

# FAIRFIELD OBSERVER

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## Olive Street Common Saved

Olive Street Common was at least temporarily saved at City Council on Thursday August 13th. Council voted against accepting the offer to purchase the land by a local developer. Instead council instructed their staff to prepare an extensive report on city owned property and how the city goes about selling its property. Nevertheless, the Olive Street Common group should be proud of what they have achieved and their ability to assertively and respectfully articulate their position. The Fairfield Community Association celebrates their community initiative. 🌿



## Gonzales Neighbourhood/Glenlyon Norfolk School Land Use Negotiation Process\*

Representatives of Glenlyon-Norfolk School, The City of Victoria and the Gonzales Planning & Zoning Committee of the Fairfield Community Association have agreed to participate in an interest based negotiation process arrived at resolving an outstanding dispute over future land use relating to Glenlyon-Norfolk School and surrounding properties in the Gonzales neighbourhood.

As part of the process design, participants agreed on a membership structure that included four representatives from Glenlyon-Norfolk School (GNS), four from the Gonzales

Planning & Zoning Committee (GPZC) and one from the City of Victoria.

Glenlyon-Norfolk School will be represented by: Stuart Piets, Architect and Chair of the GNS Board of Governors, Fiona McQueen, Lawyer and Member of the GNS Board, David Adams, Lawyer and GNS parent, Charles Peacock, Headmaster of GNS, Dennis Murray, Lawyer and Member of the GNS Board (will serve as an alternate).

The Gonzales Neighbourhood will be represented by: Todd Weir,

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## A Gardener's Caveat Emptor

Canadian Nature Federation, Nature Alert

Writer/Artist, resident, Chair of GPZC and Vice President of the Fairfield Community Association, Dennis Clarke, Civil Servant, resident and member of GPZC, Martin Milner, Departmental Manager, resident and member of GPZC, Tony Reynolds, Publisher/Consultant, resident and member of GPZC, Chuck Bell, Student, resident and member of GPZC (will serve as an alternate)

The City of Victoria will be represented by: Michael Dillistone, a planner working in the City Planning Division.

The process will be facilitated by Stuart Gale, a mediator specializing in land use and public policy disputes. The work plan for the process calls for a series of approximately ten meetings over a period of several months.

At the conclusion of negotiations, the mediator will prepare a report summarizing the agreements and the actions and/or commitments arising from those agreements. If agreement is not reached on some items, the various options that were put forward by the parties to resolve the issue will be outlined. The mediator's report will be forwarded to City Council to support any subsequent decisions on future land use relating to the school and surrounding properties.

All parties involved in the negotiation process have agreed to act in good faith and be supportive of the process. It is hoped that the result of this process can be used as a starting point for the larger review process of the Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan. 🍃

*Note: Copies of the Mediator's report can be obtained from any of the representatives listed above or can be viewed on the Gonzales Planning & Zoning Committee Web Site at: <http://www.cinevision.com/gonzales/>*

*\* Extracted from Communique 1 - Gonzales Planning & Zoning Committee*

“Roundup” and related herbicides with glyphosate as an active ingredient are advertised as products that can “eradicate weeds and unwanted grasses effectively with a high level of environmental safety”.

However, an independent evaluation of their health effects and environmental hazards leads to conclusions very different from those presented in the ads. Consider these facts: 1.

Glyphosate can be persistent. In tests conducted by Monsanto, manufacturer of glyphosate-containing herbicides, up to 140 days were required for half of the applied glyphosate to break down or disappear from agricultural soils. At harvest, residues of glyphosate were found in lettuce, carrots, and barley planted one year after treatment. 2. Glyphosate can drift.

Tests conducted by the University of California at Davis found that glyphosate drifted up to 400 metres... during ground applications and 800 metres during aerial applications. 3.

Glyphosate is acutely toxic to humans. Ingesting about 3/4 of a cup can be lethal. Symptoms include eye and skin irritation, lung congestion, and erosion of the intestinal tract. Between 1984 and 1990 in California, glyphosate was the third most frequently reported cause of illness related to agricultural pesticide use. 4. Glyphosate has shown a wide spectrum of chronic toxicity in laboratory tests. The National Toxicology Program found that chronic feeding of glyphosate to test subjects caused salivary gland lesions, reduced sperm counts, and lengthened oestrus cycles (when ovulation occurs in female mammals.) Other chronic effects found in laboratory tests include an increase in the frequency of lethal mutations in fruit flies, an increase in frequency of pancreas and liver tumours in male rats (along with an increase in the frequency of thyroid

tumours in females), and cataracts. Roundup contains toxic trade secret ingredients. These include polyethoxlated tallowamines, causing nausea and diarrhea, and isopropylamine, which causes chemical pneumonia, laryngitis headache, and burns. 6. Roundup kills beneficial insects. Test conducted by The International Organization for Biological Control showed that Roundup caused mortality of live beneficial species, including a parasitic wasp, a predatory mite, a lacewing, a ladybeetle, and a predatory beetle. 7. Glyphosate is hazardous to earthworms. Tests using New Zealand's most common earthworm showed that glyphosate, in amounts as low as 1/20 of standard application rates, reduced its growth and

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### Sarah Bower

FCA sends its thanks to Sarah Bower for 4 years of enthusiastic and professional childcare delivery. Her aptitude for management was clear to us as she supervised Camp Sunburst and Margaret Jenkins Out-of-School Care. She takes this experience with her and her devotion to children and families, as she accepts the challenge of managing a large daycare/OSC centre in Saanich. We send her our thanks and best wishes. 🍃

## Gallery Space for Young Artists

The Moss Rock Cafe is serving up more than their usual delicious salads, bagels, and sweets these days. Adorning the walls is a fine feast for your eyes as well. The cafe has always been known for displaying great local artworks, but the current exhibit is extra special: All of the artists are children, aged 5-16.

