

Protection Island Ratepayers Association Newsletter 2009

The 2009 PIRA Annual General Meeting will be held SUNDAY JULY 12, 2009 at Beacon House on beautiful Gallows Point. Registration begins at 12:30 pm and the meeting at 1:00 pm. All Protection Island residents are welcome, but only members can vote.

PIRA is Protection Island Ratepayers' Association and all property owners are invited to join. PIRA membership costs \$10 a year per person. This newsletter is our annual report, recapping significant events of the past year.

PIRA has the following objectives:

- To secure improvements in the best interest of Protection Island ratepayers;
- To promote and develop the welfare of residents and ratepayers of the community;
- To own, operate and maintain buildings and property for the betterment of the community.

PIRA has a board of nine elected volunteer directors. Every year at the AGM, three PIRA directors are elected for a 3 year term. Unfortunately this year we have 3 additional positions to fill. **We will be electing 6 new directors this year.**

We invite you to stand for election as a PIRA director—it's a great way to get to know your fellow islanders, learn about the community, and contribute to its well being. If you are interested in standing for nomination and would like further information, contact any of the current Board members. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the AGM.

The AGM is our annual opportunity to

get together and talk about issues of concern to us all. If you can't be at the AGM in person, please mail annual dues of \$10 per person to:
PIRA Treasurer
Box 116, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5K4

All residents are invited to PIRA's board meetings. These are usually held at Beacon House, and the meeting date, location and start time is posted on island bulletin boards and the Pro-Isle email group. We welcome your participation and input.

PIRA's website continues to evolve and serve as a source of community news and events. Check it out at: www.pira.ca

PIRA DIRECTORS 2008-09

For tirelessly pursuing ways to retain our Island's uniqueness while making life better for all, thanks to PIRA Directors: Denise Bonin, Peter Frewin, Michael MacColl, Lynn Roberts, Coreen Hanson, Thora Howell, David Essig, and Josephine Kenchenten.

TREASURER'S REPORT

PIRA General Bank Account

As of this submission, PIRA has recorded 80 paid members for this year. The annual fee of \$10.00 per member has not changed for a number of years and will remain the same for the upcoming year.

Our fiscal year runs July through June and all revenues and expenses are finalized as at the end of each fiscal, June 30th. It is not uncommon to receive late membership dues right up to the last day of the year, so our membership numbers could change by the time of the Annual General Meeting.

So far this year, we are running a small deficit, with our total inflow from

July to present of \$855.00 and our expenses totaling \$914.98. Again, these numbers may change prior to the AGM, and they contain 2007-08 late fees as well as 2009-10 prepaid fees

PIRA Mud Bay Dock Account

As of this submission, Mud Bay Dock has recorded 45 registered boats for this year. The annual fee was increased this year to \$120.00 and members were asked to contribute time, materials, or cash to maintain the facilities.

The fiscal year runs July through June and all revenues and expenses are reported as at June 30th. It is not uncommon to receive late dock fees after the year end, so the number of registered/paid boats could change after the year end. This year, a concentrated effort to keep the fee payments up to date was very successful, thanks to the hard work of Cathy Pearson and Coreen Hanson.

So far this year, we have a surplus, with our total inflow from July to present of \$6,535.00 and our expenses totaling \$3,014.25. Again, these numbers may change prior to the AGM, and they contain late dues from 2007-08 as well as 2009-10 prepaid fees.

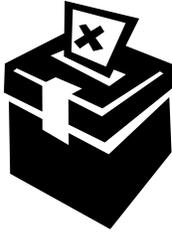
Any surplus that we have in the Dock Account is considered a contingency toward future dock repairs. This year, the dock required few expenditures due to donations of materials and the focus of this year's work little attention thanks to the diligence and hard work of Larry Iwaskow and his fine crew of volunteers.

Please note that all numbers are interim and subject to completion of the Annual Financial Statement.

- Peter Frewin



PIRA SURVEY



A committee consisting of Heather Cooling, Nella Frewin, Brenda Henderson and Thora Howell began with information that Denise Bonin had gathered through Survey Monkey. PIRA committee chairs and Protection Islanders had a great deal of input and in February we had a final draft. Thanks to Barb Neild we were able to deliver 172 surveys to Islanders on the afternoon of March 7th. We worked in teams with DIGS members, who were carrying out a survey at the same time. An additional 196 surveys were mailed to property owners who live off Island. To signal the end of the survey we hosted a tea party at Beacon House on March 28 where we were treated to a special afternoon of music by the Pendryns.

