

# Blueridge Community News

Editor: Sonia McLeod

## 22ND ANNUAL BLUERIDGE GOOD NEIGHBOUR DAY

**Sunday June 2nd, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Blueridge Elementary School Grounds**

**Blue(ridge) Hawaii**

**THEME:** Blue(ridge) Hawaii - Pull out those hula skirts, coconut bras, sunglasses and Hawaiian Shirts and join us for a fun filled day for the whole family!

**PARADE:** Join in the parade, which starts at 10:45am start at the corner of Berkley and Hyannis.

**LIVE MUSIC:** North Shore band, Five Star Motel will entertain throughout the day.

**FOOD & ACTIVITIES:** Hot dogs, food trucks, gyros, concession, cotton candy, beer (and wine) garden (ID mandatory), community tables, Kids' Carnival (crafts, games, activities), Doodle Girls face painting, airbrush tattoos, inflatable games, slides and bouncy castles from Partyworks, train rides, pony rides and games, silent auction (cash/credit cards accepted) and our famous pie-eating contest.

Highlights:

**11:00** (until we run out of cakes): Cake Walk

**1:30** Pie Eating Contest (sign up at 11am)

**2:45** Silent Auction Closes – pick up your winnings at 3pm

**KEEP IT GREEN:** Bring water bottles and washable dishes to help us eliminate unnecessary waste. Blueridge Good Neighbour Day is brought to you by a group of dedicated neighbours, the Blueridge Community Association, our valued sponsors, and the help of the Lynn Valley Lions Club Interested in helping? Here are a few things that you can do:

- Sponsor the event
- Rent a community table to promote your local business/non-profit
- Volunteer at the event (1 hour shift minimum)
- Join the organizing committee
- Bake a cake for the cake walk
- Donate gently used toys for the Fish Pond game in the Kids' Carnival
- Donate a prize for the silent auction

Bakers wanted for donating a cake or anything yummy to BGND cake walk. Please contact us at [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)

For more information, please contact us at [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org) or check out our Facebook Page and event at [www.facebook.com/blueridgegoodneighbourday](http://www.facebook.com/blueridgegoodneighbourday)

Written by: Stacie Graham

### Help Wanted!!!

Two people with 'Food Safe' certification to serve food at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, Gyros sandwich food table on Sunday, June 2.

Previous food service experience an asset.

Wage is \$25/hour. - Please contact Lauren @ [gorgounisfam@gmail.com](mailto:gorgounisfam@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Sunday, June 2, at 10.45 PM – 3.00 PM** – Blueridge Good Neighbour Day – Parade starts on the corner of Berkley and Hyannis and finishes at Blueridge Elementary School

**Saturday, June 8, at 6 PM – 10 PM** – Dîner en Bleu – at a secret location somewhere in Blueridge/Seymour Heights! (Page 4)

**Sunday, June 9, at 9 AM – 12 PM** – Blueridge Sharing Garden work party – starts with coffee

**Sunday, July 14, at 9 AM – 12 PM** – Blueridge Sharing Garden work party – starts with coffee

**Sunday, August 11, at 9 AM – 12 PM** – Blueridge Sharing Garden work party – starts with coffee

**Sunday, September 8, at 9 AM – 12 PM** – Blueridge Sharing Garden work party – starts with coffee

**Sunday, October 20, at 9 AM – 12 PM** – Blueridge Sharing Garden work party – starts with coffee

## Thank you, dear editor!

Written by: Eric Andersen

2008 – the year of the severe stock markets crashes. George W. Bush was still the president in the US, and Stephen Harper was the PM in this country. Italy was the reigning soccer World Champion, the Detroit Red Wings were the Stanley Cup Champions, and the Vancouver Canucks? Well, they didn't make it to the play-offs that year... A year with ups and downs for many people, businesses and teams, but for Blueridge/Seymour Heights this was the beginning of Sonia McLeod's time as our editor. 12 years later Sonia has decided to pass the torch to somebody else and it is hard to blame her after having had this important job for such a long time.

The articles in the first newsletter Sonia put together in October 2008 were dealing with... bear awareness, the upcoming municipal election, Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, the Blueridge Booster pump station project, the Blueridge Bartering Club, the Seymour – Capilano Water Utility Projects, the North Shore Save Our Shores Society and... Sonia added her first recipe, the Chicken Blueridge, serving 10 to 12 people.

From the very beginning Sonia put a lot of work into the newsletters. At the start we were only publishing two newsletters per year – both in the spring to advertise Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, but after a few years it was increased to three newsletters per year, including the fall issue which was used to thank our sponsors and donors at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day and keep our neighbourhood informed about what was going on.

For the last 12 years Sonia worked on newsletter after newsletter. Most of them were 4 pages, but over the years many of them grew to 8 pages. Sonia's job was to put the articles together in the newsletters and over the years she added more and more drawings that would match the articles. Many of Sonia's recipes were added over the years.

The Blueridge Community Association (BCA) has had many projects over the years (Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, the Blueridge Sharing Garden, the all-time candidates meetings, the scholarship, our website and Facebook page to name just a couple, but few have had as many compliments as our hard-copy newsletter (yes, the one you are reading right now). Distributed strictly by volunteers we would receive lots of praise every time for how nice and interesting the newsletter was.

As if that weren't enough, Sonia has also countless times volunteered with the distribution of the newsletters! She has always been showing true community spirit.

What should also be pointed out is that Sonia has lived with many late submissions of articles to the newsletter, she has accepted tough deadlines when the newsletter HAD to be back in Blueridge for distribution before a specific event, and – perhaps the most amazing part! – she has put up with all your truly's nagging and nit-picking! Not once did I hear her complain! This woman deserves a huge Blueridge medal!

From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of the entire community in Blueridge/Seymour Heights I would like to thank you, our dear editor, Sonia, for having done such a great work and for that long. You have certainly made a difference in Blueridge!

***Thank you Eric for the kind words! It has been a pleasure to be apart of such a strong association and a great community! I am honored to have worked with you and the directors. I can't believe how quickly time flies! Take care all! Sonia McLeod***

## RECYCLING NEWS!

Written by: Eric Andersen



We don't find that these important changes have been well advertised, so we would like to bring this up, in case you missed it (like others did). The list of what you can recycle has been expanded and as of January 2019 includes the following:

- Flexible packaging with plastic seal
- Woven and net plastic bags
- crinkly wrappers & bags
- stand-up pouches
- zipper lock bags
- bubble wrap & more
- Non-food Protective Packaging

You can find the whole list of items on-line on our website: [blueridgeca.org](http://blueridgeca.org)

Please note that you can now bring all the above **Flexible Plastic Packaging** to the Recycling Drop Off Area or other available drop-off location (such as Brooksbank Return-it depot and London Drugs).

## Our Local Heroes!!

Written by: Eric Andersen

The Blueridge Community Association's newsletter has been hand-delivered to all homes in Blueridge/Seymour Heights since the late 90's. You may wonder how the newsletter is distributed. It is strictly done by volunteers. Once the newsletter is back from the printer an e-mail goes out to the volunteers who can confirm that they are prepared to help out with the distribution of the newsletter. Everyone gets a map showing exactly the area where to distribute their newsletters, usually about 60 homes per route. This should be possible to do in about an hour. Some people do it alone, others bring their kids and/or their dogs. A nice way to help out our community association and at the same time stay in touch with your neighbours and have a couple of friendly chats en route.

There are 26 routes to cover the 1,500 homes in Blueridge. Some residents have been doing this for 20 years, others have just started. They are all OUR local heroes – below you will find the list of the ones who have been helping us with the distribution of the four latest newsletters (March and May and October, 2018, and March, 2019):

Agneta Eineigel

Alessandra Fernandez Galdos

Alf Cockle

Alex McNeil

Amy Pankratz

Ann Reynolds

Anni Danielson

Barb Rennie

Bruce Bourdon

Christine Miller

Colleen Mah

Corinne Volpatti

Cristiana Menichelli

Cyndie Gilley

Dagmar Kocsis (**who also counts ALL the newsletters and prepares each batch of newsletters!**)

Edmund Hayley

Fariba Leilaby

Gordon Keir

Ilona Chapman

John Richmond

Jordan Gorgounis

Judith Spencer

Judy Killeen

Karen Johnston

Landon Voth

Lauren Gorgounis

Lesley Brooks

Linda Davis

Linda Janzen

Lorry Dickson

Paddy Chyzyk

Rhoda Irwin

Robert Duncan

Sonia McLeod (yes, our editor!)

Stacie Graham

Terri Thompson

Ursula Ernsting

Walwyn Wells

Willow Penno

A special thank-you goes to Alf Cockle who – after having diligently distributed the newsletters for over 20 years - decided to pack it in last year. The BCA thanks him very much for his devotion and his incredible help over so many years. In addition to this, Alf was a director for the BCA for several years. Happy BCA retirement, Alf! You certainly deserve it!

We would love to increase our volunteer pool, so if you are interested in helping with this BCA task once in a while, please contact us at [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)

## WE NEED AUDITORS!

Written by: Eric Andersen

Over the years we have built up some funding, particularly for our yearly event Blueridge Good Neighbour Day. We all know that the weather will have a large influence on the attendance at this (mostly) outdoors event, so the surplus could disappear quickly – that is why it is called our 'rainy day fund'!

However, in view of our bank balance we thought it prudent to have a couple of 'auditors' go over our books before each AGM.

We would like to have at least one auditor, and preferably two. You do not need to be a CA or CGA to help us with this, but some accounting experience from work or from other volunteer organizations

would be most helpful. The audit is not expected to last more than 90-120 minutes and will be done with the BCA's treasurer, Ted Bancroft, who will be there to answer any of the audit team's questions.

If you are interested and willing to help out, kindly contact us at: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org).

## Oops! – we goofed...

Written by: Eric Andersen

At the first Dîner en Bleu in Blueridge last June we had two great sponsors, but somehow we omitted to thank them in our newsletter in the fall.

Belated thanks go to these two generous sponsors: The cake was donated by Showcase Restaurant at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Hotel.

Table linens were donated by the Vancouver Convention Centre. **Thanks very much!**

## **BLUERIDGE 2ND ANNUAL “DINER EN BLEU”**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019**  
**Tickets go on sale May 8, 2019**

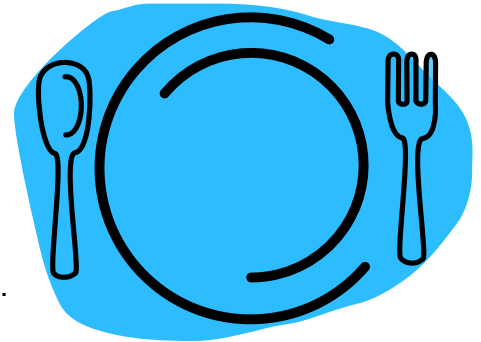
*Written by: Annely Greene*

Please join us for the 2nd annual Blueridge “Diner en Bleu” which will be held once again in a secret location in Blueridge on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

**Tickets are \$20 per person** and can be purchased by cash, cheque (made payable to the Blueridge Community Association) at 1526 Berkley Road, or e-transfer and 120 tickets will be available. Please email [BlueridgeDNB@hotmail.com](mailto:BlueridgeDNB@hotmail.com) to reserve your tickets. We expect tickets to sell quickly for this popular Blueridge residents event.

### **What to expect and helpful reminders:**

- Please drink responsibly
- Dress in blue (west coast casual) but please dress in blue for the spirit of the event
- Bring something to wear in case it gets cool or wet
- Bring your prepared dinner/ appetizers
- Bring your own drinks
- Plates, cutlery, glasses, tables and chairs will be supplied and seating will be assigned at the event.
- Dessert will be provided
  
- Maximum 6 tickets per person
- 6pm arrival and mingling
- 7pm dinner seating
- 7pm quick speech and thank you to our sponsors
- 9pm dessert
- 10pm wrap up and tear down
  
- Participants must be 19+ years, no pets, Blueridge residents only.



### **The dinner will happen rain or shine...so hope for good weather!!**

Proceeds from the event go to the Blueridge Community Association and fund scholarships for local students who serve our community. We are looking forward to a magical neighbourhood event with friends, food and laughter.

Note: It will have been a very long day for the small committee that put the event together. Any support with the tear down would be greatly appreciated.

See you soon, Diner en Bleu Committee!

Annely Greene  
 Michelle Leroux  
 Ernie Leroux

Vanessa Bragg  
 Lauren Gorgounis

Bruce Bourdon  
 Ruth Hanson

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