved with the social and economic development of our province.

Surrey is no exception. Most of you are probably aware that we are the fastest-growing community in B.C., if not the whole country. We are among the most culturally diverse, with many residents having come to this community from other parts of the world. Surrey is also distinguished by our demographics. Almost one third of Surrey residents are under the age of 19. That means of the 800 to 1,000 people who move to Surrey every month, most of them are young families who are looking for a place to call home.

While the cities of Surrey and, for example, Victoria may deal with water, sewer and garbage in different ways, the provincial government is responsible for the health and environmental rules that govern the whole province. And, while health and social services are the provincial responsibility, the Province works with the local governments as we respond to the needs of our citizens.

Certainly the rapid growth of Surrey presents its own challenges. I have witnessed many of them from the perspective of both a city Councillor and now as an MLA. But at the end of the day, my job is helping people resolve their problems. I have a busy constituency office with wonderful staff who are always available to help. I enjoy my roles as a public advocate and participate in shaping the future of our community.

No matter the office, I consider it a tremendous privilege to be able to serve my fellow citizens."

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Useful Surrey Numbers:

ITEM	Phone
City of Surrey (general line)	604-591-4011
Emergency issues (water mains, missing stops signs)	604-591-4152
By-law and Animal Complaints	604-591-4370
Street and sidewalk repair	604-591-4152
Fire: burning regulations, abandoned building, suspected grow-up, general issues	604-543-6700
Blockwatch program	604-502-6560
Crimestoppers	I-800-222-8477 (TIPS)



Consider downloading the **Surrey Request App** on your cell phone device.

You can report litter, graffiti, potholes and much more. Many of us have had great success using this App.

During house construction it is often necessary to cut the asphalt (road) and bury either electrical cables or gas lines. Unfortunately the quality of the road repair is not always up to par and because many contractors have blanket permits, the City of Surrey is not always aware of these poorly repaired road surfaces until the contractors are gone. If you notice these cuts, the City under their Street and Sidewalk Repair program would like to know about these cuts as soon as possible such that they can withhold funds from the contractor until the roads have been properly repaired. Their phone number is: **604-591-4152**.

Continuous efforts are being made by many dedicated individuals on the Ridge to keep our streets free from garbage. However at times it seems like a never ending task and even hours after cleanup, more fast food, cigarette packages etc. are dumped. Ridge homeowners themselves would not add garbage to our community, therefore a few offenders were asked if they lived on the Ridge...one embarrassedly responded to rent a suite in our community... If you are concerned about illegal suites, you can contact the City of Surrey at: **604-591-4231**.





Rats are a problem in every society as long as food is easy accessible to these rodents. Attached picture shows a municipal garbage bin that rats ate through to get to the disposed of food. When you notice that a portion of the bottom of your garbage can has been eaten through you can contact the City to get a replacement garbage container. Rats not only spread diseases but they also nest in our warm car engines and eat through the wiring. Several people have made reports of damages between \$800 and \$1,000 for new wiring harnesses. Please refrain from using poisons, as that use will enter into the food chain, from owls to eagles and our own pets. A very effective way is to trap rats in a device called: "TomCat". These traps can be purchased from Walmart for about \$6.78 and are much easier and safer to use than the old spring loaded boards. Peanut butter is the choice bait food and the traps should be placed close to the house and garbage bins /wood shed such that the rodents need to walk through the trap to get to the bins... If we all make an effort we may be able to control the rapid rodent population increase...

Real Estate Updates and West Panorama Ridge



"Fraser Valley Real Estate broke records once more in February, for the second time in many months, according to Fraser Valley Real Estate Board (FVREB) data published March 2, 2016 (<u>http://www.rew.ca/news/home-market-in-fraser-</u> valley)

The current real estate market is a seller's market! West Panorama Ridge is no exception. With the limited number of homes for sale and a flood of purchasers, homes are selling within days with competing offers. Currently the market changes day to day... where one homes sells for one price, the neighbouring house may sell for a much higher price, within a very short period.

Is this market affecting the price in West Panorama Ridge? Definitely!

Buyers wanting to be in Surrey, centrally located, and be able to own an "estate" like home, Panorama Ridge is the area that comes to mind of many buyers.

