

# OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE JULY 2009



The Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) is a registered non-profit society with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of its members to local government. OPSRRA was founded in 1992 and has a membership of about 375. Any resident or property owner in Shirley and Otter Point is eligible for membership.

**Lifetime memberships cost \$5.00 per person** and are available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)) for further information and on-line registration. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley or Otter Point, but who wish to support the Association.

The purpose of our society is to:

- Ensure that the development of the two communities of Shirley and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
- Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
- Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
- Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
- Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

Are you an OPSRRA member? Do you want to receive the OPSRRA newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your e-mail address? OPSRRA now e-mails this newsletter to over 235 of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca) if you want to receive this membership service.

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## 1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Arnie Campbell at: [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca) or 642-3113 to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

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Thursday  
July 2      **Sooke & Electoral Area Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)**  
Monthly Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Saturday  
July 4      **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Matheson Lake**  
9:30 a.m.  
**Note**  
**location**  
**change for**  
**this month's**  
**hike**  
An new route to explore.  
A 4 to 5 hour hike around Matheson Lake via Mt. Ball, Cougar Ridge and Mt. Ash. We will stop for view, snacks and lunch. You are on your own for a swim in Matheson Lake after the hike.  
Dress for the weather, bring lunc and a snack.  
  
Meet at the Matheson Lake parking lot (at the end of Matheson Lake Road).  
  
Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.  
**Please note our web address:**  
[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Wednesday  
July 8      **Shirley Community Association**  
**General Meeting**  
7:30 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
  
**Topics:** Financial and Board of Directors

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Friday  
July 10      **Muir Creek Protection Society**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
  
7:30 p.m.  
Village Food Market Meeting Room  
6661 Sooke Road  
  
See newsletter item 3 for details

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Saturday  
July 18

**Soapstone Carving Workshop**

10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Malahat Farm  
Anderson Road, Otter Point

This one-day workshop covers all you need to know to carve an eagle head from soapstone.  
Tools, materials and instruction provided.

Contact: [info@malahatfarm.com](mailto:info@malahatfarm.com) or 250-642-6868

Next workshop: August 22, loon carving.

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Monday  
July 20

**Otter Point Advisory Planning Commission**

7:30 p.m.  
Otter Point Fire Hall  
3727 Otter Point Road, Otter Point BC

Continuing review of Rural Resource Lands OCP and Land Use Bylaws and Proposed Secondary Suites Zoning change.

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Tuesday  
July 21

**JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC)**

**Monthly Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
District of Sooke Council Chambers  
2225 Otter Point Road

You can obtain the agenda the Friday before the meeting on the CRD website at: [www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm)  
Click on "Agenda" at the top of the page.

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Thursday  
July 23

**JDF Electoral Area Economic Development Commission**

**Monthly Meeting**  
6:00 p.m.  
Village Foods Meeting Room  
6661 Sooke Road, Sooke BC

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Tuesday  
July 28

**Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation**

**Commission**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
5:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

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Wednesday  
July 29

**Shirley Education & Action Society (SEAS)**  
**Annual General Meeting**

Shirley Community Hall

Note: Date not confirmed. Check local advertising for date.

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Saturday  
August 1      **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Hike to Sooke Hills Lake (Grassy? Peden? Shields?)**  
9:30 a.m.  
Hike to one of the lakes in the Sooke Hills.  
A 4 to 6 hour hike.  
Start location and destination to be announced.  
  
Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email  
[sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.  
**Please note our new web address:**  
[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Thursday  
August 6      **Sooke & Electoral Area Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Sunday  
August 9      **Shirley Day**  
10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall and Pioneer Park

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Wednesday  
August 12      **Shirley/Jordan River Advisory Planning Commission**  
Continuing review of Rural Resource Lands OCP and Land Use  
Bylaws.

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**Mondays**      **Karate for all ages**  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
  
Contact Alida Long: 642-4631

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**Tuesdays**      **Yoga**  
6:30 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
  
**Note: No classes in July. Classes resume Tuesday, August 11**

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## 2. NOTICE OF MUIR CREEK PROTECTION SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Muir Creek Protection Society submitted the following announcement to the OPSRRA newsletter:

### **Notice of 2009 Annual General Meeting**

Date:            Friday, July 10  
Time:            7:30 p.m.  
Location:       Village Food Market Meeting Room  
6661 Sooke Road, Sooke BC

Guest-speaker, Jeff Ward, Manager, Planning, Resource Management and Development, CRD Parks, will provide an update on the progress of creating a regional park at Muir Creek and offer suggestions about how the Society can help.

