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The Citizens' Task Force on Recycling, formed on **April 19, 1979**, was created to research and formulate a **recycling program** for presentation to Saanich Council. The Task Force was chaired by **Alderman Sturrock**, and the recycling proposal was presented on February 6, 1980. This collection, available to view at Saanich Archives, includes minutes, correspondence, reports, publicity material, ephemera, news clippings, surveys, and other material relating to recycling. [Learn more](#)

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In the 1960s and early 1970s, Saanich purchased land at Swan Lake and Christmas Hill. The Planning Department proposed in 1972 that the two areas be combined into one project, initially called the **Swan Lake-Christmas Hill Nature Centre**. During this time, **Swan Lake was cleaned up**, and this photo shows Mayor Lum in 1975 demonstrating the end result of these efforts. The Nature Sanctuary Society has managed the site since 1975 through an agreement with the Municipality. [Visit Swan Lake website](#)

This Week in History: Cadboro-Gyro Park



On **April 26, 1954** the **Gyro Club of Victoria** gifted land at Cadboro Bay to Saanich "in trust for the use recreation and enjoyment of the public forever, and to be known as 'Cadboro Bay Gyro Park'." The 4.37 acres had been purchased by the Club from the estate of **Mary Goward** on July 1, 1953. The Club paid \$4,500 for the land with money raised through their annual hole-in-one contest and carnival. Mary Goward's sister Helen was married to Gordon B. (Dougy) Paterson, a member of the Club since 1941. [Read history of the Gyro Club Victoria](#)

Then and Now: Growers Wine Company



The Growers Wine Company Limited was formed in 1923 to find a use for the large supply of local **loganberries**, a fruit that had no commercial value. The company successfully established the **loganberry wine industry** on Vancouver Island. This photograph shows the winery building on Quadra Street, **constructed in 1927**. In 1931, Growers expanded with an addition connecting the winery and the **Holsum Packing Company**, a jam and canning factory. The building served as a **recycling depot** in the 1970s. [Fade using Historypin](#)



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