

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS



“Neighbours Building Community”

Volume #44 January – February 2007

General Meeting
Tuesday January 23, 2007 at 7.30 pm.
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road.
Everyone Welcome

Speaker: Mike Ippen,
Manager Saanich Public Works

Topic: Maintenance & Public Works
in Our Area

QCHCA - Celebrating It's 10th Anniversary
Mark Brown 386-1863 markbrown@shaw.ca

It is now over ten years ago that a group of neighbours decided that they had skirted an issue for long enough. They had attended council meetings and sometimes even spoke at the public meeting portion of council meetings. They had posted notices of community interest on neighbourhood notice boards. They attended local area planning meetings and filled out surveys at those meetings. And they talked to their neighbours about local issues. But they finally realized that was not enough. What they had to do was to organize a community association, and do the proper job by having it a registered organization. 2007 is the tenth anniversary year of that association, the Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association.

The process of registering the society caused the group to think carefully (and consult with interested community members) in order to structure the society it wanted to be, and not be. The group had to think about whether it would be a single neighbourhood organization or whether it should be more inclusive of a larger area. How would it be organized to have representation from a broad area and yet remain efficient (keep it simple)? Should the organization be a land use preservation

association, or a ratepayers association, or a community planning and lobby group or an environmental society? In the end they decided that the community association ought to be able to embrace the various issues and initiatives of its neighbourhoods: help neighbours deal with change and re-development issues; participate in the development of community initiatives such as Block Watch and emergency preparedness, and just to get together as neighbours for a picnic in the park.

When we look back over the past decade, your community (association) has made a remarkable number of achievements: we have constructed and installed community notice boards in three neighbourhoods, we have cleared out blackberries and rubbish at the end of a road right of way and had the land re-zoned to park, we even paid for a park bench with a view to the Olympics. We have held an annual clear up of the landscaping at Kings Pond, a nature sanctuary at the end of Ascot Drive. We have encouraged many of our members to sit on Municipal public committees and boards. We have convened dozens of meetings between neighbours and developers to improve the communication and understanding between them. We have participated in local planning charettes, action area plans and local area planning meetings. For seven years we have had a community summer picnic in Playfair Park and were instrumental in “getting the ball rolling” for the expansion and re-development of Rutledge Park.

That's what a committed bunch of neighbours achieved in the past ten years – but there's still lots left to do – and lots left we haven't even heard about. So this year, if you made a new year's resolution to become more involved in your community, join us at our next meeting. We always have a time for open discussion where community members can voice their ideas and concerns. See you there, and Happy New Year.

President's Message
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Happy New Year everyone!

This last year as president has been a wonderfully exciting experience. Thank you for giving me the opportunity and honour of representing you. Unfortunately, work and other commitments don't permit me the time to be the president that I think the QCHCA deserves. I will not be seeking the position for another term. Being president of the QCHCA is challenging and amazingly satisfying. I urge those who may be interested to come forward.

Telephone Scam ... **DON'T PUSH THE 9 (Nine) KEY**

Since the beginning of December I have received telephone calls telling me that I may have won prizes or stating I'd won a Caribbean vacation. The most recent one claimed my credit rating may be in danger. The kink in all these calls was the instruction to push the 9 (nine) key on the telephone pad to get additional information. When I heard the 'nine' in the message I knew it was a scam. Some people must be pushing the 9 (nine) key or the scam artists would have stopped blitzing our area. When you push the 9 (nine) key you reroute the call and accept all long distance charges associated with the call. The call will cost you a small fortune and you will have quite unwittingly given the scam artists some of your personal information. **Never push the 9 (nine) key of your telephone during a call that you did not initiate.** If you get one of these calls and if the number shows on 'call display', immediately copy down the caller's phone number. Contact both the Non Emergency Police number and Better Business Bureau.

Storm Debris

Just a reminder for local residents with branches and storm debris thanks to the recent wind storms. The District of Saanich does not offer curbside branch or storm debris pick-up. These materials, as well as leaves, can be dropped off free of charge at the Public Works Yard, 1040 McKenzie Ave. For more information check out: <http://www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/resident/utilities/gardenwaste.html>

CEDAR HILL RECREATION CENTRE
3220 Cedar Hill Road Phone: 475-7121

Events & News - Jan. & Feb. 2007

Phase 1 Expansion!

