

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS



“Neighbours Building Community”

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General Meeting

Tuesday September 26th 2006 7.30 pm.
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road.
Everyone Welcome

Speaker

Laesha Berry

Coordinator of
Saanich Volunteer Services

**Topic – Launch of Saanich’s New
Volunteer Program**



**The 7th Annual Fun in the Park Picnic
Playfair Park Sunday, July 9, 2006
Mark Brown Vice President 386-1863**

The picnic is our way of celebrating our community in one of Saanich's great neighbourhood parks. Hot dogs, chips and soft drinks are provided and served by our neighbourhood Bank of Montreal and their staff. The afternoon's activities opened with the singing of Peter Bourne as it has since we started the picnic in 1999. "The Great Stretchini" entertained us with magic fun and a demonstration to the "girls team" that if games aren't always fair, they still can be fun. We were amazed once again that the piece torn off a playing card before our eyes can end up in the middle of an un-peeled orange. Next we enjoyed the country-bluegrass-rock'n roll of the five woman Barley-Wik band who started their western Canada tour at Playfair. All the while the face painters were busy and the kids were producing a continuous stream of bubbles from the bubble table when they weren't bounding in the air castle. The 'A' Channel community events team dropped by with balloons and bumper stickers, while neighbours got to catch up on the news about Block Watch. The Bowker Creek watershed model was a popular display and many door prizes were awarded. The afternoon's activities continued with races for everyone, including the three legged races, egg and spoon races (with real eggs) and sack races (with real sacks!). The grand finale, an "everyone welcome tug-o-war" with the enormous ship's tow rope from Seaspan, was won this year by the neighbours from the South side (of the community).

**Mark your calendar for the next QCHCA
General meeting on November 28th 2006.**

President's Message

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I hope that everyone's summer has been safe and enjoyable. I would like to thank those who came out and supported the 7th Annual Sunfest Picnic at Playfair Park making it such a great success. Also Rutledge Park had a summer event ... "Music in the Park" with Jambanja Marimba Drum and Dance troupe. This musical afternoon was another community success. Thank you to everyone for their support.



Environment

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Everyone is focusing on Greater Victoria's need for sewers. Yes, sewers are needed but I'd like to point out to the reader that sewage from our homes is 7th on the list of hazards polluting the Georgia Basin. The storm water running from our roads is 2nd. If we are serious about protecting our environment shouldn't we be dealing with the most serious threats first? (Georgia Basin Action Plan info www.pyr.ec.gc.ca/georgiabasin/index_e.htm) The treatment of storm water can be easily achieved using Mother Natures' natural components within the watersheds. Rehabilitating our watersheds would greatly improve the quality of our lives. If the various governments plan to spend millions of dollars treating sewage, it is only reasonable they spend millions of dollars restoring our watersheds as well. The 8th issue of 'Storm Water, Harbours and Watersheds News' is now out. You can find a copy at <http://www.crd.bc.ca/es/index.htm>. In this issue there are some wonderful examples of how storm water treatment can be used to increase the aesthetics of our neighbourhoods.

QCHCA's Centennial Project

The QCHCA's centennial project is to work with the community and Saanich Parks to complete the design concept for Cecelia Creek Falls Park; the proposed park at Inverness Avenue and Linwood Avenue. The centennial project will have not only a legacy component but also an environmental, educational and social component. It will be in keeping with the policy to assist neighbourhood residents in preparing an appropriate park design as indicated in the Core Local area plan. The concept, presented in a previous newsletter, is to create a tranquility park using naturescape principals. The concept calls for the daylighting of the small section of Cecilia Creek, which is presently in storm drains, to create a waterfall as a main feature. The park would provide Cloverdale School students and the general community an incredible opportunity to study first hand the various methods required to reclaim and maintain our watersheds. Stay tuned for more information!

Summer 2007 – Music in Our Parks

Margaret Bachmann is passionate about establishing regular musical afternoons and/or evenings in our parks. If you wish to help or have comments and ideas, please contact her at 477-3673.

Saanich Municipality's Garden Heroes

Know where to get free clean-mulched leaf compost? In October, Saanich Solid Waste Services (SSWS) vacuums the leaves from our streets and creates mulch. Mulch is first allocated to the municipal gardens and parks. But ... if you call SSWS you may ask for mulch to be dropped off in your driveway. Leave your request for the mulch with SSWS at 475-5595 in early October. Do not call before October. SSWS tries its best to meet all reasonable requests.

