

**QUALICUM – GRAHAM PARK  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



**September Bulletin  
2000**

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

All residents are invited to attend the annual general meeting in the Community Centre on **Wednesday, October 18** at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be served after the meeting, and people will have a chance to meet their neighbours.



**COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS.** Anyone wishing to book the Community Centre should contact Lesli Zanetti at 820-0848, giving adequate notice.

**NEW RESIDENTS.** We will deliver information regarding activities in our community and the City of Nepean to new residents to Qualicum–Graham Park. If you have just moved or if you know of other new neighbours, or if you can give us a hand with this activity, please contact Marcia Hayes at 726-1177.

**PLAYGROUP.** On Tuesdays and/or Fridays from 9:15 to 11:15 AM, beginning Tuesday, September 19.

This co-operative playgroup, for children from birth to 6 years old, and their parents or caregivers, gives children the chance to meet and play with other young children from the community. Parents and caregivers share responsibility for leading circle time and providing a snack and age-appropriate crafts. Social events for parents and caregivers are also held regularly through the year. Fee: \$35 a year per family if attending once a week; \$60 a year per family if twice a week. We are looking for another volunteer to help out with this important community activity. For more information, call Brenda Ferguson at 828-1524.

(Please note that registration will be at the same time as for other activities, Wednesday, September 13.)

**KIDS' CLUB.** This after-school program begins on September 5. Although all spaces are now full, if you wish to be put on a waiting list, please call Bhanu Mistry at 820-6881.

**COMMON THREADS.** This craft group for adults meets every Wednesday from 1 to 3 PM in the Community Centre, 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 further information, please call Lesli Zanetti at 820-0848.

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION FOR ALL HOMEOWNERS**

On August 28, 2000 the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board planning staff presented their recommendations regarding elementary school closures. Staff has recommended that no schools be closed in our area, **but that the children from Qualicum-Graham Park be redirected from Briargreen Public School to Christie Public School.** This change would be effective September 2001 and would affect all children from our neighbourhood currently attending Briargreen School, except those entering grade 5 for the 2000-2001 school year.

The parents of students attending Briargreen do not want their children to be moved from the school that has been their community school for eight years, since Graham Park School itself was closed.

The community association fully supports their position and has formed a committee to represent our views at a school board meeting scheduled for September 18 at 7:30 PM. Trustees will debate on October 17 and 18, and a final decision will be made on October 23.

We need your help! Many families choose to live in our neighbourhood because of the high quality of education offered by Briargreen and Knoxdale schools. With the withdrawal of our children from Briargreen, there is a potential for the community as a whole to be adversely affected.

Please let the trustees know how you, as a taxpayer, feel about this change. The complete report regarding proposed changes is available at the board offices on Greenbank Road, or through the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Web site: <http://www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/>, and names of trustees are also available on that Web site. You can reach our MPP, Garry Guzzo, at 727-2657. Trustees can be reached by fax at 820-6968, or e-mail at [communications@ocdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:communications@ocdsb.edu.on.ca).



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.** This past few months we have seen an increase in vandalism and "break and enters" in our neighbourhood, and residents are urged to take every possible precaution. As usual, most burglaries have occurred in the daytime, so be sure that your neighbours know if you go away. Please make sure your driveway lights are working properly at all times; check them particularly before you go away on a trip, and replace old bulbs before they burn out.

This summer season, many new residents have moved into our community. As part of our ongoing program, our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator will be visiting all new neighbours soon. If your family is new in the community and has not received a visit by the end of September, please call the co-ordinator at 820-3018.

**REGISTRATION**

Registration for various community activities will be on **Wednesday, September 13**, from 7 to 8 PM, at the Community Centre. More information will be available on the night of registration. We do need more leaders to help run some of these very important programs for our young people. Please call a number below if you can help. All groups will meet at the Community Centre, except for Cubs and Scouts as mentioned below.

**Beavers** - for boys and girls ages 5 to 7. Meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The leader is Paul Clarke at 829-8916.

**Cubs** - will have co-meetings with the Briargreen troop on Wednesdays at Briargreen School (with registration still at the Community Centre). Contact Doug Corner at 596-6068.

**Scouts** - the 119<sup>th</sup> troop will not be offering a program for Scouts this year, but a full program will run at Briargreen School. For further information contact Doug Corner at 596-6068.

**Sparks** - for 5- and 6-year-old girls. Meets on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. For more information, please call Sandy Jones, at 596-2987, or Barb Robertson, at 829-5036.

**Brownies** - meets on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Contact Karen Love at 721-2721.

**Guides** - for girls ages 9 to 12. Meets on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 8 PM. For more information, please call Barb Bartlett, at 820-8386.

**Pathfinders** - for girls ages 12 to 15. It is uncertain whether Pathfinders will run this year in the community. If there is a large enough enrollment and if another parent volunteer is willing to help out, a group may meet on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Colette Gibney at 226-6835 for information or to volunteer.



**MEMBERSHIP**

Your community association provides a leadership role in many important community activities, including a variety of children's programs, community affairs, and traffic safety. It also monitors developments that may affect our area, informing residents through newsletters and flyers, and initiating and facilitating community action when needed.

Please support your association by becoming a member. The annual membership fee (\$10 per household) covers the membership year 2000-2001, beginning September 1, 2000. Please see the membership form provided on the back of this notice for further information.

✂ **Calendar of Events** ✂

**2000 – 2001**

- September 13 Registration night – from 7:00 to 8:00 PM  
in the Community Centre
- October 18 Annual general meeting – at 7:30 PM in  
the Community Centre

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



**Qualicum–Graham Park Community Association  
Membership Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Fee: \$10.00. This fee covers the membership year  
2000-01, beginning September 1, 2000. Please make your  
cheque payable to the Qualicum–Graham Park Community  
Association. You may give your fee to the *Bulletin* distributor  
who comes to your door, or you may deliver or mail it to:

Joanne McGrath . . . . . Membership Co-

**Your Association Volunteers**

**Executive Committee**

President	Liz Barrett	829-8702
Vice-president	Sandy Jones	596-2987
Vice-president	Joel McGrath	829-1127
Treasurer	Marg Miller	829-1422
Secretary	Linda Ryan	829-8916
Memberships	Joanne McGrath	829-1127
Past President	Larry Woods	726-0484
Members at large	Steve Dzioba	820-7011
	Wendy Hartley	820-2811
	Beth Graham	828-9252

**Community Service Co-ordinators**

Community Centre	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Bulletin Editor	Frances Emery	828-6701
Bulletin Distribution	Joanne McGrath	829-1127
Skating Rink	John Willson	820-7264
Traffic Issues	Beth Graham	828-9252
Community Directory	Marg Miller	829-1422
New Residents	Marcia Hayes	726-1177
Block Parents	Jean Campbell	820-4659
Neighbourhood Watch	Len Grummett	820-3018
Valleystream Tennis Club	Colleen Corby	829-0335

**Programs**

Kids' Club	Bhanu Mistry	820-6881
Playgroup	Brenda Ferguson	828-1524
Sparks	Sandy Jones	596-2987
Brownies	Karen Love	721-2721
Girl Guides	Barb Bartlett	820-8386
Pathfinders	Colette Gibney	226-6835
Beavers	Paul Clarke	829-8916
Cubs	Doug Corner	596-6068
Scouts	Doug Corner	596-6068
Garden Club	Barbara Skelly	596-0615
Common Threads	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848

**Community Events**

Annual General Meeting (October)	Liz Barrett	829-8702
Winter Party (February)	Sheila Armstrong	829-5011
	Janice Goodier	726-8279
Community Day (June)	Sue Dzioba	820-7011