

All the news from the neighbourhoods of Blueridge
and Seymour Heights in the DNV

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September~!

WAIT! Can you hear it? The wind!

Spetember is in full swing. I hope you had a terrific long weekend and are ready (masks and sanitizer in hand!) for whatever fall and the new school season brings us!

Seems like yesterday that it was March and we were all familiarizing ourselves with the word "covid-19" and "coronavirus". 6 months later, it's become part of our daily lives... wearing masks, washing hands more, keeping a distance... are handshakes a thing of the past?! Much has changed so far and yet much stays the same... Life keeps on going!

This is a loaded bulletin as we prepare for the fall - news on the very sad and recent bear situation, new residents looking for a 2 bedroom in Blueridge, creek cleanups, safety on our local roads, and more.

As school goes back in session this week, and the days are once again becoming shorter, PLEASE remind yourselves to drive with more caution... keep our pedestrians and our bikers safe... and if you're walking, biking, 'blading, hoverboarding(!) PLEASE watch out for cars... be responsible users of our roads and keep an eye out for each other!

HOME NEEDED!

A couple who are both nurses at Lions Gate Hosp are seeking a 2 bedroom rental in the Seymour area - budget is \$1,200 - 1,600. If you have a lead, please contact Mrs Bette Copland at 604 926 3353



Blueridge Creek Cleanup!

Blueridge Creek Clean-up

Saturday Sept 19 @ 10-11am

Ever since my family moved to Blueridge 5 years ago, I've been taking my little girls to the Blueridge Creek. It was a great way to pass the time, explore, pick berries, and compete in high-level stick racing. I was, however, always bummed to see garbage - broken glass, candy wrappers, cans, etc. scattered throughout the area. All of which might one day flow into the ocean to get scooped up by hungry fish, birds and other animals.

With everything going on in the world, and the state of our environment globally, it can feel like cleaning a small creek won't make a difference. But it's actually these acts of care, kindness, and community support that contribute to a better world. Helping not only kids, but also ourselves, learn to take care of nature and our creek will create ripple effects that can last lifetimes and generations.

Also, coincidentally it is World River Day on Sept 27. I was not aware of this when the Blueridge Creek clean up date was set. Perhaps next year we will coordinate it to line up with the actual date of this event.

Lastly, if anyone lives closer to McCartney Creek and would prefer to focus there, great!

If you would like to participate please email me at sus.mueller@gmail.com. I will be in touch with further details.

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Annual General Meeting.... Zoom Zoom!

The Blueridge Community Association's board agreed to TENTATIVELY host our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, at 7 PM, but due to COVID-19 we decided to have the meeting via Zoom.

Please pencil in this date for now, and we will confirm in both the Blueridge Bulletin next month and in our hard-copy newsletter.

Stay tuned!

FREE!

Blueridge Free and Garage Sale days!

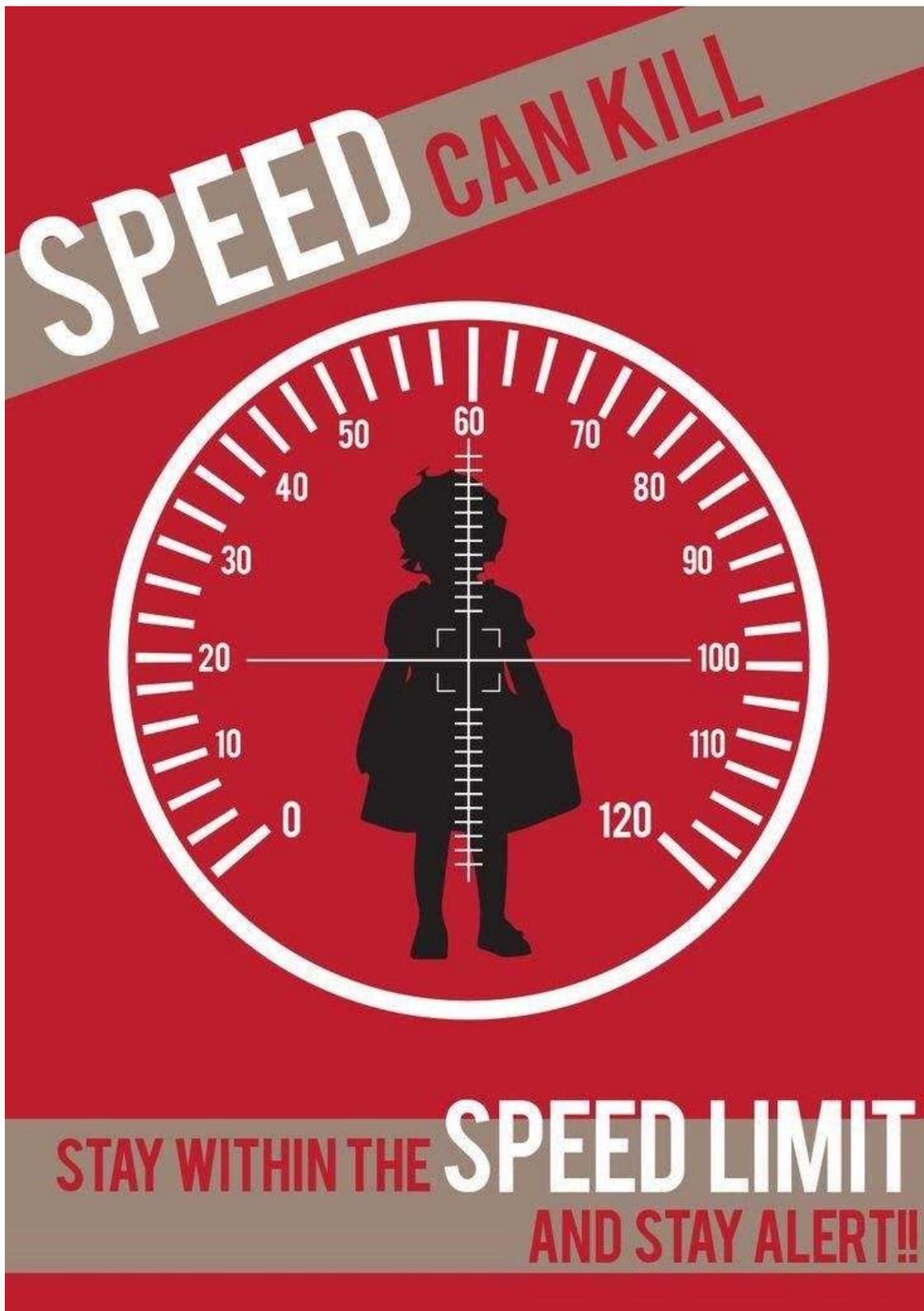
Do you have a bunch of stuff you want to get rid of? Kate, a local Blueridge resident and (recent scholarship recipient!) pointed out that there are many residents putting out items for "free", and so we have decided to designate a day to FREE and Garage Sale Day!