All are students of the Oxford Street Art School, a local establishment based in the home of teacher, Barb Ross-Ryan. Her love of children and art is evidenced in the exuberant way she speaks of them, and in the



care she dedicates to framing each piece with a mat and hanging it to its best advantage. The works are real masterpieces! Drawings and paintings in a variety of styles are included, with many reflecting local wildlife and scenery. Ross-Ryan has really helped these children to "see" - lines, shapes, textures, colours, and use of space - visitors to the cafe often comment on the skill and soul at evidence in the work of these young artists. The cafe window is also decorated with whimsical seaside mobiles made by the same "crafty" youngsters.

Stop in at the Moss Rock Cafe at the corner of Moss and May, 8:30-4 pm, Monday-Friday or 10-4 pm Saturday. The friendly staff will treat you to some fresh home-made fare while you treat your eyes to some fresh local art. 🍃

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 98-99 FAIRFIELD OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE

Fairfield Out-of-School Care serving M.J. and S.J.D. schools is pleased to announce that most of last year's talented and experienced leaders are returning. Jen Bowlby is back from holiday to manage the O.S.C. Reach her at 382-2065.

### FAMILY OUTREACH

Services for families continue to develop and expand. Starting September there are some changes and additions. Tracey Thompson, our Family Outreach Co-ordinator, has accepted a position at Oaklands School as a Family and Youth Counsellor. Tracey will remain at the Community Centre one day a week overseeing programs and services for families who have children - birth to six years. Kathleen Howard has been appointed to the position of Family Support Worker.

### ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REQUEST:

Your environment committee is currently assessing the impact to our community regarding aircraft flying over us. Do you have an issue or concern? Let us know. We can be contacted at 383-0267 (ask for Merv) or the Fairfield Community Place at 382-4604.

### SUZUKI PIANO FOR 3 YEARS AND UP

Find out how to nurture and develop your child's ability. Anne Haywood A.R.C.T. 385-3683

### COMMUNITY NIGHT:

On Sept. 9, speakers address Alternative Approaches to Water Management in the Capital Regional District at the Fairfield Community Place, 1335 Thurlow Road. Doors open at 7:15pm, starts 7:30pm. It's free. Everyone welcome: 385-8487 or 472-8646 for info. This public

forum is sponsored by the Sierra Club, Victoria Group.

Oct 14 Lawn & Pesticides

Nov 12 The Management of the Sooke Hill Park

Dec 12 The Effects of Invasive Species on the Natural Ecosystems in the CRD

### WALBRAN VALLEY

Sept 30, 1998 a special presentation on the Walbran Valley will take place at the St. Ann's Academy Auditorium, 935 Humboldt Street. A discussion will follow a slide show presentation by Joe Jessen at 7:30pm. Call 472-8646 for info. This public forum is sponsored by the Sierra Club, Victoria Group. Admission \$2. 🍃

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slowed its development. 8. Roundup inhibits mycorrhizal fungi. Canadian studies have shown that as little as one part per million of Roundup can reduce the growth or colonization of mycorrhizal fungi. 9. Glyphosate reduces nitrogen fixation. Amounts as small as two parts per million have had significant effects that have been measured up to 120 days after treatment. Nitrogen-fixing bacteria shown to be impacted by glyphosate include a species found on soybeans and several species found on clover. 10. Roundup can increase the spread or severity of plant diseases. Treatment with roundup increased the severity of rhizoctonia root rot in barley, increased the amount of growth of take-all fungus (a wheat disease), and reduced the ability of bean plants to defend themselves against anthracnose. These facts about Roundup are taken from a two-part article about the health and environmental hazards of glyphosate published in the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides' (NCAP) Journal of Pesticide reform. 🌿

## Fairfield Woman Fulfills Her Dream

I had heard from various women friends that 'life begins at 50'. Just as I was turning 50 I was advised that the agency I worked at was being sold. The price was beyond my reach - all this and turning 50! I decided what I really wanted to do was to start up an insurance agency in Fairfield. The end result is a full service insurance agency called Pemberton Holmes Fairfield Ltd. in the Fairfield Plaza. It blends the tradition of a one hundred year-old company with the innovation of a woman partner and manager. I am having a great time living my dream!

Toni has 20 years experience in the insurance business. She welcomes Fairfield residents to come and visit! Shop locally and save money at the same time. 🌿

### FCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### FCA CALENDAR

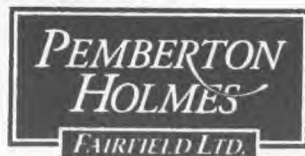
Sept 7	Holiday	
Sept 14	Board Meeting	7:30pm
Sept 16	Community Place Committee	7:00pm
Sept 21	Special Meeting: Constitution	7:00pm
Sept 28	Executive Meeting	
Sept 28	Planning & Zoning Committee	7:00pm
Sept 29	Environment Committee	7:00pm
Oct 5	Board Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 12	Holiday	

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