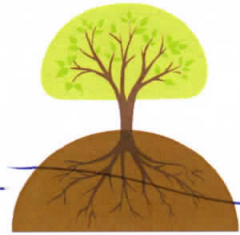


Falaise Focus



Fall & Winter 2014

Special points of interest:

- Wow
- Sequoia Expansion
- Pictures of Celebration
- Comments and Thank yous for August 16, 2014
- Christmas Light Up
- Coming Dates to remember

Wow! What a day!



Lenore Ehmke an original resident, whose late husband Joe was injured at the Battle of Falaise Gap

The dedication of the signs in Falaise Park really was a day to remember. It was such a pleasure to see old and new neighbours coming together to celebrate our community. The turn-out exceeded

our expectation with some 120+ joining us to celebrate our day. Everyone enjoyed the vehicles from the Ashton Museum and the hotdogs and there were more than a

few tears especially as the Naden bugler played Last Post, followed by the haunting refrain of "Amazing Grace" played by the piper.

Sequoia Expansion

I think it is fair to say that we were all surprised to learn of the expansion of Sequoia Gardens in the Times Colonist. Of course long term residents were concerned that there would be a repeat of the discussions that took place in the late 1990's. Your community association approached McCall's and have been assured that there are NO plans to add an in-house crematorium, which was at the heart of the problem before.

The second problem is the parking situation, increasing their in house chapel

capacity from 65 to 250, and the accompanying vehicles was naturally a concern. As we understand it there is a plan in place that McCall's will be using some of the unused property in the Royal Oak Burial Park. This land is behind the homes on Royalwood Place and initial surveying has taken place. This was only to determine the quality of the soil, trees and water way (Normandy Creek)/ There was some removal of vegetation but this was only the invasive species such as Blackberry, Holly and Ivy.

We have been informed that once this survey is complete there will be a public meeting held to allow us to see the plans for this expansion. FCA will insure that invitation will be issued to all residents, especially those who will be directly impacted.

Just as a side note Saanich advised that no planning licenses have been applied for at this point

As we get further information we will pass it



Councillor Vicki Sanders, Acting Mayor



Our Piper was a great hit



Guest from Ashton Museum



Bugler from Naden Band with Piper



Sue Maitland with Susan Brice, Councillor



Falaise Gap sign was unveiled by Proud Veterans



Many of the original residents helped with the Falaise sign



Lucas our tireless chef, and helper!



World War 2 vehicles courtesy of the Ashton Museum

Residents of Falaise enjoy for our celebration





Falaise Community

Christmas Lights Festival

Show your community spirit! Light up your house, trees, and our community!

Dates: December 1 - 14

Join us for a cup of hot chocolate, candy canes and carols as we draw **prizes** on Dec 7th at 4:30 pm at 4636 Falaise Drive

To enter: Send your house number to falaisecommunity@gmail.com

Bring along a donation for the Mustard Seed or SPCA

Help us share the joy!

Thank you and kudos

So many made our day great and we would like to take the time to say **THANK YOU:** Saanich for agreeing and financing our signs, Berwick for allowing us to use their conference room to plan, Island Graphics for all our print material, Thrifty Foods for the food, drink and awning, Maj.Gen. (Retired) H. Pitts and members of the Queens Own Rifles, Ron Cullan, Princess Mary's Canadian Scottish, Chris Preston and Ashton Garrison Museum for the wonderful World War 2 vehicles, Commonwealth Place for the loan of the chairs, CFAX, Saanich News and the Times Colonist for the great promotion of our event. Also Megson Fitzpatrick for our insurance coverage. Vicki Sanders and Susan Brice both very busy people as council members for our community who took the time to attend, Naden Band Cpl. J.Duggle our bugler, Nick Wymiss our piper. Royal Oak Burial Park for remembrance wreaths and crosses, and flags by The Flag Shop on Fort. Members of the of the community who loaned us photographs of how Falaise looked in the beginning. A special mention for Dave Obee who supplied a lot of the historical facts for the battle of Falaise Gap; Gary Darrah and Nikki Mc Walters from Saanich Parks who worked tirelessly to meet our event dates and Matthias Renicke of Lime Design who designed them for us. Last but not least the FCA Event Committee who went above and beyond working together making this event the success it was.



The Event Committee

Tool and Skills Database



Falaise Community Association is developing a Tools and Skills sharing database for our community. The idea is to create a list of resources our community member have and are willing to share with others. Then, when you need a specific tool, you may be able to borrow it from a neighbour rather than having to buy or rent it. Similarly, if you need some specialty advice or an extra pair of hands to something done, you may be able to turn to your neighbours for help.

We have just barely started compiling our list but so far we have various hand, power and garden tools available we have people willing to provide advice on pest control and to be an extra pair of hands when you need help.

Do you have a tool or expertise you think others might be able to use?

If so, email: boblucy@shaw.ca or phone him at **250-479-6184**



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On a sad note long time resident Ray Warburton passed away on September 23, 2014. His wife Tannis and he had just celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary, our thoughts go out to Tannis and family.



Coming events:

December ...The Great Falaise Light up. Join us for Hot Chocolate and prizes!

May 23, 2015 Annual Community Garage Sale (Volunteers Needed)

November Annual AGM

FCA would like to add events for the coming year so if you would like to volunteer to help with any of the following please call or email:

Easter Egg Hunt

Picnic in the Park



A very special service will be held at the Royal Oak Burial Park on Monday November 10th, 2014 at 10 a.m.

A full Military Interment Service for the recently recovered remains of 4 World War 2 aviators whose remains had gone undiscovered until late last year.

Last thoughts from the Falaise President

As President of the Falaise Community Association I am happy to boast that Falaise has the highest percentage of members in Saanich, and all the credit goes to Terry and John Birmingham went door to door speaking with nearly all the resident of Falaise and managed this incredible task.

Thank you to all who joined and a huge THANK YOU to Terry and John Well Done—That's true community spirit.