Saanich Parks & Recreation

The growing season is almost over. Take the time now to look at the trees on the boulevard in front of your home. Have any grown too close to the service wires coming into your home? Will any branches cause a problem when the fall winds start to blow? If you have reason for concern, call Parks at 475-5522. Saanich will send a crew to prune and remove the hazard. Maintenance service for the boulevard trees is free.

Events to Watch For

Saturday September 9th - Family Fest

Join in for free fun activities and entertainment at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. All this starts at 11:30 on Saturday September 9th. See you there!

Sunday November 5th - Saanich Centennial Tree Celebration

The 12th Annual Tree Appreciation Day will take place on the Sunday November 5, 2006. One hundred Garry Oaks have been purchased in cooperation with the BC Hydro Re-Greening Program. The trees will be planted throughout the Cedar Hill Golf Course as a legacy for the next 100 years. The Significant Tree Committee, Cedar Hill Golf Course, BC Hydro, Urban Forestry Stewardship Initiative and Saanich Parks would like to welcome all to attend the tree planting. Check the Saanich News and the Times Colonist for information regarding the exact time and place.



What's Happening in Our Neighbourhoods

BRAEFOOT:

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1. 3973 Cedar Hill X Road – neighbourhood meeting regarding 4 lot subdivision held, proposal to go before Council.

CLOVERDALE/CORE:

Laura Hilva 385-0880

1. 914 Inverness – proposed rezone from single family (RS6) to RA6 to construct 4 story 23 unit condominium
2. 3555 Douglas – Town and Country Shopping Centre - going before Council in near future
3. 990 Cloverdale – proposed one additional lot
4. 475 Dupplin – proposed rezone from single family to office space
5. 3494 Bethune – proposed rezone from RS6 to RT6 to construct 6 titled townhouse units
6. 851 Short – rezone from RS6 to construct 48 unit apartment

CEDAR HILL:

Lana Burns 478-4062 lmb1297@telus.net

1. 3740 Epsom – proposal went to council, was tabled and returned for public consultation.
2. 3824 Epsom Drive – proposed 1 additional lot
3. 1381 Charles Pl – proposed 1 additional lot
4. Cedar Hill Recreation Centre – proposal for additions to pottery shed and fitness center, also interior renovations

COOK:

Mark Brown 386-1863 markbrown@shaw.ca

1. 3511 Salsbury Way – additional lot and property boundary variation, community meeting held
2. 3280 Linwood – proposed 1 additional lot
3. 1108 Tolmie – application moving forward to Council in near future

CRAIGMILLAR:

Lorne Carnes 383-1978 lornecarnes@shaw.ca

1. 1234 Garry Oak Pl – proposed 1 additional lot
2. 1253 Palmer Rd – proposed 1 additional lot
3. 1140 Rock St – proposed 1 additional lot

REYNOLDS/QUADRA

1. 3939 Quadra – application to expand lobby, renovate exterior and modify landscaping
2. 1277 Union Rd – proposed one additional lot

A volunteer Area Director is needed to represent the Reynolds area. Please contact QCHCA president, Ken Whitcroft.

QUADRA/SWAN LAKE:

A volunteer Area Director is needed to represent the Quadra/Swan Lake area. Please contact QCHCA president, Ken Whitcroft.

Information on Developments and Proposals

Information on developments and proposals can be seen on the Saanich municipal website:
<http://www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/business/index.html>

Saanich municipality planning/development:
contact 475-5471 or plansec@saanich.ca

Block Watch Report

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

Please contact Karen Wallis at the Block Watch office about starting a new block 250-475-4365

Traffic Calming

Several neighbourhoods are looking for traffic calming on the following streets:

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Oakmont Rd | 1. Union Rd |
| 2. Reynolds at Cedar Hill X Rd | 2. Easter Rd |

Never Too Late to Show Your Support

Rikki Bowman, QCHCA Membership
Phone: 382-6197 or email rikkij@shaw.ca

Summer's almost over, have you shown your support to the QCHCA for 2006? The annual fee is just \$5 per person per year. If you haven't sent support for 2006, please complete the membership form in this newsletter; mail or deliver or bring it with you to the September meeting. Thanks!

QCHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Postal Code _____ **TEL** _____

EMAIL _____

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- Saanich Community Services
- Corporation of the District of Saanich

The QCHCA meets the 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November 7:30 pm at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.