



# MOLE HILL NEWS



## Mole Hill Community Housing Society Annual General Meeting

Mole Hill held a very successful AGM at Central Presbyterian Church on Thursday, October 27, 2011. Five new board members and three past directors were elected for a two-year term. We would like to welcome:

### New directors:

Marvin Bates  
Erich Isopp  
Joshua Lovelace  
Michael Mesic  
Gordon Monk

### Past directors who were re-elected:

Gillan Jackson  
Robert Nickerson  
Stephen Reid

We would also like to say farewell to retiring Board members Antonio Baro-Castilante, Carellin Brooks, Jacinta Eni and Derek Wood and thank them for their service on behalf of the Society. Thank you to current board members Ewa Gersin, Elizabeth Kemp, Nitin Madhvani and Doug Tomkinson for their work over the past year.



## Porches and Stairs

Thank you for your calls and suggestions about slippery porches and stairs that needed attention. John Kibedi has done an excellent job of cleaning these areas for us! Where needed, traction slips will be added to the stairs in the spring, when the weather is dryer.

## Coffee and Cake with The Executive Director



Are you new to Mole Hill (within the last 6 months) and have been wondering what it's all about? Maybe you have lived here awhile and would like to join us.

I would love to meet you and review the Mole Hill Tenant Handbook and other important information or simply answer any questions you may have.

**Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**  
or  
**Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**  
**Mole Hill Community Room.**

*Please RSVP to Margot Beauchamp,  
Executive Director (604) 681-2096.*

## Mole Hill Activities

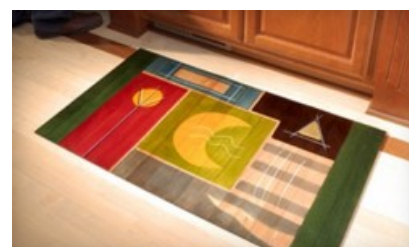
### YOGA ON THE HILL



Would you be interested in taking yoga classes at Mole Hill? If so, please let us know the best days and time for you and we will arrange for a teacher.

### SEASONAL GIFTS

Join us for a day of making floor mats or table runners on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Mole Hill Community Room.



You must RSVP for this event by **Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** call Margot at (604) 681-2096 and let her know which product you would like to make.

### Mole Hill Seasonal Celebration



Because the month of December is such a busy one, we will be celebrating with a seasonal celebration in January this year. Watch for upcoming news about this event and if you would like to volunteer please let me know at (604) 681-2096. Just a reminder, that the Community Room is available to anyone who would like to use it for family events or holiday festivities.

### Neighbourhood Small Grants Projects

Every year the Vancouver Foundation provides small grants to neighbourhood organizations to help them improve socially, culturally or physically. The grants range from \$50 to \$500 and can be for anything from block parties, to talent shows; cultural cooking to garden parties (see the long list of suggestions in the laundry room!). They prefer that applicants are pairs or small groups of tenants. The application deadline is April 30, 2012.

Information about "How to Apply" can be found on the Vancouver Foundation website at

[www.vancouverfoundation.ca/specialprojects/neighbourhoodsmallgrants](http://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/specialprojects/neighbourhoodsmallgrants)



The Mole Hill Banner was completed with funding for a "Small Grants Project".



### New, Views, Ideas or Comments

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please send me your articles and I would be happy to include them. The newsletter is currently published every other month, so the next one will be in January 2012. Please send to [mbeauchamp@mole-hill.ca](mailto:mbeauchamp@mole-hill.ca)

### Mole Lane Edible Lane Project



This year's phase of the laneway refurbishment is nearing completion. A variety of native food bearing species has been planted in several different areas. I would like to thank Raegan Olmstaed of Silent Gardener for her help with this project. Composting workshops and equipment purchases will take place in the spring.

We would like to submit a 2<sup>nd</sup> application for a Community Project Grant to Vancity in January 2012. Long-term goals are to build on the concept of a native, edible landscaping area while increasing the eco-urban approach. Other gardening concepts such as green walls, roof-top gardening, enhancing natural irrigation systems, educational signage and other concepts are all being considered for on-going projects.

Please let me know if you have ideas about this project and/or if you would like to be involved in some way.

**Vancity**



**Receive a free day pass to the Family Development Centre at the YMCA by filling in a short survey!**

Lisa Paterson, Community Programmer from the Robert Lee YMCA, would like to talk to parents or caregivers about new programs for families.

Email Lisa at [lisa.paterson@vanymca.org](mailto:lisa.paterson@vanymca.org) or call her at (604) 673-6162