



# CASA LOMA NEWS

FALL/WINTER | 2021

## *Casa Loma residents asking for your support!*

Vicki & Doug Deschner, who reside in Casa Loma, have requested community support for the Okanagan Valley Pregnancy Care Centre. This group builds baskets for single moms, teen moms, and vulnerable families in desperate need this Christmas. See attached list of items that are being requested.

**Alternatives:** Cash or cheque donations over \$25 receive a tax-deductible receipt, please include your contact info on the envelope.

Please drop off at 415 Casa Rio Drive by Tuesday, December 14. Text or call (250) 862-1965 with any questions.

Thank you, Vicki & Doug, for this worthy cause!



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## EXTREME WEATHER IN BC

It's been a tough year for BC, and we are all thankful that Casa Loma has been spared the terrible weather condition-related events that much of BC has experienced, in the form of fires and floods this past year. This extreme weather affects us all. The CLCA board will continue to raise awareness for preventative programs like FireSmart, water conservation, and other common-sense initiatives. We thank all of you in the community who are helping to be a part of the solution by getting involved, and we look forward to expanding community engagement on these programs in the year ahead.

## DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

As we move into 2022, we appear to be in a holding pattern for the various development projects in Casa Loma. Some are waiting for further input from provincial or local governments (Sol Aqua, Shelter Bay Marina) while other projects are waiting for input regarding timing and plans from the developers (Benedick Road, Casa Palmero). We do, however, anticipate that Sol Aqua development will go to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2022. For more complete details, go to the "Developments" tab on the CLCA website:

<https://www.casalomacommunity.com>

**Sol Aqua Survey:** The Sol Aqua survey has been completed and the results (with individual comments) have been forwarded to both the developer and West Kelowna Development Services. In brief, 73% of the residents oppose the townhouses above Campbell Road while 83% oppose the 45-60 boat slips below Campbell Road. For complete details on this survey go to Sol Aqua survey on the CLCA website: <https://www.casalomacommunity.com/new-page-1>



## DOCK BEACH IMPROVEMENTS

We are pleased to report that the City of West Kelowna has a final design for upgrades to the Casa Loma Dock beach. The final design was created based on community consultation in the form of an open house at the beach as well as an online survey this past August.

You many have already noticed some improvements to the dock we hope to see the beach area upgrades go ahead in the first half of 2022 once the city awards the construction work.

We have attached a plan view of the most recent drawing provided by the city as well as a link to the CLCA website that has the most current info:

<https://www.casalomacommunity.com/local-projects>

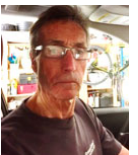
## COMMUNITY SAFETY

We thank the various leaders and volunteers who continue to work hard on various safety initiatives for Casa Loma. A few updates are provided below- we encourage everyone to participate:

- ✓ **Community Emergency Liaison (CEL) News:** Our Casa Loma Neighborhood Evacuation Plan has been designed and submitted to the City of West Kelowna for editing. It was completed in June but has not yet been presented to council for final approval, but this will happen soon. Our FireSmart Recognition documents have been completed and presented to the Province. We expect to hear back from West Kelowna Fire Rescue in the New Year regarding the presentation of our FireSmart Canada Neighborhood Recognition Certificate. Our Fire Warden Team is looking for a Fire Warden for the Casa Grande Drive area. If you are interested, please contact John Martin at [CLCAEmergency@gmail.com](mailto:CLCAEmergency@gmail.com) Thank you to John Martin and all our Fire Warden Volunteers for the efforts and results they have achieved for Casa Loma!
- ✓ **Blockwatch:** If you have not already signed up, please email community blockwatch leader and board member, Don Drissell, [drissellon@yahoo.com](mailto:drissellon@yahoo.com) with your contact info, and he will provide you with an information package. This is all about community members looking out for each other and reporting crime and suspicious activity to keep Casa Loma residents safe.
- ✓ **Traffic Calming:** Another successful year of our traffic calming program has concluded with the removal of our community signs to allow for snowplowing. Thank you to all who volunteered to take care of the planters, located along roads, beaches and parks. The signs and plants are paid for by our Community Association and is just one example of what your membership fees help with. We hope that you appreciate the beautification of our neighborhood!

## OTHER UPDATES

Thank you to Fred Smith for participating on the Board of Directors; Fred has stepped down due to personal circumstances. The board will operate for the remainder of this term with the eight (8) members listed below.



Also, thank you to George Lake for his efforts to update and improve our website. Please check out the website and let us know what you think!

<https://www.casalomacommunity.com>

Happy holidays everyone!



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Rodney



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