



Wow... what a transition from preparing this bulletin last month, thinking ahead to spring break, and now... how life has changed. The world around us has changed, our lives have changed. How is everyone holding up? It's an understatement to say that it's a difficult time, and unprecedented. Whether you watch the news or not, still have work to go to or not, have kids to school at home now, or not.... life has changed as we knew it only a few short weeks ago. Even as tensions rise, anxiety and bewilderment and fear can set in, there is I believe a feeling for many of us that we truly are in this together. This really has hit, and will affect, everyone. Not a single person around us will be completely untouched by the changed world... and that has brought a unity amongst us. Here in Blueridge, I've noticed more people outside. I've met neighbours I haven't ever met in 15 years. I've seen more families spending time together... even enjoying it! There's noticeably less traffic, and also less eyes glued to phones as people I pass on my neighbourhood walks are looking up, to see who might be around them :) Social Distancing is a term that will be forever etched in our brains. Keeping a distance has become second nature, as has caring and looking out for those around us who may be requiring some help. Generosity has come about as a result of ridiculous initial panic buying... volunteers are delivering groceries, meals, essential toiletries. A sense of "we are all in this together" does seem to be pervasive. It's going to be hard. The financial struggle for many is scary, with no real solution in sight. The demands of juggling kids and

working from home is exhausting. Grocery shopping has become a ridiculous sojourn into the frey. And everyone is scrubbing hands and sanitizing everything everywhere.

Be strong Blueridge. Smile at your neighbours. Recite a positive affirmation for yourself daily. Enjoy the sunshine when you can. Breathe. We will get through.... Put up your rainbow and your hearts. Be strong neighbours... Together, we go on.



It probably goes without saying that the following events have been CANCELLED:

****Our AGM on May 12****

****Dîner en Bleu on June 6****

****Blueridge Good Neighbour Day on June 14****

We had been preparing for all these events, and it saddens us that we won't be able to move forward with any of these at this time. Our primary concern is for the health and safety of attendees, and given the highly infectious nature of COVID-19, we feel it is necessary to use an abundance of caution. We encourage everyone in the community to maintain physical distancing until it is deemed safe by the health authorities to resume normal activities. We look forward to organizing these popular events next year. Should things improve drastically later in 2020 we may consider a scaled-down version of Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, or a different type of event to celebrate that everything is 'back to normal'. Of course, we are also counting on hosting our AGM in the fall.

Please keep up with our current news and ideas on our Facebook page, Instagram, or on the BCA's website (blueridgeca@org)

Blueridge Community Care Packages

SENDING LOVE
TO OUR LOCAL
HOSPITAL
WORKERS

info@blueridgeca.org



donate your items
or money today

Special thanks to local Artist, **Isobel Rennie** for the beautiful posters!



**The Blueridge Community Association invites
and urges YOU to help us with our latest
project!**

The ER room (about 150 staff) at the Lions Gate Hospital (LGH) needs to know that the community supports them fully in their battle against COVID-19

What: Giving a bag of thoughtful goodies for each staff member containing e.g.: a personal handwritten note, hand sanitizer, wrapped chocolate, candy, a recipe, soap, candles, a good luck charm, a joke, a book, a drawing, a beer, music.... anything that we think would let them know that we are all thinking about the team at the Lions Gate Hospital and cheering them on.

Deadline: April 20.

How: Donations will be collected and volunteers will prepare 150 bags that will be handed over to the LGH. Recipients include ER staff consisting of 80 RN/LPNs, 8 Respiratory therapists, 40 doctors, 10 housekeeping staff, 8 support staff.

How can YOU help us: donate goods or funds!

1) Residents or businesses can make a financial donation. Please donate towards the Blueridge Community Care Package by writing a cheque to the Blueridge Community Association (and mark it 'Blueridge Community Care Package') or cash – and let us know when we can send a volunteer to pick up your cheque or the cash. For e-transfers (not our preferred option), pls contact us for further details at: info@blueridgeca.org

Should you wish to support the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, please consider making a tax deductible donation separately from this project.

2) We probably all know companies that even in today's environment would be willing to help out with either donations or – even better – small gifts that we could use in our care packages.

Just imagine if one of you had a contact to a local chocolatier or a bakery or a brewery or a bookstore, where we could get some small, but nice treats for the ER staff!?!?

3) Most importantly: we need volunteers to help coordinate all these things. Examples are: pick up donations, write and sign cards for the LGH staff, buy the goodies, prepare the bags etc

Recognition: If we manage to put this together, we will list all the volunteers and everyone who donated more than \$10, on our Facebook page as well as the Blueridge Community Association's website.

