



Mid July Bulletin!

Hello neighbours! Dare we believe that Summer weather has Started?
I'm sure I could hear the chorus of cheers when homeschool ended!
It's not only coming out of a pandemic that has made this July odd;
where is summer weather?! Perhaps however it's not a bad thing to
have a bit of a wetter July than normal; the risk of wildfires is
considerably less, and perhaps the wet weather will keep too many
people from excitedly forgetting to maintain safety in gathering in
numbers.

Let's continue to look out for one another, be neighbourly, and
remember we are all in similar situations striving to find a new way
forward. Exercise caution in the days ahead; we must listen to our
authorities and not get too eager to get up close and personal with a
million people... We don't want a repeat occurrence of the same or
worse Covid-isolation situation! We have a great community - Let's
keep Blueridge safe and connected!

**Fantastic Poem written by Britt
MacKinnon, sourced from "The Star"**

I have no hope or control.
Nobody can convince me that
I still have a future.
I recognize that
I am safe and loved
But
I am overwhelmed by fear
This situation dictates my daily well-being. I
refuse to believe that
There is a bright future ahead.
Our world is disrupted.
No longer do I feel that
We have support and help from our leaders.
During self-isolation.
I am reminiscing and dreaming.
Now I cherish the good old days.
My way of life
Changing
Because of COVID-19
(Now read it from bottom to top)



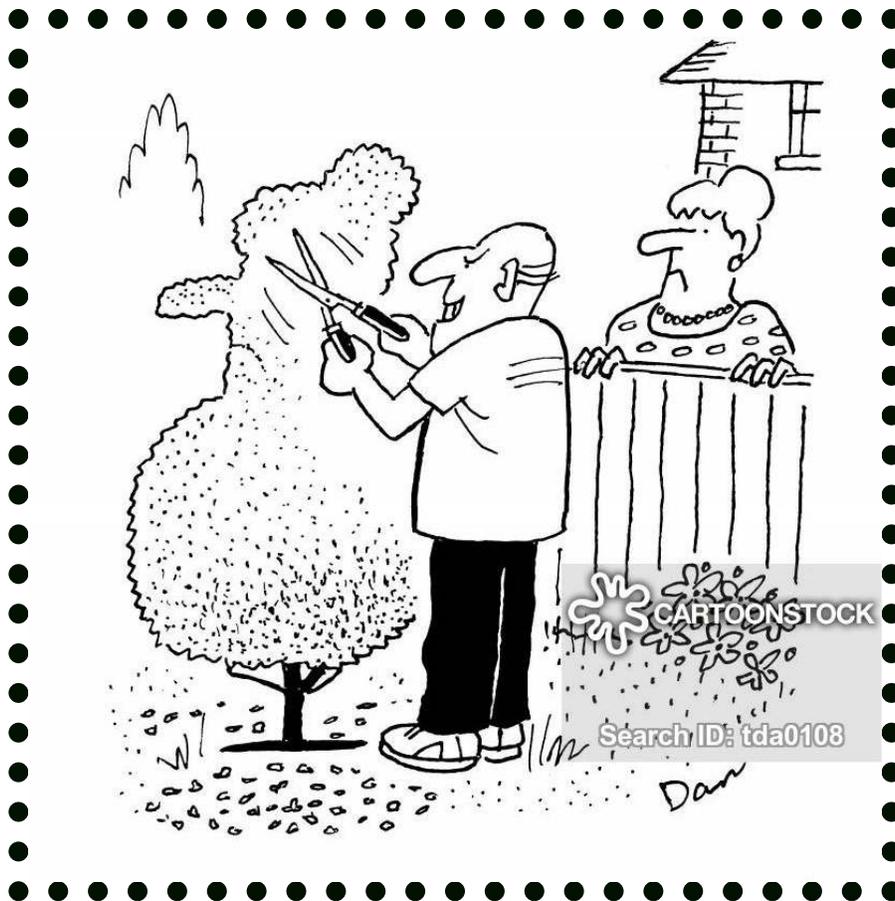
Cloudy Creek, Gross!

submitted by Kate Branch

On Monday June 29th, a slug of contaminated water made its way down Blueridge Creek. The attached photo is from the spot in the creek where it crosses Byron, but a quick walk up the creek indicated that the input of the "spill" was from higher in the neighbourhood. This is a quick reminder that the roadway catchbasins and grates in our neighbourhood flow to either Blueridge Creek or Trillium Creek which then outflow to Burrard Inlet. No treatment occurs along the route, so anything put into the storm system can directly harm our

creeks, rivers and oceans. I'm hoping this post reminds people to find alternate ways to wash out your paint, concrete mixing pails, etc. The recyclebc.ca website can provide some options.

