

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS

“Neighbours Building Community”



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Sept 22, 2009 7:30 PM

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road

Volunteer Appreciation Evening
Coffee, Tea, Goodies
and
Good Conversation
Everyone Welcome!

Speaker: Cory Manton,
Urban Forestry, Horticulture & Natural Areas
District of Saanich

Topic: Urban Forest Strategy

Mark Your Calendars

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Bowker Creek Invasive Plant Clean-up **Saturday September 26**

10:00a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Clean-up at the Cedar Hill Rec. Centre parking lot
near the corner of Finlayson /Cedar Hill

Bring Gloves

Dress for the weather

Call Ken Whitcroft at 250-383-7567

Playfair's Natural Park – Broom/Ivy Pull **Saturday November 14th & 21st**

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meet at entrance off Judge Place

Bring gloves & pruners

Call Pam Sinclair at 250-382-0032

Next QCHCA Meeting

November 24, 2009

7:30 p.m.

President's Message

Karen Dearborn

There's a television commercial that exclaims that September is "the most wonderful time of the year." Of course, it's meant to signal the coming of another school year with all that this involves. With that in mind, please do take care to watch out for children and families making their way to and from school as there are many areas in our neighbourhood that lack adequate sidewalks, controlled crosswalks and bike lanes.

If you're new to receiving this newsletter, you may be wondering what our community association does. We are a grass-roots based organization that seeks to gain input and foster consensus among neighbours. We are neither for, nor against development in our community. We see ourselves as a voice for residents of the Quadra Cedar Hill area on issues that affect our neighbourhood. So, if you're concerned about traffic, if you're anxious about the lack of sidewalks, if you have an initiative you think would benefit your neighbours, if you're curious about that development down the street – we can help with information and advocacy.

Our community association has had a busy summer with the Sunfest Picnic in Playfair Park and supporting the Music in the Park series at Rutledge Park. We belong to a diverse neighbourhood and events like these show what a wonderful experience it can be when we get together to share some sunshine, music, laughter and fun times. Which leads me to express my heartfelt thanks to all those individuals and families that give of their time, energy and experience to help out in so many ways.

Drum Roll Please ...

For the first time in the history of the Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association there are more than 300 paid memberships!

This newsletter has been sponsored by Ron and Betty Otke.

Playfair 'Fun in the Park' Picnic

Sunday July 12th

John Schmuck

Over 300 of your friends and neighbors came out on Sunday, July 12th to Playfair Park for the 10th annual Fun in the Park Picnic". There was a mix of kids, parents, and lots of others who enjoyed a wonderful afternoon in an idyllic park setting. Face painting for the kids was supplied by Carly Draper and Danielle Jeurond. The Bouncy Castle for under 12 year olds was carefully managed by Bob Dearborn. Whoops the Clown and her able assistant "Flip Flop" entertained the kids. Discovery Toys (Jeri-Lyn and Roxanne) brought their selection of children's toys.

Peter Bourne once again performed our National Anthem and a few of his songs. The band this year was "Mile Zero" who had lots of folks dancing along to their selection old Rock & Roll favorites. Thankfully the weather cooperated and we enjoyed a fine summer afternoon.

The kids enjoyed races and games organized by Mark Brown and his family. The Grand Finale was the annual Tug-of-war contest between the North and South sides of our association. The North prevailed again this year, but those of us from the South Side will be back next year to seek our victory.

Many thanks to the folks from the Bank of Montreal (Cook and Quadra Branch) who coordinated and staffed the food tent.

Our thanks to all our sponsors including:

Hansbraun Investments (representing Saanich Center)
Noble Car Buyers
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Cedar Hill Golf Course
Cedar Hill Recreation Center
Discovery Toys
Elite Sportswear and Awards
Saanich News
Growers Direct Fresh Flowers (Quadra Street)
Corporation of the District of Saanich

And of course our thanks to Thrifty Foods (Cook and Quadra) who supplied the food and delicious cakes.

Plan to join us again in 2010 for our 11th annual picnic.

On the Web

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J. Miller of Iterate Media is our Web Master.

Shelbourne Corridor Action Plan Set to Begin

Harold Stanley, District of Saanich Planner

On August 10 Saanich Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Shelbourne Corridor Action Plan. The Plan will create a comprehensive long term (20 to 30 year) vision for an area 500 m on either side of Shelbourne Street from North Dairy Road in the south to Feltham Road in the north.

The focus will be on developing the Corridor's four centres of mixed use development (at Hillside, Cedar Hill X, McKenzie and Feltham) into walkable, sustainable areas connected by a balanced transportation corridor that integrates walking, biking, greenways, transit and private vehicles. Other objectives include enhancing attributes that define the Corridor's neighbourhoods, developing an age friendly environment for the Corridor's seniors', and protecting and enhancing the Corridor's natural environment.

The Plan will be of particular interest to those who reside or own property or a business in the Corridor, as well as those who shop and use services in the Corridor or travel through it to access destinations such as UVic and Camosun College. The Plan is expected to take a year to complete and will include extensive stakeholder consultations, notice of which will be advertised in local newspapers, on the District of Saanich website, and through your Community Association.

