



Hello Blueridge!

September! How did that happen? School is back, vaccine passports are a thing, holidays were had, and the autumn routines have definitely set in.

We will be hosting our first ever BCA annual general meeting this Tuesday, Sept 14 at 7pm at United Strangers Corner Store tmmw night!

It's very exciting to finally be able to meet in person again, and we are privileged to meet at our lovely little neighbourhood shop! Details below. We will also be doing a local creek clean up organized again this year by resident Susanne Mueller - save the date for Sept 26. And as always, we are always looking to hear from you! Do you have an idea or article to submit? Please drop us a line at bulletin@blueridgeca.org with your comments today!

Meet us at United Strangers!!!

The BCA's Annual General Meeting will take place on **TUESDAY,**
SEPTEMBER 14 @ 7 PM.

This year we have decided to change things a bit after COVID,
and we will be hosting the meeting at everyone's favourite
coffee shop, United Strangers Coffee!
If you have never been there before (**2740 Mount Seymour
Parkway** – off Emerson), come and see this local shop for
yourself!

Space will be limited, and due to Covid restrictions the meeting will also be
accessible via Zoom:

[https://us06web.zoom.us
/j/85945849165?pwd=OExZLzJqV2xRZ09JWDIvWWdwSWRzUT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85945849165?pwd=OExZLzJqV2xRZ09JWDIvWWdwSWRzUT09)

Meeting ID: 859 4584 9165 • Passcode: 567137

**Your first drink will be on the BCA! Don't miss it... we
hope to see you there!**

Creek Clean Up in Blueridge!

by Susanne Mueller

Whether we have read the reports or not, it is clear that climate change is here with us. This dry summer has been especially eye-opening with the record heat waves and ongoing wildfires. It seems this wasn't just a one-off year, but a taste of what's to come. It can feel scary, and I admit to spiraling into hopelessness on this topic. I have spent many of these abnormally warm nights worrying about what is ahead for us.

But in the midst of the recent heat wave, I heard a heartening quote from Greta Thunberg: "Don't look for hope. Act and hope is everywhere." Locally, I was amazed at last year's World River Day just how many bags of garbage were collected in our own Blueridge Creek in one hour, and how many people and kids offered a helping hand. I left feeling hopeful and realized what is possible when a community comes together. Come out on Sunday Sept 26th when we will once again focus on cleaning up along Blueridge Creek from 9-10am. I have bags and gloves for you to use that day. If you would like to participate please email me at sus.mueller@gmail.com. I will be in touch with further details.

Project Community

Want to save money? Would you like to support local business? Project

Community creates opportunities for local businesses to work with multiple Blueridge residents in sequence, letting them save money and time, and passing those savings on to you! If you are interested in participating, please email us at info@blueridgeca.org where we will collect the names of interested parties and pass the collected information on to the service provider in order to take advantage of the group discounts offered. ***This month we are featuring two companies; Eaton's and Take a Bough:***

EATON'S HEATING LTD.

Our service provider's prices are \$119/furnace, \$119/fireplace, \$149/heat pump, \$99/hot water heater, and \$299 for cleaning up to 15 vents. All prices are subject to GST. By joining with us, you qualify for a 20% Blueridge group-rate discount, because we expect more than 10 local participants.

Offer Valid from Sept 1 - Dec. 31 2021

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- Storm Damage (clean up)
- Arborist Reports



Marnie Armstrong, featured Neighbour

1,000 and counting! Marnie Armstrong keeps on teaching

Article and Images by Brian Gardiner

With the return of school we thought it would be timely to check in with one of Blueridge's long-time teachers....Meet Marnie Armstrong!

