

*Blueridge Bulletin*  
*July 2022*



Welcome to Summer!

Winter was extended this year, with Mayvember and January being as close as we could get to spring. But now summer has arrived and every single plant is a riot of colour and growth. Many of the outdoor trades are backed up and scrambling to get back on schedule thanks to all the rain and cold. There's never a dull moment though, so take a walk and enjoy the flowers while you can.

This *Bulletin* is full of interesting news. We have a letter from DNV councillor Jim Hanson, the FireSmart program kickoff, a string quartet concert announcement, and many other items. This time we also introduce *In A Nutshell*, where short items are published.

Your editors are already at work on the August issue. If you have submissions - articles, photos, or things for *In A Nutshell* - please see our [submission guidelines](#) to learn what we need and how to send them our way.

As always, thanks for reading!

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## Features

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## **Concrete Towers and More Cars Are Not My “Green” Vision**

Jim Hanson, Councillor District of North Vancouver

In 2019, the District of North Vancouver Mayor and Council declared a “climate emergency.” The vote was unanimous. Rising global temperatures, and ominous weather, lead us to make a promise to view decisions through a “climate lens,” always asking how our policies will influence global warming and CO2 emissions.

During our term, we have taken various steps to act on our declaration, including prioritization of fossil-fuel free building design, investments in active transportation, lobbying for transit, preserving tree canopy, prioritizing recycling and a “circular” economy, among other initiatives. I believe that our current Council can be proud of our climate leadership. In 2021 the summer heat domes, November rainfall events, and midwinter cold have all reminded us of the wisdom of our plan to reduce CO2 emissions.

However, an issue is arising in the District (and indeed across the region) that is putting our climate-action commitments to the test—concrete high rises, complete with parkades to accommodate vehicles for residents and visitors. Are such proposals “climate friendly?” In my opinion, concrete high rises are not good climate policy, given the CO2 impacts of the construction (including “embedded carbon”) and ongoing maintenance. Add to that the cars that will be imported into our neighbourhoods as a result of this kind of development, and resulting worsening of congestion, we have a recipe for increased, not decreased, CO2 emissions.

Concrete high rises may or may not be good housing policy. Each proposal must, of course, be considered on its merits weighing all of the pros and cons

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of the development for our community. However, in my view, tall concrete towers are not consistent with our promise to prioritize climate in decision making. Proponents of tall concrete towers have failed to provide the evidence to me that such structures are climate friendly. Very tall structures are of course highly profitable to the builders who achieve the highest profit margins for the top floors. For my part, I promise that concrete towers and increased vehicle parking and congestion are not my “green” vision. I believe that smaller structures, with fewer parking stalls, and built with wood instead of concrete, are better for our climate. In my view, our planet, our descendants, and all other living creatures will thank us for saying no to tall concrete structures.

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### **United Strangers Celebrates Two Years!**

You're Invited Blueridge!

To celebrate their second year in business, United Strangers' owners Christine and Joe are planning a block-style party at the café on the July 9-10th weekend.

Christine says they will have free sampling of food items, along with artisans showing their works each morning. Each afternoon they also plan to have some sports activities including badminton. They hope to also hold a bike drive to collect bikes for kids. In two previous drives, last spring and fall, United Strangers managed to receive about 20 bikes.

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## **Trail Maintenance Day Cancelled**

We regret to announce that the trail maintenance day scheduled for mid June was cancelled. We're working with the DNV to reschedule it and we'll announce it when we know more. It is likely to be late summer/early fall.

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**BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**FireSmart**

## **Important Community Meeting July 19th**

FireSmart is a professionally-managed program designed to help communities prevent wildfires and minimize the potentially-devastating effects of such fires. Blueridge is highly vulnerable to wildfires that start in our forests or on someone's property. The heat dome of last summer will no doubt be repeated at least to some extent in the years to come, adding to the danger of fire.

There is an information meeting scheduled for July 19th at United Strangers Coffee Shop at 7:00pm. This meeting will introduce the key players, describe the program, and listen to questions and suggestions. It is your first chance to air your concerns and hear from your neighbours on this important issue.

If you would like to know more in advance of the meeting, you can visit

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## **Letters About Nextdoor Blueridge**

Eric Andersen

Many residents in Blueridge have received letters in the mail over the last six months allegedly sent by Blueridge residents (although never showing full address or other contact details). These letters promote an app called Nextdoor Blueridge. We've been asked if this group is connected to the Blueridge Community Association (BCA).

The answer is a clear NO! The group claims to offer services that the BCA has been offering – for free - to all local residents for a very long time.

This is part of a public multinational company, Nextdoor Holdings, based in San Francisco, California, and traded on the NYSE. You can read more about the company (good and bad) on Wikipedia at the following link:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nextdoor>

The bottom-line is that the BCA is NOT suggesting and/or recommending that you sign up for this company app.

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# Orca String Quartet



## **Concert on the Cul de Sac**

Come and enjoy a performance by the Orca String Quartet in a quiet Blueridge cul de sac! Bring your own folding chair and beverage of choice and enjoy some diverse and beautiful string music on a Sunday afternoon (see further info below). Tickets can be purchased until July 31, 2022. Surplus proceeds to Blueridge Community Association.

**Date/Time:** Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 3pm

**Tickets:** Adults \$20, kids under 12 are free.

**Payment:** e-transfer to [helenm\\_moore@hotmail.com](mailto:helenm_moore@hotmail.com) or by cheque/cash (please drop in the mailbox at 1979 Dunstone Place, with your name and contact details attached to payment). Cheques should be made out to the Blueridge Community Association

**Location:** 1979 Dunstone Place

Weather dependent. In the event of a deluge, ticket prices will be refunded.

