

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS

“Neighbours Building Community”



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Nov 24, 2009 7:30 PM

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road

Everyone Welcome!

**Speaker: Vicki Sanders
Saanich Councillor**
**Topic: Tattersal Road at Quadra to
Saanich Road: street
improvements**

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL PLAYFAIR PARK

Saturday, November 14th and 21st

**We meet at the Judge Place entrance to the
park. Please bring shears and don't forget to
wear gloves and dress for the weather.**

**For Additional Information,
Call Pam Sinclair at 250-382-0032.**

CEDAR HILL POTTERY SALE

Saturday, November 28th from 11am – 3pm

**The annual Christmas Pottery Sale, put on by
the Cedar Hill Pottery Club, will take place in
the Senior's Wing at the Cedar Hill
Recreation Centre.**

**Come and do some early Christmas shopping
and choose from a variety of unique,
handmade items.**

President's Message

Karen Dearborn

The holiday season is just around the corner and all the lovely things that this time of the year symbolizes. It's a wonderful time to reconnect with family and friends through the sharing of time and the giving of thoughtful gifts.

In the spirit of the season, I would like to issue a challenge to my fellow neighbours to expand this idea of being thoughtful to your neighbourhoods, parks and pathways. What about tucking away in a coat pocket one of those small plastic bags we seem to have crowding our drawers and other spaces.

The next time that you're out and about, consider picking up a bit of litter – this can easily be done by using the bag as a glove and picking up the item and turning the bag inside out. Hands are still clean and litter has been banished. I know many of you already do this and it would be nice if you had some helpers.

There are numerous studies out there that show that people are more likely to litter when there's already litter on the ground and less likely when there isn't. This is a really easy way to give back to our community and make Saanich an even lovelier place to live.

Thank you and I wish each and everyone the best for a Wonderful Holiday Season and Happy a New Year to come.

The Quadra Cedar Hill Community: An Urban Forest Gem

Vicki Sanders, Saanich Council 250-475-1775

The Quadra Cedar Hill community has quietly evolved from being rural in nature to becoming an urban community. This is comprised of neighbourhoods rich in urban forest, both native and introduced. The urban forest is made up of trees and their understory. The trees have often been selected by homeowners for specific purposes such as shade, privacy or to enhance our home's appearance. Urban forests improve air quality, absorb rainwater and improve biodiversity. Carbon sequestration by trees is of significant value when evaluating and mitigating climate change. The urban forest is also referred to as green infrastructure and improves the

real estate value of individual homes and increases the appeal of a neighbourhood.

The challenges in maintaining the urban forest is accommodating growth as indicated by the Saanich OCP (Official Community Plan). Tree loss is often significant when removed from the building envelope during construction. Although replacement trees are required, it is many generations before the trees achieve the values of those removed. Other challenges are homeowner's lack of awareness of Saanich bylaws that require permits for pruning and removal of protected trees and permits for the landscaping of boulevards. Although prohibited by bylaw, informal parking is often created on boulevards causing damage to the understory and root zones of trees.

Quadra Cedar Hill residents are playing a leading role in what makes Saanich special. There are regular organized natural area and park clean ups. Many residents have naturescape gardens and native landscapes. The District of Saanich considers the urban forest in its planning and engineering decisions. As residents, I recommend you obtain your copy of Saanich's Urban Forest Strategy when it is released in the next few months.

Music in the Park: Rutledge Park Series 2009 Margaret Bachmann 250-477-3673

Hello Everyone! I am very happy to report that the Committee met on October 6th and Music in the Park at Rutledge Park will continue for three events in August 2010. The dates will be Tuesday, August 3rd, August 10th and August 17th. Soon, work will commence on furthering community and business partnerships, hiring of the bands, sound, activities designed for the children etc. We hope to continue and to add a little "newness" each year. We are grateful for the support of the District of Saanich and the various departments that contribute in vital ways to the success of these events.

The donations that were kindly donated by the business community, matching funds by Ron and Betty Otke, along with the community as a whole have allowed all the expenses to be covered and for a continuation of the events for 2010. Donations from each event totaled on average \$800.00 a night. On the last night, we saw 2,565 coins donated alone.

