



Welcome to September! Hope everyone had a great long weekend and is settling into the rhythm of back to regular routines! There is lots going on this month as there is every September.

**"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members," Coretta Scott King**

As we settle into our busy lives, we invite you to reflect on what makes Blueridge the idea community for you and yours. What makes community? Is it the trust with your neighbours, the local events? Is it the trails and nature that invites you to call this area home? Did the 80% Blockwatch participation affect your decision? Is it the stellar block parties every summer? Trust. Security, Comfort. Home. Connection. There are many aspects to building a strong, safe, community. Would you like to share with us why you choose to live in Blueridge? Did you move back here after spending the days of your childhood? Have you just moved in? What do you love specifically about the area we call home? Share your thoughts at [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org) or message us on Facebook!

# Parkgate Community Day

Saturday, September 7, 2019



Featuring

The Sm:)e Band  
Deep Cove Big Band  
Cayla Brooke

10:30am - 2:30pm  
Parkgate  
Community  
Centre

Presenting  
Sponsor

3D chalk art, food,  
fun activities &  
much more!



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Public Library

## *A Message from...*

**Adele Wilson**

Executive Director of Parkgate Society

I feel quite honoured to be a part of this year's celebrations as we recognize Parkgate Community Centre's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Although Parkgate Community Services Society has been operating in the Seymour/Deep Cove area for the past 36 years, our organization really began to flourish in 1999 when we joined our partner, the North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission, in the creation of a unique Community Services Hub here at Parkgate Centre. I hope you all can join us on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> to help us celebrate this 20-year milestone – and please stop by to see if you can dunk me in the Dunk Tank!

# BC BEAR DAY 2019

Free family afternoon  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Music from *The Wilds*
- Bear School with the Raincoast Conservation Foundation
- Bear Essentials with the North Shore Black Bear Society
- Adventures in wildlife photography with Ian Harland
- Gyotaku fish printing
- Animal drawings by Sandra Seekins
- Face painting
- Bear yoga
- BC bear photography exhibit

Evening speakers & discussion  
6 to 8 p.m.

- Takaya Dancers
  - Douglas Neasloss, bear guide, cultural interpreter, & stewardship director, Kitasoo/Xai'xais First Nation
  - Panel discussion  
*Living with bears: The need to co-exist*
- Tickets: [raincoast.eventbrite.ca](http://raincoast.eventbrite.ca)

## Sunday, September 22

Pipe Shop at the Shipyards, Lower Lonsdale, North Vancouver

Presented by Capilano University's EarthWorks, the North Shore Black Bear Society, and the Raincoast Conservation Foundation

photo: Eric Sumbul

The [North Shore Black Bear Society](#), [Raincoast Conservation Foundation](#), and [Capilano University](#) would like to invite you to our annual Bear Day celebration!

This year's event will be bigger and better than ever, as we host a full day and evening of events at the Pipe Shop, Lower Lonsdale, North Vancouver.

### FREE Family Day 11-4pm

Designed to inform and inspire children and families, there is everything from bear yoga, to face-painting, bear research class, an adventure in wildlife photography with local wildlife photographer [Ian Harland](#), music from the Wilds, treats from [Earnest Ice Cream](#). There will be fun activities from a host of community partners including:

Ancient Forest Alliance, Bluewater Adventures, the Commercial Bear Viewing Association, CPAWS, Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative, Critter Care Wildlife Society, Fur Bearers Association, Grizzly Bear Initiative, Grizzly Bear Foundation, Lighthouse Park Preservation Society, Patagonia Vancouver, Pacific Salmon Foundation and Watershed Watch.

### Speakers and panel discussion, 6-8pm \$15

In the evening, our main theme is co-existence. In that spirit, we will be welcomed by Charlene Aleck from the Tseil-Waututh Nation and then the Takaya dancers. The evening's main speaker will be Doug Neasloss, Stewardship Director for the Kitasoo /Xai'xais Nation and lead guide for Spirit Bear Adventures. Following Doug, other experts will join a panel to discuss how we can advance effective co-existence with bears throughout BC, including the communities adjacent to the mountains and forests that surround much of Vancouver and the Lower Mainland.

Tickets are available for the evening's session [here](#)

Please help us to promote responsible coexistence with wildlife by sharing this email!

We look forward to seeing you there!



