

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS

“Neighbours Building Community”



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday March 24, 2009 7:30 PM
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road
Everyone Welcome!

ELECTION
2009–2010 EXECUTIVE

Speaker: Rob Fleming, MLA
Topic: Question and Answer Session

*Mark Your Calendar for the
General Meeting,
May 26, 2009*

16th Annual Kings Pond Clean Up

Saturday, May 2, 2009, 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 Bachmann at 250-477-3673

President's Message

Mark Brown

We congratulate Dean Murdoch, our Vice President (and Chair of the Victoria Branch of the Sierra Club) in his election bid for Saanich Council. Dean joins our previous President, Vicki Sanders who won her second term on Council. We're very pleased to have community representation at Council with roots in our neighbourhood.

After years of analysis and study it is likely that this will be the year that we see the plans for sewage management in our area. Some media reports indicate that there is an option to have a distributed plant system, a number of smaller sewage treatment

plants distributed throughout the system. As this is a CRD process we won't know how well the communication process will be in the communities, nor their responsiveness to community comment and input. We are optimistic that the communication will indeed be two way and that the details of the plants will be inclusive of community input and concerns. The "Financial Crisis" is going to have a variety of effects on our community and residents. There are indications that governments at all levels will be encouraged to "invest in infrastructure." This may come right into our neighbourhoods. We hope that here too will be some dialogue between the government implementers and the communities. While Saanich has invested significantly in designating bicycle lanes and routes, our pedestrian infrastructure remains as fractured and discontinuous as ever. Infrastructure funding is a potential opportunity to implement a sidewalk scheme that results in residents having a continuous safe pedestrian way from their homes to nearby shopping and leisure. However this will only come with clear support from residents and communities. Over the 12+ years of our existence, the Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association has become and remains an active element in Saanich. These activities include the annual volunteer work at Kings Pond, our Community Picnic at Playfair Park with our community partner the Bank of Montreal at Cook and Quadra, the designation of the pocket park at the south end of Glasgow Street, the development of Rutledge Park and the support of the Music in the Park in the Summer, as well as distributing 55 editions of our newsletter to 4,800 residences and businesses. All of this and the regular facilitating of meetings between developers and neighbourhoods happens by volunteers, committed to their community and their neighbourhoods. We are grateful of the nearly 300 subscribing members of the Association, but we need more direct support in the way of volunteering to take positions on our Executive as well as act as Area Directors for the various areas and neighbourhoods in the Quadra Cedar Hill area. We invite you to stand for a position on our Board of Directors (Executive), and, or if you prefer, to volunteer to be an Area Director or "point person" on a particular issue (like sewage treatment, coordinator for the Picnic in Playfair Park, pedestrian issues etc.

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Cecelia Creek Falls Park

Ken Whitcroft

If you missed the open house December 9th for our Centennial Project 'Cecelia Creek Falls Park' you can still check out the concept site plan and section drawing on the Saanich Municipality web site.

The next step in the approval process is the Parks, Trails and Rec. Advisory Committee as well as the Environmental Advisory Committee. After that the proposal goes to the Committee of the Whole sometime in March ... then to a Public Hearing. All the committees must be satisfied that the proposal is sound and supported by the community. Once that's done the funding necessary to actually daylight the creek and complete the landscaping must be found.

Bowker Creek Up Date

Ken Whitcroft

The Bowker Creek Initiative is slowly gaining momentum in achieving the goals of the Watershed Plan. Two major accomplishments are a master drain plan and a potential greenways plan. The steering committee is currently working on the Detailed Watershed Implementation Plan (DWIP) More information at <http://www.bowkercreekinitiative.ca/index.htm>

Music in the Park

Margaret Bachmann

Yes, Music in the Park (Rutledge Park) is a go for this year. Volunteers are already hard at work. Mark your calendars for the following Tuesdays in August.

