



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

We hope you had time with your loved ones and friends over the holiday period in December and January! Back to work and normal routines, and time to hit the gyms and the slopes for many of us after sampling all those holiday delights!

There are several items to bring to your attention this month, including a community survey, updates on a local coffee shop, district planning info, as well as a video of a well loved neighborhood train!

In closing we leave you with this classic poem "In Memoriam" by Alfred Lord Tennyson:

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

*Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.*

*Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.*

*Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.*

*Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.*

*Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.*

*Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

## **Survey Alert!**

**We have decided that our BCA regular meetings need to have a complete overhaul, and would like your opinion on the format, content, and time for creating a new meeting model going forward! Please take 2 minutes to complete this survey and be sure to give us your input!**

## Update on the United Strangers Coffee

The excitement was amazing in our community when we distributed our fall newsletter with the wonderful news about the former corner store on Emerson being born again as a community coffee house. Everyone has been talking about it, and so many members of our community are dying to hang out at the coffee shop with their friends and neighbours.

Unfortunately it would appear that we will have to be patient, very patient.

The young couple, Joe and Christine Reid, who have leased the place, have run into some bureaucratic hurdles and the opening of the café will not be till... well, sometime in 2020.

They have now submitted a floor plan after meetings with DNV staff, the permits should be processed, and if all goes well they should start construction in March. This follows other meetings with DNV staff.

In the meantime: stay tuned, cross your fingers that this will go smoothly, and continue dreaming of that cup of coffee and baked treats that you will hopefully soon be able to enjoy right here in Blueridge!



*Submissions for the Spring Blueridge Newsletter (the paper copy delivered to your home!) are*

*currently being accepted until Feb 29. Please email [newsletter@blueridgeca.org](mailto:newsletter@blueridgeca.org) with your submissions!*



**Our friends at Cool North Shore are prepared to come back to Blueridge/Seymour Heights if anyone is interested in having thermal imaging done to their house.**

**The program is free, but due to the high costs of the equipment, donations between \$30 and \$50 are suggested.**

**This will probably be done on a Saturday at the end of January or early February, if there is sufficient interest (a handful of participants).**

**Please contact us at [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org) in case you are interested in this!! You can read more about their [program for Cool Neighbourhoods here!](#)**



**There could be many reasons that a dog is on a leash in an off-leash park or area (such as the forests near Blueridge). It could be a new dog, that the owners do not feel is ready to be off the leash, it could be a dog that takes off in the wilderness and doesn't respond when called back, or it could be a dog that may have issues with some other dogs.**

**The District of North Vancouver's bylaw 5981 is rather clear about dogs in off-leash areas (also applicable in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve): Dogs ARE ALLOWED throughout North Vancouver on all thoroughfares and in certain parks, provided they are on leash or, in some cases, off leash, if under control of a competent person.**

**So... if you see any leashed dogs in the forests, take a brief moment to consider that the owners have their dogs leashed for a valid reason. Both the owner of the leashed dog and the dog itself would probably prefer to be running off-leash, like yours, but can't. You may not understand the reason as you have never had a dog with a behavioural problem that needs fixing, but just like humans, dogs also come with faults, some are bigger than others.**

**Remember that these owners walking their leashed dogs are being responsible, by not only keeping their own dog controlled, but keeping yours safe as well. Help them by being respectful of their responsible choices. Be a good human as well as a responsible dog owner by showing kindness rather than ignoring their particular circumstances.**



City Planning. Not exactly riveting reading, but perhaps a necessary and useful concept to understand when it comes to our local community! If you're like me and your eyes glaze over at terms such as "DNV Official Community Plan", the district [webpage](#) sums it up as a guide to planning, and decision making, about the future of our community.

Planning What you may ask? Housing, Transportation, Climate Emergency, and Lands are four key areas examined in detail.

The DNV anticipates the targeted review will take up to 12 months to complete.

Public engagement — Fall 2019

Develop concise reports on key topics — Spring 2020

Host focus groups to discuss findings — Spring 2020

Create final report with action plan — Fall 2020

You may find the following link useful:

<https://www.dnv.org/property-development/official-community-plan-targeted-review>



*Wow, was that suggestion about a dog park ever a good one! (Thanks Spruce!!) There was lots of interest. We received lots of comments and over 100 residents filled in the survey that we had included in an earlier Blueridge Bulletin and in our hard-copy newsletter.*

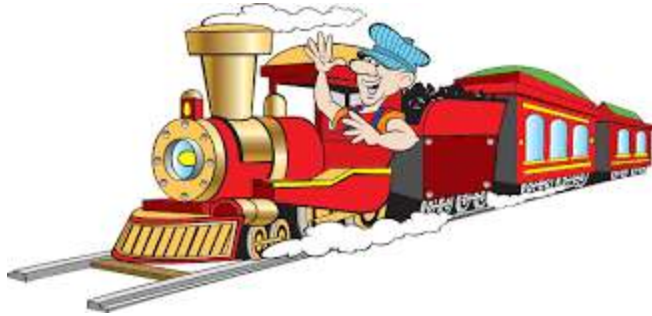
*Perhaps not surprisingly the majority were in favour of a dog park, but the concept of having a dog park in Blueridge would also be part of our community building efforts.*

*All input received, including the survey, has been submitted to the*

*DNV's Parks Department.*

*We expect that they will want to follow up with a thorough public consultation, so everyone (for and against a dog park) will have a chance to be heard.*

*Thank you to everyone that took the time to email and or fill out the survey! We will, of course, keep you all posted!*



**Are you an adept coordinator? Are you a superstar at organizing and leading? Do you like kids carnivals, BBQ's, parades, and getting to know new people?**

**The Blueridge Good Neighbour Day planning committee will be looking for a kids' carnival coordinator for our big event in June! One of our two committee members, who has been looking after the kids' carnival, has decided to step down after many years on the committee. We are now looking for a local resident to take over from her. The work includes attending monthly meetings leading up to the event (starting in late January) and help planning and coordinating the various activities for the kids' carnival.**

**If interested, please contact us at: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org) Have questions? Unsure? Ask away!**



## ***Hire a neighbour!***

Babysitters, Housesitters, Petsitters, Unite! Did you know we have our very own community babysitting board? Visit our Blueridge **Sitter Directory** and select from the list of candidates for your next childcare/petcare/homecare needs! If you'd like to have your name added to our list, or even removed, you can email us at [sitter@blueridgeca.org](mailto:sitter@blueridgeca.org). Please note that The Blueridge Community Association is providing this babysitter directory as a service for Blueridge Residents only. We have not "vetted" the information provided by the babysitters.

Every December Blueridge is treated to this delightful **christams train**. Thank you neighbour Brian for all the joy it brings, year after year!



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