QGP COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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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 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 to find out more.

Community Meeting Report

Many residents came to the community meeting on March 3rd to learn more about property tax assessments, the municipal budget, and greenbelt changes. A representative from the tax assessment corporation presented and answered questions and Rick Chiarelli spoke on budget issues. Most in attendance voted in favour of a tax freeze. There was also discussion of the proposal to build a light rail corridor through the Greenbelt adjacent to our community. Attendees voted unanimously that there be no further development of this piece of Greenbelt.

2004-2005 Scouting Programs

Registration for Cubs, Beavers, and Scouts with the 19th Nepean Scout Group for September 2004-May 2005 will be Wednesday May 19 from 7 - 8 PM at Briargreen School. General registration is being done in the spring, in accordance with new Scouts Canada practices. For information call Paul Clarke at 829-8916.

The local Scouting group is looking for adults to help with youth programs and other functions. We pay for training, and your volunteering helps your community. Do you like teaching/mentoring kids,outdoor activities, fundraising? Do you have skills in basic bookkeeping, event planning, or administration areas? Call us and we'll find a role for you. Please contact Paul Clarke at 829-8916.

Kids' Club

Kids' Club is our neighborhood after school program. For more information call Bhanu Mistry at 820-6881.

Winter Fun Day

Winter Fun Day 2003 had the highest attendance ever for this community event – around 400 people. Thanks to everyone for coming and participating! We had beautiful weather which made the event all that much more enjoyable. The professional face painting was the highlight of the day and the Sundance Ranch Sleigh ride was as popular as ever. Many thanks go to John Wilson and his team for having the ice in pristine condition.

I am grateful to have been able to organize the Winter Fun Day over the past 6 years. It has been a fun experience and I have enjoyed meeting so many people in the neighbourhood. A huge thank you goes out to Lynda Ryan for her hard work behind the scenes. She and Sheri Elder have volunteered to organize next year's event. If you would like to help out next year please contact Lynda Ryan or Sheri Elder. – Sheila Armstrong

Qualicum Women's Running & Walking Club

We are back up and running for the spring. Please contact Shaunna Taylor at 721-0748 or shaunnataylor@sympatico.ca if you are interested in joining in. Runs and/or walks will take place weekly & schedule will come out in May. Baby jog strollers are welcome!

Alpha Program

The City will once again be offering a summer program for children 2-12 in the Community Centre. For more information, check the city's recreation guide. Registration will be held June 21 from 5 PM - 7:30 PM in the Community Centre.

Acadecamp 2004

Acadecamp is a summer Science and Technology camp developed by Neena Parbakar (B. Eng) of Brain Waves. The camp is held at l'Academie de la Capitale. (25 Esquimault) For children entering SK to Grade 8, Acadecamp 2004 offers four 5-day sessions from July 5th to July 30th. Each session explores a different theme and includes field trips, guest speakers, specialists and daily physical education. Sessions run from Monday to Friday between 9AM and 4PM. Before and after care is available. For more information, visit **www.brainwaves.ca** or **www.acadecap.org/en/camps/acadecamp/index.htm** or call 726-6443.

School Boundary Issues

Great news about the Briargreen School boundary issue! The OCDSB did not approve the proposed change for our community, which was to take place Fall 2004. Many thanks to those concerned parents that gave time and expertise to provide a stable school environment for our community and our children. For more information, call David Hayes at 726-1177.

Community Centre Booking

To book the Community Centre for a program in the fall, please let Leslie Zanetti (820-0848) know by June 30. This includes new groups and groups who are already using the facility.

Christmas Light Contest Winners

The winners of the coveted Christmas light contest for 2003 were Gerry & Joy Esdale of 4 Donnington! Runners up were Orest and Joan Rosco (52 Aleutian) and Richard Bown and Shaunna Taylor (22 Chinook).

AGM Update

It was voted at the AGM that QGP use the reserve fund to improve Nanaimo Park if the money could not be used for the skate shack. The city has deemed a new skate shack to be too expensive for the reserve fund budget. Plans are underway for the park improvements.

Community Centre Garden

High School Students! Need some volunteer hours? Please contact Cathy Roth at 726-7302 if interested in helping with the garden at the Community Centre this growing season. Work will begin the day of the park clean up with more work to follow.

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. Thanks to a grant from the QGPCA and a special price from Bedford Unicycles the club has a new 20-inch unicycle. Don't miss the "Ottawa Unicycle Invasion" that we will be hosting 29-30 May. There will be unicycle competitions and free "learn to unicycle" workshops. For more information contact Carl Roth at (613) 293-5856 or carl@carlroth.net or check out our web site at http://carlroth.net/nanimoparkjugglers/ .

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