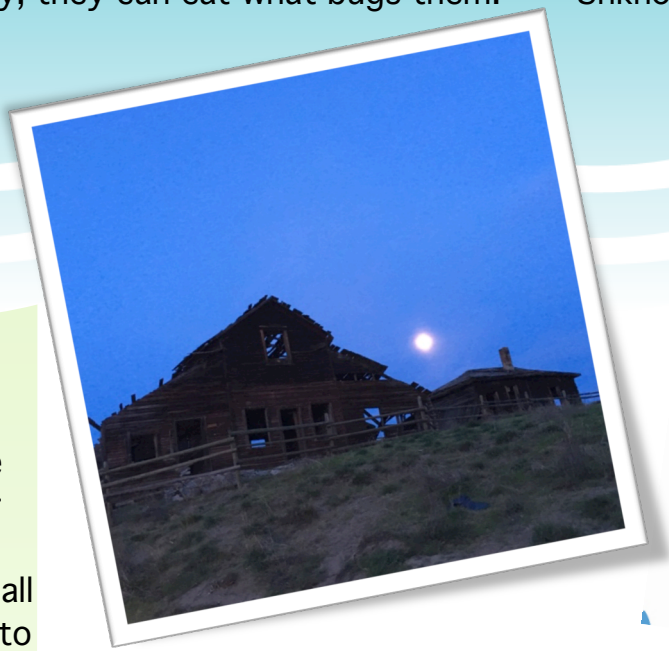
MAY/JUNE 2017

The Cottages Chatter

Frogs have it easy, they can eat what bugs them. Unknown

Change...

It is evident that as our numbers increase our community culture is also evolving. The heart of every healthy community is communication and mutual respect. A healthy dose of humour helps as well. As we come into the busy summer season and our Town Hall meeting let's remember we all have our opinions but need to keep community in mind as we share our thoughts.



Thank-you Toni Bousquet for your hard work and service on The Board for the past 2 years. We have all benefitted from your determination to make our community a place where we all want to live.

Yes, Betsy Bylaw has returned to prepare for the **Town Hall Meeting,** June 21st at 10:30 am. It is time to become familiar with the current Bylaws and to bring forth your questions, suggestions, and concerns. Now is the time for input so we are prepared to vote on Bylaw amendments at the AGM in the fall. Eric Van Maren and The Board will be there to answer questions.

SAVE THE DATE

Drumming
May 15 @ 7pm
Come for the first time or to cont. the beat...
@ The Clubhouse

Wine & Appie
May 26, 4pm
The start of another awesome weekend!

Beach Picnic
June 21, 4pm
Join everyone at the beach for an Old Fashioned Picnic!

Milfoil Be Gone

Dozens of shoreside volunteers, 7 wetsuited home owners, a Fire Master, buckets, rakes, tarps, a gator truck and a donated dinghy all came together on Sat., April 8th to make this year's Beach Cleanup and Milfoil Control Project a resounding success! The weather could not erode the spirit and camaraderie we all shared that cool breezy day. The fresh coffee, snacks and hot dogs definitely helped too.

Thank you to one and all for your active participation and high spirits!

The next phase of milfoil control, around the swim platform, will take place soon.

Even the Fish Want the Sunshine

Like the spring, fishing season is slow. However, Easter weekend saw the first boats launched and docked at their Cottages boat slip, although we had a kayak fishing prior to that. The first Cottager to catch a fish from his boat was Bob Bednarz - a rainbow trout caught on 15 April. Going to press, the lake temperature was up to 11°C, though in the oxbows it is about 5 degrees warmer. That cold north wind cools the water and many of the fish are still deep - did you know that the lake is over 60 metres in places? There are reports of carp jumping, especially in the oxbows; and bass being caught near shore on days when the water temperature is above 10°C. As you read this, the water is warming and the bass are moving to the shallows to spawn. And the fish are HUNGRY. Be sure to submit your fishing photos and stories for the next issue of *The Cottages Chatter* (to lacroix.porter@gmail.com). Tight lines, until next issue.

Food and Friends

There is never any shortage of food here at The Cottages Social Events. We had a very well attended Coffee Get Together that brought many of us out to catch up on neighbourhood happenings and meet new friends. It was our Spring Brunch that pleased and surprised us all with a record attendance. We are a growing community continuing to draw quality people from a variety of backgrounds.

Welcome New Neighbours

May & June

York & Sandy Kollenz #280

Helena Jartved & Robert Kingston #273

Molly Bungay & Brent Stentson #282

Ryan & Lou Ann Harris #179

Richard & Kara Dell #135

Dena & Sean Hildebrand #42

Tyler & Susan Cran #17

Davis & Lois Hardy #10

Ginger & Gordon Hallgren #176

Mark Longo &Sheila Coleman #145

Here's What's Happening!

