

**QUALICUM – GRAHAM
PARK
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



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

COMPOST SALE TO SUPPORT SCOUTING, MAY 11. On Saturday, May 11, between 9 a.m. and noon, stop by the skating hut at Nanaimo Park to start your gardening season off on the right foot. Members of our local Scouts Canada group will again be selling compost by the bag as a fund-raising activity. This loamy compost, a product of the curb-side collection of our leaf and garden cuttings, is highly organic and provides the benefits of nutrients and moisture retention. It also helps break up clay soils. If you need help in getting a few bags to your home, just ask one of the helpers at the sale.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE, MAY 25. Spring cleaning your closets, basement, or garage? Set aside the “trash” (it may be someone else’s treasure) to put out on your driveway on Saturday, May 25. Keen buyers arrive early, so be prepared.

VALLEYSTREAM TENNIS CLUB. The Valleystream Tennis facility is located at 3412 Richmond Road. Facilities include four lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, free parking, play structure and lots of green space.

The official opening for 2002 is May 11 and 12. Membership fees are the same as last year, with \$6.00 savings for family and singles if you join before or during the official opening, when we'll be on hand 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you go to the Qualicum-Graham Park website, you'll find information on the club and a membership form you can download.

For more information, call the clubhouse at 596-1760 or Colleen Corby at 829-0335.

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS. Anyone wishing to book the Community Centre should contact Lesli Zanetti at 820-0848. Please give adequate notice to ensure that you get your reservation. Any maintenance issues at the community centre (broken locks, tables, cupboards, etc.) can be reported at the following numbers: weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 580-2424, ext. 29999, or evenings and weekends 580-2400.

THE KIDS' CLUB. This after-school program begins in September. If you're interested, call Bhanu Mistry at 820-6881.

PLAYGROUP. The kids (and adults) at Playgroup have had a fun winter. Our playgroup is geared toward children from birth to kindergarten and their caregivers. It runs Tuesday and Friday morning from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. The Tuesday group is full but we still have some spots left on Friday. For more information about this cooperative, community-based program, call Lauria Blackwell at 721-3423.

NEW RESIDENTS. We deliver information regarding activities in our community and the city to new residents of Qualicum-Graham Park. If you've just moved in, have new neighbours, or can lend us a hand with this activity, call Jennifer Rowan at 829-8280.

NANAIMO PARK JUGGLERS GOING STRONG! The newly created Nanaimo Park Jugglers have been juggling in the Qualicum and Graham Park Community Centre since last October and attendance has been great! Our "Juggling Jams" are held Sundays from 3:00 to 5:00 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). Don't be shy if you can't juggle – our members would be glad to teach you!

Club members took part in the Winter Community Fun Day and are planning to spend some time with the Brownies in the near future. Recently, the club's "Managing Juggler," Carl Roth, was asked if the club could provide some jugglers for the Opera Lyra production of *La Boheme*, currently playing at the National Arts Centre. Carl himself is performing in the opera as the Juggler in Act 2!

Call Carl at 293-5856 or visit the Nanaimo Park Jugglers website at <http://carlroth.net/nanaimoparkjugglers/>.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. With good weather returning, many of our residents will be travelling or spending time at the cottage. Before you leave, ensure that your home looks as though someone is there by leaving lights on timers and a radio playing. Have one of your neighbours empty the mail box each day. During prolonged absences, have the lawn mowed every week. These few precautions will help to make your home uninviting to burglars. Since the last report, three break and enters have been reported in our community along with a number of suspicious incidents and several traffic accidents. New residents to our community will be visited by the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator in the near future as part of our ongoing program. Residents should be aware that Constable Isabelle Coady has been assigned as our community police officer. She can be reached at 236-1222, ext. 2242. If you have any questions or need information about neighbourhood watch, contact Len Grummett at 820-3018.

COMMON THREADS. This craft group for adults meets every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at 30 Dickson Street, beginning in mid-September. (Children are welcome.) Bring your unfinished handiwork project to complete, join in an occasional organized workshop, or get involved in a community service project. For more information, call Lesli Zanetti at 820-0848.

COMMUNITY DAY. Unfortunately, there will be no Community Day this summer in Nanaimo Park. Due to the lack of volunteers, no organizing committee was formed. Let's hope that Community Day is taking a one-year hiatus and that new volunteers will step forward to organize things for next year. Those interested should contact any member of the Community Association Executive.

A NEW PRESIDENT. As of the next Annual General Meeting, Joel McGrath will no longer continue acting in the role of president of the Community Association. The Association Executive is seeking a replacement for this position. If you feel committed to the community and wish to serve, please contact a member of the Executive.

Your Association Volunteers

✂ Calendar of Events ✂

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Saturday	Community Garage Sale
May 25	
Thursday	September Registration
September 11	
Thursday	Annual General Meeting
October 17	

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

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES. Just a reminder to drop off your annual community association dues of \$10 to Bill Nichols at 54 Beaumaris (829-0935). These dues help us to keep doing things for you like publishing this bulletin.

Your community association is made up of volunteers who want to help make our community a better place. Some of the volunteers have been helping out for a long time while others have recently stepped forward. Remember, they are here to assist our community as best they can but also have their own personal issues to deal with, so your patience is appreciated.

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 Coordinators

Community Centre	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Skating Rink	John Willson	820-7264
Bulletin Editor	Judith Whitehead	828-8284
Bulletin Distribution	Sonia Blakey	726-6920
Memberships	Bill Nichols	829-0935
Community Directory	Marg Miller	829-1422
Community Website	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	Sandy Jones	596-2987
	Barb Robertson	829-5036
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

Christmas Tree Sale	Paul Clarke	829-8916
Winter Party (January)	Sheila Armstrong	829-5011
