

News from the neighbourhoods of Blueridge and
Seymour Heights in the DNV

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Good Day Good Neighbours! February has quickly come upon us! This is a busy bulletin so we shall get right to it! Scroll down for news on the Sharing Garden, an update on a new memorial plaque for the new Seymour river bridge, how to volunteer for our annual Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, and much more!!



We were fortunate to be able to have Peter Haigh of the **North Shore Rescue** come and speak at the last BCA meeting early January. In light of the recent **record breaking number** of rescues for 2018, we thought it would be a great idea to learn a bit more about the North Shore Rescue team, how they operate, and how we can avoid getting lost as well as help educate unprepared trail users we may encounter on the trails! It was certainly an informative evening and very fascinating... I had no idea climbing in and out of a hovering helicopter required so much skill! Be sure to check out their swish new website, which is full of interesting facts as well as important updates and information. We all have heard about the so called "**10 essentials**" - **but do you carry any of them?** Peter suggested that if we carry nothing else, ensure you carry a good light and whistle every time you venture into the woods. Phone lights die fast and voices become hoarse... a whistle might just save your (or someone else's!) life!



Could Rapid Transit Actually Work in North Vancouver???

Professor Stephan Nieweler of SFU will be presenting his case to connect the Skytrain network to the North Shore to DNV Council at an evening workshop on ***Feb 4***. For more information on his findings, check out the published article from the [North Shore News](#) story dated Oct 2018. In addition, the Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project will also be presenting at the DNV Council Workshop. **All are invited to attend his presentation on Monday, February 4th, at 5:00PM.** The meeting is held at the District of North Vancouver Hall (Committee Room) [355 W Queens Rd, North Vancouver, BC V7N 4N5](#)

This meeting is open to the public, so please forward this information on to anyone who might be interested!



OMG – there is plastic in my teabags!

Submitted by Barbara Rennie

If you are among those of us who are trying to reduce the amount of plastics we put into the environment, you might want to know this: innocent looking regular teabags contain microplastic fibres. At our house we've been using mostly loose tea to reduce the packaging we buy, but there is one brand of tea I love and I treated myself to tea bags. Now I'm bummed out, because I don't want to put the plastic-containing tea bags into the organics and eventually into the soil, so every time I use one I empty the tea into the compost and put the bag in the garbage. If you care about plastic contamination and want to know about the brand you use, contact the maker and they can tell you. The link with further information can be found **here**.



We want your submissions! Let your voice be heard! Our next Blueridge Newsletter goes out in March, and **we need articles**! This is the hard copy newsletter that is delivered to your door 3 times a year. The deadline is Saturday, February 16, and any submissions should be sent to newsletter@blueridgeca.org



HELP NEEDED!
Volunteers Needed for Blueridge Good Neighbour Day!!!!

Every year in June our community hosts the most amazing day for our amazing community. This year's event will be on June 2. We will have bouncy castles and pony rides, cake walks, food trucks, beer garden and music, prizes, raffles, and much much more! This event is not to be missed, but we are in desperate need of some new volunteers!! We have many many different positions to help out with; behind the scenes planning such as coordinating food, rides, sponsors, cake makers, master spreadsheet gurus, etc, or day of volunteering such as manning the cake walk or helping direct parking. If you are interested in getting more involved in our community, now is your chance! Contact us for more information at info@blueridgeca.org. We have a great deal of fun at our planning meetings and wrap up party, and we'd love your help! We look forward to hearing from you!



Do you like gardening? Would you like to have your own veggie patch but don't have the space? Would you enjoy growing a garden and giving back to projects like Harvest House? Blueridge Sharing Garden may be the answer just for you! We are currently accepting applications for 2019. For more information please email garden@blueridgeca.org

General Rules and Regulations

Blueridge Sharing Garden

1. This is an organic garden, employing sustainable gardening practices.
2. Plots are leased for a one year term that runs from April 15 to March 31.
3. Pick your produce when it is ripe, and consider donating any surplus.
4. Pressure treated wood is not to be used in the garden.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a resident of the District of North Vancouver. We will also accept applications from groups and organizations based in the Blueridge and Seymour Heights area. Preference will be given to previous Sharing Garden volunteers and community gardeners and those who live in the Blueridge and Seymour Heights neighbourhoods.

Allotment

One garden plot is allocated 'as is' per household or group and includes access to water and common space in the garden, including the tool shed.

Process

- notification of available plots is made by the Blueridge Sharing Garden

Steering

Committee.

- application deadline is February 28, 2019.
- gardeners will be notified and payment (\$20) is due by March 15, 2019. If fees are not received by this date the plot will be re-assigned.
- the Garden Steering Committee must be notified within 7 days if the plot will be accepted, otherwise it will be offered to the next person on the wait list
- payment of \$20 for the garden season is to be made by cash or cheque
- cheques are to be made out to "Blueridge Community Association"



Local resident and active community resident Brian Gardner recently contacted Metro Vancouver to find out about having a new plaque erected at the location

of the old Twin Bridge, and he received a very positive response! Brian shared with us at our recent Blueridge Community Associating meeting that Metro Vancouver is indeed planning to replace and erect a memorial down at the Seymour River rockslide/bridge area. We will share more details as they are made available. Thanks Brian for reaching out to Metro Vancouver and for your great idea!



Would you like to advertise your business in our Blueridge Bulletin? For *only \$30 per month* or \$250 for 12 consecutive issues, you can reach upwards of 500 local neighbors through our Blueridge Bulletin! The Bulletin goes out at the beginning of each month over email. Email us your request at info@blueridgeca.org



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