So thank you to everyone who contributed. We are so grateful to all that have supported this community-wide endeavor in the past and who will continue to do so in the future. We will be seeking a permanent solution to having adequate power for the event and hope to work with Saanich Parks and the Electrical Division in making this a reality. Then ... perhaps a permanent deck for the stage or ??? We also hope to add a tent or two that will serve as shelter / shade to the various activities that go on in the park. If you would like to help in setting up for the events or in taking down, we could really use your help. Please contact me and I will ensure your efforts will be put to

good use. If you need any further information or you have suggestions that would be a positive addition to the events, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again for the support in making this a dream of sharing music with the community come true!!

Would our Community Help Make a Difference? Leif Wergeland, Saanich Council 250-475-1775

The Compassionate Resource Warehouse (CRW) is a Victoria-based nonprofit society involved in shipping containers of relief supplies to developing countries around the world. Over the past 10 years CRW has been involved in sending more than 250 forty-foot containers to more than 65 different countries.

We have just been asked to send 5 containers in November, but are desperately short of shoes, boots, winter clothing, sweaters and winter coats. They have also asked for toys. These supplies will be sent to orphanages, homes for those with physical and mental disabilities, homes for seniors and rehabilitation centres. The countries that are in need are Moldova, Ukraine, and Belarus. Any summer clothing that we receive will be sent to the Philippines to aid in the relief of the typhoon victims.

Could our community help make this a happier and warmer Christmas for people that have so little by sharing items that we no longer need? We hope so.

We ask that the clothing be clean and in excellent condition. We also ask that the toys be clean and have all their pieces.

"IF WE ALL GIVE A LITTLE - TOGETHER WE CAN HELP A LOT"

For further information call 250-658-6552 or 250-381-4483 or see our website: <http://crwarehouse.ca>.

On the Web

qchca.ca

e-mail address info@qchca.ca

Please check out the new photos from Music in the Park 2009.

A big thank you to Jonny Miller of [Hitchless](http://hitchless.com/) who is our volunteer Web Master. You can check out his website at <http://hitchless.com/>

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!

Cedar Hill Rec Centre Update

Carole Ireland 250-475-5406

David Foster Arts Centre Becomes a Reality!

On September 25, 2009 the Province announced that the David Foster Arts Centre proposed for Cedar Hill Recreation Centre had been approved for Infrastructure funding. Each of the three levels of government will be contributing one third of the total project cost of \$4 million.

The David Foster Arts Centre will feature a music and recording studio; an expanded pottery studio; 2 visual arts studios, a new gallery space for 3 dimensional works; a preschool / youth programme space; and a David Foster memorabilia display.

We anticipate the design and tendering process be completed by May 2010 with construction occurring from June 2010 to March 2011.

The Saanich Legacy Foundation is working with the David Foster Foundation on a fundraising campaign for the project. If you are interested in the David Foster Arts Centre or would like more information, please contact Carole Ireland at 250-475-5406 or via e-mail at carole.ireland@saanich.ca.

Gallery Café exhibits

October 26 – November 23

Youth Group of Seven – mixed media

November 23 – December 21

Anne White - Photography

Bowker Creek Clean-up

Ken Whitcroft 250-383-7567

The Bowker Creek Invasive plant removal was a great success thanks to the 25 volunteers that participated. I would like to specially thank the Baptist Church volunteers.

Cecelia Creek Falls Park

Ken Whitcroft 250-383-7567

Thanks to donations made to the Saanich Legacy Foundation towards our Community Association Centennial Project "Cecelia Creek Falls Park", there is now a growing trust fund. Anyone who may be interested in making a donation to this project, a tax receipt will be issued for full amount of the donation.

The Saanich Legacy Foundation web site is www.saanichlegacy.ca or email: slf@saanich.ca



Snow Removal

Saanich wants to remind us all that in the last few years we have had to contend with the wonderful / dreaded white stuff on at least one occasion during the course of our usually wet winters.

