

# QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS

"Neighbours Building Community"



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## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday May 26, 2009 7:30 PM

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre  
3220 Cedar Hill Road

Everyone Welcome!

**Speaker: Paula Steele**

**Topic: A Brief Guide to Renovating,  
Tax Credits, Grants and  
Energy Savings**

## President's Message

Karen Dearborn

As our Association's new president, this is my first chance to make contact with many of you. I would like to first express my thanks to our new Past President, Mark Brown. Mark is a committed contributor and participant in many community activities and I'm very glad that he'll be around to advise and guide our group.

I'm also fortunate to have the help of a core group of volunteers who work on the executive, as well as the support of many neighbours who come out to assist in initiatives like the Sunfest Picnic in the Park, Music in the Park, and clean-up projects like those taking place at King's Pond.

Our Community Association gets our major funding from the District of Saanich and we're very appreciative of this support. However, it's not enough to do all the things we'd like to do in our community. Our membership dues are still a very reasonable \$5 per year and we completely appreciate every person and household who believes enough in our association to contribute.

I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Ron and Betty Otke for their encouragement and financial support of many initiatives over the years. In fact, they are sponsoring the production of this very newsletter – not an insignificant undertaking as we print about 5,000 newsletters.

Speaking of all those newsletters, I would like to acknowledge the legions of people who give of their time and energy to walk their neighbourhoods delivering them. We couldn't do this without you.

## Cecelia Creek Falls Park

The Committee of the Whole approved the Concept Plan for Cecelia Creek Falls Park. A huge thank you to Ken Whitcroft for seeing the possibility of the Park, dreaming the Dream and working for it for more than 22 years. Now for the easy part ... finding the necessary \$\$\$ to actually complete the landscaping! Congratulations Ken – it's truly been a labour of love.

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## SUNFEST PICNIC IN PLAYFAIR PARK

Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon

Come out and enjoy a fun day in beautiful Playfair Park. There will be kid's games and activities. There will also be hot dogs, drinks and snacks available for a small donation.

For Additional Information,  
Call John Schmuck at 250-384-5190.

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## MUSIC IN THE PARK

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

6pm to 8pm

Rutledge Park

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and prepare to enjoy a free music experience!

For Additional Information,  
Call Margaret Bachmann at 250-477-3673.

This newsletter has been sponsored by Ron and Betty Otke.

## **Underground Heating Oil Tanks**

Paul Wilson, P. Geo 250-727-2201

As an environmental consultant, I am often asked to assess leaking underground residential home heating oil storage tanks (USTs). USTs were often installed as part of residential and commercial developments before the 1990's. It is likely that hundreds of USTs are still in use or abandoned in our area. USTs can represent an environmental and financial liability for existing or future property owners.

The B.C. Fire Code regulates USTs in B.C. While the Code includes a requirement that unused USTs be removed, it is most often that the removal of USTs comes about at the request of potential property purchasers who want to ensure they are not buying a liability. Unfortunately, in a number of cases a leak is discovered and an expensive and time consuming clean up is required. This discovery usually occurs at the worst possible time, right in the middle of a real estate transaction.

Spill assessment and cleanup costs can be large, especially if the contamination has migrated under existing structures, across property boundaries or impacted groundwater. There is also a potential for health and environmental risks.

Fortunately, there are a number of steps that can be taken to reduce your risk of having to deal with these issues. Excellent sources of information can be found at <http://www.saanich.ca/resident/utilities/pdfs/Otank.pdf> and [http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/fact\\_sheets/pdfs32.pdf](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/fact_sheets/pdfs32.pdf). However, every UST owner's situation is unique and it is recommended that professional advice be sought to guide the homeowner through the process. It is best to think about removing your unused tank (or having an assessment done on your actively-used tank) before putting your property on the market. If you are buying, ensure that UST assessment or removal is included as a condition of sale.

