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# **Falaise Focus**



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#### **Constitution Changes and Updates**

The B.C. government is changing the Societies Act and will require societies such as our Falaise Community Association to "transition" to the new Act. We will be required to file our constitution and bylaws, with a few changes, in an electronic format.

As some changes to our current constitution and bylaws will be required, the Executive Board of the Falaise Community Association is proposing making a few additional changes to clarify or simplify them. Examples of proposed changes include:

- Changing the minimum requirement for quorum at General Meetings
- Allowing the chair to vote at Executive Board meetings
- Updating the responsibilities of the Directors

Proposed changes will be presented and, if acceptable to the membership, adopted at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 7 PM at McCall Gardens November 9. Please plan to attend! If you would like to learn more details about the proposed changes and/or have input into them before the Annual General Meeting, please email Treasurer Bob Lucy at BobLucy@shaw.ca, He will send you information as it becomes available.

#### **Falaise Community 2016 Event Recap**

This summer the FCA held two events. The first was our Annual Neighbourhood Garage Sale which held on Saturday, May 28th was a great success. This year, 21 households took part with residents displaying their treasures to sell. Adeline can again boast with 9 homes taking part. Thanks to all who joined in the fun and helped display our great community spirit!

The second was our Annual Picnic in the park, which had our most successful turnout yet on Sunday, September 11th. From the smell of the onions cooking on the BBQ with the hot dogs sizzling beside them, to the draw of homemade samosas, we were all smiling. Not just the food and beverages but a variety of challenging

games for young and old were played by many. This beautiful sunny day brought approximately 55 people to our beloved Falaise Park.

New neighbors, old neighbors, friends and family, it was a good time.

We would like to thank the Thrifty Foods Broadmead store for their very generous Gift Certificate towards this event.



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#### **Mcall's Update**

The new McCall Gardens Funeral Service and Sequoia 'Celebration of Life' Centre opened its doors on Falaise Drive in mid-August 2016. This is an entirely new facility that embraces all traditions and faiths, and also provides customized services, modern technologies, food services, and an environment in which people today are most comfortable.

We are grateful to the McCall family for making their Sequoia Gardens meeting room available for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at no charge to the FCA for many years.

### **Block Watch - Keeping Our Community Safe**

Saanich has seen its usual spike in daytime break-ins during this time of year. When you leave home, even for a short time, remember to lock all doors and windows. A screen on a window or door is easily accessed and does not keep an intruder out. Also cars left unlocked or windows down creates a crime of opportunity. Block Watch is active in Saanich with many streets in our community participating in this proven crime prevention program.

If you are interested in finding out more information on Block Watch, the contact info is: Email: blockwatch@saanichpolice.ca or direct phone line: 250-475-4365.

#### **AGM & Call for Nominations**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at McCall's new Sequoia "Celebration of Life" center at 4665 Falaise Drive. We hope you will plan to attend. Coffee, tea and sweet treats will be provided. The agenda includes a brief presentation from our community police officer Constable Niki Hodgkinson with the opportunity for Q&A. We'll then review the proposed changes to the FCA constitution and ask for your approval to proceed with them. We will also elect a new FCA Executive for the coming year. If you'd like to contribute to your community by standing for the FCA Executive, we'd love to have you join us.

Please contact Eric Maitland, our Nominations Officer at 250-744-2690 or email him at maitlaer@shaw.ca to learn more about this or express your interest in running for election.

### **Upcoming Events**

Don't forget to mark your calendar for these upcoming events and check the Facebook page for more details:

Wed Nov 9 Annual General Meeting (7 – 9 PM) Sun Dec 4 Christmas Mingle (2 – 5 PM)