

Blueridge Community News

Upgrading our Water Quality!!!

By Anne Cockle

The Blueridge Community Association hosted an interesting presentation at Blueridge School on Tuesday May 9th, 2006. The BCA Annual General Meeting included an update on what is taking place in the Capilano/Seymour Water Systems and the new Filtration Plant. This project includes the upgrading of the Seymour River Dam and the construction of the pumping station at Capilano Dam. Connecting the Capilano Pumping Station and the filtration plant will be twin tunnels of approximately 7.2 kilometres in length and 3.7 metres in diameter. They will be located in bedrock 160 to 640 metres below the surface. The filtration plant will occupy approximately eight hectares and filter up to 1.8 billion litres of water per day.

In August 2006 the Seymour residents will be affected by the connection of the valve chamber north of the Mount Seymour Parkway. The work will take place 24/7 in August 2006. The closure is expected to last one to two weeks. Only two lanes of the Parkway will be closed at any one time, i.e. two lanes will always be open.

For more information see:
<http://www.gvrd.bc.ca/water/SCWUP-tunnels.htm>

**9th Annual Blueridge
Good Neighbour Day & Parade
June 25th**
By Anne Greenwell

Come out and meet your neighbours at the Blueridge Good Neighbour Day and parade on **Sunday, June 25, at Blueridge Elementary School.**



Everyone loves a parade!

The day kicks off with a community parade starting at 9:30am at Blueridge Park. 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.

Pancake Breakfast

The pancake breakfast begins at 10:00am at Blueridge School located at 2650 Bronte Drive. Join in a delicious breakfast with neighbours. For a small donation, you can enjoy pancakes, juice or coffee served with good cheer!

Good Neighbour Day Fun

10:00 am – 1:30pm at Blueridge School

- Pony Rides
- Kids Carnival; including games and bouncy inflatables
- Yukon Dan and gold panning
- Cinemazoo
- Games
- Live entertainment featuring the musical talents of Celtic Medley and Lotus
- Food – pancake breakfast and more!
- Community booths
- Silent Auction & Cakewalk
- Seymour Art Gallery kids art project
- Lots of fun!

For more information go to
<http://members.shaw.ca/blueridgeca/>

Canlan Open House – Everyone’s Invited!

By Neil Pukesh

We’re having an Open House and you’re invited! On Saturday June 10th, Canlan Ice Sports North Shore is hosting an open house from 10am-2pm. This event is a way for the North Shore facility to thank its customers, North Shore residents and suppliers for their support over the last year. This will be a great family event filled with fun, entertainment and many activities.

Some of the activities for the day include:

- Free public skating (times to be determined)
- Outdoor 3 on 3 street hockey games
- Hardest Shot Competition
- Shooting Accuracy Competition
- Hockey Performance Centre Demonstration on the skating treadmill
- Variety of kids entertainment (inflatable bouncy castles, etc...)
- Outdoor BBQ
- NHL Memorabilia silent auction (proceeds going towards a charity)
- Plus several community groups including: North Vancouver Recreation Commission, North Vancouver Minor Hockey Association, North Vancouver Fire Department – (tentative) , ICBC, Coca-Cola, Blueridge Community Association, North Shore News

Riverside Terrace Development News

By Eric Andersen

In June 2004 the owners of Riverside Terrace north of Browning Place and west of Berkley hosted a lively public meeting and presented their proposal for 36 single-family residential units to be accessed exclusively via Browning Place.

A number of concerns were raised by Blueridge/Seymour Heights residents who attended the meeting and these included: slope stability, the salmon habitat near Hogan’s Pools, the wildlife corridor which would be affected and the use of Browning Place as access. We all know what happened a couple of

kilometers north of Riverside Terrace on January 19, 2005. The second phase of the landslide risk assessment prepared by BGC Engineers was just released on May 15 this year, and four houses on Berkley will have to be demolished over the summer as a grim reminder of the terrible tragedy that hit our community less than two years ago.

This has not deterred the developers who have come forward with a new proposal which will allow subdivision into 8 fee simple lots and 23 bare land strata lots for 31 single family lots (down from the initial 36 units proposed two years ago). Approximately 6 acres of the site will be retained as open space. Vehicular access is proposed at two points: Browning Place will provide access to approximately 8 lots and Berkley road will provide access to 23 lots. The applicants have acquired the lot at 945 Berkley Road which will provide access to the 23 lots.

A meeting will be held in the near future by the developer to explain this proposal to the community and to listen to our comments and concerns. If you would like to hear more about this proposal we strongly urge you to attend this meeting. We would like to provide you with a few additional comments below:

How is Riverside Terrace viewed by the Seymour Local Plan (SLP) which the North Vancouver District Council adopted on April 5, 2004? It is one of the 6 sites earmarked for development in Seymour (outside of Maplewood and Tsleil-Waututh lands) – up to 36 units. The conditions for this specific site are: community support, traffic study and plan, retention of green space and public access, detailed environmental, geotechnical and other studies leading to acceptable plan. The type of housing is single family in keeping with character of existing, surrounding neighbourhood.

It is very important to bear in mind that the SLP calls for a growth of 50 units per year, on average over any five-year time frame. The FIRST such 5-year phase of the plan is 2003-2007. As per the North Vancouver District planning department the numbers (as of May 2006) have already reached 285 for this first phase. In other words, we are

already minimum 35 units into PHASE 2 which is 2008-2012.