Contact: Please contact us at: info@blueridgeca.org or on our

Facebook page

**LET'S USE BLUERIDGE & SEYMOUR HEIGHTS' IMAGINATION,
GENEROSITY AND MANY NETWORKS TO MAKE THIS A HUGE
MORALE-BOOSTER FOR OUR REAL-LIFE HEROES, THE LOCAL
HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS!**

**This project has been sanctioned by a senior member of the ER staff
at the Lions Gate Hospital.**

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR BLUERIDGE BUSINESSES!

**Ever wondered if there was a local baker? plumber?
gardener? Or maybe you own and operate a business in the
area and wish you could get more local business? We are
excited to announce that a local resident, Mahnaz
Fardghassemi suggested that we have a local-to-Blueridge
directory available on Facebook! Even more, she has done a
fantastic job of getting it up and running... Now it's easier to
support local!**

***"I have been part of Blueridge for about 4 years now and I have to
say that we fell in love with the friendliness and community feel that
exists here.***

***In today's world we have moved away from working and purchasing
from larger faceless companies to looking for businesses that have a
person with a dream and passion for what they do! I have been part
of this community for a few years, and I have come to realize what an
amazing community we have and how many home
based businesses exist in our area!"***

**Shopping local and supporting local is becoming of greater
importance today than ever before. It is for this reason that
we would like to create a directory of all
the businesses operating in Blueridge & Seymour Heights.**

**This directory will be on the Blueridge Community
Association's Facebook page under the 'Shop' tab, and will
be accessible for all to see and search
for businesses operating right here in Blueridge & Seymour**

Heights. The directory will be divided into business categories and will have one single image representing each business, a brief description of what they do and their contact details.

It needs to be noted that this directory's purpose is to provide the residents an online "Yellow Pages" of the businesses in our community only and does not have any preference, and we will not be conducting any due diligence regarding the businesses.

To register your business in our directory, please complete the below form to be registered into the directory. There are no costs to join the Blueridge Business Directory.

<https://tinyurl.com/BlueridgeBusiness>

***Please help us spread the word, and support local businesses!
Think globally, act locally.***



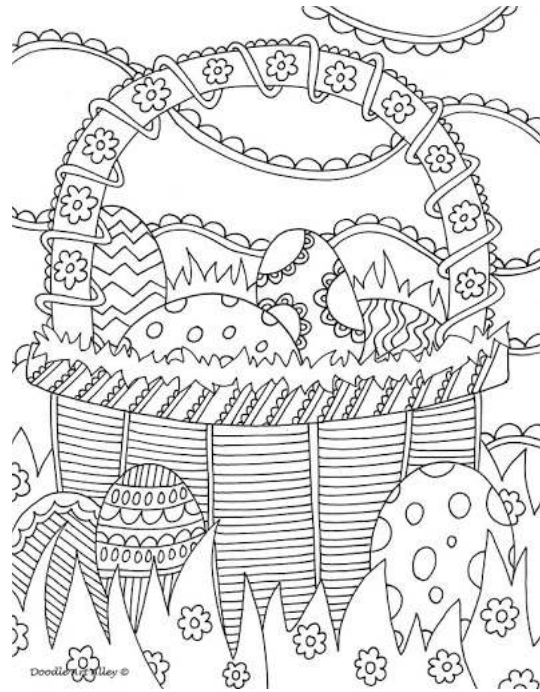
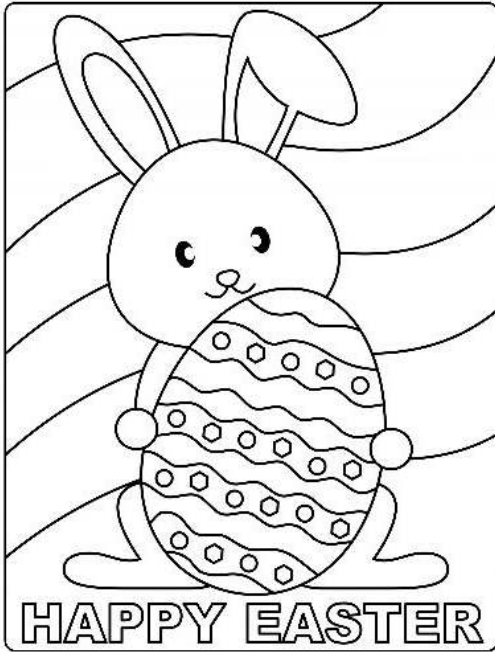
Colouring Contest!



Kids! It's a Colouring Contest!

We are super excited to announce a colouring contest for the kids complete with prizes to be won thanks to the generous donations of three local business!! There are two worksheets; one for the younger kids (ages 6 and down) and one with a bit more challenge for those ages 7 and up! Please print off full size, or if you need a printed copy email us at info@blueridgeca.org to arrange pick up. Contest will close on April 20 to allow the judges time to select a winner and runner up for each category. Open to all the kids! Please be sure to include your name, phone number, and age on each form submitted! Submissions should be dropped off; please email for address.

Good luck everyone! Images below!



