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### **Calendar of Events**

- **May 16** Nanaimo Park clean-up
- **May 19** Scout Registration
- **June 6** **Community Day**
- **June 12** Garage Sale Day
- **June 21** Alpha Registration

### **Nanaimo Park Clean-up**

Park clean-up day will be Sunday, May 16 at 10AM. Bring gloves and rakes and help make Nanaimo Park a great place to enjoy the summer. Leaf bags, coffee, doughnuts provided!

### **Garage Sale Day**

The annual garage sale day will be Saturday, June 12. We will not be conflicting with the Glebe sale this year!

Ads will be placed in the papers, so this is your chance to get lots of traffic to your sale!

### **Traffic Report**

Speeding in the community is an issue, particularly on access streets. Speed indicators will be placed this spring/summer to let drivers know their speed. This will require the involvement of residents to host the tripod-mounted display on their front lawn (there will not be any lawn damage). The community is also interested in "Community Traffic" signs (as in Centrepointe). An increased police presence has also been requested. Other issues that the Community Association is currently pursuing with the city are: accidents at Richmond/Nanaimo intersection, thru traffic in the community, Bayshore Shopping Centre traffic/u-turns, School Zone signs, and pedestrian safety/sidewalks. For more information, or for any traffic issue, contact Leo Paoletti at [lpaoletti@rogers.com](mailto:lpaoletti@rogers.com) or 820-0897.

### **Community Day 2004 – A Country Hay Day**

This year's Community Day is shaping up to be a great time! The theme is country and highlights include a dog agility show, square dance instruction, Irish dancers, folk singer Russell Levia and local recording artist Kristin McCaig. Of course Community Day wouldn't be complete without the fish pond, bouncy castle, scavenger hunts and family races! The event is being held at a new time this year with the parade starting Sunday, June 6 at 11AM. To volunteer an hour, call Lauria at 721-3423.

### **New QGPCA 'notice of issue' procedures**

Where a resident believes there is sufficient cause for laying a formal complaint to the QGPCA, the resident is respectfully asked to submit their thoughts in writing. (Sent to the QGPCA Executive via email on our website or delivered to a member of the Executive). The QGPCA Executive Members, in consultation with the authorized official from the appropriate area (i.e. police, by-law officer) shall determine the nature of the issue and what further course of action needs to be taken. All residents of Qualicum – Graham Park are strongly recommended to get involved in our community - visit [www.qualicum.org](http://www.qualicum.org) to find out more.

neighbourhood is 40km/h. Also, check the bulb in your exterior light and replace as needed. Pedestrians should be sure to wear light or reflective clothing when running or walking at night.

### **Playgroup**

There are spaces available for babies to kindergarten age in both playgroup times - Tuesday, 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 neighbourhood after school program. For more information call Bhanu Mistry at 820-6881.

### **Cancer Canvassers Needed**

The Canadian Cancer Society is in desperate need of community people to canvass in our neighbourhood. It takes about 2 hours of your time to canvass one route (which is about 20 homes). The canvassing can be done anytime during April. If you are able to help out, please call Linda Ryan at 829-8916 or e-mail [clarke\\_ryan@sympatico.ca](mailto:clarke_ryan@sympatico.ca) Thank you!

### **Block Parents Needed**

Our neighbourhood could use more Block Parents. These volunteers display a distinctive red & white sign in their window to indicate a safe place where a responsible person is home to answer the door. This is a great way for you to make a difference in our community! For more information call Jean Campbell at 820-4659.

### **Follow-up from the AGM**

Complete minutes from the 2004 AGM are available on the website, or by request from a committee executive member. The presentation on Local Traffic, Queensway Expansion, and the Transportation Master Plan (delivered by Leo Paoletti) is now available at [www.qualicum.org](http://www.qualicum.org).

#### **Transportation Master Plan (TMP):**

The TMP supports the City's Master Plan and was adopted by City Council September 2003. It covers all forms of transportation including pedestrian, bicycles, cars, and public transit. The TMP calls for significant increases in public transit (for example, 30% of commuters in the afternoon peak period using public transit).