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Haircuts for Hedges!

**Save \$\$\$\$ on tree trimming and hedge cutting through
Project Community!**

After having successfully completed the cleaning of fireplaces, furnaces, heat pumps, vents, gutters and also chimneys for interested parties in Blueridge & Seymour

Heights over the last 12 months, we will now be offering tree-cutting and hedge-trimming in early June.

The BCA is joining forces with Take A Bough Tree Care, which is a family owned and operated tree service company based in North Vancouver.

The company is prepared to give participants in this program a 10% discount, however, in addition to this, Take a Bough ***has agreed to also donate 5% to the LGH's North Shore COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund!***

They introduced themselves as follows:

"We work with maximum care and respect for nature.

We aim to protect our environment by prioritizing recycling. We transform most of our trimmed branches into fresh organic wood chips which are used in residential garden beds and in most city parks here on the North Shore. We cut large slabs of wood from removed trees for those customers who choose to repurpose it into a beautiful piece of furniture for their homes.

Each of our crew members is fully insured (WCB, Commercial insurance) to carry out all work with peace of mind for you.

Our team is trained in the latest arborist techniques, and furnished with state-of-the-art equipment to ensure that your tree work is carried out to the highest standard, quickly, and with maximum safety."

Services include (but are not limited to):

- hedge trimming
- tree removal
- tree pruning
- crown reduction
- spiral pruning
- 24/7 emergency tree service
- tree planting
- stump grinding/ cutting
- animal rescue
- storm damage clean up
- free wood chips and slabs
- hedge maintenance

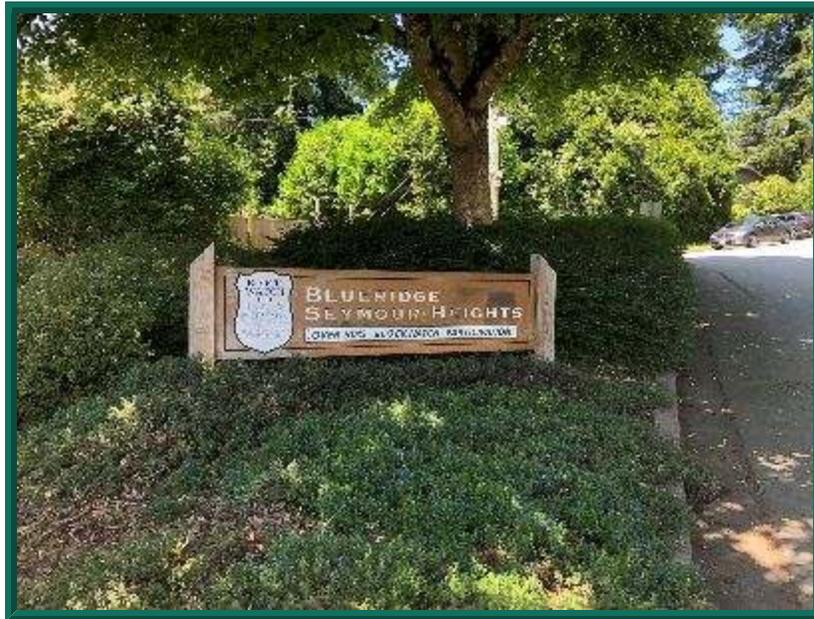
If you have any questions and/or inquiries regarding this information, or if you wish to have your trees cut or hedge trimmed, please contact us at: **info@blueridgeca.org**
We hope to see good participation also in this project.



Housing needed! Do you have a house large basement suite to rent, even temporarily?
Family of five searching for a 4 bedroom home in the Blueridge/Seymour heights area asap. Relocating To Vancouver from the UK in August, and will be quarrentining as per all protocols for the first two

weeks.

