

Blueridge Community News

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**Blueridge Good Neighbour Day
September 11
Blueridge School**

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EIGHTH ANNUAL BLUERIDGE GOOD NEIGHBOUR DAY!!!

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

Join us for FAMILY FUN at the 8th Annual Blueridge Good Neighbour Day & Parade. Come out and meet your neighbours at the Blueridge Good Neighbour Day and parade on Sunday, September 11 at Blueridge Community School.

Everyone loves a parade!

The day kicks off with a community parade starting at 9:00am at Blueridge Park (2465 Berkley Road). The parade will travel south down Berkley and end at Blueridge School at approximately 9:45am. Kids are invited to decorate their bikes and join the community floats and the District Fire Truck in the parade! Parents and neighbours are welcome too! Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated bikes.

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Call for Volunteers! Blueridge Good Neighbour Day Kid's Carnival

Please join us and bring your fun-loving attitude along!

We are running some great events for the little ones at BGND, but we need some help from parents and family members to get it off the ground. Bean Bag Toss, Prize-filled Fish Pond, Ring the GAK, Bubble Blowing, Temporary Tattoos, Hair Braiding and Face Painting are just some of the activities planned for our annual neighbourhood event. Could you spare some time to run one of the events? Get some friends to help and we can have 1/2 hour shifts! The kids love to help and to participate.

IMPORTANT: Toys Needed!

We are also looking for gently used or unused small toys to suit both genders for "prizes" our fish pond. Give

Judith a call at 604-929-7867 if you have anything you wish to donate for the Fish pond.

Please call Michele McKnight if you would like to give some of your time to a wonderful community event! Her number is 604-924-9175.



Farmer's Market in suspended animation....should we bring it back to life?

This year we bid goodbye to Artisan Markets Ltd. and owner-operator, Lyn Hainstock. Thank you Lyn and best of luck!

Regulars will know that the market has faced declining attendance and sales - and that meant the farmers were increasingly unhappy. It is a significant commitment on the part of a farmer to move a crop to a market and set up for the day. Lyn tried really hard to make a go of it, but this June her farmers opted to move to the other markets she runs, with considerable success, at Lonsdale Quay and West Van.

The question for you is: do we quit or try again? If so, how can we do it right?

The Seymour Market's objective was twofold - establish a community market and direct the proceeds to murals or other community improvements at the rink. BCA achieved this by partnering with the Ice Sports arena and Artisan Markets.

Anyone who has attended bigger markets elsewhere will why markets are about more than fruit and vegetables. They are a lot of fun. But markets are also a chicken and egg thing. Our market has just never attracted enough people, to generate enough sales, to attract enough vendors, to attract enough people.....and so it goes.

So, we considered making changes:

1. a different mix of produce / crafts?
2. entertainment, kids activities?
3. barbecue?
4. different days or times? - Thursdays afternoons, or Sunday instead of Saturday?
5. shorter time? - what about a fall fair running from Labour Day to Halloween?
6. better signs, more advertising? Its amazing how many people never noticed it as they zoomed along the parkway.

As for the Ice Rink Improvement Fund, we need a bit more in the kitty before we get started on any significant project. One more year ought to do it and then a Community Association committee could get to work.

So what do you think? If you think a market is a good idea and if you have some idea of how to do it better - now's the time to be heard. Let me know your thoughts. I'll table them at the next BCA meeting for a vote.

Angela Trudeau (Now living in Deep Cove but waiting for someone to step into my market shoes.....interested?)

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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!

3P Natural and Exotic Meats	Mammalina's Montessori
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Barb Wilks	Mount Seymour Optometrist
Blueridge Cove Animal Hospital	New Wing On Chinese Restaurant
Blueridge Massage	North Shore Sports Medicine Clinic -
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Judy Killeen	Time Out Source
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Kostas Taverna	
Kris Rohani	
Macey's Sports	

Volunteers Saving Lives at Sea - North Shore Marine Search & Rescue

The North Shore's Coast Guard Auxiliary and Lifeboat Society provides the only volunteer marine search and rescue resources in Vancouver and North Shore waters.

Each year the North Shore based Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary lifeboats carry out 70 marine search and rescue and emergency support missions from the North Shore; resulting in 120 lives saved or assisted and \$1,000,000 of vessels protected. These rescue vessels operate out of Deep Cove and from Fisherman's Cove to provide a 24/7 on-call response for marine emergencies in all seas and weather conditions.

The Society is a non-profit all-volunteer registered charity that owns, pays for, supports and raises for funds for the North Shore's three all-weather marine search and rescue vessels. The Society's annual financial requirement averages \$120,000, most of which goes into vessel operation and replacement. Search and rescue use is intensive, and often under adverse conditions; with the result that engines and equipment wear at an estimated three times that of recreational boating.

*If you can help us save lives at sea, please contact:
North Shore Lifeboat Society, P.O. Box 91369, West Vancouver, British Columbia, V7V 3P1, 604 921-8877,
www.northshorelifeboat.ca*

Jump Crew Takes on the World

The Jump Crew, a team of professional riders, found its humble beginnings in the community of Blueridge 5 years ago. The team started with 4 riders whom just loved bikes more than anything else. Unknown to most, the Blueridge community began the team by providing some basic funds to build the first jump ramps. Since, our team has progressed and have acquired several sponsors, been exposed in movies, on TV, in newspapers and at competitions. The team performs at over 40 events a year, and has created a niche in a market that



had never before existed. The Jump Crew would like to thank all of the community of Blueridge for beginning our road to success. Your support along the way has meant a great deal to our team, and we hope that we can excite and entertain. Come and see our demo at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day on September 11!

