

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS



“Neighbours Building Community”

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GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday Sept 25, 2007 7:30 PM
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
Everyone Welcome!

Speaker: Cst. Will Dodds
Traffic Safety Unit
Saanich Police Department

Topic: Changing Drivers' Attitudes

Mark Your Calendar for the Next QCHCA Meeting on November 27, 2007

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Highlights - September General Meeting

Cst. Will Dodds from Saanich Police Traffic Safety Unit will explain how traffic is monitored on Tattersall, Cloverdale, Maplewood/ Blenkinsop, Saanich, and Cedar Hill & Cedar Hill Cross Roads. These roads despite their official designations are primarily residential areas. We realize there's nothing anyone can do to reduce the traffic volume but wish to know how to encourage drivers to obey posted speed limits and the basic rules of the road - how to change attitudes.

Is more enforcement the answer? How does a community get drivers to show respect for it? Are resident drivers part of the problem?

To round off the evening, two developers will be presenting their proposals. The town house development at Cedar Hill and Cedar X Roads will be revisited. A new application for a liquor store at the new Town and Country Shopping Centre will be introduced. Have something to add to the discussion?

See you at the meeting on September 25th.

New Website **Andrew Croll**

QCHCA has a new website to keep you up-to-date on what's happening in our community. There's lots of photos of QCHCA people and recent events, a listing of upcoming community celebrations and meetings, and also a forum where you can share your ideas on current issues.

There are three ways to get to the QCHCA easily.

1. Google "qchca" and follow the link.
2. Put the following URL into your browser: members.shaw.ca/qchca
3. Use the old website address if you already have it bookmarked. You will see a link to get to the new site.

Check out current development proposals. See who you recognize in the photo gallery. Find links to other community resources. And much, much more.

When you're finished exploring, tell us what you think. Either go to the menu choice, "Have your say", and let us know, or email us at qchca@shaw.ca. Send us some photos of QCHCA people and places. We're really looking forward to hearing from you.

Andrew Croll is the new Reynolds Area Director as well as the QCHCA's webmaster

Leaf Mulch

Don't forget - If you want free leaf mulch call 475-5595 at the beginning of October.

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

8th Annual Fun in the Park Picnic **Dean Murdock**

A rainy Sunday morning didn't dampen the spirits of the many smiling volunteers who turned out to help with the eighth annual Quadra-Cedar Hill Community Association Picnic in Playfair Park. It's a good thing, too. As we raised the tents and fired up the barbeques, the sun came out and so did the neighbourhood.

We had a fantastic turn out of families and friends from all over the community. Peter Bourne entertained us, while we played games, ate hamburgers and cake, made crafts from recycled household materials, and painted our faces.

I had a thoroughly enjoyable time, which was probably evident from my non-stop commentary into the microphone. It's never a good idea to leave me in charge of the PA system.

Thanks to everyone who turned out to support the picnic. It was a great success and we hope to see you all again next year!

Dean Murdock is Vice-President of the Quadra-Cedar Hill Community Association and was our MC at the Picnic in Playfair Park.

Music in the Park

The response to the 3 Music in the Park concerts in August was positive. So positive in fact that it may become an annual affair. Thank you to all the sponsors and organizers.

Look for lists of sponsors on the QCHCA web site.

Neighbour to Neighbour

RJB found this slug cocktail recipe. Works like a champ!

Mix 1c water with 1 tsp sugar and ¼ tsp yeast in a shallow container. Place the container on the ground, in a damp shady area. The slugs can't resist it. Apparently it's the yeast they crave and is their undoing. You can be ultra green and use grapefruit halves or avocado skins as the container.

Life on the Fast Lane **Suzanne DeSteffany**

It all began when my husband, Dennis, and I moved to Easter Road in late 2004. By spring we were spending more time outside and became aware of the vehicle through-traffic from Quadra Street that was using our short-but-convenient residential street as a cut through to Saanich Road.

The problem isn't so much being used as a short cut, it's the speed that these drivers use to pass through. Many of these drivers literally fly over the hill, like movie stunt drivers. It's just plain dangerous.

One afternoon after yet another promising future Formula One racer tore down the hill that I decided "Enough!" I called Saanich Public Works. Armed with detailed vehicle descriptions, dates, times, and frequency of these offences, I insisted that a speed hump be installed immediately. "Children will be hurt or killed. Pets have already died. Yet you do nothing!" I ranted to the fellow on the other end of the phone. I was told "Contact your Community Association."

The Saanich Municipal "Traffic Calming Policy" requires residents first organize and conduct a series of Driver Education and Traffic Enforcement Activities. These are designed to prove to the Municipality that there is a Significant Traffic Issue. A speed bump application can be submitted only after completing all the requirements. The applications are reviewed once a year on a first-come-first-served basis until the annual budget is exhausted.

We attended a QCHCA general meeting, hoping to learn just where someone gets started in all of this. By the end of the meeting, we were the new Area Directors for the Swan Lake. Hmmm...

Last May we held our first meeting, inviting residents of Easter Road to "officially" discuss the problem. Due to word-of-mouth, concerned citizens from nearby streets came to the meeting as well.

Stay tuned!

What's Happening in Our Neighbourhoods

BRAEFOOT:

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1. 3973 Cedar Hill X Road – conditional approval granted.
2. 3903 Braefoot – conditional approval granted
3. 3830 Merriman –proposed additional 2 lots for single family dwellings

CLOVERDALE CORE:

Laura Hliva 385-0880

1. 851 Short Street – rezone from RS-6 to a new multifamily housing, to construct 48 unit apartment - pending
2. 3555 Douglas – rezone from C3 to C3L to permit a liquor store at the new Town & Country Shopping Centre - pending

CEDAR HILL:

Lana Burns 478-4062 Imb1297@telus.net

COOK:

Mark Brown 386-1863
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1. 3350 Quadra – Planning reviewing proposal
2. 914 Inverness – rightly rejected by Council

CRAIGMILLAR:

1. 1140 & 1180 Rock St – pending
2. 1253 Palmer – proposed 1 additional lot

A volunteer Area Director is needed to represent the Craigmillar area. Please contact QCHCA president, Mark Brown.

QUADRA/ SWAN LAKE:

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REYNOLDS/QUADRA:

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1. 1277 Union – proposal pending
2. 3973 Cedar Hill X – conditional approval granted
3. 3833 Cumberland – proposed additional lot for single family dwelling
4. 1051 San Marino proposed additional lot for single family dwelling.

Block Watch Contact Information

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blockwatch@saanichpolice.ca
www.saanichpolice.ca

Membership Renewal Reminder

Summer's almost over, have you shown your support to the QCHCA for 2007? The annual fee of just \$5 per person helps provide this newsletter 5 times annually, bringing neighbourhood news to our many area residents. If you haven't yet paid for 2007, or want to become a new member, please complete the membership renewal & mail or deliver it to me. You can even bring it with you to the September meeting. Thanks!

Rikki Bowman 382-6197

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#4 -1164 Palmer Rd. Victoria
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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.**