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Winter 2008-2009

Calendar of Events

- December 13, 2008: Scouts Christmas Tree Sale at Nanaimo Park
- December 20, 2008: Annual Christmas light contest judging
- January 4, 2009: Fort contest judging
- February 8, 2009: Winter Carnival at Nanaimo Park

Annual Christmas Lights Contest

Join our annual Qualicum Christmas lights contest by decorating your home in a beautiful or unique way! Judging takes place the evening of Saturday, December 20, so make sure your lights are turned on! Winners will be announced in the next community bulletin and on our community website. Winners also have the honour of having their names added to the Christmas lights plaque of champions.

Fort Building Contest

Last year's snow fort contest was a huge success! There were so many beautiful and creative forts and sculptures around the neighbourhood. We saw castles, ships, dragons, forts, and many more. This year, the judging will take place on Sunday, January 4th. You can participate by making something out of snow in your front yard.

Winter Carnival

Get ready for another exciting Winter Carnival on Sunday, February 8, 2009 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in Nanaimo Park. If you are willing to help plan this event, please contact a QGPCA executive member to volunteer.

Annual General Meeting

The QGP Community Association AGM, held on October 23, was a very well attended. Councillor Chiarelli discussed the Morrison redevelopment proposal, the new community centre/property development, and property taxes. For detailed information about all the issues that were covered, the AGM presentations, and minutes, please visit www.qualicum.org/minutes.htm.

At this meeting, a new community president (Scott Pegrum), vice-president (Lauria Blackwell), and executive was elected. Scott and Lauria have each been involved in the

community association for many years and are currently on a committee working with the City on the new community centre. After more than four years as community association president, Leo Paoletti stepped down from the executive. He is our contact for community traffic issues and assists Andy Miller with our community web site.

Skating Rinks – Volunteers needed

Jeff Braddon coordinates the maintenance of the rink in Nanaimo Park. Jeff is looking for adult volunteers and reliable teenagers to help with rink maintenance. Teenagers will be paid! You can sign up for a 1-2 hour shift per week or be added to the on-call list. Please contact Jeff at 613-829-1353 or jbraddon@sympatico.ca.

Winter 2008- 2009 Rink Schedule

Weather permitting; the rinks will be ready around Christmas. The small side rink is reserved for recreational skating, which means 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! Rink times are as follows:

Weekdays:	4:00 pm – 9 pm.
Weekend and holidays:	10:00 am – 9 pm

Any scheduled or reserved times will be posted. To reserve your event, contact Jeff at 613-829-1353 or jbraddon@sympatico.ca.

Scouts Christmas Tree Sale

The neighbourhood Christmas Tree Sale is brought to you by your local Scouting Troop. The Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts from the 19th Nepean Scout Group are selling top-quality evergreens on Saturday, December 13th, 2008. This sale takes place from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the skating rink in Nanaimo Park. Come early for the best selection and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate! The Scouts can help you load/unload your tree. Also, delivery is available for free! Profits from the sale help fund scouting activities. For further information contact Austin Swezey at 613-829-1323.

Scouts Food Drive

Please help the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the 19th Nepean Scouting group as they go door to door to collect canned goods for the Ottawa Food Bank. Expect them at your doorstep on Wednesday, December 3 between 6:30 pm-8pm.

Items in high demand are baby formula, diapers, canned fish and meat, canned vegetables and fruit, juice, dry pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, nutritious snacks and soup.

Playgroup

Playgroup has expanded! We now have sessions on Tuesday and Friday mornings. All preschool children are welcome, from babies to kindergarteners. For more information, call Lauria at 613-721-3423.

Street Parking and Snow Plow Information

Street parking is prohibited during snow removal. For more information about on-street restrictions or any other by-law information, please visit www.ottawa.ca/residents/bylaw/index_en.html.

Start Your Own Program or Event

Contact a QGPCA executive member if you're interested in starting your own community event or program. This can be anything you feel would benefit our community. For instance, street proofing and safety, babysitting clubs, puppet shows, and bike safety.

More Community Information

Do you want late-breaking community information? Register your e-mail address to receive current information, such as safety, crime, events, and much more. If you are a community member, you can be added to the distribution list by sending an e-mail request to postmaster@qualicum.org.

Winter Pilates Sessions at the Community Centre

Pilates focuses on the core muscles to keep the body balanced and provide support for the spine. In particular, Pilates exercises teach awareness of breathing and alignment of the spine, and aim to strengthen the deep torso muscles.

Winter Pilates sessions run from January to April. Information and registration form available on www.qualicum.org.

Beginner Classes:	Saturday 9:00 – 10:00 am
Intermediate Classes:	Monday 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Beginner / Intermediate:	Wednesday 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Beginner / Intermediate:	Friday 1:30 – 2:30 pm

MARCH BREAK 2009 SCIENCE CAMP – March 16 – 20 at the QGP Community Centre

Calling all QGP kids age 8-12! Join the Brain Waves Design Squad this March Break and work on a different engineering challenge every day of the week!

Engineering is all about solving problems and learning to work cooperatively – so come and explore your creative side with us! There will be competitions, demonstrations and lots of great team building activities.

Hours:	9am-4pm with pre-care from 8-9am and post-care from 4-5pm
Cost:	\$225 for the week with optional pre/post care for \$5 per day
Contact:	info@brainwaves.ca or call Neena at 613-726-6443 to register

Community Center Bookings

You can book the QGP Community Center for your meeting, group activity, birthday party, or any other event. For bookings, please contact Jill Dublin at 613-828-4861 or jilldublin@hotmail.com.

QGP Community Association Contacts

Online Community	www.qualicum.org	
President	Scott Pegrum	613-820-2419
Vice-President	Lauria Blackwell	613-721-3423
Treasurer	Jeff Wills	613-829-9045
Secretary	Linda Ryan	613-829-8916
Member at large	Liz Barrett	613-829-8702
Member at large	Brett Caldwell	613-829-4976
Member at large	Joanne Hanlon	613-829-7111
Member at large	Michelle Kaminski	613-422-0088
Member at large	Kim Butler	613-721-2732
Neighborhood Watch	Len Grummett	613-820-3018
Community Centre Bookings	Jill Dublin	613-828-4861
Bulletin	Trina Pearce	613-721-7091
Traffic Issues	Leo Paoletti	613-820-0897

QGP \$10.00 Annual Membership – Have You Paid?

Did you know? The number of paid members represents the size of our Community Association, and therefore the size of our voice when representing important issues for our community.

Your membership funds: this bulletin, AGM costs, www.qualicum.org fees, Community Directory, Community Day, Winter Carnival, community information and printing, entrance signs, park clean up, Garage Sale ads, Community Center needs and programming.

Please complete the following information and drop payment by cheque or cash to 54 Beaumaris. Cheques payable to QGP Community Association.

QGPCA Membership for 2008-2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____