



# Blueridge Community News

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## An Old Fashioned Day at the Fair

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Blueridge Good Neighbour Day  
June 10, 2012 – 10am-2pm

Kids muster with their bikes at the top of Berkley at 9:45 on June 10<sup>th</sup> for a parade down to Blueridge Elementary School with local dignitaries, The District of North Vancouver Fire Department and more.

**Don't forget to dress "old fashioned" and decorate your bicycle.**

Once at the school you will enjoy the **Tim Horton's Community Cruiser**, music and fun activities for the family.

9:45 am Muster for the Parade

10:00 am Parade Begins

10:30 am West Vancouver Youth Band

11:30 am Soren's School of Hop,  
Featuring Watasun

12:30 pm Youth/Adult Pie Eating Contest

1:00 pm Highrise Lonesome Band  
and Irish Dancers

*Also*

*Royal Express Train*

*"Gold Panning" with Yukon Dan*

*Laughing Stock Pony Rides*

*High Striker*

*Cake Walk*

*Silent Auction*

*PartyWorks Inflatables Bouncy Castles*

*Concession, Hot Dogs and Gyros*

*and much more.....*

**Do you own a  
"vintage" car?**

Would you like to  
show it off in the  
parade?

If so, please email  
[blueridgeca@gmail.ca](mailto:blueridgeca@gmail.ca)

We would love you to  
take part in the  
Parade.



Blueridge Good Neighbour Day is planned and brought to you by a group of neighbours, the support of silent auction items and a grant from the Arts office of the District and City of North Vancouver.

Volunteers are welcome. Email [blueridgeca@gmail.ca](mailto:blueridgeca@gmail.ca) if you would like to take part in planning or helping at the event.



## BCA Traffic & Safety Sub-Committee Report

Written by: Graham Gilley

In our November 2011 newsletter, an article appeared regarding some traffic and safety issues here in Blueridge. In response to concerns from community members, a Sub-Committee was formed to identify areas of concern and begin working towards solutions where real problems exist. Beginning in early January, the group began sorting through the myriad suggestions presented by the community surrounding pedestrian safety and traffic calming. Our immediate concerns are the safe transit of school children and pedestrians through the area, as well as reducing the number of accidents and near-misses between vehicles. Listed below are a number of items we believe will help us achieve our goals. This list was forwarded to the DNV at the beginning of March and we are now awaiting their response.

### **Berkley Road - Pedestrian Safety and Speed Reduction**

Goal: Improve traffic calming and pedestrian safety

- Add at least one crosswalk on Berkley with a pedestrian activated crossing light.
- Put marked crosswalks at Berkley/Layton, Berkley/Swinburne and Berkley/Carnation.
- Traffic bulges (curb extensions) at Layton, Swinburne and Carnation in conjunction with above crosswalks.
- More signage on Berkley regarding speed limit and adding traffic fine signage (as per Fairway Dr.).
- Install an LED Radar SpeedCheck Sign (Vari-text) along Berkley Southbound.
- Continue increased RCMP speed enforcement.

### **Sechelt Drive Traffic Control**

Goal: Reduce excessive speed and poor visibility of pedestrians crossing Sechelt at Whitman and Arroyo

- Curb extensions and marked crossing at Arroyo - along with warning signage indicating crossing ahead, blind corner / reduced visibility for Eastbound vehicles.
- Restricted parking on NE and SW corners at Arroyo (unless curb extension is installed).
- Install marked crosswalk with warning signs at Whitman as visibility is compromised by curve in the road at the bottom of a steep portion of Sechelt. (Curb extensions and or parking restrictions)
- Speed limit signs on Sechelt both directions reminding drivers of 50km/h limit.

### **Byron Road - Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Safety**

Goal: Improve traffic calming and pedestrian safety

- Marked crosswalk at Bronte Rd. and Byron Rd.
- Marked crosswalk at intersection of Hardy pathway and Byron Road.
- Rumble strips / speed table along Byron S-curve to force cars to slow down in school zone (between Bronte and Hardy pathway) and as they access main school drop-off at turnaround.
- Limit parking to one side of Byron East of the turnaround to ensure safe vision lines along S-curve towards Hardy pathway crossing.

