

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS



“Neighbours Building Community”

Volume #43 November-December 2006

General Meeting
Tuesday November 28th 2006 7.30 pm.
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road.
Everyone Welcome

Speaker:

Vicki Sanders

**Saanich Municipal
Councillor**

**Topic – How to have Your Voice
Heard at Council**



**Mark your calendar for the next QCHCA
General meeting on January 23 2007.**

President's Message

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

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season this year. I encourage you all to take a few moments out of your busy holiday season to walk in your neighbourhood, to enjoy the natural beauty of your neighbourhood. We all need to encourage each other to work at saving that beauty. Simple regeneration of small natural areas in your yards or in our parks would increase wildlife habitat for all indigenous species as well as increasing our pleasure in the community.

One example is the QCHCA centennial project, Celia Creek Falls Park at the corner of Inverness and Linwood Avenues, which is working at accomplishing just that goal. Other projects that I believe should be considered are neighbourhood greenway connections linking our wonderful parks. For now have a safe and happy holiday season.

Fall and Winter Activities at the Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary

The leaves are turning and falling, the winds are blowing, and the ducks, owls and eagles are arriving. The Nature Sanctuary is a busy place in the fall, with the migratory birds and the elementary school students all arriving at the same time to share this natural oasis in the city.

Family Program: Crow Cousin Capers

Sunday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Presenting the Corvid Family on stage. Jay Walk at the Roadkill Cafe and sing raucously with Steppencrow. Play crow games, and learn crow family tricks. Drop-in program for all ages. Admission by donation.

Adult Program: Landscape Design with Native Plants

Sunday, November 26, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Native plant expert Pat Johnson and local landscape designer Christina Nikolic are teaming up for a workshop on garden design with native plants. Combining their knowledge, they will introduce the principles of landscape design and refer to suitable native plants and plant communities for the residential garden setting. Pre-registration required.
Cost - \$40, Friends of Swan Lake \$36

Christmas Season Family Programs

Check out our web site – www.swanlake.bc.ca – for a listing of our family holiday season programs and nature house hours.

The **Nature House** is always a warm and inviting place to explore, and a good place to start your outdoor discoveries. Open from 8:30 to 4:00 Mon to Fri, and from 12:00 to 4:00 Sat and Sun. Admission by Donation. A variety of **volunteer opportunities** exist, both indoors and outdoors. Contact Joan Cowley at 479-0211 or volunteer@swanlake.bc.ca

Environment:

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The Bowker Creek Watershed Initiative is looking for volunteers interested in participating on the different subcommittees within the initiative. If you are interested please contact Jody Watson at JWATSON@crd.bc.ca or myself for more information

The Thing in the Closet

Remember when you were little and when you were tucked in for the night how your bedroom became a scary place? You may have had a Monster Under The Bed. I had The Thing In The Closet. It seemed reasonable that as The Thing had never actually left the closet it wasn't an issue, ignore it and go to sleep. On the other hand having a flashlight handy, making sure the scatter mat was in the magic spot and leaving the door to the hall slightly open gave me courage. Being prepared was empowering.

Last year a member of the Saanich Emergency Preparedness Program spoke to us about planning for a natural disaster. In the last three years there's been tsunami in the Indian Ocean, a massive earthquake in Pakistan and most recently a severe shake in Hawaii. How many of us have made any preparations?

We don't want to think about natural disasters of any sort in our backyards. Acknowledging the possibility of a natural disaster seems wimpy or the sign of a neurosis. Alternatively what are you going to tell your kids if IT does happen? "Sorry, never thought it would happen to us." Lame, eh?

So, back to The Thing In The Closet, which is preferable: waiting to be a victim or having some measure of control? Call Saanich Emergency Preparedness for information (250) 475-5503.

Volunteers Needed

"The Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society (G.O.M.P.S.) is calling for volunteers to help distribute its informational brochure in neighbourhoods where property owners have Garry Oaks. If interested, please phone Pierre d'Estrube at 477-2410 or e-mail destrube@shaw.ca"



Looking in the Dark

Not too long ago I had to find a house in an unfamiliar part of our community. Not a big deal. People do that sort of thing a million times a day. The key word is ... "day". I went looking for this house at night. Couldn't find it no matter how slowly I drove. Eventually I parked and walked the block going from house to house to read the address numbers. With the exception of the streetlights there were no other lights on the block. The porch lights only went on when I triggered the motion detectors. I'd been sabotaged by thrifty environmentalists.

