

# QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS



“Neighbours Building Community”

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## GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday Nov 27, 2007 7:30 PM  
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre  
Annual Community Appreciation Night  
Refreshments  
Everyone Welcome!

**Speaker: Susan Zerb**  
**Executive Director**  
**Saanich Volunteer Services**

**Topic: Local Volunteer Services**

**Mark Your Calendar for the Next QCHCA Meeting on January 22, 2008**

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**Broom /Ivy Pull**  
**Playfair’s Natural Park**  
**Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30 – 11:30**  
**Meet at Entrance off Judge Pl**  
**Bring Gloves**  
**For Additional Information**  
**Call Pam Sinclair at 382-0032**

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**The Problems of 3900 Block Quadra**  
**Brian Silverster**  
[BrianSilverster@shaw.ca](mailto:BrianSilverster@shaw.ca)

On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, four residents of Hulford Street met with two representatives of the Saanich By-Laws Office to discuss a variety of issues in the 3900 block Quadra Street and the role of the By-Laws office in addressing these issues.

The residents described their concerns with respect to:

(a) the failure of some local businesses to take steps to reduce the amount of garbage accumulating on and around their premises  
(b) the increasing number of street people moving into the area and setting up sleeping areas on public and private property,  
(c) the apparent disregard for existing by-laws by certain property owners with particular reference to unsightly premises, noxious weeds and graffiti.

The residents were given ample opportunity to state their concerns and the By-Laws officers were sympathetic acknowledging that these were valid issues.

It was explained to the residents that action could only be taken within a framework established by the by-law and on the receipt of a formal complaint. The By-Laws office is understaffed and under-budgeted and can only be reactive, rather than proactive. In most instances, in the event of a private business being in contravention of a by-law, there is a lengthy process of warning letters, grace periods, and further letters before direct action can be taken. Infractions on public property, such as storing shopping carts containing personal belongings on public rights of way can be addressed more quickly.

The By-Laws office is willing to work with area residents to address these problems, within the limits of their jurisdiction. Residents are encouraged to contact the office by telephone 475-5456 to report perceived by-law infractions and to call the non-emergency police number 475-4321 to report incidents connected with the activities of the street people.

## **Saanich Climate Action** **Dean Murdock**

In recent weeks, Saanich Council has taken several important steps to combat climate change in our community. Beginning in January 2008, Saanich will become the first carbon-neutral jurisdiction in Canada. Council has also approved a Green Buildings Policy that applies to private sector development. The policy provides a series of incentives and recommendations for development projects that apply to energy use, building materials, and ecological footprint. Finally, Saanich is the first municipality in the CRD to support the CRD Community Energy Plan. The plan is a five-year strategy to reduce our region's greenhouse gas emissions 15.6%.

Council is to be commended for these tremendous first steps. The next part of the process is the development of a Sustainable Saanich Plan. Saanich will begin a public engagement process in the coming months. This process is an excellent opportunity for the community to share ideas about the ways in which residents and businesses can begin curtailing energy use and cutting emissions. If we intend to meet the provincial target of 33% emissions reduction, we all need to get involved and do our part.

*For more information about getting involved in climate action planning, please contact Dean at [dean.murdock@telus.net](mailto:dean.murdock@telus.net).*

### **Driving Quiz ... true or false?**

**Q** - Even with a green light, one must not enter an intersection until all cross directional traffic has cleared.

**A** - True. To do so is illegal.

**Q** - Half the traffic tickets issued in our area are to local residents ... of all ages.

**A** - True. Why not move toward 100% being issued to the 'outside invaders'? Voluntary civility could be our best and cheapest deterrent ... better than a surveillance camera on every corner.

## **Our New Goal** **Lana Burns**

Who doesn't enjoy an afternoon wandering around Cook Street Village, Cadboro Bay or Oak Bay Avenue ... browsing in the shops, maybe making a small purchase or two, definitely stopping for coffee or a meal. Great way to spend an afternoon.

