



FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY JUNE 11
11:00- 3:00

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023
BLUERIDGE
GOOD NEIGHBOUR
DAY

LOCATION:
BLUERIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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- BEER GARDEN • SILENT AUCTION • CHESS TOURNAMENT • CRAFTS • PONY RIDES • AND MORE!

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If you've seen these posters up around the neighbourhood, you're ahead of the game!

Blueridge Good Neighbour Day is almost here!

And naturally we've got a couple of articles all about it in this month's Bulletin, but we also have plenty of other news as well.

So sit back, relax, and enjoy!

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Features



Blueridge Elementary School
11:00 – 3:00
Sunday, June 11, 2023
Blueridge Good Neighbour Day
Kim Nazar

Blueridge Good Neighbour Day is just around the corner! You are not going to want to miss this amazing event. Meet us at the top of Berkley Rd at 10:45 for the parade to Blueridge Elementary. This year is a rainbow theme so decorate yourself and your ride in rainbow fashion. There will be many activities going on including:

- Bouncy castles
- Food trucks
- Crafts
- Fish pond game
- Pie eating contest
- Community tables
- Cake walk
- Silent auction
- Beer garden (ID required)
- And more!

There is still time to sign up for the first ever Blueridge Chess Open for youths 11+ and with adults welcome too. There's a whole article about it below!

Want to get involved?

This event is run by volunteers. We have been meeting up quietly in the background preparing for this community event for months now. Everyone has their jobs and is doing their best to ensure this year is the best yet. If this sounds fun to you be sure to get involved when we put out the call for volunteers next year.

BGND would not be possible without the help of many generous donors, and revenue from the silent auction. We have some amazing donations coming in that you are going to want to bid on! If you have a business that would like to rent a community table or donate to our silent auction, or if you can make a cash donation to sponsor some of our many activities that day, please get in touch at bgnd@blueridgeca.org.

We are still looking for volunteers on the day of for a minimum of one hour shifts. We are also specifically looking for anyone with food safe certifications to help with our food concession too. Please email volunteer@blueridgeca.org if you can help!

Share your love of cakes! Bake or buy your favorite cake and donate it to the cake walk game. Contact bgnd.cakewalk@gmail.com if interested.



BGND Long Time Supporters!

Kim Nazar

Blueridge Good Neighbour Day is a community celebration which has been in existence since 1998. That's 23 years of this family fun event which is purely volunteer run and made possible by generous support and donations from local businesses. There are two local realtors which have been supporting BGND

every single year. Their dedication deserves highlighting.

Judy Killeen is a local Blueridge resident and is often asked why as a realtor she hasn't moved from her home in 45 years. To her the answer is simple. There is no place more appealing with its sense of community, good neighbours and safe place to raise children. She fondly remembers her grandson going all in for the pie eating contest one year and her daughter participating in the parade.

Brian Rybchinsky grew up in Blueridge and notes the importance in knowing your neighbours. For him BGND is a chance to reconnect with friends from the ice rink or soccer pitch days when his kids were younger. Or old friends and even fellow Windsor grads he hasn't seen in a long time. He has seen first hand how BGND has grown and gotten better and better every year.

This year when you are at BGND and you run into Judy or Brian at their community tables be sure to stop and say hello. After all, that's why they keep coming back.



Chess Tourney Added to Blueridge Good Neighbour Day

Mary Stern

We are excited to announce the first-ever Blueridge Chess Open! Thanks to support from the BGND planning committee, which has added a youth engagement focus for the first time, and a youth grant from North Shore Neighbourhood House.

Thirteen-year-old Tristan Patterson of Blueridge is organizing the tournament, with support from the BGND committee. He had this to say in his grant application:

“My idea is to have a community event which is mostly for youth. It will be competitive but also a bonding experience for people to make new friends that like the same things that you do and help you learn. My vision is for there to be high school students as well as Grade 6s and 7s that are learning so that the chess club gets new recruits which will help the chess club at the local high school prosper.”

“The people who already know how to play chess get a chance to show leadership and have a get-together that they might not normally get. The younger people will get a chance to meet high school students who could possibly help them in their high school journey. For me, having gone to a bunch of chess tournaments I know that it is a great bonding experience, and you can meet lots of friends there. Taking it seriously and going to provincials myself, I understand how important it is to meet people who are interested in the same things that can help you grow and learn.”

“You'll be connected not only by your friendship and community but also by the things you do.”

To register for the tourney advance of BGND, please email me at:

marziehstern@gmail.com



BGND Still Needs Volunteers!

We're still looking for volunteers for Blueridge Good Neighbourhood Day!

Date: Sunday June 11th, 2023

Time: 11am to 3pm

Location: Blueridge Elementary School

Need to know more about the event? Check out this page:

<https://blueridgeca.org/bgnd-2023/> or just read the articles above.

Volunteer roles include the following:

1. **Set up:** from around 8am to 11am
2. **Take down:** from 3pm to around 4:30pm
3. **Kids activities** (train, hockey slap shot, chess tournament, rainbow craft table, colouring and fan making table, fish pond, cotton candy)
4. **Silent auction**
5. **Cake walk**
6. **Parking**
7. **Pie eating contest**
8. **Concession**

If you're interested in volunteering please send an email to:

volunteer@blueridgeca.org and specify which role(s) and what time(s) you are available to volunteer.

Thank you and hope to see you there!



DNV Mayor Mike Little Speaks at May 9 BCA Meeting

By Michael Bernard

District of North Vancouver Mayor Mike Little fielded a range of residents' questions—covering everything from Ironworkers Bridge traffic jams to the risk of wildfires this summer—at the Blueridge Community Association's Annual General Meeting at Canlan Sports.

