Community



Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association News

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 17 & 18 – Scattered Artists' Tour

See article below for details 12 noon to 5:00 pm

May 27 – QCHCA General Meeting

See article below for details Cedar Hill Rec Centre - 7:00 pm

May 31 – Celebrate Cedar Hill Park and Bowker Creek Clean-up

See article below for details Ball fields behind Cedar Hill Rec Centre - 9:30 am to 3 pm

June 14 – QCHCA Hot Dog Fundraiser Lumber World.

Lumber World, 3955 Quadra St. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

July 20 – Picnic in the Park

Playfair Park - 12 noon to 3:00 pm

Music in the Park!!

Performances on Tuesdays 6:00 to 8:00 pm. See article below for details

August 5 – Rutledge Park – Kumbia August 12 – Rutledge Park – Shaky Ground August 19 – Braefoot Park – Kikayambey

Your Association serving you

Roots

John Schmuck – President

On behalf of the QCHCA membership, I am happy to bring you the spring issue of the Quadra Cedar Hill Community newsletter.

The primary purpose of our Association is to advocate for our community and work to make it an even better place to live. To everyone in our community who is not a member, please consider getting involved.

We have had a busy year representing the community's interest in development applications, neighborhood consultations, public committees and public events. The association is doing well, membership has increased and we are in sound financial shape.

Highlights for the year include:

Development applications: QCHCA has been actively involved in consultation with developers, neighbours, Saanich Council, Planning and Parks & Recreation for 15 applications including multi-unit condo projects, subdivision applications, restaurant/office construction and rezoning, and public space/parks consultations.

Cedar Hill Clay Court Tennis: This contentious proposal involved the Association in over two years of community consultation and was ultimately rejected by Saanich Council. We are supportive of Bowker Creek Initiative's recommendation to restore Reach 17 of the Creek.

Saanich committee involvement: Members of QCHCA represent the community on the Bowker Creek Initiative, Shelbourne Valley Action Plan, UVIC Community Association Liaison, Saanich Community Association Network and Friends of Blenkinsop Creek.

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Public Events: We supported many community events through the year including Playfair Community Picnic, Rutledge "Music in the Park", hot dog fundraisers, Christmas dinner, Elizabeth May's town hall meeting and park maintenance events.

Mural: The Association commissioned Steve Milroy to paint the "Oak Meadow" mural on the retaining wall at Quadra and Tattersall, previously targeted by graffiti, to welcome people to the neighborhood.

Please contact me or Rikki Bowman for more information or how to get involved. (See the back page of this newsletter for contact information.)

Yours sincerely,

John Schmuck, President Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association

Music in the Park 2014

Chris Bartlett:

Your QCHC Association will be continuing the very popular and entertaining 'Music in the Park' events. All performances will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday evenings.

The bands, locations and dates are:

Rutledge Park (Cloverdale & Inverness)

August 5 – KUMBIA (Latin)

August 12 – SHAKY GROUND (Rock)

Braefoot Park (1359 McKenzie)

August 19 - KIKEYAMBAY (African)

Bring your picnic or purchase refreshments at our kiosks. There will be face painting and crafts for the kids. Come prepared to enjoy the evening with your family and friends. Donations gratefully accepted.

Friends of Cedar Hill Park

Susan Haddon: Celebrate Cedar Hill Park... Bowker Creek clean-up!

Join other friends of Cedar Hill Park to help with cleaning up the creek and for family fun on Saturday, May 31st, rain or shine. Pulling Together volunteers will organize us into work teams to remove invasive species and clean up the area alongside the creek. Location: Ball fields from 9:30 – 12:00.

This will be followed by a free 'Family Fun' event from 12:30 pm to 3 pm including music, folk dancing, games, refreshments and more.

Come out and meet your neighbors, celebrate this beautiful park and have some outdoor fun. Hope to see you there!

If you are interested in learning more about this event or becoming a member of the Friends of Cedar Hill Park Society, please call or email Susan Haddon at <u>250.590.3856</u> susan.haddon2@gmail.com

QCHCA General Meeting

Next General Meeting is May 27th at 7:00 pm, Cedar Hill Park Recreation Centre.

Speaker: Brock Henson - The Christchurch N.Z. Earthquake

As a timely follow up to the April 23rd 6.6 earthquake off the west coast of Vancouver Island, the guest speaker for our general meeting will be Captain Brock Henson of the Saanich Fire Department's Emergency Program. Brock will present a slide show of his trip to Christchurch, NZ after a 7.1 magnitude earthquake in September 2010 and his subsequent visit after the smaller but more damaging 6.3 magnitude earthquake in February 2011. This presentation will show the extent of the damage suffered, and challenges Christchurch is facing to recovery. The Christchurch experience is particularly appropriate to Victoria as the cities are a similar size, share similar histories and building codes.