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Pancake Breakfast

The pancake breakfast begins at 9:30am at Blueridge School located at 2650 Bronte Drive. Join in for a delicious breakfast with neighbours. For a small donation, you can enjoy pancakes, juice and coffee with a served with good cheer!

Good Neighbour Day Fun 9:30 am - 1:00pm at Blueridge School

- * Pony rides
- * Kids Carnival including games and bouncy inflatables
- * Yukon Dan and gold panning
- * CinemaZoo
- * Games including golf putting and horse shoes
- * Live entertainment featuring the Spank Blues Band
- * Food - barbecued burgers and more!
- * Community booths
- * Silent Auction & cakewalk
- * Seymour Art Gallery kids art project
- * Bike helmet fitting Clinic sponsored by John Henry the Bicycle Man
- * Jump Crew performing bike jumping demo at 11:00am on the school field
- * Barbecued burgers for lunch, and lots and lots of prizes all donated by Seymour area businesses and individuals.

For more information and a sneak peek at the silent auction items go to <http://members.shaw.ca/blueridgeca/>

Managing Black Bears on the North Shore.

It has been my hobby to research large carnivores for decades, although the bear is not truly a carnivore, but an omnivorous one. A wolf or cougar would not be too interested in any fruit or vegetable matter, that you may have outside your residence, but as you all may be very aware such food would be a form of smorgasbord for a bear! Nature has equipped the bear with the most phenomenal sense of smell. The power of the bear olfactory system has, to my knowledge, never been accurately measured, but many estimates have been made from general observations. One such estimate is that a bear can smell a very small piece of fish a kilometre away!

In order to avoid attracting bears into our area we must obviously manage our food garbage in a responsible manner. Bears do not visit us to eat us!

The best way to manage food garbage is to wrap it in two or three layers of plastic bags, before placing into a

garbage can. Baby diapers are a much sought -after delicacy for bears. Then use a sprinkling of ammonia to help mask any attracting smells. Bears are very intelligent creatures, and some of them will recognise the shape of a garbage can that is placed at curbside overnight. They do not even have to smell it! They will then knock the can over to reveal any food treasures. If you have a garage please keep the garbage can inside it until the day of garbage pick up. If you do not have a lock -up garage try to avoid putting food garbage into the outside can until the day of pick up, and if that is not possible put a very liberal sprinkling of ammonia over the garbage when placed inside the can. Bear proof garbage containers are now becoming available.

So long as we have bears visiting us, we are assured of having big trees, and wilderness surrounding us with relatively clean water to drink, and air to breath .The bears serve as the indicator species to us in a very similar manner to the old miners' canary of many years ago.

Tony Webb. North Shore Black Bear Network

Your Community Association

New Blood on the Team

Our Annual General Meeting was held in March with a reasonable attendance. We managed to expand our group of directors by two, i.e. Michael McKnight and Lesley Brooks, both very active members of our community. Michael and his wife, Michele, moved to Blueridge from Toronto last year and Michael has agreed to take over as editor for our newsletter as well as our mailing list. If you are not already on the BCA's mailing list please sign up by sending your email address to our NEW email: blueridgeca@shaw.ca. Michele has taken over as our webmaster and is keen to receive new items to post on our NEW website which is <http://members.shaw.ca/blueridgeca/>.

Please note that the chair's report for the BCA's activities during 2004 can be found on our website. Your team of directors for the present year are: Eric Andersen (chair), Lesley Brooks, Alf Cockle, Rick Greenwell, Don S. Williams, Stephen Parker (Treasurer) and Michael McKnight (editor).

Passing the Editor's Torch!

It is with much regret that we have to report that our editor, Chris Dewhurst, is now leaving Blueridge. Chris has been our editor for the last 9-10 years, in fact since we started producing a newsletter on a somewhat regular basis. He has done a fantastic job putting this newsletter together and he will be sorely missed. This is the last newsletter edited by Chris, and the next one will be under Michael McKnight's control. I do not know if everyone appreciates the time and the patience that it takes to put such a newsletter together, but Chris can be extremely proud of the job he has done for our little community over the years. We wish you all the best in the future, Chris, and we hope to see you back in Blueridge in the future! Thanks for your great contribution to our community.

You Can Participate!

We always need volunteers for the BCA, e.g. to hand out our newsletters. This is done strictly by community-minded neighbours. The more volunteers we find, the less we will all have to do, so please help the BCA by taking a route in your neighbourhood (between 30 and 60 homes). It can easily be done within an hour and it gives you a bit of exercise at the same time!

Eric G. Andersen

We Need Your Input!

The importance of a having many residents on the BCA's mailing list was proven again in June. A very special Development Variance Permit Application for a house on Hyannis Point was received by Council and their initial response was to refer it back to the Blueridge Community Association. In this case we had about two weeks to obtain feedback and respond to Council. We sent a message out to everyone on our mailing list and in the course of a few days we received 15 responses - a figure that impressed a couple of the Councillors when they discussed the item on June 27 after our feedback. The responses received were evenly split in this issue and eventually Council decided to grant the application in this case.

Such issues could come up any time. With most residents now having access to email we find that this is the best, fastest and easiest way to communicate with our neighbours in the area, but we can only do so IF YOU SIGN UP!

Please do so at our email address: blueridgeca@shaw.ca.

Thanks in advance, and also thanks to the many who have already signed up!

Eric G. Andersen

Blueridge on the Web!

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

- Our new web site at <http://members.shaw.ca/blueridgeca/> 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 blueridgeca@shaw.ca and ask to be put on the list.

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