

Falaise Focus

The Newsletter of the
Falaise Community Association
(FCA)



FCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SEQUOIA GARDENS MEMORIAL
4665 FALAISE DRIVE
Tuesday May 25, 2010**



**Registration and Information Forum
6 - 7 pm
Annual General Meeting
7 pm Start**

Guest Speakers:

- **Saanich Police**

Inspector Trent Edwards will speak about
strategic planning for the *Saanich Police*

- **Saanich Parks**

Dianne Murray, Landscape Technician, will speak about the
RinC Grant for *Falaise Park*

Marian McCoy, Natural Areas Technician, will be there to answer
questions about the restoration of *Falaise Park*

Spring 2010

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Falaise is a small region in Saanich where community spirit has been alive for over half a century. This consciousness of a shared space and a desire for quality living brought residents together to form the grassroots beginning of what we know today as the *Falaise Community Association*. Through the years there has been many changes. Elected as FCA President in February 2002, I had the opportunity to steward the association to a greater degree of legitimacy by becoming a registered non-profit society. Becoming a society allows the association to access funding, resources and services held in reserve for only those groups that work for the will and benefit of the people, not for profit. A framework and formality is now in place that ensures continuity of the group and empowers the volunteers to effective service. The political model that suggests that an elected official should not serve more than eight consecutive years is a valid notion. Leadership can become stale, experiencing a loss of spirit. My eight years of service has brought me to a place where I feel it is time for a fresh approach, one with a new fire to take emerging projects to completion. Confident that the FCA is embarking on a season of renewal, I turn over the reigns to the new Executive Board.

President's Message

Joanne D. Abbott



2010-2011 Elections of FCA Executive Board

The FCA Executive Board is an elected group of volunteer residents who represent the Falaise Community for a 12 month term commencing in Spring and serving until elections the following year. The FCA Executive Board consists of a minimum of five members, three of which are holding an officer position of President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Board has a maximum of nine members, four of which hold an officer position and not more than five are Directors.

Nominations can be made to the Nominations-Returning Officer, Debbie Bonderud 250-479-0836

Current and Concluding FCA Executive Board		Election Slate for 2010-2011 FCA Executive Board
President	Joanne D. Abbott	OPEN for Nominations Incumbent will <u>not</u> be running for 9th term
Vice-President	Vacant	OPEN for Nominations Vacant for past 3 terms
Secretary	Wendy Abbott	OPEN for Nominations Incumbent will <u>not</u> be running for 8th term
Treasurer	Margaret Klatt	OPEN for Nominations
Directors	Elaine Brown	OPEN for Nominations
	Colin Boog	OPEN for Nominations
	Vinnie Gill	OPEN for Nominations
	Maureen Paterson	OPEN for Nominations



FALAISE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2010 Fees Remittance Form

Please fill in this form and return it along
with your payment to the attention of
FCA Director
Elaine Brown
800 Royal Wood Place

Payment enclosed:

- ☐ \$10 **Annual Association Dues**

In Addition:

- ☐ \$10 Garage Sale Day Participation Fee
☐ \$_____ Donation to FCA

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Payment is by:

- ☐ Cash
☐ Cheque

Please make your cheque payable to
Falaise Community Association

Name (s): _____

Others who reside in the household:

Do we have your information on file?

- ☐ Yes – everything is current
☐ No – see below
☐ New Application
☐ Change of information

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Other (Cell or Fax): _____

Email: _____



FALAISE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Elaine Brown

FCA Director

800 Royal Wood Place

250-744-4361

Falaise Park Revitalization Project (FPRP)



Work crew made up of community residents and a Saanich Parks Specialist

Standing: FCA Secretary Wendy Abbott, Bob Lucy, Mark Harper, Sue Lucy, David Brown, FCA Director Maureen Paterson,

Seated: FCA President Joanne Abbott, Shannon Lucy, Saanich Parks Natural Areas Technician Marian McCoy

Missing from photo: Alan Taylor

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Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RinC) Program

The District of Saanich, specifically Saanich Parks and Recreation, received a grant to upgrade many parks in our municipality including *Falaise Park*. RinC is a Federal government economic stimulus program designed to invest in the local parks infrastructure. At Falaise Park, a new playground and restoration of the old playground site will be completed during the fall of 2010. Saanich will relocate the playground to make better use of the space within the park, as well as encouraging native plant growth under the Garry Oak canopy. The RinC grant is a tremendous opportunity for an upgrade of our park, and we are excited to be included.

