Wildlife in Family Housing by Lisa Hitch

**RABBITS**

All those bunnies — so cute, so hoppy, so cuddly, but let’s all remember that they are indeed WILD animals and must be treated as such. There is a group on campus who put out a wonderful brochure called “BUNNY BUDDIES.” The group’s aim is to help keep the bunnies on campus healthy and happy while encouraging others to learn about them and respect their habitat, and keep them free from harm and harassment. The bunnies have been on campus for many years now and originated from domestic breeds. They thrive on vegetation that is naturally occurring on campus — leaves, dried grasses, roots — but also on food given by well-meaning people.

Here is a list of Acceptable Foods to feed the bunnies:
- Raw, whole and unprocessed plant-based foods only (rabbits are herbivores)
- Most vegetables, including dark green lettuce, kale, spinach, parsley and carrots
- Alfalfa
- Raisins or dried cranberries (in very small amounts)

Unacceptable Foods:
- Anything that is not listed above
- Anything that is cooked or processed, including bread, pizza, cookies, meat, fries, etc.

So it is possible to be a Uvic BUNNY BUDDY by following these hints.
1. Only offer bunnies foods from the Acceptable Foods list
2. Don’t chase, pet, or pick up the bunnies.
3. Watch and enjoy the bunnies from a distance.
4. Keep your dog leashed while on campus.
5. Invite your friends to become bunny buddies.

**DEER**

“Look! A reindeer is walking up the road!” exclaimed my neighbour from Chile a few days before Christmas. It was a beautiful sight to see the full grown white-tailed buck walking cautiously along the path. And lately there have been almost daily sightings. But again, we need to exercise some caution around these large wild animals. We live in very close proximity to their homes in the woods, and though they are getting the reputation of “pest” due to their love of flowers and fresh grown lettuce, I have seen a few frightening incidents recently. Walking to Frank Hobbs, a group of children came very close to being trampled by a deer who had just been chased from someone’s garden. I’ve also seen them being chased by children on skateboards. Let’s be really careful about this. They are large heavy animals carrying antlers. Where they run when they are chased could be into traffic or pedestrians or children playing. If anyone is an expert in this field and has suggestions about appropriate behavior when we encounter a deer in close range, please let us know at NEWS & VIEWS.

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Family Centre Updates

by Barb Whittington

For your information I have met with the President of UVic once again and he does not see how he can support the Centre being open more hours (it is open 17.5 hours per week now and there is way too much work for the Director to get to in that time). It doesn’t seem fair at all that one faculty – Human and Social Development – puts money into the Centre when no other part of the University does. It also doesn’t seem fair that although the University states in their goals that they wish to support a diverse group of students, there is little evidence of that support in this case. Together with you all, the Centre will keep working to encourage the awareness of situations unique to students who have children — financial issues, childcare issues, family pressures and more.

Volunteer opportunity

We need at least two residents of Family Housing to be on the hiring committee for the next Family Centre Director. This would be a commitment of about 6 hours (week of July 12th likely) and we would try to find a time that would work for us all. Betty Tate (School of Nursing representative) and me, Barb Whittington (School of Social Work & Family Centre Coordinator) and at least two family members would constitute the hiring committee. For your information the ad appears at right. Martha will also get to meet the shortlisted applicants and give us her feedback.

Please give your names to Martha and if there are more than two people interested we will draw the names at random. At the last hiring we had a wonderful group of talented people both on the hiring committee and in the interview pool of applicants.

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Program Director - UVic FAMILY CENTRE
Faculty of Human & Social Development

The Family Centre, located in the Lam Family Student Housing Complex, serves the families of UVic students living on or off campus. The Family Centre Program Director will work collaboratively with the Schools of Social Work, Nursing and Child and Youth Care through the Centre’s Advisory group to develop support services for campus families and to promote a healthy family friendly culture at UVic. Responsibilities will include direct service to families, community development, supervision of practicum students, center administration; participation in family based research projects, coordination of volunteers, education and advocacy.

The successful candidate will have a Master's degree in Child and Youth Care, Nursing or Social Work and several years' program development and management experience or a Bachelor's degree in those professions and extensive related experience. Commitment to a community development approach and a demonstrated respect for family diversity are essential qualifications.

Salary: (pro-rated) $25,236 to $28,403 per annum, plus performance range. This is a continuing part-time (.5 FTE) position.

Please submit resume as well as the names of three references to:

Human Resources Advisor, Professional Staff
University of Victoria
PO Box 1700, Sewardick 'B' Wing
Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2
Fax (250) 721-8094


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Raccoons

Don’t feed them! And that includes leaving garbage outside the front door or spilling it around the garbage containers. They should be afraid of us, but can act aggressively if the young are near. They do not like to be cornered and should be given lots of space to go on their way.

If you have any questions about what to do in a wildlife situation, call Victoria Animal Control Services at 414-0233. If you see a wild animal that seems distressed or injured, you can call Wild ARC at 478-9453, or check their website at www.wildarc.com.
Community Garden Update  
by Annalisa Candaso

Thanks Annalisa for all your work in organizing the upkeep of the garden. Your list of tasks will help all of us remember what a community garden needs to function well.

