

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS



“Neighbours Building Community”

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday March 25, 2008 7:30 PM
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road
Everyone Welcome!

ELECTION
2008–2009 EXECUTIVE

Speaker: Sharon Hvozanski
Strategic Planning
District of Saanich

Topic: The Official Community
Plan and its effects on our
Community

Mark Your Calendar for the Next QCHCA
Meeting on May 27, 2008

15th Annual Kings Pond Clean Up

Saturday, May 3, 2008, 10 am.
Meet at Kings Pond Bird Sanctuary (corner
of Ascot Drive and Queensbury Avenue).
Plans are to work on the berm area, general
weeding and maintenance.
Bring gardening tools if you have any.
Some tools will be provided.
Barbeque and refreshments to follow.
Rain or shine.
For Additional Information
Call Margaret at 477-3673

Send your comments to gchca@shaw.ca

QCHCA website at
<http://members.shaw.ca/qchca/>

The Official Community Plan **Dean Murdock**

It's not every day that you get an opportunity to shape the future of your community, but Saanich Council is offering Saanich residents just that chance. For the first time in fifteen years, the District of Saanich has undertaken a review of its Official Community Plan (formerly called the Saanich General Plan).

The Plan considers everything from green space and agricultural land to public transportation and urban density. It even discusses the controversial subjects of building height and secondary suites. The Plan lays the groundwork for future development and municipal priorities. It will literally affect the street where you live.

The Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association has actively participated in the review process. The executive submitted comments with respect to transportation, affordable housing, building height restrictions, protection of agricultural land and green space, and urban villages and major centres.

Saanich Council will adopt the draft Plan in April. The adopted product will be the culmination of more than a year's effort on the part of Saanich staff, Councilors, committees, community associations, and residents.

Corrections from Newsletter #49 **Lana Burns**

I apologize for errors made in Newsletter 49 regarding the proposed development at 3350 Quadra Street. The proposed building will have access to the suites from interior public areas and the building will have balconies. I also inferred the units in this development might be priced in the 'affordable' or 'entry level' category. The price of the units will be over \$400,000. Not an entry level price.

Bus 24 ... Where are You?

D.E. Barton

At a time when we are trying to "go green" it is a shock to find that the No. 24 bus no longer services Cedar Hill X Road. This route served many, including seniors, who are now left with no alternative but to use a car (if they are still driving) or take a taxi, beyond the financial reach of many. The bus made it possible for riders to go/from the churches, the banks, the Community Living Centre, and to go downtown. Cedar Hill X is an extremely busy road; approximately 20,000 cars use it daily. The ridership on the former route might not have been up to the requirements of B. C. Transit; is not getting cars off the busy road and helping people get around also important? Is everything measured in dollars and cents?

Route 24 now goes from downtown to University Heights Mall. Would it not be a good idea to combine the new route with the former route? By doing that, riders would have the choice of going to town and/or the mall, and it follows that ridership would increase.

If you are affected by the change or support at least trying the proposal above, please write to the Manager of Planning and Scheduling for B. C. Transit, Mike Davis. E-mail address is: mike_davis@bctransit.com. If you do not write, at least a serious phone call could be helpful.

Everyone in the area is paying for transit through property taxes and/or transit tax. We need more bus service.

Environment

Ken Whitcroft

The Bowker Creek Watershed renewal Initiative is launching a website in April ... **Bowker Creek initiative.ca** The site will have all the information for the plan including the annual reports and the current updates. You'll also be able to access the Potential Greenways map and other links.

The Cecelia Creek Falls Park project feasibility study has been completed. A draft concept drawing will be ready for a public open house on April 24, 2008. When the location of the open house is available it will be posted on the four(4) QCHCA bulletin boards and on the QCHCA website <http://members.shaw.ca/qchca/>

Victoria Needs Light Rapid Transit

Bob Trotter

Where surface Light Rail Rapid transit (LRT) is built, ridership far exceeds the predictions of the advocates. Where bus rapid transit (BRT) is built, the increase in ridership is minimal. About 25 percent of those who now drive will switch to LRT where they will not consider a bus.

As well, BRT does nothing to change the sprawl nature of development. LRT consistently encourages dense development producing the "complete communities" that the Regional Growth Strategy calls for. Next time you have the opportunity, check out the neighbourhoods around LRT stations. Each LRT station is surrounded with all sorts of shops and services. People buy their last minute items on the way home. Who in their right mind wants to manage parcels and bags on the bus? Common sense.

Let your mayor, council and MLA know that you oppose the Bus Rapid Transit plans of Victoria Transit. A handwritten letter is the most effective way to send your opinion.

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

Mark Your Calendars

Lake Hill Lawn Bowls Club Open House

3930 LaSalle Street, in Reynolds Park, Saanich
Sunday, April 13. 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

You are invited to play Lawn Bowls
Try it! You'll like it!

