

Oaklands Rise News

Xeriscaping! (zeer-escaping) It's not a tongue-twister, it's a garden philosophy!

Coming to a woonerf near you, just in time for Victoria's hot summer weather...see page 2!

Update on the Woonerf

A number of City projects align well with the woonerf model and we anticipate approval of a LQC (lighter, quicker, cheaper) option to avoid infrastructure heavy, expensive roadworks. That said, we've learned that road works are expected in the next few years as very old City services are upgraded. So...why not trial some ideas in a low cost, neighbourhood driven pilot ahead of investing in infrastructure?



Issues to note

* Development can work *with* or *against* the community focus of a woonerf

- 1301 Hillside: as proposed, will increase traffic on Acton, Cedar Hill, Kings, Mt. Stephen, Capital Heights & Empire. City staff response that this is unlikely is not credible: vehicles (from the north, east & west) simply cannot reach the building without an increase to cut-through traffic.
- 2700 Avebury: in-fill housing is a sensitive approach to increasing density; owners have agreed to request a variance from the sidewalk requirement, just as Cam B did at 2695 Capital Heights, with pollinators to come.
- Alternatives to the environmentally invasive road works typically resulting from the Subdivision Services Bylaw can, instead, be plantings, road art and way-finding de-incentivizes non-local traffic and builds community!

Seen on the Woonerf

New members of the Oaklands Rise Woonerf supporter group, Julianne seen weeding with Pat, and Cindy with Rob on the boulevard. Welcome aboard!

It's that time again!

OCA Sunset Market
(July 3 - Sep 4)

Where could a new community centre be located? Will the character of Oaklands change over time?

Share your views on the Neighbourhood Plan Oaklands: Forward 50 Look for the ONP table at each Sunset Market

Safety

Did you know that the woonerf arose from the Regional Traffic Safety Commission of Friesland? It's about safety by design, and people before cars.

Vision

Can shade trees and pollinators grace Kings Road to Oaklands Park?
How can art and music enhance the peaceful walkability of Oaklands?

Input

If you support housing, are you concerned about calming traffic?
Will you share your ideas on this and other topics?
Get involved!

Pics

We need photos of strolling mums, tandem wheelchairs, trios on foot, canes, walkers, bikes, scooters all using our sidewalk-free streets.

CONTACT US

Don't wait for an invitation...get busy! Ask us about any items in the newsletter. Email: oaklandsrise@gmail.com
Share ideas, send photos, or just say hi!

from page one...



Xeriscaping is a garden philosophy that provides habitat for bees, birds, butterflies and all our pollinator friends—with next to no watering!

Low maintenance plants *really do* offer the beauty of flowers, culinary treats of indigenous heritage, wind rattled seed clusters and the sweet rustle of swaying grasses. A recent trip to Haliburton Farm proves it: no “extra” water needed.

Sounds great for your garden? Learn how on the Woonerf!

Thanks to the City of Victoria *My Great Neighbourhood Grant* program and the efforts of the ORW Planning Group, you too can be a xeriscapist!

Join up to take part ...

- * Farm and Nursery Tour
- * Learning activities and workshop
- * Mini-design event: draw, colour, paste and collage our way to a demonstration garden plan
- * Building on learning, we'll design a garden to demonstrate how it can work, go out to select the right plants, get them into the ground and label so all can benefit, finally celebrating with a potluck party.

Contact John O directly or through any of the Oaklands Rise Woonerf Planning Group—or write oaklandsrise@gamil.com for details.

Some costs covered by a grant, donations also welcome to expand upon this opportunity.

Oaklands Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee (ONP-SC)

- ☑ Members of the ONP-Sc represent North and South Oaklands, youth, seniors, renters, owners, business small and large, with outreach to non-profits, faith organisations and community interests such as the Oaklands Rise Woonerf. Taking June to come together as a planning team, the group is designing a process to invite YOUR ideas, issues, concerns and dreams for Oaklands in the short, medium and long (50 years!) term.
- ☑ Neighbourhood Plans guide planning for construction, transit, services, playgrounds, community space and more. Through zoning, they shape the “built environment” and that can mean canyons of cement or people scaled places for green living. What's your vision? Have your say!

Volunteers: we've been too busy to reach out—why not reach us? Pitch in!

If your focus is on the streetscape, why not help plan how neighbourhood artists and kids can get creative? More of a “dig in the dirt” type? Tugging weeds, working soil, deadheading and pruning are ways to help.

There's no need to get permission for maintenance efforts—*but if planting is your thing*, please refer to the low maintenance plant list first presented at the August 2018 Street Event on Mt. Stephen Ave.

With Victoria's increasingly hot summers, xeriscaping is a practical, cost effective garden approach. Your participation is welcome—and free! Contact the [ORW Planning Group](#) to sign up and get involved.

Thanks for being a part of our great neighbourhood ... see you on the Woonerf!