

✂ **Calendar of Events** ✂

2003

Saturday, May 24	Community Garage Sale
Saturday, May 24	Scouts Compost Sale
Sunday, May 25	Nanaimo Park, 9 a.m. to noon Spring cleanup of Nanaimo Park. Bring a rake, garbage bags and the family. 10:00 a.m. to noon.
Tuesday, September 9	September registration for community programs
Thursday, October 16	Annual General Meeting

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

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST. Carolyn and Stan Gowans of 20 Mohawk won the plaque awarded annually for the house with the most festive outdoor decorations. The runners up were Shaunna Taylor and Richard Bown of 22 Chinook, Gerry and Jay Esdale of 4 Donnington Place and Joe and Lily Allen of 12 Hobbs.

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.

SUMMER PROGRAMS. Alpha Kinder Korner Club at the QGP Community Centre, June 16 to August 22; 2 to 5 years of age. Fun-filled sessions of arts and crafts, stories, games and special theme days. Register June 9 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the centre. Sessions will be Mon. or Thurs. from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. A great way to meet families in your neighbourhood! For information, call 580-2424, ext. 41238.

Your Association Volunteers

Executive Committee

Co-President	Susan Finlay	721-7794
Co-President	Joel McGrath	829-1127
Vice-President	Shaunna Taylor	721-0748
Treasurer	Marcia Hayes	726-1177
Secretary	Linda Ryan	829-8916
Past President	Liz Barrett	829-8702
Members at Large	Lauria Blackwell	721-3433
	Kathy Kaitola	726-3604
	Karen Leggett	820-8778
	Leo Paoletti	820-0897
	Jennifer Payne	726-8772
	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848

Community Service Coordinators

Community Centre	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Skating Rink	John Willson	820-7264
Bulletin Editor	Judith Whitehead	828-8284
Bulletin Distribution	Linda Ryan	829-8916
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

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

SCOUTS COMPOST SALE, Sat. May 24, 9 a.m. until noon.

Again this spring, the local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be selling compost by the bag as a fundraising activity. Stop by the skating hut at Nanaimo Park and pick up some great compost for your garden.

This is a product of the curbside collection of our leaf and garden cuttings, is highly organic, and provides the benefits of nutrients and moisture retention. If you need help in getting a few bags back to your home, just ask one of the folks on duty at the sale. All customers will also receive a coupon for a FREE plant at the Scouts Briargreen plant sale which is happening on the same day. For more information, contact Austin Sweezey at 829-1323.

LEADERS NEEDED. Interested in organizing the local Sparks and Brownies or Beavers and Cubs pack to begin this fall? Our community is looking for leaders for these groups. If you would like to get involved, please contact the program leaders listed in the Bulletin.

COMMUNITY DAY. The Qualicum Graham Park Community Association (QGP CA) is proud to present a Circus Fun Day on Sat. June 7 at Nanaimo Park. Festivities begin with a parade at 1:00 and end with dinner and evening entertainment. We're still looking for volunteers and entertainers, so give Shaunna Taylor a call at 721-0748 to find out how to take part!

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS. Anyone wishing to book the community centre for a program beginning in the fall should contact Lesli Zanetti by the end of June. Just a reminder to current users that there is no guarantee that you will get the same day that you currently have. We try to accommodate everyone but it depends on the requests that come in. We are also looking for a volunteer maintenance liaison for the community centre. Please send your request by e-mail to ducksoup@magma.ca. The fall calendar will be set up sometime in August.

APOLOGY. An error was made in the December QGP CA Bulletin. There was a statement about potentially transferring management of the Community Centre to the Academie de-la Capitale, which

operates in the same building as Maimonides school. The QGP CA apologizes for this unfortunate error. In no way was it meant to misrepresent or cause undue harm to the Academie.

COMMUNITY CENTRE. Thank you for your support in sending 45 emails to City Councillors and demonstrating that our community centre (CC) is important to us. There is still more work to do! We have to increase the usage of the CC and this is where you come in. The CC is available for use by the community for many activities like bridge clubs, classes like fitness, sketching, painting, dancing, reading or book clubs and even birthday parties. We need to submit a plan to the city that shows how we will increase its usage. Please contact Sue Finlay (susanfinlay@rogers.com) with any suggestions or comments about using the CC.

SKATING RINK. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped maintain excellent ice this year. It was the longest we have ever stayed open! Special thanks to Neville Smart and Richard Bown. We know the rink was well used because our lost and found got a lot bigger. If you know you lost something, including a set of keys, give John Willson a call (820-7264) and he'll check the box. John is always interested in hearing from new volunteers as well.

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 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.

ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR FOR KIDS CLUB. Bhanu Mistry, the supervisor of our fantastic after-school program, is accepting résumés from anyone interested in the position of assistant supervisor starting in September. Kids Club follows the same calendar as the school year, including P.D. days. The hours are 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Mon. to Fri., excluding holidays. Dependability is essential as well as current CPR

training and experience with children. If you are over 16 and interested, drop off your résumé to Bhanu Mistry, 30 Brian Crescent.

NANAIMO PARK JUGGLERS. Upcoming events include performing at the QGP Community Day (which will feature a juggling show and demonstration unicycle basketball game) on June 7 and hosting a World Juggling Day Event in Confederation Park on June 14. Anyone interested in learning to juggle or unicycle should come out to one of our meetings at the CC on Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more event information, visit <http://carlroth.net/nanaimoparkjugglers/> or contact Carl Roth at carl@carlroth.net.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. Fraud and scams continue to be a cause for concern, especially for seniors. Don't be caught by the telemarketer who says you have won a prize, then asks for money. Hang up the telephone! The latest prevalent crime involves the use of credit and debit cards. Criminals have developed a card reader that is usually located near the regular reader. When your card is presented, the attendant swipes it in both readers. A hidden camera then records your PIN. The Ottawa Police Service recommends that you keep your card in full view at all times and take precautions to prevent unauthorized viewing of your PIN. Some credit card receipts show full card numbers. Carefully safeguard and destroy these receipts.

QGP WOMEN'S RUNNING & WALKING CLUB. Running and walking with others increases the motivation, safety and fun factor! Beginners to intermediate runners, with baby jogger or without – all are welcome. Or...maybe walking is more up your alley? Sign up, meet new women in our community and hit the pavement! Contact Shaunna Taylor at 721-0748 or e-mail shaunnataylor@sympatico.ca to find out more.