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News of the west side of Vancouver Island

Sooke Fire Chief Steve Sorensen announces his retirement **VOICE NEWS**

After 36 years of dedicated community **service**, District of Sooke Fire Chief Steve Sorensen announced on July 22 that he is retiring from the Sooke Fire Rescue Service. He is now on holiday for a few months to October 17 after which time there will be a retirement partyest Shore Voice

Sorensen's name and presence has become synonymous with fire protection in the Sooke community. He has attended countless fires, vehicle collision scenes, hazmat scenarios, medical calls, and more. He has saved many lives, supported others, and borne the stress of losing others in some tragic cases. He has been the leading force for recruiting and training firefighter volunteers, with the support of his team of career firefighters and many volunteer firefighters. A decade or more of emergency services personnel (the ones who volunteer to help out the community an emergency) have been positively guided by Steve Sorensen's leadership.



Sooke Fire Chief Steve Sorensen He has served with the Sooke Fire Department for 36 years.

One of Chief Steve Sorensen's proudest moments was hosting the 100th Sooke Fire Department Anniversary in August 2013 to which so many of the community came out to honour the work of local firefighters. "It couldn't have been a more perfect day," he told Sooke Voice News at the time.

With the creation of a new Sooke Fire Commission in 2016, the role of fire chief in Sooke came under another layer of administration. The amount of funds available for department management was shifted over into another area of the District budget. Vehicle procurement and fleet management came under closer view under the new Commission.

Sorensen first joined the Sooke Fire Department in 1980 as a volunteer. In 1997, Steve fulfilled his lifetime dream of becoming a career firefighter. With the incorporation of the District of Sooke in 1999, he became the first employee of the new municipality. In 2009, Steve was appointed Fire Chief, and later the additional role of Emergency Coordinator.

"After being on duty 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week for all those years, it's now time to relax and spend time with family and friends," says Steve Sorensen. He will concentrate on building his new home and restoration of his 1930 fire truck.

"Chief Sorensen has been a shining example of community service in Sooke, having selflessly given countless hours to ensuring the protection of residents and organizing fundraising events to benefit the community," says Teresa Sullivan, CAO, District of Sooke. "On behalf of the community, we thank him for all he has done for Sooke, and wish him a well-deserved break and a very happy West Shore Voice Nev retirement."

Probably the most significant fire event of Chief Steve Sorensen's career was the Evergreen Shopping Centre fire on July 31, 2013. The hours were long, the magnitude of personnel management and resource-use were great, and the work went on for days (cleanup) and then weeks and months (contamination followup and incident investigation). During 'the big fire' Sorensen also coordi-

nated the additional help from fire departments around the region, including Otter Point, Shirley, Langford, East Sooke and Metchosin.

Then the very next summer on the same fated date of July 31, there was a house fire in a heavily forested area that backed up traffic on Hwy 14 (Sooke Road) for over five hours.

Last year Sorensen oversaw the installation of a new emergency telecommunications tower at the main fire hall on Otter Point Road.

Over the years Sorensen oversaw the coordination of several firefighter training events, information sessions, and prevention-industry conferences.

Sooke without Steve Sorensen at the fire helm will be a new reality for many, but his leadership will affect many future actions and decisions of both firefighters and the workings of the fire department.

The District of Sooke will fill an interim 3-month position while they go through a hiring process (open to both internal and external candidates). wsv

Courtesy online edition

Sooke Fire Chief Steve Sorensen on the job: dealing with all the big decisions and many details that day of the big fire at Evergreen Shopping Centre on July 31, 2013. He leaves big shoes to fill.

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MPs Murray Rankin and Randall Garrison invite you to a public meeting on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement with NDP Trade Critic, Tracey Ramsey. Sunday July 24 // 2:00-3:30pm

Victoria City Hall Council Chambers Everyone welcome. For more information, please call 250-405-6550.

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Sidewalks or multi-use trail: by whatever name, people like it WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

Po-TAY-to, po-TAH-to, either way you end up baking, mashing, or cutting fries.

This week Sooke residents seemed equally okay (though a tad mystified) about getting a new 'sidewalk' or 'multi-use trail' or 'widened shoulder' along Grant Road West between Otter Point Road and Maple Avenue South.

A flurry of social media conversation about what to call it was nevertheless underscored with excitement that it was happening at all.