For further information email Helen Moore at [helenm\\_moore@hotmail.com](mailto:helenm_moore@hotmail.com) or

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call 236-889-4355 or 604-986-0301.

The Orca String Quartet is an ensemble of high-calibre professional musicians in Vancouver. Its members perform music of a diverse array of styles from traditional Baroque, Classical and Opera to more contemporary such as show tunes, waltzes and tangos, jazz, swing, and pop hits, and engage our audiences in a relaxed way by discussing the repertoire we perform.

The musicians have performed at music festivals and concert halls around BC. The current quartet members have all been involved in playing not only quartet music, but also symphonic, opera and solo repertoire. Members of the quartet have accompanied a wide range of well-known artists, including operatic tenor Ben Heppner, jazz great Cleo Laine, and Motown legend Smokey Robinson.

The Orca String Quartet also performed for the Canadian Prime Minister, BC Premier, Prince Philip, and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. We look forward to sharing our music with you!



## Newsletter Distribution Help Needed

If you are not already a volunteer for the Blueridge Community Association and would like to be, please contact Elmira at: [volunteer@blueridgeca.org](mailto:volunteer@blueridgeca.org). You can also visit the [volunteer page](#) on our website. In July we will need help with the distribution of our hard-copy newsletter, so please sign up, if you are interested and have not already signed up for this volunteer opportunity.

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## Bake Sale Results

Olivia and Isla Belanger

Thank you to the Blueridge community. It was so nice of you to come to our bake sale. With your help we raised \$1735 and we are hoping that the Vancouver Food Runners and The BC children's hospital can put this donation to good use. We didn't get a chance to tell everyone that we will be doing this every year and we hope to raise more each year. Every one that came was really kind and that just warmed my heart. It was a very fun day for me and my sister.

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## In A Nutshell

- **Bears and Garbage** - Lately there's been a lot of discussion about both bears and coyotes in the area. Do your part to keep them wild by securing your garbage, recycling, and green waste. See the [garbage and recycling page](#) on the BCA website for rules and tips on how to do that.
- **Water Conservation** - Metro Vancouver is under **Stage 1 water conservation** rules at this time. Lawn watering is limited to just once a week as a result. [Click here](#) to learn when watering is allowed. You can also see the [other water use restrictions](#). The current water conservation stage is always listed on the [BCA website's home page](#).
- **Fire Danger** - While still low, as it gets warmer the danger of wildfire will increase. The [BCA website's home page](#) has the current fire danger level and link to the [DNV's forest fire prevention page](#).
- **Berkley Road Paving Update** - thanks to Brian Gardiner we know that the DNV is planning to repave the patched portion of Berkley this summer. We hope that starts soon!
- **Blueridge Book Club**: With summer holidays coming up and knowing that everyone's schedules are less routine, we have decided to pause our monthly book club meet ups until the fall. In the meantime, if you are reading some interesting books please do share them with us on the Blueridge Book club [facebook group](#). We would love recommendations on what to read for the summer!
- **Your Item Here** - Do you have a short item for next month's Blueridge Bulletin? If so, email it to [bulletin@blueridgeca.org](mailto:bulletin@blueridgeca.org). We accept articles and photos too. Please see our [submission guidelines](#).

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**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 Neighbours Facebook Group](#)

[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

Got questions? Send us an email: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)

Do you have something for the bulletin? Let us know! Send an email to [bulletin@blueridgeca.org](mailto:bulletin@blueridgeca.org) and tell us what you'd like to have included.

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### Advertise in the Bulletin!

\$30 per month, or \$250 for 12 consecutive issues. This revenue is used to defray some of our costs (such as signage, website, our yearly scholarship etc). If you or your company are interested in advertising in the Blueridge Bulletin, please contact us at: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)

These ads all contain links. Give 'em a click if they are interesting!  
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### **Hadley and Home**

Local small business featuring customizable patio furniture sets, out-door fire tables, eco-conscience Adirondacks, and folding egg swing chairs. Premium customizable sectional sets in black or light grey; solid aluminum frame and weather resistant wicker. Industrial metal Canadian-made sectionals available too. Folding swings can tuck away easily for winter; cushions available in red, green, dark or light grey.

\$200 off of your fire table with patio sectional sets!

Call or email to grab yours at warehouse prices - limited stock.

Photos on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

Contact Trisha Hadley at 778-779-4223 or [hadleyandhome@gmail.com](mailto:hadleyandhome@gmail.com)

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## Yes, just kids. Yes, just physio.

The **North Vancouver Kids Physio Clinic** is located a few blocks east of the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge along Dollarton Highway.



With an experienced team and a space specifically designed just for kids, we help children of all abilities and with distinct needs, from birth to 18 years, to reach their maximum potential and recover 100% from injury!

**604.971.0453 | [northvan@kidsphysio.ca](mailto:northvan@kidsphysio.ca)**

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# Cedar Early Learning Centre

Blueridge, North Vancouver

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## PHILOSOPHY

Cedar Early Learning Centre aims to incorporate each child's unique voice in the program. This philosophy is grounded in the belief that children require a holistic approach to learning, especially through explorations with the outdoor environment and social interactions with both peers and adults.

## MISSION

To provide children and families with qualified Early Childhood Educators and Researchers, who will build on each child's existing knowledge and enhance their collective learning experiences which will enable them to develop rich, life-long connections.



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