Hear the latest dynamic news of our quest for a park. Bring ideas. Enjoy refreshments. Members are welcome to bring guests.

#### [Election of Officers to the 2009-10 Board:](#)

Members are invited to submit nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member-at-Large. Positions are honorary and nominees must be members of the Society in good standing. Alanda Carver is willing to stand again for President.

Nominations can be submitted before the meeting to the Secretary, Mary Brown. 250 646 2532 or e-mail: [4marybe@telus.net](mailto:4marybe@telus.net)

Members interested in standing for Office, call Alanda Carver 250 642 3001 or e-mail: [alandacarver@hotmail.com](mailto:alandacarver@hotmail.com)

### **3. WILLIAM SIMMONS (POIRIER LAKE) PARK CLEAN UP**

The long-awaited clean-up of the William Simmons Park on the shores of Poirier Lake in Otter Point has begun.

In 2007 the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks Commission acquired about 15 acres of parkland—mostly on the north side of Poirier Lake—consisting of a portion purchased from Timber West (5.09 acres); the closed road right-of-way from the Province (3 acres); and about 7.2 acres donated by Mr. Erik Sellars-St. Claire. All three lots are now registered with the CRD.

Erik Sellars- St. Clare, who had resided on the property since 1948, wished to see his property remain as public parkland and asked that the park be named after his long-time friend and local area resident William Simmons who died in 1970 at the age of 55 years.

On Saturday, June 20 a group of volunteers from OPSRRA, the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society, the Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Commission and others put in a full day to empty the three buildings on the property, collect all the scrap metal and other recyclables and otherwise prepare the site for demolition.

From Wednesday through Friday of the following week there was another clean-up. This consisted of loading the demolished buildings and yard waste into containers and trucking everything to the dump. The site of the old pool was filled-in and truck loads of dirt were brought-in to do some rough landscaping. All of this work was done with equipment donated by 4M Bobcat & Trucking, Sooke Disposal and Wally Vowles. Dave McClimon, Rick Sullivan, Wally Vowles and Ken Winter also donated equipment operator time.

OPSRRA extends thanks to everyone who helped with this community effort organized by the Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission Manager Ron Hamilton, JDFA Regional Director Mike Hicks and Alternate Director Wally Vowles.

Another volunteer work party will likely be necessary to do a final clean-up of smaller items that the machinery couldn't handle and to begin landscaping the area prior to public use.

Pictures taken throughout the community clean-up day by Sheila Whincup, Louise Paterson and Ron Hamilton will soon be available for viewing on the OPSRRA web site: [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)

#### **4. OPSRRA DIRECTORS MEET WITH DEVELOPER OF PROPOSED RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEST OF JORDAN RIVER**

OPSRRA directors were invited to meet with a representative of Ilkey Marine Trail Holdings and CitySpaces Consulting to review the proposed recreational development west of Jordan River. As reported in the April issue of the OPSRRA newsletter, the two rezoning applications for the Rural Resource Lands were considered by the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC) at its April 21, 2009 meeting. The applications were for two separate properties which lie between the West Coast Road and the Juan de Fuca Trail and west of Shirley and Jordan River between Magdalena Point and San Simon Point. The first application was to rezone a 23 hectare property to permit development of a 60-unit tourist lodge, 126 recreational vehicle sites, and a caretaker's residence. The developer offered 8.23 hectares of public green space as a community amenity if the rezoning application was approved. The second application was to rezone a 25 hectare property to permit development of a complex consisting of 132 cabins, a caretaker's residence and a common building. Some 8.9 hectares of public green space was offered as a community amenity if the rezoning application was approved.

The two rezoning applications were reviewed at public meetings of the Shirley/Jordan River and Otter Point Advisory Planning Commissions (APCs). The comments received at both APC meetings can be read on line at the web sites below.

Otter Point APC May 14 minutes:

[www.crd.bc.ca/minutes/otterpointadvisorypl\\_/2009\\_/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/minutes/otterpointadvisorypl_/2009_/index.htm)

Shirley/Jordan River APC May 28th minutes:

[www.crd.bc.ca/minutes/shirleyjordanriverad\\_/2009\\_/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/minutes/shirleyjordanriverad_/2009_/index.htm)

The June 23 meeting with OPSRRA directors was an informative session and provided both groups with additional information about the proposed project, community concerns and suggestions for consideration.

