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Get Ready to Spring Forward

DST kicks in on March 10 at 02:00 am! And yes, it's 'Daylight Saving Time' but we won't judge if you say 'savings' as it has become a popular variant in conversations. However, the perfectionists out there will likely remind you that the dictionary says the word saving is singular because it refers to saving time.



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**QUEENSLAND DIAMOND COVE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



AGM
Annual General Meeting

April 20, 2024

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Volunteer Appreciation to Follow

Come and join us for Food, Beverages,
Music and Darts.

Everyone is invited, but you must have a
valid membership to vote!

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If you are interested in any of the open board positions, please email Volunteer@QueenslandDiamondCove.com.



The Food Box is a program where you can purchase fresh fruit and vegetables for a very low cost. This program is available to everyone to promote a healthy and nutritional living.

Apples | Bananas | Broccoli | Carrots
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QUEENSLAND DIAMOND COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Folks,

Here we are into March already with spring just around the corner. St. Patrick's Day is March 17 and maybe with a little bit of Leprechauns' luck, we will have great weather ahead! Other than the few days of freezing temperatures, winter has been pretty bearable.

Our Family Valentine's Dance was a great success. Thank you to all our volunteers and to Haultain Memorial School for the concession and to Monarch for the great music.

In the month of March, we are pleased to be welcoming Ramadan back to our hall for a month from March 9 to April 9.

Our AGM is quickly approaching. The date chosen is April 20. Please plan to attend and see what is happening in your community. This is the day that you can have your say on any opinions or ideas that you may have. If you have a community membership, it entitles you to vote on any issues that are on the agenda. If you do not have a membership, you are still entitled to voice your opinions as well, you just can't vote. We do have some positions available if you have ever considered being on the board. We will let you know what is available closer to the date. Please come and support the association. We will also be having our Volunteer Appreciation Night following the AGM. If you would like to play darts, get door prizes, dance, and enjoy a free fun filled evening with your neighbours, then please join us.

We are having our "First Annual" Spring Craft Fair on April 27 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please call Linda at 403-278-3366 or email lbrown@queenslanddiamondcove.com to book a table.

May 25 is the Queensland Community Parade of Garage Sales. Please call or text Dorothea Sautter and Vicki Fairbairn at 403-613-8133 or 403-850-1322 to register before May 20.

We have applied for 2024 cleanup days and will inform you of a date if and when we are accepted.

This year we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary as Queensland Community Association. Details of events will be posted in the next *Crier*.

We've crafted an annual survey to hear your thoughts on how we're doing as a community. Please complete the survey at QueenslandDiamondCove.com/survey or scan the QR code in the ad found in this month's *Crier*. If you complete the survey, you can also enter a draw to win a \$100 gift card courtesy of Cornerstone Music Café. Your input matters - thank you for shaping our community!

Cheers,

Brian



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“To promote and facilitate community spirit and involvement in Queensland/ Diamond Cove”

Outdoor Rink Volunteers Required... All Ages!

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Location: 649 Queensland Dr. SE

Commitment:

- November-March (weather dependant)
- Flexible time commitment, 2-6 hours per week (daytime, evening and/or weekends)
- Join our Rink Volunteer email call-out list

Training and Orientation:

- On site at Queensland Outdoor Rink and coordinated with the Outdoor Rink Operator(s)

Qualifications:

- A responsible, community-minded individual who enjoys spending time outdoors
- Able to respond to varying weather conditions
- Able to do some heavy lifting, in regards to rink snow shoveling, hose floods and run small equipment safely
- Able to foster and work in a team environment

Benefits:

- A great opportunity to get to know your neighbours, and to foster neighbourhood spirit
- Provides a positive recreational, healthy, opportunity for your community
- Provides watchful eyes to enhance your neighbourhood's safety
- Provides job resume experience

Future OUTDOOR RINK Goals:

- Ice Resurfacers and Snow Removal Equipment
- Detachable Storage To secure Equipment
- Fundraising, Future Grants
- Advertising Welcome! Sponsor a Section of Rink Boards with your Company Name

Contact: The Community Hall @ 403-278-3366 or sports@queenslanddiamondcove.com

-The winters of my childhood were long, long seasons.

