

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS



“Neighbours Building Community”

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday March 28, 2006 7:30 PM
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road
Everyone Welcome!

Election of 2006 – 2007 Executive

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**Quadra Cedar Hill
Community
Association
Celebrating 10
Years in the Community**



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Thank you!

**To the 7 volunteers who removed ivy and
blackberry from Playfair's Natural park on
February 11th. You all did a great job.**

**Next neighbourhood Ivy Pull in Playfair
Park will be in November**

QCHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

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Membership is \$5 per person per year. This supports the community association.

Please fill out this form and send along with payment to:
Rikki Bowman, Membership, 4-1164 Palmer Rd. Victoria V8P 2H6
382-6197

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Saanich's Centennial Celebrations

During the January QCHCA meeting Paul McKivett and Tracy Ryan spoke on Saanich's Centennial. Paul McKivett, recently retired from Saanich, chaired the Saanich Centennial Book committee. Tracy Ryan is the Special Events Co-coordinator for Saanich responsible for centennial events.

Paul McKivett described the Saanich Centennial Book. He explained that the idea was to follow through the 100 years of Saanich history by telling 100 stories about families and individuals involved in the history or development of Saanich. Each story is told in a couple of pages and includes many photographs from over the 100 years. The book has already proved very popular with sales of over 1,000 copies. The Saanich Centennial Book costs \$20.00 and is available from recreation centres and the Saanich municipal hall.

Tracy Ryan spoke to the various events planned for the Saanich Municipality over the summer months. The Centennial celebrations formally start on March 1st. A parade is planned for April 16th and in June a family oriented challenge using the Saanich trails. The grand finale will be on August 26th at the UVic Stadium. For a complete listing of events link on the Saanich centennial website. Anyone interested in volunteering for any of the events is invited to contact Tracy Ryan at 475-5558

www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/resident/cenntennial/index.html

Annual Membership Reminder:

It's time for all of us to renew our Community Association membership for 2006.

The fees pay for printing the five issues of the newsletter and help support special community events. The total number of members establishes the level of support in the community. Numbers are important when dealing with the Municipality. Not a member yet? Now is a good time to join.

Thank you for your support.

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President’s Message

I am pleased to make this announcement as the current president; this is the Quadra Cedar Hill Community Associations 10th Annual General Meeting.

I would like to thank all of you for supporting the association over the years; from the simple \$5 Membership to the many levels of volunteers ranging from newsletter delivery to area director to the executive. If not for that range of continued support we couldn’t produce and deliver the well known yellow Newsletter, or have events like Kings Pond clean -up or Fun-in-the-Park-Picnic. Again thank you for your needed support.

Environment

Saanich has put together the Streamside Development Permit Areas. This is a set area on the sides of streams to protect the vegetated area from development. This is an important planning tool in environmental protection. The rehabilitation of the ecological function of our watersheds ensures the overall health and diversity of the environment.

2005 – 2006 Executive

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Vicki Sanders, Saanich Councilor
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My first three months as a Saanich Councilor have been a whirlwind of settling into Council and committee activities. What an exciting year to have taken office as Saanich celebrates its Centennial. The Centennial Celebrations Kick Off event on March 1st saw the Municipal Hall transformed. The displays lead guests through a passage of time including the depression years, First Nations history and a 50’s diner. Guests included four former mayors, former councilors and many members of well known Saanich pioneer families.

The Quadra Cedar Hill neighbourhoods are home to many Saanich pioneers. Saanich’s Healthy Saanich Committee wishes to invite Saanich pioneers to a Pioneer Tea. If you qualify by being over the age of 70 and have lived in Saanich 50 years you are welcome to attend on Thursday, May 25th 2:00-4:00pm at Saanich Commonwealth Pool. Please contact the Saanich Clerks Office at 475-1775 to be included on the invitation list.

A full schedule of the Centennial events is available on the Saanich website at www.saanich.ca or contact Saanich Clerks Office. Don’t miss the events taking place in the QCHCA neighbourhoods.

1. Spring Community Expo "Heritage Days"; Saturday, March 25th, 11:00am-3:00pm St. Aidan's Church
2. Times Colonist Shelbourne Street Easter Parade; Sunday, April 16th 11:00am to noon.
3. Saanich Community Arts Week; Saturday, April 29th to Sunday, May 7th
4. Mother’s Day Concert; Sunday, May 14th Playfair Park
5. “Fun in the Park Picnic”; Sunday, July 9th noon – 3:00 pm., Playfair Park

This is an opportunity of a lifetime. Plan to join the fun and celebrate Saanich’s 100th Birthday.

Have you noticed ... ?

There is a very pleasant sweet scent on several sections of the Cedar Hill jogging trail. Some thing has been blooming since December but I haven’t been able to find it. Do you know what it is?



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3494 Cedar Hill Road: At this meeting the applicant offered good drawings of the 4 unit townhouse proposal and answered all questions. The applicant to hold a community meeting detailing the proposal and address any concerns the community may have.

