

Community Day 2004

Community Day organizers are looking for donations of funding, merchandise or services from community residents and area businesses. We will be holding an auction to sell the donated items and services, as well as providing tables (\$25 each) for craft vendors. Please contact Kathy at kathy@gjalandscapearchitect.ca or Sue at 721-7794 for more information.

Volunteer Phone Numbers

Co-President	Susan Finlay	721-7794
Co-President	Joel McGrath	829-1127
Vice-President	Shaunna Taylor	721-0748
Community Centre Bookings	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Community Centre Maintenance	Lauria Blackwell	721-3423
Community Directory	Andy Miller	829-1422
Neighborhood Watch	Len Grummett	820-3018
Traffic Issues	Leo Paoletti	820-0897

Community Memberships

There is a \$10 fee for membership in the QGP Community Association. This small amount of money paid annually by residents is used to fund items such as: Bulletin and Distribution list costs, Community Day, Winter Carnival, Community Association supplies, Web site fees, AGM costs, Community Centre maintenance, entrance signs, and grants to community groups such as playgroup, jugglers, craft group, and the tennis club. The community association speaks to the city on behalf of our neighbourhood when it comes to issues such as traffic, park maintenance, and bylaws. The more members we have, the more credible our voice is when we bring up an issue. This year we have approximately 190/650 households that have paid their memberships. If you are not already a member, please take advantage of this form and send it to Bill Nichols at 54 Beaumaris, K2H 7K3 (cheques payable to QGP Community Association). If you want an updated Community Directory, you can pick it up from Bill's mailbox when you pay your fee **up until the end of December**. If paying after that date, please mail your cheque!

QGPCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

- I would like to receive the bulletin by email
- Please OMIT my name from the Community Directory
- Please OMIT my telephone number from the Community Directory



Community Centre Facelift

The Community Centre is getting a facelift! Attendees at the AGM voted to put some money into sprucing it up. New paint is on the walls and it looks GREAT!

Calendar of Events

- **Dec 13** Scouts' Christmas Tree Sale. 9AM to 1PM in Nanaimo Park
- **Dec 17** Annual Christmas light contest judging
- **Feb 8** Winter Party 1:30 to 3:30 in Nanaimo Park

QGPCA's Painter of Choice

Pat Rockburn has painted homes in the neighbourhood and his reasonable prices, dependability, and quality work landed him the job of painting the Community Centre. If you are looking for a painter for big jobs or small, look no further! Pat Rockburn has QGP's vote! Contact Number 830-5996

Roomakeovers

Thanks to Jean McAteer of Roomakeovers for donating time to the Community Centre project. Jean describes 'Roomakeovers' as a different kind of decorating service focusing on affordable room makeovers. "The first

priority when decorating your home should always be your tastes and your lifestyle, not the decorator's likes and dislikes," says Jean. "Decorating trends are always fun to follow but I have found that people are only satisfied when they feel 'at home' in their own space, so my goal is to create the spaces that my clients want to spend time in. I have developed a fun and easy technique that helps my clients' define their own personal vision and then I create the easy-to-follow plan that will 'make it happen' using the furnishings, art, and accessories already in the home." Jean can be reached at 820-8575 and at jean@roomakeovers.com

Winter Party

Come one, come all to the QGP Winter Party! This year it will be held on Sunday, February 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 in Nanaimo Park. Bring your skates and smiles and be ready to have fun! This is also a great opportunity to check out the Community Centre's new look! Over 450 residents had a good time in Feb 2003 with sleigh rides, juggling, games, raffles and more. So come on out and join us in 2004! If you can help out, please call Sheila at 829-5011 or Linda at 829-8916. We need volunteers to face paint, bring hot chocolate, and help out with the games. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Light Contest

Don't forget QGP's annual contest! You could win the coveted plaque and the envy of your neighbours. Judging will take place the evening of Dec 17, so be sure to have your lights on!

Skating Rinks – Volunteers needed!

John Willson will again be coordinating the maintenance of the rink in Nanaimo Park. He is looking for adult volunteers, as well as reliable teenagers who will be paid. Sign up for a 1-2 hour shift/week or be on the on-call list. Call John at 820-7264.

Weather permitting; the rinks will be ready around Christmas. The weekend and holiday hours are from 10am to 9pm, weekdays from 4pm to 9pm. The rink is reserved for adult hockey on Wed. from 7:30-9:00. Any further schedules and reservations will be posted. Call John to reserve your event! The small side rink is reserved for recreational skating: no hockey sticks are allowed. Feel free to shovel snow to the side if maintenance hasn't been done. Please stay off the rink when the temperature is above zero. Most of all, enjoy some winter fun!