We lived in three places - the school, the church and the skating rink - but our real life was on the skating rink . -Roch Carrier-

SPRING CRAFT FAIR



Saturday April 27

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The Queensland Diamond Cove Community Association values your perspective on the events of the past year.

Residents of Queensland or Diamond Cove, seize the opportunity to share your insights by completing our survey. Your input not only helps us improve but also enters you into a draw for a chance to win a \$100 gift card, generously provided by Cornerstone Music Café! Act fast—the survey closes on April 11th, and the winner will be chosen on April 18th.

Visit QueenslandDiamondCove.com/survey or scan the QR code below to participate.



Mini Egg Easter Cookies

Mini egg Easter cookies are the perfect chocolate chip cookie - crispy on the outside, and soft and chewy on the inside. Make in under 20 minutes.



Ingredients

- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- ½ cup light brown sugar, packed
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup mini chocolate eggs, halved
- ½ cup chocolate chips, semi-sweet
- ¼ cup mini chocolate eggs, whole

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350-degree Fahrenheit.
2. In a large mixing bowl, use a hand mixer or stand mixer cream together butter and sugars on medium speed until light and fluffy, about two minutes.
3. Add egg and vanilla and beat on low until incorporated.
4. Add flour, baking soda, salt, halved mini eggs, and chocolate chips, and stir with a large spatula until just combined.
5. Scoop out 1.5 tablespoons of cookie dough and roll it into a ball. Place the cookie balls spaced two inches apart on a large half sheet baking tray lined with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper. Press in extra whole mini eggs into the top of the cookies.
6. Bake for eight to ten minutes, until edges just start to brown. Do not overbake. The cookies may not look done in the middle, but they will continue to cook as they are cooling. Remove from oven and allow the cookies to cool in the baking sheet for five minutes, then carefully transfer to a wire cooling rack to cool completely.



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Childcare and affordability are crucial for families and the government recognizes this. That is why in 2021 the Alberta government signed the Canada-Alberta Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. The government believes that all Albertans deserve an affordable, accessible, high-quality, inclusive childcare sector.

To help both families and businesses, the creation of the Early Learning and Child Care Agreement promises a total of \$3.8 billion being invested over five years to bring childcare fees to an average of \$10 per day. Having affordable childcare is what creates opportunities and keeps money in parents' pockets.

Since January 2022, childcare fees that were paid by parents were reduced by 50% across Alberta. In 2024, it is expected that parents will pay an average of \$15 a day and by 2026 that average will be reduced to \$10 a day. In addition, the Alberta government is excited to announce that it has put over \$900 million back into the pockets of parents who use childcare. That is approximately \$550 per month per child. Furthermore, just in 2024 alone the Child Care Agreement will save families in Alberta \$9,000 per year per child.

Supporting Childcare Staff and Operators - Affordability Grant

In order to support both operators and reduce parental fees for childcare, the Alberta government has replaced revenue operators with the Affordability Grants. What is exciting about these grants is that while the fees paid by parents are decreasing, childcare operators have seen an increase in their total revenue from the government, plus an additional amount in recognition of increased costs. In total, most operators have seen an increase of 9% in total program fees over the past three years. The Alberta government is also offering other funding that will support the staff of childcare facilities. These include wage top ups for early educator staff, of up to \$8.62 per hour, and access to \$4,300 per educator per year for professional development and training. These efforts from the Alberta government have and continue to make a difference in the lives of many Albertans.

If you have any questions or input, please feel free to reach out to my office at Calgary.FishCreek@assembly.ab.ca.

QUEENSLAND
2024 PARADE OF
GARAGE SALES

It's that time of year again - Spring Cleaning Time!

Clean out our closets, drawers, garages, basements and sheds and turn those unwanted items into \$\$ on **SATURDAY, May 25 - 9 AM to 3 PM**. If you do not have enough stuff, join up with a neighbour or make it a street event! Last year's participants were very please with the turnout and we know this year should be another big success for all of us out there "selling our stuff".

To register and have your garage or yard sale advertised **free of charge**, please go to our website to register:

www.queenslandgaragesale.com

Lawn signs, directional maps, and a list of all participating homes will be available for pick-up at the Community Centre the evening before the sale.

On the morning of the sale, directional signs will be placed on the main streets directing buyers into the community.

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For questions please contact:

Dorothea Sautter & Vikki Fairbairn (sponsors)

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