

April 2009  
Spring Edition

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FOR EARTH DAY  
CLEAN UP ON THE  
RIDGE!  
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STRAWBERRY TEA  
IN JUNE!  
WATCH FOR  
SIGNS ON THE  
RIDGE

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## WEST PANORAMA RIDGE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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

Email [panoramaridge@shaw.ca](mailto:panoramaridge@shaw.ca)



### WPRRA 2009 Election & **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 29 April 2009**

Colebrook United Church  
(Across from Colebrook  
Elementary)  
7:30 p.m.

- Come hear what's new!
- Share your concerns about things that matter to you in our community!
- Meet your neighbours!
- Seek nomination as a volunteer member of the Board!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



***Welcome to  
Panorama Ridge***

Thank you for sending your emails and visiting our website. With your feedback, we're changing our newsletter layout. Shorter articles and easy- to- read format will hopefully be interesting and informative.

The West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association is committed to promoting our mutual well-being and quality of life. We do this by taking pride in maintaining our homes and yards and encouraging and helping others to do the same. When in need, we help our neighbours by shovelling their driveways. We are safer when we keep an open eye on their property during their absence and report any suspicious activity. We keep our streets clean by picking up garbage. In turn, we help to protect the comfort of our community and preserve the value of our homes.

Please be sure let us know when a new neighbour has moved in so the Ratepayers can officially welcome them to the Ridge.

Arnie van Hattem  
President WPRRA

## ALL CANDIDATES MEETING (PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT)

The WPPRA has organized a provincial All Candidates meeting for **Wednesday May 6** to be held at Colebrook Church located on 125A Street, across from Colebrook Elementary School. 7:30 pm start.

Come meet your candidates and prepare for the upcoming provincial election on May 12. Hear their positions on provincial issues and issues relevant to West Panorama Ridge and ask the candidates questions from the floor.

### Candidates

Stephanie Cadieux	BC Liberals
Debbie Lawrence	NDP
Murray Weisenburger	Green Party

**Provincial All  
Candidates meeting  
May 6  
7:30 pm start**

## BLUEBERRY CANNONS ON THE RIDGE

You may have noticed more blueberry farms below the Ridge. As spring approaches, albeit late, farms will soon be producing blueberries. With that, comes the possibility of an increase in cannon noise.

A group called “Ban the Cannons” are opposed to the use of these bird scare devices. In contacting them and the Farm Industry Review Board, we’ve learned that a review is underway. The Fraser Valley Regional District and the Ministry of Agriculture have co-funded a study to determine the effectiveness of these devices. Results will be available soon and found on their website:

[http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/sf/farmpp/bird\\_devices.htm](http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/sf/farmpp/bird_devices.htm)

We will continue to follow this story and urge those who want to get involved to contact: [bancannons@hotmail.com](mailto:bancannons@hotmail.com)

## STOP LITTER AND GARBAGE DUMPING AND START HELPING

Deplorable littering and dumping continue on the Ridge; especially along Colebrook Road. The Adopt-a-Street crews and concerned citizens diligently clean-up this mess regularly and call the City when the garbage is too large to handle.

The problem is growing. We’ve learned that some individuals advertise on Craig’s List offering 2 men with a pick-up truck to dispose of your garbage. We’ve found this garbage dumped along Colebrook Road. When identifiable items in the garbage are traced back to the original owners, these people are horrified to learn that their garbage was not taken to the dump, but instead dumped on farmland.

Please pitch in and help keep our neighbourhood clean by removing litter immediately. For removal of large items, contact the City Works Yard at 604-590-7200 as soon as you see it. We hope that by acting quickly, others are less likely to dump too.

**Please join us on Sunday April 19 at 10am for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual neighbourhood Earth Day clean up.** We will meet at Colebrook Elementary, rain or shine. Bags will be provided. It’s a great way to meet like minded neighbours. All participants are invited back to Tammy and Joe’s for a Bar-B-Q lunch. For more info, contact Tammy at [t.richie@shaw.ca](mailto:t.richie@shaw.ca)



HELP CLEAN UP  
THE RIDGE ON  
SUNDAY APRIL  
19 10:00AM

## TO: ALL DOGS ON THE RIDGE

Thank you for making our community a better place to live. We enjoy your company and most of your owners handle you very responsibly. Others have allowed some of you to cause considerable nuisance, trauma and potential injury to others.

Over the past few months, we've received several reports of your canine friends running at large, barking, chasing and biting. Some homeowners have put up with all-night barking. Another homeowner was attacked in her own backyard!

