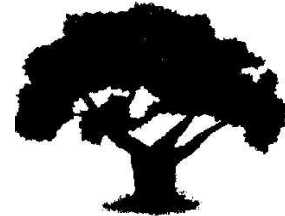


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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Jan 26, 2010 7:30 PM

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road

Everyone Welcome!

Speaker: Jeff Krieger
Alternative Wildlife Solutions
and
Christina Carrieres
Wild ARC Senior Wildlife Rehabilitator
Topic: Dealing with Urban Wildlife

Dealing with Urban Wildlife

Lana Burns

Not too long ago I saw small weasel-like animals playing on the corner of Salsbury and Camrose. A neighbour told me mink are a common sight there. Really? Then there was that large broad smooth coated creature swimming in one of the ponds on the Cedar Hill Golf course. It was not a wet raccoon. I'm pretty sure it was a muskrat. Apparently river otter are often seen in the ponds on the golf course too ... though I haven't seen any. Those are the exotics. I'm thinking one can only see these animals if one is really lucky and not walking with a dog.

On a daily basis we see grey squirrels, rabbits, raccoons, geese, ducks, various birds of prey and deer. Is such a large variety of wildlife normal for an urban community?

Most of these animals were here first. If we were honourable beings we would ensure these animals have the necessary space to live healthy lives and arrange our urban sprawl accordingly. Like that's going to happen. Be honest ... do you see anyone being denied residence in order to ensure the animals have their space?

We moved into the native animals' environment. They are now learning to live in the world we've created. Amazingly these creatures have adapted quite well. Like any situation where many individuals must share the same space there are rules. Rules? Yes. Think of it as Inter-Species Etiquette.

The rules are organized into four basic categories:

- 1) feeding wildlife.
- 2) handling young animals and/or birds.
- 3) approaching/treating sick or injured wildlife
- 4) dealing with the individual wild animal who finds itself in the 'wrong place'.

Want to know more? Have a question or two? Come to the next QCHCA meeting. Hear what Jeff Krieger and Christina Carrieres have to say. Their experiences are amazing.

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!

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL PLAYFAIR PARK

Saturday, February 6th and 13th
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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.**

SHELBOURNE CORRIDOR ACTION PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Thursday January 28th
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

St. Aidan's United Church,
3703 St. Aidan's Street

An introduction for residents and other Corridor stakeholders to the Action Plan's objectives and the issues that need to be addressed.

President's Message

Karen Dearborn

Happy New Year Neighbours! The start of a new year always fills me with hope for the future – in spite of all the fuss that can sometimes accompany this time of the year – as I find it's a wonderful opportunity to focus on all the good things in my life.

It's the sense that all things are new again and that sense of unlimited potential always lifts my spirits. It also doesn't hurt that the days are getting longer, the snowdrops are poking their heads up and there are all those New Year's resolutions to work on. For myself, I'm endeavouring to get out and enjoy more of Saanich on foot. We have so many interesting parks and trails that there really is something for everyone close to home. The municipality has some great resources on the web at <http://www.saanich.ca/resident/parks/trails.html> and over the phone at 250-475-5522. Best of all, it's a free and fun way to make connections with neighbours, friends and family in a way that we don't get when we drive through our community. Dress warmly and plan for rain (we're on the Wet Coast after all) and it's amazing how refreshing some fresh air can be.

In the spirit of community, please do consider coming out to one or Association's meetings. It's an informal way to meet your neighbours and find out what's going on in our small part of Saanich. Wondering about that development down the road? Concerned about traffic? Think that Saanich should pay attention to? Come on out and share a piece of your mind. Your Association is here to help with information, advice and cooperative action.

For your information:

BC Transit advised a neighbour that there are no plans for a small community bus to travel the Cedar Hill Cross Road/Cedar Hill Road/ Braefoot neighbourhood for at least the next 2 years. Very disappointing.

Just a reminder:

Drivers approaching an intersection and planning to turn right must first obey the traffic instruction at the corner. If there is a stop sign the driver must come to a complete stop, proceeding only when it is safe to do so. If there is a traffic light the driver must obey the signal. If the light is red the driver must come to a complete stop, proceeding only if safe to do so. Turning right is not enshrined in the Charter.

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Thank you Jonny Miller of Iterate Media for volunteering to be the QCHCA Web Master.

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Membership Renewal

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It's a New Year, and time for all of us to renew our Community Association membership for 2010!

The \$5.00 per person per year fees help pay for printing five issues of the newsletter, and supporting special Community projects. Not a member yet? Now is a good time to join; memberships are on a calendar year basis – January to December. Join or renew now, and don't worry about it again until next January!

Can't remember if you've already paid?
Call or email me ... Rikki Bowman.

Are you a Supporter? QCHCA Membership Renewal or Application

NAME _____

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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 _____