

Sunriver Review

WINTER '06

Your quarterly connection to your community

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Sunriver Estates launches newsletter for residents

by Diane Dakers

As we head into a new year, Sunriver Estates is heading into a new phase of growth.

Part of the growth is physical – new neighbourhoods with new homes; and part of the growth is about building an even stronger sense of community among residents.

To that end, Sunriver Estates is pleased to introduce this newsletter, for new Sunriver buyers and established residents. The *Sunriver Review* is designed to keep you posted on what's new and who's who in your growing community.

"We want our residents to be updated regularly, to get to know their neighbours and their new neighbourhood," says Blair Watling, sales manager at Sunriver Estates.

Every newsletter issue will feature a profile of a Sunriver Estates resident, an introduction to a local merchant and an update on the development of the community.

"We want residents to be fully informed," says Blair. "We want everyone to know what's happening on a regular basis."



Spectacular waterfall at Sunriver

Right now, what's happening at Sunriver Estates is the pending release of 23 lots in Phase 5A, located just south of Phase 1A. Sales are scheduled to begin early in 2007. "This area will have some nice views toward the Sooke River Valley, and the parkside lots back onto DeMamiel Creek," says Blair, adding that the first multifamily homes to be offered at Sunriver Estates, The Falls are also slated for release in the next few months.

Located west of Phase 1A, and consisting of one- and two-level townhomes, The Falls at Sunriver will be surrounded by forest, says Blair. "There's a beautiful waterfall. It's very lush, with lots of huge ferns and old growth forest. People will be almost surrounded by park."

In other news ... The Citta Group at Sunriver has just earned three CARE Awards, annual honours that recognize outstanding achievements by Vancouver Island builders, developers, architects and designers. Sunriver took the

gold CARE Award for its Customer Service program and silver awards in the Best Realtor category (Blair Watling) and Best Single Family Detached Spec Home Under 2,500 square feet (the Willow).



Award-winning Willow

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Meet your neighbours

NAME: Bob & Sande Cummings

NEW HOME: Phase 1A

MOVE-IN DATE: Jan. 19, '04



Career Choices

Bob is a Chartered Accountant & Certified Management Consultant and, officially, is a retired partner of Deloitte's. Sande, who is also retired, spent the majority of her working life in the airline & travel industry. Our careers afforded us the opportunity to visit and work across Canada and in four of the five continents.

Best Book

Sande would recommend any book on art, architecture, design and ancient cultures. Bob, on the other hand, would suggest any novel by John le Carré but really enjoys his weekly *Economist* magazine to keep him current of global issues.

For Fun ...

Sande is the consummate gardener and loves to putter in the dirt. (This year, she completed a three-month Master Gardener program at the Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver.) Bob likes to putter in the sand and rough and calls his efforts golf.

Why Sunriver Estates?

Retiring from active careers, we wanted affordability, quiet, a rural clean-air environment and a one-level home. Besides, we knew the property developers and were confident with the quality standards they promoted and continue to represent. Since we've moved in, we've been delighted by both the mix of families and the positive community spirit that has emerged throughout the development.

Origins

We were both born in Montreal and spent most summers in the country, southeast of Montreal. We met each other when we

were around 13 or 14, and this year we are celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary. We moved to Victoria in 1987 and wouldn't consider retiring anywhere but the West Coast.

Family

We are 'empty-nesters' living with our life-controlling cat, Diva. Our daughter and her husband live in Qualicum Beach, and they have two terrific young boys (super grandsons), one nearly three, the other just about one. Bob's three siblings still live in the east, though each has visited us on the coast.

NAME: Seaparc Leisure Complex

WEBSITE: crd.bc.ca/seaparc

LOCATION: 2168 Phillips Rd.

CONTACT: 642-8000

By Jeanine Woodman



Bike terrain park

It's too dark, too wet, you say? Don't want to go outside to exercise? Luckily, Sunriver Estates residents don't have to go far to find Seaparc Leisure Complex, where they can remain active – indoors – right through the winter.

