

# Blueridge Community News



inflatables will be back, as well as community and business tables and great music from *the Get Downs* and *Mr M and the All Nighters* for your entertainment.

Blueridge Community has a Good Neighbour Day Event that is envied and unrivalled in other communities. Come out and enjoy it, rain or shine!  
Go to: <http://members.shaw.ca/blueridgeca/>

**11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Blueridge Good Neighbour Day  
Sunday, June 8, 2008  
10:30 am – 2:30 pm  
Parade starts Blueridge Park 10:00sharp**

Well, we asked for volunteers and we got 'em! Thank you Sandra Hastings, Judith Spencer, Marta Carlucci, Michelle Alford, Karen French, Dagmar Kocsis, Jan Watson, Penny Merletti, Heidi Hillier, Eric Andersen, Angie Matthews, Vanessa Bragg, Majid Rohani, Ian Bendall, Robert Duncan, Michele McKnight and Ruth Hanson.

As a result of the hard work and dedication of the committee, this year's Good Neighbour Day is going to be great! We've changed the format a little to refresh and rejuvenate the event. This year you will find that our event will start a half hour later, with the parade beginning at the top of Berkley at 10:00 and making its way down to the main event at Blueridge School for 10:30. **The theme this year is African!!!** And instead of a breakfast for purchase, you will enjoy a free hotdog lunch! You will find Laughing Stock Pony Rides; Yukon Dan; Bell E Buttons, the Silent Auction and the Kids Carnival are all returning to the event for your fun and enjoyment. And, in addition, we have Matthew Johnson, a great magician performing at 12:15. Of course the



**The Passing of an Icon  
Ernie Crist  
By Eric Anderson**

On February 16 ex-Councillor Ernie Crist passed away. Although the BCA news always remains apolitical it is felt strongly that the passing of Ernie Crist should not go unnoticed by the BCA.

Ernie Crist was on the District of North Vancouver Council and served the community for over 25 years from 1979 till 2005. In spite of not getting elected the first number of times, when he ran for Council, he persisted and his claim to fame was that he had knocked on every door in the North Vancouver District. Having grown up in Germany before and during the war Ernie Crist had become a particularly keen supporter and guardian of democracy. He was never afraid of taking on unpopular causes and would always speak his mind. He spearheaded the idea of having a Direct Democracy task force whose final recommendation was supported by Ernie, but was narrowly defeated by Council in 1999.

Ernie Crist was often seen as the representative of the people on Council. He would not be easy to work with and never hesitated to take on the rest of Council, if he disagreed with something. He was an incredibly hard working Councillor even at the end of his political career. His e-mails were countless, as were his motions on the Council agendas. Even if not all of them were equally relevant to District matters they would provoke a good debate and the Council meetings with Ernie contained healthy and some times emotional discussions.

If you did not agree with Ernie you would be accused of 'just not getting it', but in spite of his style Ernie was extremely well liked by many District residents which was reflected at the poles since he first got elected in 1979. 'We need somebody on Council to keep the rest of them honest', was an often repeated phrase by many voters. Ernie was a firm believer in what he referred to as community-based planning. He would fight developments when he felt that the local residents did not support a development proposal. Ernie had an amazing ability to stay in close contact with the electorate.

When invited Ernie would always come out to our BCA meetings and Blueridge Good Neighbour Day and he did that on a number of occasions. Although not everyone would agree with Ernie Crist's style he was well respected by his fellow politicians.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Joyce, in Lynn Valley and his son, David, who now lives and works in Germany. Thanks for everything, Ernie! The struggle goes on.

## District of North Vancouver Water Pump Station Project

*By Lorn Carter*

The District of North Vancouver (the District) is currently in the preliminary design phase of a water pressure booster pump station to be located in the Blueridge area. This project was necessitated by the construction of Metro Vancouver's water filtration treatment plant. Metro Vancouver's project will cause a significant decrease in water pressure in much of the higher elevations of the Seymour area stretching from approximately Hyannis Point to Indian River Drive. Metro Vancouver plans to commission the filtration plant this fall.

To mitigate the lower pressure, the District must construct a water pressure booster pumping station to allow our residents to receive similar water pressures as they have in the past. The site of the proposed pump station is located just west of Berkley Road and just north of Hyannis Drive. The pump station will be an above-ground concrete building complete with a security fence, underground power (including a generator for backup power), and vehicular access for maintenance purposes. We are currently in the process of completing internal reviews to ensure any environmental and tree issues are addressed.

The District will undertake regular communication with residents either directly or through the Blueridge Community Association forum regarding this project.

**Get involved – volunteer!**  
**email - [blueridgeca@shaw.ca](mailto:blueridgeca@shaw.ca)**

We have asked for this before, but we will do it again: do any of the old-timers in Blueridge or

Seymour-Heights have pictures from the good ole days? We would love to have some pictures from the early days in our community. We would also like to see old pictures from Seymour in general and the woods and mountains that surround Blueridge/Seymour Heights.

Your old pictures could be used in our next newsletter and will certainly be posted on our website! So please dig into your old photo albums and e-mail us (after scanning) what you have. If you have no access to a scanner, please do not hesitate to call me and I will arrange to have the pictures scanned and returned to you later.

Eric G. Andersen 604 929 6489

In case we do not have your e-mail address yet it is not too late to give it to the Blueridge Community Association (BCA). Although the BCA has the e-mail address of nearly 200 families in Blueridge and Seymour Heights we want more! Percentage-wise this is very high for a community association, but still only a minority of the total available e-mail addresses for our community. This is the best and easiest way for the BCA to stay in touch with the whole community. Remember that democracy only works if the residents are involved.

