



# QUALICUM – GRAHAM PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## December Bulletin

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WEB ADDRESS

<http://members.rogers.com/qgpca>

**NEW SKATING RINK TALENT NEEDED.** John Willson, our volunteer rink manager, again requests help from community members to maintain the rink in Nanaimo Park. Adult volunteers are needed, as well as reliable teenagers, who will be paid. To sign up for a regular shift of 1 hour per week for 8 weeks or get on the on-call list, call John at 820-7264.

Weather permitting, the rinks will be ready around Christmas. Rink hours are 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 schedules or reservations will be posted. Call John to reserve the rink for special events. The smaller side rink is reserved for recreational skating; 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!

**MORNING PLAYGROUP IS EXPANDING!** We've had so much interest that we've opened up some new times! Now, there's a Wednesday morning playgroup, as well as the usual Tuesday and Friday times. A Monday morning group will open soon. Babies, toddlers, preschoolers — all are welcome!

**Evening Playgroup?** Some interest has been expressed in an evening playgroup. It would be a weekly drop-in group with no volunteer commitment but a small per-use fee. Before we finalize anything, we need to assess what attendance would be like. For playgroup information, call Lauria at 721-3423.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** Our Oct. 18 AGM discussed several issues of interest to the community. For full details and updates go to our website at <http://members.rogers.com/qgpca>.

**Neighbourhood Safety:** Constable Dave Stewart (236-1222 ext 2284) reported that there have been more suspicious incidents in the neighbourhood but that's because people are reporting more. He reminded us to be vigilant and remember "if something looks suspicious to you, the home owners, then it likely is" and report these incidents to the police.

**Community Centre:** City staff have recommended the QGP community building be taken over by the city and that it be leased to Academie de la Capitale, (one of two schools operating within the Maimonides building,) during the day. The Academie would like to use the Centre every day, which would mean no room for Playgroup, the After Four Day Care or other daily activities. The Community Association does NOT support this move and needs your active support to let Councillor Rick Chiarelli know our feelings. A flyer will be distributed shortly to all homes in QGP that will include telephone numbers and a form letter that you are strongly encouraged to send to Rick voicing your opposition. The Centre was built with \$13,000 of QGP direct funding, as well as a lot of sweat equity to secure a \$100,000 grant from the province. The Community Association will be actively working with the City and, if necessary, presenting our opposition to City Council. In the meantime, please call Rick (580-2478) to express your opposition.

**City of Nepean Reserve Fund Allocation:** Rick Chiarelli reported that there is a one-time grant of \$20,000 available to QGP for a capital project. Due to the condition of the skating shack at Nanaimo Park, a proposal was made to use the grant to replace it. John Willson, volunteer manager of the rink, is evaluating the design of a building to replace the shack and is happy to take your input.

**Pesticides:** City Council is studying several ideas regarding the use of pesticides. A proposal was approved at the AGM to support a public education campaign on the use of alternative, safe methods to control pests and weeds. Rick Chiarelli will inform City of this proposal.

**New President:** The QGP Community Association executive is happy to announce that Carl Roth has been elected president. Carl, a former major in the Forces and currently an independent consultant, will continue to ensure QGP has a strong community voice. Thanks Carl!

**Summer Fun:** It's back on! Three volunteers, Susan Finlay, Linda Ryan, and Carl Roth, have agreed to organize Community Day for 2003. Thanks to each. They would like additional help to assist in delivering a fun and successful day. Please contact them to volunteer.

**NANAIMO PARK JUGGLERS:** More and more residents are coming to the "Juggling Jams" held Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in either the Community Centre or outside depending on the weather (be sure to check the website for current dates and times). Members have lots of props that you can borrow and learn with so come on out! We'll also be buying some new club props as the Community Association is giving us a grant this year. Many thanks!

We've also started preparing for next year's Summer Fun Day, which will include juggling, unicycling and hopefully an exhibition game of unicycle basketball! Call Carl at 293-5856 or visit the Nanaimo Park Jugglers website at <http://carloth.net/nanaimoparkjugglers/>.

**NEW RESIDENTS.** We deliver information about activities in our community to new residents of QGP. If you've just moved in, have new neighbours, or can help, call Jennifer Rowan at 829-8280.

Last summer saw an unusually large number of new residents move in to the community. In all, 22 new neighbours have been visited this fall. We'll visit the remainder as soon as possible.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.** Although property crime remains low in our community, there's been an increase in thefts from vehicles. If it's necessary to leave a vehicle outdoors, ensure that it's locked and that nothing of value is left in sight. If you go on vacation this winter, make sure snow is shoveled and flyers, etc., are picked up while you're away. Report all incidents of crime or suspicious activity to the police and your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator at 820-3018.

**CARLINGWOOD TOASTMASTERS** is moving to the Community Centre. The first meeting will take place, Monday, Jan. 6, 2003 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come out and improve your presentation skills, learn how to effectively run meetings and meet others in our community. For information, contact Naomi Fowlie at 829-2411.

✂ Calendar of Events ✂

2002-2003

Dec. 7 Annual Christmas tree sale in Nanaimo Park, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..

The beavers, Cubs and Scouts from 19<sup>th</sup> Nepean Scout Group will be selling top quality evergreens on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us at the skating rink in Nanaimo Park. Profits from the sale help fund scouting activities, so please come by, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and pick out a tree.

**ANNUAL OUTDOOR DECORATION CONTEST**

A team will peruse the neighbourhood to determine who will win the coveted plaque with 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!

Feb. 2 Winter Community Fun Day  
Nanaimo Park

**QGP Community Association Membership Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The annual fee is \$10, which covers your membership for the year 2002-03, beginning Sept. 1, 2002. Please make cheque payable to the Qualicum-Graham Park Community Association. Please deliver your cheque and filled out form to Bill Nichols at 54 Beaumaris (829-0935)

Your Association Volunteers

**Executive Committee**

President	Carl Roth	293-5856
Vice-president	Susan Finlay	721-7794
Treasurer	Marcia Hayes	726-1177
Secretary	Linda Ryan	829-8916
Past President	Joel McGrath	829-1127
Members at large	Lauria Blackwell	721-3423
	Steve Dzioba	820-7011
	Shaunna Taylor	721-0748
	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848

**Community Service Coordinators**

Community Centre	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Skating Rink	John Willson	820-7264
Bulletin Editor	Judith Whitehead	828-8284
Bulletin Distribution	Linda Ryan	829-8916
Memberships	Bill Nichols	829-0935
Directory & Web Site	Andy 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	Katie Cassidy	293-8329
Brownies	Katie Cassidy	293-8329
Girl Guides	Katie Cassidy	293-8329
Pathfinders	Katie Cassidy	293-8329
Scouts Canada programs	Paul Clarke	829-8916
Common Threads	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Valleystream Tennis Club	Colleen Corby	829-0335
Nanaimo Park Jugglers	Carl Roth	293-5856

**Community Events**

Christmas Tree Sale	Paul Clarke	829-8916
Winter Party (January)	Linda Ryan	829-8916
Community Day	Susan Finlay	721-7794

**Community Centre phone** 828-6232