"We try and offer what we can to include the whole community. Our primary focus is to get everyone active to whatever extent they can be," says Nathan Stewart, Seaparc administrative coordinator. "The ice rink is open to the end of March, and the pool is open year-round."

For those new to the ice, the centre offers plenty of learn-to-skate lessons for budding skaters of all ages. In addition, regular parent-and-tot skates, family skates after school and public skates are scheduled each week.

And girls, take note – Sooke is known for having one of the highest participation rates for female hockey in the province. If you're really not a participant but you like to watch hockey, the Sooke Stingers Junior B team plays its home games on Saturday nights at Seaparc Arena.



The venue also houses a multipurpose room with hardwood flooring and mirrors, equipped with weights, and used for fitness and yoga classes. The six-year-old pool "is arguably one of the nicest pools you'll find," adds Nathan. "Esthetically it's very bright and features lots of art," as well as a sauna, hot tub, leisure pool and viewing area.

Outside, the bike terrain park with five sets of jumps is the newest addition to the centre – it will soon be connected to a trail system. And come spring, the ball diamond will be busy once again.

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new website
Sunriver's website has undergone a major overhaul. Log on to www.sunriverestates.com to see the new home plans, photo galleries and phase reports

screening process

Just a reminder regarding the correct parking of personal vehicles, commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles and boats. Fences or screening of boats, trailers or RVs alongside the garage should be completed so the vehicles are not visible to your neighbours or from the street. Courtesy to your neighbours is appreciated.

There's no doubt about it Winter is for the Birds



From song birds like chickadees to birds of prey like eagles, from water birds like loons to game birds like quail, scores of bird varieties can be sighted across Canada during winter months. And while it's unlikely you'll attract an eagle to your backyard bird feeder – just as well – you can bring colour to your backyard and important nutrition to birds by feeding when other food sources are scarce.

With limited food sources available during the winter, many birds depend on outdoor bird feeders. Canadians who feed birds consistently throughout the winter months provide reliable nutrition and a new home.



learn more or just enjoy watching them, bird feeding is easy, affordable and a rewarding way to add natural beauty to your winter garden."

To complement the wild bird food line, Squirrel and Small Animal Food was developed to attract animals that regularly consume bird food, diverting them away from bird feeders with their own wholesome blend.

The complete line of Scotts Wild Bird Food and the Squirrel and Small Animal Food is available exclusively at Canadian Tire stores

Holiday Light-Up '06

Last year's Light-Up was so impressive, we ended up giving away four prizes. The couple at 2419 Driftwood Dr. enjoyed the top prize – a night out downtown, with dinner at Hugo's (now Sanuk) and an overnight stay at The Magnolia Hotel. This year will be no different. Remember, you don't necessarily need the most lights – just be as creative as you can. Our panel of judges will be doing final viewings and making the big decision on Tues., Dec. 19.

"This place has come a long way in the six years I've been here," he says. "It's getting better and better each year."

One particularly popular weekly event is the Friday night teen swim. Upcoming special feature family events include the Glow-in-the-Dark skate, Jan. 12, and Dora the Explorer swim, Jan. 23.

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"Scotts has been helping gardeners make their backyards healthy and beautiful for 153 years," says Kathy Russell, brand manager, Scotts Canada. "Last spring, we were thrilled to partner with The Toronto Zoo's renowned nutrition experts to develop wild bird foods that will help Canadian gardeners create the backyard habitat they want," Russell says, adding that bird feeding is one of Canada's most popular pastimes with 43 per cent of Canadian households feeding wild birds in their backyards. More than half of those households feed throughout the year.

"Whether you're an authority on birds, want to

across Canada, including the Fall/Winter Blend which contains milo, sunflower and peanuts' nutritional needs in the cold weather.

- News Canada



Sunriver Estates
announces the
\$500 Homeowner Referral Program

Starting November 2006, any resident who directly refers a new homebuyer to Sunriver Estates, and that referral results in a sale completing, will be paid \$500 upon completion of the deal. The Referral Program is for current Sunriver residents, and new clients should be registered with the Sales Centre prior to entering into any contract. There is no limit to the total number of referrals paid out to any given household.

The Sunriver Referral Program
Growing the Community together!

local merchants

