



THE CORDOVA BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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School District No. 63 (Saanich) resides on the traditional territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ people encompassing the five local communities: BO,́KE,́CEN (Pauquachin), MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat), W̱JOŁEŁP (Tsartlip), W̱SIKEM (Tseycum), and S,́AUTW̱ (Tsayout). We acknowledge and thank the W̱SÁNEĆ people on whose traditional territory we live, learn, and teach. The W̱SÁNEĆ people have lived and worked on this land since time immemorial



Kindergarten Registration

January 25 3:30 to 5:30 pm

January 26 12:30 to 2:30 pm

January 27 7:30 to 9:30 am

Mental Health & Well-Being

Supporting Social-Emotional Learning in Saanich School District



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Click [here](#) for a wonderful health and wellness article with a focus on hope and optimism for well-being.



HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATES

The Provincial Health Office has directed school districts to remind parents of the following information:

- All students should be wearing masks if possible on school buses and in classrooms. Masks are required for Kindergarten - Grade 12. Any requests for mask exemptions should be shared with school administration.

Parents, guardians, students and staff are being reminded to wash your hands regularly and perform a Daily Health Check. You can download the K-12 Health Check App at bc.thrive.health.

Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

Have you been thinking about volunteering?

The Saanich School District appreciates the many volunteers who support our students throughout the year. We are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students and therefore ask volunteers to provide schools with the following information:

Criminal Record Checks

Volunteers are required to complete a Criminal Record Check every three years.

Please apply online to the Ministry of Justice Criminal Records Review Program at <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck> and use Access Code **UV53DWHBYX**. Your Criminal Record Check will be sent to the School Board Office for review. Alternatively, you are able to share the results of a previous CRC completed through the Ministry of Justice within the past three years.

PLEASE NOTE: The Criminal Records Review Program is implementing a new process for Electronic Identify Verification using the BC Services Card. If you are using the BC Services Card to access the online service for the first time you will be directed to activate your card by video or alternatively you can do this in person through Service BC. Once you receive notification from BC Services that the verification process is complete, you will need to return to the eCRC system to complete your request for Criminal Record Check with the Saanich School District. Please see the [eCRC User Guide](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information.

Applicants who do not have a BC Services Card can visit their catchment school office to complete a 'Volunteer Consent to a Criminal Record Check' Form.

Volunteer Drivers

In addition to completing a Criminal Record Check, Volunteer Drivers are required to complete the following steps each school year:

Request a copy of your Driver's Abstract. You can either:

- a. Apply online: <https://onlinebusiness.icbc.com/cliio/>
- b. Visit your local ICBC branch. Please bring your driver's license and another form of ID. OR
- c. Call ICBC on 250-978-8300. Please have your driver's license number ready.

- a. Complete [Volunteer Driver Application](#).
- b. Bring the completed form to your school office along with a copy of your Driver's Abstract, Driver's License and insurance document.

We greatly appreciate all of our volunteers taking the time to complete this process. All information will be kept strictly confidential. Please feel free to contact your school office for more information.



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Cordova Bay has come a long way from its roots as a vacation destination for the region, a place that once drew visitors from as far as California and Oregon.

And no person was as instrumental to the establishment of the community in Cordova Bay as George McMorrان.

“Cordova Bay was a destination in Saanich,” says Caroline Duncan, archivist at Saanich Archives. “During the summer months families in Greater Victoria would load everything in the car and spend the summer vacation at Cordova Bay.



McMorrان’s tea room was there, ice cream, the motel, boat rentals and of course, the wonderful stretch of sandy beach.”

As integral as the McMorrان’s tea room and then 1950s dance hall are to Cordova Bay’s history, the area was already a vacation, hunting and farming area when George and Ida moved there. Before that the First Nations of the area held clam bakes and used the area as a hunting and fishing ground.

George started the McMorrان Tea Room in 1919, and by the 1930s his motel and auto camp were the backbone of what was known as Cordova Bay.

It is said that George McMorrان Junior was just two years old when his family, which was new to Victoria, made the trek to Cordova Bay in the summer of 1893. They slept on the beach on a bed of hay, under a tent. They spent the day roasting corn and potatoes on the fire.

By 1909, at just 22 years of age, George entered the real estate game and helped subdivide a section of Cordova Bay, establishing Doumac Avenue. Following his service in the First World War, McMorrان opened a store with an ice cream parlour and tea room in 1919 above Cordova Bay beach, next door to the Beach House that continues to this day.

Tourists visited by horse and buggy, via Cordova Bay Road, or by train on the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway line (later run by Canadian National), or by automobile.

In 1947, the McMorrان sons Eric and Bruce also became driving members of the community, as they helped introduce and organize the legendary Saturday night dances at McMorrان’s tea room.

Later, the McMorrان were once again influential in the opening of the Cordova Bay Plaza in 1960. It now houses Tru Value foods, the Mason Jar Eatery, Scotia Bank, the Super Duper Dollar Store and Calico Cupboard quilting shop.

Of course, there are other influential members who shaped Cordova Bay. Bill Mattick, in particular, employed many on his farm, which reached a heyday when it shipped daffodils by plane to eastern Canada.

Today the centre at Mattick’s Farm boasts more than a dozen local businesses including Cordova Bay Leadership Award sponsors Red Barn, Adrienne’s Restaurant and Tea Garden, and the Gallery at Mattick’s Farm. To this day the ownership at The Beach House is proud to provide a place for the community to gather and to continue the role started by the McMorrان nearly 100 years ago, says Patrick Simpson, Beach House operations manager.