When: Sunday, Sept 27!

Put out your stuff for free curbside!

A post will be available on Facebook - Blueridge Community Neighbours Group (have you signed up yet!?) to list your street/address IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO in the comments

If you choose to set up a garage sale, please remember physical distancing measures, and wear a mask when attending!



Traffic

After having noted a number of reactions on Facebook after a recent near miss on Berkley, we felt that perhaps the time may have come to reactivate our traffic committee, which existed some years ago.

The committee would discuss local traffic problems such as speeding, parking, possible temporary parking restrictions, and other vehicle-related issues in Blueridge & Seymour Heights, and make recommendations.

In view of COVID, the committee would initially meet via Zoom and possibly outside at problem sites (weather permitting).

Should you be interested in joining this BCA committee, please contact us at: info@blueridgeca.org



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

The Power of the Sun; SOLAR PANELS!

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 another information session this month (as we already did in August), so we can have interested neighbours over to ask questions and find out more about solar panels.

Mrs. 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 solar panel 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, September 19, at 3 PM, for the information session.

If you are interested in joining us for this solar panel Q&A session, please contact us at: info@blueridgeca.org



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

***Urgent message from Owl Watch BC in partnership
with North Shore Black Bear Society***

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A black bear in the Blueridge area is suspected to have consumed a large quantity of highly toxic, anti-coagulant rodenticides (rat poison) when a 5 gallon bucket of commercial grade rat poison was left open and available to wildlife and pets overnight on Tuesday August 25th in

Blueridge. It is imperative that nearby residents of Lynnmour, Seymour, Windridge and Dollarton are also aware of this incident in case a sick bear wanders into your area, or you see it on the trails.

Death by rat poison is an agonizing process. It can take up to 30 days post ingestion for death to occur for large animals. After ingestion, *the poison* absorbs into the liver and interferes with clotting factors. Eventually the blood ceases to clot and permeates the artery walls. The animal dies of multiple causes related to blood loss. Please watch for sick or dead wildlife or domestic pets in Blueridge. If you see sick or dead wildlife please report it. (contacts below) If your dog or cat has frequent unexplained vomiting or diarrhea, blood in stool or urine take it to the vet immediately. It may have been exposed to rodenticide.

The truth is, rodenticides are killing our precious owls, raptors and other wildlife. If you use rodenticide to eliminate rats, change to eco-friendly alternatives such as [Humane Solutions](#) click here. For further information please see Owl Watch Fact Sheet here: [Fact Sheet Folder](#)

The strong possibility that a black bear accessed rodenticide is a tragic example of how ineffective Provincial risk mitigations are for a toxic regulated poison. When only licensed Pest Company Operators are permitted to use rodenticides, then how did a 5 gallon bucket end up adjacent to one of the most active wildlife corridors on the North Shore near McCartney Creek Park? This proves that current legislation does nothing to protect the treasured wildlife in our nature abundant community.

What to do if you find a sick or dead bear:

Call the North Shore Black Bear Society (604) 317-4911

What to do if you find a dead raptor: (Owl or Hawk) Report it by calling the BC Government reporting Hotline 1-866-431-BIRD (2473) Place it in a plastic bag, put it in your freezer, you can also email members of our campaign at owlwatchbc@gmail.com

What to do if you find a sick owl or raptor: Call OWL Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society: (604) 946-3171. They will quickly come and pick it up.

What to do if you find a sick or injured animal: Call Critter Care (604) 530-2064

Thank you on behalf of Owl Watch BC Coalition

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Owl Watch B.C Coalition .

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More information on this sad situation, as well as another article by [Friends of Kings](#) Community Nature Space will be made available on our [facebook](#) page: <https://www.facebook.com/blueridgecommunity>



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Consider advertising in the Blueridge Bulletin (which is the monthly e-newsletter that you are currently reading). We now have three parties, who kindly signed up to advertise for a 12-months period each (See below!). Our latest updated stats from our service provider, Mailchimp, show that the Blueridge Bulletin is now reaching 590 residents who are subscribing to our newsletter and the audience keeps growing steadily. As indicated at the bottom of this e-mail our costs are \$30 per month, or \$250 for 12 consecutive issues. This revenue is used to defray some of our costs (such as signage, webpage, our yearly scholarship etc). If you or your company are interested in advertising in the Blueridge Bulletin, please contact us at: info@blueridgeca.org

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