Scouts' Christmas Tree and Hot Chocolate Sales

Again this year the local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be selling top quality evergreens on Saturday, December 13, 2003. The sale takes place from 9 AM till 1 PM 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.

Early in the New Year the local scouts will be selling gourmet hot chocolate door to door. A 250 g box (makes 7 servings) costs \$6.00 and includes a \$5.00 Future Shop coupon. Please help out with this official winter fundraiser.

Kindermusic Circle Time

Instructor Shannon Eddy Smith will be offering this popular program again in the new year. Winter session starts Thursday, Jan 8th and runs every 2nd Thursday from 10:15am –10:45am at the Community Centre. Cost is \$16 per child and covers 6 sessions. To register call Kathy at 726-3604 or email kathy@gjalandscapearchitect.ca.

Community Center Usage

The Community Center is no longer under immediate threat of being sold, however we still need to work to increase its usage. The small room is perfect for meetings and the large room is very suitable for parties and family gatherings. Both rooms are free most weekend evenings and afternoons as well as certain weekday times. For more information or to book your next meeting, birthday party, anniversary bash, funeral reception, or Christmas party call **Leslie Zanetti at 820-0848**

Nanaimo Park Jugglers

The Nanaimo Park Jugglers are still going strong! Unicycling has really taken off with 5 members riding in the Help Santa Toy Parade, much to the delight of the crowd. Remember that the place to learn to juggle or ride a unicycle is at our Juggling Jams. Join us Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:30pm and Sunday afternoons from 3-5pm in Nanaimo Park or the Community Centre. For more information call Carl at 293-5856 or check out <http://carloth.net/nanaimoparkjugglers/>

Community Centre Garden

Thanks to Cathy Roth for organizing the clean-up of the garden around the Community Centre! More volunteers will be needed in the spring. Call Cathy at 726-7302 to find out more.

Playgroup

There are spaces available for babies to kindergarten age in all three playgroup times - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Playgroup is a great way to burn off some winter energy and meet the other preschoolers in the neighborhood. Call Lauria at 721-3423 for more information.

Kids' Club

Kids' Club is our neighborhood after school program. For more information call Bhanu Mistry at 820-6881.

From The Webmaster

Residents now have self-service directory access at www.qualicum.org in the new password protected "For Residents Only" section of the web site. To obtain a password use the 'request-a-password' service on the website. You can also request a directory via email at webmaster@qualicum.org or by phoning Andy at 829-1422.

Try out the new web site at www.qualicum.org. You can update your residence info so that you have your name(s), phone number, e-mail address exactly as you like them. You can look up residents by partial name. You can use the HTML directory. There are also copies of the AGM and executive meeting minutes. Bulletin distributors can get their distribution lists there as well. More facilities are being added! The current plans are posted at the web site. The public section of the web site now has more links to reference sites, movie theatres, etc. Contributions to the web site, pictures, links, ideas are always very welcome.

AGM Notes

The full text of the AGM minutes is available on the website. Here are a few highlights:

- Executive voted in: Co-presidents: Sue Finlay and Joel McGrath, Vice-President: Shaunna Taylor, Treasurer: Kathy Kaitola, Secretary: Linda Ryan, Members-at-Large: Leo Paoletti, Lauria Blackwell, Karen Leggett, Liz Barrett, Leslie Zanetti, Jennifer Payne.
- Community Police Officer Constable Donna Cholette, reported on our very low crime rate.
- Treasurer's report showed a positive year-end balance.
- Public school closure: Current plan is that Christie PS will close and QGP children will be moved from Briargreen to Leslie Park. With the new government this could change.
- Thank-yous to John Willson, Marg Miller, Wendy Hartley, Marcia Hayes, Beth Graham and Judith and Van Whitehead. These people have put a lot into our community over the years!
- Nepean Reserve Fund money (\$20,000) was discussed. The original plan to replace the skate shack may be too costly, though Rick Chiarelli will try to find more funds. Other options discussed were: Spruce up Nanaimo park; Add features to the community entrances; Replace the ball diamonds with a soccer field. A vote was taken and park spruce-up won. We will look into other funding sources for the soccer field idea.
- A proposal was made to change the name of the community Qualicum instead of QGP. Decision was made to consult the community.
- Traffic Issues were discussed. We will request a sidewalk along Nanaimo.
- Community Centre usage is stable. \$3000 was voted for improvements to make it more attractive for users.
- Other issues discussed include the city's spending review, mortgage on Valley Stream Tennis Club building, lighting on the path beside the Community Centre.