175 completed surveys were returned, by:

91 Full time resident property owners
44 Part time resident property owners
28 Non resident property owners
9 Renters

Also:

10 surveys unable to be delivered.
3 surveys were returned in May and still need to be collated.
This represents a 58% return from people living on the Island, and a 37 % return from Property Owners off Island

The committee met several times in April and May to collate the surveys. Carol Mathews joined us to write the final draft. We express our thanks to those who helped get the survey ready for distribution, and delivery. There were many.

The care and concern that residents have for Protection Island is expressed clearly. We care about the

place we live, the beaches, parks, trees, sense of community and security.

Some of the issues that people support are:

1. Burn Days (April and October) 74.1%
2. Keeping interior park spaces green is supported by 93.5%.
3. An annual spring clean-up is supported by 63% of Islanders

There is much information and many opinions that Islanders and the PIRA Board will look forward to exploring during the 2009-2010 year.

Results will soon be found on the PIRA website.

- *Thora Howell*

EMERGENCY ACCESS AND MOORAGE

Enquiries made by Leeshore owners to the City have prompted the City to examine the process we and the City would go through if the property were offered to us. The owners restated their commitment to honour the handshake agreement of giving right of first refusal to PIRA and a number of meetings with City staff (legal, financial, subdivisions, planning) were held to determine use, development options, and costs. Considerations were also given to involving possible partners such as the Port Authority, as costs were considerable and our interests at this point in emergency access and moorage would only involve a small portion of the land. The reason for exploring these issues was based mostly on being prepared should the opportunity present itself and being informed about processes and implications. However, this all remains speculative and thus other avenues for improved access are being sought as well.

While the Logan's (owners of the Protection Island ferry) initiated work to build a ramp from the dock head to level ground had begun, engineering requirements and costs became more

apparent and work was halted. This still may proceed in the future.

The possibility of using the roadway behind the fire hall as an all weather all tide emergency access ran into some difficulties as well. Discussions with the City and the Port Authority revealed that a 15 foot ingress/egress is required on either side of a dock from the adjacent foreshore lease area. Neither adjacent foreshore leaseholder was willing to permit this "rite of passage", and thus the 20 foot foreshore lease that would be used for an emergency dock is too narrow. Further examination of Port Authority charts/maps reveal that this location (at the end of the lease area where the float would be) would not have sufficient water depth for Port Authority vessels at zero tides. Extension of the lease area is not possible as this would restrict channel navigation. Ideas anyone?

- *Michael MacColl*

PARKS NEWS AND EVENTS

Parks issues over the last year have included the parking circle where the sprinklers were repaired and Irene led a maintenance work party recently. Sprinklers are on a timer set for early morning and a suggestion is to roll up the window on your vehicle if you are concerned.

Planting of Gary oaks in Smugglers Park was undertaken in the fall and education from a local arborist on correcting their sites is in the making.

Talks and plans for a proposed multi-court on the existing basketball court are underway. It has been identified that the grassy field between the court and Community Garden needs leveling to improve this playing field. There is much interest in invasive removal work parties and education though this will be picked up and continued in the fall.

- *Josephine Kenchenten*



CITY LIAISON REPORT

Our liaison with the City continues to be good this year. Chris Sholberg, the Planner responsible for community planning on the island, has established a good rapport with members of our community. Through this relationship we have been able to identify the key areas for potential future planning initiatives.

At the present time, we believe that the existing provisions of the Nanaimo Official Community Plan with respect to Protection Island are sufficient to preserve and protect the unique environment and amenities of our island community.

- David Essig

MUD BAY DOCK



As anyone can see, the Mud Bay dock has been steadily improving, and this year was no exception.

Larry Iwaskow lead several work-parties over the past year, to create new dock sections (and you'll notice there are now about 20 very good dock sections, with only about half a dozen to go!). Larry and his crews also worked to tweak the flotation on existing sections, make repairs, and clean up the beach. Individuals and small groups also worked on the dock between the work-parties, on tasks such as dismantling the old dock pieces and stacking the re-usable materials, placing anchors (thanks Larry!), and doing minor repairs.

Upcoming plans include a work-party to replace the dock-head ramp, and continued work on building and maintaining the dock and removing garbage from the beach.

