



OCTOBER

BOOOOO! AHFFF! Does anyone else feel like October came sneaking up out of nowhere, only to surprise us suddenly? Well surprise, here it is!

With fall definitely in full swing, and the sweet smell of yellowing leaves on the forest floors, hopefully your lives have all settled into the chaos of the season! Thanksgiving is around the corner ([Oct 12-14!](#)) pumpkin patches are ripe (and dry!) and Halloween costumes are everywhere in store. Of course, this fall with the election happening [Monday, Oct 21](#), politics are the topic everywhere. We have included information below to a couple of events where you can go hear our local candidates speak, or click the link above for more general information on the Federal Election.

The Blueridge Association Committee has been busy brainstorming on how to better serve our community and include our community in a more family friendly way; part of this will be to hire a volunteer coordinator. Job description is below... maybe you could assist for a term and give back to your neighbourhood?? Speaking of neighbourhood, each bulletin's monthly art will be featuring a local artist (or group!) from now until December; this month's submission (see above!) is the beautiful handiwork of a local after school care program. Thank you to all the kids involved in this amazing art piece! We are currently looking for submissions for November and

December; if you would like to submit an art piece please make sure that it clearly states the month in your drawing, and email your art to info@blueridge.ca!!! Have a great October, and Happy Thanksgiving!



Hosted by *Parkgate Society*



PARKGATE
COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY

**COFFEE WITH OUR FEDERAL
CANDIDATES**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
4-6PM AT PARKGATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
RSVP Ellen Clague:
604-983-6371 or eclague@myparkgate.com

FEDERAL ELECTION ALL CANDIDATES MEETING



TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 15
7:00 TO 9:00 PM

at

Mount Seymour United Church
1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver

Hosted by



Ready to *vote* 

Deep Cove Lion's 11th Shred Event

Arrive early for maximum shredding



SHRED IT FOR A CAUSE

Saturday, October 5

10-2 PM

PARKGATE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PARKING LOT



"Shred it forward!"

Safely shred your sensitive documents
by donation to a great cause....

Dementia Services at Parkgate Society

Community Open House



Anthem invites you to attend a Community Open House to view our revised plans to renew the vacant site at **904-944 Lytton Street ("Seymour Estates")**.

Anthem's proposed project, if approved by Council, will include an exciting Rent to Own program (RTO). The RTO program, the first of its kind in North Vancouver, will provide local, first time buyers who live or work in North Vancouver with the opportunity to transition to home ownership.

A neighbourhood coffee shop and a diverse range of housing opportunities (strata homes, market rental and below market rental housing) are also proposed. To learn more and share your input, please drop by our Community Open House. An expert will also be available to answer questions about the RTO program.

For more information, please visit SeymourEstates.ca

This event is not hosted by the District of North Vancouver



Proposed neighbourhood coffee shop on Lytton Street

Don't miss this free and fun-filled community event, complete with face painting, hot dogs, and more.

Please Join Us

Date Saturday, October 5, 2019
Time 12:00pm – 3:00pm (drop in)
Place Ron Andrews Rec Centre
(The Windsor Room)
Address 931 Lytton Street, North Vancouver

Community Open House



904-944 Lytton Street ("Seymour Estates")



View of proposed development looking south east from Mount Seymour Parkway and Lytton Street



Looking.... for a Volunteer Coordinator!

The BCA has grown a lot over the years since the timid start in the early 90's. We organize the yearly Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, the Dîner en Bleu, the Blueridge Garden, All-Candidates Meetings before each election, we host regular meetings, we have a newsletters that gets distributed to every household in Blueridge/Seymour Heights, we have a webpage, a Facebook page and Instagram, we offer a scholarship, baby- pet- and house-sitting services, we have a Blueridge Good Neighbour greeting team, the occasional electric recycling, and all sorts of other ad hoc activities.

This is all great, but we need volunteers for this – and we need a lot to be successful! What started small is now a very busy organization, so we thought we should look for a volunteer coordinator – of course, an UNPAID position as any other position within the BCA.

Volunteer Coordinator: Job Description, Duties

It takes a leader to make any worthwhile volunteer project happen - that's where a volunteer coordinator comes in. A volunteer coordinator delegates tasks to volunteers and makes sure that activities run as planned.

Essential Information

A volunteer coordinator is responsible for recruiting and managing groups of volunteers, as well as individual members of the BCA. (S)he must have strong communication and management skills, since (s)he must work with many different kinds of people and of different age groups.

Volunteer Coordinator Job Description

A volunteer coordinator is put in place to ensure that the interests of

volunteers are served and that the BCA (we are all volunteers!) remains well staffed. (S)he may coordinate and schedule volunteers on an ongoing basis or organize single events. A volunteer coordinator must also keep existing volunteers informed via e-mail or phone calls or other communications.

