

Connections... the voice of Lynn Valley

Lynn Valley Community Association Est. 1911

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Lynn Valley has come a long way since it was first cut out of the wilderness at the turn of the last century. Amid scenes of almost apocalyptic devastation a thriving community grew into what we know and love today.

A quick visit to the North Vancouver Museums and Archives building on Harold Rd, www.northvanmuseum.ca, will provide you with a vivid insight into just how much work has been done since that time.

A picture is worth a thousand words and in this edition we have chosen some from the archives carefully preserved for generations to come. The work continues and there are gaps. If you have any early photographs or records (whatever the period) please dig them out and call in or contact Janet Turner, turnerj@dnv.org (6049903700 ext 8011). Help to preserve the record of our heritage. You can also have your photographs scanned and printed, they make lovely presents. Remember old photos don't last forever. Get them scanned and send them in.

Lynn Valley Community Association was around even then! This year we celebrate our 100th anniversary and we are planning to celebrate in style! Watch out for details soon.

We may have come a long way since those days but we are still changing and growing. If anything the pace has quickened and the need for organised community involvement is greater than ever. We all enjoy the benefits of living in a beautiful and vibrant community but it doesn't happen by magic. The more people who join up and get involved the better.

So whether it be the Friday night concerts, the Lynn Valley Day parade or the flow of traffic in the village we need members and volunteers to help us build the community we want for the future. www.lvca.ca

Watch the video!

"Your LVCA" on YouTube!



Lynn Valley & Mountain Highway 1910
The DNV is still working on that same road!
Courtesy of NV Museums and Archives

Presidents message...

The LVCA will be 100 years old in 2011! As we prepare to celebrate we also have a careful eye on the next 100 years. The one thing that doesn't change is change itself. Please pay particular attention to the LVCA meeting, Library, 18th Nov (see back page.) Pick up your executive summary of the draft Official Community Plan (OCP). Your awareness and participation are vital if we are to have the community that we want for ourselves and our children. www.identity.dnv.org

Unification of local community services... We also need your input on the possible reorganisation of local services in the area. A number of communities on the North Shore have combined community and recreational services into a unified delivery model that is not currently available in Lynn Valley. We have many services such as family drop-in, youth services, victims of crime counseling, young parent services, counseling and community arts and cultural programs. However they are all provided by many organisations, most of which do not have strong local connections. **PTO**

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President's message continued...

Fitness and recreation centers are great but there is so much more that can be offered through community collaboration. Lynn Valley Community Association has been researching what bringing Community Services and Programs together could look like in the future. There are many organisations that could help pull it all together and we, along with the District of North Van and the Rec commission, will be meeting with these groups over the next month to get their input on the idea of combining our efforts and resources.

Would you be interested in seeing something happen like that in Lynn Valley? What kind of programs do you think could be brought together and what kinds of services are missing? We want your input? Let us know what you think.



John Gilmour

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Watch out for the new welcome to Lynn Valley signs. The first one will be on Mountain Highway and ArbourLynn and the second will be just beside Mollie Nye House on Lynn Valley road. These signs and a series of banners to be displayed in the plaza are the



work of the LVCA and its corporate members in co-operation with the DNV. We believe that the community needs a focus, a place where people can meet, mingle and share in a beautiful and vibrant setting. Lynn Valley centre is a shining example of what can be done when we work together as a community.

The new banners, all by Blake Williams, depict a mountain biker, a hiker (left) and a little girl playing.

Continuing with the artistic theme artist Bill Higginson's (left) beautiful painting perfectly captures the party atmosphere around the hugely successful LVCA Friday night concert series. The painting is currently on display at Delany's coffee shop and will be auctioned for charity.



Bill Higginson and his painting

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The Long Term in Lynn Valley

It's official, Lynn Valley is a wonderful place to live! That fact is reflected in the cost of housing, naturally. Those who live here may feel a sense of satisfaction but what about those who can't afford to move here? With an aging population and young families moving elsewhere what will Lynn Valley look like in 2030? What are we doing to manage change?