The money for upgrades and repairs to the Mud Bay dock, as well as for the leases, licenses and insurance coverage, comes from the user fees (\$130 due this September) and from the materials fees (\$90) paid by dock users who are unable to contribute 10 hours of work on the dock per year. This February, the PIRA board issued "invoices" to those users who were late paying their user fees – and had a good response from many who had simply forgotten or hadn't gotten around to it yet.

Many thanks go out to Cathy and Steve Person for continuing to accept the Mud Bay dock fees and handing out the decals.

There are a number of derelict and/or abandoned boats tied to the dock or the shore at Mud Bay. If anyone knows the owners, please ask them to deal with these boats.

Also, a reminder to boat owners: if a boat is not going to be used for a chunk of time, it should be stored somewhere other than Mud Bay dock (in yards, at anchor, or moorage in town). This is a very busy and well used commuter dock – every space is a valued space to the regular users, and a few less boats on the dock will mean a few less boats rafted to other boats (except in the really low tides of course, but that's a whole other story!) Also, a reminder that several boat lengths should be left "free" at the dock-head (on the west side), for use as an "unloading zone".

- Coreen Hanson

DRINKING AND DRIVING

Just a reminder - If you can't walk without weaving, you won't be able to drive without weaving either. Our roads are our sidewalks. Please don't drink and drive. And remember that the speed limit is 20 km on ALL our Island roads.

ROADS AND POT-HOLES



The theme for our roads this year was Citizen Involvement. Protection Island residents participated actively in making our roads system a positive feature in our community, by ensuring that vehicles using the roads travel at safe speeds that do not exacerbate the already deleterious condition of the road structure and surface. Islanders also ensured that the city fulfilled its commitment to graveling and spraying the roads.

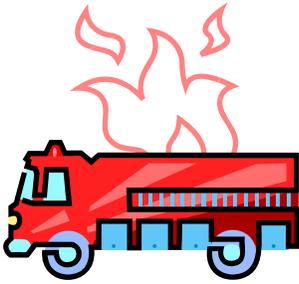
After significant groundwork and planning by former PIRA Chair Liam Taylor and current Chair Denise Bonin, the Hole Away program is well underway. Terry Gordon (753-8769 terryggordon@gmail.com) has agreed to be the lead contact person for the program and will be soliciting help from volunteer members of the community to fill potholes with City-supplied materials.

Meanwhile, the City will continue to gravel and grade the roads twice annually and to spray the roads for dust control in the summertime. At the present time, the City has no plans to pave any of the roads on Protection Island.

The key to the amenity of our roads is to minimize their use by heavy, fast-moving vehicles. We all appreciate the care that our island supply services use in moving freight around the island. This careful vehicular use of the roads notwithstanding, the best way to preserve the tranquil value of our roads is to travel as much as possible by foot, bicycle and slow golf cart.

- David Essig

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Message from the chief

- Check the expiry date on your fire extinguishers, if they need servicing or replacing drop them off at Mid Island Fire Equipment (MIFTEL) 273 Selby St., Nanaimo. If you have a motor driven boat, you should also carry an extinguisher on board.
- Replace the batteries in all your smoke alarms, they should be replaced every 6 months (an easy way to remember is to do it when you change your clocks, spring & fall). Alarms should be tested every month, remember only working alarms save lives.
- Now is the perfect time to clean your chimney, so it's ready for that first chilly fall evening.
- Change the water, replace any expired prescriptions medications in your earthquake survival kit, and make sure you have at least a 10 day supply of medications. The document '52 weeks to emergency preparedness' is posted on the PIRA website: www.pira.ca for those who have not put a kit together yet.

We have just experienced one of the driest winters in 100 years on Vancouver Island, accompanied by extreme cold and many high wind events. These conditions have stressed the trees and under brush increasing the fire hazard. Please be vigilant. Watch for "extreme fire conditions/no smoking" signs in the parks.

There are sand buckets at the entrances to Smugglers Park for cigarette butts and cans of sand on picnic tables in both parks. Please

use them (they are NOT garbage cans). Also, please do not throw butts on the boulevards and educate your guests to refrain from the practice. They are not only a fire hazard and unsightly, but lethal to wildlife. Every year hundreds of birds and marine life die from ingesting the non degradable filters in the butts, mistaking them for food. So the beach or overboard is not a good disposal place either. Help keep our island and its precious wildlife safe.