The 2-metre wide strip of dug-down then asphalt-filled area along the south side of Grant Road West will make movement a whole lot easier and safer for pedestrians, motor cart riders, and cyclists.

get things done. wsv



Tax dollars being spent

It's one of those evident The \$95,500 construction project to widen the road infrastructure improvements shoulder by two metres on the south side of Grant that results from budgeting, Road W unfolded July 18 to 22. The District of Sooke planning and the political will to contracted with Wittich Environmental Services (showing PLAN Construction Ltd on their signage).



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Editorials aim to explore broader issues of concern to communities, economy and society as a whole.

Beautification and art in Sooke: bravo

 Infrastructure construction, budget wrangling, and bylaws – all necessary in a modern growing community. But the essential lifeblood within that structure is seen in fleeting moments and grander gestures of beautification and art appreciation, as well as in the degree to which that ephemeral sense of commu-West Shore Voi nity contentment is expressed.

You can't miss the grand splash of the 30th Sooke Fine Arts Show. Again this year the well-oiled machine of organizers and volunteers who pull off a gallery-class show in a hockey arena have done their magic to produce a delightful experience of art appreciation. A step or two away from the grind of daily living. A gift to this community on so many levels, including the tourism benefit.

The less obvious but no less important aspect of town beautification and livability has been highlighted again this year with Sooke's participation in Communities in Bloom. Like tidying up your home for guests, it's a good exercise for observing one's own best worth, regardless of how the result may be judged.

ETTER

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Sign needed on a curvy stretch of highway

• Our neighbour was in an accident a couple of weeks ago due to a longstanding signage problem at Sooke Rd and Manzer Rd. Below is a copy of a letter I have sent to departments that could do something about it (including BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, ICBC, and the District of Sooke). A sign now may save a life tomorrow. West Shore

ow may save a life tomorrow. West short and in edition
"I am writing to inform you about a dangerous turn off Sooke Highway at Manzer Road. The situation could be made a bit more safe by posting a sign saying "NO PASS-ING ON RIGHT". More than one accident has happened due to vehicles passing the one turning left and vehicles following not able to stop in time. The car that did not stop but just passed on the right is long gone before the other vehicle rear ends the turning vehicle. I would like to ask that a sign be put up on Sooke Highway 14 at the Manzer Road intersection stating "NO PASSING ON RIGHT". ~ Linda Gordon, Sooke

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Drones banned from hunting and trapping

It is now illegal in BC to operate or possess a drone while on a hunting or trapping expedition – or to use data obtained by a drone. It is also now illegal for a third party to use the GPS-controlled aircraft technology to help a West Shore Voice hunter or trapper.

These are strengthened regulations as announced July 22 by Steve 6 Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource operations, following amendments to BC's Wildlife Act hunting regulations. "We have to make sure that our regulations keep pace with technology," said Thomson in a news re-

Before the change, Section 27 of the Wildlife Act made it illegal to use a helicopter to hunt in BC, although the Province contended that drones were a kind of helicopter. The minimum fine for hunting with a helicopter or drone is now \$2,500. A first-conviction could cost a hunter \$250,000 and up to two years in jail.

According to a government news release on Friday, the change is supported by the BC Wildlife Federation, the BC Trappers Association and the Guide Outfitters Association of BC.

Says Jim Glaciar, president, BC Wildlife Federation: "Using drones to help track your prey just isn't part of the culture in British Columbia."

Says Scott Ellis, executive director, Guide Outfitters Association of BC: "Hunters come to BC to experience the wild and beautiful back country and participate in Fair Chase hunting. Drones undermine the epxerience epeople have come to expect when they hunt big game in this province."

Drones are banned now in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario Courtesy online edition and Newfoundland and Labrador. WSV







Region



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Public input sought for arts in the region

 Building our #ArtsFuture Together is a public consultation and engagement process by which the Capital Regional District (CRD) hopes to learn more to support their priorities and actions to do with the arts. The lead is being taken by the CRD's Arts Development Service.

An online survey is available to August 23 at www.placespeak.com/CRD/ArtsFuture . They are primarily seeking input from arts groups (whether recipients of CRD grant funding or not) as well as regional community members (including those in

municipalities the Arts Development

Service).

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Development Service is presently supported by eight municipalities: Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, Metchosin, Highlands, View Royal and Sidney.

