

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS

“Neighbours Building Community”



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GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday Sept 23, 2008 7:30 PM
CEDAR HILL GOLF CLUB HOUSE
1400 Derby off Cedar Hill Road

Speaker: Sher Morgan
Saanich Civic League

Topic: Re-inventing Citizenship in
Saanich

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

Picnic in the Park **Dean Murdock**

We were fortunate to have another beautiful summer's day for this year's Sunfest Fun in the Park Picnic at Playfair Park. Dozens of smiling volunteers turned out to help raise the tents and fire up the barbeques for our ninth annual picnic.

We had a our best turn out in years, as the sunny weather brought dozens of families and friends from all over the community.

Peter Bourne treated us to the national anthem and a few memorable tunes before surrendering the microphone to the band, who entertained the many dancing and clapping onlookers.

Mark Brown, our president, led the games for the young and young-at-heart. We enjoyed hamburgers and cake, made crafts from recycled household materials, and painted our faces.

I had a thoroughly enjoyable time reprising my role as master of ceremonies for the day's festivities. I warned Margaret Bachmann, our stalwart convener, and her army of volunteers that it's never a good idea to leave me in charge of the PA system. They were good natured about my non-stop commentary and bad jokes.

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 for our tenth annual Fun in the Park Picnic.

Local Elections

Lana Burns

I'm pretty average. I don't spend much time looking at what Municipal Hall is doing for me as long as the garbage and recycles are picked up on schedule, the police come by when we need them and the holes in the road are fixed. To be honest my immediate interest is my neighbourhood. That's what impacts my day to day life. Same with you?

What would you wish for if a genie magically appeared and granted us 3 wishes for our neighbourhood? I know exactly what I'd wish for. Sidewalks! Imagine sidewalks on both sides of each and every street. Pretty innovative, eh? Then I'd ask that every home based business license be reviewed to ensure the business is appropriate for the neighbourhood it's in. If the business is negatively impacting its residential neighbours then the business must stop operating from that location. Currently many residential neighbourhoods are victims of home based business bullies. My last wish would be that every buried creek and stream be daylighted with 3 to 4 meter ribbons of native vegetation on either side. I'd like that.

Seems to me that the people we elect to Municipal Hall are the most accessible of all the people we elect to any office. Logically they should be the most responsive to our needs and expectations. A councillor is worth approximately \$26,000 a year. Saanich has 8 of them. I want to know which councillors actually attend proposed development and subdivision sites. Drawings frequently don't tell the whole story. I want to know how many neighbourhood complaints they look into and resolve ... hard figures with backup, not anecdotal. I want to know what each one accomplished this last term that made a positive impact on my neighbourhood. No pie in the sky stuff. What did they do to make my neighbourhood better?

I don't have great expectations. Maybe I should, maybe we all should. Come to the general meeting this month and hear how we each can make a difference.

Each of us can be heard.

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

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the Cedar Hill Golf Club on at 1400 Derby off
Cedar Hill Road

3 Community Associations Share the 3 “C’s” **Vicki Sanders, Saanich Councillor**

Cooperation, consensus and camaraderie; what more valuable assets could a community wish for? The Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association (QCHCA) along with its neighbouring associations, Mt. Tolmie (MTA) and Camosun (CCA) have a reputation for working together. When Saanich's new official community plan (OCP) identified the Shelbourne Street/Cedar Hill X Road area as a neighbourhood centre it became apparent to the three Community Associations that for them to play an active role in the vision for their neighbourhoods they needed to be part of the discussions. The Regional Growth Strategy's (RGS) designation that the Hillside and University Heights Shopping Centres will become major centres also has an impact on the three communities.

When the Community Associations evolved a swath of the Shelbourne Local Area Plan (SLAP) was not included in any of the Associations boundaries leaving this area without representation. Historically all three Associations would relax their boundaries to assist adjacent neighbourhoods with issues of concern. However, the municipal planning department considered this area as a no man's land, devoid of a community contact.

In the Spring, I had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the three Associations. With vision, common sense and some exceptionally robust coffee all representatives came to quick consensus on how to divvy up the area. An obvious solution was that the MTA expand its boundaries south from McKenzie and west to Cedar Hill Road. And that the CCA expand its boundaries north from Knight Street and North Dairy, east to Richmond and west to Cedar Hill. A strange phenomenon placed the neighbourhoods east of the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre and south of Derby in the SLAP although it fit quite handily into the QCHCA community. Representation was easily taken on by the QCHCA as the neighbourhood had already been informally adopted with inclusion in the newsletter delivery.



VICKI SANDERS
Saanich Councillor

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead (1901 - 1978)

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Music in the Park

Rutledge Park is now 'on the map'. It's the home of one of the premier events that happen in our neighbourhood. Music in the Park is an unqualified success.

Rutledge Park, corner of Inverness and Cloverdale, hosted 3 musical evenings that engaged everyone within hearing distance of the music. It rained on the last evening and people stayed, gathering under the tents and umbrellas. No one wanted to miss a note. The 'Who's Who' of our neighbourhood attended. I'm sure I saw more members of Saanich Council in the Park than normally attend meetings at Municipal Hall. <grin>

Rutledge Park on a summer evening surrounded by friends and music is 'THE' place to be.

