



Blueridge Community News

14th Annual Blueridge Good Neighbour Day June 12, 2011 – 10am-2pm

The circus is coming to Blueridge, and we need you to help us make the 14th annual Blueridge Good Neighbour Day a success!

Meet at the top of Berkley at 9:45am on June 12th for a parade down to Blueridge Elementary School with local dignitaries, Flicka, the West Vancouver Youth Band & you! And don't forget to decorate your bike & wear a costume...there will be prizes!

The parade will make its way down to Blueridge Elementary School for a kid's carnival, community tables, the Tim Horton's Community Cruiser, live music, entertainment and fun activities for the whole family.

Throughout the day there will be lots of great family friendly activities:

Bell E. Buttons the clown
Cake walk
Concession Stand
Mad Science
Laughing Stock Pony Rides
Partyworks Inflatables Bouncy Castles
Silent auction with some exciting new prizes
Yukon Dan

And don't miss these exciting performances:

10:30-11:15: Flicka Gymnastics Demonstration
11:15-12:00: Blueridge Singers
12:30-1:00: Absolute Cheer and Tumbling Cheer-leading Demonstration
12:00-1:00: Highrise Lonesome Bluegrass band
1:00-2:00: Soren's School of Hop

And new this year, enjoy Greek gyros at the concession stand, along with the standard hot dog & potato chips! We are also excited to include a dunk tank, the proceeds from which will be used to support the Children's Miracle Network.

Blueridge Good Neighbour Day is made possible through the support of our generous sponsors & a grant from the Arts office of the District and City of North Vancouver.

For more information go to our Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=203788559647229>



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Written by: Eric Andersen

The Blueridge Community Association's Annual General Meeting was held on May 10. We started up with a most interesting presentation by a couple of energetic representatives from Restorative Justice in North Vancouver (they will have their own table at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day on June 12, so you can find out more about Restorative Justice in case you missed their presentation at our AGM).

When it came time to discuss the new board of directors for the BCA we regretfully had to say goodbye to both Rick Greenwell and David McLeod who stepped down because they both had left Blueridge.

We thank them both for their good work and contribution in the past.

Instead we were fortunate enough to have three of our residents who volunteered to join our board. This means that our new board for 2011-12 looks as follows:

BCA Directors 2011-2012

Name	Function
Eric Andersen	Chair
Lesley Brooks	Director at large
Anni Danielson	Director at large
Barry Fenton	Director at large
Rhoda Irwin	Director at large
Nasrin Jannisafar	Director at large
Michele McKnight	Webmaster
Sonia McLeod	Editor
Javier Montemayor	Director at large
Stephen Parker	Treasurer

The Chair's report covering 2010-11 included the following points:

1/ meetings continued to be held every second month (September, November, January, March and May).

2/ we had a number of guest speakers – , Metro Vancouver presentation on water projects, Car Pace pilot project in Blueridge/Seymour Heights, Tabitha Foundation, firechief regarding inter-phase fire hazards and North Shore Restorative Justice

3/ two newsletters (June 2010 and May 2011) were prepared in 2010-2011 which reached every household in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (thanks strictly to volunteers). One newsletter is planned on going out in June 2011.

4/ the BCA hosted a very successful 13th Blueridge Good Neighbour Day in June, 2010, at the Blueridge Elementary School. We are working on the 14th BGND.

5/ the BCA general account has a surplus of \$375.70 - in addition we have \$5,850.17 earmarked as seed-money for the next Blueridge Good Neighbour Day and \$3,400 from the Farmers' Market (Stephen Parker to adv the figures).

6/ the BCA has a website: <http://members.shaw.ca/blueridgeca/> and an e-mail address: blueridge@shaw.ca. We have about 200 e-mail recipients in Blueridge/Seymour Heights.

7/ the BCA has notified its members of numerous meetings and events of potential interest to them.

8/ the BCA has representatives on the CMAC water committee, Community Advisory Panel, Canlan Ice-Sports Committee, the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee and Seymour Local Plan Monitoring Committee.

9/ the BCA arranged four clean-ups in the Blueridge Creek

10/ the BCA co-hosted an All-Candidates meeting on 04/18 prior to the federal election

WE MUST THANK ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO THE BCA.

Request for bench in Blueridge

Written By: Eric Andersen

Through the excellent work of Laura Wells and Rhoda Irwin the Blueridge Community Association has submitted a request for a bench to be located under the Weeping Willow tree on Sechelt Road next to the park at which the Blueridge Creek runs through. We would also like a small bear proof garbage can installed next to the sign of Blueridge Creek as it would not be nice to sit on the park bench next to the garbage can. A little distance between the two would be appreciated. We are hoping the users of the park would deposit their garbage at the trail head rather than throughout the park.

We are now waiting for the District of North Vancouver to let us know whether they will be able to comply with the above requests for both a bench and a garbage can.

How to contact the Blueridge Community Association:

Please e-mail us at blueridge@shaw.ca or go to our website <http://www.members.shaw.ca/blueridgeca/> We would love to hear from you!

Flea market in Blueridge/Seymour Heights?

