OPSRRA'S OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY & JORDAN RIVER NEWSLETTER August 2013

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WE LIVE IN A FORESTED AREA—KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE Local volunteer fire departments rate the fire index as HIGH to EXTREME. NO OPEN BURNING.

Operating machinery in or near a wooded area may cause a wild fire

WILD FIRE ASSESSMENTS FOR SHIRLEY, JORDAN RIVER and OTTER POINT:

http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/electoralareaservice_/2011_/09september7_/cwppshirleyjordanriv/cwppshirleyjordanriv.pdf

http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/electoralareaservice_/2011_/09september7_/cwppotterpointfinal2/cwppotterpointfinal2.pdf

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 over 400. Any resident or property owner in Shirley and Otter Point who are age 18 or over are eligible for membership.

Lifetime memberships cost \$5.00 per person and are available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site (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.

Our society's purpose 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 email address? OPSRRA now emails this newsletter to over **300** of our members as well as local elected representatives, media and archival organizations. Contact Arnie Campbell at: opsrra@gmail.com if you want to receive this membership service.

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1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Arnie Campbell at: opsrra@gmail.com or **250-642-3113** to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

Saturday August 3

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike a segment of the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail 9:00 a.m.

Meet at the China Beach Provincial Park parking lot (first on the right) at 9:00 am to carpool to the start of a full day hike from China Beach to Loss Creek.

This 7 kilometre hike is rated as a difficult segment of the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail.

Bring a lunch, water and snacks. Dress for the weather.

Contact Rosemary Jorna, sid2767@shaw.ca for details. Web site:

www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Wednesday August 7

Shirley/Jordan River Public Hearing 7:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Bylaw No. 3759 amends Bylaw No. 2040, Juan de Fuca Land Use Bylaw, 1992, by adding new zoning districts, amending and adding definitions, and adding lands currently subject to the Juan de Fuca Subdivision Bylaw No. 189, 1974. The zoning on some properties in Shirley and Jordan River will change if this bylaw is approved.

View the staff report:

http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/juandefucalandusecom_/2013 _/06june_/ppsjdf20130618bl3759/ppsjdf20130618bl3759.p df

View the proposed bylaw:

http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/documents/PPS-JDF-2013-06-18-BL3759-1st2ndReadingforBoard.pdf

View the map showing the area under consideration at this public hearing: http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/documents/PPS-JDF-2013-02-19-BL3759-LUCMap.pdf

Saturday August 10 Juan de Fuca Parks and Recreation Commission & Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike to the summit of Mt. Manuel Quimper 9:00 a.m.

Meet at the William Simmons Memorial Park parking lot. (Turn into the Sooke Business Park at 3220 Otter Point Road; the parking lot is behind the berm immediately to the left.)

A strenuous, 12 km round-trip hike of difficulty level 3+ with an elevation gain of 500 m. Footing is mostly good and the views are spectacular.

Wear good footwear, bring a lunch and lots of water Contact Sid at <u>jdf.cts@gmail.com</u> for more information

Tuesday August 14 **Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Commission**Monthly Meeting

3:00 p.m.

JDF Electoral Area Services Meeting Room 2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

Sunday August 18 **Shirley Day**

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Music, crafters, concession, children's games, etc.

Salmon BBQ

See newsletter article

Sunday August 18 Sooke Region Farm Tour 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$12 per person

Free for children under 12

Tour tickets available at Sooke Country Market (Saturdays), Shoppers Drug Mart, Peoples Drug Mart, Double D Gardens.

Westburn Gardens, and The Stick in the Mud Coffeehouse.

See newsletter article

Monday August 19 OPSRRA Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Members welcome!

7:30 p.m.

Board Room

SEAPARC Leisure Complex 2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

Agenda available on request. Contact opsrra@gmail.com



Tuesday September 3 Juan de Fuca Emergency Services

Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m.

JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building

2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

Saturday July 6

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike to the Sugar Loaf

9:00 a.m.

Meet at the park and ride on Kaltasin Road opposite Saseenos School to car pool to the start of the hike.

A mix of old forest roads and paths.

Bring lunch, water, snacks, and dress for the weather.

Please register by email after April 10.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email sid2767@shaw.ca for details.

Web site:

www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Wednesday

Shirley Community Association

September 11 **General Meeting**

7:30 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Wednesday September 11 Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation

Commission (SEAPARC)

Note date change

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Board Room

SEAPARC Leisure Complex 2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

Saturday September 14 Juan de Fuca Parks and Recreation Commission &

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society

Hike Thetis Lake to Grassy Lake

9:00 a.m.