For this development to take place in 2006, as hoped for by the developer, is in contravention of the now adopted SLP which was 7 years in the making and based on massive public input.

Although the new proposal is much better for the present Browning Place residents from an access point of view, the proposed entrance/exit to Riverside Terrace is 300 Feet from the start of the curve leading to the entrance of the Seymour Parkway, making it an urgent safety concern for the residents of the area. The new residents from Riverside Terrace would have to also cross a solid line on the road to enter their entrance when coming up Berkley Rd.

The developers' environmental report would appear to be at odds with reports previously prepared by others for this specific site.

Golder Associates has prepared the geotechnical report (regarding slope stability) for this site and concluded that Riverside Terrace is considered suitable for the proposed residential development. Golder is the same company that reported that the area of the escarpment, which recently slid, was safe for building a 6 home subdivision in 1978.

BGC Engineers were asked to prepare the two very extensive reports by the North Vancouver District after the January 2005 mudslide, but they were never given the mandate to extend their findings to include Riverside Terrace, since it is uninhabited at this time. One might suggest to Council that – should this proposal move ahead – BGC should add Riverside Terrace to their already existing study of the Blueridge Escarpment.

If you have concerns about or interest in this development proposal please make sure you attend the presentation when it is announced. The BCA will keep you posted by e-mail, so make sure we have your e-mail address!

Be part of the fun! Volunteer
Good Neighbour Day to set up or take down.
Email - blueridgeca@shaw.ca

Calling all future CFLer's By John Matsen

Sure football is a fun game. You get to run around on the grass with your friends, showing off your quick feet and fancy moves. However, you might get more out of football than you think. You play against teams that will likely have players with equally quick feet so to do well against them you will need help. That help might be from a teammate who doesn't have such quick feet but has the skill to block out a quick footed opponent so you can dance your way down the field and score the game winning touchdown. For you and your teammates to work together, however, you must first learn the strategies together and then become physically strong enough to carry out your duties each play. To hone the mental skills and the physical abilities and thereby play the game as a team, this will take planning, practise, dedication, commitment, adjustment and discipline. These are the keys to success not just in football, but in all aspects of life.

The new president of GSL football is Glen Suitor. He played his first game of football in 1976 for the GSL Eskimos in North Vancouver and had a lot of fun doing so. He went on to play for Carson Graham high school and had even more fun. He learned the craft so well he got a scholarship to play football at Simon Fraser University where he honed his skills even more while getting his education paid for. He was drafted by the Saskatchewan Roughriders where he played safety for many years, becoming an All-Star many times. His training, knowledge and commitment led him to a job with TSN where he has been the football colour commentator for many years.

Dozens of other GSL kids have gone on to win university scholarships and then on to careers in professional football. Jerome Pathon is still playing in the NFL and Paris Jackson is presently with the B.C. Lions. Sean Millington is another who went on to broadcasting, with CBC Sports, after a career with the B.C. Lions. Chris Judge has two sons playing GSL football. He won a football scholarship to the University of Oregon though he didn't go on to pro football.

However, he studied acting on his scholarship and for many years has been a well paid star in the Stargate series which is filmed in North Vancouver.

So, if you want to play football, you might have a lot of fun showing off your quick feet and fancy moves; but you might also be laying the foundation for even bigger things later in life. The GSL has been teaching fun, safe football from North Vancouver to Squamish.

Find more information on registration at:
www.gslfootball.ca

Vancouver Water Ski Club Kids Camp 2006 By Robert Duncan

Hope you'll plan to join us for three days of towed water sports fun! Work to earn certificates for water ski, wakeboard, kneeboard or barefoot achievements. Do some crafts, join in some of the many activities, enjoy our beautiful surroundings and make new friends. Hot lunch and snacks are provided each day, as well as barge transportation from Deep Cove, Woodlands or Belcarra.

Camps run Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
CAMP #1 - July 10, 11, 12
CAMP #2 - August 21, 22, 23
8:00 AM - 4:45 PM
Ages 6 - 14 years

Download your registration form and Water Ski-Wakeboard Canada waiver here:
<http://vancouverwaterskiclub.com/>

Spots will be secured on a first-come, first-served basis by faxing the registration form.
Questions? Contact Louise Harder (604) 730-4825,
louise.harder@vwsc.org

Blueridge Community Association website:
<http://members.shaw.ca/blueridgeca/>

Sign up to be on the BCA email list and receive important local news and information.
blueridgeca@shaw.ca

Berkley Escarpment Demolition & Landscape Remediation

As a result of the Berkley landslide, the District has scheduled the following six houses for demolition:

2157 Berkley Avenue
2175 Berkley Avenue
2191 Berkley Avenue
2205 Berkley Avenue
2318 Tree Top Lane
2274 Chapman Way

The contract has been awarded to Impact Demolition Ltd. and the demolitions will begin with the Berkley homes on May 23, 2006. It is anticipated that this phase of the project will take approximately six to seven weeks.

If you have any questions about the project, please feel free to contact Rory Chilton, Project Inspector by telephone at 604-990-3897 or by email at rchilton@dnv.org.

Calling all Budding Graphic Artists Blueridge Needs a New Logo

The Blueridge Community Association is looking for a new logo. The logo should include some of the things that make our community special like mountains, trees, eagles, and bears. If BCA decides to use your logo you will receive a \$50 prize!!! Please submit logo entries by August 31st to blueridgeca@shaw.ca

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Next Meeting: 7pm, Blueridge School, September (TBA)