

# Blueridge Community News

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See you at...  
**Blueridge Good Neighbour Day**  
**June 27 - Ice Sports Centre**

## SEVENTH ANNUAL BLUERIDGE GOOD NEIGHBOUR DAY!!!

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- GAMES!
- ENTERTAINMENT !
- INFORMATION!
- ATTRACTIONS!

Offer the hand of welcome to newcomers and say howdy to your neighbours!

The day starts with the North Vancouver Youth Band leading the parade of kids of all ages on wheels. Parade starts at Blueridge Park at 9AM then down Berkley for the judging and awarding of prizes for decorated bikes, skateboards, wheel barrows, what have you.

Bring your family for the Pancake Breakfast At Canlan Ice Sports 9 - 11AM.

A Blueridge Community Association event sponsored by firms & merchants of the eastern North Shore, celebrating the adoption of the Seymour Local Plan, a seven-year undertaking by 80 volunteers; an achievement of the Seymour community.

Thank You Volunteers who have stepped forward and thanks to you who are about to call DON at 604 929 2766, to set up, operate, clean up the community event.



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## Blueridge Good Neighbour Day - Fun Loving People Needed!

### Person With Truck

- to pick up tents, PA systems, kid's carnival stuff, tables from Ron Andrews on Friday or Saturday
- to drop off same Sunday, Monday

### Set Up - Friday & Sat

- put up tents & tables
- signs
- any other set up

### Tear Down - Sun & Mon

- Afternoon of event take down tents, tables, kid's carnival, signs, etc & load into truck

### Kid's Carnival

- nail painters, tattoo artists (fake!), fish pond workers, face painting (12 needed)

### Pony Rides

- sell tickets (6 needed)

### Pancake Breakfast

- sell tickets

### General Helpers

- odd jobs

Please contact: Judith Spenser 604-929-7867 or Don S. Williams 604-929-2766

## Seymour Farmer's Market

Seymour Market at Ice Sports North Shore at Mount Seymour Parkway and Berkley is a Saturday market from July 3rd to October 30th 9 -2

Special events for Seymour will be on these dates:

- July 3rd Opening
- August 7th B.C. Day Celebration
- September 4th
- October 9th Thanksgiving Harvest Day
- October 30th Halloween

We have Farmer's from the Fraser Valley and Okanagan who pick the produce and fruit in the early hours of the morning and sell it to the consumer the same day - you can't get anything fresher!

Most of our Farmer's grow organically but we also have non organic growers and transitional growers who will eventually grow organically. If anyone is looking for the best salad greens we have them at this market - they are just fabulous! We also have wonderful vegetables and soon the blueberries and raspberries will be here and later a wonderful selection of apples, one was the favourite of the Czarina of Russia. Each apple has its own history - do you ever get that information when you are in the grocery store?

We have Prepared Food Vendors comprising of baked goods, anti-pastas, syrups, jams and jellies, goat cheeses, honey and much more. We also have craft vendors selling jewellery, handmade cards, painted glass, soaps, pottery, twig furniture, mobiles, children's clothing, knitting and a great variety of other hand made items.

For information please call Lyn 10am - 5pm Monday to Friday 604 739 -9002

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**LAST GOOD NEIGHBOUR DAY?**

We have now been hosting Blueridge Good Neighbour Day every year since 1998 - this year will be the 7th year. The weather has been with us every year and it has been a great way for the whole community to get together. Admittedly the majority of the events have been for the younger part of our population in Blueridge and Seymour Heights. However, we believe that this has been a great way for many adults to meet neighbours, visit and, very importantly, help out.

Unfortunately many people do not realize the effort that it takes to put this event together. The planning starts in March and countless hours are spent trying to put it all together, with the fiascos and encouragements that come with the job. It's been great to be able to count on so

## Blueridge Good Neighbour Day Sponsors

This yearly event could not take place without our generous sponsors. Please find these listed below. Remember to support those merchant and companies who are generous and who support us year after year!

