

JBNA Directors' Report: May 2019

Saturday May 11, 10:00 to noon JBNA Plant Swap and Sale at Irving Park, corner of Menzies and Michigan. Bring plants to swap, sell or donate: indoor, outdoor (especially for shade and containers), starters, seeds, tools, pots, and garden paraphernalia. Informal event for sharing info and meeting other growing enthusiasts! Information, donations, volunteering: jamesbaygardens@gmail.com.

May 24, 2019, a 5-ship day:

The 2019 Ogden Point cruise ship schedule is on-line.

<http://www.victoriacruise.ca/cruise-schedule/current-season>

Victoria will see 713,894 passengers, a 19% increase over 2018 and an increase over 2017 of more than 25%. The shoulder season finishes October 25th. Passengers on many 3-ship days have doubled over the past several years, now ranging from 3,000 to 10,000 per day.

Thirteen 4-ship days are scheduled with 9,000 to 11,673 passengers per day. **May 24 will see 5-ships in port with 12,931 passengers and 5,400 crew.**

City 2020 Budget Consultation:

The City is initiating budget discussions for the 2020 budget period. Rather than meet with neighbourhoods, City staff will host a City-wide session on Wednesday, June 26th, 5pm to 7pm, at City Hall. The focus will be on parks, community centres, planning (incl wayfinding and public realm), transportation, finance, arts, culture and special events.

Join your neighbours at the James Bay Community Picnic on July 21, 2019 in Irving Park from 10:00 to 4:00. This event is supported by New Horizons, JBNA, James Bay Community Project, James Bay United Church, James Bay Market Society, James Bay Community School as well as a number of local businesses including Thrifty Foods, local artist Teresa Waclawik, Discovery Coffee, Burt's Barbershop and Rx Eyeware. If you would like to participate on the planning committee, or volunteer for the event, please send an email to jbna@vcn.bc.ca

CRD Wastewater Project update:

Monitor progress of the pipe installation here: <http://bit.ly/2DYJYkT>

CRD donation of planters:

CRD's work crews are cleaning-up the area which served as the cross harbour pipe drill staging area (the boat dock area north of Camel Point). The three planters which were placed beside the privacy/noise fencing have been donated to the community. Kathryn Pankowski, JBNA Garden Advocate, has arranged for the planters to be placed on Michigan and Lewis street locations. Watch for new plantings as work proceeds.

Window Wanderland 2019 Survey:

The organizers of the 2019 Window Wanderland event want input from the many residents who wandered the streets of James Bay between February 22 and 24, enjoying the colourful evening window displays. The short survey takes only a couple of minutes to complete. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FXP8XV7>

Next JBNA General Meeting: June 12, 2019 , 7:00 pm, 234 Menzies Street (New Horizons)

Development Proposals in Process:

(Details: City Planning @250-361-0523 or Development Tracker)

Ogden Point Master Plan; 334 Dallas; 229 Government; 121 Menzies; 415-435 Michigan; 330-363 Michigan; 672 Niagara; 430 Parry Street; 27 Pilot; 515-519 Rithet; 205 Simcoe; 38 South Turner Street; 224 Superior; 589 Toronto Street; 561-565 Toronto.