I sat down with Marnie on a bright sunny day (before the Labour Day weekend) to talk about her long history of teaching. We met at Blueridge Elementary, where she taught for many years. A long-time Blueridge resident and well-known to many,

Marnie estimates she has taught around 1,000 primary students in our community since starting her teaching career in 1979 at Blueridge Elementary. Many of us have had our kids taught by Marnie. My son Max, included. She talked about her love of teaching, inspired by her own grade three Seymour Heights teacher, Miss Kivist. "She inspired me," said Marnie. "I have always loved teaching K-3 students," she said. Marnie attended Seymour Heights Elementary, and then high school at Windsor Secondary. She earned her teacher's certificate from SFU. Shortly after, she was recruited to teach at Blueridge and, except for a spell at Lonsdale and Dorothy Lynas, taught at Blueridge from 1979 to 1985 and again from 1996 to 2016, when she retired. Even now when she is substitute teaching, she loves to fill in at Blueridge. "I love subbing. I miss the kids," she said. "Blueridge has my heart." "Meeting former students is like coming full circle," she said. "Blueridge teachers were nothing but dedicated; but it wasn't just us, the whole community shaped the kids." How are you greeted by former students, I asked? "Hello, Mrs Armstrong," was the answer, as if I didn't expect that. "The school has a stellar reputation around the district," she said. When she was young and growing up near Blueridge School, Marnie talked about "simpler" times. "We used to play in the bush, and collect tadpoles and frogs," she said. "I remember we all went to see a bear that had been shot and it looked sooo big."

Were you a good student? I asked, somewhat cheekily. "I was a good student, although I slipped a bit in grade 10—don't we all? I recovered though, and got an academic achievement award in grade 12!" Marnie and husband Barry along with sons Brett and Sean made their home on Sechelt Drive in 1989. Please join all of us to thank Marnie and all the teachers (and staff) who have dedicated their careers to teaching at Blueridge Elementary!

(photo below: Marnie's first time teaching at Blueridge Elementary in September 1961)





The grade 1 photo: Marnie in grade 1. Can you pick her out? *Hint: Second row from front.*



Do you have some free time? Interested in meeting neighbours and volunteering within the local community? We have two positions currently available!

Content Writer & Social Media Assistant

The Blueridge Community Association has a comprehensive communications platform. We are seeking individuals who are passionate about the people and activities in our community. We are seeing volunteers for two separate positions: Content Writer and Social Media Assistant to help us effectively communicate with our residents. This

would be a fantastic opportunity for any student or retiree! Expected time commitment is 2 to 4 hours per month.\

The Content Writer will:

- **Assist communications team and the Board of Directors with developing and writing content for social media, printed newsletter (3 times per year) email bulletin newsletter (monthly) and our website. The website is currently being updated and content needs to be re-written. This may result in increased commitment for a short period of time.**
- **Interview residents, partners, sponsors etc. as directed by the Communications Committee to uncover the details of a story or project and write articles based on the interview.**
- **Proofread content for errors and inconsistencies.**
- **Editing and polishing existing content to improve readability.**
- **Create compelling headlines and content that will capture the attention of our residents.**
- **Conduct community research and suggest new content ideas.**

The Social Media Assistant will:

- **Assist with gathering content and organizing it utilizing Google drive**
 - **must be proficient utilizing various social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Wordpress**
 - **Keen eye for detail**
 - **Familiar with Canva, or image/logo building software for creating content**
 - **Can assist with scheduling daily and monthly posts in advance**
 - **Is creative**
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The Metro Van is currently conducting an online questionnaire on dogs in our local trails. From their website:

"We are revamping the way we manage dogs in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve and want to hear from all types of trail users. [Fill out our questionnaire](#) and share your opinions about dogs in the LSCR."

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/parks/parks-greenways-reserves/lower-seymour-conservation-reserve>



