JBNA Directors Report: November 2018

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Calling all fire eaters, jugglers and party organizers. The James Bay Neighbourhood Association and James Bay New Horizons have jointly applied to the City of Victoria for a Great Neighbourhood Grant. We will hear if our application is successful in January 2019. We plan to co-host a Good Neighbours Festival on Sunday, May 5, 2019 while inviting all of the community groups in James Bay to create a family friendly event. We will be looking for volunteers to assist. Please contact jbna@vcn.bc.ca if you would like to join us.

Saturday December 1, 2018. Dickens Fair at the JB Community Centre from 10am-4:30pm followed by the Island Equipment Owners Association Truck Convoy and Food Drive starting at 6:00 from Ogden Point.

Gardening Committee:

Volunteers have sheet-mulched a new chunk of the Michigan Street boulevard near Menzies and will plant it up in the spring, so expect an even more floriferous village centre next summer. The group working towards putting in a James Bay berry patch has some preliminary ideas ready to show the neighbours, so if you live within a block of the proposed sites, expect to hear from them in November.

CRD Wastewater Update: Windley Contracting Ltd has secured the contract to construct the forcemain from Clover Point to Ogden Point. In preparation, an archaeological assessment is being conducted on Dallas Road between Montreal Street and Niagara. The contractor has hired an arborist who is working with the City's arborist. One tree in front of Whitehall Rowing will be removed as it is directly in the path of the forcemain alignment.

CITY OF VICTORIA INFORMATION:

City crews will be collecting leaves. Please place your leaves on the boulevard in loose piles, secured by chicken wire mesh rings, or in tied, clear, certified* compostable bags. To prevent flooding, keep gutters, streets, sidewalks and storm drains clear of leaves. Crews will complete leaf pick-up in James Bay starting December 9 for our second and last pick up of the year. It takes 3–4 weeks to complete a neighbourhood.

The City of Victoria is a partner in the national program "Love Food Hate Waste" which offers tips to keep food fresh longer, recipes to use up items in your fridge and tips on meal planning to reduce food waste. See www.lovefoodhatewaste.ca

Council has approved a public hearing for the proposed development at 430 Parry Street once the proponent has fulfilled their Committee of the Whole requirements (i.e. getting legal agreements re. the affordable housing). Approximately \$18,000 amenity to be held for amenities in James Bay.

Development Proposals in Process:

(Details: City Planning @250-361-0523 or Development Tracker)

Ogden Point Master Plan: 334 Dallas; 229 Government; 121 Menzies; 415-535 Michigan; 330-363 Michigan; 672 Niagara; 430 Parry Street; 27 Pilot; 515-519 Rithet; 205 Simcoe; 38 South Turner Street; 224 Superior; 589 Toronto Street; 561-565 Toronto.

Next JBNA General Meeting: 7:00 pm, December 12, 2018 at 234 Menzies (New Horizons)