Summertime puts additional pressure on parking at the traffic circle. Before leaving your vehicle, please check that you are not blocking the fire lane; we must have access to the park at all times and remember parking is limited to 24 hours. It is not a weekly or monthly storage facility. If you are going away for more than 2 days drop off your bags and take the vehicle home again, leaving the already limited parking available for those remaining on the island.

Golf carts on PI are required by law to be equipped with lights, horn and current insurance decal clearly displayed. The operator must also hold a valid driver's license. Minors are NOT permitted to drive. Please do not let your children drive. They could injure someone or damage property and your insurance will be invalid.

Emergencies

Street addresses should be clearly visible from the road so we can find you quickly in an emergency. We respond to all 911 fire and medical emergencies. Our On-call fire fighters are all licensed First Responders and will remain with you until Paramedics arrive at which time you will be transported to the Harbour Patrol vessel at Gallows Point and then by ambulance to the hospital. We DO NOT however, give rides to or from the PI ferry. We may only transport the public when accompanied by the Paramedics or handing a patient over to them on the rescue boat at Gallows Point. With

the loss of the community car pool, if you find you are unable to walk the distance to or from the traffic circle, please make arrangements with a neighbour who has a vehicle.

In case of fire – have an escape plan from your house (remember to stay low) with a designated meeting place and practice 3 times a year with your family. Thanks to the generous donation by Ross Somerville of pet oxygen masks, we can now effectively administer oxygen to dogs and cats suffering from smoke inhalation.



In the event of an earthquake or natural disaster, have a contact person outside the area who you can all check in with.

- Know the location of your propane shut off, electrical panel and water valves.

- Know where the safest spots are at home (beneath sturdy furniture or beside a solid inside wall, in a corner or inside hallway. Hold onto heavy furniture you are sheltering under to keep it from moving around.

- Secure water tanks. Top heavy furniture, appliances, computers, TV's speakers, etc. should all be secured in place with brackets or Velcro straps, they will become lethal missiles in the event of a big quake. Also, if you must hang pictures or mirrors on the wall above the bed (not a good idea) they should be permanently attached to the wall so you do not wind up being guillotined in your sleep.

Remember, in the event of a major earthquake we will be on our own for at least 10 days. Assuming the fire hall is still standing, we will have electricity and heat but you still need to be prepared.

Keep your "OK/HELP" sign with your emergency kit so you can quickly display it prominently on your house for us to see when we are doing our damage assessment. It is very important to post the OK sign if you do not require our immediate assistance so we don't waste valuable time searching unnecessarily. A good meeting place would be the community garden and games court area which is central to the island and safe from falling objects.

On June 4th, 7pm we will be hosting an emergency preparedness seminar at Beacon House for anyone interested.



Have you considered becoming more involved in your community? Station 7 is looking to recruit a few healthy, strong souls prepared to give at least a 2 year commitment. The pay is low, the rewards priceless! For more information contact either myself 754-6759 or Jason Metz 716-0355 or stop by the fire hall on a Tuesday evening for a chat.

Safety Tip: Stay away from downed power lines (at least 30 feet) and never touch anything that is in contact with one, it too could be energized as well as the ground around it. Trees are particularly dangerous, as they conduct electricity. Contact with one while it is touching a power line, especially a primary line, can result in serious injury or death (a primary line carries from 4,000 to 25,000 volts). Always treat a downed wire as if it is live – it can reenergize at any time.

Have a safe and enjoyable year.

- *Veronica Zehntner*

BURNING REGULATIONS

Burning of organic yard waste and prunings is allowed during daylight hours on Fridays and Saturdays in April and October ONLY.

A FREE VERBAL PERMIT is required for each day you burn. Phone Nanaimo Fire Dept. non-emergency number 753-7311 in advance any time in the week you wish to burn.

Calling for permits is MANDATORY. It also gives the City an indication of PI's need for backyard burning. If we don't demonstrate our need we could still lose this privilege!

Garden waste fires may be a maximum diameter of 4 feet in daylight hours only. Cooking fires must be in a container no more than 2 feet in diameter for a maximum of 2 hours.

Land clearing and burning of plastics, household garbage, stumps and wooden construction material is NOT allowed.

Burning regulations are posted on community bulletin boards.