Meet at the William Simmons Memorial Park parking lot. (Turn into the Sooke Business Park at 3220 Otter Point Road; the parking lot is behind the berm immediately to the

left.)

A 10 km, strenuous hike with an elevation gain of 400 m. Footing is mostly good, but with some washed-out logging

roads.

Bring a swim suit if you wish to swim among water lilies at

your own risk in Grassy Lake.

Wear good boots, bring a lunch and lots of water.

Contact Sid for more information: 250-642-2767.

JdF.CTS@gmail.com

Mondays Karate for all ages

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

Mondays **Pilates**

> 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Shirley Community Hall

Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)

Contact Sandra Smith:

website: www.svakayoga.com email: svakayoga@gmail.com

Thursdays

Shirley Quilters and Crafters

No sessions July & August

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Shirley Community Hall

Everyone welcome

Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

Saturdays

Pilates

9:30 am

Shirley Community Hall

Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)

Contact:Sandra Smith

website: www.svakayoga.com email: svakayoga@gmail.com

Thursdays & Sundays

Nia Dance / Movement Class Thursdays: 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Sundays: 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Shirley Community Hall

No sessions in August

Contact Melody Kimmell:

250-646-2995

movingmelody@gmail.com

Every Sunday Shirley Market May 5 to

10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. September 29

Pioneer Park next to the Shirley Hall



2. POWER OUTAGES IN OUR AREA

If you live along West Coast Road and thought your power was off more often than usual in the past year, you weren't imagining it. OPSRRA checked with BC Hydro's Manager of Community Relations who confirmed the increased outages. Here is Hydro's story:

We face challenges on Vancouver Island with regards to outages from storms and trees: BC has more trees per kilometre of utility line than any other utility in North America and Vancouver Island has three times more than the rest of the province.

When we have tree-related outages they can be the result not just of a wind storm, but adverse conditions placed on a tree over the year. Our vegetation management arborists advised me that many healthy trees experienced drought-like conditions which contributed to their failure during recent storm events.

BC Hydro provided the following listing of outages that occurred in the Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River area from April 2009 to March 2013. Planned outages are required to make system repairs or upgrades to improve reliability.

Otter Point

Reason For Outage	2010	2011	2012	2013
Planned Outage	2	8	3	19
Adverse Environment	0	0	1	0
Adverse Weather	0	1	0	0
Birds	2	1	3	1
Equipment Failure	1	1	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accident	0	2	2	1
Other	0	0	0	3
Tree	9	11	8	7
Unknown	0	0	1	1
Total Unplanned Outages	12	16	15	13

Shirley & Jordan River

Reason For Outage	2010	2011	2012	2013
Planned Outage	1	0	1	5
Adverse Environment	0	0	0	0
Adverse Weather	0	0	1	1
Birds	0	0	0	0

Equipment Failure	1	0	1	0
Motor Vehicle Accident	0	0	0	0
Other	2	0	1	1
Tree	12	12	6	15
Unknown	0	0	1	0
Total Unplanned Outages	15	12	10	17

OPSRRA followed up on the above information from BC Hydro with some questions.

Question

There have been a substantial number of planned outages in Otter Point in the last year. Can you tell us the reason for this increase? Will the same rate of planned outages continue in the future?

Reply

We are always doing upgrades to our system. Whether it's to reduce outages or repair an ageing system. I do know that we have been adding equipment to you area to help reduce the outages, as we have done in other areas. We will never eliminate outages completely, but we do hope to reduce the impact on our customers whether that's through frequency or duration of an outage. It's hard to say if there will be an increase in planned outages. If there are repairs required some will require outages.

Question

It is helpful to know when these planned outages are going to occur. Are these outages always posted on your website? If so, how far in advance are they posted?

Reply

We do our best to notify customers. Either though mail drops to areas or ads in papers. They are also on our outage website under planned outages.

http://www.bchydro.com/outages/orsTableView.jsp?tab=restored

Question

he number of outages in the Shirley/Jordan River area in the last year due to trees falling on lines is more than double that of the previous year. It is our understanding that a major amount of vegetation maintenance was carried out in 2011, which would seem to contribute to the very low number of outages caused by trees in 2012.

Reply

As an example, on March 20/21 of this year there was very bad storm that hit the south Island. We had over 24,000 customers lose power then. We can only do what we can to reduce outages; the rest is up to Mother Nature. We live on the edge of the Pacific Ocean surround by more trees per km of utility line than any place else in North America.

Question You have indicated that Vancouver Island has three times

the number of trees per kilometre of utility line than the rest of British Columbia. Trees on the west coast of Vancouver Island grow much faster than in trees in the rest of the province due to our mild climate and heavy rainfalls. Does the Hydro vegetation management budget

reflect these local conditions?