Currently, 26 homes are listed on the Ridge for prices between \$948,000 to \$30,000,000. 12 Homes have sold in the past two months, most homes selling within days, especially under the \$2,000,000 mark. Homes above \$2,000,000 do take time to sell as that market is limited due to financial restraints. Obviously we do not want anyone to leave the Ridge, but if you need to sell, this is probably the time to do it, keeping in mind that the purchase of a replacement home in the Lower Mainland will be a much more difficult task than selling in our current market!



Wildlife Living on Panorama Ridge

We live in a city but must remember we share our neighborhood with some wild critters who may be unfamiliar to us. These animals have adapted to urban areas as more people share their space. A common wild animal is the coyote who look quite similar to a large dog. They live mostly in open areas and eat small prey such as mice and moles. They sometimes hunt at night when it is recommended we keep small pets indoors. They are generally harmless to humans and it is suggested you stand tall and still if you meet one. They are great sprinters and jumpers and are one of the most vocal animals in North America. The Stanley Park Ecology Society tracks coyote behavior and asks everyone to report all sightings at

www.stanleyparkecology.ca

Raccoons also live in the neighborhood. They sometimes cause damage as they seek places to build dens for their young. They can be quite aggressive if disturbed but generally avoid humans. Seek professional help if you need assistance for raccoon management. Eastern cottontail rabbits also reside here but are quite timid and interested in food which can sometimes cause conflict with gardeners. There are small brown Douglas squirrels who prefer a diet of Douglas fir cones. Larger black or grey Eastern squirrels might occasionally dig up flower bulbs but generally find lots of other suitable foods. There is even a family of beavers who reside north of Colebrook Road.

We also share the company of many birds including blue herons, bald eagles, red tail hawks and hummingbirds. Do enjoy observing these wild creatures from a distance – and also remember to secure your garbage carefully to discourage any scavengers.

Hummingbirds

You may already have seen some hummingbirds in your yard, visiting your flowering shrubs and plants, buzzing past while you are working in your garden. Why not feed them and enjoy them from a closer viewpoint? All you need is an inexpensive feeder, they sell for around 10 dollars, fill it up, watch and wait. It may take a while for them to find it, but find it they will!



The Anna's hummingbird overwinters here on the Ridge and all over the lower mainland. Mid-March the Rufous hummingbirds arrive and they immediately start looking for a nesting site and get to work. Occasionally there are territorial disputes between the two species as they try to control dominance over an area. Try hanging another feeder out of sight of the other in a different spot in your yard so they can "feed without having to meet". Once established and happy with the location of your feeder you can expect visits every 5 to 8 minutes, if you're lucky and have multiple birds using your feeder (I have never witnessed this on mine) you will be assured of a spectacular show.

Hang your feeder where you can see it, for instance, not far from a kitchen window. Preferably not too close, hummers have been known to be too preoccupied with defending their feeder from other aggressive hummers and have crashed into windows with deadly results.

To perch or not to perch, some feeders have perches that the birds use for a well-deserved rest, or they will find a branch nearby to sit on. Our hummingbird seems to like to perch on a red tomato cage that happened to be nearby holding up a plant below it. Nectar is not their only diet, they love fruit flies and soft bodied insects like spiders and small larvae. Perhaps a piece of banana or other ripe fruit near a feeder would be much appreciated. Flower nectar may contain fructose, sucrose and glucose. Sucrose is by far the most common form of sugar in the flowers of plants for which hummingbirds are the primary pollinators. They are known to reject beet sugar. Do not use raw sugar, it has unpredictable impurities (bacteria and molds), it may contain iron as well and the hummingbirds body cannot use it and it can poison them! No food color needed and honey mixed with water will ferment too fast.

Recipe: I cup hot water, mix with ¹/₄ cup white sugar until clear. Make a larger batch for busy feeders and store in fridge. Refresh every two weeks and once a week in summer. Don't forget to thoroughly clean feeder with hot soapy water every time! This is a commitment, the birds will rely on us to provide this supplement food. Have a neighbour replenish their sugar water when you are away for a lengthy time!!! They will remember and return next year to the same place to look for the feeder!!

