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Calendar of Events

- **Sept 11** Program Registration
- **Sept 13** Garage Sale
- **Oct 23** Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting

Residents are invited to attend the AGM in the Community Centre on Thursday, October 23, at 7 PM. Topics for discussion include: 25 Esquimault redevelopment, traffic, and the Transitway. Refreshments will be served after the meeting and residents will have a chance to meet their neighbours. Prior to the start of the meeting, you can renew your Community Association Membership (\$10 - exact change or cheque appreciated).

Fall Registration

Registration for fall programs will be held at the Community Centre on Thursday, September 11 from 7-8:30. Programs include: Playgroup, Pilates, Scouting, Guiding, Karate, and Yoga. More information on all programs can be found in this bulletin and by visiting the web site at www.qualicum.org.

Garage Sale

Our spring garage sale was rained out, so another will be held on September 13. Signs will be placed at the community entrances and ads will be placed in the Citizen, Kijiji, and Craigslist. **Note:** See www.qualicum.org for information about Give It Away Weekend (Oct. 25--26).

25 Esquimault Update (School/Community Centre Property)

The City of Ottawa completed the purchase of the property (3.5 acres) on July 1. The two private schools that had occupied the school portion of the building have moved. The community centre remains viable and programming continues. As discussed in previous updates (see the community Web site), the entire building on the property will be demolished, the contaminated soil (due to an oil leak) will be removed, and homes and a new community centre will be built.

City staff is drawing up a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the property. Staff believes there would be interest from property developers in redeveloping the land. If a proposal meets all requirements and a developer accepts the project, it would be responsible for demolishing the building, removing the contaminated soil, building a new community centre, and building the new homes.

The RFP terms are very important to our community. They will specify items such as the type and appearance of the community building, the amount of land dedicated to the park and to housing redevelopment, the types of homes built (likely adult lifestyle bungalows), parking spaces, and access to parkland. It is expected that the RFP will specify that the new community centre be built before the existing one is demolished. This would enable programming to continue uninterrupted – this is especially important to the after school program. (*continued...*)

The RFP is a two-step process. First, a community consensus must be reached. The Community Association Executive, a committee of community residents, and Councillor Rick Chiarelli will work with City staff to draft the RFP terms, which must then be approved by City Council. There will also be a series of open houses for residents to discuss this issue, and it will be discussed at the Community's AGM in October. See the community Web site for timely information.

Timelines are still tentative, but it is hoped that the RFP terms will be developed over the next few months so that developers can respond to them and a plan can be put in place over the winter. Certainly no development could take place until Spring 2009 at the very earliest.

Pilates

The following Pilates classes will be offered this fall: Beginner - Mon 6-7PM, Begin/Int - Wed 1:30-2:30PM, Intermediate - Sat 9-10AM. Check the website (www.qualicum.org) or contact Cynthia at ckmar005@yahoo.ca for current information. Register at registration night.

Kids' Club

Kids' Club is our neighbourhood after-school program. It runs out of the Community Centre every day after school and on PD days. For more information call Bhanu at 613-8206881.

Dogs in the Parks

Please remember that dogs are not allowed in neighbourhood parks. The community association has experienced a recent increase in complaints. Please take your dog to a by-law approved area for its exercise. For details of the City's regulations regarding dogs in parks, see the web site: http://ottawa.ca/city_services/animal_care/cats_dogs/dogs/parks/index_en.html.

Yoga

There will be a yoga program on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9 p.m. Session dates and cost are still to be determined. For information or to register, please contact Lesli Zanetti by phone 613-224-1286 or e-mail lesliann@rogers.com.

Girl Guides

You can register for Girl Guides at our community registration night (Sept 11) or at St. Paul's High School on Draper Ave on Sept 9 from 6:30-8pm in the Cafeteria. Sparks are girls from 5-6 years old, Brownies are 7-8, Guides are 9-11 and Pathfinders are 12-15. All meetings are held Tuesday evenings at St. Paul's HS. For more information, call Sheila at 613-722-5523 ext 6128.

Playgroup

QGPCA runs a children's playgroup in the Community Centre on Friday mornings for children from babies to kindergarten age. We have a mix of moms, dads, and caregivers who attend, so everyone should feel welcome. Parents of infants: feel free to come and relax for a cup of coffee and a chat, even if your baby doesn't really 'play' yet. The fee is \$35 per family for the whole year. Register at registration night (Sept 11). For more information, contact Lauria at 721-3423.

Neighbourhood Watch

Police statistics for the most common crimes committed in our neighbourhood for the year to date are as follows: Break and Enter 2; Theft from Vehicles 6; Lost Property 4; Mischief to Property 2; Property Theft 4; Suspicious Incidents 6; Alarms 15. Residents are reminded that they must keep their property secure at all time, keep any eye out for their neighbor and report anything suspicious to the police immediately if our community is to be safe.