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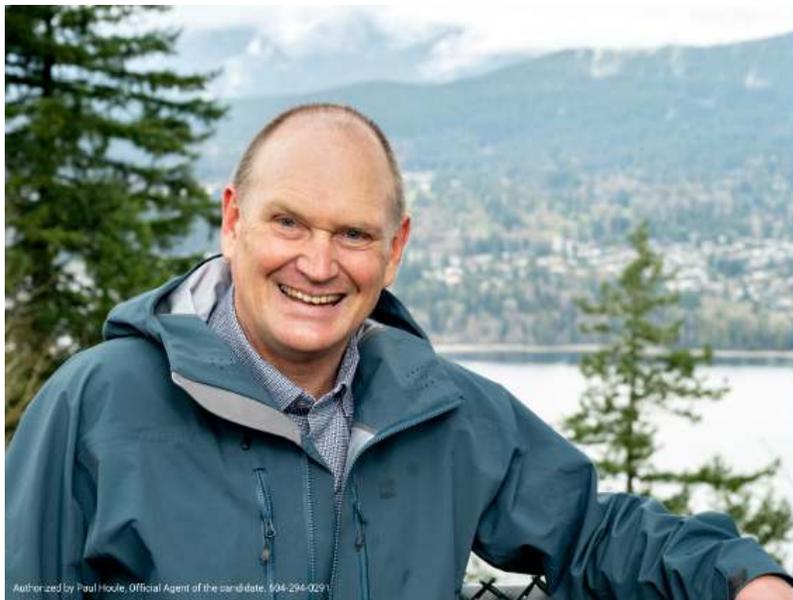
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\$30 per month, or \$250 for 12 consecutive issues. This revenue is used to defray some of our costs (such as signage, webpage, our yearly scholarship etc). If you or your company are interested in advertising in the Blueridge Bulletin, please contact us at: info@blueridgeca.org



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I want to be your voice in Ottawa, fighting for our climate and our community.

On September 20, I hope I can count on your support.

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CHIEF EDUCATOR
 Clever Cub Childcare is Naser's second daycare. You can read reviews of her other daycare center by googling North Vancouver Child Development Center, which is located on Berkeley road in North Vancouver.

MATHS TUTOR
 Naserin has a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from University of Alberta in her first Bachelor's of Demographic from University of Montreal. She worked 12 years as a high school teacher and 2 years as a principal of the same school. Naserin has over 18 years of experience, working as a qualified early childhood educator with both infant & toddler children, and preschool aged kids. She has worked in various facilities and gained supervisory experience, working as a supervisor and program manager for over a dozen years.

TEACHERS
 Sayra holds a bachelor's degree in Business management. She gained experience working in childcare and has gotten her Early Childhood Education Certificate. We have an experience which is a center of education, that is a strong belief in the diverse needs of young and a healthy environment in a child's cognitive functioning, motor coordination, and coordination, and on a child's cognitive functioning, motor coordination, and social skills.

PREPARATOR
 Our philosophy is focused on being a thorough, thoughtful to meet the needs of the healthy and child-led education philosophies, Reggio Emilia, Montessori, and Montessori. We believe this is essential to young children's learning. We adjust our curriculum and support children's interests and strengths to enhance and facilitate their learning process. We believe all children need opportunities to discover, solve problems, and learn about themselves, other people, and the world around them.

DIETITIAN
 We provide Breakfast, hot lunch and afternoon snack.

HOUSE OFFICER
 Clever Cub strongly believes in the importance of nutrition for a child's mental and physical development. Our meals are made daily in our kitchen and follow the new Health Canada Food Guide. We avoid using salty, high-fructose corn syrup, and food coloring. We use natural food and carefully monitor how each child likes their meals. We encourage them to try new foods as their taste buds continue to develop, while respecting different-taste preferences.

<http://www.nvcdc.ca/contact>

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We aim to create a nurturing and healthy environment by providing our community with a licensed group care program for children ages 30 months to 5 years.

Cedar is inspired by the surrounding lush forests that provide children with natural learning opportunities. We are located in the heart of Blueridge, between Seymour Heights and Blueridge Elementary.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

CELC aims to incorporate each child's unique voice in the program. This philosophy is grounded in the belief that children require a holistic approach to learning, especially through explorations with the outdoor environment and social interactions with both peers and adults.

OUR MISSION

To provide children and families with qualified Early Childhood Educators and Researchers, who will build on each child's existing knowledge and enhance their collective learning experiences which will enable them to develop rich, life long, connections.



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