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## A British Properties Snow Day to Remember

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*Aren't you glad it's spring? ...We may think that we had a lot of snow this year, never mind in 2009, but as the photograph reveals, the great snow of 1965 puts all that to shame. The fire department had to use a skidoo to ferry two women about to give birth between their houses and the ambulance in the Properties among other snow-related incidents. Photo courtesy of the West Van Fire Services Museum & Archives Society.*

### TIME TO JOIN

The British Properties Area Homeowners Association has been around almost 60 years and has always renewed itself as an organization with new board members who respect tradition and have a fresh vision for the future of the British Properties.

Help us realize that vision. Represent your views at West Vancouver Council, support local students and keep the Properties beautiful. Your membership form is on the back cover.

The snowfall of last December and January (2008-09) falls short of what fell in the British Properties in 1965. It was four feet to six feet deep and even higher where it drifted. Above is a photograph in the *Vancouver Sun* showing the street sign at Crestline and Henlow Roads (top of the British Properties) with only the top two feet showing above the snow!

This was before there was a fire station on Cross Creek Road was built and the situation called for resourcefulness and community support. To save time responding in those extreme conditions,

**Fire Chief Flint McKim** borrowed a fire truck from the Provincial Fire Marshall's Office. Then he stationed the truck at the top of the British Properties. **Marv Wilson** offered his driveway, in front of his home at 1042 Eyremount, to park the truck and his basement rec. room to billet the three-man crew.

From January 3-12 there was a three-man day and night shift. Each shift was made up of one professional fire fighter and two volunteer fire fighters. The day shift had the task of locating and digging out the fire hydrants and marking them with a bamboo pole.

Several flat roof homes were damaged when the snow started melting.

You Are Invited: We're having a **social get together Saturday, May 26 at 1395 Crestwell Dr. from 4-8 p.m.** with food and drinks. We've invited **Ralph Sultan**, your MLA, and a surprise guest. Come join us and meet your neighbours! We're looking forward to hearing your ideas, concerns and opinions about our community.

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# Your Voice

Connecting the Neighbourhoods

## Dear neighbours,

I feel honored to be back as President of the BPAHA Board of Directors and volunteering my time to serve the community.

Our association has been around for more than 50 years. One of the sad things I realized coming back is that our membership numbers have dropped within the past couple of years. We provide so many benefits to our community and neighborhoods that I urge you to fill out the membership form on the back page and send in your \$30 for 2012.

YOUR contribution makes a difference and I THANK YOU in advance. I also ask anybody in the corporate world to consider a larger donation to our association from your company. I know we have some very influential and generous people in our community and it would be wonderful to have your support.

As the largest homeowner association in the Lower Mainland, we need your help to survive and be here for your community. Times are changing and we are too. We are focusing more on being the connecting link to our neighbours in whatever issues might arise.

Please join us May 26 to meet your Directors, meet your MLA, meet your neighbours, mingle, network, socialize and most of all, enjoy!

With warmest wishes,

**Annette Denk, President, BPAHA**



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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

## New website and email address

*Hilltop News* is Canada's longest-running association publication and we want to keep it alive, so please don't forget to fill in your membership and donate whatever you can. If you have any ideas for stories on issues that concern or interest you, phone or email me, or any of the other board members, directly. Our numbers are on the back page. The BPAHA also has a new website! Check it out at [www.bpaha.org](http://www.bpaha.org). The stunning photographs on the site are courtesy of **Mark Whitehead** at Get the Shot Studios. We also have a new email address at: [bpaha2@gmail.com](mailto:bpaha2@gmail.com).

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## Introducing our new BPAHA Board members

**After our AGM last fall, the BPAHA has seven new directors.**

### Annette Denk

I was born and raised in Germany and moved to the British Properties in 1976. I have 34 years of business experience, and am currently a top-producing realtor on the North Shore and an International Certified Business Coach. I am happy to back for my second term as BPAHA president. I have two grown children, Daniel and Stephanie, whom I'm very proud of. I love skiing, hiking and working out.

### Teresa DeCotiis

I was born and raised on the North Shore and have lived in the Upper Lands more than 25 years. The views, hiking trails and seawall are what drew me to West Vancouver. I want to stay involved with the BPAHA and to help keep the area beautiful. I've been in real estate sales for over 20 years, and am currently with REMAX Masters Realty in West Vancouver.

### Rose Maghsoudi

I've lived in the British Properties for more than three years and I enjoy the scenery, the calm and quiet, along with the close proximity to Vancouver.



I have a PhD in urban planning from the University of Tehran.

### Shahin Behroyan

I've been a resident of the British Properties for more than 12 years. I'm an avid volunteer on the North Shore and involved with many community organizations. My current focus is on real estate and market research. I love being available to lend my neighbours a helping hand.

### Zaheer Jiwani

I'm originally from Vancouver and two years ago I moved back from Toronto to the Upper Lands. My job is in marketing for a large Vancouver-based national company and I'm also a visiting lecturer at SFU's Beedie School of Business. My background is in strategy/management consulting and I have an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business. I love this area for its beautiful setting, great community feel, and its fit with the needs of my family. I want to create opportunities for younger families to better integrate with the community so that we can continue to build on what came before us.

### Al Asaly

I moved with my family to West Vancouver in 2006 after visiting friends here. Walking on the splendid sea wall, savouring the relaxing atmosphere and the magnificent



scenery convinced us to live here. As a professional engineer, I've worked in research, development and teaching, and on the construction of projects in Canada, the U.S. and around the globe.

Although the municipality provides excellent services, the BPs and Upper Lands still suffer from a lack of public transportation. As a BPAHA director, my goal is to help the residents get better transit with more frequent and shorter routes.

### Peter Cherry

I've lived my whole life in West Vancouver and I'm now retired as western sales manager of Gasboy of Canada Ltd. I've always been active in the community, receiving the Heritage Achievement Award from West Vancouver Municipal Council for my work in acquiring and displaying equipment and items of historical interest related to the fire service. A volunteer fireman for 23 years and former district chief, I am currently treasurer of the W. V. Fire Services Museum & Archives Society. I've also received the Royal Canadian Legion's highest volunteerism award, the Palm Leaf. I am director/secretary of the Veterans Memorial Housing Society. My hobbies are walking, gardening and working on my antique cars.



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