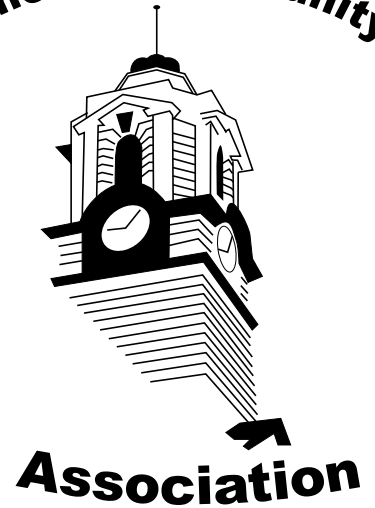


CAMOSUN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

www.CamosunCommunityAssociation.com



The Camosun Community Association is a non-profit society with the mandate to promote, facilitate, support, and undertake activities that will enhance the quality of life for the residents in the Camosun Community within Saanich.



Fall Festival success

It took a lot of helping hands, but with the sun shining bright, the CCA managed to hold a beautiful Fall Festival for the community on September 16th!

Over 100 community residents of all ages came out to enjoy the festivities! Kids enjoyed discovering and playing with the Bowker Creek watershed model, toddlers loved the face painting and bubble station, the bouncy castle had a steady line of up kids waiting to jump in!

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SAVE THE DATE

**Camosun Community Association
2018 Annual General Meeting**

Thursday, February 1st, 2018

Location To Be Confirmed

Join us at the CCA's 2018 AGM and election! Guest speaker and location to be announced in January. Check our website and sign-up for our E-newsletter to receive updates.

We'll also be discussing the future of neighbourhood planning in the CCA, so make sure to attend!

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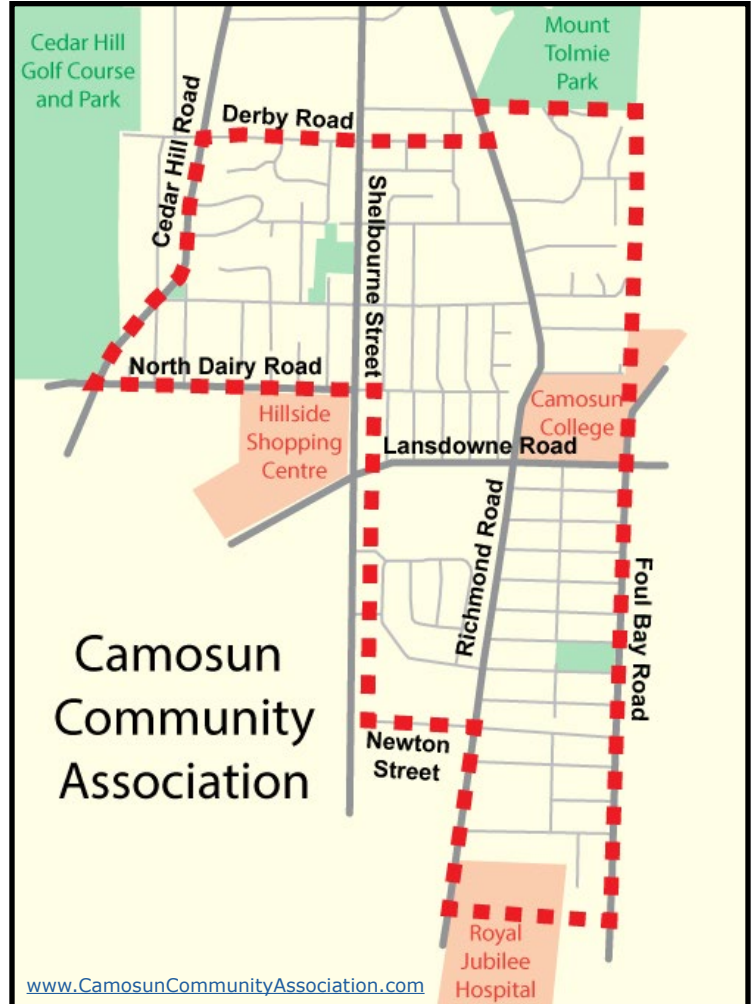
BC Transit - Jubilee Area Transit Plan Open House
Wednesday, November 15, 1-4pm
 Camosun College - Lansdowne Campus

Shelbourne Community Kitchen Open House
Monday, November 27, 3:30-6:30pm
 Shelbourne Community Kitchen
 3541 Shelbourne Street

Camosun Community Association Annual General Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 7-9pm
 Save the Date! Location TBD
 Check our website for updates

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Shelbourne Community Kitchen Fundraising Campaign

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is launching a fundraising campaign to support both its current programs, and future program expansion to meet the growing need in our neighbourhood.

