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76 WRECK BEACH PRESERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLIFTER

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14th ANNUAL 5 K WRECK BEACH BEACH BARE BUNS RUN August 8,2010

On-the-Beach Registration Begins 9:00 a.m. RUN BEGINS 11:00 a.m. SHARP!

Part of the 2010 "Buns-Across-the Border."

A 3-Way Celebration of Naturism on Canada's famed Clothing-Optional Wreck Beach

Registration form at www.wreckbeach.org and enquiries can go to registran@barebuns.ca (604)-856-9598 for Additional Information

We need folks to help transfer everything **VOLUNTEERS** down the cliffs if we should have a nasty NEEDED wind blow up which would prevent Geoff FOR DAY OF 14th ANNUAL from bringing in everything for the run by boat. If the wind begins to twist and turn, BARE BUNS RUN, AND we will need volunteers to stay in touch with **BUNS-ACROSS-THE** us via cell phone that morning, but we will need to know who you are in case we need a BORDER EVENT, contingency plan. We need volunteers to SUN., offload and load the boat, help set up tents, AUGUST 8TH! LET JUDY tables, ropes, stage and the many corporate banners for the day of the run. We also need OR LESLIE KNOW IF YOU skilled body painters, sales people for the WBPS tables and someone to help us CAN HELP- 604-308-6336 conduct a 50-50 draw that day. Many thanks or 604-856-9598 in advance to any of you who can help **VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME!**

THANKS TO OUR 2010 CORPORATE SPONSORS AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR FIRST-EVER GOLD LEVEL SPONSOR, GRAZE!

WRECK BEACH

As you can see from the back-of-the-shirt graphic at the top of this page, we have retained all our tried and true loyal corporate sponsors marked by stars as the true stars they are for sticking with us through thick and thin! We are also grateful for our naturist organizations who support us including the Federation of Canadian Naturists, The Naturist Action Committee, AANR's Western Canadian Region, The Van Tan's, the Skinnydippers, and AANR's national organization. We also have now gained Lucy's Snack Shack Peruvian Foods; Barbara's Wreck Beach Bare Ice Cream & Drinks Bear, and Alexis Greek Cuisine Restaurant. We also welcome our newest vendor on the beach who surely must have built up unheard-of muscles from the amount of work he puts in dragging all his Pacific Bliss at Wreck Beach Massage, Café, Yoga and More items endlessly across the beach,

ROGER PROCTOR, CEO, GENEX CAPITAL

Finally, last though not least, is our firstever Gold Level Sponsor, Graze, conceived of by Genex Capital CEO, Roger Proctor. By donating \$2000 Graze earned the prestigious position of having its logo placed on one sleeve and dead centre on the backs of the tanks. Graze took root from Roger's childhood on an Ontario farm before he left rural life to become a lawyer.

After practicing litigation in Toronto for seven years Roger transitioned into the business world, firstly as counsel to an international corporation and then as Founder and CEO of Genex Capital, a financial services company.

Five years ago Roger chose Vancouver as his home because he felt it was one of the few cities in North America that balanced high quality urban living with an appreciation for one's natural environment.

Inspired by his new home and observing a growing concern that city dwellers lack sufficient knowledge and control over production of the food they consume (evidenced by films such as Food Inc.), Roger established a research and assistance division within Genex Capital with a mission to explore ways in which concerned city dwellers may come together to form a community, share information and resources, and develop the means and skill to grow food in their own home.

Through this process, Graze ™ was born.

<u>P.S.</u>

Roger needs special thanks for having served gratis for two years now as the Skinnydip Notary Public and has pledged \$2 per person up to a thousand persons taking the plunge for next year. However, he has committed to donating \$5 per person to the WBPS if we go over a thousand so let's get everyone stirred up and naked for next summer's 2011 Skinnydip!!

NAKED HELP NEEDED!

BODY YOUR NAKED NEED WE THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 10 A.M.. WE ARE HOLDING A MOCK MEDIA OPS RUN TO HELP PUBLICIZE OUR AUGUST 8TH BARE BUNS RUN. WE NEED MEN, CHILDREN TO RUN WOMEN AND NAKED FOR A SHORT DISTANCE ON SUNSET BEACH FOR HALF AN HOUR, TOPS. CALL JUDY AT 604-856-9598 IF YOU CAN MAKE IT AND FOR MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS RE OUR GATHERING SPOT.

LETTERS

Editor's Note: Much discussion has ensued at the regular WBPS meetings about the rudeness of many clothed visitors. As a result, Metro Vancouver West Area Parks has worked with us to install a new sign about respecting naturists. Unijoy Tours have brought 56-passenger busesload of gawkers with cameras to the beach straight off the plane. This is unacceptable especially when one of the visitors on July 26, was smoking on an extreme fire hazard trail. We are not animals in a zoo at Wreck Beach but persons who prefer recreating as nature intended! We hope to have a new user's survey out this weekend and will need your help to fill it out. Please ask if you don't see it as we circulate. Once we have tabulated the results, we will publish them in our newsletter. Body image is a problem for many people because we have been inculcated with a sense of body shame either by our families or society since birth. Perhaps Pope John Paul II said it best when he said that because God created the human body there is nothing shameful about nakedness.

