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Start of Construction - Gorge Road

We celebrated the start of construction of our 52 unit family project at 21 Gorge Road on May 27, 2011. Tenants are expected to start moving in February 2012.



(L – R) Loreen Vandekerkhove, GVRDS; Alanna Holroyd, GVRDS; Stuart Holroyd, GVRDS; Oak Bay Mayor Christopher Causton, CRD; Mayor Dean Fortin, City of Victoria; Murray Coell, MLA Saanich North & the Islands; Kim Thorau, GVHS; Ian Batey, GVHS

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In partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Victoria, over \$6,500 was raised to support our two charities. Thanks to all the volunteers and supporters of this great sporting event.

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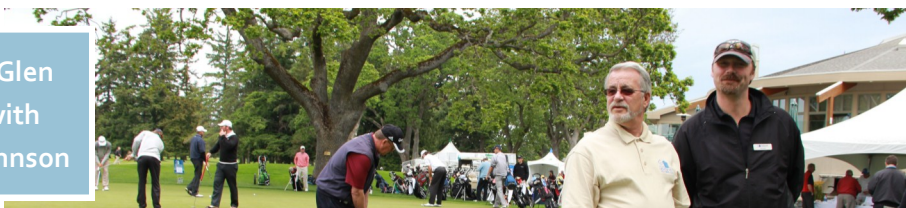


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(l-r) Bill Snell, CFO Island Savings; Paul Abra, Board Chair BBBS; Eric Dahli, Board Chair GVHS

Property Operations Glen Galvin volunteering with Caretaker Michael Johnson



Meet Board Member Ian Batey

Ian, born and raised in Victoria, has had a progressive career in managerial and executive positions with a focus on human resource management, financial management and public policy. Currently, Ian is principal of IPB Consulting Services. He provides strategic consulting services with an emphasis on employee and human relations, organization start-ups, development and restructuring, fund raising, coaching and mentoring, aboriginal relations, intergovernmental relations and multi-party relationship building.



Ian has served on the Board of **Greater Victoria Housing Society** since 2004 and currently serves as the Society's Fundraising Chair. He provides leadership for the fundraising strategic plan, communications strategy and community networking. Ian is also active in the community through his involvement with Field Hockey Canada and the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

Ian and his wife Anne of 38 years have three grown children as well as six grandchildren.

“Affordable housing helps make a community strong, vibrant and healthy.”

The Roof is On

Our mixed rental/commercial building at the corner of Pembroke and Government Streets has reached the roofing stage. All 25 Apartments are clearly defined and the interior finishing work begins soon.

If your income is below \$39,000 and you are looking for a one bedroom or studio apartment that is walking distance to downtown, contact us to get your name on a wait list.

This building will be non-smoking and pets are not allowed. There is no parking, but tenants are eligible for a free membership in the Victoria Car Share Co-op.



Rent: Studio Apartments - \$650

One Bedrooms - \$750

Tenants are expected to start moving in January 2012.

Responding to Community Needs

Greater Victoria Housing Society is taking action in response to the ongoing need for a greater and more diverse supply of affordable rental housing in this region.

Our goals are to expand our housing portfolio by:

- Working with local developers who have the skills, expertise and resources to build good quality rental housing. With our fund raising efforts we can keep the operating costs down and make rents affordable;
- Purchasing and refurbishing buildings that come up for sale in the market, or transfer from another non-profit society, to protect these buildings from future market rent increases or redevelopment.

“Affordable housing creates a foundation for a thriving economy and social ease.”

Thank You

The **Greater Victoria Housing Society** acknowledges and thanks all those who support our mission of providing affordable rental housing in Greater Victoria. A special thank you to our most recent donors. Please support those who support us!

Prize Donors - for our recent involvement with the 2011 Times Colonist Island Savings Open



Cadboro Bay Village Service

Pacific Pain Clinic
Anne Meijer, RMT



Corporate Donors

Telus Employee Matching Gift Program

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Liana Worsfold

In Memory

- May: Malak Jabre, Balmoral Garden Court
- June: Wendy Ball, Colwood Lodge
Dale Andrews, Esquimalt Lions Lodge
Margaret Miller, Esquimalt Lions Lodge
- July: Patricia Moore, Dowler Lodge

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