#### **5. UPDATE: SHIRLEY FIRE PROTECTION SOCIETY & COMMISSION**

The Shirley Fire Protection Society submitted the following to the OPSRRA newsletter:

The Shirley Volunteer Fire Protection Society was registered in Canada on 12 January 1987. The Society served as the administrative body for the Shirley Fire Department until at the December 2007 Annual General Meeting a recommendation for the former Shirley Fire Protection Society to become a CRD Commission was approved.

On Dec. 10, 2008, CRD Bylaw No. 3584 to this effect was adopted, and the Commission was established. It has a membership including a CRD representative, and others nominated from the community, but appointed by the CRD. The inaugural meeting of the Commission was on 11 March, 2009. Members are Eric Ellis (Chair) Jurgen Kirste (Vice Chair) Conraldt Leclerc, Tom Tidwell, Andy Barber, Mike Hicks and Rob Van Veen (Ex Officio). This Commission carries on the previous duties of the Fire Society and is funded by the CRD, but no longer does outside fund raising.

As a result the activities of the Fire Department (Firefighters) are not changed, but they report to the Commission.

A separate Fire Society assists the Fire Department, and a principal activity is raising money outside of the CRD by such means as applying for Gaming Grants.

Funds so raised are used to support the Fire Department, including the costs of equipped and operating expenses. There may be overlap between the membership of the Commission and the Society, but they have separate meetings, elections, members, and minutes. The society elected the following directors at their June 2009 meeting: Reg Allan, Andrea Powell, Tom Tidwell, Sharon Cormier and Conraldt Leclerc. The Board will designate officers at a later date.

As is normal the Shirley firefighters have had a busy time recently, including attending a car off the road near Muir Creek (west side) with 4 persons injured on May 2, 2009, practical experience in fighting a house fire during a planned burn with the Otter Point Fire Department inside a vacant house on Seaside Drive on May 16, 2009, a First Response call on May 19, 2009, to the plane crash on the 10400 block of West Coast Road in which the Fire Department members were first on the scene and participated in evacuating the two injured occupants of the plane, and extinguishing a beach fire at the mouth of Muir Creek on June 16.

## **6. JUAN DE FUCA COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY ELECTS DIRECTORS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 24th at the Shirley Community Hall. The society is a coalition of hikers, cyclists and equestrians working to:

- Promote and create a legacy of community trails for walkers, cyclists and equestrians in the Juan de Fuca area.
- Encourage appreciation and respect for our natural features and environment through community trails opportunities.
- Educate and provide information to our members and other interested parties about the natural environment and sustainable trails.
- Promote best practices for stewardship of trails and parks in co-operation with government authorities, like minded societies, and land owners.
- Advocate for connecting trail destinations and parks via greenways.
- Facilitate the planning of trail systems into future development in our region.

The following were elected as the Society's Directors and Executive:

President:	Sid J. Jorna
Vice President:	Erik James
General Secretary:	Heather Phillips
Treasurer:	Judi Conwright
Director Equestrian:	Ginny Seabrook
Associate Director Equestrian:	Unfilled
Director Biking:	Lorien Arnold
Director Hiking:	Rosemary Jorna

Further information about the JDF Community Trails Society is available on their web site: [www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca) or by contacting society president Sid Jorna at: 250-642- 2767 or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca)

## **7. RESOURCE LANDS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN & LAND USE BYLAWS GO TO THE ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSIONS, THE LAND USE COMMITTEE AND BACK AGAIN!**

The second draft of these two proposed CRD Bylaws has been referred to the local Advisory Planning Commissions (APCs) for public comment. When finally



approved they will establish the first Official Community Plan (OCP) and Land Use Bylaws for the Rural Resource Lands north of Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew. Both the Shirley/Jordan River and Otter Point APCs began their review of the draft bylaws in June and will need a second meeting to conclude their recommendations to the Land Use Committee. The dates for the follow-up meetings have been set for July 20 for Otter Point and August 12 for Shirley/Jordan River.

The CRD Planning Services have done an outstanding job of organizing all of the comments received from the review of the first draft. So much comment was received and so many changes made, that a second draft was necessary: this is the one presently being looked at by the APCs. The most significant and perhaps controversial change in the second draft is a suggestion from CRD Planning Services that guidelines for possible residential and tourism subdivision should be included in the new OCP.