I love wreck beach and I have so much appreciation for what the regulars do in terms of preservation and keeping gawkers to a minimum. Normally I go down every weekend (as I work mon-fri in social

services) with just one or two other friends and we are generally fully nude. I have one friend with me regularly who is working on body image issues and who is still a bit shy about bottoms, but even she sheds them sometimes and is feeling more and more free doing this every year thanks to the unjudgmental atmosphere. I have never seen her happier.

Anyway, I had a bit of a bad experience yesterday. I unknowingly set up my sarong in a nude-only area, and realized it afterwards. I didn't think this would be a bother since my friend and I were fully nude and our third friend was just wearing a skirt. Part way through the day two friends joined us - both their first time ever. One felt comfortable enough to be completely nude and the other comfortable enough to be mostly nude. It makes me so happy to see this level of comfort when it is someone's first trip down. We didn't know if the bottoms would be a problem with the regulars but they did not say anything to us. Later in the day my one friend put on shorts because he was sunburning in his whiter areas (we had been down together fully nude the whole day yesterday as well so his burn was building). He was subsequently told by the regulars to strip down or leave the area. I found out that one of the regulars simply didn't like the small melodian he had been playing earlier. I would have appreciated honestly about wanting peace from the instrument rather than an attack on his sun protection.

After a discussion that became slightly heated they left us alone but it did put a damper on our day. As a young female I very much and SINCERELY appreciate the regulars preventing gawkers and preserving the culture of the beach. But it is a shame that being a nudist myself, I do not feel welcome in the middle of the beach any longer. I will watch out for those signs more closely next time.

Anyway, keep up the great work, I am a supporter. Aside from that small issue yesterday and the unfortunately ever present men in briefs gawking, I love the beach and can't wait to be down again next weekend.

Much love, Jane

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE RANKS VANCOUVER AS THE WORLD'S 10TH TOP TEN BEACH CITIES OF THE WORLD AND NAMED KITS AND WRECK SPECIFICALLY. WE MUST POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE WRECK BEACH IS CLOTHING-OPTIONAL DOES NOT MEAN IT SHOULD BE RULED OUT AS A FAMILY BEACH WHILE KITS WHICH NG LABELLED AS A FAMILY BEACH IS SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE "MEAT MARKET," WHILE LOCAL MEDIA ONCE ACCUSED WRECK OF BEING "MORE MAINSTREAM THAN MAINSTREAM!"

HEY! A MAJOR THANK YOU TO EACH
OF YOU WHO ATTENDED THE FIRST
UBC PUBLIC CONSULTATION
MEETING OF JULY 15 RE
AMENDMENTS TO THE UBC LAND
USE PLAN (OFFICIAL COMMUNITY
PLAN OR OCP)

We love you guys for making that extra effort with very little advance notice to let UBC know Wreck Beach people are part of the stakeholders who care about how UBC development could impact our beach. If you have not yet submitted your online comments or feedback to that meeting please still do so.

Our newest bare buns run gold corporate sponsor, Roger Proctor, who also happens

to be a lawyer, discovered that UBC had planned for 80 participants in the first of the two workshops that day, so they ordered for 40 and had nearly 100 very tanned faces show up! Thank you so much! We understand the second session also had a predominance of tanned faces! Blessings! Please continue to watch our website, the official voice of Wreck Beach for any updates on coming meetings. Your presence does and has made a difference!

Excerpt from a Letter to the Minister of Community and Rural Development with Help

A number of community groups are monitoring UBC's consultation process. As a result, here is a short excerpt of a letter we have jointly sent to the Minister:

"We are hopeful that the new process introduced by the Minister will lead to the development of a land-use plan that provides meaningful protections for the Park and foreshore areas, and addresses the many other matters of public concern and interest that are at stake in the development of the UBC lands. However, based on our long experience with land use planning at UBC, we remain deeply about the design and concerned implementation of the proposed public consultation process.

"For example, we note that the discussion at the initial open house conducted by UBC on 15 July 2010 was strictly limited to a set of topics that had been pre-selected by UBC. (The potential impacts of development on the Park and surrounding lands were not included on the agenda.) It was clear to us that UBC has again underestimated the degree of public interest in the process; our estimates suggest that more than twice the number of people attended the two sessions than were expected. It was also odd that UBC did not put forward a panel or spokesperson to answer questions from the floor. Instead, UBC chose to break the attendees up into small roundtables, but then failed to provide for a concluding plenary session, as is customary in such UBC's The fact that situations. representatives were unable to answer straightforward about questions environmental concerns and could not define what they meant by "sustainability" is another cause for worry.

"If the initial open house is an indication of what is to come, then it seems to us to be clear that UBC is aiming to limit and channel the public consultation in a pre-set direction, without actually listening to and engaging with concerned citizens. We were left with the impression that the open house was an exercise in sales rather than genuine public consultation. In our view, this is consistent with UBC's past practices with respect to public consultation and will inevitably result in further controversy. "



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Next WBPS Meeting, Thursday, August 19, 6-7:00 p.m. Suite 120 in the Airport Square Building facing the airport, at the foot of Hudson Street!