Reply Yes, we recently spend \$70K on vegetation work in the

area and expect to spend another \$50K this fall.

Compared to other areas that is good budget.

Question The Shirley/Jordan River area has experienced 4 power

outages in the last 4 weeks. i.e., 4 outages from the end of June to the middle of July 2013 ... this is most unusual for summer ... can you explain the reason for these

seemingly random outages?

Reply I will try to find out some of the causes. I know the July

14th one was caused by a tree down.

3. FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY CHANGING

Depending on where you live in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area there is a significant change coming to the federal electoral boundaries in your area; Port Renfrew and perhaps some of Jordan River will become part of a new federal electoral riding.

Background

Every 10 years the federal Elections Boundary Commission is required to review the boundaries of federal electoral ridings:

The redistribution of federal electoral districts provides the geographic areas where voters cast votes to elect members of Parliament. This process occurs at 10-year intervals based on the latest census population numbers. Commissions in each province consider and assess demographic changes that have occurred since the previous redistribution process. Based on their assessment, the commissions make recommendations for alterations in existing boundaries in order to achieve better representation of persons and communities in Parliament.

In its January 2013 report to the federal Parliament, the Commission recommended that six new ridings (electoral districts) be added in BC before the October 2015 federal elections. To add another riding to South Vancouver Island, the Commission recommended realigning the borders of our present federal constituency riding of Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca.

An earlier draft of their report proposed adding our area to a new riding called South Cowichan-Juan de Fuca covering an area from Duncan in the north to Langford, Metchosin, Sooke and most of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area in the south. This proposal has now changed: the community of Sooke and most of the area west of Sooke will now remain with the existing riding. The riding will be renamed Saanich-Esquimalt, or perhaps Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke. The final decision likely won't be known until this September when the commission's recommendations are presented to the House of Commons for approval.

Meanwhile there are some knows and unknowns:

- Randall Garrison, our present MP, has informed the OPSRRA newsletter that he intends to run again in the new constituency of Saanich-Esquimalt or Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke (the name he prefers and has recommended to the Commission).
- Jean Crowder, the current federal member for Nanaimo-Cowichan has informed the OPSRRA newsletter that she will not make a decision about running in the new riding of South Cowichan-Juan de Fuca, or elsewhere, until the new boundaries have been confirmed by the federal Parliament, later this fall.
- The Commission's report describing the new constituency of Saanich-Esquimalt (or Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke) has left-out the two T'Sou-ke First Nation reserves in Sooke. Randal Garrison's office is aware of this and anticipates that the Commission's next report will correct this oversight.
- The dividing line between the riding of Saanich-Esquimalt (or Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke) and South Cowichan-Juan de Fuca seems to be the River Jordan. If so, this will split the community of Jordan River with those living on the west bank becoming part of the new riding of South Cowichan-Juan de Fuca, along with Port Renfrew. Although splitting municipalities is common with federal ridings, the small population of Jordan River shouldn't make a great deal of difference to "balancing the riding numbers". Keeping the community within one riding should override this. OPSRRA has requested Randall Garrison's office to clarify where this boundary will likely be.

For more information on the proposed new ridings follow the link below, click on "Report" at the top of their page, then locate the riding you want to preview (e.g., Saanich-Juan de Fuca): http://www.redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca/map/pwt/pwt.html?lang=e&province=BC

4. A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR

A resident of Jordan River (who wishes to remain anonymous) submitted the following. Peter Pauwels, the provincial Wildlife Conservation Officer for our area, confirmed the content.

Four black bears recently met their Maker and "trashy humans" are the blame.

Conservation
Officers were
forced to shoot five
black bears in the
Otter Point and
Shirley area in
May and June.
Unfortunately, the
options were slim:
"A fed bear is a
dead bear." The
bears were drawn
into the area by a



combination of mismanaged garbage, easily accessible livestock, and a variety of other unsecured other attractants.

When a bear begins to regularly access this type of food, most hope is lost. Relocating bears, even great distances, is rarely successful. There is little to no hope of changing the bear's habits to return to a wilderness diet. As these bad habits were acquired by local bears, the Conservation Officers were left with little choice. "It's not something we want to do" says a saddened CO. We keep trying to tell the public to manage attractants like garbage, compost, livestock and bird feeders. The public has to take responsibility for this. Many remain skeptical as to their responsibility in attracting bears. Even after seeing a bear in their yard or having had their trash raided, people often continue to deny personal responsibility. By the time they recognize their mistakes, it is often too late for the bear.