The Kitchen assists individuals and families to learn to grow, purchase and prepare nutritious food. Having sufficient access to healthy food, known as *food security*, is a constant challenge for those living on a low income. Increasing regular access to healthy food greatly benefits those living on a low income, and improves the health of our community. The recent approval of a second Temporary Use Permit from Saanich Municipal Council gives the Kitchen a stable location at 3541 Shelbourne Street for another 3 years, but more funds are needed to meet the current and growing program needs.

The Camosun Community Association is proud to be one of five partner organizations that provide support to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. We are fortunate to have the Kitchen in our neighbourhood and we support their vision of providing a respectful place to learn food skills, work together and to feel a sense of belonging.

If you would like to learn more about the Kitchen please check their website at www.ShelbourneCommunityKitchen.ca where donations can be made online through Canada Helps. A highlight of the fundraising campaign is an **Open House** on Monday, November 27 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Please come and see the Kitchen, learn about their programs and sample their delicious jams and preserves!

All are welcome.

New Saanich Councillor: Karen Harper

The CCA Board of Directors congratulates Saanich's newest member of Council, Karen Harper, who was elected during the Saanich by-election on September 23rd.

Karen has been the CCA's Treasurer since 2016 and is stepping down from this position in order to fulfill her new role as Councillor. We thank Karen for her service in the community and wish her the best as she continues to serve Saanich!



The CCA co-hosted an all-candidates forum for the Saanich by-election on September 12th along with the Cadboro Bay, Gordon Head, Mount Tolmie, and Quadra / Cedar Hill Community Associations. The event at St. Aidan's United Church featured all 10 candidates and was well-attended by residents from the community.



OPEN HOUSE
3541 Shelbourne Street

Monday, November 27
from 3:30 – 6:30 pm

Learn about the Kitchen, have fun,
and sample delicious preserves and other homemade delights!

ALL WELCOME!

Fall Festival success

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Parents and residents mingled and took time to visit and learn about the organizations in attendance! Hot dogs, cupcakes and live music kept the social vibe going all afternoon!

A big thank you to those that volunteered, the residents and to the organizations that participated! A special thanks to the Saanich Canada 150 Team, David Suzuki Foundation Butterflyway Project, Saanich Fire Department, Shelbourne Community Kitchen, the Bowker Creek Initiative, and Greater Victoria Housing Society!

Stay tuned for more events from the CCA in 2018!



Enjoying the Bowker Creek watershed model



Hot dogs were served by donation!

Land Use Planning and Transportation in the Camosun Community

Shelbourne Local Area Plan

The Shelbourne Local Area Plan is a component part of Saanich's Official Community Plan. This plan covers the entirety of the Camosun Community but has not been fully updated since 1998. Saanich Council has voted to update all Local Area Plans in the municipality, and the Shelbourne Plan is slated for update in about 2022.

Mount Tolmie-Camosun Community Plan

While there may be five years before our Local Area Plan is updated, the Camosun Community Association and the neighbouring Mount Tolmie Community Association are working to co-develop a Community Plan for our local area! Based on input from residents, the Mount Tolmie-Camosun Community Plan is intended not only to capture the vision and goals of our community, but to identify specific objectives for residents to further discuss if not achieve. Key objectives in the plan include more sidewalks, a community centre, restoration of Bowker Creek, and protection of the publicly-accessible lands at Richmond School and the BC Hydro fields.

With your help, the CCA will continue to advocate for these issues! As always, please let us know what other topics you would like to see included as part of our planning as we will continue to review and reflect upon our Community Plan objectives. Check our website and sign-up for updates.

