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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

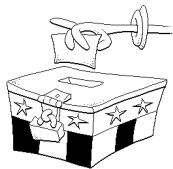
Tuesday March 22, 2005 7:30 PM

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

3220 Cedar Hill Road

Everyone Welcome!

Election of 2005 - 2006 Executive



Speaker~

Wendy Bergerud

Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform

Topic: STV (Not a Social Disease)

On May 17 everyone has a chance to vote on the recommendation that BC switch to another electoral system in 2009. Come to learn about the Single Transferable Vote

SUNFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

6th Annual Sunfest Picnic to be held at Playfair Park. Volunteers are needed to organize and work at this extremely successful fun community event. Consider taking on the exciting role as convener. Join the team to organize refreshments, games, fund raising, advertising, entertainment and facilities (tables, chairs, tents). The picnic will take place on Sunday, July 10. Please consider helping out. Contact vicki_sanders@telus.net or 592-0865.

SEEN IN PASSING:

Lenny Ross, a resident in our community and teacher at Strawberry Vale Elementary School was honoured recently at the UVic,s faculty of education's Education Expo. He was presented with a 2004 Distinguished Education Alumni Awards. Ross is an ardent environmental educator who created the Watershed Stewardship Program for the Colquitz River. As well as teaching students, Ross is a teacher of teachers and has been involved in organizing the Greening of the School Grounds Program at Strawberry Vale School and the establishment of an ethno-botanical garden and teaching program.

Car Sharing: An Affordable Piece to the "Green Neighbourhood" Puzzle

Fewer cars on the road mean pleasanter neighbourhoods with less toxic air, less noise and congestion, and less green house gas warming our planet. One shared vehicle can replace up to 8 privately owned vehicles, and still provide safe, convenient and affordable car use when it's really needed.

Car sharing is simple. Co-op members jointly own a fleet of diverse vehicles (cars, trucks and vans) and pay on a time-and-distance basis for their use. Vehicles can be booked spontaneously or up to three months in advance by calling the 24 hr. booking line. The cooperative pays insurance, gas and maintenance costs out of revenue generated by member's use of the cars. Becoming a member entails a one-time refundable share purchase of \$400, and the presentation of a clean driver's abstract. Benefits of co-op membership include access to the local fleet as well as the 90 plus fleet of the Cooperative Auto Network in Vancouver. Members are also eligible for reduced rental prices with Enterprise Auto Rentals.

People who car share save money; car sharing costs about half what they would normally spend on car related expenses. The money they don't lay out for car payments, insurance, gas and maintenance can be freed up for other things, mortgages, vacations, helping out the kids!

Residents in the Quadra-Cedar area will soon be able to see the many benefits of car sharing for themselves: the Victoria Car Share Cooperative will be placing a car nearby at Short Street Village, and hope to add more cars in the area soon..

For more information, contact Susan at 995-0265 or info@victoriacarshare.ca. Check out our website at www.victoriacarshare.ca.

Annual Membership Reminder:

"2005 IT'S MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TIME!"

In the interests of saving paper, time, gasoline, and considerable efforts, we are trying a new REMINDER plan this year. A big "thank you" to those who have already sent in \$5. Others will be getting a phone reminder or e-mail. At the same time we are trying to update our records. If your address, phone number or e-mail has changed, please let us know at 477-3147, 978-1944 or dbs@pacificcoast.net. You are encouraged to use a personal cheque for your payment. Receipts will be available at the Membership table at meetings. Know that your contribution helps our community and gives you a voice.

12th Annual Kings Pond Clean Up

Saturday, April 16, 2005, 10 am. Please meet at Kings Pond Bird Sanctuary (corner of Ascot Drive and Queensbury Avenue). Plans are to work on the berm area, general weeding and maintenance. Bring gardening tools if you have any. Some tools will be provided. Barbeque and refreshments to follow. Rain or shine. For more information, contact Margaret 477-3673.

NEWSLETTER ALERT - HELP!

Newsletter deliverers needed desperately. Some neighbourhoods are in jeopardy of not continuing to receive the QCHCA newsletter. We need new recruits for many neighbourhoods particularly the Cedar Hill and Braefoot area. If you can spare 15 minutes to an hour once every 2 months please contact the area director for your neighbourhood.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Vicki Sanders 592-0865 vicki-sanders@telus.net

What does the QCHCA executive and directors do for you? The QCHCA philosophy is based on grass roots activism. We seek input and consensus from individuals and neighbourhoods before taking action in the community. We cannot do this without good supportive volunteers from the community. The board feels that 2005 is time for new beginnings and some new faces. Many of the executive wish to pass the torch and welcome new volunteers to come forward and take their place. They invite you to participate in an exciting rewarding position working for your community. Please consider taking the position of secretary, treasurer or registrar. We welcome you to contact one of the board members to volunteer to join the team. The new executive will be elected at AGM on March 22.

