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FALAISE FOCUS

Winter 2025/2026 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Family Day event:
1:30-3:30 p.m., Monday, February 16,
at McCall Gardens on Falaise Dr.

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(A brief bio of each Director can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the [website](http://www.falaise.ca))

All of our newsletters are available on our website, www.falaise.ca, where you can click on any of the links highlighted in [blue text](#).

Message from the President

A belated season's greetings to everyone. Let's all hope the balmy weather we have been experiencing keeps up into the spring and portends for a better year in 2026.

The AGM in December at Commonwealth Place was well attended. The meeting was highlighted by a very informative presentation from the Saanich police chief. Both the annual report and the meeting minutes are posted on our website, www.falaise.ca, for those who are interested. The incoming board of directors was elected by acclamation and three new residents were welcomed. Two directors, Holly Holt and Hardeep Kaur, decided to retire. Both have made outstanding contributions to the community.

The New Year brings a reminder that the 2026 FCA membership dues are payable in January, preferably by e-transfer. Your continuing support for the association is appreciated.

As you will read below, a little bit of progress regarding our road safety concerns was made with Saanich Engineering staff at a meeting in early December. Another priority this year will be dealing with infill housing projects and their impact on the neighbourhood. This is a significant challenge that is already beginning to change the face of the neighbourhood.

We are soliciting general interest stories for publication in our newsletter. If you have any to share, please let us know. Our next community event is Family Day on February 16th at McCall's Sequoia Centre. We hope to see you there.

As always, please free to contact me at : president@falaise.ca.

Focus Points for 2026

- Maintain open communication with residents and be responsive to requests for assistance.
- Continue efforts to improve safe use of the roads in the neighbourhood.
- Hold social events during the year to promote community building and enjoyment for youngsters.
- Work with Saanich police to improve knowledge of Block Watch.
- Inform the community about emergency preparedness and how Saanich can help with creating a plan.
- If there is community interest in establishing a housing task force, help with its administration.

Family Day Celebration: Plans are underway for a Family Day social event at McCall's Sequoia Centre on Falaise Dr. It will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, February 16th and will feature entertainment for the kids, as well as treats and drinks. We are looking forward to an event that is even more successful than last year's!

Housing Task Force

At the AGM in December it was decided to strike a housing task force charged with making the views of residents known on the impact of infill housing projects within the community. It was felt that, even though the provincial government appears determined not to make changes to the legislation, residents want to continue to make their concerns known to both the provincial government and Saanich Council. The Falaise Housing Task Force (FHTF) would also network with other community and grass root organizations who share similar concerns.

If you would like to be part of the group, please contact Stuart Macpherson: president@falaise.ca



The Proposed Sale of 855 Falaise Cr

This property, bordering Falaise Park, has been put up for sale as two lots: <http://bit.ly/3KWGxB0>. After much debate and community consultation, Saanich Council approved the subdivision of this property in January, 2022 into two lots (A & B) on the condition that several of the large oak trees on the property are protected. The owner had promised to build one house on each lot. The recent housing density legislation implies that a fourplex could be built on each lot - a total of eight housing units. A new developer would have to apply to Saanich to have the existing covenant overturned and this would require a public hearing.

Road Safety Concerns

Concerned residents and Board members met with Saanich Engineering to review our long-standing concerns about speeding on Falaise Cr. near the approach to the park playground entrance and speeding around the bend on Falaise Dr. just before the Royal Wood Place intersection.

Although Saanich acknowledged our concerns, we were told that all the signs already in place were compliant with Saanich Engineering guidelines. They did agree to consider erecting an additional sign on or before the Falaise Cr. bend and to have Saanich Parks trim back the roadside brush to improve the line of sight to the playground.

We were also told that Saanich has a plan to create a bike lane along Falaise Dr. This bike lane would connect the trail at the top of Falaise Dr. to Royal Oak Dr. and would require extra signage at the crosswalk near the Royal Woods.

In addition, we have put in a request to Saanich Parks to trim the fallen trees and shrubs on the right-of-way near the Royal Wood Corner.

2025 AGM Report

The 2025 AGM was held on Thursday, December 4th, in the Arbutus Room of Commonwealth Place. There were 23 members in attendance. The meeting commenced with a presentation by the key note speaker, Saanich chief constable Dean Duthie. A lively question and answer period followed.

The AGM portion of the meeting received reports on activities undertaken during the year. These reports, draft minutes, financial statement and audit are posted on the [website](#).

An eight-member board of directors for 2026 was elected unanimously. Three new directors were welcomed. Brief biographies for each are on the back page of this newsletter. In addition, it was agreed that membership fees would remain at \$10 per person.

After the meeting, a community forum was held to air concerns regarding government housing density legislation in the neighbourhood.

The meeting concluded with two lovely Christmas poinsettias awarded as door prizes.

Community garage sale: The annual community garage sale is being held this year on Saturday, May 9th. More details on how to sign up will come out in April from the organizer, Graham Stone. Mark your calendar now!



Holly Holt Steps Down

Holly Holt has served as secretary on the board of directors for the past four years. She demonstrated her skill at note-taking by typing the minutes on her computer at the meeting. The minutes were always an accurate and complete summary of the proceedings. She always had good ideas and helped to keep the directors focussed on the agenda. Holly also played an important role in the social events, especially by providing activities for the kids. She is active with several community groups and no longer has the time to serve on the Board. Her contributions will be missed.



Hardeep Kaur Moves On

After two years on the board of directors, Hardeep has regrettably stepped aside as she has moved out of our neighbourhood. Hardeep brought energy and enthusiasm to her role as our social convener. She organized our very popular Family Day and Summer Picnic events, making sure we had first class entertainment and looked after the food and refreshments. It was her idea to introduce Halloween in the Park, which was a hit with the "trick or treaters". We wish her well in operating her new Doggy Daycare business.

Halloween in the Park



This was the second year the FCA set up a Halloween tent in the Park. This time, a location near the playground was chosen. The tent was manned by Stuart Macpherson, Graham Stone and Carl Ross. Although it poured rain while the tent was being set up, the skies cleared as the trick or treaters began to arrive. Barbara Ross filled more than 70 treat bags, each featuring the FCA logo, and about 65 were handed out. The photo (thanks to Kira Tozer) shows some of the

happy visitors to the tent.

Hello Saanich: Hello Saanich is a citizen engagement platform created by the District of Saanich. You can use the link: <https://hello.saanich.ca/en/> to visit the website, register and create a profile in order to provide feedback on various projects.

You can use the [Saanich Permit and Development Tracker](#) to check the status of projects within Saanich.

Membership Renewal for 2026

Membership fees for 2026 are now due. The preferred method of payment of the \$10.00 per person fee is via e-transfer to: treasurer@falaize.ca. No security question is required for the e-transfer. Please include your member name(s), address, and any information changes in the e-transfer message box. You also have the option to pay by cheque (made payable to the Falaise Community Association), or by cash. Payments may be dropped in the mailbox of our registrar, Glen Schoepp, 4605 Royal Wood Court.

We would ask new residents to please include a membership form with their payment. This form is available on our website (www.falaize.ca), under the "Get Involved" tab. You can submit the form on-line or drop it off at our Registrar's home.

Your payment by February 15 is appreciated. Door-to-door canvassing will commence in mid-February.



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2026 Board of Directors

Holly Holt and Hardeep Kaur have stepped down from the FCA Board of Directors this year. However, James Halliday, Matthew Paxman and Nikki Stone have agreed to serve. James will take over the website and social media. Graham Stone will serve as Vice-President and will help address some of the issues the FCA will focus on for 2026. Stuart Macpherson continues as President. Carl Ross will become Secretary and Nikki Stone will serve as Treasurer.



James Halliday is the owner of an online marketing company with over 20 years of experience in sales and online content development. He brings a strong background in digital communication and community engagement. A homeowner in the community since 2014, James looks

forward to supporting the FCA by contributing to the website and social media. He is particularly focused on addressing traffic speed concerns along Falaise Cr. near the park and playground areas.



Mac Nanton and his wife Marion have lived in the Falaise Community for 12 years. He is a retired professional civil engineer specializing in highways. He has worked in various provinces, including British Columbia, with a second career in residential real estate in Victoria. Over the past 25 years, Mac

and his spouse have hosted many UVic ESL students which has resulted in them experiencing wonderful and memorable associations with people of different ethnicities.



Carl Ross is a retired physicist. He and his wife moved from Ottawa to Saanich in 2016 to escape the worst of the winter weather. He has served on the FCA board of directors since 2017. He joined the board with the hope that something could be done

about the traffic noise that impacts the community. He has served as treasurer for the past several years and edits the newsletter, which is published three times a year. He also established a website for the association.



Graham Stone moved into the area a few years ago. He worked as an auto electrician by trade and then worked in the ship building industry as a Dock Master. He enjoys do-it-yourself projects around the house and scooting around the neighbourhood with

his dog, Milo. Graham enjoys meeting his friendly neighbours.



Stuart Macpherson has lived in the community since 2013. Prior to his retirement, he was a forestry and environmental consultant. His career took him across North America and even into Iran. Stuart joined the Board in 2018 and has been president since

2021. He is also Park Steward for Falaise Park and regularly liaises with Saanich Parks. He enjoys walking his dog, Beamer, around the neighbourhood, as well as cycling and veggie gardening. A committed grandfather, he shares thirteen grandchildren with his partner, Holly.



Matthew Paxman has lived in the Falaise community for 6 years with his wife, Jessica, and their 4 kids. Matt is the founder and CEO of Wizard Games, a Victoria-based studio that creates video games for various platforms. Most of Matt's time is spent running

his kids around to various rehearsals and theatrical performances and has been known to take to the stage himself. Matt also serves with Jessica on the board of directors for Triple Threat Performers, a local non-profit youth theater company.



Glen Schoepp and his wife Dale have been residents of the Falaise community since 1989. They are now a retired pharmacist and nurse, respectively. Their son Karl is an electrician at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Glen is an avid golfer and Dale enjoys playing pickleball.



Nikki Stone lives in the Falaise neighbourhood. She works in the legal field and is a current member of the Society of Notaries Public. She also administers two educational trusts. Any spare time is spent with her husband and their dogs or working in the garden, which is her favourite pastime.