

QUALICUM – GRAHAM PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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OUR NEW PRESIDENT. We are extremely pleased to announce that Joel McGrath has stepped forward to assume the responsibilities of president of the Qualicum–Graham Park Community Association (QGPCA). Joel has been an active member of the association’s executive since 1990, and has personally overseen many traffic issues affecting our community, such as the construction of Highway 416, the widening of Baseline Road, and the extension of the Transitway. He was also an integral member of the team that oversaw the completion of our Community Centre. Through the years, Joel has been an invaluable member of the executive. We feel certain our community will be in good hands during this time of transition for the city.

QUEENSWAY DEVELOPMENT STUDIES. The first of two major studies to determine the long-term evolution plans for the Queensway is already underway and will be completed in the fall. It includes the area from the Highway 416 intersection west to Carp Road. Joel McGrath has met twice with the consultants and will continue to participate. Initial indications are that construction will not directly affect our community. Interestingly, it is predicted that within 20 years, although traffic volumes will continue to grow in both directions, most traffic will be heading west in the morning and east in the afternoon. The second study, still to be tendered, will begin sometime in late fall. It will include the area from the Highway 416 intersection east to Anderson Road, and will directly affect our community.

COMPOST SALE. On Saturday, May 19, the Qualicum–Graham Park Beavers and Cubs (119th Nepean) will be selling compost by the bag as a fundraising activity from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM (or while the compost lasts!) at the skating hut in Nanaimo Park. If you need help getting a few bags home, just ask one of the helpers. This loamy compost, a product of the curb-side collection of our leaf and garden cuttings, is highly organic, providing nutrients, moisture-retention, and a rooting medium. It also helps break up clay soils, promoting proper drainage.

THE KIDS’ CLUB. After-school care for the 2001-02 school year will again be available at the Community Centre. New reservations will be accepted as of June 1, 2001, on a first-come, first-served basis. For information or to register, please call Bhanu Mistry at 820-6881.

LOCAL GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT. Members of the QGPCA met with Marlene Catterall last fall to discuss proposals for developing Greenbelt land on the south side of Baseline Road, across from the Queensway Carleton Hospital, and on the north side of Richmond Road across from the Bell Canada building. The QGPCA response was that it did not favour any development, and Marlene conveyed this to the NCC. Dave Laballister, Marlene's executive assistant, reporting to Joel McGrath on April 19, stated that as far as the NCC is concerned the issue is dormant. He also said that Marlene will meet with the NCC in May to request an update and will report her findings back to us.

COMMUNITY DAY – FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE. On Saturday, June 2, 2:00 to 8:00 PM, bring your running shoes and lots of sunscreen to the Qualicum–Graham Park Olympics in Nanaimo Park. Tots to teens, parents to grandparents – all will have a fun-filled afternoon of games, races, and even an obstacle course. Participation by all is the name of the game. Dinner, local entertainment, and the fish pond will top off this dynamic day. Please remember to bring a salad or dessert – everyone loves your home cooking.

Please call Kim Liscard at 820-1180 if you can volunteer for part of the day (count it toward your school volunteer time).

Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a good story, or have a skill you could demonstrate? Let us showcase your talent as part of our stage show. Call Sonia Blakey at 726-6920.

We hope everyone will join us for a marvellous day of Family Fun, so mark it in your calendar now. See you there!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. Now that the good weather is returning, many of our residents will be travelling or spending time at the cottage. Take the time to ensure that it looks as though someone is at home by leaving lights on timers, and a radio playing. Have one of your neighbours empty the mail box each day. During prolonged absences, don't forget to have the lawn mowed every week. These few precautions will help to make your home look uninviting to burglars. Recently there has been at least one break-and-enter in our community. Updates on crime in the neighbourhood are published weekly on Sunday in the Ottawa Sun. If you have questions or need information, contact your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator at 820-3018.

PLEASE NOTE: Fall registration date – **Thursday, September 6**

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE – MAY 26. Spring cleaning your closets, basement, or garage? Set aside the “trash” (it may be someone else's treasure) to put out on your drive on Saturday, May 26. Keen buyers arrive early, so be prepared.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST, DECEMBER 2000. The winners are: the Carballude family, 57 Queensline Drive. Honourable mentions are Bill and Mary Leach, 84 Queensline; Maynard and Teresa Dokken, 16 Brian Crescent; Marcel and Rebecca Belanger, 30 Chinook Crescent; and Orest and Joan Roscoe, 52 Aleutian Road. Congratulations to them all, and thanks to Liz Barrett and her intrepid crew for braving that cold and snowy evening on December 20 to act as judges.

WINTER FUN DAY, FEBRUARY 2001. Brrr! It was cold this year, and our turnout was smaller than normal, but still we all had a good time. Many thanks to all the volunteers: John and Rob for the perfect ice; Sundance Ranch; Emily and Blythe for face painting; Bruce for the races; Linda, Cindy, Andrew, and Sonia for the warm milk. Special thanks to Janice for helping over the last three years, and a big welcome to Linda Ryan for volunteering to help next year. Thank you to all for participating and keeping the community spirit alive.

THE GIRL GUIDES thank you for continuing to support our Girl Guide cookie drives. Our Guides have been involved in six community projects this year, and will be finishing off with hostessing at the Nepean Home Support Volunteer Tea. June will see the year-end unit camp held at Papanak Zoo. After many years of service, our leaders will be retiring and moving into another capacity of Guiding; we hope volunteers will come forward to ensure continuation of the 54th Girl Guide unit.

OC TRANSPOR. Recent bus route changes have eliminated the local bus that stopped at the corner of Nanaimo Drive and Richmond Road. Only one bus stops there now – the express bus (Route #69), running just during peak hours. That means that we now can get downtown at off-peak times only by walking to the Transitway station at Bayshore, to the bus stop at Richmond Road and Highway 416, or to the bus stops on Morrison Drive. All involve long walking distances, especially during inclement weather. Please contact Joel McGrath with any comments you may have so that we can develop a community position and take appropriate action.

Your Association Volunteers

✂ Calendar of Events ✂

2001

May 19	Compost sale – 119 th Nepean fundraiser in Nanaimo Park
May 26	Garage sale day for the neighbourhood
June 2	Community Day in Nanaimo Park
September 6	Registration night –7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Community Centre
October 18	Annual general meeting – in the Community Centre

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



Have a safe and happy summer

Community web site: <http://www.members.home.net/qgpca>

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 Co-ordinators

Community Centre	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Skating Rink	John Willson	820-7264
Bulletin Editor	Frances Emery	828-6701
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	Marcia Hayes	726-1177
	Jennifer Rowan	829-8280
Neighbourhood Watch	Len Grummett	820-3018
Block Parents	Jean Campbell	820-4659
Traffic Issues	Dave Mowat	820-8677

Programs

Kids' Club	Bhanu Mistry	820-6881
Playgroup	Brenda Ferguson	828-1524
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

Annual General Meeting (October)	Joel McGrath	829-1127
Winter Party (February)	Sheila Armstrong	829-5011
	Linda Ryan	829-8916
Community Day (June)	Beth Graham	828-9252
