

*Blueridge Bulletin*  
*November 2022*



October certainly went out with a swoosh! All that rain in the last week was quite a change from our long, dry, and warm summer. But November is here and that means several things:

- Daylight savings time ends (Fall Back!) on November 6th
- Remembrance Day is November 11th
- It's time to help our neighbours in difficult times with the [Blueridge Cares](#) program

To go with all that, this issue discusses hungry bears, our own election results, a volunteer opening, and many other things.

Have a safe and warm November. Keep dry!

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## Features



### **Blueridge Brainstorming Event – October 1, 2022**

This was the second brainstorming event ever held by the BCA, and we enjoyed the enthusiastic participation of almost 30 of our friends and neighbours. The plan was to dig into the many wonderful initiatives and projects already well entrenched in our neighbourhood and to explore even more ways to support and have fun with our neighbours, young and old, long time friends and new arrivals.

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And the result? We have some very exciting events and programs already in the works and lots of new ones to come.

If you are interested in making Blueridge even better for those who live here - even if you missed the event itself - we would like your input, enthusiasm and leadership to bring all these great ideas into reality.

We've created a survey to help refine our goals and get input from everyone. Please take a few minutes and give us your feedback!

[Brainstorming Survey](#)

Thank you for your interest, support and participation in upcoming events and programs!

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### **Reverse Advent Calendar**

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Advent calendars are fun. Remember coming down the stairs every morning in December and opening the flap, discovering the little surprise hidden inside? One tiny gift for each day leading up to Christmas! This year we are trying something different, a *REVERSE ADVENT* Calendar. Instead of getting something new every day, we are giving something new every day! As part of

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Blueridge Cares we suggest that families add food items to a box and then we will gift the boxes to local families that need extra support. If we have extra boxes (and we hope we do) we will donate them collectively to local food banks to help other families!

We hope your whole family will participate in this. It's a great way to help children understand the act of giving and sharing with others.

Please take a look at [the list we have put together](#). But remember this is just a list. If you want to swap out certain items, please do. We only need the items would be non-perishable to be acceptable to food banks. If you need a box please reach out to us ([info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)) and we will drop one off to you. Otherwise once your box is full at the end of November please let us know and we will arrange to pick it up from you.

You can learn more about Blueridge Cares and other ways to help locally [here](#).

Thank you, and have a wonderful holiday season!

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# WINTER ART SALE

SATURDAY, NOV 19<sup>TH</sup>  
10AM - 5PM

West Vancouver Community Centre  
2121 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

One-of-a-kind original art by talented  
North Shore artists.

## NSAG

NORTH SHORE ARTISTS' GUILD  
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[NSArtists.ca/show](https://www.nsaltists.ca/show)  
Online sale Nov 20 - Dec 3

We are grateful for support from [westvancouver](#)



## Art Show!

Ingrid Gutzmann

Several of our Blueridge Neighbours are members of the North Shore Artists' Guild (NSAG). We are a group of hobbyist and professional painters from across the North Shore and we are thrilled to be able to get back to in-person exhibitions. Join us on November 19 at the West Van Community Centre to immerse yourself in original art and perhaps find a gift for yourself or others. Original paintings can make a strong statement for your interior decor and bring joy. We will be showing many genres and mediums.

### Show Details

November 19, 10am - 5pm

West Vancouver Community Centre  
2121 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

[www.nsaltists.ca/show](https://www.nsaltists.ca/show)

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Paintings not sold on November 19 will be available online Nov 20 - Dec 3.

Are you an artist looking for the support and companionship of artists while you hone your skills with great workshops and free demonstrations? Consider becoming a member! Visit <https://nsartists.ca/aboutjoin> for more information.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out. I am a friendly neighbour!

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### **Meet A Neighbour**

Upper left photo by Jill Anderson. All others by Ralph Stringer.

This bear - we think it is the same one in each photo - has spent a lot of time in the vicinity of Derbyshire Way and Cactus Court over the past few weeks. And it is just one example of who we share our neighbourhood with.

As a rule bears are not interested in people, but they are definitely interested in an easy meal. The pending arrival of winter means the bears have entered a

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phase called *hyperphagia*, in which they are driven to eat as much as possible to gain fat before they hibernate. They are looking for food everywhere, and we need to avoid feeding them for their own safety.

The BCA has articles on our website about [black bears in Blueridge](#) and about how to [manage your garbage and recycling](#) to keep them looking for other food sources. Please do your part to keep these majestic creatures safe and uninterested in our homes.

