

## **ARBUTUS RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2012**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – MAY 30<sup>th</sup> – ARCA'S FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING as a registered society!**

**Time: Registration at 6:00 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. meeting**

**Place: Arbutus Village Recreation Centre, Suite B2 Arbutus Shopping Centre**

**Agenda: Annual Reports from Chair and Treasurer**

**Election of Officers for 2012-2013**

**Programme: Invited Guests from other Vancouver Community Associations:**

**"How can community associations best represent residents' concerns with the City of Vancouver?" We want your input!**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**More AGM information later!**

**RECENT ACTIVITIES - ARCA has been active in our City Plan association - ARKS – which covers Arbutus Ridge, Kerrisdale and Shaughnessy Heights. Issues for ARKS have included:**

- Its sheer survival without City support. When first set up, the City Plan associations were allocated a small budget by the City and a City Planner would attend the monthly meetings. That support has been withdrawn.**
- The multiple development planned for 3213 East Boulevard is still not settled.**
- The Arbutus Corridor – what to do with it! Bike lane? Gardens? Housing? Transit?**

**ARCA has supported other communities in their struggle to maintain community character and adherence to their City Plans. Most recent was our support to the Mount Pleasant association, RAMP, in its opposition to the 19 storey high-rise on Kingsway.**

**ARBUTUS SHOPPING CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT - Our major concern with the redevelopment is the diversion of the underground water if there are three floors of underground parking. There are major streams under that property. Larco said they would "look after us" if there were problems but we have no idea what that means.**

**LANEWAY HOUSING – So many problems with this new way to densify our city: trees are cut down, neighbours lose their privacy from a 1 ½ to 2 storey house, extra cars are parked on the street and laneway access is limited. Toronto decided they weren't good for their city. What do you think? Did you know that with a laneway house, a basement suite, a lock-off unit in the house, you can have four families on a single family lot!**

**Bring your ideas and concerns to the AGM on May 30<sup>th</sup> !**

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