Also check out burning alternatives, such as composting and chipping

LANTERN FESTIVAL



The Protection Island Lantern Festival celebrated a 5th year with a surprising monster theme! Lanterns were everywhere - floating on the water, hanging in the trees, along a

labyrinth path. Monster costumes ranged from scary skeletons to magical beings! A swing set by day became a gigantic screen where spontaneous performances entertained all those who cast their shadow! Fire spinning, hot chocolate and a community roasting of marshmallows were enjoyed by all. Thanks so much to everyone who participated! Mark next year's P.I. Lantern Festival down for the last Saturday of April 2010 and let your creativity shine! Excuse the pun, and join us for fun - a night not to be outdone!

- *Paula Ng*

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



We are a Neighbourhood Watch community. Contact Josie Thornton 753-9568 or Roger Gumbert 753-5343 for more information

PRO-ISLE EMAIL GROUP



Are you hearing all the island news? Do you want to share some news? Do you have something to sell? Do you have an opinion about an island issue and want to discuss it with others? Then what you need is to become a member of the Pro-Isle email group.

To join, send an email to Barb LaBrosseur at barbith@telus.net and ask to be a member. This forum is restricted to property owners and residents only and is not monitored – so pretty much anything goes. This is NOT a PIRA initiative, although PIRA does use this medium to post notices and to discuss community issues.

COMMUNITY GARDEN



The Little Diggers program has 17 enrolled children from the Island. Meeting are Sundays 10:30 to 11:30am. Topics include mason bees, potato towers, square foot gardening, compost, red wigglers, native and invasive local plant and animal species. Parents and community members are encouraged to participate in any way they feel inspired.

On Sunday mornings 10:00 to 11:30 garden in the park participants have been filling the heritage apple beds with soil, repotting seedlings housed in greenhouse, reseeding last year's beds, harvesting spinach, leeks, garlic tops etc.. Ten new beds have been built. Electrification is in the near future thanks to some generous locals. An invitation to everyone to compost your kitchen and garden waste at the Garden compost. Watch for many social events and fundraisers in the form of dances and dessert auctions throughout the year. Check the harvest table Sunday mornings. There is a scheduled work bee timeslot but feel welcome to your community garden anytime. Pick, pluck, taste, and enjoy.

- *Josephine Kenchenten*

2009 GARDEN TOUR



This event takes place on Sunday June 28. Come to the Garden in the Park from 10 to 10:30 am to pick up the route map and garden descriptions.

After your stroll through the community garden there are other beautiful gardens in the 'south' end of Protection to enjoy, including three new ones never before 'shown'. There will be a barbecue at the last site courtesy of the owner and volunteers.

Don't forget to bring your cameras and a donation for DIGS. For more information contact Heather Cooling at 753-8162, or Barb Neild, 755-1855.

- *Heather Cooling*

PROTECTION ISLAND MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

The PI Museum is operated at the Lightkeeper's Cottage at Gallows Point by The Protection Island Cultural Historical Society (TPICHS), a non profit society incorporated in May 2001. Current directors are Rick Scott, Jurgen Goering, Sandra Hedley, Barbara Neild, Heather Cooling, Tauno Tuominen, Brenda Henderson, Cheryl Ashley and Mike Gillespie . The Society's mandate is 'to nurture, foster and develop community awareness of local history and culture through activities and events, and to maintain and develop the Museum collection.'

TPICHS also maintains the Protection Island Archives building at 33 Cutlass Lookout, housing historical documents, maps, research material, photographs, personal collections of former residents and administrative files. Resources are also available to anyone researching any aspect of our island's history from coal mining to current events. For information call Barb Neild at 755-1855.

Over the winter we have continued our renovation of the permanent display. We were invited to backstage tours of the Royal BC Museum in Victoria and Nanaimo Museum. We are inspired, to say the least!

The PI Museum will be open Saturday and Sunday from July until

Labour Day weekend. Watch poster boards and Pro-Isle for details of special events.

- *Rick Scott*

JUNK AWAY AND RECYCLING



Since September 2005 Protection Islanders have participated in four large-scale community Junk Aways, removing and/or recycling over 37 tons of junk! The Junk Away committee originally came together because islanders were finding it difficult to get rid of 'junk' they no longer wanted (fridges, stoves, couches, etc). In the last few years, a number of other viable options have developed. Recycling is now offered every second Saturday by Bob and Jo: jobob23@telus.net 714-0523 and there are two reliable businesses hauling on and off island: Fraser and Alice sallywagman@telus.net 739-2491 and Will Chadwick PI Supply wmchadwick@gmail.com 751-4877.