What's Happening in Our Neighbourhoods

BRAEFOOT: Bob Trotter rctrotter@hotmail.com 477-4365

COOK/TATTERSALL: Mark Brown 386-1863

markbrown @ shaw.ca

COOK/LINWOOD: Art Pollard 361-3747 partpoll@shaw.ca

Quadra/Tolmie: The question around the neighbourhood is what is happening to the vacant lots? The original plans for a condominium are temporarily on hold. The developer for the property is waiting for a group wanting to put a senior's project on the site to secure their funding.

CEDAR HILL: Anne Bowen and Jim Moores

380-3955 ascotdr@shaw.ca

3787 Cedar Hill Road: The Lutheran Church of the Cross has applied for an addition to the building. It will require an "environmental" development permit with variances.

Cedar Hill and Church: The 23 unit Women's Transition House and the 33 unit condo were approved by council at a public meeting. Concern was expressed by QCHCA and many residents in the area regarding the request for a site specific zone, which increased the density beyond current zoning, increased traffic, and lack of amenities such as a park, as outlined in the local area plan.

Cedar Hill/Cedar Hill X Townhouses: 14 unit townhouse proposal was tabled at a committee of the whole meeting. Its future is unknown at this time.

Cedar Hill Golf Course and Park Development Permit for Pump House on a Flood Plain and Irrigation Improvements.

An information meeting was held to outline the plans for a new irrigation system on the golf course. Concerns of noise, tree plantings, fertilization (fertilizer injected into the irrigation water), size of the pump house and possible effects on Bowker and Colquitz Watersheds were addressed.

3741 Epsom Drive: An Information meeting was held by the owner to outline his plans to up zone the property to allow for a larger house and garage. The proposal will go to council for rezoning.

CLOVERDALE CORE: Laura Hliva 385 -0880

3350 Quadra: Although the proposal for an 8-storey condo was rejected by Saanich Council the property is still being considered for multi-family development. Watch this space for the next chapter.

Cloverdale/Inverness: Wow - It is gone! As the old derelict house tumbled down the cheering could have been heard almost city wide. Plans are in the works for a proposed 4 storey condominium covering the cleared site plus the five adjacent properties. An information meeting was held in the Fall of 2004.

3494 Bethune: 8 unit (5 complete - 3 secondary suite) proposal. The builder of Bethune flex-plex townhouses has committed to purchase Victoria car share memberships for residents of 5 of the units. A car will not be placed at the complex, as Short Street Village is close by, and they will be able to use that car.

CRAIGMILLAR: Lorne Carnes 383-1978 lornecarnes@shaw.ca

QUADRA/SWAN LAKE: Charlotte Woeckener 920-7666 tsare@shaw.ca

This area is still without an area director. Please consider volunteering to represent your neighbourhood on the QCHCA.

REYNOLDS/QUADRA: Vicki Sanders 592-0865

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1121/1123 Reynolds Road: It been two years since the redevelopment of this property was first presented in this column. Countless number of reports of the development going to council, advice to write letters and reams of history of 10 years of proposals to redevelop the property. It appears to becoming closer to reality that the proposal will be going to Municipal Council for consideration. The issues of preservation of trees on the property and a parking deficiency seem to have been addressed. The maple at the front of the property is to be protected and the commercial spaces have been changed on the first floor to residential. Residential required fewer parking spaces than commercial. The building configuration is now two residential units on the ground floor, five on the second with the third floor dedicated to dental offices. No physical changes have been made to the proposed building or site layout. A traffic study has not been done to address the issue of traffic safety.

QCHCA Environment Director Ken Whitcroft 383-7567 enviro.man@telus.net will be representing the QCHCA in the Reynolds/Quadra Area subdivision proposal at -

1230 Reynolds Road: Proposal for 16 RS-6 lots plus the existing house situated on a double RS-6 lot. Plans are at the very preliminary stages. The developer is planning a community meeting.

Graffiti Hotline:

The Saanich Police Department has set up a 24 hour Business Graffiti Hotline. This voice mail box is for business owners and citizens reporting unsightly graffiti on businesses throughout Saanich. Contact the Business Graffiti Hotline at 475-4321 extension 1702. This voice mail is for businesses only. For all other municipal structures "tagged" within Saanich, citizens should contact the following departments directly to arrange cleanup:

Parks and Park Structures 475-5522,

Bus Shelters within Saanich 475-5486,

Bridges, Pillars, Sign Posts, Poles, Sidewalks 475-5592.

For recreation centres, CRD properties, Canada Post, BC Hydro, and any educational facilities, contact each directly as they have their own maintenance staff assigned for cleanup. These victims of vandalism may then contact the police and start a police report.

Block Watch

Patti and Art Pollard
361-3747 partpoll@shaw.ca

For further information call; Karen Wallis Volunteer Coordinator
Blockwatch 479-4365.

Environment

Ken Whitcroft 383-7567 enviro.man@telus.net

You are invited to the launch of the Bowker Creek Urban Watershed Renewal Initiative. Saturday April 2, 2005 - 10:30 - 12:30 - at the Spirit Garden on Newton Street near Richmond Road. Family Fun! Food! Sign Unveiling!

Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform

www.citizensassembly.bc.ca or www.bc-stv.ca.

