

# QUALICUM – GRAHAM PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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**THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CHRISTMAS TREE SALE** run by the Beavers and Cubs of the 119th Nepean Group (Qualicum–Graham Park) will be on Saturday, December 9, 2000, from 9 AM to noon in Nanaimo Park. Profits from the sale go toward 119th activities, so please come by, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and select a tree from our top-quality evergreens. Many thanks to all our friends and neighbours for their support over the past year, and best wishes for the holiday season.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** Our October 18 AGM discussed several issues of great importance to our community. **The NCC proposal** to lease two areas of local greenbelt, one at the Richmond Road – Acres Road property now leased by Shouldice Farms (for the development of an “employment centre” on the scale of the Nortel campus), and the other at Cedarview and Baseline (for a retirement – nursing home development) would seriously affect our neighbourhood. Marlene Catterall, our Ottawa West – Nepean MP, attended our AGM to ensure proper public consultation of these NCC proposals. The AGM passed a motion to state that this community does not support development on that land or on any greenbelt land. We are delighted to have Marlene’s support on this issue. Your association will continue to monitor the situation closely. **The sidewalk to Bayshore:** The Transitway is almost complete, and the last phase of construction – the sidewalk – will be finished in late fall or early spring. **School boundary review:** Following our community presentation to the Ottawa District School Board meeting, requesting that our children who now attend Briargreen School not be redirected to another school, trustee Alex Getty moved that the decision be put off until a boundary review has been completed in early spring. That motion was passed. Our new trustee, Myrna Laurenceson, has indicated her interest in meeting with members of the community soon, to discuss these and other issues. Please watch the notice boards for the date for this meeting.

**WINTER PARTY.** No poetry this year; just a cheerful invitation to the community to join us on Sunday, February 11, 2001 to enjoy some winter activities, friendship, and fun at Nanaimo Park and the Community Centre. Watch the notice boards at the roads entering the community for hours and further details. If you can volunteer to help out on that day, please call Sheila Armstrong at 829-5011. ☺

**COMMUNITY DAY 2001.** We need volunteers to help us arrange our next Community Day, tentatively scheduled for June 2, 2001. The time commitment is small; the rewards huge. Our meetings are always full of fun and laughter, a chance to meet friends, share our ideas, and plan this much-anticipated day. “No volunteers” may mean “no Community Day,” which would be a shame. So don’t be shy. Help carry on the tradition. Call Beth Graham today for further information or if you can volunteer – 828-9252.

## ☞ A Tribute ☜

**A WONDERFUL PARTY** on November 9 at our Community Centre was a happy-sad occasion. A happy celebration of Liz Barrett's five years of dedicated work and valuable contributions, it was nevertheless sad indeed – because Liz is stepping down as president.

Honoured guests at the party, besides Liz herself, were her husband, Peter Cronyn, their three children, and Liz's mother, Mrs. Petty Dodds. Among many community tributes, our past-president, Larry Woods, spoke movingly about the contributions Liz has made.

As he told us, soon after Liz and her family had moved into the community in 1992, she joined the community association's executive committee, becoming the education representative. With her ideas, energy, and persistence, she soon organized the first community winter party in February 1993. In October, she became a vice-president of the association. She founded the Qualicum-Graham Park scout group committee (and when a beaver program began in September, she herself made the beaver mascot, now affectionately known as "Lizzy Beaver").

We were running many programs in the community by then, and in response to a clear need for a community centre, Liz took on the leadership of the project. Thanks largely to her terrific energy and determination, in October 1995 we received final approval for our beautiful Community Centre.

At that time, too, Liz took over as president of the community association. During her tenure she has been involved in a tremendous number of programs, initiatives, issues, and opportunities. Among other projects, she coordinated the fund-raising of several thousand dollars toward the centre through the mural in the lobby. She initiated the centre's after-school program, now in its fifth year. She has been actively involved in the various intensive school boundary reviews. She helped to ensure that proper sound barriers would be erected when Baseline Road was widened, and that we will have a safe way to walk from our community to the new transit station at Bayshore.

Those who have served with her know that she is lively, dynamic, and energetic; she is fun to work with, quick to praise, thoughtful and personable, open and direct. In her tenure as our outstanding and highly successful president, Liz has earned the respect and admiration of our community. We thank her for her leadership, dedication, and enthusiasm, and for having contributed so much to our community life. We wish her well in her new role as past president of our association.



**OUR OWN WEB SITE.** <<http://www.members.home.net/qgpca/>>

Please check us out on the Internet. Want to reach your association executive or program coordinator by phone or e-mail? See the Web site for contact information. Can't find your latest association bulletin? Want to see association meeting minutes? Want to check up on the latest community issues? Find it all on the Web site. We offer our thanks and hearty congratulations to Andy (self-described "background technical person") and Marg Miller (our volunteer Web master) who have set up and will be maintaining this site. You can reach Marg at [qgpca@home.com](mailto:qgpca@home.com) or 829-1422.