In preparation for the revitalization, work sessions in the park are scheduled as part of our ongoing park stewardship commitment. Resident Alan Taylor initiated Saturday April 17th as the first round with FCA Executive Board members and residents removing a considerable amount of invasive broom and other species. The piles of debris on the exterior edge will be picked up by Saanich Parks over the weeks to come. A further schedule will be drafted by the new Executive Board and shared with the community regarding future activity. Falaise Park is a real jewel, and with our combined efforts, everyone can enjoy it.



Community residents, with the help of a Saanich Parks Specialist, clear a pile of invasive species

David Brown, Bob Lucy, Sue Lucy, FCA Secretary Wendy Abbott, Shannon Lucy,

FCA Director Maureen Paterson, Mark Harper, FCA President Joanne Abbott,

Saanich Parks Natural Areas Technician Marian McCoy

Missing from photo: Alan Taylor

The plans for Falaise Park are more than five years in the making with active partnership with Saanich Parks. At the FCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 3rd, 2005, the need to focus on Falaise Park was identified. The community was challenged to think of ways to improve our park and reflect on how the current status was not fully meeting the needs of our community. Falaise Park was, and is, a park with rocky outcrops, floral meadows and a Garry Oak canopy that is suited to low impact usage such as walking, photography and similar activities that provide enjoyment for all members of the Saanich Community. With the need to know what we have in the park, Dr. Hans Roemer was contracted to map out and inventory the plant life in the park through a 2006 Centennial Grant from Saanich. With his report, input from the community and Saanich Parks, the condition of the play equipment and the native floral species under the Garry Oak canopy become our focus areas. Feedback received over the past years has been that moving the play area to the lower section provides greater accessibility for strollers, children on wheeled play equipment, and seniors with mobility issues. The process of the FPRP fully honoured that all park improvements would take into consideration the sensitive Garry Oak ecosystems that are present in Falaise Park. The plans for revitalization to the Park were stalled until the **RinC Program** became available through the Federal Government. [Come to this year's AGM to learn more!](#)

Community Garage Sale Day May 15th, 2010



Over the past several years the Falaise Community has selected one day to be garage sale day. In our driveways, front yards and garages we display all those goodies we no longer need and would like to sell. Rather than households in the area individually marketing their sale, the FCA coordinates together those households that are interested in participating. As a group we purchase advertising in both the Times-Colonist and the City-Wide Classified. This draws a tremendous amount of people into the area



and helps maximize sales for everyone! By uniting everyone together, the spirit of community comes alive with energy and friendship, and we reduce the "every other weekend garage sale syndrome" that many neighbourhoods experience through spring and summer. The FCA puts up all the street signs, directional arrows and balloons. All you have to do is pay the participation fee, prepare your items for sale and be ready to go at 8 am sharp for those early bargain hunters. The fee for each participating household is \$10 (use remittance form attached).

New Coordinator this year is **Colin Boog 250-812-1310**

Tips For A Successful Sale

- Sell anything that still has usability and value
- Collect all the items you wish to sell prior to the sale
- Be ready for 8 am
- **HAVE FUN!!!** If you're having a good time, so will the