Conservation officers found many places in the Otter Point, Shirley and Sooke area which have garbage and other wildlife attractants available on their property. There are many properties that are not yet managing their attractants. The incident could have easily been prevented ...

We all know that people and bears are incompatible in our towns and understand that bears are easily attracted to food sources. Therefore, we need to take some very basic steps to prevent the bears from being drawn into conflict with us.

While we cannot prevent all conflict, there is a lot of room for improvement!

It's about finding ways of making everyone safer in our communities. We can do a better job of managing the things that attract bears, like garbage, fruit trees, compost and bird feeders, to name just a few. With an open mind and a little effort we can make our communities much more bear-resistant. All we need to do is to ensure that bears are not rewarded for boldly foraging in our neighbourhoods.

The solution is prevention. On average 500 black bears are killed every year in BC. Most of these deaths are preventable. Bears are always seeking food and our communities provide them with good foraging opportunities. Bears can smell garbage and rotting fruit from kilometres away. Furthermore bears learn quickly, and remember where they have found food in the past. Once a bear is "rewarded" for coming into town it will return. They become accustomed to the presence of humans ("habituated") and "food conditioned" to eating garbage, fruit, pet food, bird seed, compost and other attractants. The more often they return, the bolder they become.

Conservation officers and experts agree that the careful management of bear attractants is the first and most important step in controlling 'bear problems'. In fact, the term should be 'people problems', not 'bear problems', as bears are motivated by hunger, not malice. The problem is ours.

To report a concern about a bear on your property call the Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277. For more information about bears visit the Bear Aware Program web site: www.bearaware.bc.ca

5. SHIRLEY DAY

The Shirley Community Association will host their annual Shirley Day on Sunday, August 18, 2013 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Shirley Community Hall and the adjacent Pioneer Park.

All day:

- Concession
- Crafters and artisans
- Children's games
- Closed bid auction
- Live entertainment

2:00 pm:

Watermelon and pie eating contests

4:00 to 6:00 pm:

Salmon BBQ

For information: Mary Dunn, 250-646-2554

To book a table: Fern Dunn, 250-646-2009 (currently taking a waiting list)

6. SOOKE REGION FARM TOUR SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 2013

The organizers of the 2013 Sooke Region farm Tour submitted the following:

Meet regional growers on their home turf while visiting a colourful mix of new and historic West Shore farms.

A collection of remarkable local farm gates will again swing open to the public on Sunday, August 18 as the Sooke Region Food CHI Society presents its third Farm Tour from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., rain or shine.

The ticketed, self-guided fundraiser features ten bountiful working farms in serene, picturesque West Shore settings. Participants will meet some of the Sooke region's busiest and friendliest farmers, walk their acreages, visit with farmyard critters, and learn about food gardening and sustainable production systems from the experts.

"It's a great day out for anyone interested in the farming work style and life behind the scenes," says organizer Keeley Nixon, one of Sooke Region Food CHI's volunteer directors and a farmer herself at Otter Point's ALM Farm. "Our hosts will be greeting visitors and showcasing the everyday tasks like cultivating, composting, transplanting and harvesting that it takes to produce food locally."

Tour stops in 2013 stretch east from Happy Valley Lavender and Herb Farm in Metchosin as far west as Silver Cloud Farm on the border between Shirley and Otter Point. Along the way drivers and cyclists are invited to detour to eight other area farmgates: Eagle Paws Organics, Ragley Farm, Mrs. Lewers Farmhouse, T'Sou-ke Nation Ladybug Garden, ALM Organic Farm/Full Circle Seeds, Barefoot Farm, Oreveas Creek Organics and Tugwell Creek Farm & Meadery.

Everyone is invited to bring a stack of shopping bags to carry home fruit, veggies and other tasty takeaway products available for purchase at the height of the growing season.

Tickets (\$12 per adult; free for kids 12 and under) will be available at the Sooke Country Market (Saturdays), Shoppers Drug Mart, Peoples Drug Mart, Double D Gardens, Westburn Gardens, and The Stick in the Mud Coffeehouse and Victoria's Moss Street Market (Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm).

The Farm Tour highlights working farms featured in the non-profit society's annual Food & Farm Guide. Income is earmarked for such Food CHI initiatives as the Sunriver Community Garden and the Sooke Farmer2Farmer Network.

It takes many people with many skills to make this event such a dynamic success and there are lots of ways to get involved! Interested in volunteering? Email info@sookefoodchi.ca

7. JDFEA ADMIN SERVICES BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY

The walls are up and the roof is nearing completion on the new Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Admin Services Building. Completion date for this 4,600 square foot, \$1,500,000 project is set for December 01, 2013 with occupancy by December 31, 2013. The OPSRRA newsletter has been monitoring the construction progress with a monthly picture.



