Falaise Focus



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AGM REPORT

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday June 7th, 2011 at Sequoia Gardens, 4655 Falaise Drive. We thank McCall's for making their meeting room available to the FCA at no charge. While the turnout was relatively light, we were happy to have a representative from Saanich Parks Department join us who was pleased with the support the Community has shown for the beautification project. The President thanked the past executive for their work, updated attendees on the Falaise Park upgrade and the Garage Sale and BBQ.

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GARAGE SALE & BBQ

On May 22, 2011, FCA hosted our first combined garage sale and community BBQ. It was a great opportunity to get to know one another and we attracted some new visitors to our neighbourhood. Our thanks to Laura and Mark Cammiade for hosting the BBQ on their front lawn and preparing onions and sautéed mushrooms making the burgers extra delicious and Deb and Trevor Bonderud who managed the donated items on their front lawn proceeds to FCA. Thanks also to Joan Harris who oversaw the food production and to our sponsors RE/MAX Camosun for the loan of the tent and **Thrifty Foods** for generously contributing to the cost of food and beverages. The event raised over \$500 for the beautification project. We are tentatively targeting Saturday May 19th for our 2012 BBO and Community Garage Sale.

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE

We are very pleased to confirm that the Beautification Project will be proceeding in early 2012. Saanich Parks have confirmed that they will be planting trees along the bottom of the hill on the boulevard side of the road across from the highway and we are very grateful to the four neighbors along Falaise Drive who have agreed to assist the project by watering these new trees over the spring and summer.

We are the first community to take advantage of this program and Saanich hopes that it will provide a model that other community associations will replicate. Saanich will also be planting a number of trees/shrubs on the highway side of Falaise Drive with funds contributed from the FCA including the Community Matching Grant. This should also enable some planting at the top of the hill where Adeline Pl. meets Falaise, however we noted that there is currently some dumping of tree and glass clippings in this area and we ask that it cease in order to enable planting.

We would like to extend sincere thanks to all the community neighbors who donated funds towards the beautification project. It is gratifying to know that thanks to you and all the hard work by the executive over many years this project is finally becoming a reality.

RECIPE CORNER

One of the great things about being a member of the executive is the chance to get to know some of our association members better. We always try to make the FCA Executive Meetings enjoyable and we especially look forward to the meetings when Maureen Paterson hosts as she shares some of her delicious cooking with us. We thought you might appreciate trying the following recipe which is a favorite of ours and Maureen's grandchildren. It can be made in larger batches and frozen and defrosted when unexpected guests drop by.

Maureen's Special Crab Dip

Ingredients:

250g cream cheese - room temp

250g grated swiss cheese - grated

125g mayonnaise

4 tbsp finely chopped red pepper

1 tbsp lemon juice

1 tbsp dill weed

1 clove garlic - crushed

dash of tabasco sauce(to taste)

2 cans crab (leg meat) or fresh (chopped)

Directions:

- Mix thoroughly or use processor for approx. 15sec. (do not puree)
- 2) If using the same day, refrigerate till ready to serve
- 3) Heat in at 375 degrees for 20 min or till bubbly OR microwave for 60-90 sec
- 4) Serve with vegetables and crackers
- 5) For a variation use half the crab and add shrimp Enjoy!

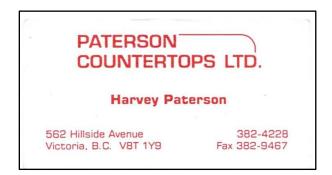
Message from Maureen:

Earlier in the year we had planned on organizing a work party to clean up the broom etc. in Falaise Park this fall. With a shortage of time and change of weather it looks as if this will have to wait till spring. As only 15% of the FCA committee is retired (me) we are a little short handed to accomplish what we set out to do each new term. Patience I'm told is a virtue....

Volunteer Opportunity:

If you would like to help with cleaning up the park to let our native plants thrive, please complete the membership form and check this box or call me (Maureen) at (250)744-1783. Wishing all the best to you and yours for 2012.

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Please give serious consideration to joining FCA. The fees per household are very reasonable and the greater the number of residents who are members, the greater the ability the FCA Executive have to influence Council and its committees when discussing our community needs or concerns.