If you have any questions regarding the Shelbourne Corridor Action Plan please contact the Planner assigned to the Plan, Harold Stanley, at (250) 475-5494 ext. 3410 or e-mail harold.stanley@saanich.ca.

Newsletter Editor's note:

Shelbourne at Cedar Hill Plaza is in a valley between 2 formidable hills (Mount Tolmie anyone?) while Mackenzie and Feltham areas are comparably flat. The Action's Plans proposed 5-10 minute walks cannot apply to the Cedar Hill X Road area the same way it applies to the other 2 neighbourhoods. The very large population of Seniors living on or near the Cedar Hill/Cedar Hill X Roads area is expected to traverse, groceries and such in hand, up and down a grade that would challenge an Olympian. That is not realistic ... which is an amazing segue into how thoughtful Transit was when it 'reconfigured' the bus service on our side of Cedar Hill X Road. Did Saanich object to the cut in service?

If you were negatively impacted by the reduction and/or change in Transit's bus service let Harold Stanley know. Do you have ideas for improvements for the area? Honestly how can we expect him to do a good job if we don't give him the benefit of our experience? Be part of the solution.

Music in the Park

Music in the Park was an unqualified success. Rutledge Park was 'THE' place to be on Tuesday evenings this August. The Sutcliffes played to 600-650 people the first evening. Bill Jonson Blues Band entertained over 350 people in the Park despite the dicey weather on the second evening. And Shaky Ground entertained over 650 of us on the third evening. That's right ... hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people came to Rutledge Park to listen to the music, dance, talk and just have fun. It was amazing!

The other totally amazing aspect of these evening concerts is that the concerts were put together by volunteers! Margaret Bachmann and her group of volunteers masterminded, organized and made the magic happen. How wonderful was that? I know of 'professional event planners' that stand aside in abject awe of Margaret's ability to inspire individuals to accomplish the near impossible. Mind, I don't think that Margaret or anyone in her group actually understands the concept of impossible. Many many people thank you for your efforts. Thank you Margaret Bachmann. Thank you Volunteers.

It was wonderful to see so many people from our Community enjoying themselves. Obviously everyone is looking forward to next year's Music in the Park. There are even suggestions to build a permanent concrete platform that would include the necessary electrical amenities making future concerts easier to stage. Sounds like the Community would like Rutledge Park to host musical events throughout the year. Who would have imagined that a derelict block would one day become the heart of a Community?

Again ... Thank you Margaret Bachmann. Thank you Volunteers. And thank you Sponsors.

Wonderfully there are so many sponsors of the Music in the Park event that there is no room in this newsletter to list them all. A complete list may be found on the QCHCA web site. Refer to qchca.ca

The Bowker Creek pledge is now online

Anyone who lives in the Bowker Creek watershed can pledge to be a watershed steward – it's quick and it helps raise awareness how everyone can do their part. <http://www.bowkercreekinitiative.ca/>

Block Watch

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

Check It Out:

Garth Homer Society's ArtWorks Program
www.garthhomersociety.org

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

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

CLOVERDALE CORE:

Volunteer Area Director needed

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

CEDAR HILL:

Paul Wilson 250-727-2201
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- 3437 Maplewood Rd. – Neighbourhood meeting held to discuss the rezoning from RS-6 to RD-1 to construct a duplex. Neighbours appeared satisfied with proposal as presented.

COOK / TATTERSALL:

Mark Brown 250-386-1863
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- If you know of anything that needs covering, please let Mark know.

COOK / TOLMIE:

Ken Whitcroft 250-383-7567
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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.

Managing our Creeks and Streams

Lana Burns

Burying creeks was how developers and local governments managed the drainage of many local waterways in 'the olden days'. Neighbourhoods across North America are encouraging local governments to daylight their buried creeks and streams. "Daylighting" is the intentional re-exposing of pipes, or culvert-covered streams, rivers, creeks and storm water drainages, to the open air. Daylighting a buried stream provides a variety of benefits to local governments, residents and neighbourhoods. Healthy creeks/streams promote urban forest renewal, provide wild life habitat, ensure watershed function, remove the future cost of pipe replacement, increase property value of the land surrounding the creek and ensure a healthier environment for future generations.

Saanich is planning to replace a section of failing wooden stave pipe running from the south side of Derby or the north side of Camrose between Maplewood and the golf course. Here is an opportunity to restore a small section of creek which is in the Bowker Creek watershed.

The Manager of Underground Services, Dwayne Halldorson, said that to correctly daylight buried creeks one needs approximately 15 feet of property on each side of the creek. Municipal Hall realizes that most residents will not want to give up a band of land approximately 30 feet wide or simply do not have that much property for a waterway. As a result, Saanich is not going to be looking any further into the possibility of daylighting in most urban situations.

The best result can't be achieved so now nothing will be attempted?

Sometimes a compromise will serve until the optimal conditions can be met to effect the solution. Is anyone looking for 'the compromise'?

If you support restoring our creeks please contact your Mayor and Council.

2009 – 2010 Executive

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

Membership Renewal

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Summer's over - have you paid your 2009 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 area residents. We are happy to welcome 60 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 September meeting, where we will thank our many Volunteers!

QCHCA Membership – Become a Supporter!

Name:

Address:

Postal Code: _____ Phone:

e-mail:

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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