**NOTE:** all requested road markings to use photo luminescent paint, as street lighting in Blueridge is inadequate.

If you would like to add your comments to the discussion, please email either myself (ggilley@mulgrave.com) or the Blueridge Community Association (blueridgeca@gmail.com), at your convenience.

### **The Seymour Water Filtration Projects**

Written by: Anne Cockle

Many projects have been completed and many more are near completion. On such a large project there are many things going on at the same time and in many locations, and some will not be complete for a few years yet.

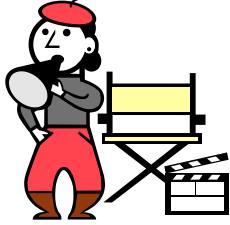
The large filtration plant near Rice Lake is finished and is filtering the water from the Seymour River, and we are receiving beautiful water in our homes (no need for bottled water). Boring of the nearby 7 km twin tunnels is finished, but there is much more work to be done with them. Some sections have steel liners being installed with more to be added, and the tunnels are also being pump-creted. This will take some time to finish.

At this time most of the work is taking place in the Cleveland Dam area with the shaft tunnels, pumping station, surrounding roads. The Cleveland Dam elevator is being replaced. There is a lot of truck activity taking place on Capilano Rd and all around the dam area with large pipes being placed and transported.

It has been truly interesting and enriching acting as a Blueridge representative on the Community Monitoring and Advisory Committee (CMAC) for the last few years, and I look forward to continuing to do so in the future.

## HOLLYWOOD HAS ARRIVED TO BLUERIDGE!

Written by: Anonymous  
(The writer's identity is known to the editor.)



The movie is a production out of China and is not in English. The English translation of the title is "Anchoring in Seattle". It is a romance about the mistress of a wealthy Chinese man who comes to Seattle, alone and 3 months pregnant, to stay and have her baby in America. This is called "birth tourism", and it is a common occurrence for wealthy Chinese women who want to get instant American citizenship for their children. This character's name is "LeLe", and is played by a very famous actress in China named Wei Tang. The places that these pregnant women stay are called birth tourism centres. They are typically homes in suburban neighbourhoods run by women. In this movie, the birth centre is run by a Chinese woman named Mrs. Huang. A character named "Frank" works as a driver for Mrs. Huang, and the love story is between Frank and LeLe. In the movie, our house was used as Frank's house. The movie is set at Christmas time. They weren't sure where they were going to get all the necessary Christmas decor in March, so I offered to use our Christmas stuff and decorate the living room. They also asked us to keep our Christmas lights on the house. The process of having the movie shoot at our home was long and extremely time consuming. I was contacted at the beginning of February, and over the next 2 months various people visited our house on at least 10 occasions, sometimes for up to 2 hours and 12 people at a time. The day before the actual movie shoot, they came and prepared the house by putting carpets all over our hardwood floors to protect them, and wrapped all the walls and furniture with cardboard. They also brought in their own decorations and props for the kitchen and living room. On the day of the shoot, the chaos was unbelievable! They got here around 7 am and there were about 50 or so people in and around the house. Inside, it was standing room only.

They set up a tent in the backyard which had tea, coffee and snacks all day for the crew. The carport was used to house the equipment where they reviewed the scenes. Depending on which room the scene was being shot in, the carpets were removed, the cardboard came down, and the equipment moved in. After the scene was shot, they'd put everything back. In the process, walls got scratched and chipped, floors got abused and small messes were made. It was the equivalent of about a year's worth of wear and tear on the house in one day. By 11pm the shoot moved outside for the scene where LeLe goes for a walk and notices Frank's house. There we all were standing in the cold and pouring rain while they did the scene 4 or 5 times. By midnight they were finally clearing out of the house. It was a 17 hour day and I developed an insider's respect for the people in this industry who have these schedules all the time! I hear the burnout rate is very high for people in the movie industry and now I know why. The next day they showed up at 10am to "undo" everything, remove the carpets, the cardboard, and their props. The location person showed up to do an inspection of damages and assure me that everything would be returned to normal & cleaned up. So we've had our insider's view of the limelight. We're looking forward to seeing our home in a movie. We'll search for it at the end of the year online and hope it will have subtitles!



We would like to apologize.

The article "**IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARKWAY / KEITH ROAD / HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE**"

On page 3 of our last newsletter was written by David Davey NOT David Harvey.

### Remember!

Should you want to volunteer or check out more information on our Association....

Please visit our

Website <http://members.shaw.ca/blueridgeca/>

Our email address is [blueridgeca@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgeca@gmail.com)

## Traffic Delay – Blueridge Good Neighbour Day Parade

You may expect delays between 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 10, from the top of Berkley to Bronte for the Blueridge Good Neighbor Community Parade.

Please make alternate plans to leave early or later. Thank you for your cooperation during this community event.

## ***Living in Blueridge – worth giving up a million dollar profit for?***

Written by: Stephen Parker

I have lived in Blueridge more than half my life. When my wife and I searched for our first home we considered different areas. At that time, the price differential between a home in Dunbar in Vancouver and a similar one in Blueridge was approximately \$10,000. That was a significant enough amount at the time to cause us to choose a house on Cactus Court, Blueridge. The price difference between a Dunbar home and a Blueridge one has ballooned from \$10,000 in 1984 to roughly a million dollars\* today. Do I regret not having bought the Dunbar home, and receiving that extra million dollars? As the saying goes; “In Vancouver you *SEE* the mountains. In Blueridge, you *LIVE* in the mountains.”

When one considers the following North Shore activities our family and Blueridge neighbours have participated in during this past year, it is easy to see why so many people say they will only leave when they are carried out. Within walking distance of our homes, Blueridge families can, and do, enjoy the following activities: (well, maybe you have to drive a bit sometimes)

•**Dog walking** on the trails behind our homes. All dog owners know that Blueridge dogs are the healthiest because they get “*leash free, unrestricted*” walks. Professional dog-walkers bring dogs from elsewhere in packs to use the trails that exist just outside our back doors;

•**Skiing.** 'Nuff said. The Olympic games were held in our community. A couple of weeks ago, a group of us Blueridge parents buzzed up to Cypress after work, for some E&E. (Excitement and Exercise). Within a few minutes, we were delivered from red lights, road rage and burnout induced stress, to an enchanting snow-scape, fresh air and exhilarating downhill skiing. Of course, we really earned the “beverages” that were consumed afterwards;

•**Mountain biking** on “*World Class*” mountain bike trails. Again, 'Nuff said; Athletes come literally from around the world to bike here. We can be on these fabled and much revered trails within minutes of gearing up in our back yard. No car required;

•**Snowshoeing** on Mt Seymour, (try it some time. Not only is it great exercise, but it is fun, and costs not a soon-to-be-extinct penny);

•**Racquetball**, squash, swimming, and partaking in an invigorating steam bath and sauna at Ron Andrews;

•**Trail running** I know a lot of people who's knees weren't abused by hockey and football that can still enjoy this sport well into their middle age years. While in the local trails, it is really amazing to see so many people (including many local broadcast celebrities) actively enjoying the running trails. I, am not one of them;

•**Hike to Quarry Rock.** Year round. The panoramic view of deep cove and surrounding area is well worth the price of admission; a free, calorie burning, stress busting hike. With or without dog;

•**Road cycling.** This week, when gas spiked to \$1.44 per litre, I discovered the joy of doing grocery shopping by bike, in the rain, using the aptly named “panniers” (bread carriers). I decided 4L jugs of milk are still best transported by car; and,

•**Curling.** 12 Blueridge couples fumbled, stumbled and blundered their way through 6 ends of curling at the Winter club last night, followed by a potluck feast on Tompkins.

If we had chosen the Dunbar home, we would have walked to the “Dunbar theatre” a few hundred times, and strolled to the trendy stores. To answer my previous question, do I regret my decision?

Living in Blueridge. Worth a million bucks? You bet.

\*Comparable homes researched Mar 31 on [www.realtylink.org](http://www.realtylink.org)

