



# Tuesday Night in the Park

## Overview

To support and further encourage a strong sense of community within Creg Quay by providing a social activity that encourages new and old neighbours to get to know each other in a relaxed, fun environment. This social activity will not create any sense of obligation to attend regularly...everyone has busy lives. This is a seasonal, summer activity that CQ neighbours can socialize, enjoy a friendly game of shuffleboard, bocce or horseshoes or, simply sit on a blanket or bench with their family and neighbours taking in the beauty of the park et al.

**NOTE:** *This is all predicated on a solution to COVID-19 that would allow gatherings in numbers.*

**UPDATE:** *The initial refurbishing of the shuffleboard, horseshoes and bocce areas have been approved by the Social Committee and our Board.*

***Thank you to the Social Committee and the community for the 50/50 draw support. The project now has \$585 to get started. All expenses will be presented to the Social Committee for approval.***

## Goals

1. Enhance and encourage the CQ community spirit.

2. Create a relaxed weekly social activity where residents can choose a variety of ways to participate without obligation.
3. Build further on the pride of the CQ community.
4. Provide a social occasion for people to meet new residents and renew/establish old friendships.
5. Create a relaxed, fun, laughter filled 2+ hours that we can all look forward to each week.

**NOTE:** We believe that the CQ Social Committee is best for ongoing coordination of events and special nights. As with most worthwhile occasions in CQ volunteers and helpers will make this manageable for all.

## Details

1. Encourage residents to come to the park with their blanket or chairs, their libation of choice and interact with their neighbours. Deciding to play or not play a game should be left entirely to the individual. Not playing one week does not preclude someone playing another week.
2. Make use of existing equipment in the park - Shuffleboard, Bocce, Horseshoes
  - a. Provide detailed instructions for each game ahead of time and then take it slow and easy until people get the hang of the game(s).
  - b. Teams for each of the above will be assigned each time on a first come basis
3. Each team activity will have an organizer to facilitate fairness and social interaction.
  - a. Games should be set up in such a way as to get several games played in an evening with an emphasis on social interaction.
4. \$1 per game per participant \*
  - a. \*Depending on the state of existing equipment it could start out as free if it's felt that would initially be more palatable to the community. *Not everything has to cost money.*
  - b. \*Any monies raised would go to upgrading game equipment and future activities such as adding to the park. Accountable and visible use of funds could encourage further support.
  - c. Make full use of our beautiful park and encourage others to get outdoors and visit with one another.

## Measurable Milestones

### I. Attendance

- A. Tuesday Night in the Park will run weekly throughout the summer
  1. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm is suggested only for the purpose of this proposal

- B. Shuffleboard, Bocce and Horseshoes used regularly - If enough interest this could also become more organized with teams and perhaps afternoon play times.

## II. Special Events

- A. Adding 'special event' nights throughout the summer - suggest 2 or 3 maximum otherwise you create expectations to get bigger and better. However the focus should always be on needs/wants of the residents


**The Future** There are so many events that could provide a change of pace, fun and interest for our community from this one activity with organization and input.

- A. Create **Tuesday Night in the Park** special events 2-3 times throughout the summer
- B. Some possible special events:
  - a. **Invite local artists to perform in the park** - there are a lot of singers in the area that are more than willing to perform more as a hobby. The cost would be minimal with a free offering from those attending to support.
  - b. **CQ Farmers Market** one evening
    - i. Baked goods
    - ii. Canned goods
    - iii. Homemade stuff ;-)
  - c. Have one of the **local wineries** (3) in the area set up a tasting table
  - d. **Homemade wine exchange** and samplings from CQ residents
  - e. **Ugly Sweater/Blanket night!** - summer take on ugly christmas sweater
  - f. **Christmas in the Park in July**
  - g. **Meet your CQ Board night** - board could sponsor something extraordinary
    - i. Excellent opportunity to bring board and residents together in an informal and non conflicting manner.
- C. Once a summer **invite our neighbour communities** to participate
- D. We're sure the Social Committee and the community will have a lot more great ideas.

## In Conclusion

The Creg Quay community is knit together through social contact and interaction with our neighbours. This has been especially evident during COVID-19. We've all seen and participated with others in group walks, driveway happy hours, spontaneous BBQ's and more...all socially distanced. Coming out of living in 'bubbles' **Tuesday Night in the Park** will be a welcome change and be enthusiastically embraced by our community.

A good idea is only as good as it's volunteers and the support of the community. If it is embraced with the vision and enthusiasm, **Tuesday Night in the Park** will be a welcome addition to the social fabric of the Creg Quay community. The Pour@4 boys believe it will be embraced by our CQ



residents and become a regular occurring social event. We're prepared to help make this possible by first refurbishing our games area.

## Thank you

The Pour@4 boys

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**If you would like to help out or wish more information please don't hesitate to contact any of the above. The more the merrier.**

**Cheers**