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In 2016, the CRD Arts Committee awarded \$2,121,240 in operating grants to 31 organizations, and a total of \$175,985 in project and 'IDEA' grants to 49 organizations in the Capital region.

Pre-consultation sessions in June saw over 100 arts groups and individuals participating in forming the design of the public consultation and estimated that of all cancer engagement process. One goal was to reach a diverse range of stakeholders.

In addition to the survey, there will be workshops held Sept 19-24 throughout the region, and an Arts Champions Summit Nov 3-5. WSV

Memorial plaque for Cst Sarah Beckett

The official unveiling of a memorial plaque in honour of Cst Sarah Beckett will be attended by RCMP, Langford Mayor Stew Young, Sarah's family and others on Wed July



27 at the West Shore RCMP Detachment.

The 32-year-old Cst Beckett died in a direct-impact collision to the police cruiser she was driving, on April 5 in the wee hours of the morning in the core of Langford near the intersection of Goldstream Ave and Peatt Rd.

Much of the west shore and region came to a near standstill on April 12 for her memorial funeral that was both attended by and watched on big-screen presentations and online by thousands of police officers, elected officials, and the public. wsv

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Alcohol intake linked to cancer

It is often the case that scientific research or analysis must catch up with common

West Shore Voice News Researchers at the Union versity of Otago (in New Zealand) who reviewed previous studies and meta-analyses, claim to have analyzed all major studies done over the last 10 years on alcohol and cancer.

They say these studies draw links between alcohol and cancer in areas of the body that handle the impact of intake and/ or metabolism of alcohol: liver, colon, rectum, female breast, larynx, orolarynx (mid-pharynx), and esophagus.

The research team has deaths worldwide, that 5.8% can be attributed to the consumption of alcohol. The greater the alsochol intake, the greater the risk of cancer.

Not surprisingly, the strongest causal relationship was found between alcohol and cancer of the larnyx and orolarynx due to the direct physical intake impact in those areas of the throat. WSV

Two hospice beds at Ayre Manor

Two hospice beds approved for Sooke must be placed in a regulated Care facility, says Sandy Pedneault who is Chair of the Sooke Elderly Citizens' Housing Society that operates Ayre Manor.

The two spaces are expected to be ready by October. Regular beds for Complex Care at Ayre Manor will thereby be reduced from 32 to 30. wsv

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Purchaser's Preview well attended at 30th Sooke Fine Arts Show by Mary P Brooke



Several hundred people attended the Purchaser's Preview on July 21. Above: *King Salmon #2* mixed-media piece on a cedar slab by Bonnie Coulter was a popular piece, seeming to keep watch on the crowds with a bejewelled eye.

● The 30th Sooke Fine Arts Show and art sale (July 22 to Aug 1) will likely attract the interest of about 8,000 visitors as in previous years, possibly more, given the anniversary factor. Hence, no surprise at the highest-ever number of entries this year – just shy of 1,500 works by art creators from around the coastal islands.

Every year the adjudicated show starts with the Purchaser's Preview event, as a 3-hour evening walk-about through the gallery. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are served as art appreciators walk about and mingle. Live music lilts through the air. Casual chatter among friends mixes with the upbeat energy of enjoying this year's eclectic range of art pieces.

Of the approximately 375 pieces in this 30th annual show, the ones that sold right away seemed to mostly be traditional-style landscapes and floral paintings. 'Sold' is indicated with a red dot on the exhibit information card next to the art piece.

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The art background and philosophies of the judges naturally colour the selection of pieces for each year's show. A modern, fresh and intruiguing but not quite quirky range of pieces are exhibited in this 2016 show, selected by jurors Ben Reeves, Diana Thorneycroft, and Michael Warren.

Regardless of medium, content themes emerge each year, which is interesting given that the artists are not intentionally collaborating. It's a bit of cosmic flow that comes through. This year watch for poppies to pop up, salmon to emerge, and ravens to appear in various works. The usual sampling of paintings of nudes is part of the exhibit. Digital photos were fewer than in past years.

The Artists Celebration Night is on Saturday, July 23. Awards of Excellence, Juror's Choice and other awards – including Best New Show Artist (to Pavel Francev) and Jan Johnson Memorial Award for Social Commentary (to Louise Huneck) will be celebrated. Winners from among the youth art exhibit will be announced that evening.

Artz4Kids and Artz4Youth will be on Tuesday July 26. The Seniors Teas will be on July 27 & 28.