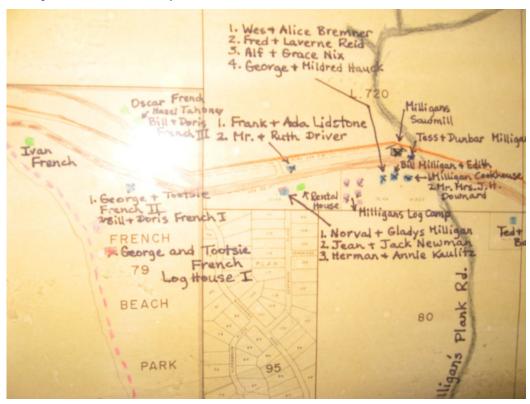
JdFEA Admin Services Building under construction, July 31, 2013. Offices will be in the nearest portion of the building and the meeting space will be in the farther portion.

The building will replace a rented facility in Sooke currently used by JDFEA Planning Services, Building Inspection, Parks & Recreation, and Bylaw Enforcement. The new facility is in the Business Park at 3220 Otter Point Road in Otter Point.

The drawings for the JDFEA Admin Services Building are posted on the OPSRRA web site: http://www.opsrra.ca/Developments/JdFEA%20Services %20Building/Concept%20Plan1%20Proposed%20Plan%20JdFEA%20Services %20Building.PDF

8. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

There is a very detailed map on the wall of the Shirley Community Hall showing the location of pioneer homes, businesses, roads and schools in Shirley and the western part of Otter Point?



Photograph showing a small portion of the Early Settlers Map done by Jean Robinson and Colleen Minten in the 1980s. This section covers the present day French Beach and Sheringham Estates subdivision area.

The Shirley Pioneer map was a project of the Shirley Women's Institute undertaken by Jean Robinson in either the late 1970s or early 1980s with the help of Shirley resident Colleen Minten. The project took several weeks to complete with Jean identifying the locations and Colleen doing the printing.

Jean worked from her memories of having lived in Shirley and later Otter Point for about 50 years. Following her graduation from the University of British Columbia in 1933, Jean Shannon lived with her parents on their farm at Kirby (Coal) Creek in Shirley. She married Ed Robinson and they remained on the family farm in Shirley until moving to Otter Point in about 1949. In the early 1950s she was a founding trustee for the Kemp Lake Waterworks District. Jean had a true interest in local history, contributing material to the Sooke Region Historical Society as well as writing notes for an unpublished history of Otter Point and the Kemp Lake Waterworks.

Once completed, the approximately 2-foot by 4-foot Shirley Pioneers map was placed in a glass case and mounted on a wall at the Shirley Hall so everyone could see it. The detailed information on the map is extraordinary and provides the only

known visual account of that area from about 100 years ago. Later this summer the Sooke Region Museum intends to have the map professionally photographed to retain a record in the museum's archives.

Take time to have a look at the map when visiting Shirley Day on August 18.

The information for this month's **Did You Know That?** came from Colleen Minten, *Profiles of a Community*, written and published by the Sooke Region Museum, and pictures taken of the Shirley Pioneers Map at the Shirley Hall.

Do you have local historical information about Shirley or Otter Point that you would like to share, or questions that you would like answered? If so, let us know and we'll try to help. We welcome topic suggestions. Contact OPSRRA by email opsrra@qmail.com

9. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS

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 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) 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.

Support local businesses. 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

Coastal Crunch Granola

Eco Craft Lights

Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suites

Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary Public.

Full Circle Seeds

Glen's Gardening Company

Heron's Rest B & B

"In A Fix" Bookkeeping & Accounting Services

Jambo Pet Sitting Service

Kemp Lake Store Cafe

Kirsten Sykes, Realtor

Knotty Beds by Nature

Le Sooke Spa

Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage

Ocean Wilderness Inn

Otter Point Beach House

Otter Point Electrical Service

Perfect Grade Plumbing

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

Three Sisters Farm

Tugwell Creek Honey Farm

Tugwell Creek Meadery

Welcome Wagon

Wildewood Custom Homes

Wood Visions

10. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER

Back issues of the OPSRRA newsletter are available on the OPSRRA web site.

This monthly newsletter is prepared by the directors of OPSRRA. It is available to members by e-mail and to others on our web site: www.opsrra.ca.

To have an item you would like to have considered for placement in the newsletter, or make a comment about the newsletter, contact an OPSRRA director or email opsrra@gmail.com.

OPSRRA tries to verify the correctness of the information in this newsletter; if we got it wrong we will acknowledge that and make a correction as quickly as possible.