



# LEPS

## LANGLEY ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS SOCIETY

Jan 2016 Newsletter

### Greetings!

*A new year has begun, bringing with it hopes and optimism for fresh beginnings and a new look at life. Perhaps this is your chance to make lifestyle changes that benefit your health, your community and your environment. Maybe this is your chance to break away from old routines and try out something new, perhaps it is the time to shed harsh chemicals from your cleaning routine, begin to eat fresh locally grown produce, or rid your world of plastics!*

*There are many opportunities for you to be a better steward, just waiting on the periphery of your life.*

*What's your change going to be?*

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## Watershed Restoration Update

Happy New Year from the restoration crew! Our New Year's resolution is to replace more invasive plants with native plant species than we did last January and you can help us achieve that goal!



We are pushing hard to finish restoration work on sites along both the Salmon River and West Creek. With your help, and a flexible volunteering schedule, we can build a better Langley together!

If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Carly at [conservation@leps.bc.ca](mailto:conservation@leps.bc.ca) or 604-546-0347.

*Thanks to our funders Pacific Salmon Foundation, Habitat Stewardship Program and Environment Canada!*

## Walnut Grove Community Garden Expansion



Since LEPS assumed management of the Walnut Grove Community Garden nearly six years ago from the Rotary Club, demand for its 41 plots has only been growing. This past spring, facing a wait-list of over 40 people, funding was requested from Langley Township and The Rotary Sunrise Club of Walnut Grove to expand the number of garden

plots by 10.

## The Faces of LEPS



Albert, our resident funny guy is this month's Face of LEPS. Bert started with LEPS in the summer of 2014 as Chief Gardener for the Demonstration Garden and succeeded to fill our days with laughter, giant zucchinis and computer smarts.

He returned in 2015 to coordinate the Garden and continues to show up to work everyday looking to help with our watershed restoration plantings and lend a hand where he can.

**Thanks Albert for being a super guy!**

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In November the current gardeners, Rotary club members, and those on the wait-list came out to help with the expansion. The rain held out while over 25 smiling community members worked to install 16 new beds - and complete some badly-needed repairs on the old ones, too. Come spring 2016 these brand new beds will be filled with soil and set to go - but the wait-list only keeps growing!

A full list of Langley's many community gardens can be found at <http://www.leps.bc.ca/community-gardens/>

*LEPS would like to thank the Rotary Club of Langley (Sunrise), the Township of Langley, G&F Financial, and Unresolved Productions for making this project possible.*

## Partner News- DRBIPA

The Derby Reach Brae Island Park Association (DRBIPA) is hosting their annual Bird Count on Saturday, January 30th. This is a great opportunity for beginner birders and anyone that wants to fall in love with birding.



The count will begin at 8:00am, meeting at St Georges Church in Fort Langley, 9160 Church Street. Participants will be divided into groups that will be assigned different locations (both in Derby Reach and at Brae Island).

If you are interested contact Phil at [zama@uniserve.com](mailto:zama@uniserve.com) and put "bird count" in the subject line.

***Happy New Year to you and yours!***

***Sincerely,***

***Langley Environmental Partners Society***