August 4th The Sutcliffes playing Beatles songs (currently playing each Wednesday at the Fernwood Inn)

August 11th Bill Johnson Blues Band

August 18th Shaky Ground playing Rock and Roll

August 25th reserved just in case any of the dates are rained out and we need to reschedule

The music will be on from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Please bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Some food and ice cream will be on sale. Artisans will be selling their wares and a small farmers' market will add to the ambiance. There will be face painting for the children ... and adults too. Donations accepted at the Park. . If there are any businesses or persons that would like to sponsor with money or in kind to these events, we would be most appreciative. We are able to offer free advertising and a receipt for the donations. Please contact Margaret Bachmann at 250-477-3673 to discuss the details.

Music in the Park is particularly in need of a large promotional tent that we could put over the stage in case of rain. Also in need of a utility trailer to transport stage pieces to the venue each night.

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

New Organic Food Market at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Where can you get your fix of tasty, hearty and healthy organic, seasonal produce (with a local and BC focus)? **On Wednesdays from 10am – 1pm at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.** Food Roots has added our location to an ever growing network of 'pocket markets'. For more information on Food Roots visit www.foodroots.ca

Cedar Hill Gallery Café Exhibits

Scheduled arts exhibits for March/April are:

Mar 2-9 School District #61 Grad Show

Mar 9 – April 6 Jenny Waelti-Walters

April 6-27 Saanich community Arts Week

Enjoy the beautiful artwork while you have a coffee, home-made baked goods and soups or enjoy a drink with a friend in the evening.

Saanich Carnival of the Arts

Saturday, April 25, 2009

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Presented by the **Arts, Cultural and Heritage**

Advisory Committee you are invited to come stretch your artistic skills and give your imagination free play!

Hands on activities include masks/puppets, print making, paper collage, bird house painting, clay play, face painting and visual story telling.

Demonstration exhibits include the Cedar Hill Art Club, Native Friendship Society, Kinda Sketchy, Victoria Handweavers, Saanich Banner Project, Garth Homer and Psanke egg painting.

For event information contact Rob Phillips Community Events Coordinator at 250 475-5558

Thank You

Pam Sinclair

Another successful ivy/daphne pull and removal from Playfair Natural Park. The efforts of the 10 volunteers January 31st and the 9 volunteers on February 7th made a very positive difference. When added to the all the work done last November Playfair Natural Park is looking absolutely marvelous.

I truly appreciate all your help. Hope to work with you all again in November.

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

QCHCA web address <http://qchca.ca>

QCHCA email address info@qchca.ca

Jonny Miller of Iterate Media is our volunteer Web Master.

What's Happening in Our Neighbourhoods?

BRAEFOOT:

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- 3830 Merriman Dr. - conditional approval granted to create 1 additional lot for single family use under current RS-10 zoning
- 3895 Cedar Hill X Rd. - 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. Proposal went to the Committee of the Whole and was tabled. Concerns regarding the height of the condo building and the possible public access to the green space to be addressed.
- 1449 Harrop Rd. - proposal pending to create 1 additional lot for single family dwelling under current RS-10 zoning. Width variance requested
- 1512 Althone Dr.- conditional approval granted to create 1 additional lot for single family dwelling under current RS-10 zoning

CRAIGMILLAR:

Karen Dearborn 386-7933

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

REYNOLDS/QUADRA:

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- 3927 LaSalle St. - conditional approval granted to rezone from RS-6 to RD-1 to construct a 2 family dwelling.
- 1277 Union Rd. - proposal pending to create 1 additional lot under RS-6 zoning
- 1250 & 1254 Union Rd. – A proposal will soon be going to Saanich Council to subdivide 1250 / 1254 Union Road. The proposal is to create 5 lots – up from 2 lots – and put in a strata road. There have been three meetings held to discuss the development. Concerns were raised with developer Wayne Parker and he has gone some way to mitigating the negative impacts on neighbourhood. Many of the concerns around privacy have been addressed by the developer and he has committed to covenant things like side and back yard setbacks, restricting second floor balconies and installing both hard and soft fencing alternatives in consultation with adjacent neighbours. For more information on the proposal, please feel free to contact Wayne Parker at 250-889-7739 or via e-mail at parker7788@hotmail.com.

