



# Blueridge Community News

## **Blueridge Good Neighbour Day 2010 !**

**Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 am – 2 pm**

### **SUPERHERO THEME!!!**

**10 am – 10:30** - Parade leaves top of Berkley

**10:30 – 11:00** - Gather at Blueridge School ~

#### **Prizes awarded for Best Costume!**

All the usual entertainment is coming your way...

Plus a few special extras for a fun filled day!!!

- Our Super Silent Auction will have some great deals!

- The Kids Carnival has lots of appeal!

- There's face painting, Arts & crafts, a Hockey shoot out!

- And the Laughing Stock Pony Rides will have you laughing...

No doubt!

- Mine for gold with Yukon Dan!

- Balloon animals from Belly Buttons the Clown!

- Party Works Inflatables will have you bouncing with joy!

- Mad Science Experiments will thrill the girls and boys!

- There'll be singing & Cheerleading – the music won't stop!

- And don't forget to check out Soren's School of Hop!

And after all that when you're ready to eat,

#### **There will be a delicious BBQ by M&M Meats!!**

**11:00 – 11:05** - Blueridge Singer ~ Ariel Kanegae

**11:05 – 12:00** - Musical Entertainment: **Some X 6**

**12:00 – 12:30** - Soren's School of Hop!!!

**12:30 – 1:00** - **Blueridge Singers**: Brooke Maquignaz, Cameron Carley,  
Emma Curtis, Shaziya Premji, Olivia Steele Falconer

**1:00 – 2:00** - Musical Entertainment: **Some X 6**

**2:00** - **Absolute Academy of Cheer** ~ Cheerleading Demonstration

**2:30** - Super Silent Auction Closes! Payment & Pickup Please!!!

**\*\*Donations and Volunteers are welcome and needed as always!**



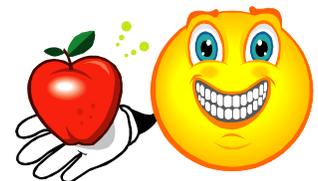
#### **'Sorry, we goofed!...**

We erroneously forgot to thank the following three generous sponsors in our latest list of sponsors for Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, 2009:

Ruth Hanson, Prudential Sussex Realty

Tim Hortons

Ideal Distributors



We apologize for these unfortunate omissions in our last newsletter'

## **131 bottles in 131 days!**

By: Eric Andersen



'Everywhere there's lots of piggies  
Living piggy lives'

This is what the Beatles used to sing in their song 'Piggies' on 'The White album' back in 1968. I wonder if the little piggies have now moved to Blueridge.

Am I getting old and cranky, or is there a lot more garbage floating around everywhere in our neighbourhood? Particularly around the trailheads you will find all sorts of garbage strewn around.

Last summer a family member from Europe noted how many empty cans and beer cans I was picking up on our daily walks in our neighbourhood and on the trails in the woods. Well, I started counting them at that time (end-August) which I probably shouldn't have... this is depressing reading. In the 131 days from the start till New Year's I picked up exactly 131 cans/bottles, in other words, one per day. If you think it's bad, it is, in fact, getting worse: 66 cans/bottles in March alone and with the warmer weather on its way I have little reason to believe that this will get any better.

Years ago the BCA petitioned the DNV to get more garbage cans in various locations in Blueridge/Seymour Heights. After several attempts we got more garbage cans, but there is little point in asking for more garbage cans, since there is also, quite unbelievably, garbage floating around within meters of already existing garbage cans. Please make an effort to use the local garbage cans if you really can't bring your own garbage home – and please tell your friends and family members to do the same. It really shouldn't be that hard to do.

Is it time for a major clean-up of our neighbourhood? Is there an appetite for this? Please let us have your thoughts (via the BCA's e-mail, i.e. [blueridgeca@shaw.ca](mailto:blueridgeca@shaw.ca)).

This was discussed at our latest AGM and many residents found that there is garbage all over, not just at the trailheads, but also at the bus stops.

At a time when you would think that our youths are constantly being told about recycling and reusing it is worrisome that the trend is to throw bottles, cans and garbage everywhere. It is getting a lot worse and – other than a collective neighbourhood clean-up - maybe we should discuss this further with the local school principals and the PAC's.

Please let us have your feedback!



### **Off the Beaten Path**

*A Hiking Guide to Vancouver's North Shore*  
by [Norman Watt](#)

### **A hiking guide to Metro Vancouver's North Shore.**

With a total of 31 North Shore hikes (15 in West Vancouver and 16 in North Vancouver), plus two in the Pemberton area, this is the most comprehensive collection of North Shore hiking trails to be found anywhere. Focusing on the varied and interesting hiking trails through the wilderness of Metro Vancouver's North Shore forests, many entries feature historical information about the area not often found in other hiking books, including points of local interest such as old homesteads and logging camps from the early 1900s.