Blueridge Community Scholarship

Once again we are awarding a \$500 scholarship to a student graduating from a North Vancouver High School. However, due to the closure of our schools, we may be unable to visit the participating schools to distribute the information. So here is an alternative way to apply.

*Applicants must be residents of Blueridge/Seymour Heights and be graduating from a North Vancouver high school.

*They must be planning to attend a post secondary program in B.C.

* They must have completed volunteer service in fields such as

- sports
- environmental protection
- seniors
- youth
- persons with disabilities

Students may apply for the scholarship by completing and submitting an application form, writing a detailed description of their service and why the candidate should be considered, in 250 words or less.

Application forms can be obtained on line at the Blueridge Community Association website. They must be returned to:

scholarship@blueridgeca.org

Deadline for application is April 30th, 2020

Any queries may be directed to:

Lesley Brooks 795 Browning Place N.V, 604 240 5493

or

Anni Danielson 2554 Byron Road N.V., 604 929 2807

NEED ASSISTANCE?

In light of recent Covid-19 developments, we have created a network to support our Local community.

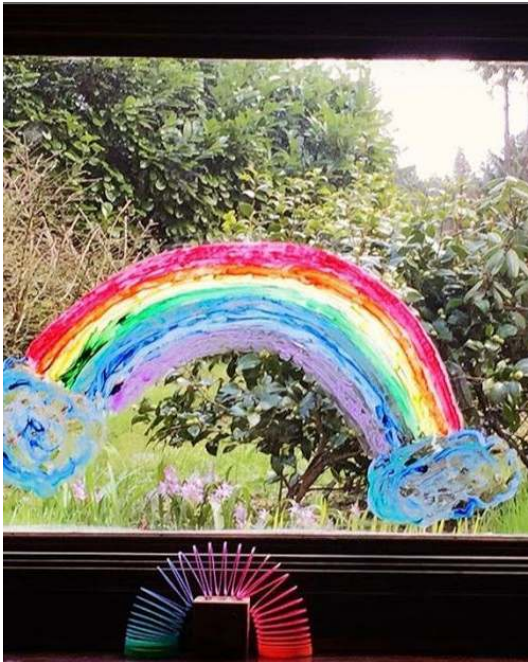
Volunteers are available to assist you and anyone you know of that may require assistance during this time.

Help spread the word!

Anyone that is most affected (seniors, disabled, anyone facing any challenge physically, emotionally, psychologically) needs our support!

If you require assistance or can volunteer, please email us at info@blueridgeca.org or call us at 778-242-3840 or at 604 929 6849 and we will happily coordinate you with a neighbour.

Find us on Facebook @ Blueridge Community Association and Blueridge Community Neighbours



Rainbows and Hearts, what's this about?!

Perhaps you've started to notice rainbows or hearts popping up in windows everywhere... and maybe you wonder what started it all?

Apparently, according to several news sources that I read a few weeks ago (see this [BBC article](#) and [the Guardian](#) for starters!), children in Italy started the rainbow art as a message of hope; "everything will be all right" is their motto. Soon it spread, and has become a way for kids (and adults) to not only share a message of resilience, hope, and unity, but also it has become a fun scavenger hunt for neighbourhood families to take part in!

Even google got on board, and has created a platform whereby you can "map" your rainbow... check out all the rainbows around the world! I'm extremely proud to say that thanks to one neighbour starting the map here in Blueridge, we were the first community to "be on the map" in the GVRD as of last week!!!! Are you on the map yet?

Check out the [link here](#)... and enter your address to see a rainbow added over your house!

Please, tell your neighbours, tell your friends... let's cover North Vancouver with this message of love and unity!



Finally... a community Facebook group for Blueridge where you can share and comment! We've created a page called Blueridge Community Association Neighbours with the intent that those living within the Blueridge boundary can share and connect directly ... see a lost dog? Please feel free to post it! Have free items on your curb? Post a photo! Want a partner to walk the trails with? Post there.

Please note that it's in the early stages so we appreciate your patience as any initial issues are smoothed out.... but we welcome everyone to join! Please sign up today, and spread the word!



Many ways to contact us! we'd love for you to drop us a line, give us a like, retweet our feeds, and follow as we post! We now are connected through email, instagram, facebook, and twitter! Find us at info@blueridgeca.org, on twitter @blueridgeCA, instagram at Blueridge_Community, and facebook under Blueridge Community Association!



Dave Maquignaz - Your Blueridge REALTOR

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Dedicated Blueridge Page: www.maQrealty.ca/blueridge

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February was a busy month in Blueridge with 4 homes selling. Check out my dedicated Blueridge page to view current Blueridge market statistics, homes currently on the market in Blueridge, and to learn about me and the services I provide.

Having Lived in Blueridge for over 20 years, is safe to say I love this neighbourhood. From incredible trails to exceptional schools, from great neighbours to it's proximity to Downtown and the water...Blueridge is the perfect place to live.

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