Thank you to Margaret Bachmann and her band of volunteers.

Community Events – Mark Your Calendar

September 20, 2008 Saturday 10:00-4:00 at GR Pearkes Rec Centre Saanich Community Safety Day. A FREE event for entire family. For more information call Block Watch Office 250-475-4365

September 27, 2008 Saturday 1:00 – 4:00 at Annie Park (between Annie and Morgan Streets). Invasive species removal. For more information contact Marion Freeman 250-744-3862
djfreeman@shaw.ca

October 18, 2008 Saturday 10:00 am at Cedar Hill Rec Centre. Invasive species removal in the Bowker Creek tributary in front of the Cedar Hill Rec Center between the bridge and Cedar Hill Rd. Bring Gloves and boots. For more information Contact Ken Whitcroft enviro.man@telus.net

November 15, 2008 Saturday 9:30 – 11:30 at Playfair Park. Broom, Ivy & Daphne Pull. Meet at entrance off Judge Place. Wear Gloves. Pruners useful. For more information contact Pam Sinclair 250-382-0032

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What's Happening in Our Neighbourhoods

BRAEFOOT:

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- 3830 Merriman Dr. – proposal pending to create 2 additional lots for single family use under current RS-10 zoning
- 3895 Cedar Hill X Road- proposal pending to create 1 additional lot for single family dwelling under current RS-10 zoning
- 1514 & 1520 Cedar Hill Cross Rd. / 3811&3801 Cedar Hill Rd.-pending proposal to rezone from RS-6 to RT-4 to construct 7 townhouses and a 14 unit condo building.
- 1449 Harrop Road-proposal pending to create 1 additional lot for single family dwelling under current RS-10 zoning. Width variance requested

CRAIGMILLAR:

Volunteer Area Director needed

- 1140 & 1180 Rock St –proposal pending to subdivide 2 existing lots to create 1 additional lot under current RS-6 zoning
- 3833 Cumberland –conditional approval granted for 1 additional lot for single family use.

REYNOLDS/QUADRA:

Chris Bartlett 479-4809 bartlettca@shaw.ca

- The Salvation Army (newly relocated from 3948 Quadra to 3934 Quadra) is now open for business
- Lakehill Lawn Bowling-an open house held in June presented plans for new clubhouse. Plan to rebuild on existing site within existing footprint, requesting variance on south lot line. Schematic design and plans are available.
- 3927 Lasalle St. – conditional approval granted to rezone from RS-6 to RD-1 to construct a 2 family dwelling.
- 1277 Union- proposal pending to create 1 additional lot under RS-6 zoning
- 1155 Schram Dr.-pending proposal to create 1 additional lot for single family dwelling under current RS-6 zoning
- 1250 & 1254 Union-pending proposal for boundary adjustment and subdivision to create 2 additional lots for single family dwelling use under current RS-10 zoning

CEDAR HILL:

Lana Burns 478-4062 lmb1297@telus.net

- Glacier & the Chip Trail -someone using this entrance is not cleaning up after their dog. Your neighbours are not impressed.

CLOVERDALE CORE:

- Laura Hliva 385-0880

COOK:

Mark Brown 386-1863 markbrown@shaw.ca

- 3350 Quadra –now showing 'Pending' though previously appeared as 'conditional approval granted' for a mixed residential development of a 44 unit apartment, 12 town houses. Waiting on explanation.
- 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:

Volunteer Area Director needed

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

Block Watch

51 blocks in the QCHCA area are now designated Block Watch Communities. Block Watch also includes Business Block Watch, Park Watch and University Watch. If you are interested in finding out more information about the program please contact the Block Watch office 250- 475-4365

2008 – 2009 Executive

President	Mark Brown 386-1863
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Treasurer	Karen Dearborn 386-7933
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Newsletter	Lana Burns 478-4062

Treasurer's Invitation

If you'd like to know more about the inner workings of the books of the Association, Karen Dearborn (our Treasurer) would be more than happy to talk with you about it. Also, if you'd like to examine the books, you would be more than welcome. Karen can be reached via e-mail at karen.dearborn@shaw.ca or at 250-386-7933.

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The QCHCA meets the 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November 7:30 pm

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Thank you to all the sponsors of this summer's events and to our Entertainers and Volunteers ... Many Thanks

9th Annual Fun in the Park Picnic Sponsors

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Serving Our Community 



David Cubberley
MLA, Saanich South

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Please contact my office regarding any provincial program or matter

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Membership Renewal

Summer's over - have you paid your 2008 QCHCA Membership dues yet? Please continue to support our Association! The annual fee (just \$5 per person per year) helps provide this newsletter 5 times annually, bringing neighbourhood news to our many area residents. We are happy to welcome 45 new members so far this year – and encourage all who haven't yet joined, to complete the form in this newsletter and bring it to the Sept. meeting or mail it to me at the address below. See you at the Sept. meeting!

Have you changed your email since you registered? If so, please email an update.

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rikki@shaw.ca

QCHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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EMAIL

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