### ***Not ANOTHER Meeting!?***

We get it. You've spent the day at the office, staring at the clock, trying to meet a dead line and your boss comes by on her way out the door and tells you that that report you've been working on all day needs to be on her desk by first thing in the morning. Perhaps you've sat in traffic all day, in a rush to get across town, but with traffic jammed in every direction, you're not getting anywhere fast. So attending a community meeting in which they discuss something about minutes, and hands are raised and motions are made and the minutes slowly tick by or whatever it is that minutes do at meetings is probably the last thing you've got time, interest, or inclination for!

So, we'd like to hear from you. What would be useful to you, our community, to have in a meeting? Is there something you would like to see offered, or implemented (perhaps childcare!?) that would make

attending a meeting more viable and worth considering? Is it even of any importance to residents that the meetings be open to the public?

All this will be the entire focus of our meeting on Wednesday (exceptionally!), September 11, at Blueridge Elementary School at 7 PM. It will not be a regular meeting, but a workshop facilitated by our board member, Ruth Hanson, which will focus on how we can make the BCA meetings interesting to more community members. Essentially the format, frequency, potential topics and length of the meetings will be the only point on the agenda that night. What does it take to get more residents out???

We have to think 'outside the box', and if this means fewer regular meetings with a totally new format, so be it! We are ready for a change - are you?!

Please join us to be part of this important conversation for our community.

Drop us a line at [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org). We'd love to hear your thoughts on this matter of meetings, if you are unable to join us on September 11.

If we choose to continue with bi-monthly meetings over the next twelve months, these will be held at the Blueridge Elementary School library at 7 PM on the following dates:

September 11, November 12, January 14, March 10 and May 12 (our AGM).

**IMPORTANT CHANGE IN DATE:**

SEPTEMBER'S MEETING will be held, EXCEPTIONALLY, on  
WEDNESDAY, SEPT 11 @7pm!!!!

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# Community Organizing LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

September 27 and 28  
BCGEU 2920 Virtual Way

Renfrew SkyTrain Station Wheelchair accessible Lunch and refreshments provided

REGISTER NOW  
[metvanalliance.org](http://metvanalliance.org)

Do you want to strengthen civil society and work for the common good? Join other leaders from the faith, labour, community and educational sectors to learn about the principals and basics of broad-based community organizing. Based on the successful 70+ year-old philosophy and practices of the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), this training will explore:

- Why organize?
- The history and traditions of our labour, faith, community and educational organizations.
- The fundamental organizing skills: individual relational meetings, listening sessions, research, negotiations and action.
- Strengthening our own institutions, systematically engaging people in a culture that is relational, action-oriented and reflective.
- Problems vs. issues – moving from general problems to concrete, winnable issues.
- Using relational power in the public arena to negotiate for the common good.



**Learn the fundamentals of community organizing and work for the common good.**

[Register for our 2019 Leadership Institute here.](#)

A vibrant and engaged civil society is vital for a healthy democracy. Our civil society institutions can nurture natural leaders to strengthen their own organizations and work with other civil society actors for the common good. Whether you want to develop leadership skills to contribute to your own congregation, union or group, or want to support broad-based community organizing through the Metro Vancouver

Alliance, this workshop is a great place to start! We will explore the tested **community organizing** model developed by the Industrial Areas Foundation and practiced by community alliances in Canada, the US, UK, Germany, Australia and New Zealand.

**Register for our 2019 Leadership Institute here.**

**Participants will leave with an understanding of the basics of community organizing and tools to strengthen their own congregation, union, community group or educational institution, and be inspired to assume leadership in their organization and community.**

**Download and share the event poster.**

*The leadership Institute is **free** for folks from MVA member institutions. Participants from non-members may pay \$75 to take part. This fee may be applied to membership dues in the MVA if your institution later decides to join us.*

*Our Friday evening session begins at 7.00 pm and runs until 9.00 pm. Registration is open at 6.15 pm. Our Saturday session starts at 9.30 am and runs until 4.00 pm. Refreshments and a light snack will be available on Friday evening and lunch on Saturday.*

*The BCGEU Lower Mainland Area Office is located in the Broadway Tech Centre on Renfrew Street between Grandview Highway and Broadway, across from the Renfrew SkyTrain Station. Street parking is available on Renfrew and Hebb streets.*

Metro Vancouver Alliance

<http://www.metvanalliance.org/>



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