By providing our webmaster with your e-mail address you will be notified of the BCA meetings and any other events of interest to Blueridge & Seymour Heights residents. Your e-mail address will NEVER be sold or passed on to other parties. It stays safely with the BCA.

So if you have not given us your e-mail address yet, pls e-mail us @ the following address:

**[blueridgeca@shaw.ca](mailto:blueridgeca@shaw.ca)**

This will help us making our community association even stronger.

## **Developments** *By Eric Andersen*

An essential reason for our newsletter is to keep the residents of Blueridge and Seymour Heights aware of what is going on in the area. This time

we would like to let you know of what is happening on the development front in the general area. The very high house and land prices in the Lower Mainland are putting a lot of pressures on developments.

The so-called IRCA project is on the north side of 3200-3300 blocks Mount Seymour Parkway. This project was rejected by Council in 2006 due to the proposed timing, but it has since been approved after public hearings. It includes 35 apartments and 25 townhouses only 15 meters from Thomas Creek. The project is expected to proceed this year.

Pacific Harbour Three is on the south side of the 3600 block Mount Seymour Parkway. The proposal involves a 16 storey high rise tower with a two storey podium accommodating a total of 155 seniors rental units of which 125 units will be devoted to independent living. The remaining 30 units will be assisted living units. A detailed planning application has just been submitted by the developer. The project will have to go to public hearing before it can proceed.

Harbourview Projects is on the north side of 3700 block Mount Seymour Parkway. The proposal will not need to go through a public hearing and it includes retail on the ground floor and 23 apartments on the three floors above.

Riverside Terrace is near the gravel pit with entry from Berkley and on Browning Place. The proponent of this development has 31 single family units in mind on the escarpment near Mount Seymour Parkway. A detailed planning application has been prepared.

Tsleil-Waututh land has plans to build a new townhouse and condominium project at the Ravenwoods development will proceed after the Band Members voted in favor of it last fall. The District of North Vancouver has absolutely no say in developments on Band land. The development will see 48 luxury townhouses and 200 condominiums on 7.62 acres of land to the north of the completed Windsong project.

The Seymour Local Plan, which was adopted by Council in 2004, calls for 5-year phases of 250

units (of about 50 units per year) each, including developments in Maplewood and in Tsleil-Waututh land. After the first phase (2003-2007), there was already an overage of 40 units (to be taken from the next phase). It is easy to see that with all the proposed developments we will soon reach the maximum for phase II (2008-2012). It will be most interesting to see how Council will deal with these developments in a municipal election year and whether the Seymour Local Plan will be respected.

Outside of Seymour there is the proposed development for Seylynn Village on six acres of land bordering Highway 1, Mountain Highway and Hunter Street. This project, which will have 700 units in towers of up to 25 storeys, is likely to have some bearing on the traffic pattern to/from Seymour. The rezoning stage is expected to begin after the summer.

## **Seymour-Capilano Water Filtration Projects**

*By Ann Cockle*

The Seymour Dam update has been completed except some landscaping and tree planting. There are plans for a trail to go from the fish hatchery to a viewing area on the west side of the dam where there will be a picnic area and a gazebo. A Guard House will be erected to keep the public away from our precious drinking water. There is serious discussion ongoing about a bridge being built below the dam so that there could be a Loop Trail. Time will tell on this.

### Capilano Hydropower Project

Metro Vancouver is considering building a powerhouse in the west abutment of Cleveland Dam. They are hoping to be able to provide power to thousands of homes in the future.

### The Pumping Station, Capilano Energy Recovery Break Head Tank

All at the Capilano/Cleveland Dam area are all complete and just some final landscaping and small details taking place at this time.

### Seymour – Capilano Filtration Plant

This huge and costly project in the lower Seymour Forest /Rice Lake area is well on it's way to completion. Wiring and plumbing are being completed. Final landscaping is presently taking place. Some water routing is taking place. The Operations and Maintenance Building will be heated by 42 km of coils under the clear wells and drawing the heat from the ground and the water is flowing through a heat pump system to heat the building. A clever environmental undertaking.

### Seymour Main #5 Mount Seymour Parkway and Seymour River

Electrical and final work is being completed at this time. Plans are for a small park at this location (north of the Parkway at Seymour River) Maplewood Creek will be diverted into this small park and will wonder through it and there could be fish in the creek for us to view. This is still under discussion and planning.

### Twin Tunnels 7 km Seymour to Capilano Dams

As of this writing the contractor for the 600-meter deep twin tunnels has shut down both tunnels because of loose rock in one of the tunnels. The tunnels have been shut down since Jan 7th and Jan 10th. At this time it is uncertain as to when the drilling will commence. The tunnels are under Frome Mountain and are half way to their final destination at Cleveland Dam.

### Possible new Pumping Station

The District of North Vancouver Engineers decommissioned the old 12" water supply pipe which comes up from Riverside Drive to Berkley Avenue because of seismic concerns and the new Filtration Plant has reduced our water pressure in the Blueridge area so, to increase the water pressure in our area back to the original pressure, there are currently plans to install a pumping station at Berkley Avenue and Hyannis Drive (on the north west corner). The building will be approximately 24' x 30' and 12' x 14' high and the building would be buffered by trees between the building and the roads. The building would be fenced for security.

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