



MOLE HILL NEWS

City of Vancouver 125th Anniversary Celebration

“Art and Heritage Walking Tours in the Gardens of Mole Hill” Saturday, August 20th, 2011

Plans for this exciting event are well underway! We have received applications from many different artists, artisans, musicians, and performers and we look forward to more submissions by May 15, 2011. Mole Hill tenants are encouraged to participate by sending in an application, no matter what your skill or interest might be. Join in the fun! We will need many volunteers to help with the preparation beforehand and assistance the day of the event, so if you are interested in being involved, please call Margot at (604) 681-2096.



Smoking at Mole Hill

The City of Vancouver bylaw regarding smoking in public places states the following:

“A person may not smoke within six meters measured on the ground from a point directly below any point of any opening into any building including any door or window that opens or any air intake.”

We ask that you respect your neighbour’s right to health and quiet enjoyment by being aware of 2nd hand smoke in all areas of Mole Hill.



Liz Kemp, Member of the Board of Directors

What about Mole Hill most interests you?

I love the fact that this beautiful historic community is tucked into crazy downtown Vancouver – we are only a block off two major intersections but you would never know that wandering through the backyard gardens. The preservation of these homes and the creation of this Society is a really impressive feat!

Why did you choose to run for the Board of Directors of Mole Hill?

I’ve lived in Mole Hill for over a year but have been busy with graduate school and work and didn’t feel like I was part of the community. I’m a shy person by nature so getting involved by running for the Board seemed like the perfect opportunity to help overcome my shyness, get to know my neighbours and be an active part of this eclectic group of people. (Plus my neighbour Robert is very convincing.)

What changes or improvements would you like to see enacted within the Society?

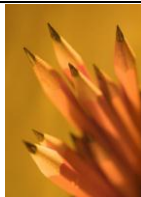
I would love to see more residents get involved in the community in positive ways. I understand that Mole Hill is just housing for some, but living here presents a special opportunity to be part of a collective; something that is very rare in a major city. It would be fantastic to see more people come out to activities, events and tenant meetings and help work to make Mole Hill an even greater place to live.

What is your favourite thing about Mole Hill / the West End / Vancouver?

This is easy – Mole Hill: Our back deck in the summer. The West End: People watching (seriously, it doesn’t get better than leather chaps on a Saturday night!). Vancouver: Being surrounded by the water and the mountains. We are truly blessed.



Thanks to everyone who came out for the **“Emergency Preparedness Workshop”** sponsored by the City of Vancouver’s *Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP)*. The response was very positive despite a hockey game being on and we will be holding a 2nd workshop entitled *“Neighbourhood Team Building”* so please join us for this upcoming workshop.



**Special General Meeting
June 28th, 2011 at 7:00 pm
Mole Hill Community Room**

Society members are invited to come to review and approve the undated Constitution and Bylaws. You must be a member of the Society to attend. Please see Angela in the office if you are interested in applying to become a member.



Joshua Welsh, a graduate student from the School of Landscape Architecture at UBC will be conducting a survey of Mole Hill tenants to help with his research in understanding community and its relationship to outdoor spaces. Joshua will be delivering a letter and questionnaire to you and would greatly appreciate your assistance with his project. His project has been approved by the Board of Directors.



Summer Reminders

If and when it ever comes!

Just a few reminders from management as we approach the summer season:

Watering: To conserve water we ask that you refrain from watering the grass in the summer months, but if the flowers or trees in your yard look extra dry please feel free to give them a drink.

Hoses: Please be sure to turn the water off completely after using the hoses. If using a soaker hose to water, only turn the water on half way, as full pressure will cause the hose to rupture.

Barbeques: Due to fire regulations BBQ’s are not allowed anywhere on the property at Mole Hill. For special events, tenants are welcome to use the large industrial BBQ that belongs to the Society but a permit from the City will need to be sought before hand.

Plants on porches and decks: Prevent wood rot by ensuring that all pots and planters are elevated so they are not sitting directly on the wood surfaces. Thanks to the many of you who have taken this action already!

Weeding: Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with weeding last year. If you can help with this task again this year we really appreciate it.

Thank you to the community gardeners for the wonderful work they have done on the garden plots at Mole Hill. It looks fantastic!