Village shopping is the 'new' goal of most communities. The village concept is recognized as good for the individual, community and environment. Even the Quadra/Hillside corner is a fun place to go. A couple of years ago I'd have thought you were crazy if you'd suggested going there. The run down shop fronts, graffiti, general air of decay and neglect were just plain nasty; but with the help of the City, residents and businesses have reclaimed the neighbourhood. Can we do the same? We have two neighbourhoods that are perfect for the village lifestyle. Quadra/Cook and Quadra/McKenzie.

Imagine wanting to walk along Quadra to Cook and to McKenzie. Imagine pretty shop fronts. No decaying houses covered in graffiti. No masses of blackberry vines nurturing shameful urban secrets. No disgusting practices excused by some businesses. We need to reclaim our community.

This is about our community's self respect.

### **Cedar Hill Rec Centre Weight Room**

The new expanded weight room is open. The grand opening was held October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Please visit the centre and enjoy the larger space, natural light, stretching area, new equipment, fine view and the great staff.

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## What's Happening in Our Neighbourhoods

### **BRAEFOOT:**

**Bob Trotter 477-4365**  
[rctrotter@hotmail.com](mailto:rctrotter@hotmail.com).

3830 Merriman –proposal pending for additional 2 lots for single family dwellings

### **CLOVERDALE CORE:**

**Laura Hliva 385-0880**

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](mailto:Imb1297@telus.net)

### **COOK:**

**Mark Brown 386-1863**  
[markbrown@shaw.ca](mailto:markbrown@shaw.ca)

3350 Quadra – Planning reviewing proposal

### **CRAIGMILLAR:**

1. 1140 & 1180 Rock St –proposal pending to subdivide 2 existing lots to create 1 additional lot under current RS-6 zoning
2. 1253 Palmer – proposal no longer on Saanich's website.
3. 3833 Cumberland – proposed 1 additional lot for single family dwelling. Community meeting held but not all concerns satisfied.

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

### **QUADRA/ SWAN LAKE:**

**Dennis Rasmussen and Suzanne DeStaffany**  
**920-7711**

[dennisra@telus.net](mailto:dennisra@telus.net) [destaffany@telus.net](mailto:destaffany@telus.net)

### **REYNOLDS/QUADRA:**

**Andrew Croll 658-5394**  
[andrewcroll@shaw.ca](mailto:andrewcroll@shaw.ca)

1. 1277 Union – proposal pending to create 1 additional lot under current RS-6 zoning
2. 1051 San Marino - conditional approval granted
3. 3927 Lasalle – pending proposal to rezone from RS-6 to RD-1 to construct a 2 family dwelling

## Block Watch Contact Information

760 Vernon Ave. Victoria BC V8X 2W6  
Direct Line: 475-4365 Fax 475-4398  
[blockwatch@saanichpolice.ca](mailto:blockwatch@saanichpolice.ca)  
[www.saanichpolice.ca](http://www.saanichpolice.ca)

## Membership Renewal Reminder

Thank you to the 285 neighbours who have shown their support for 2007 (we welcomed 62 new members this year!). Annual membership is just \$5.00 per person per calendar year. If you haven't done so yet, please complete the membership renewal/application in this newsletter, and mail it to my attention, or bring it to the November meeting.

Thanks for your support.

**Rikki Bowman 382-6197**

[rikkij@shaw.ca](mailto:rikkij@shaw.ca)

#4 -1164 Palmer Rd. Victoria  
V8P 2H6

### **QCHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**NAME**

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**ADDRESS**

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**Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEL** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL**

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| <b>Membership</b>     | Rikki Bowman 382-6197                      |
| <b>Newsletter</b>     | Lana Burns 478-4062<br>Ruth Emery 381-3689 |

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

Don't forget to check the QCHCA website at <http://members.shaw.ca/qchca/>

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