We are pleased to announce that Saanich Council approved the tender to construct "Phase One" of Cedar Hill Recreation Centre by Perma Construction. Construction will commence in January and will consist of renovations and expansion of the weight room, refurbishment of the lobby washrooms, modifications to the front desk, new flooring, and installation of covered bike racks. **Centre Closure** To accommodate construction the centre will be closed on Sat. Jan. 27 & Sun. Jan. 28.

2007 Programs

Pickup a copy of the Active Living Guide today, or visit www.saanich.ca. Registration for programs is available right through to June '07.

The Gallery Cafe

Drop-by to enjoy the following artists exhibits:
January 8 to February 5: Barbara Weaver-Bosson
February 5 to March 5: Robert Amos
While you are here, enjoy the food and beverage services available in the café/lounge. The kitchen is open Mon. to Fri. from 9am - 9:30pm, and on Sat. from 9am - 2pm.

Racquet Tournaments

Jan. 5 - 7: U16 Juniors Sanctioned Tennis Tournament
Feb. 16 - 18: Pacific Northwest Juniors Squash Tournament
Feb. 21 - 25: Triple Knock-out Doubles Tennis Tournament

Events

Feb. 3: European Wine & Food Festival. Tickets available at Cedar Hill, fundraiser for Saanich Volunteer Services.
Feb. 24: Small and Home-based Business Show. Admission \$5 at the door, includes 5 seminars.

HELP!

The QCHCA web site is in dire need of attention. Have the skills? Willing to volunteer? Please call a newsletter co-editor.

Good Neighbours in the Snow

Several people commented about the lack of snow clearing off the sidewalks. Uncleared sidewalks make it hard going for all pedestrians and dangerous for our older residents. Who is responsible for clearing the sidewalk? We are. If the sidewalk is in front of your home or work place, you have a responsibility to clear it. There is a bylaw requiring property owners clear sidewalks but really it is just being good neighbours. Speaking of good neighbours, it would make the lives of pedestrians a whole lot pleasanter if we carved a walking path through the snow even if there is no sidewalk.

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 1 additional lot.
3. 3903 Braefoot Road – proposed 1 additional lot.

CLOVERDALE/CORE:

Laura Hliva 385-0880

1. 3555 Douglas – Town and Country Shopping Centre - going before Council in near future.

CEDAR HILL:

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

COOK:

Mark Brown 386-1863 markbrown@shaw.ca

1. 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 & 1180 Rock St – proposed 1 additional lot.

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.

REYNOLDS/QUADRA:

3955 Quadra – amendment to development permit to construct store and warehouse to replace buildings destroyed by fire

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

Block Watch Report

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

2007 QCHCA Memberships on Sale Now

Rikki Bowman, QCHCA Membership

382-6197 rikkij@shaw.ca

It's a New Year, and time for all of us to renew our Community Association membership for 2007. The \$5.00 per person per year fees pay for printing five issues of the newsletter, and help support special Community projects. Not a member yet? Now is a good time to join; memberships are on a calendar year basis – January to December. Join or renew now, and don't worry about it again until next January! Thank you for your support.

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: #4-1164 Palmer Rd., Victoria, BC V8P 2H6

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The QCHCA newsletter is published 5 times a year. Volunteers needed to help deliver the newsletters!

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

CEDAR HILL CLUBHOUSE
Great Views - Great Food
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AT THE GOLF COURSE
Everyone Welcome
Out For A Walk - Stop By
Fully Licensed - 475-7154

Senior Living Senior Celebration Festival March 9, 2007

Come celebrate the achievements of seniors in our community. Over 60 exhibitors including artists, athletes, authors, hobbyists, crafters, artisans, dancers, musicians and more. Demonstrations, interactive exhibits. All day entertainment. Presented by Senior Living magazine. 10 am to 4 pm Pearkes Recreation Centre, 3100 Tillicum. Free parking. Admission by donation. Call 383-0133 for more information.

Community Connection and Creativity March 14, 2007 Wednesday 7 pm

Cedar Hill Golf Course Clubhouse
Free admission – Everyone Welcome

2005 – 2006 Executive

President	Ken Whitcroft 383-756
Past President	Vicki Sanders 592-0865
Vice-President	Mark Brown 386-1863
Secretary	Trudy Trotter 477-4365
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Newsletter	Lana Burns 478-4062 Ruth Emery 381-3689

Such is Life ...

Hope you weren't too badly impacted by the unexpected storms. My stock of supplies were organized. All was good until I reached for the transistor radio. No batteries. Opened the bag of extras. No AAA's. Why? All the entertainment remotes in the house work on AAA's. No one told me they'd used the last battery. Not to worry, I raided the remotes....

Reminder: check battery stock regularly.