

Blueridge Bulletin

August 2022



Summertime is here and the living is easy!

Well, it certainly seems that way.

People are finally getting out and enjoying all that mother nature has to offer. In addition, travel is back on the menu and you may have been asked to keep an eye on a neighbour's house as a result. You'd think the *Bulletin* would be hard to fill in August, but that isn't the case. This month we have lots of stories, including local events, award nominations, various projects, and many other items as well.

We encourage your feedback about the *Bulletin*. Send comments and suggestions to info@blueridgeca.org.

And have a great time this summer!

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Features



Orca String Quartet



Concert on the Cul-de-Sac - Tickets still available!

Ticket purchase deadline extended to Aug 10!

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 **Aug 10, 2022**. Surplus proceeds go 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 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/cancellation, ticket purchases will be refunded.

For further information email Helen Moore at helenm_moore@hotmail.com or 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, 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!



Homestay Host Families Needed

Have you ever thought of hosting an international student in your home? Now is the time.

MLI Homestay needs host families for the upcoming school year for international students who'll be attending the local high schools. Host families provide three meals, a private bedroom and help students to integrate into Canadian culture. Our Homestay hosts receive a healthy monthly compensation. The students MLI places in homestays are committed to respecting the rules at home, and in the community, and a local coordinator is there to support the family throughout the student's stay.

Please consider supporting our next wave of students by hosting them for one or two semesters this coming September.

Interested in more info? Contact Linda Utas for more information at

604-857-3269.



Please sign up!

In the fall the BCA is planning two new and separate activities:

1. Brainstorming to make Blueridge better
2. A fall swap meet

You can read more about these activities on the first page of our recently delivered [summer newsletter](#).

If you are interested, but have not already signed up for either of, or both of these activities in the fall (dates are still TBA), please do so now by dropping us a line at: info@blueridgeca.org

Blueridge Garden



Blueridge Garden News

Carolann Fraenkel

The garden is in full swing, finally. After a long cold start, which was great for lettuce and kale and other cold loving plants, our gardeners are happy to finally see some progress on those summer plants we all wait for.

The Sharing Library has lots of visitors who come to enjoy a little shade and choose a book. If you are leaving books, please put them on the shelves.

We continue to be plagued by vandalism. If you're out for an evening stroll, walk by the garden! It's a pretty place and maybe lots of foot traffic will deter the vandals and help us to keep it a happy place for us all to share.



Recognizing Blueridge's Good People

Every year the ***Blueridge Awards*** are given out to Blueridge residents who go above and beyond to make our neighbourhood a wonderful place to live. You can read about the four awards and their criteria on [our website](#).

If you know someone who deserves one of these awards, please let us know all the details using the [nomination form](#).

Thank you, and thanks for making Blueridge great!



McCartney Creek Tennis Courts Are Back... and in Full Swing!

This happened so fast you might not have noticed it, but the tennis courts at McCartney Creek Park have been resurfaced and opened back up for use. They look great.

We hope the tennis players out there enjoy the new surface, courtesy of the DNV!



Fall BCA Newsletter

The BCA's newsletter editor - Michael Bernard - will soon start working on the fall edition. It will be the last one delivered in 2022.

Please send any articles you may have to: newsletter@blueridgeca.org.

The deadline for submission is Saturday, September 10.

Side Note: people often confuse the *Newsletter* and the *Bulletin*. Here's the difference:

- The ***Blueridge Bulletin*** is what you are reading now: an email sent once a month to subscribers.
- The ***Blueridge Community Newsletter*** is printed on paper and hand delivered three times a year to every mailbox in the neighbourhood by BCA volunteers.

Now you know! Past editions of both publications are archived on the [BCA website](#).



Project Community: Doormaster Garage Door Repair and Replacement

Project Community is a program from the BCA that connects Blueridge residents with service providers offering a discount, often by grouping work in our neighbourhood so they can avoid driving between customer sites. This month's offer is also from a locally owned business: Doormaster.

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As a Blueridge resident, I am honoured to offer my Company's services at discounted rates to the Blueridge and Seymour Heights communities.

Doormaster sells, services, installs, and repairs all makes and models of residential garage doors and operators, as well as driveway gates, commercial overhead and rolling doors and gates, and associated operators and access controls.

Please call or email to discuss any of your garage door needs. We provide free estimates for new garage doors and garage door replacements.

We offer to the residents of Blueridge and Seymour Heights a discounted residential garage door preventative maintenance rate of \$160 for the first door, \$50 for any additional garage doors on site. Tax additional.

**Regular price is \$185 for the first door, \$67.50 additional doors.

Preventative maintenance includes lubrication, checking of all door components for wear and tear, tightening of nuts and bolts, alignment, and other minor adjustments. Any parts required will be at an additional fee for materials and labour.

Discount pricing applicable only on monthly pre-scheduled days in the area.

Please contact Colleen Mooney for information on dates available. Offer valid til

Aug. 31, 2022

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Metro Vancouver Survey - Rice Lake

Metro Vancouver is conducting a survey on how should we re-purpose the new open spaces at Rice Lake. Maintenance work on the two working dams at the lake is nearing completion, with new open spaces created as a result. These could be used for various recreation or education opportunities, and Metro Vancouver would like to hear from you. Learn more about Rice Lake and complete a quick online survey before September 7, 2022 to share your thoughts!

<https://metrovancover.civilspace.io/.../share.../sections/1>



What's Up at the Library?

Have you ever wondered what's it like to live and work at a lighthouse? Now you can find out. Join NVDPL in-person at Parkgate Library on August 12 at 2 pm for the next event in the popular Life on the Coast series: Living and Working at a Lighthouse. Ray Des Harnais will share his experiences of living and working remotely – at a Lighthouse! His work includes collecting historic sea water temperatures and salinity, monitoring marine radio and distress calls, as well as gathering weather data and much more.

To register and for more information, visit NVDPL's [event page](#).



In A Nutshell

- **Water Conservation** - Metro Vancouver is under **Stage 1 water conservation rules** and will be until Oct 15. Lawn watering is limited to just once a week. [Click here](#) to learn which day you can water, and here are the [other water use restrictions](#). Current water restrictions are always listed on the [BCA website's home page](#).
- **Fire Danger** - With our recent warm weather, the DNV fire department has raised the fire danger level to **MODERATE**. Use care with anything that may start a fire, particularly in vegetated areas. You can always find the current fire danger level on the [BCA website's home page](#). *Thank you to a speedy neighbour who recently spotted an open fire in the trails and called 911!*
- **Berkley Road Update** - Paving has begun! It started the week of July 25th and is scheduled to go on for three weeks, longer if the weather does not cooperate. Detours are in place. Plan ahead and allow extra time when travelling on Berkley.
- **Why are elevator jokes so good?** Because they work on many levels!
- **Blueridge Book Club**: Our monthly book club meet ups are still on hiatus. We'll be back in the fall, but we're always interested in your book recommendations. Please share them with us on the Blueridge Book Club [facebook group](#)! Not a member? Request to join!
- **Got Something to Share?** - Have a short item for next month's Blueridge Bulletin? Email it to bulletin@blueridgeca.org. We accept articles and photos too. Please see our [submission guidelines](#).

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

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

Sponsors



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, etc). If you or your company are interested in advertising in the Blueridge Bulletin, please contact us at: info@blueridgeca.org

These ads all contain links. Give 'em a click if they are interesting!
These people and organizations support the Blueridge Bulletin. Thank you!

Dave Maquignaz - REALTOR®

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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!

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We definitely have fun and we also do homework with kids

Contact Fariba by phone (604) 812-4449 or email

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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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