**SKATING RINKS:** We have new boards this year. Weather permitting, the rinks will be ready during the Christmas period. John Willson, our skating rink supervisor, again requests help from community members to maintain the rink in Nanaimo Park this winter. Adult volunteers are needed, as well as reliable teenagers, who will be paid. We don't want to lose this valuable recreational asset. If you can spare some time to help, please call John Willson at 820-7264.

**Rink hours** will be 4 to 9 PM weekdays, and 10 AM to 9 PM weekends. The hockey rink is reserved on Tuesday evenings after 7:30 PM for adult hockey, and Saturday and Sunday afternoons for family shinny. The smaller side rink is reserved for recreational skating, and no hockey sticks are allowed. Feel free to shovel snow to the side to make room for your fun. But please stay off the rinks when the temperature is above zero. Please call John to reserve the rink for special events.

**THE OUTDOOR HOME DECORATING CONTEST** will be judged Wednesday evening, December 20, so don't forget to put on your outdoor lights in time that night.

**LIZ BARRETT SAYS**—Thank you for letting me represent you as the president of the Qualicum-Graham Park Community Association for the past five years. I have found it extremely rewarding in so many ways, not the least of which has been getting to know so many of you, the friends and neighbours who make this community so special.

I also wish to thank the many people who attended (and especially those who were involved in planning) my "retirement" party on November 9. It was such a wonderful evening for me and my family. I can't thank you enough.

We have a remarkable community. To ensure its continued strength in the new city of Ottawa, we need your help. The programs and events we enjoy, such as Community Day and our outdoor rink, can succeed only with the help of many hands. We need you to give a few hours of your time in order that we can continue to enjoy the quality of life we have come to expect. Please volunteer. We need everyone to make a difference.

**THE QUALICUM–GRAHAM PARK COMMUNITY** is a community to be reckoned with. Among our public officials, elected and appointed, we have a reputation for being a formidable foe but a supportive ally. We are known for our own achievements here in our neighbourhood, and for challenging those changes from outside that would be detrimental to the good of the community as a whole.

This reputation has been built over many years of public involvement on the part of many dedicated volunteers – from our hard-working association executive, through our neighbourhood distributors of community bulletins and flyers, to those who pour out hot chocolate or cook up hotdogs at community get-togethers, or who shiver through a cold December evening, judging the best display among our brightly lit homes – and many more.

There are so many ways in which we can use your help. Would you be part of a team to deliver flyers? Would you come out to help flood the rink for skaters? Would you help us to plan an activity, such as Community Day? Would you like to serve on the association executive. Large jobs. Small jobs. We have them all.

Everyone who has served in the past would agree: being a volunteer in this community is fun. Rewarding. Satisfying. We make new friendships and cement old ones. We watch our children growing and prospering in a safe and happy environment. We stand on guard against forces that might threaten our safety, and we work hard to earn the support and consideration of our elected and appointed officials.

Right now, our winter party needs folks to help out on the day; the rinks need regular assistants through the short skating season; and without new volunteers, the very future of Community Day is at stake. For all of these, the time commitment is small but the rewards are very great.

This is a community where big things happen; a community where small things count; a community that cares. Care with us.

### **Volunteer**

## Your Association Volunteers

### **Executive Committee**

President	(to be announced)	
Vice-president	Joel McGrath	829-1127
Treasurer	Marcia Hayes	726-1177
Secretary	Linda Ryan	829-8916
Past President	Liz Barrett	829-8702
Members at large	Steve Dzioba	820-7011
	Wendy Hartley	820-2811
	Beth Graham	828-9252
	Marg Miller	829-1422
	Dave Mowat	820-8677
	Paul Bodnoff	596-6732
	Jon Blakey	726-6920

### **Community Service Co-ordinators**

Community Centre	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Bulletin Editor	Frances Emery	828-6701
Memberships	Bill Nichols	829-0935
Bulletin Distribution	Sonia Blakey	726-6920
Skating Rink	John Willson	820-7264
Traffic Issues	Dave Mowat	820-8677
Community Directory	Marg Miller	829-1422
New Residents	Marcia Hayes	726-1177
Block Parents	Jean Campbell	820-4659
Neighbourhood Watch	Len Grummett	820-3018
Valleystream Tennis Club	Colleen Corby	829-0335
Community Web site	Marg Miller	829-1422

### **Programs**

Kids' Club	Bhanu Mistry	820-6881
Playgroup	Brenda Ferguson	828-1524
Sparks	Sandy Jones	596-2987
Brownies	Karen Love	721-2721
Girl Guides	Barb Bartlett	820-8386
Beavers	Paul Clarke	829-8916
Cubs	Doug Comer	596-6068
Scouts	Doug Comer	596-6068
Common Threads	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848

### **Community Events**

Annual General Meeting (October)	(to be announced)	
Winter Party (February)	Sheila Armstrong	829-5011
	Janice Goodier	726-8279
Community Day (June)	Beth Graham	828-9252