

# July 09 **Connections** ...the voice of Lynn Valley



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## Hard Times Bring People Together

The cost of living and the economic downturn affect us all. The good thing is that this naturally creates a growing need for people to connect with each other in their own neighbourhoods.

Quality of life, community, belonging, all come from the people and the things we do together to make our community a home, from block parties to church services and Lynn Valley Day to the summer concerts and the upcoming 2010 Celebration for the Lynn Valley Village Plaza. These are all events that don't cost the residents much to be involved in but make the community feel more like home and a place to belong.



Get more involved in your community,  
join the LVCA and get connected.

John Gilmour, LVCA President  
www.lvca.ca

## The DNV Plan For Lynn Valley .....What does it mean? What should we do?

**Update on the Lynn Valley Town Centre Project.** Phase II of the DNV Sustainable Community Development Department's planning process to develop a preferred concept for the Lynn Valley Town Centre is nearing completion. It is anticipated that consultations with the community to review the latest ideas and concepts for a vibrant, mixed-use pedestrian and transit-oriented Town Centre will take place this fall.

Highlights for public review will include a street-oriented shopping district and future High Street, a mix of housing types to meet the changing needs of the community, with improved connections for both pedestrians and cyclists, and an illustration of what a future solar village could look like and how we could harness alternative energy sources to power the centre. The future Lynn Valley Town Centre is considered a key building block and integral part of the District Official Community Plan review. For more information on the Town Centre project check out the District's web site at [www.dnv.org](http://www.dnv.org) and for more information on the District's Official Community Plan review go to [www.identity.dnv.org](http://www.identity.dnv.org).



It's your valley, don't wait until the concrete is poured,  
Get involved in the consultation process now!

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**Council Notes, by Robin Hicks** - Many new initiatives will be impacting this community over the next few years. On the local scene the Seylynn Village development proposal along Fern Street has achieved a significant milestone with the adoption of OCP and rezoning bylaws. This paves the way for this major mixed unit development, including commercial space and non-market rental housing, to embark on its phased ten-year build out. It will not be without challenge, particularly in terms of traffic, but will generate much needed living space for our next generation of families and workers. The Official Community Plan review has moved into high gear with several successful community meetings in June. By its completion in December 2010 Council and Citizens together will have forged a future vision for this Community, with goals and policies to guide us through the next twenty years. I hope it will be notable for its inclusion of the views of all our citizens both young and old and of all political and social persuasions. Please get involved : [www.identity.dnv.org](http://www.identity.dnv.org)

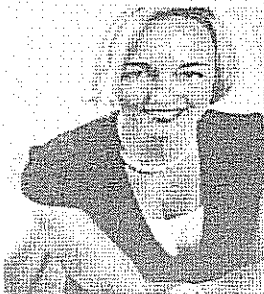
On a wider Metro Vancouver basis, a solution to waste disposal is a high priority. After reusing, recycling and composting, there still remains in excess of one million tonnes per year for disposal. We are running out of landfill space and so alternative technologies, including incineration which has successfully been implemented in many European countries, are under consideration. Another major hurdle facing us is the financing of our roads, bridges, and transit systems over the next ten years. Transit will move into a deficit position by 2010. Additional revenue of \$260 million per year is needed to maintain our current road and transit system alone. Up to \$450 million more per year is needed for the acquisition of buses, road bridge and transit line improvements. The dilemma is in selecting revenue sources from property tax, fuel tax, vehicle levy, road pricing (tolls etc), and fares. The local political mandate through the Mayors' Council is to seek an end to the unfair load on property tax. More to come! Please contact me at [rhicks@dnv.org](mailto:rhicks@dnv.org) for questions.