Public transit includes light rail. There are two rail lines that could have some impact to our community. An environmental assessment will soon begin on the East-West (Orleans-Kanata) rail line that would run south of our community. Another assessment will be initiated in 5 years (or later) for the Carling/Bayshore/Richmond line. The Community Association will be participating in the environmental assessments.

#### **Reserve Fund Update:**

Plans for improvements to Nanaimo Park were displayed at the AGM. For more information or to comment, call Susan Finlay at 721-7794

## **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 Sale**

This year the local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be selling top quality evergreens on Saturday, December 11. 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. Scouts will also have boxes of gourmet hot chocolate for sale. For more information, contact Austin Swezey at 829-1323

## **Kindermusic Circle Time**

Instructor Shannon Eddy Smith will be offering this popular program again in the new year. Winter session starts Thursday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and runs every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 10:15am –10:45am at the Community Centre. Cost is \$16 per child and covers 6 sessions. For more information or to register call Melanie at 721-3384.

## **Académie de la Capitale Art and Craft Sale**

Académie de la Capitale, one of the schools located at 25 Esquimault Ave, will be holding an art and craft sale on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. Funds raised will go towards scientific, computer and audio-visual equipment and specialized learning materials for the school.

## **Nanaimo Park Jugglers**

The Nanaimo Park Jugglers continue to juggle, unicycle and have fun Wednesday nights from 7:30 - 9:30 pm and Sunday afternoons from 3 - 5 pm. Unicycling has really taken off with 3 children recently learning to ride including Charlie from right here in the neighbourhood who has been one of the fastest to learn to ride in recent history. Well done Charlie! You also may have noticed the CBC filming in the neighbourhood. Unicyclists from the club were featured on the CBC program "On The Road Again" starring Wayne Rostad on 26 Nov. Check the club website for a downloadable video of the program. Lastly over 10 riders volunteered to unicycle in the 2004 Help Santa Toy Parade held 13 Nov. Thanks for helping to make the parade a little more fun! Remember, we teach juggling and unicycling and the club has juggling props and 2 unicycles to learn on for FREE. For more information contact Carl Roth at (613) 293-5856 or [carl@carlroth.net](mailto:carl@carlroth.net) or check out our web site at <http://carlroth.net/nanimoparkjugglers/>

## **Community Safety**

Many people at the Annual General Meeting were concerned about safety in the community. There are several simple things we can all do to help! We can SLOW DOWN. The speed limit in the

## Community Bulletin Board

This is a new feature, available to Community Association Members. Space can be used to advertise your neighbourhood service or item for sale. Call Lauria at 721-3423 to place an ad.

### Babysitter Available and Looking for Work!

I am a 14-year old BOY who is free on weeknights and weekends! I have experience as well as being trained in the St. John's Ambulance Babysitting Course and St. John's Ambulance First Aid Course w/ CPR training. Don't be put off because I am male! I assure you I can do as good a job as any girl in the neighbourhood! Call Julian Zanetti at 820-0848.

### Teddy Bear Daycare

Friendly, reliable daycare service right here in your neighbourhood. Please call me at 829-5011 to arrange an interview. Sheila Armstrong

### For Hire

"Right On The Head Juggling Troop" specializing in fun juggling and unicycle entertainment. No job too big or small. Contact Carl Roth, (613) 293-5856 or carl@carlroth.net web:<http://carlroth.net/rightonthehead/>

### Solutions Contracting

Right here in QGP is Terry Fitzpatrick of Solutions Contracting. Fences, Decks, Sheds, Play Structures, Kitchen and Bathroom renovations. Terry can build everything you need to make your home beautiful inside and out! Over 30 years experience - Quality assured! 863-4864

### Scouts' Plant Sale

This annual event will be held Saturday May 15 from 9AM - NOON (or while quantities last) in front of Briargreen School. Including 'swap table' for perennials, etc. Inquiries: Austin Sweezey 829-1323

## Looking for Executive Members

The QGPCA is looking for new members to take part on the executive council. Volunteers are needed to take over the 'new residents' position - greeting families who move to our community - and the community center bookings position. If you are interested in helping out, please call Sue Finlay at 721-7794.

## Community Information Links

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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