

*Blueridge Bulletin*  
*September 2022*



**Fall Is Coming**

Summer officially ends on September 22nd, but the kids in our midst will probably say it's over on September 6th, when they go back to school. Since the solstice many vacations have been taken, more than a few weddings and parties happened, and a lot of home projects were completed. The warm weather has been welcome, but the predictions are for a cool and wet fall. In other words, normal Blueridge weather. If you have outdoor projects to wrap up before those changes occur, now's the time to get moving on them. Good luck!

Our change of seasons issue has a lot of things in it, as usual. You can learn more about bears, help clean up Blueridge Creek, take steps to reduce fire danger around your home, and join various activities to help Blueridge be, well... Blueridge. Check the table of contents below for all the details!

Thanks for reading, and enjoy the summer that remains!

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## Features



**A Walk in the Natural World of Black Bears**

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An interpretive walk for North Shore Black Bear Society

**Thursday September 8, 2022 - 10:00 am**

**Trip leader:** David Cook, Biologist

**Registration Required:** Contact David at [cookeco2@yahoo.com](mailto:cookeco2@yahoo.com)

**Duration & length of walk:** 2 to 3 hours - 3 km

**Meeting location:** Will be revealed on registration

A walk along the Richard Juryn Trail, Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve and Lynn Canyon Park to view numerous black bear signs and learn about the different natural foods that the bears have been eating. This is a prime bear natural foraging area and a major wildlife corridor where I had been conducting a black bear feeding survey. Learn to identify the bear's food plants and if we find some scats see how I identified what berries the bears were foraging by comparing the scat contents with a reference collection.

After looking at the deforested, berry-feeding area along the Richard Juryn Trail in the LSCR, we will continue to Lynn Canyon Park on the other side of Lillooet Rd and look at what the bears have been foraging for in the forest.

The Richard Juryn Trail is a well-maintained multi-use trail with a well-maintained surface while the trails in Lynn Canyon Park are poorly indicated with rooty sections. All trails are moderate terrain with an elevation gain for the day of 50 metres.

There is potential for bear viewing, so please no dogs.

Bring a snack and water. Wear a hat as much of the walk is exposed to the sun.

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# MUNICIPAL ELECTION ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

## **All Candidates Meeting - October 4, 2022**

Yes, this is a bit early, but being good citizens means making informed choices. For now, just reserve the date for an All Candidates Meeting for the upcoming DNV Municipal Election:

**Tuesday October 4, 2022, 7-9 pm**  
**Doors open at 6:30 pm**

It will be held at Mount Seymour United Church, 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver.

This event is sponsored by: Blueridge Community Association, Seymour Community Association, Deep Cove Community Association, Parkgate Society, Mount Seymour United Church

There will be reminders on the BCA Website, and on our social media feeds.

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## **Graham Gilley is the New Blueridge Spirit Award Winner!**

Colleen Mah

Congratulations to Graham Gilley, who has been nominated by Colleen Mah - the previous Blueridge Spirit Award winner - as the next one to take the honour! Colleen has this to say about Graham:

Graham has been an active volunteer in Blueridge since moving to the community in 2011. He has been a Blueridge Community Association Board Member (traffic committee) and helped with setting up the Blueridge Good Neighbour Days before the pandemic. He will be the Windsor PAC chair in 2022/23, and coordinated the annual "Tree Chip Up" fundraising event at Blueridge Elementary for years. He is an active participant with the North Shore Mountain Biking Association trail maintenance crew and is a Certified First Responder. Recently he signed up to be on call to help if there is an emergency in the neighbourhood until the ambulance arrives. On a personal note, he generously helped my son with mountain bike maintenance, and is always willing to give advice on a range of topics. I would like to acknowledge Graham's altruism in this community. We all benefit from his kindness.

The Blueridge Spirit Award is given to Blueridge residents who go above and beyond to help make Blueridge a special place to live. You can [read more about the award](#) on the BCA website.

Congratulations Graham!

