

West Southlands Residents Association

May 2021

The West Southlands Residents Association is gearing up again, a year after the pandemic forced cancellation of last year's annual meeting.

Many new residents have joined our neighbourhood since our meeting in 2019. This notice is to introduce the WSRA to our new neighbours and to anyone else who may not realize West Southlands has a residents group. We also want to provide a list of contacts for any questions or concerns.

If you wish to be on the email list for notices about matters affecting West Southlands, please send your name, address and email to wsresidentsassociation@gmail.com. The list is maintained for distribution of West Southlands news and for no other purpose. The email addresses are not shared with anyone.

We welcome you to West Southlands and hope to hear from you soon or meet you in our magnificent neighbourhood.

An annual meeting will be scheduled once we can meet again indoors. Here are the names of the current WSRA co-chairs and directors.

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The Hidden Gems of West Southlands

Welcome to the neighbourhood. Here are some points of interest you may want to check out.

The neighbourhood of West Southlands includes around 300 homes in an area bound by Southwest Marine Drive, the north arm of the Fraser River, Collingwood Street, and the Musqueam Indian Reserve.

Archeological evidence indicates that the First Nations people were here thousands of years ago, living in cedar longhouses along the Fraser River. Settlers began farming the fertile flood plains that became Southlands in 1864.

Vancouver City Council adopted The Southlands Plan in 1988. The Plan preserves the semi-rural character of the area, forbidding street curbs and paved ditches in order to have as much natural absorption of rainwater as possible. Three homes in Southlands are on the city's inventory of heritage sites.



The forested area is covered with second-growth western red cedar, western hemlock, Douglas fir, and alder. Birders have spotted more than 20 different species of birds in the area. Around 15 different types of plants flourish in the parkland. How many have you seen?