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General Manager

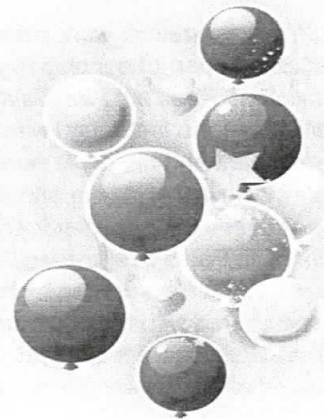
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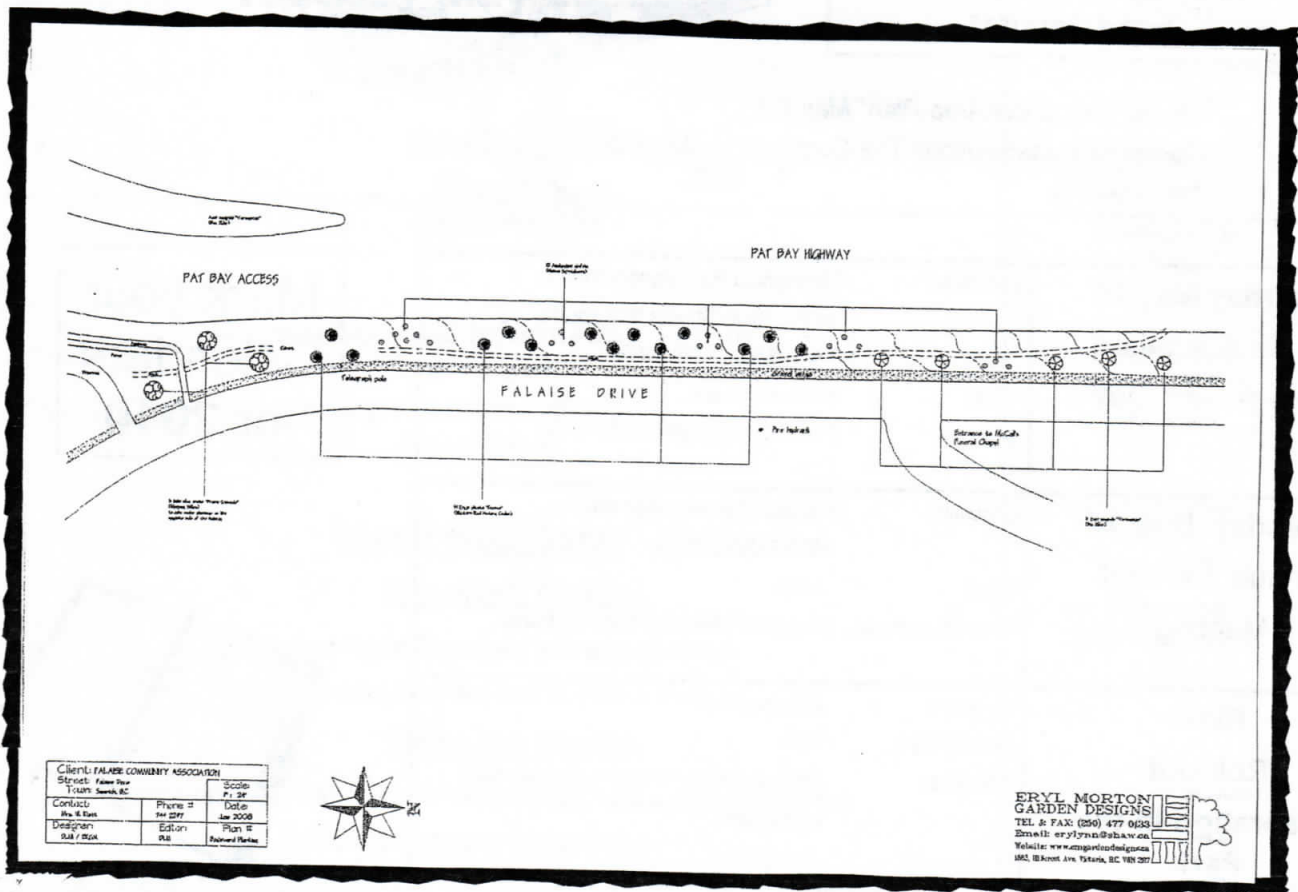
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FALAISE DRIVE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