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| 3P Poultry Plus                | North Shore Sports Swap        |
| Barb Wilks/real estate         | Northlands Golf Course,        |
| Blueridge Cove Animal Hospital | Safeway                        |
| Blueridge Massage              | Nutrilawn                      |
| Bonnie Richter                 | Pacific Press                  |
| Bur-Han Services               | Panago Pizza                   |
| Canadian Tire                  | Parker Mattress Factory Stores |
| Canlan Icesports               | Perks Window Cleaning          |
| Chevron                        | PNE                            |
| Cindy's Hair Salon             | Raven Pub                      |
| Coast Mountain Electric        | Rogers Sugar                   |
| Cowichan Lumber                | Ron Andrews                    |
| David Peake Family             | Seymour Academy                |
| Dykhof Nurseries               | Shoppers Drugs                 |
| English Lawns                  | TD/Canada Trust                |
| Gemini Kleaning                | Terry's Driveway Sealing       |
| Gus' Hardware                  | Terry's Roofing and Renovation |
| Jolly Foods                    | Time Out Source for Sports     |
| Judy Killeen/real estate       | Vanport Canada                 |
| Kelsey's/Swiss Chalet          | Wood Family Seymour Dance      |
| London Drugs                   | Woods Family                   |
| Lorna Grandison family         |                                |
| Mammalina's Montessori         | <b>'In Kind' donations:</b>    |
| Maplewood Pub                  | Brian Rybchinsky/real estate   |
| Mary Kay                       | Eric Williamson/real estate    |
| Mohawk                         | Greg Pearson/real estate       |
| Mount Seymour Optometry Clinic |                                |



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many local merchants and companies to help us out (see the list), and it's also been a huge satisfaction to see this many residents help us out the day of the event, BUT the COMMITTEE IS GETTING TIRED! Most of the members on the planning committee have been at it all seven years, and it is time for new blood. We need new residents to join the committee OR THIS WILL BE OUR LAST BLUERIDGE GOOD NEIGHBOUR DAY. This is not an idle threat. A number of members will not participate in the planning for next year's event. So if you find this to be a fun event, please do let us know (Don S. Williams 604 929 2766 or Eric G. Andersen 604

## Riverside Terrace Development Application

If you are concerned about safety, the environment, or quality of life, you will want to have a voice in this development proposal.

What is proposed? 36 narrow single-family residential lots to be accessed via Browning Place, just west of the intersection of Mt. Seymour Parkway and Berkley Rd.

These are some of the issues raised by residents.

1) Slope stability is a serious concern, and there are many recorded instances of slopes failing and houses sliding in other parts of Blueridge and Riverside with similar aspects and slopes. The houses were built on the same unconsolidated gravel on which the proposed development would be built. Large amounts of backfill, which is particularly unstable, would be required.

2) The natural spawning habitat of the Seymour River has been decimated by development, and Hogan's Pools is one of the few remaining spawning areas on the Lower Seymour River. The Development encompasses a huge portion of the drainage of Hogan's Pools, which would threaten the Chum, Coho, Cutthroat and Pink Salmon that use the pools to spawn. Hogan's Pools has been preserved as a park because it is salmon habitat. What's the point of creating a park if you destroy the sensitive watershed above it?

3) The gravel pit site is part of a wildlife corridor which hosts bears, coyotes, deer, raccoons, squirrels and surely many other species. The Alder and Salmonberry re-growth in the gravel pit is excellent songbird habitat.



## Feedback from our Inbox

Your May 2004 article on Municipal Tax is very interesting and does draw ones attention on the increasing tax burden on tax payers. I am surprised that the past increases in the municipal tax were approved by the tax payers in the District? Certainly, anything that exceeds the rate of inflation should be questioned.

I am a resident of Blueridge and I do not support another traffic light on Mount Seymour Parkway especially when they are so close together.

Please add me to your distribution list for the Blueridge Community Association. I also want to thank you for recognizing the fact that it's difficult for many of us who have families, businesses to run, aging parents, etc. to make it to your regular meetings. In short, I greatly appreciate your offering this email service because I am interested, but definitely tight on time.

In response to the Blueridge Community News, please be advised that we are against the above development, as it

Much of the Alder forest would be destroyed.

4) Strong objections were voiced to the developers and the District over using Browning Place as access.

- Browning Place is a small cul-de-sac with a narrow lane added to it as an afterthought. With almost three times as many cars, safety and quality of life are certainly compromised.

- The street's population would almost triple.

- Intersection problems at Mt. Seymour Parkway and Browning would result. It's already hazardous to turn left out of Browning. The Windridge development across the street would stress the same intersection.

- Another traffic light may need to be built at Browning and Seymour Parkway.

5) If the proposal goes ahead, 16 lots would be made into an isolated strip, surrounded by heavy traffic on Berkley Road or Seymour Parkway, and the new proposed road. Do you want the district to allow this standard?

Let your views be heard by the developer and North Vancouver District planning staff.

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causes further traffic congestion. The idea of a traffic light at Seymour Parkway and Browning is definitely a non starter.

We agree with your comments in the Community news. We believe that the community has become inured to these increases, and now accepts them as inevitable, instead of continuing to put pressure on our council. What do we do?

Eric Anderson, I would like to go on record that I am against another traffic light on Mount Seymour Parkway for the following reasons:

- 1) another delay in commuting
  - 2) additional pollution due to idling engines waiting for the light to change
  - 3) another ugly distraction from the natural north shore trees
- Thank you for your active and continuing support of the Blueridge community.

## Block Watch

Listed below are the burglaries reported in Blueridge and Seymour Heights from January 2003 through April 2004:

Feb 2003 - 3100 block Mount Seymour Parkway  
March 2003 - 2000 block Hill Drive  
April 2003 - 2600 block Cactus Court (Attempt)  
April 2003 - 2900 block Mount Seymour Parkway  
May 2003 - 2700 block Violet Street  
May 2003 - 2600 block Standish Drive  
June 2003 - 2100 block Berkley Avenue  
August 2003 - 1900 block Dunrobin Crescent  
September 2003 - 3400 block Mount Seymour Parkway  
September 2003 - 3400 block Mount Seymour Parkway  
September 2003 - 2700 block Mount Seymour Parkway  
October 2003 - 2600 block Cactus Court  
October 2003 - 2700 block Byron Road  
March 2004 - 3600 Mount Seymour Parkway (Attempt)  
April 2004 - 900 Berkley Rd

A total of 15 b&e's and attempts over 16 months. Even if some months have been rather 'busy', it works out to about one burglary per month in Blueridge/Seymour Heights.

### Update on Block Watch Parties

Those of you who wanted to arrange block parties last year may have been rather unpleasantly surprised when confronted with an invoice for liability insurance from the North Vancouver District amounting to \$50-100 depending on the number of participants. It is with great pleasure that we can now confirm that District Council unanimously agreed to waive these charges! In other words, when you plan for your block party this spring/summer there will be no costs associated with this. All you have to do is ask the District for permission to have the party and arrange to pick up and drop the barricades at the Works' Yard. Spend your money on goodies instead!

Block parties are great fun. It gets the neighbours to know each other and is a fantastic way for new residents to meet all their surrounding neighbours. You should try it, too!

*Eric Andersen*

### Blueridge on the Web!

We have two new Internet services available to Blueridge/Seymour residents:

- Our new web site at [www.capilano.com/bca](http://www.capilano.com/bca) gives upcoming meeting information, links and other info.
- We are now maintaining an email list for anyone who wants a reminder of upcoming events. Just send a note to [bca@capilano.com](mailto:bca@capilano.com) and ask to be put on the list, or use the sign-up form on the web site.

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## Animal Poison Alert

Hi Everyone,

This was passed along to me, Please pass it along to your animal loving friends.

I recently had a neighbour who had to have their 5-year old German Shepherd dog put down due to liver failure. The dog was completely healthy until a few weeks ago, so they had a necropsy done to see what the cause was. The liver levels were unbelievable, as if the dog had ingested poison of some kind. The dog is kept inside, and when he's outside, someone's with him, so the idea of him getting into something unknown was hard to believe.

My neighbour started going through all the items in the house. When he got to the Swiffer Wetjet, he noticed, in very tiny print, a warning which stated "may be harmful to small children and animals." He called the company to ask what the contents of the cleaning agent are and was astounded to find out that antifreeze is one of the ingredients (actually he was told it's a compound which is one molecule away from antifreeze).

Therefore, just by the dog walking on the floor cleaned with the solution, then licking it's own paws, and the dog eating from its dishes which were kept on the kitchen floor cleaned with this product, it ingested enough of the solution to destroy its liver.

Soon after his dog's death, his housekeepers' two cats also died of liver failure. They both used the Swiffer Wetjet for quick cleanups on their floors. Necropsies weren't done on the cats, so they couldn't file a lawsuit, but he asked that we spread the word to as many people as possible so they don't lose their animals.



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