



NORTH OAK BAY

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BLOCK PARTY TIME!

Calling all Block Watch neighbours. Now is the time to get organized and plan your summer block party. If you are a registered Block Watch Street, you can apply for a grant of \$100 towards the cost of food and if selected (50% success chance) you can start planning a great neighbourhood jamboree. This year Block Watch BC will be reviewing all requests in April, so if interested please contact www.blockwatch.com and click on Grants and Awards.

Selection criteria last year was based on the application and the ideas or theme of the party. Oak Bay Police officers are pleased to be invited to attend to reinforce safety or security issues or other related topics.

Last summer, Frederick Norris, Pelly Place, Rattenbury Place and part of Redwood hosted a wonderful afternoon of food and fun that attracted neighbours from the age of 8 months to 96 years of age plus a host of friendly dogs. The success of this party was primarily due to involving as many people as possible in the planning and hosting phases; registering with the city who provided the necessary street barriers; and contacting the police and fire departments, who graciously came out with cars and fire trucks to say hi to all of us and to the great delight of many of our youngsters.

If you wish any further information you can contact me, Tara Douglas tdmf86@gmail.com



North Oak Bay Community Association meeting
Special Guest Speaker : Mayor Kevin Murdoch
Thursday April 25 at 7:00 pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church
(Cedar Hill Cross Road at Henderson Road)

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear neighbours, this winter's unusually heavy snowfall showed that neighborliness is alive and well in our North Oak Bay community, with many of you assisting others by shoveling their walks, or pushing cars stuck in the snow. Now that the snow is gone we are enjoying the blossoms and flowers.

Our next NOBCA meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday April 25th, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Many of you will have attended the NOBCA-sponsored All Candidates Meeting prior to the municipal election last fall. We were very pleased with the turnout, with over 220 people attending (at least one third live in North Oak Bay). In light of this strong interest, we have invited our new Mayor, Kevin Murdoch, to be the guest speaker at our April 25th meeting. Community engagement is one of Oak Bay Council's priorities and this meeting will provide an opportunity for a dialogue about Council's priorities and how these priorities might impact North Oak Bay in particular. As well, this meeting is an opportunity to meet neighbours and friends (coffee and tea will be served) and possibly, hold initial planning discussions for block parties.

This winter, NOBCA held initial discussions with faculty of U VIC's Geography Department about developing a North Oak Bay community map, which could include street maps, landmarks, historical information, parks, recreational areas, etc. Our next newsletter will provide more information, and we would welcome the involvement of anyone with an interest in this project (target start date is September).

For more information about community mapping, refer to U Vic's community mapping project on the university's website.

I look forward to seeing you on April 25.

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Family Easter Party

Sat Apr 20 3 pm
 Emmanuel Baptist Church

Egg coloring and hunt

Hear the story of the resurrection
 Free event



Emmanuel Garage Sale
 Saturday June 1

Those who would like to make donations for the sale
 can drop off items the week before.