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### Calendar of Events

- **May 14** Community Garage Sale
- **May 15** Park Clean-up
- **June 4** Community Day

### Community Day

The Community Day theme this year is “Under the Sea”! In addition to all the usual fun activities, like races, bouncy castle, scavenger hunts, great music and yummy refreshments, this year features a Qualicum Idol Contest! If you have a talent, you can display it on stage and maybe become the new Qualicum Idol! Contact Shaunna at 721-0748 to arrange your time. As

always, volunteers make Community Day run smoothly. This is a great way for high school students to get some volunteer hours. To volunteer an hour of your time, call Cynthia at 820-2419. We will again be sponsoring a food drive for Morrison Gardens food bank, so please bring a non-perishable food donation. The parade starts at 10:30. See you there, June 4<sup>th</sup>!

### Garage Sale Day

Garage sale day this year is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be signs at the entrances to the Community and ads placed in the Citizen.

### Spring cleaning the community parks

On Sunday, May 15 at 10 a.m., a spring-cleaning event will be held in all three of our community parks (Nanaimo Park, Mohawk Park, and Okanagan Park). Spring cleanup covers garbage, recyclable and leaf & yard waste found in the parks. This event is sponsored by the City of Ottawa and the Community Association. It's an ideal time for neighbours, family and friends to work together and clean up the neighbourhood and parks. The time commitment is likely an hour or two. Please bring a rake and gloves. Coffee, disposable vinyl gloves, garbage bags and leaf & yard waste bags will be provided. For more information, contact Leo Paoletti at [lpaoletti@rogers.com](mailto:lpaoletti@rogers.com).

**Safety tips:** Wear gloves, appropriate footwear, pants and long sleeved shirts. Children must never touch items like glass, broken wood, metal, needles, or household hazardous waste.

**Note for high school students:** This annual initiative is a great opportunity for high school students to add to their Community Involvement Program volunteer hours

### Spring Soccer

Neighbourhood parents are again facilitating a relaxed soccer setting for 4 + 5 year olds in Nanaimo Park on Wednesday evenings. The program will run from 6:30 to 7:15 beginning on May 25<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). Please bring your own water and a size 3 or 4 soccer ball if you have one. Parents must remain with their children. The activity will include some soccer and balance skills and a no-score kept scrimmage. No registration required. For more information, contact Scott Pegrum at [scott.pegrum@sympatico.ca](mailto:scott.pegrum@sympatico.ca)

## **Skating Rinks**

Thanks to John Willson and his crew for the excellent job in the ice this year!

### **Scouting Registration 2005-2006**

Registration for Cubs, Beavers, and Scouts with our local (19th Nepean) Scout Group for the session September 2005-May 2006 will be held Wednesday May 18/05 7 - 8 PM in the Briargreen School Lobby. Meeting nights for Cubs are Wednesdays. Meeting nights for Beavers and Scouts are Thursdays. For further information, please call the Group's Registrar, Paul Clarke, at 829-8916.

### **Kindermusic Circle Time**

Shannon Eddy will offer Kindermusic again this spring. It runs from 1030 to 11am, April 21 to June 16, every second Thursday for a total of six classes. The cost will be \$18.00/per child. For more information, or to check for spaces available for late registration, call Melanie at 721-3384.

### **Parrots In The Park**

The Ottawa Parrot Club will be holding a "Parrot Picnic" in Nanaimo Park on July 17 from 3 - 7 pm. Members from the club will be bringing their companion parrots to the park for a picnic. Everyone is welcome to come out to admire and learn about these beautiful birds. For more information you can contact the Ottawa Parrot Club at (613) 364-2950 or visit at <http://www.ottawaparrotclub.org/>

### **Nanaimo Park Jugglers**

The Nanaimo Park Jugglers keep growing, juggling, unicycling and having fun Wednesday nights from 7:30 - 9:30 pm and Sunday afternoons from 3 - 5 pm. Members of the club recently participated in the TOque Games (unicycle competition) at the Toronto International Bicycle Show and Thomas Roth from right here in Graham Park won GOLD! This year we will be co-hosting the "2005 Ottawa Unicycle Invasion" on 28-29 May at CFB Uplands so be sure to mark your calendar. We will also be hosting a "juggling jam" downtown at Confederation Park to celebrate "World Juggling Day" 18 June 2005. Lastly, don't forget that we teach juggling and unicycling and the club has juggling props and 2 unicycles to learn on for FREE. For more information call Carl Roth at (613) 293-5856 or [carl@carloth.net](mailto:carl@carloth.net) or check out <http://carloth.net/nanaimoparkjugglers/>.

### **Community Centre Users**

Users of the community centre are reminded to turn off lights and close windows before they leave. As we head into air conditioning season, remember that only the large room is air conditioned, and the door between the rooms must be kept closed. Anyone wishing to start a new program in the community centre in the fall or continue an existing program please advise Lesli Zanetti by e-mail at [ducksoup@magma.ca](mailto:ducksoup@magma.ca) by mid July. She will try to accommodate everyone's requests for time slots but cannot guarantee that all requests will be met until the calendar is finished in August.