In the interest of mutual enjoyment in our community, please share this Bylaw\* information with your owner: *(selected and paraphrased)*



- No person may keep more than two dogs per parcel of property (unless a kennel license has been issued)
- Every dog over the age of 6 months must wear a valid and current license.
- Running at large means any dog located in a public place that is not secured on a leash to a responsible and competent person.  
(Exception: a dog in a designated "off leash" area)
- A potentially dangerous dog is any dog regardless of age, sex or breed which is running at large.

\*References: "Surrey Dog Responsibility By-law, 1999, No. 13880" and

"Surrey's Noise By-law No. 7044" at: <http://surrey.ihostez.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=16009>

### RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS:

- ALWAYS keep dogs secured at home, and on a leash when not at home.
- Immediately remove dog excrement and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
- Monitor and control persistent barking.
- Obey the laws, and consider the comfort and well-being of other residents.

### IF YOU HAVE A DOG PROBLEM:

1. Keep detailed notes of all incidents. (Take photos, where possible.)
2. Talk directly to the dog owner(s). Make them aware of your concerns.
3. Ask other neighbours to join you in a group approach to the dog owner(s).
4. If none of the above is feasible, or efforts have been unsuccessful, contact the  
**SPCA @ 604-597-5655** (Mon. to Fri., 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.)  
**604-599-0502** (After normal business hours, weekends, and statutory holidays).

In case of an **EMERGENCY** (e.g., a dangerous dog running at large):  
 phone **both** the **POLICE** and the **SPCA**.



## AIRPLANE NOISE

In May 2007, major airspace changes were implemented in north and south Surrey that caused commercial aircraft to fly over previously quiet but densely populated areas resulting in a substantial increase in noise.

In reaction to the quantum jump in aircraft noise, the south Surrey Citizens Against Aircraft Noise (SCAANS) was formed. Since then, SCAANS has been working with the City of Surrey, community groups, Federal and Provincial politicians, Nav Canada and YVR. They would tell you that Nav Canada and YVR have not been receptive to their proposals or even their requests for information. A key issue is that Nav Canada was formed under Federal legislation that does not require it to notify or consult communities that may be impacted by changes it makes to airplane routing.

The WPRRA has been supportive of the SCAANS effort, especially their desire to require Nav Canada to both consult and inform. At the upcoming AGM, a petition SCAANS is sending to Ottawa will be available for individuals to sign. This petition asks that the legislation governing Nav Canada be changed to require them to consult and inform. If you support this issue and this petition, we are providing you the opportunity to sign it at our AGM on April 29, 2009.

Please visit our website at [www.panoramaridge.org](http://www.panoramaridge.org) to view a letter that was written by SCAANS to a number of MP's.



## GARBAGE TRAINS BELOW PANORAMA RIDGE?

Metro Vancouver is seeking to amend its solid waste management plan to allow for the annual export of up to 600,000 tonnes of waste to the US. It proposes waste to be shipped via BNSF trains which will travel below the Ridge. One estimate indicated we could be looking at as many as eight additional trains per day. The WPRRA has made a submission to Metro Vancouver regarding the impact these trains will have on Panorama Ridge.

## **ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Will be held at the **COLEBROOK UNITED CHURCH** on Saturday, **April 25<sup>th</sup>** from 9am to 2pm.

Something essential or trivial for everyone! Have any “treasures” to donate? Please call after April 21 to confirm someone will be available to receive them – 604-596-2412.



Colebrook United  
Church

## **WEST PANORAMA RIDGE CLASSICAL MUSIC SOCIETY**

“Gilbert and Sullivan Tonight” will feature scenes and excerpts presented by Fraser Valley Stage on Saturday, **April 18<sup>th</sup>** at St. Michael’s Millennium Church Hall, 12996 – 60 Ave. Refreshments and an Art Show included.

For tickets and information please contact: Karen Enns 590-1157, Edith Katronis 594-0914, Maggie Hanson 594-4465, Louise Rolston 591-3753 or Angela Smith 594-5271.

## **NEWSLETTER DELIVERY – Thank You!**

Our sincere thanks to so many enthusiastic and helpful people who deliver our bi-annual newsletter and keep our community informed about local issues.

We can always use an extra pair of hands and feet. Please call Joan @ 597-5002 to volunteer for the next delivery and re-explore your neighbourhood.



## **About our Organization...**

The purpose of the West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association is to promote and assure the well being of the residents of the West Panorama Ridge area by protecting the semi-rural character and quality of life of the area.

Volunteer Directors are elected by its members at the Annual General Meeting held each spring.

## **We’re on the Web!**

See us at:

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

## **REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (Now posted on our website)**

Over the past 18 months, the Board of Directors has undertaken a comprehensive review of the Constitution & Bylaws of the WPRRA. The result is an updated, consolidated version incorporating relevant sections of the Society Act of BC; amendments adopted at our previous AGM's; and some proposed new amendments.

A **DRAFT** of the revised Constitution and Bylaws was approved by the Board of Directors on Nov. 13, 2008, and will be presented for adoption at the **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.**

All members are urged to review the recommended revisions on our **Website** now, and prepare to vote for their adoption at the AGM.

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

If you have any questions or comments concerning the proposed revisions (or you wish to receive a printed copy because you do not have access to the Web), please contact any member of the Board or John Poley, Chair of the Constitution & Elections Committee.

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS -- WPRRA Board of Directors**

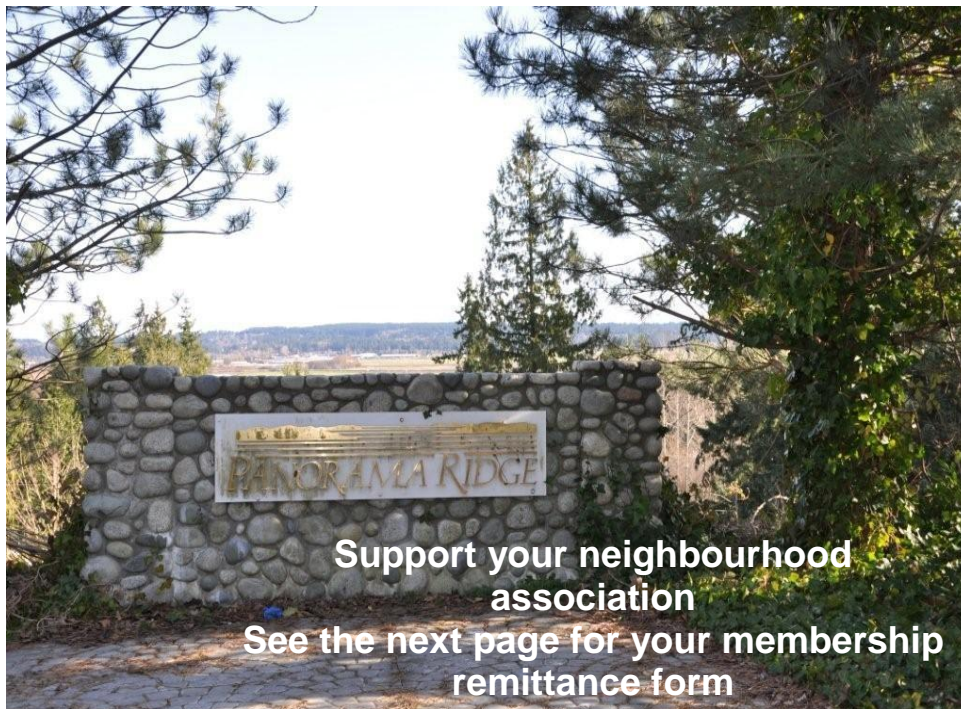
The WPRRA is now accepting Nominations for positions on the Board of Directors. Elections for half the Board of Directors will be held at our AGM at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 29th** at Colebrook United Church.

According to our by-laws, the number of elected directors must be at least 7 and no more than 14, with half being elected each year for a two-year term. This is an excellent way to meet your neighbours, 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**

## **Your Directors**

<b>Arnie van Hattem</b>	<b>President 604-572-8302 Fax 604-595-7785</b>	<b>John Poley</b>	<b>Chairperson, Constitution and Elections 604-596-3980</b>
<b>David Ho</b>	<b>Vice President; Chairperson, Communications Committee 604-543-8789</b>	<b>Tammy Ritchie</b>	<b>Chairperson, Keep Clean/Neighbourhood Safety 604-596-6237</b>
<b>Bob Campbell</b>	<b>Immediate Past President; Chairperson, Development Committee 604-596-6578</b>	<b>Thomas Harding</b>	<b>Chairperson, Membership/ Welcome Wagon 604-599-6417</b>
<b>Susan Williams</b>	<b>Treasurer 604-594-7510</b>		
<b>Joan Mayhew</b>	<b>Secretary 604-597-5002</b>	<b>Tom Dent</b>	
<b>Hilda Strauss</b>	<b>Chairperson, Traffic Committee 604-597-1229</b>	<b>Bob Dhaliwal</b>	<b>604 617-7763</b>
		<b>Travis Endersby</b>	<b>604-594-4200</b>
		<b>Bruce Fraser</b>	







## MEMBERSHIP INVOICE

Description	Amount
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Membership to the West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association

One-year membership    from January 01, 2009 to December 31, 2009	\$10.00
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or

Three-year membership    from January 01, 2009 to December 31, 2011	\$25.00
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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 their time or contributions.

Please remit your cheque or cash to:

Susan Williams

WPRRA Treasurer

12479 – 57A Avenue

Surrey BC V3X 2S6

Or drop your payment off with any Board of Director. Receipts will be sent to the address listed below. Your membership information is 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_