

# welcome AUGUST



Happy August!

It's a great day to live in Blueridge. These past couple months I have met so many people who are so excited and grateful for this neighbourhood we choose to call home. What a wonderful thing to feel safe in, and to love the area in which we live! From the Mountains all around to the Oceans down below, we really have such a gorgeous place to spend summer too... even if it does mean staying closer to our homeland for many of us. Many activities and festivals and events look different this year (**Drive through PNE** anyone? Or check out the physically distanced **Mural festival!**) Some new events are the same, just slightly modified such as the classic waterslides at **Cultus Lake** or

the **flower fest in Yarrow**, and some activities are completely new such as **booking for the backcountry** or being able to **BYOB in a local park**.

Whatever you do this Summer, as Dr Henry says please stay safe, stay calm, and always always ALWAYS, be kind.



Blueridge Creek Cleanup!

Local Resident Susanne has suggested a clean up in September of Blueridge Creek. Often taking her girls there, she's disheartened by the broken glass and debris and suggested a clean up date in September before the rain starts.

Details will be provided by our coordinator, Susanne Mueller, in the September issue of the Blueridge Bulletin.

Get ready to remove broken glass and garbage in and around Blueridge creek.... volunteers needed! Date suggested is Sept 19 in the AM; if you are interested in pitching in, please email us at [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org) and we can connect you with Susanne.





**Two bears already destroyed... will this be another?**

"Over the past few weeks I have been woken twice by a bear getting into the neighbours garbage that was put out the night before, or sitting near their house with some garbage in it. Once at 4 am once at 5 am. As much as I like to see the bear, I am concerned the bear will become habituated to getting garbage from our street and

eventually have to be destroyed. That would be so sad since it can be avoided by people keeping their garbage indoors until the morning of garbage day. A bear from the Deep Cove area, Huckleberry, was destroyed recently for the same reason. I am also not sure what a bear would do if someone encountered it as they were bringing their garbage out just after 5. I think it is worth a reminder for people not to put their garbage out before 5 or even closer to 7:30 if they can? Last week I tried to make noise from my garage, but the bear did not move.

I did not make formal reports on either bear sightings because I didn't want to get the bear or the neighbours in trouble" - submitted by a local resident.

PLEASE KEEP GARBAGE LOCKED! Remember your recycling also attracts bears, as does the delicious fruit trees out front. Be mindful and keep your distance... let's do our part to be responsible stewards and keep our wildlife WILD!

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## SAVE MONEY WITH SOLAR PANELS!

### **Solar panels anyone? - submitted by 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 we have had a lot of sun, since our system was hooked up in the middle of April!

Quite a few local residents have asked us questions about the solar panels, so our intention is to host an information session (as we did last summer) this month, so we

can have interested neighbours over to ask questions and find out more about solar panels. Ms. Jennifer Johnson, a former Blueridge resident and owner of our service provider, Solar Connect Company, will be available that day to answer any and all of your questions.

In view of COVID-19 we would like to keep our meeting outside on our sundeck to respect social distancing, so we will suggest Saturday, August 15, at 3 PM. Should it be raining that day, we will move it to Wednesday, August 19, at 7 PM – again trying to host it outside. No food will be offered due to COVID-19, but we will have beverages for everyone.

If you are interested in joining us for this solar panel Q&A session, please contact us as soon as possible at: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)



LET'S HEAR IT.

### ***We want to hear from you!***

Our fall hard-copy newsletter will have a deadline for submission on Thursday, October 1, and we ***would love to see articles*** from more local residents. Please don't hesitate to **write an article** about something you really like or dislike or that you find is missing in our area. Tell us what makes this place so special for you, or what could be done to make it even better.

Let us know what has moved you or what you have enjoyed in Blueridge/Seymour Heights during COVID-19, or what you wish we could have here.

The Blueridge Community Association newsletter will only be as good as what our readers contribute with. Our newsletter belongs to all of us, so please write anything you want that is related to Blueridge & Seymour Heights.

The more articles we get from YOU, the better our newsletter will be.

For submission of articles please send these to our editor at: [newsletter@blueridgeca.org](mailto:newsletter@blueridgeca.org)

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Want to help? Interested in ways to help out in the neighbourhood?

What we would also like is if more people would be prepared to **help out with the distribution of the newsletter** after it has been printed. We have been fortunate so far that we have found sufficient volunteers to cover our 26 routes (about 60 homes each), but some of our volunteers have been doing this for more than 20 years(!!!), so getting some additional and younger help would be wonderful.

Therefore, if you are prepared to help out once in a while with this task, please let us know by contacting us at: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)

The newsletter is published three times a year, there are usually two issues in the spring and one in the fall.

## ***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](mailto: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 is now live on facebook as well - check out the BCA facebook page for the pinned post where you can search for, or post items to sell off!

Ideas and suggestions welcome! Contact us either on facebook or through email at [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)

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If you or your company are interested in advertizing in the Blueridge Bulletin, please contact us at: **[info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)**



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