The Falaise Drive corridor along the Pat Bay Highway has been of interest to residents for more than 10 years. The area where the road circles up the hill is a zone that presents an unattended profile, as well as a safety risk. In 2002 the late Ron Timms began the campaign to consider some sort of barrier between the community and this fast paced thoroughfare. The most favoured idea that came forth was planting trees and creating a small green space. The addition of natural vegetation to this area would assist in reducing air and noise pollution and would provide a safety zone. A plan for a greenbelt utilizing the existing pathway was conceived and the **Falaise Drive Beautification Project (FDBP)** was born. The FCA Executive Board looked at opportunities for funding through the Greenways Program, but were unable to secure a grant in that year. The zest to expand and cultivate this project was lost with Ron's passing. The project experienced a rebirth when Colin Boog moved into the Falaise Community in 2005 with his family and saw the same deficiencies in this setting. Elected to the FCA Executive Board in 2007, Colin championed a revival of the FDRP at the 2008 AGM requesting we contract a professional for a design plan. Colin and FCA Treasurer Margaret Klatt commissioned a landscape architect who produced the drawing we provide below. Residents have demonstrated their excitement about this project, and some have already stepped forth financially and sponsored a tree. With an active project on the go in the community, the FCA Executive Board has suspended movement on this project until they can apply their full attention to this endeavour. Any input or questions about the project, or even if you wish to sponsor a tree, please **contact Colin** directly on his cell phone **250-813-1310**.



FALAISE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
A Registered Non-Profit Society

FCA is the second oldest community association in Saanich, with records dating back to 1959. We are a registered non-profit society that is governed by a formal constitution and by-laws. Annually an Executive Board is elected to work voluntarily on the behalf of all the residents of our small geographical area. We are a member of SCAN (Saanich Community Association Network) where we participate in the community dialogue about issues in Saanich. Our name is the key to the region we represent, referring to the two main feeders streets, with cul-de-sacs off of them.

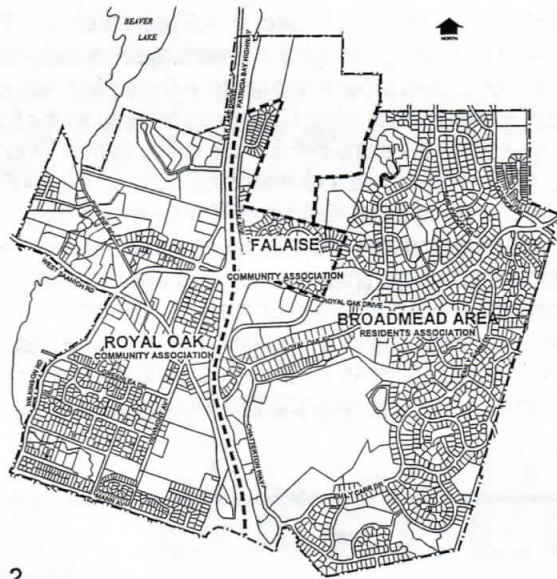
Falaise Crescent

- * **Falaise Place**
- * **Law Place**
- * **Southover Lane**
- * **Deventer Drive**

Falaise Drive

- * **Royal Wood Place**
- * **Royal Wood Court**
- * **Adeline Place**

Copies of the FCA Constitution and By-Laws
are available from the Treasurer for a
nominal charge of \$2

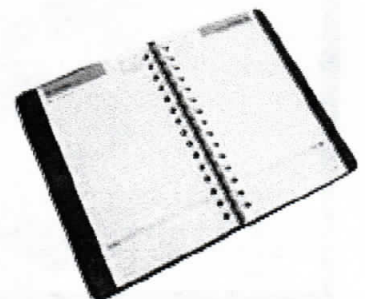


"Royal Oak Local Area Plan" Map 1.2

Community Associations The Corporation of the District of Saanich
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<p align="center">Saturday May 15 9th Annual Garage Sale Day</p>	<p>Location: Throughout the neighbourhood on the NINE Streets that are the FALAISE COMMUNITY</p> <p>Time: 8 am to 12 pm</p> <p>Cost: \$10 per participating household</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, May 25 Annual General Meeting</p>	<p>Location: Sequoia Gardens Memorial 4665 Falaise Drive</p> <p>Time: 7 pm</p> <p>Guest Speakers: Saanich Police and Saanich Parks</p>
<p align="center">RinC Roll-out Celebration-in-the- Park</p>	<p>Location: Falaise Park</p> <p>Date & Time: TBA</p> <p>Activities: Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground.</p>

**Mark your
Calendars
for 2010**



**Plan to be a part of these
community events**