Tea and cookies will be served
If this date does not suit
phone Roger Vale @ 658-5301
or Al Seward @ 658-6344

Picnic in the Park

July 6, 2008 at Playfair Park
Fun and Laughter

Want to Sponsor or Volunteer?
Call Margaret at 477-3673

Music in the Park

There will be Music in Rutledge Park
August 5, 12 & 19 from 6 to 8pm.
Too early to announce the bands
Need more information?
Call Margaret at 477-3673

What's Happening in Our Neighbourhoods

BRAEFOOT:

Bob Trotter 477-4365

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- 3830 Merriman Drive - Two couples propose to subdivide this large lot at the top of the hill into 3 lots for single family homes. They intend to build on two of the lots and sell the third. The lots have some sensitive ecological features which the developers want to save, particularly most of the Garry Oaks. One lot fits the Saanich definition of a panhandle lot. The homes proposed will fit well with the neighbourhood. This development will come before council in the next couple of months. Watch the Saanich website public hearing agendas for more information.
- 1512 Althone- conditional approval granted to create one additional lot for single family use under current RS-10 zoning

CLOVERDALE CORE:

Laura Hliva 385-0880

CEDAR HILL:

Lana Burns 478-4062 lmb1297@telus.net

- The lights at Tattersall and Blenkinsop have not been forgotten or cancelled. Saanich ran out of time in 2007. The lights will be installed in the near future.
- 3824 & 3826 Epsom-conditional approval granted to create one additional lot for single family use under current zoning
- 3740 Epsom- conditional approval granted to create one additional lot for single family use under current RS-6 zoning

COOK:

Mark Brown 386-1863 markbrown@shaw.ca

- 3350 Quadra –conditional approval granted for a mixed residential development of a 44 unit apartment, 12 town houses.
- 3267 Wicklow-proposal on hold (additional information required from applicant) to create an additional lot for single family use under the current RS-6 zoning

QUADRA/ SWAN LAKE:

Dennis Rasmussen and Suzanne DeStaffany 920-7711

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- 842 Canterbury – conditional approval granted to create one additional lot for single family use

CRAIGMILLAR:

- 1140 & 1180 Rock St –proposal pending to subdivide 2 existing lots to create one additional lot under current RS-6 zoning
- 3833 Cumberland –pending proposal for one additional lot for single family use. Not all neighbourhood 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
- 1051 San Marino-conditional approval granted to create one additional lot for single family use under current RS-6 zoning

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

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
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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.

QCHCA website at <http://members.shaw.ca/qchca/>

Driving Habits and Young Children

Apparently most children imitate their parents' driving habits. A child imitating its parents' behaviour is not a new concept. The majority of boys copy their dads', while girls copy their mums'. Not rocket science. So if the parent regularly drives aggressively or carelessly or is verbally abusive to other drivers it is reasonable to expect the child will eventually adopt similar behaviours.

Food for thought.

Serving Our Community



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Rob Fleming, MLA
Victoria - Hillside



David Cubberley
MLA, Saanich South

Need Help?

*Please contact my office regarding
any provincial program or matter*

Community Office:
Phone: 952-4418
Fax: 952-4566

301-3939 Quadra St. Victoria V8X-1J5
Mon - Fri 10 - Noon & 1-3pm
david.cubberley.mla@leg.bc.ca

Advertising Space Available
For Businesses and Services
Operating within
QCHCA Boundaries

What are They Thinking?

Recently while out walking I've noticed something absolutely disgusting. Plastic bags filled with dog excrement hanging from bushes and shrubs along woodland paths and trails. Some dog walkers think it's perfectly acceptable to toss the plastic bags (used to collect their dogs' excrement) into the bushes. Next time you're on the Chip Trail check out the shrubs between Ocean View to Tolmie and Slater to Finlayson. The plastic bags will hang in those branches for the next several years until winds and branches rip them apart. The Golf Course staff tries to collect these bags but many are out of reach.

If you are one of these 'tossers' please leave the used bag at the side of the path. I'm sure a dog walking neighbour will carry it to the bin on your behalf.

Contact Saanich Council. Write or phone.

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

Membership Renewal

Welcome to our 12 new members – we're delighted you've joined QCHCA! And thanks to the 80 members who have already paid their 2008 fees – at just \$5.00 per person per year, it's a terrific value! This is where you find out what's happening, and/or being proposed, in our community, and how to provide input. If you're not already a member, please fill out the application/renewal form in this Newsletter, and bring it to the next meeting, or mail to my attention at the address below. Thank you!

Rikki Bowman 382-6197

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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

I can help with newsletters - phone/fold/deliver

Need receipt? Yes _____ No _____