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### **Blueridge Creek Clean Up - Sept 25, 9 am**

Susanne Mueller

For the past few years, Blueridge has come together to participate in World River Day. On Sunday September 25th people all over the world head to rivers and creeks to clean up garbage for fish, wildlife and the community. We focus on our small but special creek that flows from Derbyshire Way to Carnation St and sadly, every year we collect a surprisingly large amount of garbage.

We are looking for volunteers who want to support the creek by picking up garbage in a designated area at 9am for about 30-45 min. In return you get all the good feelings for doing something helpful for our troubled environment. Afterwards we'll gather at my place on Bronte Dr. for coffee/tea and snacks. Gloves and bags for the clean up are provided.

Send me an email if you would love to join and I'll send more info.

[sus.mueller@gmail.com](mailto:sus.mueller@gmail.com)

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## **The Second Great Blueridge Brainstorming!**

We are doing it again! As we watch COVID fade into the distance, we are planning to come together as neighbours and friends to hatch some new community ideas for Blueridge that have been percolating since we last met In 2013.

That facilitated brain-storming event nearly a decade ago led to some of our great enduring successes including the Blueridge Sharing Garden, the free Little Libraries and Diner en Bleu, that regularly sold-out long-table dinner outdoors.

Have you seen another community do something that would work here? Perhaps a Pet Parade, or Doggie Wash, a Blueridge Bubble Fest, or a neighbourhood cleanup campaign? Here's your chance to share it at an orchestrated communal gathering with your Blueridge neighbours! The Blueridge Community Association will be providing lunch and onsite childcare to help us meet and share great ideas.

**When: Saturday October 1, 2022**

**Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

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**Location: Canlan Sports, 2411 Mount Seymour Parkway**

**Confirm attendance by emailing [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)**

**Also let us know if you will bring kid(s) needing childcare**

Wear comfortable clothes and bring your ideas for a better Blueridge!

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### **Blueridge Cares 2022 - Volunteers Needed!**

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

We are so blessed to live in such an amazing community as Blueridge and as a way to give back and help one another, the [Blueridge Cares Initiative](#) was born! This initiative began during the first year of COVID as the holiday season was tough on everyone but we knew it could be much harder for some right here in our neighborhood. The thought behind Blueridge Cares was to help make a difference in families living right here in Blueridge that needed a helping hand during the holiday season and to make sure that there would be gifts under the tree for these families on Christmas morning.

Over the past 2 years that we have been running the Blueridge Cares initiative, there has been tremendous support from our community and businesses that have donated financially, gifts, and of course their time! We have really made a big difference in the festivities of our community members that needed the extra helping hand.

Out of respect for the families, we keep their requests confidential. We have a form that can be filled out by our community members that find themselves

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struggling. We then reach out to them to have a conversation and to see where we can help them best. Then our Blueridge Elves begin the process of raising funds, shopping, gift wrapping, and finally delivering all the gifts to the families just in time for Christmas.

We would love to continue with Blueridge Cares this year as well but we need volunteers that can help with this initiative. Early fall is when the Blueridge Cares team begins work to spread the word about the initiative as well as fundraising. Please reach out to us if you would like to volunteer at [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org).

Let's help make the holiday season bright for everyone in our community.

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### **Blueridge Fall Swap/Garage Sale - Sept 24th, 11am-2pm**

Do you have outgrown clothes or gear that you don't use and you'd like to find them a new home? Are you crafty and have baked goods, soaps, candles, artwork, specialty craft items or other things you would like to display or sell during a co operative group swap/garage sale? Do you want to come out and meet your friendly neighbours and introduce yourself and get to know your community?

If any of this sounds appealing to you, then mark your calendar for Saturday

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September 24th from 11am to 2pm for the Blueridge Fall Swap/Garage sale located at the cul-de-sac on Lytton Street south of Carnation Street and the Sharing Garden. Bring your unwanted items and display them however you choose.