"Previous homeowners ourselves, we are respectful, honest, and hardworking. Dad is a minister/life coach and mom works in the non-profit sector. Kids are ages 10, 8 & 6. We are searching for 3/4 bedroom rental home with long term lease (min 1 year). Great references available on request. We look forward to hearing from you!" Please contact us directly: jpienaar77@gmail.com



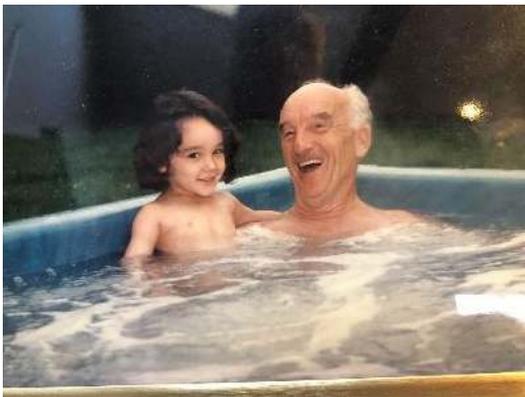
***A Bit of Blueridge History
by Don Lees***

At the foot of Berkley Road and Mount Seymour Parkway you will see a sign welcoming everyone to Blueridge. On the top right corner of the sign there is a small brass plaque recognizing George Lees, one on Blueridge's first homeowners and the area's block watch area coordinator. George came to Blueridge in August 1963 from Fernie via Kitimat when he was transferred to Vancouver by British American Oil (now Petro Can) to work as a marketing manager and later as a distribution manager. He was attracted to the new Blueridge community and bought a house on Hayseed Close, where he raised his two sons with his wife, Shirley. Despite being a new suburban community, Berkley was a dirt road full with a charming rural feel. Similarly,

Deep Cove, was mostly a cottage community at the time, speckled with cottages.

George officially retired in 1981 and not long after, worked for three years under contract for the Provincial Environmental Minister, promoting natural gas vehicles by creating supporting infrastructure and marketing. In 1986, George retired again and devoted his energy toward the community, specifically neighbourhood block watch. Under his guidance, George was proud to say Blueridge had the highest participation of any neighbourhood in the surrounding area. He brought the community together through block watch parties where people had the opportunity to connect with each other and create a vibrant and inclusive community. George predeceased his wife in 1997, leaving behind a stronger community. Although Blueridge and much of North Vancouver look different today, the fundamental community feel that George worked so hard to create is still evident in the way neighbours engage and connect with each other.

(Image on left: picture with George and his Granddaughter Tamara who now has a Master's degree in English from McGill. Left photo is the plaque found on the sign at the bottom of Berkley)





Solar panels Update?

-Eric Andersen

As a firm believer that we should all do what we can in our fight against climate change, I decided that the time had come for us to get solar panels on our house. We are among the first homes in Blueridge & Seymour Heights to install solar panels on our roof in order to generate our own electricity.

The way it works is that we are part of BC Hydro's Net Metering Program which allows BC Hydro residential customers to connect a small electricity generating unit, like solar panels, to its distribution system.

When a Net Metering customer generates more electricity than they consume, they receive a credit to their account that is applied against their future consumption.

The start has been good, as the sun has been out a fair amount since our system was hooked up in the middle of April, but knowing the North Vancouver weather, we expect, of course, to have days with far less power generation.

Many local residents have asked us questions about the solar panels, so our intention is to host an information session (as we did last summer) later in the year, when the COVID-19 restrictions will hopefully have been lifted, so we can have interested neighbours over to ask questions and find out more about solar panels. Our service provider will, of course, be available that night to answer any and all of your questions.

If you are interested in joining us for this solar panel Q&A session hopefully later this summer, or if you already have solar panels on your roof in Blueridge (I would love to

talk with you!), please contact us at: info@blueridgeca.org

BUY AND SELL, BLUERIDGE BUSINESSES, and 'SITTERS UPDATE!!

Did you know we have a **business listing section** on our facebook page? If you didn't know, now you do! More updates coming soon... but if you are a business operating within Blueridge, let us know and you too could have a free business listing! Email us at info@blueridgeca.org for details!

We also will soon be extending our babysitter, housesitter, and pet sitter section on our website to facebook... stay tuned, and be sure to check it [here](#) if you're looking for some help this summer!!

And Buy and Sell section coming. stay tuned!

Ideas and suggestions welcome! Contact us either on facebook or through email at info@blueridgeca.org



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A portrait of Jane Thornthwaite, a woman with blonde hair, smiling. To her right is a background image of a mountain range. The text 'Jane Thornthwaite MLA North Vancouver - Seymour' is overlaid on the right side. Below the text are social media icons and links for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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A landscape photograph of a snow-capped mountain range reflected in a lake, serving as the background for the text. The text is in white, bold font on a dark blue background.



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