Emergency Preparedness: Is Your Family Prepared?

You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. If a disaster happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to get to you as they help those in desperate need. By taking a few simple steps today, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere. These basic steps will help you take care of yourself and your loved ones during an emergency.

To learn more about emergency preparedness visit www.getprepared.gc.ca



Tenth Annual Earth Day and Ridge Day Clean Up Celebration

Date: Saturday April 23rd 10:00 a.m. Location: Colebrook School Parking lot

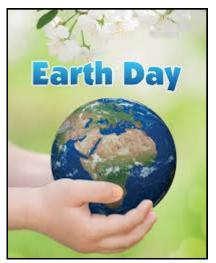
YES! This is the 10th Annual clean up! Is it just me, or is there a never ending "supply" of garbage and illegal dumping on the Ridge? With the growing number of Adopt-a-Street signs on the Ridge, you would think we would have the cleanest community around...but no, it seems that we have a lot of people who just don't give a damn...except all those good folks who continuously pick up garbage and report illegal dumps while out on their regular walks.

Please come out and participate in making your Ridge a better place to live! The clean-up takes under two hours and all participants are invited back to Tammy and Joe's for a Thank you BBQ...it's free and if you are a student who needs volunteer hours for school it's a great way to get involved!

Please bring your own pickers and gloves if you have them. Bags are provided... Rain or Shine...

Come out and meet your neighbors!

For further information contact Tammy at t.richie@shaw.ca



Please consider the Surrey Request App for your cell phone if you see illegal dumping or report to By-Laws at 604-591-4370.

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Colebrook Park

The Ratepayer's Parks Committee receives updates throughout the year on the progress of Colebrook Park devel-

opment. The main access to the park will be from Colebrook Road, you may have noticed a gate between two white barriers approximately one kilometre west of the railway level crossing by Buckets and Birdies driving range.

Presently the City of Surrey Park's Planning division have a preliminary parking lot design. The parking lot will be at the existing entrance/culvert crossing off Colebrook Road. Construction of the parking lot will be the first step .This can then be used for the staging area of the trails.



The trails are being planned through the forested area. They will likely be

a combination of traditional gravel path and some areas of boardwalks. The envi- Salmon Berry ronmental report noted wet areas where boardwalks would be appropriate. The trail will connect north through the forested areas to the existing east-west path over the Metro Vancouver pipeline and then loop south and return to the parking lot.

Work is progressing as the trails are being surveyed. The cost of materials, gravel or boardwalk is being estimated. Once firmer timelines are reported by the Park's Planning division, the Ratepayer's Parks committee can once again report to our West Panorama neighborhood. Just imagine a new place to walk with a friend and observe nature.

Current Flora in Joe Brown Park

Top and Far right: Wild Bleeding Heart

Bottom is Trillium







Membership in the WPRRA



Our community of West Panorama Ridge is bounded by Highway 10 on the north, King George Highway on the east, Highway 99 on the south and Scott Road on the west. We are proud to live in one of Surrey's most desirable residential communities.

For over 50 years the West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association has provided its' residents with a strong voice relative to promoting the further development of green spaces and parks within our community's boundaries. The Association directors are vigilant in ensuring that the residential development reflects the direction provided by our community.

The community website www.panoramaridge.org was established to provide all residents with an opportunity to find information about available essential services, and to communicate the most current information available on happenings and events of concern and interest to you in our community.

Our Directors work hard to fulfill the mandate of the community association. We would encourage you to consider participating as a Director or a volunteer. Even if you can't spare any time, we need you to support the community association by becoming a member! Just being a member shows the City of Surrey that the residents of this community support the WPRRA. Your membership fee allows us to create and distribute the newsletter and the website. It is the best \$100 (Lifetime), \$25 (Three year membership) or \$10 (One year membership) investment you can make in your community!

website: www.panoramaridge.org

Return this portion of the membership form with	your payment to:	
Darryn Langstaff WPRRA Treasurer		Or drop your completed membership form at
5475 125A Street		the home of any Director.
Surrey BC, V3X IW4		
Name:	Phone Number:	
Address:	Email Address:	

Receipts will be sent to the address you list above.

The WPPRA keeps all membership information completely confidential.