Shelbourne Valley Action Plan

On April 25, 2017, Saanich Council voted to adopt the Shelbourne Valley Action

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Development Applications in the Camosun Community

A number of active land use development applications are occurring around the Camosun Community. The CCA works to ensure neighbours are informed and have an opportunity to provide valuable feedback to applicants and to Saanich. Make sure to check the CCA and Saanich websites for up-to-date information. Some of the current applications in the community include:

1910 Argyle Ave. + 3327 Richmond Rd.

The owner of these two properties has applied to subdivide the lots into four lots and to rezone from RS-12 to RS-6. At a community meeting on August 24th, neighbours expressed opposition to rezoning in this area that had been previously zoned for large lots in the early 1990s.

1550 McRae Ave.

A subdivision without rezoning has been conditionally approved for this larger lot.

1586-1592 North Dairy Rd. + 3200 Wordsworth St.

Abstract Developments have proposed a 56-unit 4-storey multi-family building on the north side of North Dairy Road between Keats Street and Wordsworth Street. A neighbourhood survey will take place in the upcoming weeks and the application is expected to go before Council soon.

2707 Richmond Rd. + 1810 Kings Rd.

The two properties on the northeast corner of Richmond and Kings have been acquired by Abstract Developments who are proposing a 16-unit, 3-storey, 3-building townhouse development. A community meeting with neighbours is being scheduled for November 23rd, 7pm, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital Patient Care Centre, in the Learning Centre (S150) room.

1780 Townley St.

The Greater Victoria Housing Society spent much of the last year working with neighbours and the CCA to refine and improve their plans for Townley Lodge. Previously, plans to redevelop the site had been unanimously postponed by Council due to concerns with massing and site layout. The new plans were well-received by Saanich Committee of the Whole, and at the time of writing are scheduled for Public Hearing on Nov 7th. We look forward to this project moving forward in our community.

Land Use + Transportation

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Plan (SVAP). This official plan outlines the future of the Shelbourne Valley, stretching between North Dairy Road and Feltham Road. The SVAP explores topics of land use, environment, and transportation for the section of the Camosun Community covered by the plan. To view the SVAP, go to:

www.saanich.ca/shelbourne

Saanich Active Transportation Plan

Saanich is currently developing an Active Transportation Plan to look at walking, cycling, and other forms of people-powered transportation in the municipality. If you would like to view and comment on the draft plan, you can fill out the survey online until December 8th at:

movingsaanichfwd.metroquest.ca

Rendering of proposal at 1780 Townley Street



Local History: *Where Bulbs and Bungalows Met*

By Dennis Minaker

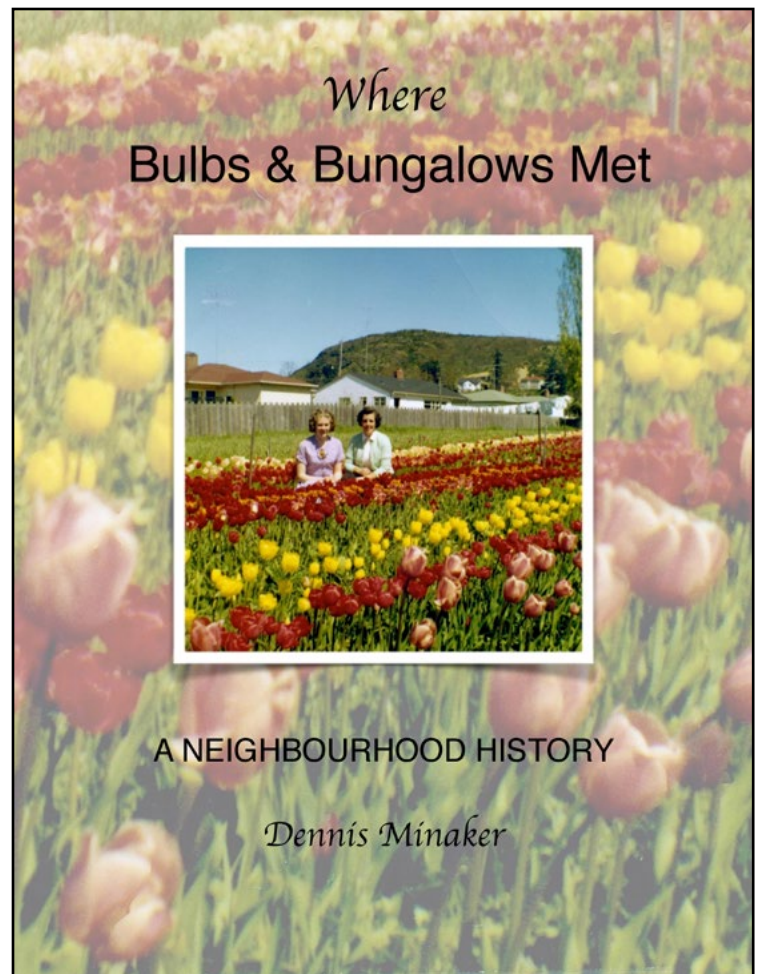
In 1998, I published *The Gorge of Summers Gone*, a broad history of the Gorge Waterway where my own family lived for several decades. Moving to the Shelbourne Valley in 2012, I then set about writing a modest history of my new neighbourhood, centred around our home at 1669 Freeman Avenue. *Where Bulbs and Bungalows Met* was the chosen title.