Did you know it is the responsibility of property owners and occupants to clear and remove snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of their property? Compacted snow quickly turns into ice and is a real hazard to all, but especially to those with mobility issues.

If you know your neighbour is elderly or has a disability or just needs a helping hand, please consider looking after their portion of the sidewalk as well. Being a good neighbour during a snowstorm is a great way to build community and show others you care, while keeping our sidewalks safe for everyone.

News from the Neighborhood

BRAEFOOT:

Bob Trotter 250-477-4365

rctrotter@hotmail.com

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

CRAIGMILLAR:

Karen Dearborn 250-386-7933

karen.dearborn@shaw.ca

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

REYNOLDS / QUADRA:

Chris Bartlett 250-479-4809

bartlettca@shaw.ca

- The Lakehill Lawn Bowling Club has had final approval from Saanich Council to proceed with their building renovation. The contract has been awarded to Leier Construction. This project has provided the opportunity for a partnership with the Silver Threads Service. The partnership will provide a new venue for senior's activities in Saanich and help ensure that the building will be used to capacity throughout the year.

CLOVERDALE CORE:

Volunteer Area Director needed

- If you know of anything that needs covering, please let us know.
- Come out and listen to Vicki Sanders talk about the proposed changes to the streetscape for Tattersall Road between Quadra and Saanich Road at our General Meeting in November.

CEDAR HILL:

Paul Wilson 250-727-2201
pashwi@shaw.ca

- 3921 Blenkinsopp – application pending to create 2 additional lots for single family dwellings under current RS-6 zoning.
- The former ESSO service station on the corner of Blenkinsopp and Cedar Hill Cross Road has had its soil remediated. There are no re-development plans at the moment.

COOK / TATTERSALL:

Mark Brown 250-386-1863
markbrown@shaw.ca

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

COOK / TOLMIE:

Ken Whitcroft 250-383-7567
enviro.man@telus.net

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

QUADRA / SWAN LAKE:

Yianni Pappas-Acreman 250-589-3130
yiannipa@uvic.ca

- Please join me in welcoming Yianni to the Association
- If you know of anything that needs covering, please let Yianni know.

A Volunteer Area Director is needed to represent the Cloverdale Core area. Please contact Karen Dearborn at if you'd like to get involved.

Block Watch

blockwatch@saanichpolice.ca

Links Between Vehicle Break-ins and Identity Theft

The link between auto break-ins and identity theft is tighter than you might think. In half of the reported incidents, where vehicle entry was gained, investigators discovered insurance papers were amongst the items stolen. While this is happening on the mainland, the implications for Saanich remain the same. Police intelligence increasingly indicates that auto thieves are no longer just after your iPods, they're after your identity. Most property taken in vehicle break-ins is replaceable. Personal items like wallets, insurance papers, computers, cell phones and purses contain valuable information that thieves can use to steal your identity - often with disastrous effects. Please be vigilant about what you leave in your vehicle.

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

Membership Renewal

Rikki Bowman 250-382-6197
rikkij@shaw.ca

Thank you to the 340 neighbours who have shown their support for 2009 - we welcomed 75 new members this year! Annual membership is still just \$5.00 per person per calendar year. If you haven't done so yet, please complete the membership renewal / application form in this newsletter, and mail it to my attention, or bring it to the November meeting.

Thanks for your support!

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
Renewal or Application**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

P/C _____ TEL _____

EMAIL _____

I can help with:

Newsletters: **phone / fold / deliver** (circle one)

Membership: **\$5 per person per year.**

Please complete this form and send along with payment to: QCHCA - c/o Rikki Bowman @ #4 – 1164 Palmer Rd., Victoria, B.C. V8P 2H6

Need receipt? Yes _____ No _____

2008 – 2009 Executive

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| President | Karen Dearborn | 250-386-7933 |
| Vice-President | John Schmuck | 250-384-5190 |
| Past President | Mark Brown | 250-386-1863 |
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| Newsletter | Lana Burns | 250-478-4062 |
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