Show admission fees are the same as they've been the same for the past few years: \$8 for a one-day pass (adult 18+) or \$7 Youth (under 18) and Senior (65+). A show pass is \$15. Children under age 12 get in free. Day passes are not valid for special events. www.sookefinearts.com wsv





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SD62: two new Assistant Superintendents to hit the ground running in September

• In a turnover that seemed partly planned and partly sudden, the Sooke School District 62 (SD62) has placed two new Assistant Superintendents (A/S) as the 2016-2017 academic year fast approaches.

Paul Block and Dave Strange are the two new A/S adminstrators who report to SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge. Block was most recently the Principal at Westshore Centre for Learning & Training. Strange has moved up from being a District Principal. Both bring internal experience – a ready-made fit.

The two positions had recently become vacant upon the retirement of Dave Betts from a long career in education, and the departure of Roberta Kubik for a Superintendent's position in Nova Scotia.

SD62 will have more students than ever (almost 10,000) in 2016-2017 throughout their schools and programs in Langford, Colwood and Sooke. **W\$V**

Communities in Bloom judges take a summertime tour of Sooke by Mary P Brooke



Sooke Communities in Bloom Committee at the Sooke Harbour House seaside. From left: Linda Anderson, Frederique Philip, Bruce Hobin (judge), Peter Crawshaw (judge), Brenda Parkinson, Brianna Shambrook, Drew Johnston, John Russell.

• While pretty much everyone else went on about their daily business, a few members of the Sooke community pulled out all the stops to prepare for and host the visit of two Communities in Bloom provincial-level judges.

Communities in Bloom is a program across Canada that promotes the beautification, enhancement and livability of growing communities.

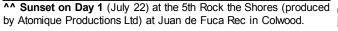
This year's judges were Peter Crawshaw (retired municipal parks administrator) and Bruce Hobin (agrologist). Hosting the tour were Sooke Program of the Arts (SPA) Committee Chair Drew Johnston, District of Sooke Councillor Brenda Parkinson (long-time beautification supporter) and Councillor Rick Kasper (as tour guide in the van that was used for the tour). The judges were keen to see Sooke's wastewater treatment plant, as well as Ed Macgregor Park and boardwalk, and the Sooke Fine Arts Show. They seemed particularly impressed with the Sooke Millennial Memorial Park on Maple Avenue South, saying it's important to maintain historical landmarks within the town area.

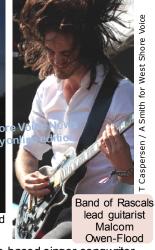
Members of the Sooke business community greeted the judges at a short reception on Thursday evening where the forest meets the sea – where else but the seaside lawn of Sooke Harbour House! Councillor Kerrie Reay accepted the certificate on behalf of the District of Sooke.

On Friday the judges were hosted at Sunriver Community Gardens for a locally-grown lunch. That event brought about 40 people together for salad, quiche, and barbecued salmon (nicely cooekd by Mel Hull), with garden host Anita Wasiuta. Representing the District of Sooke were Acting Mayor Ebony Logins, and Councillors Rick Kasper, Kerrie Reay, and Brenda Parkinson. Elida Peers, historian was there – she was the initiator of Communities in Bloom involvement years ago. Frederique Philip who has long promoted the Sooke region through Sooke Harbour House brought along sunhats for people to use out in the baking hot sun. Represented groups included the Sooke Region Museum and the Sooke Elderly Citizens Housing Society (Ayre Manor).

Rock the Shores: loudly doing just that!







"The audience was alive the whole day," said Sooke-based singer-songwriter
Taylor Caspersen after day-one of the 2016 Rock the Shores concert in Colwood on
Friday, July 22. Attending as a concert reviewer for West Shore Voice News, Caspersen
West Will have more to say in next week's paper! Mid-week see: www.westshorevoicenews.com
Courtesy on "In an industry dominated by corporate promoters, Atomique has maintained a
fercious independence," say old-time Victoria school buddies Nick Blasko and Dimitri
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Music in the Park - 'The Kicks'. Sun July 24. Free concert 2 to 4 pm. Veterans Memorial Park, Langford. www.cityoflangford.ca



www.rocktheshores.com

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Music in the Park - 'Hornetz B&B Review'. Sun July 31. Free concert 2 to 4 pm. Veterans Memorial Park, Langford. www.cityoflangford.ca