The District of North Vancouver has been working with the community to develop a draft Official Community Plan (OCP). This planning process has identified several challenges for the District to address including diminishing numbers of young families who can't afford to live here, lack of housing choices for an aging population, low numbers of jobs and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As you can imagine there is some pretty powerful stuff in there.

The draft OCP proposes a new urban structure that identifies a network of centres, connecting corridors and neighbourhoods as the building blocks of our community. In the future, the majority of new growth will be directed to urban centres thereby maintaining the integrity of single family areas and keeping our forested upland areas intact. The Lynn Valley Town Centre is identified as a key Town Centre in the Draft OCP. In the next 25-30 years, the District overall is expected to grow by 10,000 new units (est. 20,000 people). Come talk to District planners and find out more about the draft OCP and what it means for Lynn Valley at the LVCA Open House on Nov 18. Also see the District's OCP website at: www.identity.dnv.org

King of the Shore!

Did you know that we have a 180ft, 600 year old Western Red Cedar growing right here in Lynn valley? Bet you don't know where it is!

If you want to visit this beauty email, lvcaeditor@yahoo.com

Or watch out for our article on Heritage Trees of the North Shore in the next edition.



Be a part of a magical Christmas

Help us transform Mollie Nye House into a gingerbread house for the festive season.



Join the fun (work party)

Saturday November 6th and 20th 10am-1pm

Thursday December 18th 10am-noon

Any questions or to volunteer contact Gillian 604 987 5820 or mollieneyehouse@gmail.com



The last stop on Lynn Valley Rd 1910

Courtesy of NV Museums and Archives

Corporate members – With thanks from Lynn Valley Community Association.

VanCity - Delany's Coffee Shop - The Black Bear Pub - North Shore Credit Union - Waves Coffee House - Lynn Valley Centre - Dream Designs - Royal Bank Of Canada – Booster Juice - Red Tulip Gift Shop - Elizabeth Dyer Remax – Lynn Valley Veterinary Clinic Grant and Jasmine Botto, Prudential Sussex Realty - Cedar Grove Restaurant – Mortgage Dave – Zazou Salon & Spa – Village Barber

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100 years of Lynn Valley Community Association

Lynn Valley Community Association has been working for the benefit of the community since first established in 1911. That's right almost 100 years! We are non political local volunteers whose objectives are to:

- Foster and develop community pride
- Encourage community involvement
- Influence decision making in our community

It's fun too, the Olympic celebrations centred around the Plaza were a huge success. The atmosphere was amazing! The recent Friday night concerts were also a huge success with all ages enjoying the fun together. The whole community really got involved with a real sense of local identity and pride. Now things are underway in preparation for Christmas!

It all takes a lot of work, members and volunteers are always needed to help with a wide variety of jobs from committee work to crowd control. There is



Care to dance?

something for everyone, whatever you can do will be much appreciated.

Behind the scenes your LVCA reps attend meetings and read reports (so you don't have to.) We provide feedback through membership meetings, the website and this newsletter which goes out to every home in Lynn Valley. You can also help by asking to receive this newsletter by email.

If you live in Lynn Valley please consider becoming a member.



Bill Higginson's concert painting

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LVCA Open House - wine and cheese reception, (\$5) Nov 18th 7pm, at the Library community room. Pick up your OCP draft summary and talk to the DNV planning experts. Don't miss the opportunity to inform yourself and have a say in the future of Lynn Valley.



Lynn Valley Community Association Membership Application

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Post Code _____ Home phone _____

Email _____

Annual membership \$25 _____ Donation _____ Cash/cheque (Please circle)

Corporate Members __\$100/yr (1-10 employees) __ \$200/yr (10 + employees)

Mail or deliver to LVCA, Mollie Nye House, 940 Lynn Valley Rd, N Van, BC, V7J 1Z7

I authorize this contact information to be published in the LVCA membership directory Yes ___ No ___

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Signature of applicant _____

email address

Date _____