

# CASA LOMA NEWS

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## Easter Egg Hunt

The Casa Loma Easter Egg Hunt is back! The candy-hunting frenzy is set for Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM in Dupuis Park.

Bring your own basket... bunny ears optional.



After a covid-induced 2-year hiatus, we can start getting back to normal in Casa Loma with outdoor, in-person, community events- several which are detailed in this newsletter... it's about time!!

## **CLCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- JUNE 25, 2022**

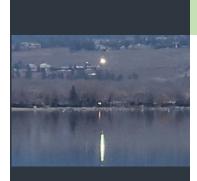
Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is planned for 12:00PM on June 25, 2022, at Dupuis Park. The AGM will be a recap of the highlights of the past year in Casa Loma and voting results for the next year's board of directors, followed by a community BBQ in the park. A detailed notice will be emailed in the coming weeks.

**Call For Directors:** we encourage any community members interested in becoming a candidate to join the Board of Directors to email the CLCA with your contact details at info@casalomacommunity.com

**Membership Fees:** Activities and community improvements depend on the generosity of the community and members, which are currently only \$10/year per member.

- To join the Casa Loma Community Association, log on at: <a href="https://www.casalomacommunity.com/member">https://www.casalomacommunity.com/member</a>
- Membership fees can be e-transferred to: casa.loma.community@gmail.com





# Blink, Blink, Blink, Repeat...

Residents not only in Casa Loma but in numerous surrounding communities are wondering what those "blinking lights" are across the lake and have created a blight on an otherwise beautiful view. The board has contacted YLW Airport and Transport Canada and have found there are 3 towers on the Casorso & Benvoulin Road intersection (across from the Kelowna driving range), which are operated by Bell Media. We will keep the community informed if these lights can be modified in any way and still comply with Transport Canada safety regulations.

## **COMMUNITY STUFF**

#### **SOL AQUA UPDATE**

The contentious Sol Aqua development went to a new Public Hearing on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Covid rules at that time required presenters to speak from a distance, one at time, to City Council. Given the challenging circumstances we want to thank the City of West Kelowna for their extra efforts to accommodate this important public hearing. The CLCA has followed up with an update request with Paul Gipps, CAO, and as of early April "The only update I can give on Sol Aqua is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading consideration won't be discussed in this first meeting in April." We will keep the community informed as soon as new information is available- which we expect soon.

#### LIFE'S A BEACH

**Casa Loma Dock:** following approval, community feedback, design stage and then initial construction phases in 2021, we are on the home stretch for completion of the Casa Loma Dock Beach upgrades. We expect this project to complete within the next couple of months and will then be available for the community to enjoy as we move into the hot summer months.

**Boat Launch:** Paul Gipps, CAO City of West Kelowna confirmed that the city is actively looking at some measures to ensure commercial launching is managed as Kelowna and Lake Country introduce fees that could push traffic to other boat launches. The CLCA will stay on top of this issue to ensure our local launch is utilized appropriately.

## WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY

• 11:00AM on Saturday, June 4th at Dupuis Park

There will be an information session with food and beverage on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. John Martin will be presenting Fire Smart initiatives to help lower the impact of a wildfire in our community as well as how to prepare for an evacuation if required. John will also review our fire warden system and the importance of CANN (Community Association Notification Network). Please attend if you wish to be informed on this important topic.



## Earth Day Litter Clean up

Saturday April 23, 2022, 10:00 AM meet up at Dupuis Park.

Bring your family, bring your gloves! Honor Earth Day in our community by participating in a volunteer cleanup day. Garbage Bags will be provided.

Is there an area that you would like to champion and organize your volunteers to focus on? Please let us know in advance at info@casalomacommu nity.com and we will help you plan and spread the word.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Don Drissell: The CLCA Board of Directors would like to thank Don for his years of service as a director, and his many contributions to the community. Don played a leading role in Block Watch (community crime safety), traffic calming, and contributed to many other initiatives on the board. Don and his wife Deb are relocating to Vancouver Island because of a job promotion Deb has been offered. Thank you, congratulations, and you will both be missed by the community!



It is with much sadness we report the passing of **Rodney Wright**, a great neighbor, long time CLCA board member and good friend to many. Our thoughts are with Rodney's wife, Linda, and family.



You will be missed by us all, Rodney.



Ryan



**Jesper** 



**Shirley** 



Don



**Yvette** 



Brenda



George