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### **Communications Coordinator Needed**

Do you have experience and/or interest in helping the BCA get it's message out more effectively? If so, we're looking to talk to you. We attempt to reach everyone in Blueridge in every way we know how (short of robocalls): the printed Newsletter, this email Bulletin, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and our website. We need one or two people to help coordinate all the information and make sure we are getting everything out in all of those places. If that sounds like you, please have a look at the [Volunteer Opportunities page](#) on our website for all the details, and a form to let us know if you are interested. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Project Community Offers For Your Home

Just a quick reminder, the BCA's Project Community has deals going on to help you maintain your home. Right now we have arranged discounts from:

- COIT Cleaning
- Take a Bough Tree Care
- Eaton's Heating

You can find all the details on [our website](#).

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## We Need Your Articles!

Jeff Powell

The *Blueridge Bulletin* comes out once a month, and we do our very best to fill it with useful and interesting information. But we know we miss things, and that means we need your help.

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If you have an article about something happening in Blueridge, or a photo that shows something interesting about our neighbourhood, we encourage you to submit it to us for inclusion. We have [submission guidelines](#) that will help answer questions about what we are looking for, and how to send your contribution to us.

Note that each month there is a section at the bottom (and linked in the table of contents) titled **Submit an Article to the Blueridge Bulletin**. It contains the submission deadline for the next issue and other information. This time, the submission deadline for the December 2022 edition is November 27, 2022.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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## How Blueridge Voted

Municipal elections don't tend to draw a large number of voters unless something odd is going on, and the recent election was no exception. According to this article, only 22.63% of DNV residents cast ballots, down quite a bit from 36.6% in 2018. This [North Shore News article](#) hypothesizes that perhaps the lack of a hot button issue depressed turnout, and the reelection of the previous mayor suggests people are reasonably happy with how things are going.

Those who want all the details can find the complete DNV election results [here](#). For perspective, here are the votes collected at Blueridge Elementary on election day. These totals do not include mail in ballots, votes from advanced voting locations, and mobile voting. Candidates who won election are highlighted in green.

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### Mayor

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
LITTLE, Mike	395	64.23%
BOND, Mathew	220	35.77%

### Councillor

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
HANSON, Jim	397	13.77%
MURI, Lisa	376	13.04%
BACK, Jordan	337	11.69%
MAH, Herman	248	8.6%
POPE, Catherine	248	8.6%
FORBES, Betty	226	7.84%
TEEVAN, Peter	226	7.84%
BELL, Trey	224	7.77%
ROBINS, Greg	177	6.14%
MALLIN, Ellison	167	5.79%
JOHNSTON, Harrison	120	4.16%
WELWOOD, Clayton	99	3.43%
TOFIGH, Thomas	39	1.35%

### School Trustee

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
TSIAKOS, George	371	23.32%
MUNRO, Linda	335	21.06%
MANN, Kulvir	257	16.15%
GERLACH, Cyndi	235	14.77%
BRANSTON, Jennifer	204	12.82%
NORTH, Layne	146	9.18%
PETERSEN, Michael	43	2.7%

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## In A Nutshell

- **What did one raindrop say to the other?** “Two’s company, three’s a cloud.”
- **Sharing Garden Work Party** - November 13th at 9am. Gardeners! We're putting the garden to bed for the winter. This is the last work party of the year. See you there!
- **What do you call a wet ursine?** A drizzly bear.
- **Water Conservation** - Thanks to recent and expected rains, Stage 1 water conservation rules have been lifted. You may now wash your dog and your car at the same time in your swimming pool using a fire hose. Or you can run your sprinklers while it is raining. Whatever floats your boat.
- **Help Those In Need** - Participate in [Blueridge Cares](#) this year. Donate, buy holiday candy, volunteer! The link has all the info. *Thank you!*
- **What’s more destructive than raining buckets?** Hailing taxis!
- **It's time for the snow angels to get organized!** Back in March 2022, the DNV changed the bylaws. Starting this winter snowy sidewalks must be shovelled by 10am, and a \$150 fine is possible if that doesn't happen. Here's [a North Shore News article](#) with more details.
- **Your Item Here** - Do you have a short item for next month's Blueridge Bulletin? If so, see the [Submit an Article](#) section below for details on how to send it in.
- **What do you get if you come in fourth at the National Weatherman Awards?** A precipitation trophy.

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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)

## Subscribe to the Blueridge Bulletin

The Blueridge Bulletin is emailed to subscribers once a month. If that's how you got this edition, you're already a subscriber. But if you got this copy from the BCA website or were forwarded it by a friend or neighbour, you can subscribe to get it sent directly to your inbox using [this link](#).

**Thank you, and we'll see you next time!**

## Submit an Article to the Blueridge Bulletin

Do you have something for the bulletin? We welcome articles, photos, short items, and even bad jokes from the community!  
We have [publication guidelines](#) that we recommend you review.

The submission deadline for the December 2022 edition is November 27, 2022.

Questions? Send us an email at [bulletin@blueridgeca.org](mailto:bulletin@blueridgeca.org).

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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, 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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