Wine and Appies on the Patio

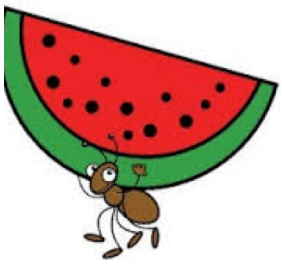
Make your favourite appetizer, grab your special bottle of wine and call on your neighbours to join us at The Clubhouse for a relaxing visit on the patio. Mark Friday, May 26 at 4pm on your calendar. Look for those sweaty Zumba gals who will be there for sure!

BOYS POKER NIGHT

Meet every other Thursday night at 7pm. at The Clubhouse.
Next Event: Thursday, May 18 @ 7pm.
All levels of experience are welcomed!
Bring your snacks and beverage along with your allowance...not the mortgage!
Contact Bill Cockerill for more info.
BCcockerill@icloud.com

Summer Solstice Picnic

Let's gather together at The Beach for an Old Fashioned Picnic and Bonfire on Wed. June 21 @ 4pm. Bring your picnic basket, beverages, lawn chairs, blankets, hot dogs...whatever you need to celebrate the coming of the Summer Season. Volleyball anyone?



Time to Spend $$$ - The Social Committee have worked hard to build the bank account with our recycling returns. Now is the time for the rewards. New patio furniture will be arriving soon. Homeowners, it's time for your ideas/suggestions for an artwork theme for The Clubhouse. Contact susanclubine@gmail.com or rmripper@telus.net

There's More!

Don't forget It's Always Time for Yoga!

Join us for in The Clubhouse Monday, Wednesday and Friday @ 8:00am. We love our time together, stretching, posing...with occasional laughter!
All are welcome, anytime you're free.

Come Shake Your Bootie!

Prepare to bring out the shorts and bathing suits and also have some fun dancing, laughing as you thin those thighs. Zumba is at the Clubhouse Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Friday @ 2:30. It won't get any better than that!

RING, RING, WHO'S THERE! The Social Committee is putting together a Community Directory which will include your names, email addresses and phone #s as well as your house address. This is voluntary and will be published for all homeowners' personal use. If you wish to be included send your info to cindycockerill22@gmail.com by Aug. 31.

Protecting Our Investment

Our Board has made the decision to hire Quail Security to ensure that our Community is safe and respected by all. They will be responsible for patrolling and closing the pool and hot tub area each night this summer as well as random drive through patrols of the the community. This takes the responsibility from homeowner volunteers and provides a professional interface if any concerns arise.

Carrie is now "live" and living on the marina walkway. Enjoy, use but treat Carrie with respect!

The cart will be located inside the locked gates to the marina and is not to be removed from the marina for any reason.

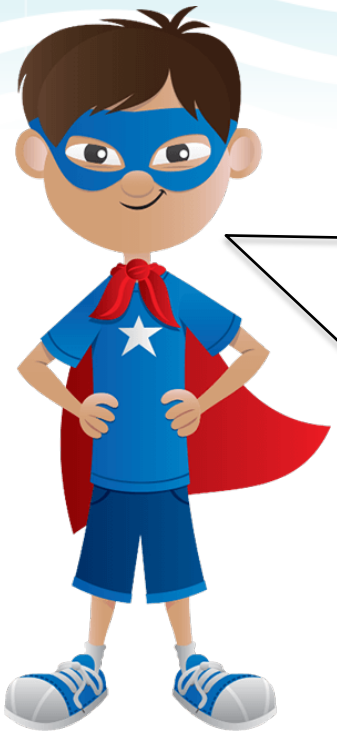
Peace of Mind Property Management

Are you someone who is a part-time resident or a traveller who would appreciate someone to provide home security, inspection, mail pick-up & more? If this is you...contact Fred Ingaldson – Cottages Homeowner and Full-time resident.
Cell (250) 938-1685
fingaldson@gmail.com

News from The Sales Office

174 homes sold
12 homes sold 2017
126 homes closed
Sales Office officially opened May 2!
WOW – great start!

Thanks to all the vendors that helped make the Wine & Cheese Events memorable!



Hi, the recycle shed has been a very busy place as homeowners are returning and company is increasing. Respect our volunteers by sorting carefully. Food tins and milk cartons (plastic and tetra) go in the recycle compactor not the shed. Don't crush your beer cans and take your lids off all containers. Funds are used to enhance our community.

Our Favourite Neighbours

Hallelujah, lawn mowing has returned so it must mean the weather is improving. Homeowners, please, clear your lawns of furniture, boats, pet toys, etc., so that the mowers can access your entire lawn without obstructions. The mowing schedule at the Cottages is Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thanks to all our volunteers that help shape our special community!
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Newsletter created & prepared by Lois Chutter, Robin Battley and Julie Porter, our fishing news reporter.

Regularly check out the Homeowners Website for more information.
www.osoyooscottages.com
Look under Owner Info.