## **King's Pond Clean-up**

Margaret Bachmann

A big thank you to the 20 plus volunteers who worked at King's Pond on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The group worked to cultivate the berm and spread the leaf compost. It was a great event. Thank you to Gary Kelly of the Cedar Hill Golf Course for sponsoring the hot dogs and refreshments following the work party. Special thanks to the Golf Course Staff for the loan of tools.

## **On the Web**

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A big thank you to Jonny Miller of Iterate Media who is our volunteer Web Master.

## **Sunfest Picnic in the Park**

John Schmuck

### **FUN! FUN! FUN!**

Join us Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Sunfest Picnic in the Park at Playfair Park. Meet your neighbours and enjoy some family fun time.

Festivities will run from Noon until 3pm and include:

- Face painting for the kids
- Bouncy Castle from Fun Time Inflatables
- Clown to entertain us all
- Music from a great band
- Lots of kids game and all kinds of fun
- Tug of war for all of the tough people
- Hot dogs and refreshments by donation

Bring a blanket or a chair and enjoy a wonderful day in our lovely park. Access to Playfair Park is off of either Cumberland Road or Rock Street. Please note that parking is limited.

## **Lumberworld Grand Opening**

The Lumberworld Grand Opening reception was held in late March for friends and neighbours of the company. The event was well attended with 300 plus folks showing up to celebrate the re-opening of their store and warehouse. The re-building process took over 2 ½ years to complete after the fire that destroyed their main store and warehouse.

The facility is impressive and features a full line of building materials, hardware, paint, mouldings and panel products. Lumberworld expanded their door and window supply and assembly facility focusing on replacement windows and entry doors.

Lumberworld also added a new hardwood / laminate flooring department as well as a full kitchen cabinet department. They can supply just about every cabinet requirement including laundry cabinets, suite kitchens, entertainment units and of course full kitchen cabinet replacements. Other new additions include an in-house roofing expert to help folks planning a new roof after our nasty winter.

Even better news is that Lumberworld has hired a full-time interior decorator. Someone to help us coordinate cabinets, flooring, paint and other interior products ... no chage for this service!

Lumberworld has always stepped up to support our Association's projects. It's nice to see our very own neighbourhood building supply store back in business with all those familiar staff faces we've been dealing with for the past thirty years or so.

***The QCHCA meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November at 7:30pm at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. Hope to see you there!***

## **Urban Hens**

Andy Nezil 250-388-0024

Saanich and Uplands are now the only municipalities on South Vancouver Island that do not allow the keeping of hens on a city lot that is less than twelve thousand square feet. A group of enthusiastic hen-hugging urban farmers are now gathering to insist on the lowering of this restriction and to allow hens to be kept on smaller single-family zoned lots. Why? We love keeping hens. They give us healthy eggs; they fertilize our gardens; they seek and destroy pesky and destructive insects in our yards; they're so doggone cute, and we could go on like this all day long. Any and all wishing to join our struggle should contact Andy Nezil at [anezil@shaw.ca](mailto:anezil@shaw.ca) or phone 250-388-0024.

## **Cedar Hill Recreation Centre Arts Centre Update**

Carole Ireland

In the last two weeks of April, three separate group discussions were held to update the community on the proposed arts wing at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.

We met with artists and arts group representatives who really helped us define the project. The proposed spaces were confirmed as community recreation spaces but specifically designed for arts activities. Spaces identified include an expanded pottery studio, and 2D / 3D exhibition gallery, a 'clean' arts studio for activities such as textile arts, a 'messy' arts studio for activities such as oil painting, enhancement of two community multi-purpose rooms, and an office for the Community Arts Specialist. The vision is to have all the arts spaces connected in some way to facilitate workshops and events.

The second group met April 23<sup>rd</sup> and consisted of instructors and programming staff from Cedar Hill Recreation, members of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee, and artists who had previously exhibited in the café gallery. This group further focused the scope of the project on pottery and the visual arts and confirmed the direction recommended by the artists and arts groups. We also discussed the operational needs of the spaces including water, ventilation, storage, flexible spaces, lighting, portable equipment such as staging and display walls, etc.