- 1051 San Marino Cres. – conditional approval granted for 1 additional lot under current RS-6 zoning

CLOVERDALE CORE:

Volunteer Area Director needed

- Inverness and Cloverdale - Dan Boot who is representing the property appears to be actively talking to and with the Community regarding the nature of any development. Nothing much happening yet.
- 3350 Quadra; 1016 Inverness; 3351 Glasgow - proposal pending for a mixed residential development of a 44 unit apartment, 12 town houses.

CEDAR HILL:

Lana Burns 478-4062 lmb1297@telus.net

- 3824 & 3826 Epsom Dr. - conditional approval granted to create 1 additional lot for single family use under current RS-6 zoning
- 3740 Epsom Dr.- conditional approval granted to create 1 additional lot for single family use under current RS-6 zoning
- 3921 Blenkinsop Rd.- proposal pending to create 2 additional lots for single family dwellings under current RS-6 zoning

COOK/TATTERSALL:

Mark Brown 386-1863 markbrown@shaw.ca

- 1251 & 1255 Tattersall Dr. - conditional approval granted to adjust the boundary between 2 existing residential lots

COOK/TOLMIE:

Ken Whitcroft 383-7567 enviro.man@telus.ca

QUADRA/SWAN LAKE:

Volunteer Area Director needed

- 842 Canterbury Rd. - conditional approval granted to rezone from RS-6 to RS-2 to create 1 additional lot for single family dwelling use.
- 3981 Nelthorpe St.- pending development permit with variances to reconstruct & enlarge decks on units 4,5 & 8 within an existing attached housing development

Volunteer Area Directors are needed to represent the Cloverdale Core and Swan Lake areas.

Please contact QCHCA president, Mark Brown.

Block Watch

For more information please contact the Block Watch office 250- 475-4365

Proposed Outdoor Basketball Court

At Reynolds School

Mark Brown

The Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association generally supports community recreation facilities and the principle of shared use between the public in general and specific community groups, including schools. The construction of an open air basketball court is such an amenity that is long overdue at this school in that it will contribute to a culture of sport and games both within the school curriculum as well as at leisure times.

As a community association we strongly support good communication between and among neighbours. We expect that there would be an opportunity for a neighbourhood review and contribution regarding final details of the court and its management. This would be in the form of direct notice to neighbours and a scheduled "Open house" inviting neighbours to review the plans and contribute their comments and suggestions. We also expect that the school would review those comments and suggestions as a positive contribution to the success of the installation and function of the basketball court. We doubt that day use will be of any concern to neighbours, however evening and late night issues can be different and a management and communication strategy should be established. We wish the School success in the development of this facility and a continued positive relationship between the school and its neighbourhood.

2008 – 2009 Executive

President	Mark Brown	250- 386-1863
Past President	Ken Whitcroft	250-383-7567
Vice-President	Position vacant	
Secretary	Position vacant	
Treasurer	Karen Dearborn	250-386-7933
Membership	Rikki Bowman	250-382-6197
Advertising et al	Margaret Bachmann	250-477-3673
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Sun Fest Picnic Coordinator	Position vacant	



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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OPEN HOUSE
Sunday April 5th 1:30 to 4:00pm
Lake Hill Club in Reynolds Park
3930 La Salle Street
Coffee/Tea & Cookies
For more information call Linda 479-1053

Membership Renewal

Rikki Bowman

Welcome to our 17 new members – we're delighted you've joined QCHCA!
And thanks to the over 100 members who have already paid their 2009 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, or haven't yet renewed, please fill out the form in this Newsletter, and bring it to the next meeting, or mail to my attention at the address below, with cash or cheque payable to the Association. Thank you!

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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 _____

LAWN BOWLING
"WHY NOT TRY IT?"