QUALICUM – GRAHAM PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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NEW WEB ADDRESS

http://www.members.rogers.com/qgpca

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CHRISTMAS TREE SALE run by the Beavers and Cubs of Scouts Canada/119th Nepean Group (Qualicum-Graham Park) will be on Sat. Dec. 15, 2001, from 9 a.m. to noon in Nanaimo Park. Profits go toward 119th activities, so please come by, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and choose a tree from our top quality evergreens. Shop early for best selection! Many thanks to all our friends and neighbours for their support over the past year.

ANNUAL OUTDOOR DECORATION CONTEST. A crack team will peruse the neighbourhood to determine who will win the coveted plaque listing the names of previous winners. As in other years, the team will operate incognito about a week before Christmas, and award and have the plaque engraved with this year's winner. Good luck!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Our Oct. 18 AGM discussed several issues of interest to the community.

Queensway Development Studies. Two studies are under way; the first being the Queensway from the Hwy #416 interchange west to Hwy #7 and the second from the Hwy #416 interchange east to Anderson Road. The scope of both studies includes the potential of increasing the number of lanes, building new bridges, creating new bus lanes, and developing light rail transit systems to relieve current and forecasted traffic congestion. Public meetings are planned for the western study in December 2001 and June 2002 with construction unlikely until sometime in 2003 or 2004. The eastern study has just begun, with traffic counts under way and public meetings scheduled for August/September 2002. Your association will continue to attend the public meetings to monitor the situation closely.

Queensway-Carleton Hospital expansion. The next phase of the QCH expansion will begin in April and last about 18 months. Two new floors will be added above the emergency wing to create a new intensive care unit, as well as 30 medical beds and 30 Rehab and Geriatric Assessment Unit beds. Phase 3 will begin in September 2003 and include two new operating rooms and a few more psychiatry beds. Chris Snider will continue to work with planning staff of the QCH to provide input on behalf of the community.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE. The association executive (listed on the back of this bulletin) was elected at the AGM and there were two vacancies, one of which has been recently filled. A big thank-you to Leo Paoletti who has volunteered to handle traffic issues for the community. Leo has lived at 12 Nanaimo for about a year and can be reached at 820-0897 or lpaoletti@home.com. There is still one position to be filled – someone to manage the Community Day organizing committee. Thanks to Beth Graham who handled the role like a real "top banana." Please contact Joel McGrath at 829-1127 if you wish to volunteer or would like some additional information.

SKATING RINKS: Weather permitting, the rinks will be ready around Christmas. 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, please call John Willson at 820-7264. Rink hours will be 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends. The hockey rink is reserved on Tuesday evenings after 7:30 p.m. for adult hockey, and any further schedule or reservations will be posted. Call John to reserve the rink for special events. 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. Let's make it fun for everybody!

PLAYGROUP. The kids (and adults) at Playgroup have had a fun fall. Our playgroup is geared toward children from birth to kindergarten and their caregivers. It runs Tuesday and Friday morning from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The Tuesday group is full but we still have some spots left on Friday. For more information about this cooperative, community-based program, please call Lauria at 721-3423.

NEW RESIDENTS. We deliver information regarding activities in our community to new residents of Qualicum-Graham Park. If you have just moved in, if you have new neighbours, or if you can lend us a hand with this activity, please call Jennifer Rowan at 829-8280.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. At the AGM, our new Community Centre Police officer, Constable Bob Gagne, provided a full report of crime in our community over the past year. The police responded to 27 calls: Break and Enter – 4; Mischief to Property – 5; Theft of Bicycles and Other Property – 14; Stolen Vehicles – 3 and Arson – 1. While the Police Service considers this crime rate to be very low, even one break and enter is too many. Remember, keep garages and outside structures used for storage properly secured. Constable Gagne said that the new Ottawa Policy Service Auto Dialer (OPSAD) would be in full operation before year end. All residents who were on the PC Cops system will be transferred to OPSAD. Contact your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator at 820-3018 if you have any questions.

NEW ACTIVITIES.

The **Nanaimo Park Jugglers** was recently created to provide a place where people interested in juggling and unicycling could get together to practise, learn, share ideas and just plain have fun juggling and unicycling. Meetings, called "Juggling Jams," are held Sundays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Nanaimo Park during the summer and in the Qualicum-Graham Park Community Centre in winter. Everyone is welcome, and equipment and instruction are available for beginners. Please note that children under 13 need to be supervised. For additional information, check out our web site at http://www.carlroth.net/nanaimoparkjugglers/ or contact Carl Roth, the Managing Juggler, at 293-5856.

Power Yoga. Tuesday nights 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 8 weeks starting January 8, 2001. This will be a Beginner Power Yoga class, teaching the basic poses and focusing on the breathing patterns that accompany Power Yoga. Power Yoga is designed to enhance endurance, strength and flexibility. Come prepared to rejuvenate body, mind and soul! Class size limited to 30 people; fee will apply. Contact: Instructor Donna Davis, certified fitness instructor, at 224-4418.

✂ Calendar of Events ✂

2001-2002

Dec. 15	Annual Christmas tree sale in Nanaimo Park, 9 a.m. to noon.
Jan. 27	Winter Community Fun Day Nanaimo Park

Watch the bulletin boards at community entrances for more announcements of upcoming events.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES.
Just a reminder to drop off your annual community association dues of $10 to Bill Nichols at 54 Beaumaris (829-0935).

Your community association is made up of volunteers who want to help make our community a better place. Some of the volunteers have been helping out for a long time while others have recently stepped forward. Remember, they are here to assist our community as best they can but also have their own personal issues to deal with, so your patience is appreciated.

Your Association Volunteers

Executive Committee		
President	Joel McGrath	829-1127
Vice-president	Jon Blakey	726-6920
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
Community Service Coordinators		
Community Centre	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Skating Rink	John Willson	820-7264
Bulletin Editor	Judith Whitehead	828-8284
Bulletin Distribution	Sonia Blakey	726-6920
Memberships	Bill Nichols	829-0935
Community Directory	Marg Miller	829-1422
Community Web site	Marg Miller	829-1422
New Residents	Jennifer Rowan	829-8280
Neighbourhood Watch	Len Grummett	820-3018
Block Parents	Jean Campbell	820-4659
Traffic Issues	Leo Paoletti	820-0897
Programs		
Kids' Club	Bhanu Mistry	820-6881
Playgroup	Lauria Blackwell	721-3423
Sparks	Sandy Jones	596-2987
Brownies	Karen Love	721-2721
Girl Guides	Barb Bartlett	820-8386
Beavers	Paul Clarke	829-8916
Cubs	Doug Corner	596-6068
Scouts	Doug Corner	596-6068
Common Threads	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Valleystream Tennis Club	Colleen Corby	829-0335
Community Events		
Christmas Tree Sale	Paul Clarke	829-8916
Winter Party (January)	Sheila Armstrong	829-5011