



The COTTAGES CHATTER

*Our Community
Newspaper*



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We ARE “The Pot of Gold” at the End of the
Rainbow!

Community Events



Why We Need More “Chatter”

This newsletter is being written by Cottages Home Owners for all Cottages Home Owners. It is a venue through which we can keep each other informed about the Social and Informal aspects of living in our new community.

It is a way for us to get to know each other better and share the positive lifestyle adventures, great and small, that we anticipate each day. We encourage submissions, including events, photos and news ideas by all Home Owners. Forward your items to lschutter207@gmail.com. Items may be edited due to space restrictions.

Oct. 3 – Board of Directors Meeting - 8am at the Clubhouse

Oct. 4-Oliver Festival of the Grape.oliverfestivalofthegrape.ca

Oct. 16 – Friday Movie Night at the Clubhouse - 7pm. Appies and socializing. 7:30 Movietime \$1 entrance donation & \$1 50/50 tickets

Oct. 19 – Federal Election

Oct. 22 – Thursday afternoon Games Day - 2 pm. at the Clubhouse Bring your cards, board games or dominoes. Good natured competition encouraged!

Oct. 24 – Annual General Meeting -11am at the Clubhouse.

New Beginnings Potluck – 6pm Bring your favourite dish

Oct. 31 – Bottle Drive – get your bottles and cans out by 9:30am.

Halloween Party and Dance – 7:30pm at the Clubhouse Bring your favourite ghoulish appy and witches brew. Prize for the best costume! RSVP to Rose, rmripper@telus.net

Thanks to Toni Bousquet and all her team for the planning, set up and clean-up.





A day on the water is Paradise.

Travels to A Mysterious World with Astronomical Links

No, we are not discussing another lunar event for 2015, rather Anke Cantzler-Kramer's recent excursion to Machu Picchu, Peru. Machu Picchu set high in the Andes Mountains was built in the mid-1400's for reasons still largely unknown. Best known for its panoramic views at 13,776 feet above sea level, it also possesses buildings with astronomical alignments and sophisticated dry-stone walls of huge blocks built without mortar.

Anke is now home from her 3-week trip taken with friends. After flying into Lima, Peru, a very visitor-friendly city, bus travel started them along the coastline in desert-like conditions with immense sand dunes where they tried 'sand boarding', drove dune buggies and relaxed at Huacachina Oasis in the 32 degree heat. Subsequent tours took the group through small towns and a monastery.



An 8-hour downhill hike to the bottom of Colca Canyon served as a warm-up to the actual hike to Machu Picchu. Anke stated this canyon was, for her personally, the hardest part of the trip in arid and rugged trail conditions. She would have liked to be more physically prepared but training was difficult with our smoky summer. Nevertheless, she conquered what lay before her.

The 4-day hike along the Inka Trail covers 45 km from its base at Cusco to Machu Picchu itself. Only a set number of visitors are currently allowed through this ancient city each day in efforts to preserve its integrity. Most visitors, including Anke, found a spiritual presence along the trail and in the city.

Anke encourages anyone who has a desire to see this area to go ahead and visit Peru where a dignified people welcomed her with a sense of pride in their heritage.

Thank – you Anke for the heartfelt sharing of your tales from Peru. You continue to enrich our lives with your adventurous spirit.



Who's Your Neighbour?



Pauline & David Fitzgerald

These two important residents enrich our community with their energy, knowledge and life experience.

Favourite Activity at The Cottages... walking, swimming and socializing as well as enjoying fresh fruit and vegetables available here.

Best Winery so far... River Stone for its beautiful location, tasty appetizers and great entertainment.

Music Choice... lovers of Opera and the Classics.

Dream Vacation... took their family to Turkey to share the beauty, culture and history.

Best job... Pauline's best job was raising her four children. David's best was working in Calcutta for a jute factory. Their young family was a part of those years in India as well.

I Wish... Pauline wishes for World Peace and more frequent family visits. David wishes he had more knowledge of his dad's experiences in WW I.

A Look Back to Early Life at the Cottages.

By Robin Battley

The past six months have been a blur of planning, anticipation, preparation and remind me of several familiar songs. Prior to arriving here at the Cottages, it went something like this (please hum the "William Tell Overture")... Mow the lawn, paint the fence. The realtor's here, did you remember to make the bed? Sweep the garage, pack a box. Wasn't that stuff already sold on Craig's List or was it just in my head? Don't forget to clean, better have a nap. Couldn't I change that shift instead?

Fast forward to May... the moving truck has transported all our worldly goods and we are here! New times, new tune (switch to "I Get Around" by The Beach Boys) ... BBQ's, wine tours, new neighbours, furniture delivered, visits from former co-workers, wine tours, swims at the lake, visits from family, walks, meeting new neighbours and making new friends, wine tours, swims at the pool, movie nights, pot lucks, more visits from family, kayaking, yoga, tai chi, local clubs ... did I mention wine tours? The latest massage therapy session successfully took out the knots and kinks of the past few kayaking ventures, just in time for fall.



An added bonus has been our personal "6 degrees of separation" discoveries ... finding new neighbours who shared growing up in my hometown, attended the same university, as well as having worked with relatives of new neighbours. Oh, new travel agent is a cousin of our neighbours. Random? I think not ... we are all meant to be here.

We are thrilled at the unmistakable impression made on us by no longer living in the Lower Mainland. There is a peaceful and magical vibe away from the crowds, most enjoyed early in the mornings and later in the evenings until current construction is completed. These hard working crews are bringing us new neighbours and friends. I still prefer to fall asleep to the sound of crickets instead of sirens. Now we are being carried along with " (Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay" by Otis Redding.

Tomorrow is a new day and the start of another song in our playlist.

Safe travels and good adventures to all our new friends travelling south for the winter! We will miss you and look forward to seeing you in the Spring.





Monthly Bottle Drive – Growing Success

We have just completed our second collection of refundable bottles and cans. We have collected over \$200 so far. The money will be used to further upgrade our acoustics at the clubhouse. Next collection : Sat. Oct. 31. Have your refundables out by 9:30 am.



Thank-you Tina Bozzer for all your enthusiasm, preparation, efforts in pampering us and making our toes pretty. You deserved that drink! We can't wait until next time!

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015

Thank – you David, for sharing your telescope so we could all view the Super Moon Lunar Eclipse. We had quite the spontaneous gathering at the beach! See you in 2033!



Update from the Sales Office

119 Homes Sold
67 Homes Possession Completed
Thanks Jody and Your Team

Give a friendly welcome to Kuljinder, who has come on board to complete warranty work.

Cottages Weather for October;
Sunny with some Clouds, a chance of Rain...or not. You can't have smooth sailing without some Windy Days!

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Thanks to all our volunteers that help shape our special community!

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Focus on what you have instead of what you don't have.
On what's right in your world instead of what's wrong.
On where you're going instead of what you've been through.

-Billy Cox