### **Christmas Light Contest**

The winners of this year's community Christmas light contest are Carol & John Rondeau of 68 Beaumaris. Runners up are Marlene and Louis St. Pierre of 17 Brinton and Joy and Gerry Esdale of 4 Donnington.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

The past six months has seen an increase in property crimes in QGP. Break and enters and mischief to property are at levels not seen in this community for a number of years. Most of the burglaries have occurred during the day. In most instances the thieves picked homes where there was no alarm. If you have an alarm system, remember to set it when you leave the house even for a few minutes.

This summer before you go away, ensure that your home looks lived-in by leaving lights and a radio on timers, having a neighbour clear your mailbox daily, and have the lawn mowed every week. A

few precautions will help make your home uninviting to burglars. Suspicious activity in the neighbourhood should be reported to the police immediately. Please remember that the security and safety of our community depends on us all.

The CA Executive wants to thank Hugh Morrin for organizing the Special General Meeting held December 2 regarding the recent security issues. For more information, see <http://www.qualicum.org/NeighbourhoodSecurity.htm>. As well, the Executive wants to thank Len Grummett for his ongoing efforts as the community's Neighbourhood Watch representative.

### **Road resurfacing**

Our community is not scheduled for any road resurfacing projects this year. Our councilor's office has been notified of the potholes on Okaganan and they should be filled soon.

### **Yoga**

Yoga will continue in the fall on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 – 9 p.m. beginning mid September. If you would like some information or your name put on a list to be contacted, please call Lesli Zanetti 820-0848 or e-mail her at [ducksoup@magma.ca](mailto:ducksoup@magma.ca)

### **Pilates**

There may be a summer session of Pilates at the community center, if interest is high enough. Sessions are instructed by Helene Roy of The Pilates Centre of Ottawa. Check the QGP website ([www.qualicum.org](http://www.qualicum.org)) for details and ongoing registration or contact Joanne Hanlon at 829-7111.

### **Summer Alpha Program**

The City of Ottawa will host the Alpha- Kinder Korner program at the QGP community building this summer. Led by qualified and well-trained staff, your 2-5 year old is sure to have a memorable summer. The program is jam packed with arts and crafts, games, stories, songs and games. A parent or guardian must also volunteer one day per session.

Program Dates: June 20-August 26th . Monday-Friday 9:15-11:15 am. No program July 1or August 2. Registration: Monday June 13th 6:30-8:00 pm at the Community Centre. First come first serve and registration is ongoing throughout the summer. Cost is \$27.75 for 5 weeks, 1 day per week and scales up from there. Drop-ins also welcome. For more information call 580-2424 x41282.

### **Winter Carnival 2005**

Winter Carnival was a great success once again. Several hundred residents came out to enjoy the perfect weather for skating, face painting, sleigh rides, races and games, prize raffle, and refreshments. A good time was had by all! The organizers were Linda Ryan, Sherri Elder, Doris Parolin and Tom Chiykowski. Thanks to all volunteers for a job well done. After about 5 years of co-chairing this successful event, Linda Ryan is stepping down so we need another enthusiastic community member to step forward to lend a helping hand. With a committee of 4 it was really very little work for each person. Please call Linda at 829-8916 to volunteer about 6 hours of your time (spread out from Nov - Feb). It really is a lot of fun!

### **Valleystream Tennis**

A membership in Valleystream Tennis, our local tennis club, is still a great deal. See [www.qualicum.org](http://www.qualicum.org) or call 829-0335 for more information. A new pathways program starts in spring and fall and is open to all ages. For more information on the pathways program, see [www.easternontarioteamtennis.ca](http://www.easternontarioteamtennis.ca).

## Community Bulletin Board

This feature is 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.

### **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@carloth.net](mailto:carl@carloth.net) web: <http://carloth.net/rightonthehead/>.

### **Babysitter Available and Looking for Work!**

I am an eager 15 year old boy who is looking for work. My capabilities include babysitting, math tutoring, and any odd jobs or garden work. I've taken the babysitting course as well as St. John's Ambulance First Aid and CPR Level C. I'm comfortable with all ages as well as changing diapers and my math tutoring abilities reach up to grade 9. Please call Julian Zanetti 820-0848."

### **Ottawa Renovation and Design**

Professional residential, commercial renovations and general contracting. With spring in the air, now is the time to think about sprucing up your home and increasing its value with new energy efficient windows. A new front or garage door can give your home's exterior an instant face lift. We stand behind all our work - kitchens, bathrooms, basements, hardwood, ceramics, electrical, plumbing and more. We don't cut corners and all our trade work is certified. References available from many satisfied clients right here in QGP and throughout the national capital region. Call now for a complimentary estimate. Philip Berman 820-4751.

### **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

## **New to the Neighbourhood?**

If you have just moved into the neighbourhood and would like an information package, please contact Nicole Cardillo at 829-0662

## **Community Information Links**

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President	Susan Finlay	721-7794
Past-President	Joel McGrath	829-1127
Vice-President	Leo Paoletti	820-0897
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