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EDITORIAL

On our first drive to the beach since we left in October, we reflected on possible coming changes, and the fact that this is our 35th year. Why do we keep coming back and will there be changes that will alter the beach resort we have loved and respected over the years?

Well there have been changes in the past, and of great significance like the coming of electrification, the move from railroad to highways, the doubling in numbers of cottage owners, and of course the handing over from one generation to the next. And despite all this Victoria Beach has not lost its uniqueness. Other beaches have the sand, the trees, the same waters and sky, but not those qualities that make this resort unique. We believe there must be a homogeneity of spirit amongst cottage owners to seek always to protect what we have here.

What we have that is different from elsewhere is space, good zoning by-laws that keep cottages well apart. What we have is freedom, freedom to stroll on winding avenues that are really trails unimpeded by pavement, by hydro lines and by motor vehicles. What we have too is the Victoria Beach Club, a successful club year after year because there are people willing to buy memberships or to donate, and members willing to participate in management and in events. Where else in any community, does 50% of the residents become members of a club? Wouldn't it be great to see 60% this year despite the hard times.

But back to possible changes, reflections do wander. One possible change this summer could be the addition of three new tennis courts. This kind of change can do no harm for any surface damage will soon be repaired as was the case when the railroad tracks were removed. It is regrettable that some of our lovely trees will go, but as has been said elsewhere, the removal of trees will be minimized. The new courts on the other hand will mean more opportunities for members to learn and play tennis. As it is now, anyone hankering to have a casual go at the game sees the line-up and doesn't even try. We hope this effort gets good SUPPORT and is underway this fall.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It seems just like yesterday (but in reality was last summer) that we were asking people to co-ordinate various 1982 events.

The 1982 season is upon us. There is much to be thankful for as we get into gear for the summer activities ahead. Our previous editor, Margaret Owen, effectively described the Victoria Beach spirit extremely well in her "Editor's Appreciation" article in the August 28, 1981 Herald. I

commend it to you for reading again as we kick off the 1982 season.

After four years of holding the line, it has been necessary to increase the membership fees. A number of significant repairs have been completed at the Clubhouse and more will be done throughout the summer. Of course, various other operating costs continue to increase.

Our new editor is Albert Wolff, 120 Centre, and we welcome him aboard. We are delighted to have Carol and Norm Carriere back with us again. A number of new people are involved with various events and that is a healthy sign. We also welcome John Lewis, our new vice-president, and are grateful to Lawrie Pollard for being a friend and handling our printing needs. The new tennis court committee has been very active and is ready to get on with the job.

A special thanks to all of those people participating in the 1982 season.

Along with the acknowledgements (the good news), there is the bad news. We need co-ordinators for the following activities:

- tennis court supervision and maintenance
- Great Frisbee contest
- cross-country run
- dog show

We are certain you will help. Contact me at 306-7th, V.B. or 334-8286 (home).

Those car-free streets (almost), those hungry mosquitoes, the sound of a chainsaw at 6:00 a.m., coupled with the whispering trees and sprinkle of sunlight on the paths truly make this a unique place where both summer and permanent residents can enjoy life in peace and tranquility.

So let go, smile at everyone you pass and have a superb summer.

RONALD N. STOROZUK
President

RECREATION NEWS

My family and I appreciate the opportunity to return to the beach for another summer filled with activity. Thank you for your ongoing confidence in me.

The first children's hike is along Victoria and the beach to the Hillside "trail". This area is great for games, "catching some rays", and swimming.

Evening recreation with ball games, tag games and volleyball is organized Monday to Friday beginning at 7:00 p.m. Join us. Have some fun and make new friends.

There will be no teen dance this Saturday, July 3rd. However, the clubhouse will be open from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for table tennis and friendly gathering.

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Welcome back to the Beach. I hope that all of you will have a pleasant summer. I am sure that you will join with me in congratulating our Public Works Department on the excellent job they did in getting the water system working by the long weekend in May considering that the weather only allowed them three days to accomplish the job. I am sure you will appreciate the excellent job that Mr. Chappell has done in cleaning up the brush and leaves this spring. It has always been a general policy in the municipality to discourage the placing of piles of brush on the streets during the latter part of June until after the Labour Day weekend in September.

With the present contract it is unreasonable to expect that brush be picked up during the summer months. It is requested, therefore, that you hold your brush on your property until September in order to keep the streets in the municipality tidier. Trees and branches should be no more than 5 feet in length. You are also reminded that the removal of old building materials and brush from newly cleared lots is the responsibility of the owner.

SAM McMORRIS
Reeve

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be open for the season from July 1st till August 20th with over 150 new and used (mostly used) books to replenish its shelves. We hope we have something suitable for everyone.

Donations of children's books would be appreciated as it is difficult to keep up with the wear and tear of books in this section.

Those who still have books they borrowed last summer will have their privileges reinstated upon the return of the books.

Please present your Victoria Beach Community Club Membership Card to the library assistant when signing books out.

Volunteers over the age of twelve are needed to help in the library during the summer. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Barbara Duke at 202-5th Avenue or at the library July 1st at 11 a.m.