Citizen's Assembly - meeting time is 7:00 on April 21 - Cedar Hill Golf Course - Assembly members will come, make a brief presentation, and then be available for questions from the general public. A mock ballot to get a better idea of how the proposed system compares with the old system is planned. For more information contact:
Wendy Bergerud 384-0666

Saanich Emergency Program

Are you and your family prepared? The Saanich Emergency Program is offering Individual, Family and Neighbourhood Preparedness Sessions for residents of Saanich. Learn how to plan and prepare before disaster strikes. Register early to reserve a spot.

Gordon Head Recreation Centre:
April 16th:1:30 - 3:30:- Reserve at: 475-5490, enter 3605#;
leave a message stating date of course and a phone number.
May 14th and June 11th 1:30 - 3:30 Reserve at 475-7100

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Thank You

The QCHCA wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to Kelli-Ann Armstrong. As manager of the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre Kelli-Ann has always supported and encouraged the development of the Association. We wish her all the best in her new venture as manager of the Gordon Head Recreation Centre.

The QCHCA also welcomes to the centre the new manager Nancy Moyes. We look forward to continuing the good relationship that we have established between the QCHCA and the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.

Please see page 4 for upcoming events at Cedar Hill Rec. Centre

Ivy-Cut Peacock Park

Everyone is welcome to join an ivy-cut in Peacock Hill on Saturday morning, 9:30 to noon, on March 19. We are going to focus on cutting ivy away from the oak trees and clearing it from the ground. Please bring loppers or cutters if you have them and appropriate footwear and clothing as it will happen rain or shine! Call Robert Barlow at 383-7364 if you would like to attend or need more information.

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HISTORY OF THE QUADRA CEDAR HILL AREA

Early pioneers in the Quadra area included Kenneth McKenzie, James Stockard, William Fraser Tolmie, John Work, and John Irvine. Much of the south part of the local area was part of Tolmie's Cloverdale farm. Rutledge Park was part of Cloverdale Farm. John Work owned the land to the east of Tolmie's where Cedar Hill Park is today. In 1850, Tolmie married John Work's daughter.

The Irvine's also owned land next to Tolmie's. Early church services in the area were held at the Irvine's home. In 1862, the first St. Luke's Anglican Church was opened at the corner of Cedar Hill Cross Road and Cedar Hill Road. School was held in the church until the Braefoot School was built just to the west on Cedar Hill Cross Road.

Another pioneer family, the Bordens, began farming in the area in 1890. Their farm, called North Dairy Farm, was leased and later purchased from the Hudson's Bay Company. It was 160 hectares stretching from Quadra Street to Blenkinsop Road. The Borden family is still in the area operating their business, Borden Mercantile.

In the late 1800's much of the area was forest. Cedar Hill Road, Cedar Hill Cross Road, and Saanich Road were trails. The Swan Lake Hotel was located on the Saanich Road overlooking the lake. First mention of the hotel is in the Directory for 1882. Apparently, the life of the hotel was short. It burned in 1894 and was finally destroyed by another fire in 1897.

Canadian Northern Pacific Railway extended service to Sidney in 1915. The route followed the present Lochside Trail past Swan Lake and along the present Lochside Drive. The service was abandoned in 1935.

3940 Quadra Street was originally known as the Lake Hill or North Dairy Pumping Station for Victoria's Elk Lake water system. In 1927 it became a jam and canning factory. The company was provided with produce by the Saanich Fruit Grower's Association. In 1954 the building was purchased by Growers Wine Company for use as a cooper's shop and warehouse. The winery was constructed at 3950 Quadra Street in 1927. The buildings now accommodate Industrial Plastics, Fridays and Quadra 24 Hour Sports Club. The Keg Restaurant has operated at 3940 Quadra since 1978.



3940 Quadra Street.
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QCHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Membership is \$5 per person per year.
Please fill out this form and send along with payment to:
3720 Epsom Drive, Victoria, B.C. V8P 3S7
I can help with newsletters - phone/fold/deliver - circle one
Need receipt please check box

Events at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Apr 1 & 2 Antique & Heirloom Show
Fri - 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Sat - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Admission \$3

The show will feature over 60 Antique Exhibitors from 25 communities, appraisers, and vintage cars. Enjoy afternoon tea at Ricochets Café at Cedar Hill, musical entertainment and watch a fashion show from days gone by. Door Prizes. Appraisals available by appointment Saturday only, \$5.00/item, please call 595-3133 between 9 and 12 noons, Mon - Thurs. to pre-book appointment.

Apr 23 Bike Expo & Consignment Sale
Saturday - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Admission \$3

The first annual SIMBS Bike Expo and consignment sale. Wanted for consignment - your used bikes, rollerblades, or skateboards. Equipment will be accepted on Friday April 22 between 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm and Saturday, April 23 between 8:00 am - 9:30 am at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. There will be a \$1.00 listing fee per item and 15% commission on items sold. Proceeds will benefit Saanich Recreation youth programs.

April 30 Community Arts Week Kick Off celebration.
Saturday - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Volunteers Needed:
Area Director or Area Director assistant, Newsletter Editor, Traffic director, Phone volunteer, Newsletter advertising solicitor, UVic liaison, newsletter delivery volunteer

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