Whether it is in the back of your vehicle, on the grass or on a table (please provide your own necessary equipment). This event is advertised by the BCA but it will be self managed by each individual party so bring anything you see necessary to sell or swap with other neighbours.

Send an email to [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org) by September 22nd so we can secure your spot.



## Blueridge FireSmart!

You're probably already aware of these things, but just in case:

- Blueridge is basically surrounded by the forest
- It's summer

Those mean fire danger is on the rise. If that concerns you - and it should concern us all - it's time to think about being smarter about our homes and fire risk. To help with that, there's [FireSmart](#).

To learn more, simply visit United Strangers on Saturday, September 17th from 9 am - 3 pm. There will be information about the FireSmart program, the Home Partners Wildfire Hazard Assessment program, and people on hand to answer any fire safety questions. We're told they will also have the ever popular DNVFRS stickers and tattoos, along with kids activity sheets.



This is a great family event and we hope you can come by!

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## **Blueridge Garden News**

Carolann Fraenkel

It has been a very successful gardening season, with a late start but all in all a good year for growing. The gardeners have come together to build new boxes, pull weeds, make planting decisions, turn compost and do all the other things that are needed to keep our garden beautiful and productive. The Sharing

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Library got a face lift (following some vandalism that destroyed the shelving) and continues to be well loved and well used in the community.

Our final work day of the season will be on Saturday September 10. Come down any time in the morning between 9 and noon, to chat with the gardeners, pick some herbs for your dinner, find a book in the sharing library, or help pull weeds or paint over graffiti.

We would like to thank the following Blueridge businesses for their support in the garden this year:

Penfolds Roofing  
United Strangers Coffee  
Tupper Landscaping

***Many thanks!***

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### **A Sticky Subject On Our Trails**

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Living in Blueridge is such a blessing! We have amazing trails filled with lush trees and greens, the wonderful chirp of birds in the background, and fantastic neighbors that you meet along the way. We all use these trails almost on a daily basis, to walk and exercise, to go to the parks with our kids, and of course to

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walk our dogs. We are definitely blessed! But have you noticed lately that as you walk through the trails more and more on the edge of the pathways there is the unsightly sight of dog poop everywhere!?

I for one have had the unfortunate chance of having stepped in a few this summer because I was moving out of the way while walking my dog and even worse my kids have stepped in some as they walk on the trails and play in the forest. I am sure we have all been in the situation where we are out on the trails and just as our dog has finished his business and we reach for a bag we discover we are all out. It is bound to happen of course. But do we go back later to pick it up? Are we too busy on our phones or chatting with our friends to notice when our dogs have done their deed? Are we just thinking it's just this one time, no one will notice? It is all those not living in Blueridge that are using our trails that are not bothering with cleaning up after their dogs?

It could be all of the above, but I guess what I am asking is if we could all try to pay more attention and try to keep our trails clean it would be much appreciated.

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### **In A Nutshell**

- **Watch Those Sprinklers!** - we're still under Stage 1 water conservation rules and there are fines for watering your lawn on the wrong day. [Click here](#) to learn which day you can water. It's only once a week now, on Saturday or Sunday depending on your address.
  - **What Do You Call A Bear With No Teeth?** - A gummy bear.
  - **Fire Danger** - It's real! Use caution with anything flammable and see the [FireSmart article above](#) for more on how to protect yourself and your property.
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- **Bears** - They're still out and they're still hungry. Learn more in the [Bear Walk](#), and keep them wild by [keeping your garbage secure and less smelly](#).
  - **Blueridge Book Club**: We're still enjoying the summer. We'll start up again in the fall. For information any time, join the Blueridge Book club [facebook group](#).
  - **Why Did The Bear Cross The Road?** - It was the chicken's day off.
  - **When Did You Last Visit The BCA Website?** - There's a lot out there, and it gets updated regularly. Resources for residents, all the BCA programs, ways to send us feedback, you name it. If you haven't checked it out, please do! <http://www.blueridgeca.org/>
  - **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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Blueridge, North Vancouver

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### PHILOSOPHY

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### 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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