



**First Quarter
2022**

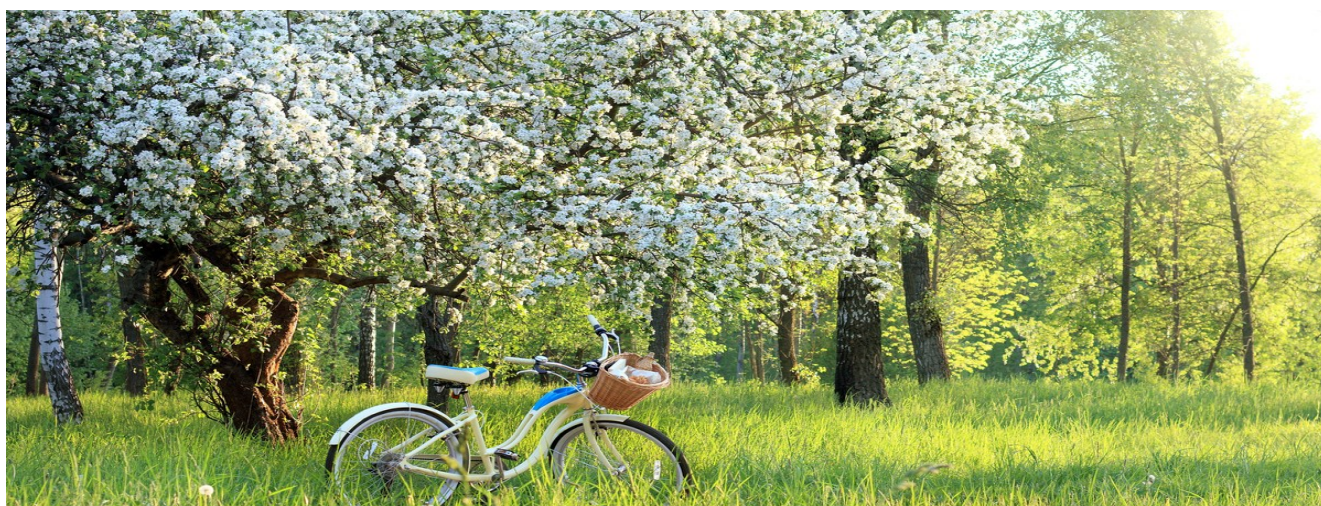
Spring Is Right Around The Corner!

As the weather begins to shift and the plants begin to bud, we are all tempted to head back outside. As we do, it's important to remember that other people, looking for criminal opportunities may also be out and about as well.

Please ensure you lock up your sheds, crawl spaces and as always, your automobiles no matter where they are parked. Never leave anything of value out in your carport or yard or anywhere that is not securable.

Think about where you store your car keys and wallet or purse. Most of us drop them near the front door and don't think twice about locking the door behind us. It only takes a second to pop open that screen door and grab them off a hall table.

From all of us at Block Watch we hope you have a wonderful spring and a gentle ease in to summer on the horizon!



PREVENTING BICYCLE THEFT

REGISTER YOUR BIKE!



Registering your bicycle couldn't be easier and is a key step in being reunited with your bike in the event that it is stolen. Follow these 3 easy steps!

1. Gather the make, model, colour & approx. value of your bicycle
2. Identify the serial number on your bicycle
3. Register your bike online for free with Project529.com
4. If you'd like to register in person, registration stations can be searched at the website as well.

PROTECT YOUR BIKE!

- ◇ Take pictures of your bike, paying special attention to any marks, stickers, or upgrades that make it unique & identifiable.
- ◇ Use a high quality lock and ensure it fits through the wheel and frame.
 - ◇ If you can, bring your bike inside at night.

To Report a Stolen Bike

Call the Saanich Police non-emergency line at
250-475-4321



Close The Window of Opportunity

As the temperatures slowly start to rise, it's tempting to throw open the windows and let the fresh air in after a long winter hibernation. Follow these helpful tips below to prevent any window-related property crime.



- Only open windows in a room you are currently occupying, and close them on your way out
- Good quality window locks should be installed and used on all windows
- Remove any ladders or stools from your yard while not in use that could allow access to an open window by an intruder
- Anchor any outdoor storage boxes an intruder may use to gain access to a higher area such as a deck or window
- Don't forget about sliding and screen doors! Lock the door when not in



use and draw the curtain when you are not at home

Keep an eye out for your neighbours and they will keep an eye out for you!

FREE Emergency Program events

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION

The Saanich Emergency Program offers emergency preparedness sessions for residents of Saanich. These sessions will teach you how to plan and prepare to support yourself and your loved ones for at least seven days after an event impacts our community. Each household participating will receive a free workbook to help with emergency planning. Register early to reserve a spot.

February 17, 2022 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Call Gordon Head Recreation Centre to register, **250-475-7100**

March 15, 2022 7 to 8 p.m.

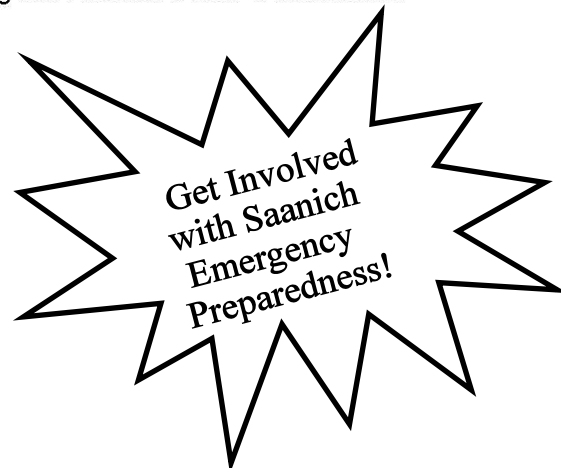
Call G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre to register, **250-475-5400**

April 20, 2022 7 to 8 p.m.

Call Cedar Hill Recreation Centre to register, **250-475-7121**

May 16, 2022 7 to 8 p.m.

Call Gordon Head Recreation Centre to register, **250-475-7100**



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SPEAKER SERIES

Learn from professionals on a variety of topics. Each session covers a different topic that could include the hazards that surround us, the utilities we use or a different perspective related to emergencies and events in our community.

March 1, 2022 7 to 8 p.m.

Call Gordon Head Recreation Centre to register, **250-475-7100**

May 4, 2022 7 to 8 p.m.

Call Cedar Hill Recreation Centre to register, **250-475-7121**

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

Join the Saanich Emergency Program volunteer team! Support your community, gain valuable experience, learn about emergency management and meet amazing people! Join us to discover the rewards of volunteering. We are recruiting volunteers for: Emergency Support Services, Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program and Radio Communications. Training provided.

March 9, 2022 7 to 8 p.m.

Call Saanich Commonwealth Place
to register, **250-475-7600**

May 10, 2022 7 to 8 p.m.

Call G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre
to register, **250-475-5400**



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