Library hours will remain:
11:00 - 12:00 Monday - Friday
7:00 - 8:00 Monday - Thursday

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Emerson.

Happy Reading!

BARBARA DUKE

IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME!

Hi There!
Welcome back to another summer at beautiful Victoria Beach. Another year of super beach activity has been planned for you and your family by the Victoria Beach Club Executive for 1982. All it takes is that little bit of co-operation that has been so readily given in the past, to provide the money to do the job by buying your Victoria Beach Club Membership.

VICTORIA BEACH CLUB MEMBERSHIP BLITZ DAY SATURDAY, JULY 3rd, 1982

Also for those who do not make use of the Club activities your donations are gratefully accepted, and are used to reduce the deficit of the Victoria Beach Herald you are now reading.

Remember the canvassers are giving freely of their personal time to ensure the necessary funds are collected for another successful summer. Membership fees for 1982 are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP FEES

	Adults	Single	Family
Season	Couple \$15.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
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SWIMMING PROGRAM 1982

The swimming program begins on Monday, July 5th and continues through the summer until Friday, August 13th. Registration takes place on Sunday, July 4th 1:00-2:30, at the clubhouse. A 25¢ registration fee is required, as well as, proof of membership with the Victoria Beach Club. We are fortunate to have two excellent instructors — Sydney Stevenson and Colleen Smith. Colleen is returning for her second summer to assume the responsibilities of senior instructor. The program includes the Red Cross Water Safety, Royal Lifesaving, adult swimming and aquafitness. If scheduling permits, we also hope to offer synchronized swimming, small craft safety, C.P.R., and fun races.

JULY SWIMMING SCHEDULE

COLLEEN		SIDNEY	
9:00-10:00 Bronze	9:00-9:30 Lifesaving 3	9:30-10:00 White	
10:00-10:30 Grey	9:30-10:00 Green	10:00-10:30 Maroon	
10:30-11:00 Maroon	10:30-11:00 Blue	11:00-11:30 Adult Aquafitness	
11:00-11:30 Adult Aquafitness	11:00-11:30 Maroon	11:30-12:10 Minnows	
1:30-1:50 Red	1:10-1:30 Orange	1:30-1:50 Maroon	
2:00-2:30 Maroon	1:30-1:50 Minnow	2:30-3:00 Blue	
2:30-3:00 Blue	2:30-3:00 Grey	3:00-3:30 Survival	
3:00-3:30 Survival	3:00-3:30 Green	3:30-4:00 Lifesaving 2	
3:30-4:00 Lifesaving 1	3:30-4:00 Lifesaving 2		

JANET SAMPSON

RED CROSS COLOUR-CODED LEVELS

The eight levels in the Red Cross Program are identified by colour. Students find this approach is more conducive to smooth progress from one level to the next. Safety is stressed throughout the program, even during the teaching of strokes and skills. It becomes such a logical, integral part of the training, that it adds to the students' enjoyment of water and related sports and activities.

YELLOW LEVEL. — This level takes advantage of the student's natural desire to explore, to familiarize him or her with shallow water. While it focuses on enjoyment, it lays down the first principles of safety in, on and around water.

ORANGE LEVEL. — At this level, the student is taught the basics of propulsion in shallow water. The program is designed so that he or she continues to absorb more of the fundamentals of safety.

RED LEVEL. — Here the student begins some simple exercises in deep water. This instills confidence, and allows the student to practise some of the lessons learned about water safety. The student is also shown how to use life-jackets and personal flotation devices.

MAROON LEVEL. — Now the student is introduced to the basic techniques of the crawl, as well as rescue breathing, personal assists, and the heat escape lessening position (H.E.L.P.).

BLUE LEVEL. — This level acquaints the student with the back crawl, and provides an opportunity to improve the front crawl. At this point, the student must also demonstrate an awareness of personal safety in a water environment.

GREEN LEVEL. — It's now time for the student to be introduced to the elementary back stroke, while continuing to improve the strokes already learned, and to increase his or her knowledge of safety.

GREY LEVEL. — The student is now ready to be introduced to the breast stroke, and continues to perfect the other strokes and skills. The student is taught the techniques of shallow and surface dives.

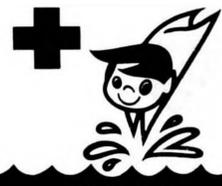
WHITE LEVEL. — At this level the student achieves competence in all areas: safety, strokes, and survival. Not only is he or she completely at ease executing all strokes, but safety awareness is second nature.

BRIDGE
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 JOHN LEWIS
 329 Seventh with
 DONA BURRON

BEACH PEOPLE

Miss Elsie Dennis of Sussex, England is spending the first three weeks of July as a guest of the Owen family, 407-6th Avenue. Aunt Elsie is celebrating her 84th birthday on July 6th. The C. Dawson's on 8th Avenue have their daughter Sharon and her husband Ken Johnston from Edmonton visiting them during the first few weeks of July. Granddaughter Tracy and grandsons Trevor and Kevin are here as well to enjoy the Beach.

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