

## JBNA Directors' Report: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **What's Open in James Bay:**

Although COVID-19 has not been conquered, businesses are now able to open up. There are so many openings that we are having trouble keeping our listings up to date; a good thing!

For the next couple of months, we will keep the on-line listings as up to date as we are able, but will not be distributing the almost weekly listings of grocery/retail openings which we initiated at the beginning of the close-down. If you know of businesses in James Bay which are opening now, please drop a line and we will add to the [on-line listing](#).

### **COVID-19 Survey – last call:**

The BC Centre for Disease Control has created a population health survey *“Your story, our future”*. The [survey](#) explores the social, economic, mental wellness and community wellness impacts of COVID-19. It closes this weekend.

### **Safety in our Neighbourhood:**

**Sheltering in Beacon Hill Park:** Problems with sheltering in the park should be brought to the attention of the police if criminal in nature or involving safety. Others who may assist in resolving problems are Mayor/Councillors, or City Bylaw Services at [bylawservices@victoria.ca](mailto:bylawservices@victoria.ca), 250-361-0578, or Solicitor General Mike Farnworth at [PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca), 250-356-2178, or Minister of Social Development Shane Simpson at [SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca), 250 356-7750.

### **New Gardening Opportunity: for more detail contact Kathryn, [jamesbaygardens@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbaygardens@gmail.com)**

JBNA is partnering with Huntington Manor to create another allotment garden on the grounds of Huntington Manor, adjacent to the Pendray Inn. Twelve garden plots will be offered to James Bay residents who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as seniors, low-income families, or laid-off workers. Each plot will be equipped with a food garden kit, generously donated by [Victoria's Food Eco District](#) and [#MyFEDFARM](#), an initiative to support growing urban food gardens. Additional support and donations are provided by [James Bay Discovery Coffee](#). Application deadline is Friday, June 5. Apply [here](#).

**Michigan-Menzies, SE boulevards:** Did you notice how great the gardens at the corner of Michigan and Menzies looked all spring? Special thanks to garden volunteers Jen, Barbara, and Holly who managed to keep a little bit of cheer blooming through a pandemic and to all the other folks who have kept gardens flourishing when we most needed them.

**Dallas: City works:** About 2/3 of the balustrade has now been removed and part of the bed for the pathway has been completed.

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**Land-Use & Developments:** No early stage development reviews are scheduled.

**Neighbourhood Local Area Plan Project:** Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist. We will get back to you. See background documents on the [JBNA website](#)

**Correspondence:** Key correspondence is posted on the [jbna.org](http://jbna.org) web-site. Go to [jbna.org](http://jbna.org). Look at top menu, hit “For Information” button, and find correspondence.

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**Development Proposals:** (City Planning @250-361-0523 or [Development Tracker](#) 596 Marifield; 38 Oswego; 121 Menzies; 330-336 Michigan; 415-435 Michigan; 108-114 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; *withdrawn from CALUC Simcoe–South Turner*, 430 Powell Street; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara)