Falaise Community Association

Growing a stronger community together

List of Accomplishments during the Past 15 Years

The following is a list of some of the more notable accomplishments achieved by the Falaise Community Association over the past 15 years. We acknowledge that many of these achievements have been possible through cooperation and the work of Saanich municipality and residents.

General:

- Undertook a Highway Beautification project; funded jointly by the FCA and Saanich. A line of trees was planted beside the Pat Bay Highway from the bend up the length of Falaise Dr. (2011).
- Resident-Only parking signs were posted on Falaise Cr. in response to heavy roadside parking by Broadmead Centre employees.
- Signage at Falaise Dr. / Falaise Cr. intersection was improved to reduce confusion about highway access and funeral home locations.
- Traffic light sequencing improvements were made at the Royal Oak Dr. /Falaise Dr. corner to improve traffic flow.
- Sidewalks at the Falaise Dr. / Royal Oak Dr. intersection lights were widened to better accommodate mobility-impaired pedestrians (i.e., those with walkers or scooters).
- The pathway joining Falaise Dr. to Royal Oak Dr. was paved by Saanich and an unmarked crosswalk over Falaise Dr. was installed.
- Hosted the community *Tree Love Town Hall* - an event to support the Saanich Urban Forest Strategy and protect Garry oak trees.
- Initiated a major community effort to save Garry oak trees on 855 Falaise Cr.
- Spearheaded extensive efforts to have a noise wall installed along the Pat Bay Highway, including a community petition and numerous presentations to Saanich Council and the highways ministry over a protracted 20 year period.
- Had the highways ministry install a highway barrier and glare screen from the Royal Oak highway on-ramp to opposite McCalls driveway.
- In partnership with Saanich Parks and the Royal Oak Burial Park planted a row of trees on the boulevard beside the new highway barrier (2025).
- FCA website and FCA Facebook set up for community use.
- Revised the FCA Constitution to be consistent with the new BC Societies Act.
- Conduct surveys to get feedback from residents.

Falaise Park:

- New playground was installed by the park entrance. It is now extremely popular.
- Arranged installation of larger 30 km/hr Speed Limit signs.
- A split rail cedar fence was erected at the roadside for safety.

- Memorial plaques commemorating the establishment and history of the Falaise community installed at the park entrance.
- A picnic table was installed beside playground.
- A new park bench was installed with a commemorative plaque.
- A Pulling Together Volunteer work group was established for maintaining the park.
- A second picnic table was installed up top adjacent to the park bench.
- A decorative floral mural featuring camas flowers was painted on Falaise Cr. opposite the playground entrance.
- Constructed and installed a Little Free Library inside the park entrance.

Yearly activities:

- Host a Community Garage Sale annually for the neighbourhood.
- An Annual Neighbourhood Picnic has been held each summer for the past 10 years.
- Host a Family Day celebration event - fun and games for Falaise families.
- Continued publishing the Falaise Focus newsletter; keeping residents informed of news and activities in the community.
- Maintain communication with Saanich - Mayor and Council and municipal staff.
- Maintain communication with Saanich South MLA constituency office.
- Membership in the Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN); a forum for all community associations to discuss items of mutual interest.