The BCA's volunteer coordinator will work to actively recruit volunteers for our organization. (S)he may reach out to established volunteers or seek new help using various marketing tools, including a volunteer database, e-mail letters, and outreach events. Our volunteer coordination must be detail-oriented and organized, since (s)he may work on many projects at once. (S)he must also be outgoing and communicate effectively with a variety of people. The volunteer coordinator must also adhere to the values of the BCA and convey its purpose to others.

Volunteer Coordinator Duties

The coordinator must match interested volunteers with an opportunity that suits their skill set and serves the BCA. Our

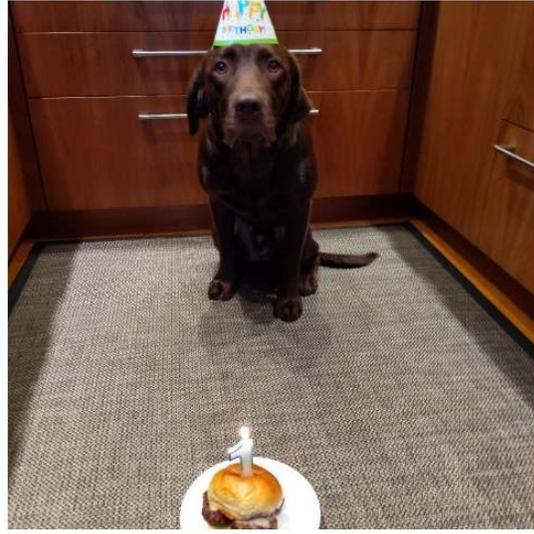
volunteer coordinator must make an effort to ensure that individual volunteers feel comfortable with their placements and fully understand their responsibilities. If necessary, the coordinator may conduct interviews to determine the roles that volunteers will take.

In some cases, our volunteer coordinator may work with large groups (we have some of these) rather than individuals. In these instances, the coordinator serves as a point of contact for all parties. Whether (s)he is working with a single volunteer or a large group, the volunteer coordinator must ensure that all workers receive proper training. (S)he may lead on-the-job training or conduct informational sessions prior to volunteer events.

Our volunteer coordinator must also maintain communication with existing volunteers. Since volunteers are always unpaid and their services greatly contribute to the BCA's functions, it is important that they feel appreciated and stay informed. The

volunteer coordinator may hold events to thank volunteers or send individual correspondences. Informative e-mails and newsletters can be sent to volunteers to keep them abreast of happenings within the BCA and informed of additional opportunities to participate.

If this sounds like a great volunteer opportunity for YOU, please contact us: [**info@blueridgeca.org**](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)



Hi! My name is Spruce. I'm a 13 month old chocolate lab and I like swimming, hiking, food, playing fetch and making new friends. I moved to Blueridge last October and my parents take me on the trails regularly but they're always worried about my playing fetch with all the potential hazards.

There is this one park that my mom brought me to where she threw the ball but she said I wasn't allowed so we had to be quiet and couldn't stay long. Although there are a lot of Park spaces in Blueridge, none allow dogs!. There just doesn't seem to be a wide open safe park where I can play ball - this makes me sad.

I've also met several other furry friends on my walks around the neighborhood but it's so hard to actually

play together - the parents are always getting themselves all tangled up with those darn leashes! It makes me sad that we can't play free.

But then I had an idea- why don't we ask the DNV for a dog park!? A safe, fenced in area where all the Blueridge furry friends could play free! Here are some of the benefits:

- An opportunity to connect with other dog families
- A safe place where dogs can socialize with other dogs
- Another opportunity to have a central meeting point; strengthening our community.

The BCA kindly reached out to the DNV who did a bit a research. They confirmed that if there was a community need they would build one! They will have to have a community consultation with all the humans of Blueridge first. When this does happen, I hope you all speak in favour of this idea.

If it is confirmed that there is a community need, the DNV will then look at Park options:

- **One** potential location may be the empty lots on Berkley (from the past Berkley slide). The DNV would need to engage some experts to assess the land to make sure it's safe for us first of course but it already is fenced off of Berkley and its an empty green space right now. Why not use it?
- Instead of creating a new park, perhaps we can dedicate one of the existing parks as a Dog only or Dog-Human shared park? This may be less effort overall.
- Maybe another park area could be created entirely?

What I need from you: please express your support for this park by sending an email to info@blueridgeca.org or by [filling out this survey](#). Also, please show your support during the neighborhood consultation.

Now I know I'm not supposed to say my birthday wish out loud, but I did wish that by my next birthday there would be a dog park in our community. I'm sure all my other dog friends would be very excited too!!!

Thank you to all and please say "hi" next time you see me on a walk or on the trails.

Woof - woof
Spruce



We want your input! What would you like to see in the next Blueridge Bulletin? We are open to submission ideas! If you know of an event or relevant issue taking place in our community, please email your thoughts and ideas to info@blueridgeca.org.



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