From two longtime neighbours who bought brand-new homes here in 1950, I learned of the three developers who erected 53 houses bound by Shelbourne, Derby, Veteran and Freeman. Children of those three men filled in more gaps about their building history in Victoria. Better yet, I met the former construction supervisor Freeman Nott (for whom our street was named) in his last year at 99 years old.

Next I enlarged the area of study to include the neighbourhood bound by Shelbourne, Cedar, Richmond and McRae streets. A search through land titles and city directories (available online) allowed me to go further back in time. Establishment of the Mount Tolmie Nursery in 1880 on 28 acres of land by the Knight family proved most interesting. Present-day descendants of those pioneers were tracked down to obtain more archival material. The Dempster Brothers greenhouse business at Shelbourne and Knight prior to 1960 was the next notable development. Fortunately a surviving member of that family still resides locally and was able to generously provide many fascinating photographs. Another chapter concerns a professional gardener on Cedar Avenue during the 1930s. There as well I obtained

original photographs and anecdotes from the last of his children, now living in Nanaimo. The final brief chapter of my history concerns the St Michaels University School. Information and photographs about the early years there were kindly provided by the school archivist.

Early aerial photographs and maps came from the University of Victoria and Saanich Archives.



A full copy of Dennis Minaker's book is available online at:
www.CamosunCommunityAssociation.com/bulbs

Cedar Hill Park: A Saanich Treasure

By Susan Haddon

During a recent celebration of Cedar Hill Park, ethno-botanist Dr. Nancy Turner called it "a Saanich treasure, both typical of past landscapes of southern Vancouver Island and unique in its location, configuration, and particular combination of species, watersheds (Bowker and Colquitz Creeks), and history." She went on to say "Its more natural areas . . . are particularly precious and will be even more so for future generations. Their maintenance should be undertaken with care, understanding, and sensitivity in order to retain and promote as many of the park's native plants and habitats as possible." The Park is home to endangered Garry Oak meadow ecosystems, beautiful camas fields, and a number of other unique species. A recent bird count identified 38 unique species within its boundaries.

In January of 2014, the Friends of Cedar Hill Park Society (FCHPS) was formed to preserve and restore the Park's natural areas for future generations and all species. The Society hosts Bowker Creek Clean-ups each spring and fall and will hold a Kings Pond work party next spring. Monday mornings will find them removing invasive species around the trail; anyone with an hour or more to spare is welcomed! For more information on the Society, membership, or

helping with Park maintenance, go to www.friendsofcedarhillpark.com or call Susan at 250.590.3856.

A Park Management Plan process is currently underway, with representatives from Camosun, Mount Tolmie and Quadra Cedar Hill CAs as part of the working group. For more information on the planning process, survey results summary and how to get involved, go to www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/cedar-hill-park.html



2015 Saanich orthophoto of Cedar Hill Park

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Newsletter Distribution

Newsletter distribution is carried out by a dedicated group of volunteers. Newsletter delivery takes place no more than twice a year and involves distributing a bundle of newsletters in your neighbourhood. Anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to contact the CCA.

Board of Directors

We will have a number of vacancies on our Board of Directors in 2018. Residents interested in volunteering as a Director are invited to attend the CCA's 2018 AGM and election on **February 1st, 7pm.**

Contact the CCA

To contact the CCA, please email: CamosunCA@gmail.com

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