The third and final session was hosted jointly with CEI Architecture who did the last concept drawings in 2006. Representatives from the previous two discussion groups and a few new faces participated in this session and shared their visions and ideas with the architects.

We are now awaiting a revised floor plan and expect to have that by mid-May. This, along with a new

project proposal, will be submitted as a revision to our existing application for an infrastructure grant.

If you have any questions regarding the proposal, please contact Carole Ireland, Cedar Hill Recreation Centre Manager, at 250-475-5406 or at [carole.ireland@saanich.ca](mailto:carole.ireland@saanich.ca)

## **News from the Neighborhood**

### ***BRAEFOOT:***

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- If you know of anything that needs covering, please let Bob know.

### ***CRAIGMILLAR:***

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- Cumberland Rd. – water works construction has been completed.

### ***REYNOLDS / QUADRA:***

Chris Bartlett 250-479-4809  
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- 3927 LaSalle St. – the rezoned duplex project is nearing completion.
- 3930 Lasalle St. - Lakehill Lawn Bowling Building Project has now been delayed until September 2009.
- 1250 & 1254 Union Rd. – revised proposal is for a 4-lot subdivision. The proposed plan is to demolish the house and cottage at 1254 Union, put in a strata road, and sell the lots without first developing houses. For more info on the proposal contact Wayne Parker at 250-889-7739.

### ***CLOVERDALE CORE:***

#### ***Volunteer Area Director needed***

- 3350 Quadra / 1016 Inverness / 3351 Glasgow – this apartment/townhouse development remains "pending". The neighbourhood expects Three Point Properties to keep the property tidy, grass mowed and generally be a good neighbour even if development is stalled. Last year Three Point permitted the property to become an eyesore. Seems odd that the Saanich By-Law department does not draw Three Point Properties' attention to its neighbourly responsibility.
- 935, 941, 945 Cloverdale / 914, 922, 930 Inverness – pending the rezoning from RS-6 to a new site-specific zone and a Development Permit with variances to construct a 24 unit apartment / commercial building with underground parking.

- 760 Tolmie – amendment to Development Permit DPR2005-00012 for changes to the proposed Superstore. Variances are requested for parking and siting.

**CEDAR HILL:**

Paul Wilson 250-727-2201

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- 3921 Blenkinsopp – proposal pending to create 2 additional lots for single family dwellings under current RS-6 zoning.
- Our one local ESSO full service station has closed. Rumour has it that ESSO wants to do something else with this property. The vehicle repair business has been relocated to Nanaimo Street. Guess it'll be a while before we see anything much happening with the property.

**COOK / TATTERSALL:**

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- If you know of anything that needs covering, please let Mark know.

**COOK / TOLMIE:**

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- If you know of anything that needs covering, please let Ken know.

**QUADRA / SWAN LAKE:**

**Volunteer Area Director needed**

- If you know of anything that needs covering, please let us know.

***Volunteer Area Directors are needed to represent the Cloverdale Core and Swan Lake areas. Please contact Karen Dearborn at if you'd like to get involved.***

**Block Watch**

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

**Membership Renewal**

Rikki Bowman 250-382-6197

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Thanks to the 165 members who have already paid their memberships for 2009, and again, welcome to our new members – a total of 39 so far this year!

I'm hoping the rest of our members will send in their dues very soon. At just \$5.00 per person per year,

QCHCA membership is a terrific value! This is where you find out what's happening and / or being proposed in our community, as well as how to provide input to the decision-making process. A quick review of membership fees in other Saanich Community or Resident Associations show that our fees are among the lowest – many are now at \$10.00 per person or household! If you haven't renewed your membership for 2009, or you're not a member yet, please consider coming to a meeting or mail in your renewal / application now!

Remember, there is always so much going on in our part of Saanich – reading the Newsletter and attending QCHCA meetings helps keep us all informed.

**QCHCA Membership – Become a Supporter!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership is still only \$5 per person per year!**

Please fill out this form and send with payment to:

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c/o Rikki Bowman  
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