

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS



“Neighbours Building Community”

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GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday Jan 22, 2008 7:30 PM
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Everyone Welcome!

Speaker: Ginnie Holden
Senior Policy Analyst
Housing Policy Branch,
Province of BC

Topic: Affordable Housing &
Homelessness – an issue without
borders

**Mark Your Calendar for the Next QCHCA
Meeting on March 25, 2008**

Thank you!

**Thank you to the 3 volunteers who
removed ivy from oak trees in Playfair's
Natural Park on November 17th - a wet
and miserable Saturday.**

**Also thanks to the 8 volunteers who
removed ivy, daphne, blackberry and
broom on November 24th.
You all did a great job!**

Mark your calendar for...

Broom /Ivy Pull
Playfair's Natural Park
Saturday February 23, 2008
9:30 – 11:30
Meet at Entrance off Judge Pl
Gloves and Pruners useful

For Additional Information
Call Pam Sinclair at 382-0032

Affordable Housing

Lana Burns

Affordable housing is increasingly a factor in the development of a liveable community. Saanich is no exception. Currently I see two specific issues in our community.

One piece of the puzzle is secondary suites. They already exist, many of them. Saanich ignores secondary suites unless neighbours complain or the Police and Fire departments get involved. Residents deserve better. Secondary suites serve the community. They can be mortgage helpers or a way for the elderly to remain in their homes. They can also be a reasonable and profitable way to use unneeded space once the kids leave home. Most importantly they provide affordable housing.

Unfortunately with no minimum health and safety standards some of these suites can present a risk to neighbours and tenants. Frequently tenants are forced to accept substandard conditions. Parking congestion is also aggravated. Saanich Council must deal with these suites and move toward an appropriate form of regulation to protect the occupants and the neighbourhoods. If Council has a reason for not doing anything ...it should explain what it is.

Another piece of the puzzle is building new affordable housing within existing communities. But building a 4 story structure with all the architectural grace of the Super 8 Motel on the Pat Bay Hwy may not be a complete answer. The proposed building at 3350 Quadra will only have access to the suites from the outside. By eliminating interior public areas, the building costs are reduced. For the residents there will be no way to keep people from looking into their apartments unless they live with the blinds drawn. This proposal has no balconies, no privacy and no way to add value. A building that has 4 exposed stairways and 4 outside halls is cheap entertainment for aspiring graffiti artists. QCHCA residents and Council should re examine this proposal. Does affordable housing need to look like this?

Send your comments to gchca@shaw.ca
Write to members of Council at 770 Vernon Avenue,
Victoria, BC V8X 2W7.

Squeaky Wheels

I've been told over and over ... "it's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease." So contact Saanich Council. Write or phone. **It's election year....**

Frank Leonard	475-5510
Susan Brice	598-6209
Judy Brownoff	727-2008
Vic Derman	479-0302
Robert Gillespie	658-0707
Wayne Hunter	658-5882
Jackie Ngai	477-9899
Vicki Sanders	592-0865
Leif Wergeland	658-6558

What's Happening in Our Neighbourhoods

BRAEFOOT:

Bob Trotter 477-4365 retrotter@hotmail.com

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

CLOVERDALE CORE:

Laura Hliva 385-0880

CEDAR HILL:

Lana Burns 478-4062 lmb1297@telus.net

COOK:

Mark Brown 386-1863 markbrown@shaw.ca

- 3350 Quadra – pending proposal for a mixed residential development of a 44 unit apartment and 12 town houses

QUADRA/ SWAN LAKE:

Dennis Rasmussen and Suzanne DeStaffany 920-7711
dennisra@telus.net destaffany@telus.net

- 842 Canterbury - proposal pending to create 1 additional lot for single family dwelling

CRAIGMILLAR:

- 1140 & 1180 Rock St –proposal pending to subdivide 2 existing lots to create 1 additional lot under current RS-6 zoning
- 3833 Cumberland – proposed 1 additional lot for single family dwelling. Community meeting held but not all concerns satisfied.

REYNOLDS/QUADRA:

- 1277 Union – proposal pending to create 1 additional lot under current RS-6 zoning
- 3927 Lasalle – pending proposal to rezone from RS-6 to RD-1 to construct a 2 family dwelling

Volunteer Area Directors are needed to represent the Craigmillar and Reynolds areas. Please contact QCHCA president, Mark Brown.

Question: Why is a Fairfield home worth more \$\$ than a comparable home in our area?

Answer: The Fairfield home has a sidewalk in front of it!

2006 – 2007 Executive

President	Mark Brown 386-1863
Past President	Ken Whitcroft 383-7567
Vice-President	Dean Murdock 658-4160
Secretary	Ruth Emery 381-3689
Treasurer	Karen Dearborn 386-7933
Membership	Rikki Bowman 382-6197
Newsletter	Lana Burns 478-4062

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

QCHCA website at

<http://members.shaw.ca/qchca/>

Membership Renewal

It's a new year. Now is the time to join or renew. Memberships are based on the calendar year. Thank you for your support.

Rikki Bowman 382-6197

rikkij@shaw.ca

#4 -1164 Palmer Rd. Victoria V8P 2H6

QCHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME

ADDRESS

Postal Code _____

TEL _____

EMAIL

Membership is \$5 per person per year.

Please fill out this form & send with payment to: # 4-1164 Palmer Rd., Victoria V8P 2H6

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Need receipt? Yes _____ No _____