For more, including an update on the North Shore police review and a landslide risk survey go to [www.lvca.ca](http://www.lvca.ca)

**Message from Lynn Valley Seniors Association** : We are a not for profit society providing social and recreational programs for seniors in Lynn Valley and promoting the presence of seniors in the community. If you are a senior, or know a senior, we want to hear from you. Tell us what programs or services you think are needed in Lynn Valley, find out what's already available. You will be surprised! Contact us at 604-987-5820, email [lynnvalleyseniors@gmail.com](mailto:lynnvalleyseniors@gmail.com) or write us a note c/o Mollie Nye House, 940 Lynn Valley Road, North Vancouver, BC V7J 1Z7. Join us and help shape your own future in Lynn Valley and enable us to better serve seniors.

**What will your house be worth when you retire?** Lynn Valley has **4 times** as many seniors as 30 years ago. This is a long term trend which is having a strong effect on the housing market. Empty nesters are finding it tough to realise the dream of downsizing with a big lump sum. Demand for retirement homes is high and rising. The District's Official Community Plan is trying to address this issue now. You might want to check it out! Now is the time to get involved while the plan is being formulated and not after. [www.identity.dnv.org](http://www.identity.dnv.org)

I have worked with many baby boomers who want less upkeep and maintenance while staying in Lynn Valley, but are shocked when they realize that their money doesn't go as far as they had planned when looking for that perfect apartment. That's why choosing a good realtor to assist in this process is key. At the moment demand is strong, low mortgage rates and affordability have been the driving force behind Lynn Valley's recent boom in sales after a lull. Our fabulous new village and spectacular setting makes Lynn Valley very desirable and in my opinion, the new outdoor Mecca of North Vancouver . Elizabeth Dyer – [www.elizabethdyer.com](http://www.elizabethdyer.com)



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**Editor's Corner** – welcome to the new look LVCA newsletter which is delivered to every home in the valley. It is our intention to help bring our community together, keeping residents informed about local topics and activities that affect us all. We want to represent as many local organisations as possible, so please email me if you want to be included in the fall edition.

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## \$\$ Competition! \$\$100

We are looking for a new name for the newsletter and we need your help. Send me your suggestions and the winning entry will receive \$100 worth of vouchers to spend with your favourite local stores. The winner will be announced in the September edition.

## Community Policing

If you have any local issues or information for the police please contact ,

Constable Gary Sidhu at 604 9907478

## Mollie Nye gets a website!



Mollie Nye House is a community house with state of the art facilities for every event. Need space for a meeting or a party, check it out. Learn Spanish or Tai Chi, there is an impressive variety of events. Go see on our new website - [www.mollienye.com](http://www.mollienye.com)

## Help! The famous Mollie Nye garden is under attack .

We need regular volunteer weeders. If you have no garden of your own feel free to come on down. Our Master Gardener Corinne will get you started. 604-987-5820



## Antiques Road Show

3rd Annual Mollie Nye House Antiques Road Show  
Saturday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30-1pm \$10 per item  
(3 items per person) Come early as space is limited!



**Lynn Valley Community Association** The times they are a changing, more so than ever before. The LVCA represents the whole community and so the more members we have the better able we are to get the attention of those organisations that need local involvement. (Even if sometimes they don't want it!)

**Sign up now and get involved!**

## Membership application

Name

Address

Postal Code

Email

Phone

Cell

Cheques to Lynn Valley Community Association,  
Mollie Nye House – individual \$20, Business \$100

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A new LVCA Board of directors was elected at the AGM on May 26, 2009. Check the website for details.

## Mad Science Camps for Kids

This summer we are offering two science camps for children at Mollie Nye House. Both are half-day, hands-on and tons of fun!

**Lights Colour Action - July 20-24, 1-4pm**

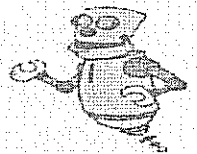
5-10yrs \$160 Course. Learn about cameras, birds, bugs and bridges. We'll create our own chemistry lab, complete an obstacle course with the help of simple machines and become engineers for the day.