At a recent Blueridge Good Neighbour Day planning meeting the topic of a flea market in Blueridge/Seymour Heights came up. This was tried out at our very first Blueridge Good Neighbour Day back in 1998 and some residents brought their garage sales items out to Blueridge School. Unfortunately it was not a success for the simple reason that participants in Blueridge Good Neighbour Day did not attend the event to bring home the various items that you may end up finding and buying at a garage sale. The question is now: would there be any interest in a flea market/giant garage sale if we held this at a different time of the year than Blueridge Good Neighbour Day – maybe in the spring or early fall? We could possibly use the parking lots at Blueridge School. This is just a trial balloon, so let's see if this is something that you would like YOUR community association to pursue and arrange.

Please let us have your thoughts! Our e-mail address is blueridge@shaw.ca.

Adopt-a-Street Program?

Written By: Eric Andersen

Other municipalities in the Lower Mainland such as Delta and Surrey have Adopt-a-Street programs in place. Such a program is a good way to show civic pride while making the community an even better place to live. The program is designed to encourage community groups (and individuals) to work in concert with municipal staff to help keep the environment clean and beautiful by adopting a specific site or section of road, pledging to keep it free of trash and debris. The municipality acknowledges the efforts of all volunteer groups through the placement of a personalized Adopt-A-Street sign along their adopted street. Volunteers perform litter pick-up four times a year which helps the local municipality reallocate funds to other much-needed programs.

For any of you who regularly go for walks in the neighbourhood you will undoubtedly have noted how garbage is unfortunately to be seen and found in many parts of our community. The worst areas seem to be close to our parks, trail-heads and schools.

At our AGM the topic of asking the District of North Vancouver to implement the Adopt-a-Street Program was on the agenda. There was general interest in the program and the BCA will formally ask the District of North Vancouver District to proceed with such a program in our municipality. We would like to hear back from others whether you would also volunteer to come out and help clean out e.g. around the local parks and trail-heads, if such a program were in place? It would appear to be a good idea, so we hope that it will have good support from Blueridge/Seymour Heights residents, if District Council decides to implement this program.



Big Heart Rescue

My name is Ben Weinberger and I am a longtime Blueridge resident and I volunteer my time to a group named Big Heart Rescue. Their website www.bigheartrescue.com sums up very well what they are doing:



Big Heart Rescue works within the Province of British Columbia with a special focus on remote First Nations Reserves, such as Bella Bella, Shear Water and Bella Coola on the Central Coast, and Kuper Island in the Gulf Islands. We refer to our work in these communities as "Spirits Mission".

We are funded 100% by generous donations from community members and supporters with proceeds going directly to the care and rehabilitation of companions in need of medical intervention, training and re-homing.

Many Blueridge residents have pets and enjoy them tremendously, but not all dogs are pure-bred, so if you are thinking of adopting a dog and not necessarily a pure-bred, why not consider this rescue group which does a lot of good work. Read more about Big Heart Rescue on their website.

I have had the opportunity to volunteer my Veterinary Services with a great group of dedicated people on several trips to Northern BC. Our Wellness and Spay/Neuter clinics along with public education has gone a long way in helping to eradicate deadly diseases such as Parvovirus and Distemper and promote a healthier and longer life for these dogs and cats.

Strengthening the human/pet bond and providing Veterinary services that are otherwise not available has truly been a rewarding experience. Please spend a moment to check out our website and feel free to contact me with any questions (604 924 3344).

Walk in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve

Local Seymour resident, biologist and geologist David Cook, has for many years organized interesting and interpretive field trips in the area. Another one comes up at the end of September and deserves special mention:

Friday September 30th., 2011

Title: Geology and forest ecology of Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve (LSCR)

An interpretive nature walk for Elder College

Meeting Location: Rice Lake parking lot which is just south of the Learning Lodge in LSCR. The parking lot is at the end of Lillooet Road which passes Capilano University and the cemetery. The distance between Capilano University and the parking lot is approximately 4.4 km.

Registration:

Capilano University
Continuing Education
2055 Purcell Way
North Vancouver, B.C. V7J 3H5

www.capilanou.ca/eldercollege

5 ways to register (quote course number which is not yet available but will be posted in the course handbook yet to be published or will be available on the above website)

1. Phone: 604-984-4901 during office hours Monday through Friday. Have your credit card number ready.

2. Mail - Fill out the registration form and mail to:
Capilano University
Continuing Education
2055 Purcell Way
North Vancouver, BC V7J 3H5

3. Fax the registration form to 604.983.7545.

4. In Person- Visit us during office hours and you can sign up on the spot.

5. Online- Click on the Continuing Education Registration link and follow the prompts.

Meeting Time: 09:30 am

Duration of walk: 2 to 3 hours

Leader: David Cook (Biologist/Geologist)

We will walk along trails paralleling the west side of the Seymour River in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve (LSCR) to view geological and natural history features that tell the story of this valley during and following the ice age. Some highlights will be 30,000 to 40,000 year old peat beds, raised sea-level benches, varved clays deposited in a glacial lake and natural history features such as temperate rain forest and a salmon-bearing wetland.