



Help Us Improve Highview and Blackwood Parks

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VICTORIA, BC — Highview and Blackwood Parks, two parks in the Hillside Quadra neighbourhood, provide a half hectare of combined green space and play areas in Victoria. Highview Park currently features Garry oaks, native plantings and rocky areas, in addition to a playground, benches and picnic table. Blackwood Park has more of a grassy area with a very large Garry oak tree, play equipment and benches. This year, the City of Victoria will upgrade both neighbourhood parks to better meet the needs of the community.

The media and the public are invited to an Open House to learn more and share how they would like to see the parks improved.

What: OPEN HOUSE: Help Us Improve Highview and Blackwood Parks
When: Thursday, January 28, 2010, from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Where: Blanshard Community Centre, Licensed Care Room, 901 Kings Road

Registration is not required. Refreshments will be served.

The Open House is an opportunity for the community to drop by and review information, meet with Park planners, ask questions and help design future park improvements for the enjoyment of the community. Participants will be invited to complete a short survey.

Information panels and the survey will also be available at the Parks office in Beacon Hill Park from January 29 to February 12. To arrange an appointment, call 250.361.0600 or email parks@victoria.ca

Based on input received from the community, Parks staff will develop a draft plan that will be presented to the neighbourhood at a second Open House.

Highview and Blackwood Parks are two of several Victoria parks being upgraded in 2010. For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca and click on *What's New?*

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