I walked my block a few nights later and found that of the 21 homes only 5 had easily identifiable house numbers. My house was not one of the easily identified.

The various emergency services personnel must find this situation extremely frustrating. Take the time to ensure your house numbers are visible at night.

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre A Celebration of Christmas Memories - Sunday December 17, 2006

Kaleidoscope's Performing Arts Studio Senior Company brings to life warm memories and stories of Christmas. Performance followed by carols and refreshments. Tickets available after November 14th by phone: 475-7121 or in person at Cedar Hill Rec Centre, 3220 Cedar Hill Road.

Thank you to McKenzie Veterinary Services, Pacific Mobile Veterinary Clinic and Saanich Parks for the doggie waste bags found in our parks. Now all we have to do is get every dog walker to use them.

**Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee's
Annual Fall Workshop**
Saturday, November 25, 2006
**Picturing a Healthy Saanich in the Midst of
Change: A Community Dialogue**

Beginning with a set of photographs taken by citizens of their picture of what makes a community healthy (physically, geographically and socially) this participatory event will include an interactive panel and small group dialogue to bring a thoughtful, creative and inclusive approach to public conversation. For information call Carole at 475-5406

What's Happening in Our Neighbourhoods

BRAEFOOT:

Bob Trotter 477-4365 rctrotter@hotmail.com

1. 3973 Cedar Hill X Road – neighbourhood meeting regarding 4 lot subdivision held, proposal to go before Council.
2. 1512 Althone Drive – proposed one additional lot.

CLOVERDALE/CORE:

Laura Hilva 385-0880

1. 914 Inverness – neighbourhood meeting held regarding proposed rezoning from single family (RS6) to RA6 to construct 4 story 23 unit condominium, proposal to go before Council.
2. 3555 Douglas – Town and Country Shopping Centre - going before Council in near future.

CEDAR HILL:

Lana Burns 478-4062 lmb1297@telus.net

1. 3740 Epsom – neighbourhood meeting regarding proposed additional lot, proposal to go before Council.
2. 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. 3281 Linwood – request for a siting variance and a sundeck addition to an existing townhouse.
2. 1108 Tolmie – application moving forward to Council in near future.

CRAIGMILLAR:

Lorne Carnes 383-1978 lornecarnes@shaw.ca

1. 1253 Palmer Rd – proposed 1 additional lot.
2. 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:

Dennis Rasmussen and Suzanne DeStaffany are the new directors. They may be reached at 920-7711 or dennisra@telus.net or destaffany@telus.net.

Block Watch Report

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

Thank You For Supporting the QCHCA

Rikki Bowman, QCHCA Membership

Phone: 382-6197 or

Email: rikkij@shaw.ca

Thank you to the 255 neighbours who have shown their support to the QCHCA for 2006. The annual membership is just \$5 per person per year. If you haven't sent support for 2006, please complete the membership renewal below and mail it or bring it with you to the November meeting.

QCHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Postal Code _____ **TEL** _____

EMAIL _____

Membership is \$5 per person per year. Please fill out this form and send along with payment to:
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The QCHCA newsletter is published 5 times a year.
Volunteers needed to help deliver the newsletters!

The Gallery Café

at

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Proudly serving Torrefazione Italia
Coffee and Tazo Teas, along
with a variety of homemade
salads, soups, sandwiches and
more.



The Gallery Café features
monthly exhibits by local
artists, including artist's
receptions.

The "Gourmet at the Gallery" cooking series offers
workshops with Chef Kathleen Robertson.

Let us host your next meeting or social gathering. Call
Jamie at 475-7129 for details.

Room rentals available, call Sandra at 475-7130.

Hours

Mon. to Fri. 9:00am to 9:30pm
Sat. 9:00am to 2:00pm
475-7121 www.saanich.ca



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