

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS

“Neighbours Building Community”



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GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday January 27, 2009 7:30 PM
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road
Everyone Welcome!

Topic: **“Let’s Talk”**

QCHCA Needs More Active Members

*Mark Your Calendar for the
Annual General Meeting,
March 24, 2009*

Playfair’s Natural Park - Broom /Ivy Pull
Saturday January 31st & February 7th
9:30 – 11:30
Meet at Entrance off Judge Pl
Bring Gloves & Pruners
Call Pam Sinclair at 382-0032

“Let’s Talk “
Lana Burns

What’s the point of the Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association? Good question. Here’s my answer: it’s a bunch of people who care what’s happening to and in their neighbourhood. We talk to our neighbours, share ideas and let Municipal Hall know what the neighbourhood is thinking. As a homeowner, I am a single voice when I write/phone someone in Municipal Hall; they may acknowledge my interest, but there’s slim chance they will act on my suggestions. But if I write on the QCHCA letterhead, then I’m writing on behalf of approximately 4,800 households. Got your attention?

The QCHCA is a group of volunteers who help their neighbours find solutions for problems/issues that involve Municipal Hall. For example, you think your street should have speed bumps to deter speeding cut-through traffic. We will help you find the right people to speak to at Municipal Hall, we can connect you to someone who successfully got speed bumps

on their street and we can provide support with organizing your neighbours, counting the traffic, etc.

Let me tell you a story. Three or so years ago a development was proposed for the Quadra, Inverness and Glasgow corner. The QCHCA got involved. People living in the immediate area of the development got involved. It was good. Unfortunately the development dragged over a long period of time. By the time the proposal went to Council in Spring 2008 very few of us were there to demand a better development. The Mayor noted his disappointment that more wasn’t asked of the development. What happened? Honestly? The 10 or so active QCHCA members ran out of steam. The majority hold full time jobs, have families and other responsibilities. The people from the immediate area didn’t show up as there didn’t seem to be much point. The majority are renters and who listens to renters?

We as a community lost a terrific opportunity for a positive change. Soon a development proposal for the Cloverdale/Inverness corner will be offered for comment. Will this be another lost opportunity?

The majority of the very few core QCHCA members have been active in the Association for more than 10 years. They are tired. We need more people to actively participate.

How can you contribute? Are there developers or city planners in our area? Wouldn’t it be good to have someone available to explain the pros and cons of a development proposal...identify better alternatives for our community? Any writers out there? What an opportunity for someone who loves writing?

We need to attend Council meetings regularly; just be a presence and maybe take a note or two. If we had four teams of 2 or 3 individuals we could rotate the attendance... that would mean only going to one Council meeting a month. Even I could handle that. Do we have an organizer in our midst? Someone who could keep track of all the bits of business and who should/will attend on the QCHCA’s behalf?

What can we do to encourage participation? Please come to the next meeting on Tuesday January 27th at 7:30. “Let’s talk”.

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The New "Green" Must-have ... cont'd

Lana Burns

Remember the article in Newsletter #53 where I complained that By-Laws 38.1 and 39.1 won't permit me to keep 2 or 3 regular sized egg laying hens but will permit me to keep 5 bantam hens? Turns out you all agreed with me. Not one negative comment.

So now I start the process. I'm to write to the Mayor and Council stating my case. I am also to write to the Chairs of the Environmental Committee and Healthy Saanich/Food Security as well as to the Peninsula Agricultural Commission. Each organization has particular concerns that must be addressed.

Who'da thunk it, eh? <big grin>

Land Title Insurance ... more info

A neighbour wrote in with the following suggestion.

"A fool proof way to prevent anything happening to your property title (if you are mortgage free) is to apply for a duplicate Certificate of Title from Land Registry. It costs \$50 and you have it within a week. Be sure to keep the duplicate in a safety deposit box. No one can transfer the land or place a new mortgage against the property until the duplicate title is returned to Land Registry."

Land Titles Office may be reached at 250-387-6331

Thank You and Thank You Again

Thank you to the 11 people who came in October to clear out the invasives from the Bowker Creek tributary (by the Cedar Hill Rec Centr). Another work party is planned for this Spring.

Thank you also to the 17 people who worked very hard removing ivy, daphne, broom and blackberry from Playfair on November 15th.

Thank you again to the 10 people who continued removing the invasives at Playfair on November 22nd. It is a big area but many hands will help us succeed. Hope to see you at our next work party.

"Interested in helping conserve endangered Garry oak ecosystems?"

Our volunteers of all ages and abilities are actively involved in restoring nine Garry oak sites. Sunny hilltops to flower filled meadows, we are looking for people keen to work their muscles and their minds. Come to remove invasives, plant natives and learn about this amazing ecosystem as we work together. For more info please visit www.gorpsaanich.com or Jenny 250 744.1710"

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

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Hi All – Happy New Year!

As of Dec 31, 2008, we had 293 paid members (including 54 new). So far, we have 39 members who have already prepaid for 2009.

Remember membership is January to December.

Looking forward to having 300 registered members this year!

See you at the next meeting.

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QCHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME

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Postal Code _____ **TEL** _____

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