Scouting Fall Registration

The 19th Nepean Scout Troupe will be holding its fall registration night on Thursday, September 11 at the Community Centre. This is for scouting programs (Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts) beginning later in September 2008. The registration will take place from 7 until 8:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$160 for all sections. Scouts and Beavers will also collect an activity fee of \$30

and \$20 respectively. Cubs collect weekly dues at their meetings. For further information, please contact Austin Sweezey at 613-829-1323 or Daphne Snelgrove at 829-4887.

Community directory

The Community directory (neighbourhood phone listing booklet) will be reprinted this year and distributed with your December bulletin. We ask that you please check your listing and make sure it is correct, especially if you have moved to the area in the last few years. You can check online at www.qualicum.org or by emailing postmaster@qualicum.org,

Trees for Tomorrow–Fall 2008 Distribution

The CA Executive has agreed to support the City's free tree distribution program by hosting a pick up location that will distribute 300 trees to registered residents of Ottawa. This will take place on Saturday, Oct 4 (8.30 AM to 2 PM). We need about 15-20 volunteers to help distribute the trees from the Community Centre. Volunteers will receive a tree. This is also an opportunity for students to rack up eight volunteer hours. If you would like to volunteer, send a message to president@qualicum.org or call 613-820-0897. For more information about registering for a free tree, visit http://ottawa.ca/residents/healthy_lawns/forestry/tree_program/plant/index_en.html.

Note: The Fall 2008 distribution is FULL. The City is now accepting registrations for the Spring 2009 TREE distribution.

Redevelopment proposal near our community

The City has received an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for the property located at the northeast corner of Baseline and Morrison. The site currently contains 7 townhouse buildings each with 12 units. The application is to rezone the property to allow medium and high-rise apartment buildings. The owner proposes to demolish the existing townhouse buildings and construct a multi-storey housing complex composed of two 4-storey apartment buildings, two 3-storey stacked unit buildings, two 14-storey apartment buildings and one 20-storey apartment building. The total number of units to be developed is 537 (453 units more units than currently exist). The application will go before Planning and Environment Committee sometime in late fall. Please visit www.qualicum.org for more information. This item will also be discussed at the AGM.

Nanaimo/Richmond/Holly Acres intersection

There have been numerous automobile accidents at this intersection this year. Some have involved injuries and emergency personnel. The Community Association Exec has asked the City for statistics, a better understanding of why the accidents are occurring, and a mitigation strategy. City staff has indicated this intersection is on the list for the 2008 safety improvement program (SIP) and will be studied. This item will be discussed at the AGM.

Richmond Road overpass and Transitway construction

The construction on the Richmond Road overpass is due to the Transitway construction. Details can be found at: http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/major_projects/transitway_w/index_en.html

The westbound Queensway off ramp to Richmond Road and Bayshore Drive will be temporarily closed. The timing for the 4 to 5 month closure will largely depend on the contractor's progress over the next month. The suggested timeline indicates a closure of that ramp between early June to end of October 2008. See the following traffic management plan for more details:

http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/major_projects/transitway_w/2008.pdf. This item will be further discussed at the AGM in October. In particular, the pedestrian access to Bayshore Shopping Centre. Many thanks to Paul Clarke for his work on this item. In the near future schematics outlining pedestrian pathways will be available on the web site.

Community e-mail notifications

Send an e-mail to postmaster@qualicum.org to sign up to receive timely information about events in the neighbourhood. Signing up now will keep you up to date with all the upcoming information regarding the redevelopment of 25 Esquimault. E-mail volume is very low and your e-mail address will remain private. Nearly half of the homes in the community have registered.

Community Centre Bookings

To book the Community Centre for your meeting, group activity, birthday party, or other event, call Jill at 828-4861.

New to the Neighbourhood?

If you have just moved into the neighbourhood and would like an information package, please contact Amy Bailey-Wills at 829-9045.

Community Information Links

Here are some of the volunteers of the QGPCA. Please contact one of these people if you have questions or if there are neighbourhood issues that you think need to be addressed.

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| President | Leo Paoletti (president@qualicum.org) | 820-0897 |
| Vice-President | Scott Pegrum | 820-2419 |
| Treasurer | Jeff Wills | 829-9045 |
| Secretary | Linda Ryan | 829-8916 |
| Member-at-large | Lauria Blackwell | 721-3423 |
| Member-at-large | Joanne Hanlon | 829-7111 |
| Member-at-large | Shaunna Taylor | 721-0748 |
| QCH Issues | Brett Caldwell | 829-4976 |
| New Residents | Amy Bailey-Wills | 829-9045 |
| Memberships | Bill Nichols | 829-0935 |
| Community Centre Bookings | Jill Dublin | 828-4861 |
| Community Directory | Andy Miller | 829-1422 |
| Neighborhood Watch | Len Grummett | 820-3018 |
| Traffic Issues | Leo Paoletti | 820-0897 |

QGPCA Annual Membership

Fall is the time to renew your membership in the QGP Community Association. Complete the form and make payment by cheque or cash in one of these three ways: in person at the AGM (Oct 23), in the mailbox at 54 Beaumaris Drive, or by giving it to your bulletin distributor. Cheques should be made out to QGP Community Association.

QGPCA Membership for 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____