The level of detail, including thorough trail descriptions and approximate walking times, makes this book a distinctive and invaluable resource for the seasoned outdoor adventurer as well as the casual hiker. From Horseshoe Bay and Lighthouse Park to the Baden-Powell Trail and Goldie Lake, discover the rugged beauty of the North Shore up close and on foot.

"Off the Beaten Path" is now out in book form. It is new into stores this month (now available at all Chapters/Indigo locations), and published by HarbourPublishing.

<http://www.harbourpublishing.com/title/OfftheBeatenPath>. It has 21 North Shore hikes from my 2008 and 2009 columns, plus another 10 not previously published in the newspaper.

## **Berkley Park...or is it?**

By: Holly Roy

My husband and I often walk along Berkley as part of our regular exercise route. We have come to appreciate the wonderful new view of the rest of the North Shore mountains that has opened up following the dreadful mud slide five years ago.

I thought how nice it was that The District had planted a new park area in place of the demolished houses, but sad that they had obviously decided to keep the public out by erecting a sturdy fence and locked gate. I have eagerly awaited the opening to the public of this small but lovely new green space.

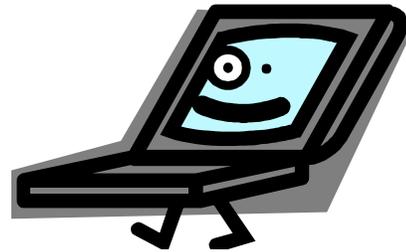
I have twice now approached The District to find out the opening date of this new park . My first call was over a year ago and was told that they were waiting for The District Engineers test results on the stability of the slope and that when they were satisfied with the safety issue , the park would be opened up. Agreement with the local residents was also a factor they were considering.

Now more recently, I again called The District to find out what their plans were as the gates remain locked. To me, the park looks very settled and the trees and grasses have taken well. It looks just the right place to sit and admire the sunset , something we do not usually get to see due to the density of our lovely trees along the west side of our neighbourhood.

I cannot remember the name or department I was finally put through to at The District as I was directed all over the place when I called. But I did receive a call back from a very helpful woman there.

It now appears that the park will be opened if The District receives a request from The Blueridge Community Association indicating that the majority of residents desire this.

So, I hope that this new green space can be opened to the Blueridge residents and would like to think we could have an input in the naming of it also. I suggest it should be named after the poor lady who tragically lost her life on that dreadful night in January 2005.



### **A website to check out!**

Naturally we like to promote our own website first and foremost (<http://members.shaw.ca/blueridgeca/>), but today we will tell you about another interesting one: the District of North Vancouver's GIS website, [www.geoweb.dnv.org](http://www.geoweb.dnv.org). This website is absolutely incredible and a MUST-SEE for anyone wanting to know more about the DNV and our very own neighbourhood. You can read more and find detailed maps about the following: aerial images, bikeways, bus routes, census maps (covering education, housing, immigration, income, population and age), hydrology, topography, zoning and much, much more. Did you e.g. know that Blueridge has the second-highest household income in the DNV? Hats off to the DNV for having spent that much time and effort on a totally amazing website. This is a website that everyone should check out and will enjoy.



### A Plant to look out for....

This is a photo of False Lamium (*Lamium galeobdolon*), which is an invasive species of plant that is spreading throughout the woods in the Blueridge area. The spreading of this plant and other invasive species (Ivy, Periwinkle, Himalayan Blackberry; Holly to name a few) stops the growth of our Native Plants and thus creates a monoculture. A monoculture inhibits a diversified environment which is required to support local wildlife, birds, our West Coast Banana slug; salamanders etc. Please do not put this plant into hanging baskets as the baskets often get dumped into the woods and hence the spreading happens quickly through root propagation. False lamium can produce copious seeds that are dispersed primarily by ants up to 70 m. This groundcover spreads by growing up and over other plants and smothering them.

### **RECIPE CORNER!!**

Submitted by Annie Danielson

I am sending you the recipe for a soup my daughter made when she was in Grade 2 at Blueridge School in 1978/79.

Each child was asked to bring one ingredient and the whole class concocted this soup.

My children and several of their friends still refer to this soup as Grade 2 soup. It is always a great hit and any vegetable you find in the fridge can be used. Even kids who did not like veggies ate this great Gusto....mainly because they made it!

#### **GRADE 2 SOUP**

- 4 leeks - white and very pale green part only
- 1 large yellow onion
- 2 cans beef broth (chicken or veggie stock works as well)
- 1 large potato
- 1 796ml can tomatoes
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 cloves garlic - peeled, crushed but not broken

vegetables - almost any type, such as:

cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, green beans, parsnips and white turnip

few sprigs parsley

salt and peppercorns to taste

Chop onions medium fine, chop leeks into short pieces.

Chop all other veggies into small (not fine) pieces

Sauté onions and leeks until onions are translucent

Add beef broth or stock,

Add the can of tomatoes

Add all other vegetables, and some water if necessary

Add salt and pepper to taste

Cook for about ½ hour, until all veggies are cooked