The report to the Land Use Committee identified 3 possibilities:

- Consider rezoning proposals for smaller lot sizes (2 and 4 hectares were suggested) or retain the minimum size for subdivision in the Rural Resource Lands at the present 120 hectares.
- Only consider permitting the rezoning of lands already removed from Private Managed Forest Lands (PMFL) status to smaller lot sizes.
- Allow for consideration of rezoning proposals for tourism development.

In order to help identify which Rural Resource Lands might be suitable for consideration for subdivision a list of evaluation criteria were developed. The full report can be viewed on the CRD web site at:

[www.crd.bc.ca/reports/juandefucalandusecom\\_/2009\\_/06june\\_/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/juandefucalandusecom_/2009_/06june_/index.htm).

Once there, click on the Rural Resource Lands Official Community Plan & Land Use Bylaws – Z-01-09 to read the report.

The draft OCP (which contains the criteria for evaluating development proposals) and Land Use Bylaws can be viewed at:

[www.crd.bc.ca/reports/juandefucalandusecom\\_/2009\\_/05may\\_/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/juandefucalandusecom_/2009_/05may_/index.htm)

Click on agenda item 7a – Rural Resource Lands Official community Plan.

**Note:** The Otter Point APC will be continuing its review of the Rural Resource Lands Bylaws on Monday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Otter point Fire Hall and the Shirley/Jordan River APC will continue its review on Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shirley Community Hall. These are public events with an opportunity for those in attendance to participate.

## **8. PROPOSAL TO ALLOW SECONDARY SUITES GOES TO ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

At its May 2009 meeting the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee (LUC) considered a report from the CRD Planning Services to allow a secondary suite in an accessory building. If approved, the amendment to the existing zoning bylaw would allow a suite to be placed in building separate from the principle dwelling, such above an existing garage. This amendment is being considered as a means to allow property owners to accommodate a relative on their property or generate rental income. Concerns about additional bylaw enforcement, loss of rural character and green space, increased population and loss of privacy on adjoining properties need to be reviewed. The report has been referred to local Advisory Planning Commissions for public comment. The full report can be seen on the CRD web site at:

Click-on agenda item 7b – Amendment to Sooke Land Use Bylaw 2040 (to permit accessory suite).

## **9. APPEAL OF B.C. COURT DECISION CONCERNING WHO IS ALLOWED TO VOTE ON CRD BYLAWS IN THE JUAN DE FUCA ELECTORAL AREA**

The continuing court case concerning who is entitled to vote on Juan de Fuca Electoral Area land use matters at the CRD Board went before the B.C. Court of Appeal on June 23. The matter initially came before the courts for a decision in the fall of 2008. At issue was which CRD directors were entitled to vote on six CRD bylaws enacted in April 2008. These bylaws were in response to the removal of Western Forest Products (WFP) private forest lands from Tree Farm License (TFL) 25. These bylaws made changes to the Official Community Plan (OCPs) for Shirley/Jordan River and Otter Point and Zoning Bylaw 2040 by changing the minimum size of subdivisions in a manner that made it uneconomical for these lands to be sold for residential development. The bylaws also affected other larger property owners in the area and brought together WFP and the B.C. Association of Landowners (BCLA) in a court challenge of the legality of the voting structure at the CRD Board.

In December 2008 the B.C. Supreme Court found that the manner in which the CRD reorganized the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee in April 2006 did not incorporate the appropriate terms of the provincial Local Government Act. This judgement was subsequently appealed by the CRD. At that court appearance the Courts allowed the six contested bylaws to remain in effect, pending the outcome of the appeal, but prohibited the CRD from passing any changes to the OCP and zoning bylaws until the full case had been heard by the Appeal Court. June 23 was that opportunity to hear the appeal. Because the decision of the Court could take months, permission was granted on June 24 for the CRD to proceed with OCP and zoning changes for a limited number of applications that were ready for CRD Board approval but were held-up by the court action. One local example of an OCP and zoning bylaw change that will now go forward for approval by the CRD Board is that of 3L Developments. They had previously received a recommendation by the JDFA Land Use Committee to have their property at Otter Point and Young's Lake Road included within the Otter Point Settlement Area and have the zoning changed from Rural B to Rural Residential 2.

**Note:** The BCLA withdrew from the appeal of the CRD Bylaws in May 2009, leaving WFP as the sole challenger on June 23rd. The BCLA withdrew from the appeal of the CRD Bylaws in May 2009, leaving WFP as the sole challenger on June 23.