The Junk Away Committee met recently and decided that we will take a break for the time being. We plan to meet again in future when/if the need arises. Thank you for all your support over the last 4 years. Please feel free to email any comments or suggestions to Kathleen uswisdom@telus.net.

- *Kathleen Schloessinger*

LOOSE DOGS

Just a reminder that dogs should be kept on a leash when you are walking them and in your fenced yard or house at other times. Unfortunately a cat will killed this past winter by a couple of loose dogs and nobody picks up after loose dogs, so please be responsible pet owners.

PRO-ISLE 360

The 2nd Annual Pro-Isle 360 was a swashbuckling success! Sixty-five boaters in forty-one boats braved the shark-infested waters from Gallows to Gallows while the race's first galleon, with Captain Morgan and his Motley Crew, loomed in the shallows. The race had other firsts; the first windsurfer, Bruce L., completed the race with time to spare, Kristen F. kicked her way across the finish line as Brad paddled, and Doug J. rowed a boat he built especially for the occasion with his grandson Eric. Beautiful trophies made by Neil H. were awarded, and everyone took home a prize. Add the Lion's pancake breakfast, the Historical Society's museum exhibits and the brave efforts of our island tubbers, and you have a day to remember. Organizers would like to thank all the participants and spectators who made it a fabulous event, and all the supporters who helped the race run smoothly. See a list of our supporters, as well as pictures, and finish times from last year on our website <http://pro-isle360.spaces.live.com>

Mark your calendars on July 26, 2009 for the 3rd Annual Pro-Isle 360! Whether you are in it to win it, or prefer to make a run for the Spirit Award, or just want to watch the crazy chaos, come and have some fun as we celebrate island life with a human-powered circumnavigation of Protection. Kids of all ages are encouraged to enter, and there will be prizes for everyone. If you would like to pre-register contact the organizers at proisle360@hotmail.com or call 754-7245. If you would like to donate

prizes or volunteer to help, please let us know. Watch for more details on the bulletin boards and ProIsle.

- *Jodi Le Masurier*

**SUMMER SOLSTICE
CELEBRATION – JUNE 20TH**



From 7 p.m. onwards there will be a Summer Solstice Celebration at Beacon House featuring Island musicians, a revival of the "pie auction", dancing and more.

Entry is free with a dessert for auction or a small appetizer. All those bringing a dessert to auction will have their names entered into a draw for prizes. Those planning to bring a dessert please contact Linda Irvine (nanaimoirvines@telus.net).

To date we have several groups and solo musicians planning to play. Other musicians are welcome to join in. Please contact Linda or Jim Irvine (716-1761).

There will be an open bar so adults only please.

Funds raised will go to support events and programs planned by D.I.G.S and House-to-House (the autumn house concert festival).

50 YEARS AGO LAST MONTH

A consortium of investors' bid to purchase Protection Island -- the island in Nanaimo Harbour -- was finalized. Frank Ney, the head of both Nanaimo Realty Ltd. and Nanaimo Properties Ltd. brought together a group of local investors some time ago in an effort to purchase Protection from Canadian Collieries Ltd. Ney said now the purchase had been finalized, it was time to survey the island.

- *Louise Hamilton*

CLIMBING TO THE TOP

Congratulations to Natasha Rygnestad who finished 2nd in her age category at the National Climbing competition which gave her enough points to finish 3rd in the Canada Youth Cup! She has worked exceptionally hard this season and the weekly trips to Victoria to train with her coaches combined with hours of climbing and cross training was worth it.

Save up your pennies.... next year when she's 14 she can qualify to go to World in Scotland so we'll be holding more than just a little bake sale! Thanks once again to everyone who continues to support both Natasha and her mother Janet.

IF YOU NEED TO CALL 911

- ◆ You will be asked whether you require Police, Fire Dept or Ambulance service.
- ◆ All 911 calls go to an operator who is NOT in Nanaimo.
- ◆ It is ESSENTIAL to identify your location as PROTECTION ISLAND IN THE HARBOUR OF NANAIMO.
- ◆ You MUST give your STREET ADDRESS which must be CLEARLY VISIBLE on your property so you can be found.

Our Fire Dept. will respond to all MEDICAL EMERGENCY calls. Each on call fire fighter is trained in First Response First Aid and will stay on the scene until paramedics arrive.

- *Edited by Denise Bonin*

**Have a safe and fun
summer!**