

JBNA Directors' Report: December 4th, 2020

JBNA Discussion Forum:

The December 9th, 2020, ZOOM Discussion Forum will provide opportunity to voice your opinion on the restart of the cruise industry in Victoria. Are there changes you would like to see to the vistas made by the industry to our community? Those on JBNA e-mail lists will receive the agenda with the ZOOM link.

Looking forward 2 weeks: The Great Conjunction

Jupiter & Saturn will align on the winter solstice for a phenomenon not seen in 800 years. The planets will align so closely in the night sky that they'll almost appear to collide, creating a radiant point of light often referred to as the "Star of Bethlehem" or the "Christmas Star." If there is a clear sky, look to the southwest about 45 minutes after sunset. The planets will be closest on Dec. 21, but the "Christmas Star" will be visible in the northern hemisphere during the fourth week of December. The last time this happened was in 1226, the next is in 2080.

Municipal by-election:

On **Saturday, December 12**, the by-election will be held to fill the Councillor vacancy. **Eligible voters can vote at James Bay, Community School, 140 Oswego Street from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

Voters can request a mail ballot until Dec 12; call 250.361.0571. Mail ballots ordered after today must be picked up at City Hall. People who request mail ballots **may not** vote in person.

Completed mail ballots must be mailed by today. After today people may return completed ballots at the Drop Box outside the City Hall Pandora entrance, at Crystal Gardens (dates follow), or before 8 p.m. at one of the voting places (James Bay Community School) on December 12.

Advance in person voting is held at Crystal Gardens on Saturday, December 5, 9 a.m.– 4 p.m., Monday, December 7, 8 a.m.– 8 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8/9, 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Study finds humans to be the leading cause of orca whale deaths:

Half of the southern orca whales included in a study were killed by human activities such as boat strikes. Natural causes of death included diseases, infections and malnutrition. Click [here](#) for the report.

Wastewater update:

The conveyance line from Clover Point to Ogden/Camel and across to McLaughlin Point is now transporting sewage. If, as you pass one of the large curved "vent" pipes along the Dallas waterfront pathway, you smell sewage, you do!

Gardening News:

The seed box at Michigan/Menzies is taking a 'winter nap' for Nov, Dec, and the first part of January, because there's little that can be sown during this time.

Want a free tree? The My Great Neighbourhood Grant will now cover a group of neighbours to plant trees on their own properties. Trees must be planted on private property. Condos and businesses welcome. Contact Kathryn Pankowski at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com if interested.

Safety in our Neighbourhood:

There continue to be reports of increased crime in our community. All crime, whether in our parks, our streets, and on our residential properties should be brought to the attention of the police if criminal in nature, or involving safety. **Emergency line is 911. Non-emergency is 250-995-7654.**

VicPD online reporting is available for **drug activity, attempted break & enter, taken bikes, fraud, mischief, other theft, including crimes in which a suspect is unlikely to be identified.** <https://vicpd.ca/services/report-a-crime-online/>

City Bylaw Officers for select bylaw enforcement: bylawservices@victoria.ca or 250-361-0578.

Correspondence: Key correspondence is posted on the jbna.org web-site. Go to jbna.org. Look at top menu, hit "For Information" button, and find correspondence.

Development Proposals: (City Planning @250-361-0523 or [Development Tracker](#))
596 Marifield; 121 Menzies; 415-435 Michigan; 108 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; 557 Simcoe;
430 Powell Street; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara)