

Blueridge Bulletin
April 2022



Hi neighbors! Hard to believe but April is upon us, no fooling here! Cherry blossoms and daffodils are out in full bloom, the sun is shining, the birds are flitting about building their nests, and spring seems to have sprung upon us!

This bulletin is packed full, and with our "new and improved" layout (what do you think everyone? We'd love to [hear from you!](#)) you can even jump to the articles you are interested in reading most by clicking through the table of contents. With the longer days and warmer weather starting, new watering restrictions are now in place in the district. Be sure to take a look as they have changed from last year. We have also included updates from the DNV on the Berkley Road maintenance, and the CMHC's Recreation Access Management Plan. Be sure not to miss a fundraiser at the Raven Pub on April 3 for the Canada-Ukraine Foundation, or our next general meeting, where your input is needed! Remember the popular plant swap on Berkley Road last year? It will be opening again soon, and we are looking forward to meeting in person this month for our fun Blueridge Book Club! For more info on these and many other updates, see below! Happy Reading!

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Features



North Shore 4 Ukraine

Fundraiser @
THE RAVEN
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April 3

\$5 at the Door Donation– 6pm Start _____
Door Prizes, Silent Auction (Art, Canucks tickets, etc), 50/50, lapel pins, flags, and more
Bingo at 6:30pm sharp
Fun Facts about Ukraine!
Info on how you can help a new Ukrainian family arriving in Deep Cove.

Let's have some fun and raise money for the *Canada-Ukraine Foundation* a humanitarian relief charity helping kids and families in urgent need.



Berkley Road Repair Status

Jeff Powell

Many Blueridge residents will know that Berkley Road has been a construction zone for months. Thankfully the actual water main replacement is now done, as are the sidewalk repairs. The road is covered with temporary patches at this time, but the DNV engineering department assures us that they will be back to repave the road from curb to curb and for the entire length of the patchwork. That paving, however, requires the weather to be more consistent, so it won't start until late spring or even sometime in the summer. In the meantime, please be patient. It will get better!

If we hear about a planned start date we will update the info box on the [BCA website](#) with that information.



**Blueridge Community Association
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, at 7.00 PM
Location to be announced in the next Bulletin**

In preparation for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) next month, we want to hear from you!

After the presentations have completed, we would like to answer questions from Blueridge residents. We also want your suggestions about new initiatives and activities in Blueridge & Seymour Heights.

Please send us your Blueridge related questions and suggested initiatives in advance at: info@blueridgeca.org. You can also bring them up at the meeting, but we'll probably have better answers if we have a bit of time to prepare.

We need your ideas to make this an even better place. Thank you!



Volunteer Coordinator Needed!

Becoming our Volunteer Coordinator is a great opportunity to better know the community we live in and all our volunteers in Blueridge & Seymour Heights. Our previous Volunteer Coordinator moved away in 2021, and our interim Volunteer Coordinator, Stacie Graham, needs someone to take over this role.

If you are a people-person as well as organized and creative, THIS is the volunteer job for you! Help us find more volunteers to make this an even better place to live.

Key responsibilities include:

- In conjunction with the BCA board, identify opportunities, programs and activities where volunteers are required or would be beneficial.
- Work with event or activity organizers to create descriptions of volunteer roles.
- Work with other BCA volunteers to promote volunteer opportunities to residents via social media, monthly email bulletin, printed newsletter, and our website.
- Maintain volunteer database in MailChimp software.
- Communicate volunteer opportunities and other related content through emails created in MailChimp software.
- Respond to all inquiries from volunteers, determine areas of interest and connect people with available opportunities.
- Provide updates or articles on volunteer activities to all of the BCA communication channels.

If you are interested or want to learn more about the Volunteer Coordinator role,

please drop us a line at info@blueridgeca.org. You can also see other available volunteer positions on [our website](#).



RAMP

Michael Bernard

A public survey that took stock of what people like—and don't like—about the land and trails bordering on Blueridge drew greater-than-expected feedback with more than 1,700 people responding, a study conducted by a landscape architecture and recreation planning firm has found. The respondents raised concerns about everything from trailhead parking problems and the need for better directional and safety signs for mountain bikers, to off-leash dog walking and protecting the lands for future use by everyone.

The survey, conducted last fall by Lees + Associates, looked at 170 hectares of land co-owned by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) and the Province of BC. The consulting firm also held online sessions with stakeholders including bikers, hikers, the Blueridge Community Association (BCA) municipal and regional governments, and parks governing organizations, and the Province carried out parallel talks with First Nations governments. The first draft, called the “CMHC Mt. Seymour Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP)” has now been completed and distributed to stakeholder groups for further comment.

“The response was excellent,” Patrick Beech, a recreational planner with Lees who conducted the survey last fall. “We knew people are passionate about the trails, but we were impressed nonetheless.” Beech noted that those who responded are regular trail users, with bikers 65% going weekly, 18% monthly and 14% daily. Of walkers and hikers, 42% go weekly, 21% go monthly and 18% daily. The study identified 24 kilometres of trails, 40 of them named, including ones developed by mountain bikers, and the famed Baden Powell trail, which stretches across the North Shore.

BCA chair Eric Andersen says he was pleased by the strong response from local residents, who accounted for about 20% of survey input, but he stressed that he would like to see the parking problems at the trail heads more forcefully addressed. “As much as we appreciate that CMHC has little or no control over the traffic and particularly the parking situation . . . the parking issue has to be addressed and dealt with by adjacent landowners (the District and BC Parks), who do have such control within their jurisdictions.”

The difficult issue must be dealt with now, he said. “Good planning starts with having infrastructure in place before actual developments (residential or otherwise) follow.”

The study offered numerous suggestions including:

- Engaging underused staging areas along Northlands Drive and McCartney Creek Park, pay parking at Capilano University and parking at or near Seymour Heights Elementary School.
- Protecting streams from dogs, including their waste, through fencing and educational signs on proper dog-walking etiquette and stressing the impact of dogs on salmon spawning and habitat.
- Closing down unauthorized trails which can adversely affect wildlife habitat, including black bears and other animals
- Establishing maintenance regimes to maintain and protect the trail system.

One issue that received lesser attention was the call for establishing hiking and biking trails between Blueridge and Parkgate, part of which would run through the former Blair Rifle Range, previously used by the Department of National

Defence. Given the complexity of outstanding issues such as possible unexploded ordinance, lead contamination, and other environmental concerns, the study focused on areas more readily available for recreational use.

Daniel Scott, trails specialist for the provincial government's Recreational Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC), says he was particularly pleased that government has not inherited "a powder keg" of conflicts when it comes to planning the future of CMHC lands. "By and large, the community has come to realize that this is a resource to be shared."

Scott said RSTBC and Lees are waiting to incorporate responses from First Nations governments this spring and summer before finalizing the report. Following that, the provincial government will consider implementing the study's recommendations, he said, adding he expects the study will be made public later this year.



Seymour Estates

Michael Bernard

The sales centre for Seymour Estates is now under construction across from Ron Andrews Rec Centre. The 6.25-acre development will include 341 homes, including market condominiums, rental apartments, townhomes and a Rent to Own program. Sales for the first phase are expected to launch later this year. More information available at <https://seymourestates.ca>



Blueridge Park Update

As you might have heard, the play equipment for 6-12 year olds in Blueridge Park is scheduled for replacement in 2022. Last month the DNV had a survey on their website asking for community input on this issue. That survey closed on March 20, 2022.

The district is now processing that information and requesting bids for the project. Work on replacing the old equipment should start this fall. More information about this can be found at this web page: <https://www.dnv.org/parks-trails-recreation/blueridge-park-playground>

In addition, the DNV has budgeted \$375,000 to add new washrooms to Blueridge Park in 2023. As we learn more about that we will share it.



Stricter New Rules For Lawn Watering

In years past, May 1 has meant the move to stage 1 water use restrictions, which continue through October 15. The same is true this year, but the rules about watering lawns are different.

In the past, lawns could be watered twice a week. Starting this year, **lawns can only be watered once a week**. In addition, the DNV has increased fines for non-compliance.

These are the new rules:

- Even-numbered addresses can water lawns only on Saturdays
- Odd-numbered addresses can water lawns only on Sundays
- 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. for automated lawn watering
- 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. for manual lawn watering

As before, hand watering and drip irrigation of other plants is allowed from 5 am to 9 am any day. More information is available:

- [North Shore News article about the changes](#)
- [Summary of the conservation measures](#) (PDF) put into place at the various stages
- [Metro Vancouver water conservation home](#)

The [BCA website](#) should have the current water conservation stage and the current fire danger level on our home page, before May 1, to make them easy to find.



Keep an eye out for the plant stand opening back up soon. It's on Berkley just south of Carnation. More information coming next month!



This month's Book is

Klara and the Sun
by Kazuo Ishiguro

Meet up Tuesday 12th April 7:30pm

Blueridge Book Club

As the months pass since we started our very own Blueridge Book Club, our membership increases and our discussions become more and more intriguing. If you are interested, please feel free to join our [Facebook group](#). We would love to meet you! Our group is open to all ages and genders so don't be shy!

This month we are reading Klara and the Sun by Kasuo Ishiguro. We will be meeting up on Tuesday 12th of April at 7:30pm. Depending on the weather and COVID regulations this might be an online event. Please check the details of the event for updates.

Please join our group and mark yourself going to the event to receive regular updates. And welcome to the conversation!

Stay Connected

There are many ways to keep up with the neighbourhood and the BCA.

We're on: [Instagram](#) - [Twitter](#) - [Facebook](#)

Our Website: <http://blueridgeca.org/>

[Blueridge Community Neighbours Facebook Group](#)

[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

Got questions? Send us an email: info@blueridgeca.org

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