Dogs and Ducks: Animals Bylaw 7462 states that dogs must be kept on leash on the perimeter trail within 50 metres of Kings Pond. There are three signs mounted on steel poles indicating that Kings Pond is a bird sanctuary and that dogs must be on leash. It's the only way to ensure everyone and everything stays safe.

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

1108 Tolmie: There was a neighbourhood meeting on February 2nd. The developer showed the old site plan with the area of two units colored in. No information was provided on building design nor on elevation drawings to existing homes. There were no answers regarding what zoning would be required. There are still a lot of unanswered questions. Concerns were raised regarding the general deterioration of the neighbourhood in terms of

messy properties and parking on the boulevard. The Bylaw office is working hard to address these issues.

COOK/TATTERSALL: Mark Brown
 386-1863 markbrown@shaw.ca

3511 Salsbury: There was a neighbourhood meeting on site for a pan handle single family infill subdivision. The developer committed to covenants on the building site and trees with the removal of only two. Privacy and the driveway location regarding the green separation between the neighbour's driveway are still of concern.

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

1234 Garry Oak Place: The subdivision went to council February 6th. The planner's recommendation was passed. Bylaw is investigating the lack of an occupancy permit and will ensure compliance.

QUADRA/SWAN LAKE: A Volunteer Area Director is needed to represent the Quadra/Swan lake Area. Please contact QCHCA president, Ken Whitcroft 383-7567 enviro.man@telus.net

REYNOLDS/QUADRA: A Volunteer Area Director is needed to represent the Reynolds Area. Please contact QCHCA president, Ken Whitcroft 383-7567 enviro.man@telus.net

1121/ 1123 Reynolds Rd: The developer met on Feb 12th with the neighbourhood group to hear concerns and suggestions. The suggestions favoured 4 townhouses. The developer to present plans at the next neighbourhood meeting.

1230 Reynolds: As the road and services are in, the park will be getting a split rail fence to indicate the protected area.


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Block Watch Report - Art and Patti Pollard

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2006 marks the tenth year of Saanich's successful Block Watch program. Statistics continue to indicate that if you live in a Block Watch community, you have a three times less likelihood of a break and enter. Block Watch builds safer communities, one block at a time. Please join the more than 50 Block Watches in our area in doing your part at crime prevention.

Two major events will happen this year to celebrate the Block Watch Program. On Sunday June 25 at Cedar Hill Golf Course, Saanich Block watch will host the inaugural: "Take a Shot at Crime" Block Watch Tournament. It'll be a four person Texas scramble, including a silent auction and buffet dinner. The price is \$75.00 prior to May 1. On September 14th a Volunteer Recognition event will applaud the Block Watch captains and supporters of the program.

Please contact Karen Wallis at the Block Watch office about starting a new block or information on these events. 250-475-4365

Annual Membership Reminder
Time to renew or take out a membership for 2006. Support your community association!

SUNFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

7th Annual Sunfest Picnic to be held at Playfair Park. Volunteers are needed to organize and work this extremely successful community event. Join the team to organize refreshments, games, fundraising, advertising, entertainment and facilities (tables, chairs, tents). Please consider helping out. Contact Margaret Bachmann 477-3673

Dawson Heights Volunteers

During the January QCHCA general meeting, Lynda Grant asked for help pulling ivy and generally clear the 'naturalized garden' at Dawson Heights Seniors home. She has found her help.

Students from Cedar Hill Middle School are volunteering several hours a month until June.

Our next newsletter will feature the young people's comments regarding their volunteer work. Photos have been promised.

13th Annual Kings Pond Clean Up

Saturday April 22 from 9:00 to 12:00. Please meet at Kings Pond Bird Sanctuary (corner of Ascot Drive and Queensbury Avenue) Plans are to weed and to spread mulch on the berm area. Bring garden tools if you have any. Some tools will be provided. There will be a barbeque and refreshments to follow. Rain or shine. For more information contact Margaret Bachmann at 477-3673

Saanich Native Plant Salvage Program

With the current interest in gardening, water conservation and preservation of native biodiversity, Saanich's Native Plant Salvage Program is about as perfect a scheme as one could hope for. This program gives you the opportunity to protect our region's ecosystem diversity and to learn appropriate plant salvaging techniques. It also gives you wonderful plants and it's all free.

The plant salvaging takes place on sites that have been volunteered by landowners, where native plants will be lost to development. Only members may salvage at sites. The plants are free for members and may not be resold.

To become a member, contact Nathalie Dechaine, Environmental Education Officer, at 475-5475 or at (dechaine@saanich.ca). She will send you a program brochure and the member's form. You must return the completed form and attend a mandatory orientation class.

Saanich has developed a secure website for the salvage program members. This site includes current updates on salvage sites, a web board for members to communicate with each other, salvaging information, and information on gardening with native plants.

The most difficult part of the program is waiting for the plants that need saving.