Which Park Can My Dog Go To?

Dogs are not allowed in Nanaimo Park. Dogs are allowed on leash in Mohawk, Qualicum, and Okanagan parks. For more by-law information, visit www.ottawa.ca/residents/bylaw/index_en.html.

Stay Informed with Community E-mail Broadcasts

For late-breaking community information each month register your e-mail address by sending and e-mail request to postmaster@qualicum.org. You'll receive information, such as safety, crime, events, and much more.

QGP Community Association Contacts

President	Scott Pegrum	613-820-2419
Vice-President	Lauria Blackwell	613-721-3423
Treasurer	Jeff Wills	613-829-9045
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Hospital Issues	Brett Caldwell	613-829-4976
Neighbourhood Watch	Len Grummett	613-820-3018
QGP Membership	Bill Nichols	613-829-0935
Newsletter	Trina Pearce	613-721-7091

QGP $10.00 Annual Membership – Have You Paid?

Your community association provides a leadership role in many important community activities, including community affairs and traffic safety. It monitors developments that may affect our area, informing residents through newsletters and flyers, and initiating and facilitating community action when needed. The annual fee covers the membership year September 1st - August 31st.

Please drop payment by cheque or cash to 54 Beaumaris. Cheques payable to QGP Community Association.

QGPCA Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

QGP COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

www.qualicum.org Spring/Summer 2011 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

- Saturday, April 30 , 2011: Spring Clean Up – All day. All parks.
- Saturday, May 14, 2011: Community Garage Sale
- Saturday, June 18, 2011: Community Day – 3:00 - 7:00 PM
- June 4-5, 2011: Spring Give Away Weekend

Spring Park Clean Up – Cleaning the Capital, Saturday, April 30

Please join your neighbours as we pick up garbage, loose brush, and leaves in our parks. Come to any of our 4 parks to lend a hand; **Nanaimo** (48 Nanaimo Dr), **Qualicum (**26 Qualicum Street), **Mohawk** (90 Queensline Dr), and **Okanagan** (59 Okanagan Dr). Garbage bags and leaf bags are supplied.

Christmas Lights – Contest Winners!

And the winners were…Dick & Jean Cobbold of 40 Sioux Cres. Special mention to Gerry & Joy Esdale of 4 Donnington Place and Cory & Melanie Haskins of 78 Queensline Dr. Congrats to the winners. Thanks to everyone who decorated their houses with beautiful lights!

Community Day – June 18

Happy Canada Day! Wear red and white to this year's community day. This year, our party is held at the Valley Stream Tennis Courts and Soccer Field (due to construction at Nanaimo Park). Come and enjoy the bouncy castles, races, face painting, fish pond, games, entertainment, and a BBQ by The Butchery. Watch for more information in our Community Day flyer – arriving in your mail box early June.

Community Day – Calling all Volunteers

Please help us make Community Day run smoothly, and take the opportunity meet some great neighbours. High school students can use this time as credit towards their volunteer hours. Please contact Lauria Blackwell at lauriab@yahoo.ca or call 613-721-3423.

Redevelopment at Nanaimo Park

The City of Ottawa discovered, through soil samples, that the park soil is substantially made up of backfill material. Early residents of this community can attest that this neighbourhood was a wet area prior to development. This discovery means a delay in issuing contract documents, which were scheduled to be released at the end of April. Bids for development contracts are expected to be received by mid May. The City of Ottawa still expects us to move in to our new Community Center by the end of November, 2011.

Development Date	Development activity
April 2011	Demolition of building
May/June 2011	Excavation and removal of soil from underground oil tank leak
2011/2012	Develop Strategy for redevelopment of site/rezoning
Fall 2012	Market property for sale subject to development agreement

To provide tight control for the land redevelopment, the city plans to use a community development corporation to sell the land.

NCC Greenbelt Public Consultation for Concept Plans

The NCC is pursuing an update to the 1996 greenbelt vision. The latest proposed concept plans have three options. Options 1 and 3 indicate that the Valleystream park area be designated as a buildable site. Option 2 is for the area to be designated as greenbelt land. To date, public consultation involved public forums with and surveys with prescribed answers to guide the respondents in a certain direction. Corralling in a diverse set of inputs requires a masterful piece of bureaucratic manipulation. The QGPCA continues to pursue the protection of the Valleystream area as part of the NCC greenbelt. You can help bring this issue to the spotlight by letting the candidates in the federal election know how you feel.

Community Garage Sale – Saturday, May 14

Signs will be placed at the entrances to our community in addition to ads placed in the Citizen, community papers, and local internet sites. You can add to the excitement of a community garage sale by advertising your sale details on www.usedottawa.com or www.kijiji.ca. Get your own signs out early, and provide large clear directions to your location.

Spring Give Away Weekend – June 4-5

Treasure weekend happens once again! Place your unwanted items at the curb with a sticker or sign on items with the word FREE. At the end of the day, bring any uncollected gems back to your home. For more information, see http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/recycling_garbage/giveaway/index_en.html.

Playgroup – Fridays from 9:45 - 11:00 AM

Our playgroup currently takes place in the basement of St. John the Apostle Church. Parents and caregivers of children (newborns to senior kindergarten) are always welcome. For more information, contact Sarah at ek511@ncf.ca, or 613-721-1409.

After School Program Registration – September 2011

Participants presently enrolled have until May 31st to pre-register. After May 31st registrations are accepted on first-come basis with priority given to community residents. To register for September, contact Bhanu Mistry at 613-820-6881.

Join 19th Nepean Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts

Hikes, Fall, Winter and Spring weekend camps and weekly activities! Register before June 1 for the upcoming 2011/2012 Scouting year and save $15 in registration fees. For more information on our programs, contact Dan Howes at 613-828-9214 or jill.dan@rogers.com

Pilates & Tai chi - Nepean Creative Arts Centre, 35 Stafford Rd, studio 10

QGP Pilates and Tai chi classes are underway but registrations are still being accepted. Spring session runs from March 28 – June 13. No classes on Victoria Day weekend. Contact Cynthia at 613-820-2419 or ckmar005@yahoo.ca.

Monday:	6:15 – 7:15 PM
Wednesday:	1:30 – 2:30 PM
Thursday:	6:30 – 7:30 PM (Tai chi)
Saturday:	8:30 – 9:30 AM

QGP Couples Marathon Bridge – Sign up for our next session

Marathon Bridge Club members play once every two weeks, from October to April. Teams are couple versus couple, and we play at one another's homes. We offer a flexible schedule to suit everyone's needs. Please join us for our next session, which starts in October. For registration/information, contact Walter or Nancy Mingie at 613-596-9393.

Valleystream Tennis Club – April – November 2011

Become a member and enjoy over 6 months of tennis, including round robins; private, semi-private and group lessons; junior fun nights; summer tennis camps and more! For more information, including membership forms, select the Tennis tab of the community association web-site www.qualicum.org or call the club house at 613-596-1760.