**Red Hot Robots Aug 10-14 1-4pm.**

Learn all about robots and their everyday uses. Find out about circuits and sensors and build your very own working robot to take home with you. 7-12yrs, \$175



Call 604-983-6388 to register



**Wintertide....** published by Lynn Valley Literary Society, Wintertide is a collection of stories, poems, articles and recipes written by local writers, members of the arts community and those who entered the North Shore News Winter Woes and Wonders contest. Wintertide is a celebration of the winter season on the North Shore. This professionally designed and illustrated book will make a lovely gift for anyone, but especially for local people. Proceeds to support the not for profit work of Lynn Valley Literary Society, whose programs include the Young Writers' Club and literary events and workshops for writers of all ages. You or your organisation can sponsor an article or recipe, every little bit helps. For more information or to pre-order the book, visit [www.wintertide.ca](http://www.wintertide.ca)

## Lynn Valley, a virtual Olympic village!

February 12 -28<sup>th</sup> for 17 days celebration events from Whistler, Richmond and Vancouver will be fed live to Lynn Valley's huge outdoor LED screen at the Plaza.

Other entertainments will include local bands and artists with something for everyone. Displays will reflect both the games and our Lynn Valley culture and art.

Local restaurants, cafes and businesses will be doing their best to provide atmosphere as well as great food.

Everything is still in the planning stages so keep an eye on the Lynn Valley Community Association website,

[www.lvca.ca](http://www.lvca.ca)

## St Clement lends a hand -

Two refugee families from Burma have escaped the harsh brutalities of their home country this month thanks to the sponsorship of local churches including St Clement's in Lynn Valley.

The families are members of the Karen people driven from their homes by years of war with the Burmese military dictatorship. Sponsorship involves supporting a family financially for one year, housing and furnishings and providing friendship and practical help with things like doctors visits and language training.

If you would like to help or know more please call Chris at 604 987-0372.



## Happy Trails - Have you heard of Executioner or 7<sup>th</sup> Secret? No? You're in for a treat then!

The North Shore Mountain Bike Association (NSMBA) is a registered Not For Profit Charity dedicated to maintaining North Shore trails in a sensitive and sustainable manner. Thousands of volunteer hours have been organized by the NSMBA so that all users can benefit from the extensive trail network located adjacent to the Lynn Valley community. *(Go to [www.nsmba.bc.ca](http://www.nsmba.bc.ca) for trail maps and be amazed.)*



The NSMBA and numerous local businesses organize and sponsor "Trail Days" where volunteers are provided with guidance and materials to maintain and improve trails. Dates remaining in 2009 when you can help to participate in trail days include the following:

*July 19 - Ned's trail on Seymour,*

*August 23 - YTBD trail on Fromme,*

*September 13 - Severed on Seymour, (They have picnics and barbecues, bring the family and get them to work!)*

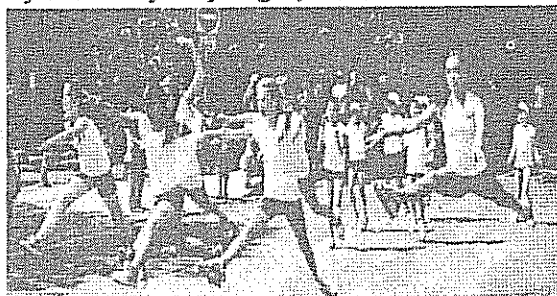


Without the dedicated work of the NSMBA there would be far fewer trails for us to enjoy. Please join us on a trail day or support our trails by joining or contributing to the NSMBA at [www.nsmba.bc.ca](http://www.nsmba.bc.ca)

**Hastings Creek Trail** - thanks to Graham Knell, Trail and Habitat Coordinator at DNV Parks for supporting the LVCA trail day. The volunteers worked from Ross Rd. Elementary south towards Hoskins Rd. They planted, cleared rubbish, cutback vegetation and cleared drains and stairways. We hope all you hikers noticed! Well done all around. Check out the website for the next trail day. [www.lvca.ca](http://www.lvca.ca)

**Lynn Valley Suspension Bridge** - The bridge has been refurbished and is back to normal. Looking Good!

## Lynn Valley Day high jinks



**Hooray for our Corporate sponsors**

**Vancity - Lynn Valley - Arlene Urlacher and her team.**

**Delany's Coffee House, Robin Delaney and crew.**