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Sooke Harbour Festival. Sat Aug 20 at Ed MacGregor Park. Paddle board & kayak race, arts & music. www.emcsprograms.ca

August Plant Sale. Sat Aug 27 at Victoria Compost Education Centre, 1216 N Park St, Victoria. 10am-2pm. www.compost.bc.ca

Sooke Night Market. Thursdays. Sooke Region Museum, 5-8pm (to Sept 1). www.sookeregionmuseum.ca

Sooke Country Market. Sat. 10am-2pm. Otter Pt Road at Eustace, Sooke (to Oct). Shirley Country Market Sun 10am-4pm, Pioneer Park near

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Longer hours at the medical clinic in Sooke: about 70 more patients FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC per week



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 As of Monday, July 4 the drop-in hours were extended at the West Coast Family Medical Clinic in Sooke. Physicians are now available on a dropin basis from 2 pm to 6 pm Monday to Friday, and from 9 am to 1pm on Saturdays (closed on Sundays and holidays).

There is strong evidence that these extended hours have begun to accommodate pent-up demand. In just the first few weeks of longer hours, about 70 more patient-visits per week have been handled by doctors at the clinic, says Dr Anton Rabien. West Shore Voice

Stats aren't available yet to say whether this increased number of patientvisits is for minor 'bumps and bruises' or bigger medical issues such as lumps, diabetes, or chronic illnesses that have not yet been attended to.

"It is hoped that these changes will improve access to primary medical care for those Sooke residents without a family physician, while at the same time maintaining the ability of the clinic physicians to meet their obligation of providing timely care to their registered patients," says Rabien said last week. wsv

Sooke Midwifery delivers:

tally of 69 babies expected in 2016

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• In this calendar year, the Sooke Midwifery service in Sooke will in total handle 69 births - babies already born or still on the way in 2016.

Last summer a special afternoon in Ed Macgregor Park saw parents, babies, siblings and others gather to celebrate birthing with Sooke Midwifery's two registered midwives Uta Herold and Paula Schikkerling.

"There was a very special energy in the park that day," says Uta Herold who opened her Sooke Midwifery office in 2010. She has been a midwife since Courtesy online edition 1981. **WSV**



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Health networking for 10+ years in Sooke region

 The Sooke Region Communities Health Network (SRCHN) -- formerly Sooke Region Community Health Initiative or CHI -- is a group of community members and health and social service providers who have worked collaboratively for 10 years to increase capacity and improve the overall health of the region by focussing on the social determinants of health.

Among the organization's many projects: the Sooke Region Food Security Project which went on to form its own society and momentum (Sooke Food CHI); the Sooke Region Community Health Information Project which collected areaspecific anecdotal and research data; a regional transportation and health study; two studies on Seniors' ability to manage at home (one for Sooke proper and one for the larger region); participation in the Community Centre Committee; CASA community Garden; and a collaboration with the Vancouver Island Health Authority's Integrated Health Network to develop and provide community-based services and activities for their patients. **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

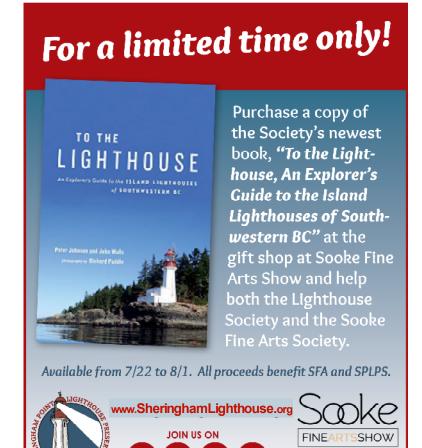
Since 2013 the District of Sooke has an Age-Friendly Committee through SRCHN. SRCHN also supports the continued development of the Sooke Region Volunteer Centre. www.sookeregionresources.com/volunteer-opportunities/browse

SRCHN was a key organizer of this year's Sooke Health Summit in May 2016 hosted by the Primary Health Care Services Working Group chaired by Sooke Mayor Maja Tait.

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The group has a Board of Directors and a contracted coordinator to deepen their ability to serve and support the Sooke Region. Rick Robinson is Board chair and the coordinator is Christine Bossi. The Sooke Region Volunteer Centre Coordinator is Dawn Humphrevs. Funding for SRCHN's coordinator is derived through a grant from Island Health. www.sookeregionchn.com wsv



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