## **10. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...**

**The term Skid Row or Road, used to describe that part of a city known for its poverty, drugs and alcohol problems, originates with a method used throughout the Pacific Northwest in the late 1880s and early 1900s to get logs to tidewater?** Some cities grew-up around the location of these original skid roads and the areas retained the name.

Last month's **Did You Know That?** described a five-mile long plank road used in Shirley in the 1920s to allow trucks to move logs from the bush to a log dump near Sheringham Point. However even earlier wooden roads were made by splitting logs in half and laying them edge-to-edge through the bush. Using teams of oxen and horses, the loggers adapted this road building method, commonly known as a

corduroy road, to drag long lines of logs chained together end-to-end. By inserting a full log every sixth log or so along the skid road, they created a higher profile that allowed the towed chain of logs to “skid” along the roadway. A notch cut in the centre of the higher logs formed a groove that kept the towed logs in line. The teamster pulling the logs had an assistant called a skidder whose job was to periodically apply grease to the grooves; and thus originated another term “greasing the skids”.

One such skid road was located in Otter Point and brought logs from the area around Kemp Lake down a skid road that followed Kemp Stream to a log booming area in Sooke Bay in the vicinity of where Butler’s Marina is now located. It replaced a log chute used by Milligans’ Logging in the 1910s and 20s. Other skid roads were located throughout the area including Gordon’s Beach and Point-No-Point.

Information for this month’s **Did You Know That?** came from *4,000 Years—A History of the Rainforest*, written and published by the Sooke Region Museum and *The Pot & Spiller* written by Jean Robinson.

Do you have local historical information that you would like to share, or questions that you would like answered? If so, let us know and we’ll try to help. Contact us at [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca)

## 11. FREE SMALL BUSINESS LISTING ON OPSRRA’S WEB SITE

The free Business Listings on the OPSRRA web site welcomes the following local business:

Ocean Wilderness Inn  
9171 West Coast Road, Shirley BC V9Z 1G3

Our serene, comfortable, seven room, oceanfront bed & breakfast inn is an enchanting mix of rustic and elegant. We have a rainforest path to the beach at Muir Creek and paths that meander through the English cottage garden. Be active or still as you choose. Spacious rooms, all private baths and private entrances, and yummy breakfast included. Guest services include: hot tub, wireless, computer/printer, kitchenette and laundry facilities. Wedding venue for up to 50 outside and 25 inside.

Rates:

High season: \$170-\$210

Shoulder season: \$150-\$190

Low season: \$130-\$170

Phone: 250-646-2116

Fax: 250-646-2317

Email: [stay@oceanwildernessinn.com](mailto:stay@oceanwildernessinn.com)

Web site: [www.oceanwildernessinn.com](http://www.oceanwildernessinn.com)

No cell service

Sandy’s Drywall (construction sub-contractor) has new information:

Address: 3187C Robinson Road, Sooke BC V9Z 0J9

Phone: 250-642-1096

Fax: 250-664-6249

Cell: 250-812-2933

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

Residential and commercial steel stud framing. Drywall boarding, taping and texturing. T-bar ceilings. Demountable partitions. Small renovations and patcing.

**Do you operate a small business?** Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA is offering a free business listing service for members, on its web site: [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca). We will list non-members for a suitable donation!

The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for businesses in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point to advertise their goods and services to their local community. We anticipate having listings for accommodation, farm produce, art, furniture-making, fishing charters, eco-tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing, spas and more. More information, businesses already listed, and an on-line registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)) under **Business Listings**.

**Note:** OPSRRA does not accept responsibility for the services provided. Always check references and ask for confirmation of Work Safe B.C. Registration if applicable.

**The OPSRRA web site has more information about the following business listings**

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair

Accent in Grooming

A Point of View B & B

ALM Organic Farm

Beaches West B & B

Bear Home Remodelling

Birds Edge Press

Bridge over Troubled Water Autism Intervention & Respite Service

DanCyn Kioti Excavation

Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suite

Fancy That Esthetics & Body Care

Full Circle Seeds

Heron's Rest B & B

Jambo Pet Sitting Service

Kemp Lake Store

Kirsten Sykes, Realtor

Knotty Beds by Nature

Le Sooke Spa

Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage

Ocean Wilderness Inn  
Otter Point Beach House  
Reflexology by Marlene Barry  
Rhythm's Edge Percussion Shop  
Road's End Construction  
Sandy's Drywall Ltd  
Stick in the Mud Coffee House  
Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast  
Tugwell Creek Honey Farm  
Tugwell Creek Meadery  
Wood Visions

## **12. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER**

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