

QUALICUM – GRAHAM PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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

QUEENSWAY DEVELOPMENT STUDIES. Two studies are under way; the first including the Queensway from the Hwy #416 interchange west to Hwy #7 and the second from the Hwy #416 interchange east to Anderson Road. As announced August 22, the Queensway will be expanded as recommended in the first study as follows: ten lanes (five each way) from Hwy #416 to Moodie Drive. including two bus-only lanes and two high-occupancy vehicle lanes, eight lanes from Moodie to Palladium Drive and six lanes from Palladium to Hwy #7. The interchanges at Moodie, Eagleson, Terry Fox and Carp Road will also be revamped. The project is to start in early 2004. The second project is still in the planning stage with work potentially to start in 2005. Your association will continue to attend the public meetings to monitor both studies.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. All residents are invited to attend the annual general meeting in the community centre on Thursday, October 17 starting at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting and people will have a chance to meet their neighbours.

A NEW PRESIDENT. As mentioned in the last bulletin, as of the AGM Joel McGrath will no longer continue in the role of president of the community association. If you feel committed to the community and wish to serve, please contact a member of the Executive.

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS. Anyone wishing to book the community centre should contact Lesli Zanetti at 820-0848. Please give adequate notice to ensure that you get your reservation. Any maintenance issues at the community centre (broken locks, tables, cupboards, etc.) can be reported at the following numbers: weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 580-2424, ext. 29999, or evenings and weekends 580-2400.

PLAYGROUP. Qualicum-Graham Park Community Playgroup is our cooperative neighbourhood playgroup. All children from birth to kindergarten and their parents or caregivers are welcome. We meet in the community centre on Tuesdays and Fridays from about 9 to 11. Fees are \$35 per family for one day, or \$50 for both days, and cover attendance from September to June. Children may attend one or both days. Parents or caregivers are required to help with clean-up, snacks, etc., but we aim to keep the experience simple and stress-free. Join us on community registration night or call Lauria at 721-3423.

NANAIMO PARK JUGGLERS. The Nanaimo Park Jugglers are having a great year with many new members young and old. We now have several jugglers aged 11 to 15 who are very good. On the community front, we recently donated some juggling to the Anglican Parish in Fitzroy Harbour for its charity event. We currently have our sights on the Perth Fair! If you would like to add some juggling fun, or a "learn to juggle" activity to your event, don't hesitate to contact the managing juggler, Carl Roth. Our "Juggling Jams" are held Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in either the community centre or outside depending on the weather (be sure to check the website for current dates and times). If you're interested in learning juggling, call Carl at (613) 293-5856 or visit the Nanaimo Park Jugglers website at <http://carloth.net/nanaimoparkjugglers/>.

COMMON THREADS. This craft group for adults meets every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at 30 Dickson Street, beginning in mid-September. Bring your unfinished handiwork project to complete, join in an occasional organized workshop, or get involved in a community service project. For more information, call Lesli Zanetti at 820-0848.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. This summer has seen an unusually large number of new residents arrive in our community. As part of your Community's Association's ongoing service to our community, your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator will be visiting new neighbours to explain various aspects of the program. While an attempt will be made to reach all new residents, we do not want to miss anyone. If your family is new to the community, please contact the coordinator at 820-3018.

Property crime remains low in our community; however, there has been an alarming increase in Break and Enter attempts in the surrounding area. These recent incidents have taken place during darkness hours often when occupants are at home. Entry has been gained through unlocked doors or windows. One such attempt has been reported in our community.

The Ottawa Policy Association suggests that extra security precautions be taken for all ground floor windows and doors. Your Neighbourhood Watch program offers a Home Security Inspection program at no charge to advise residents on all aspects of home security. Inspections are conducted by trained Neighbourhood Watch volunteers. Contact your coordinator for details or to arrange an appointment.

Keep our community safe. Report all incidents of crime or suspicious activity to the Police and your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator.

BEAVERS, CUBS, AND SCOUTS. Programs run by the 19th Nepean Scout Group are for boys and girls as follows:

Beavers: ages 5–7, Thursdays 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Cubs: ages 8–11, Wednesdays 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Scouts: ages 11–14, Thursdays 7:30–9:00 p.m.

The regular meeting location is the gymnasium at Briargreen Public School (19 Parkfield Cres.), although some activities are run outdoors and there are camps and field trips as well.

This year you have a choice of two registration nights:

- Thursday, September 12 at Qualicum-Graham Park Community Centre, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

-Wednesday September 18 at Briargreen Public School, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

If you have inquiries, please contact Paul Clarke (829-8916) or refer to the Scouts Canada website at www.scouts.ca.

Registration will also be possible over the web this year, but program fees should be paid in person on a registration night.

SPARKS. Anyone interested in taking over the leadership of the 54th Nepean Sparks Unit of Qualicum/Graham Park can call Sharon Blanchard, the Nepean District Commissioner, at 591-8297.

✂ Calendar of Events ✂

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Thursday, September 12
September Community Registration

Thursday, October 17
Annual General Meeting

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

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 development that may affect our area, informing residents through newsletters and flyers, and initiating and facilitating community action when needed. Please support your community association by becoming a member. You can become a member by joining at the Annual General Meeting or contacting Bill Nichols at 829-0935.

VOLUNTEERS. Your community association is made up of volunteers who want to help make our community a better place. Some of the volunteers have been helping out for a long time while others have recently stepped forward. Remember, they are here to assist our community as best they can but also have their own personal issues to deal with, so your patience is appreciated.

NEW RESIDENTS. We deliver information about activities in our community to new residents of Qualicum-Graham Park. If you have just moved in, if you have new neighbours, or if you can lend us a hand with this activity, please call Jennifer Rowan at 829-8280.

Your Association Volunteers

Executive Committee

President	Vacant	
Vice-President	Jon Blakey	726-6920
Treasurer	Marcia Hayes	726-1177
Secretary	Linda Ryan	829-8916
Past President	Liz Barrett	829-8702
Members at large	Steve Dzioba	820-7011
	Wendy Hartley	820-2811
	Beth Graham	828-9252
	Marg Miller	829-1422
	Paul Bodnoff	596-6732

Community Service Coordinators

Community Centre	Lesli Zanetti	820-0848
Skating Rink	John Willson	820-7264
Bulletin Editor	Judith Whitehead	828-8284
Bulletin Distribution	Sonia Blakey	726-6920
Memberships	Bill Nichols	829-0935
Community Directory	Marg Miller	829-1422
Community Website	Marg 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
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

EDITOR'S APOLOGY. News about the Christmas Outdoor Contest was omitted from the *May Bulletin*. The contest was won by Joan and Orest Roscoe of 52 Aleutian Road. Runners-up were Martha and Burt Harper of 16 Equimault, and Gerry and Joy Esdale of 5 Donnington Place.