Here is a list of community chores:

1. **Weedwacking** (if a handful of people take on the area around their plot it should be a small task)
2. **Weeding** the herb gardens (Only do this if you're familiar with which are herbs and weeds)
3. **Keeping the hoses arranged** (rolled up to their half-way point)
4. **Taking garbage to dumpster**
5. **Keeping gates closed** (we've already chased two buck out that got in through the small gate)
6. **Watering/weeding** other community plots.

The garden will be completely weedwacked sometime over the next week. Someone was hired to do it. After that it's up to everyone to weedwack their area.

I arranged the hoses in the garden so everyone should be able to water without dragging tangled and leaky hoses all around. I still need to purchase two hoses for the far end of the garden then that task will be complete. If everyone rolls the hose back up near its halfway point when they are done watering, it will ensure less work for everyone.

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**BC Transit Family Travel**

Did you know that with your U-Pass you can take your children on the bus for free? Children 12 and under ride free anytime when accompanied by a parent or guardian. This only applies to adults using a monthly pass, DayPass, ProPass, U-Pass, or BC Bus Pass. Up to four children can travel with one adult.

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**Housing Office Questions?**

Starting next month we will begin a series of questions and answers with the Housing Office. There may be myths that surround the mysteries of how policies are carried out here, so please submit any questions you may have, and they will be forwarded to the Housing Office.

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Thank you to Betty Tate, Faculty of Nursing, for a donation of a couch for the Family Centre! Betty also sits on the advisory board for the Family Centre and we really appreciate her support.

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**New Newsletter Email!**

Community members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter! Please send your contributions or ideas to Lisa at fcnews@uvic.ca, or simply drop off your written submissions in the envelope on the bulletin board outside the Family Centre.

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**Summertime Potluck Dinner**

**Summertime Potluck Dinner at the Family Centre, Friday July 23, from 5 - 8 pm.**

Everyone Welcome! Bring a dish of food to share and we will play some outdoor games if the weather is nice.

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**Summer at Swan Lake**

All events take place at Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, 3673 Swan Lake Road. To register or for more information, contact Melanie Andrews or Erin McNamara at 479-0211.

**Family Hike at the Lake, Sunday, July 18th, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Enjoy the sights and learn about the different plants, animals and birds that call Swan Lake home as our naturalist guides you on our 2.5 km trail. Not suitable for strollers. Pre-registration required.

**COST:** Donations appreciated.

**Reptile Day, Thursday, July 22nd, 12:00 - 3:00 pm**

Come and join us for this annual event and learn more about these fascinating creatures. With games, crafts, face painting and more you won't want to miss this event.

**COST:** $2 per child for crafts

**Creatures of the Night, Friday, July 30th, 8:00 - 9:30 pm**

Join our naturalist for this night time adventure as we explore the lake at night. Learn more about the world of nocturnal animals, their adaptations and other fascinating facts. Recommended for families and children 7 yrs and up. Pre-registration required.

**COST:** $4 per child (accompanying adults free)

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**Translation Volunteers Needed**

Every once in a while someone may need some assistance in Reading News & Views. If you speak English as well as another language and wouldn't mind receiving one or two calls a month to help someone out, let us know.

Thanks to our first two volunteers!

**Spanish** translation, please call Ana Maria at 370-5378

**Chinese** translation, please call Jane at 810-1608

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Visit Victoria's Weekend Markets

James Bay Community Market
9am Saturday, corner of Superior and Menzies
Baked goods, soaps, crafts, clothing, live music and more

Moss Street Community Market
10am Saturdays 401 Moss (take the 11 or 14 bus and walk in from Yates Street)
Organic produce, arts and crafts from local artisans, fresh food, massage, kids activities and music

Government Street Market Arts
11am Sunday in the 1600 block of Government crafts, food and entertainment

Bastion Square Festival of the Arts
10:30am Wednesday to Sunday in Bastion Square
annual display of local artisans and vendors running until mid-October

Sidney Street Market
Every Thursday evening throughout the summer
Wander along Beacon Drive in Sidney and meet local artisans, eat fresh food and more.

More summer ideas next month...
Do you have a favorite beach or picnic spot you'd like to share?
Send in the details and next month we can print out a list that will be especially handy for newly arriving families!

KIDSINVICTORIA.COM
This is a wonderful website full of child centered activities going on in Victoria and many of them are free. You will also find parenting ideas for children of all ages, free classifieds and upcoming events. Couple this with the monthly issue of Island Parent and you’ll be set for fun and free activities for the family.

Story Theatre Camp
There are still a couple of spots left for our week long theatre camp here in Family Housing!

Have fun rehearsing and performing a well-known tale with Lisa and Karen (experienced drama teachers).
Who: 6-10 year olds
When: August 2-6, 9am-11am
Where: Family Centre
Cost: $10 donation to cover costume expenses
For more information, call 381-6680.

Children's Corner

What we like to do in the summer!

Next month we'll print some more children's art and ideas on the topic of squirt guns -- "To squirt or not to squirt."
Please send in your submissions!