Newsletter appreciation.... To Chris Dobell at Island Print Group, Steve Farrell at Aristos Mail and all our volunteers for their efforts to bring Community Roots to you.

Do YOU want to contribute to the next issue? Drop the editors an email at: prhaddon@gmail.com

Cedar Hill Arts, Recreation and Golf

Carole Ireland: Manager

We are very excited about many improvements at the Golf Course this spring for neighbours and golf club users. The clubhouse exterior is being completely repainted and the refreshment window on the patio level will be opening again in May. Please feel welcome to drop in for a drink or a snack. Golfers will enjoy our new food and beverage cart on the course, also coming in May.

One of our primary goals is to encourage young people to take up the game of golf as a positive, healthy activity to keep them busy in the summer. We are promoting our youth lessons, camps and passes in the community. Reynolds and Discovery Schools are learning and practicing at the course this year.

Our pros are really great with kids so if you know a young person who might enjoy learning to play golf, please call 250 475 7151 for more information.

The Arts and Recreation Centre is busy getting ready for summer. We have a wide selection of camps for kids and classes for adults. The Studio drop in program is a real bargain in the summer. Three month passes are reduced in price to \$75 for Arts Studio access and \$125 for Ceramics Studio access July through September. For more information all summer activities check out the Active Living Guide on line at www.saanichrecreation.ca

Saanich Scattered Artists' Tour

Anne Bowen: Tour our studios.....

Saturday and Sunday – May 17 and 18 – Noon until 5:00 pm

Local artists invite you into their studios to see their work at this free event. The area is north of Hillside, south of McKenzie, between Quadra, Swan Lake and Shelbourne Street. Look for the lime green signs on tour days.

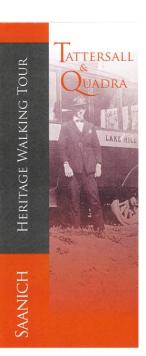
The map of participating artists is available at <u>www.GoBC.ca</u>. Brochures are available from participating artists, Cedar Hill Rec Centre, and our website.

A Walk Through Our Past

Vicki Sanders: Saanich Councillor

The Quadra area has over 30 homes on Saanich's Heritage Register. In the next few weeks watch for the Tattersall & Quadra Heritage Walking Tour brochure to be posted to Saanich's website. Hard copies will be available at Saanich Municipal Hall and recreation centres.

The new tour includes fourteen homes from Saanich's Heritage Register, Playfair Park, significant trees and other interesting homes that contribute to our community's rich heritage.



In addition to the Tattersall Tour, a walking tour of Prospect Lake Heritage properties will be launched. These two new tours will become part of the suite of heritage walking tours which include Gordon Head and the Gorge.

http://www.saanich.ca/discover/artsheritagearc

King's Pond: Wetland, Wildlife Habitat... Tourist Destination

Andy Ruszel: savetheducksonkingspond.com

Scenic urban wetlands and wildlife habitats like King's Pond are becoming increasingly rare. A recent proposal by a developer threatens this unique wetland and duck habitat. The community is urging the District of Saanich to follow its own 1972 plan to purchase this parkland.

How unique? A wildlife photographer from Toronto who visits King's Pond regularly on his trips to BC, recently reminded me that King's Pond is, in the language of the tourism industry, a destination and an attraction. Visitors from all over BC and Canada come to share in the beauty of this area. One more reason we cannot afford to jeopardize this very sensitive ecosystem.

Help us keep King's Pond for ducks and all other • wildlife. Visit our website for more information.

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QCHCA Website... What's new?

Kevin House: Webmaster

Please check our new Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association website now on-line at <u>www.QCHCA.org</u>. We will be posting all upcoming events and news in our community so check in regularly.

The website will offer the latest copy of Community Roots and back issues. We will post agendas for upcoming QCHCA general meetings and other events.

We want the new website to serve your needs. Please contact webmaster Kevin House with your ideas and comments. (<u>kevin.house3003@gmail.com</u>)

QCHCA Membership Report

QCHCA currently has 112 paid members for 2014, which includes 18 newcomers.

As the QCHCA's activities (newsletters, meetings, community events, land use representation, etc.) are primarily paid for through membership dues, your membership is critical to QCHCA's continuing operation. Please consider joining your Community Association should you not be a member.

We greatly appreciate the support of our current members and encourage them to renew. If in doubt as to your current membership status, please phone or email me to confirm.

Please complete the form below and mail it with your membership fee, to the address indicated.

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QCHCA Membership Application and Renewal Form

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Postal codePhoneEmail
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