With the forest fire problems growing worse in Alberta and the memory of the town of Lytton burning in 2021, Little said it's important that Blueridge residents do everything they can to reduce the likelihood of local wildfires.

Meanwhile, association chair Eric Andersen, who presided over the May 9 AGM, summarized the association's many activities during the past year. The association is in good financial shape, with about \$31,000 in the bank, including about \$15,000 earmarked for Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, and about \$6,500 in the Blueridge Scholarship fund. The \$500 scholarship for post-secondary education is awarded annually to a student who actively volunteers locally. It will be raised to \$750 in 2024. The remainder of the funds in the bank include monies for the annual Blueridge Cares during the festive season, and the Blueridge Sharing Garden, among other continuing projects.

Andersen praised Jeff Powell for his hard work enhancing the BCA website blueridgeca.org and for producing the monthly *Blueridge Bulletin*, which is delivered free to about 600 online subscribers. Powell later noted that about 1,000 people have signed up with the Blueridge Facebook page, 910 for Instagram, while copies of the printed *Blueridge Community News* are hand-delivered to 1,500 homes throughout Blueridge three times a year.

“We need to continue our work on social media, which is really the way of the future,” he said. Residents interested in getting the monthly Bulletin can sign up at blueridgeca.org/blueridge-bulletin-info.

Priorities over the next year, Andersen said, include building a closer relationship with Parent Advisory Councils for Seymour Heights and Blueridge elementary schools. “It would be good for us, good for them and good for the whole community.” He also wants the BCA to highlight for residents all the association’s work and activities. “We have to be better at selling ourselves,” he said. “We maybe have been a little too humble over the years and we should make sure people know what we are doing.”

Mayor Little praised the work of the BCA, saying it is one of the District’s most active resident associations. He added that the District is also a leader in wildfire fighting training and in fact was hosting hundreds of firefighters in May from throughout BC at the Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit.

He urged residents to look into FireSmart, a public education initiative that locally aims to “build defensible space” between Blueridge homes and the surrounding forest. Preliminary work has been done to reduce the amount of fuel that could feed wildfires in North Vancouver such as by limbing the first 16 feet of tree trunks, which interrupts the fire’s progress to the forest canopy above.

About traffic issues, Little said the provincial government has been supportive of rapid transit on the North Shore, but is opposed to increasing car capacity on the Ironworkers Bridge, this despite Victoria funding major improvements such as on the Patullo Bridge over the Fraser River. He had good news regarding provision for bathrooms with the Phibbs Exchange expansion, but he dismissed rumours of plans for permanent bathrooms at the top of Berkley, saying the costs are prohibitive.

He also promised to raise the issue of possible trail-building between Parkgate

and Blueridge in his next meeting with local MLA Susie Chant, after Andersen said he learned the provincial government may be interested in creating usable access for firefighters in that area.



Female Pileated Woodpecker - Image by Rob Alexander

For The Birders Among Us

Trevor Carolan

It's the prime bird-watching time of year right now. People are probably noticing extra bird activity in their yards, in the park, along the trails and the foreshore. Here's a list of more than 50 birds you might observe in our Deep Cove area. Compiled by Trevor Carolan and Kwanshik Kwon. Another 20 are a little harder to locate, but they're out there. A guide-book is helpful and children enjoy learning from them and viewing the pictures. Maplewood Bird Sanctuary off the Dollarton Highway is nearby too, and the trails there are outstanding. Some 240 bird species are attracted to its diverse ecological areas. Happy birding everyone!

Bird Sightings in the Cove

Bald Eagle
Great Blue Heron
Steller's Blue Jay
Black-capped Chickadee
Red Robin
Tree & Barn Swallows
Northwestern Crow
Raven
White-Crowned Sparrow
Cedar Waxwing
Purple Finch
House Finch
Song Sparrow
Spotted Towhee
Downy Woodpecker
Pine Siskin
Pileated (Woody) Woodpecker
Cowbird
Western Tanager
Swainson's Thrush
Blackheaded Grosbeak
Anna's Hummingbird

Olive-sided Flycatcher
Pacific Wren
Brown Creeper
Barred Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Wilson's Warbler
Dark-eyed Junco
Fox Sparrow
Goldfinch
House Sparrow
Starling
Varied Thrush
Red-shafted Northern Flicker
Rufous Hummingbird
Dipper
Band-tailed Pigeon
Bushtit
Redheaded woodpecker
Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Evening Grosbeak
Mourning Dove

Along the Water

Mallard
Pelagic Cormorant
Barrow's Goldeneye
Common Merganser
Common Goldeneye
Green-winged Teal
Bufflehead

Canada Goose
Red-breasted Merganser
Killdeer
Glaucous-winged Gull
Herring Gull
Widgeon
Loon

Editor's Note: Yes, this list comes from our friends in Deep Cove, but we're not that far apart, and everyone loves birds. So get out and see what you can see! If you get a great photo, send it to us for inclusion next month! bulletin@blueridgeca.org



Vehicle Speeds A Perennial Issue In The District

Jim Hanson, Councillor District of North Vancouver

At a recent District of North Vancouver Council Workshop, we addressed the topic of road safety. There are too many accidents, and the roadways are intimidating in many locations for pedestrians and cyclists. Of particular interest to Blueridge residents, at the Council Workshop we specifically discussed the intersection of Berkley and Mount Seymour Parkway as an example of a location that poses dangers to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists alike.

A major issue in regards to vehicle road safety, and the integration of pedestrians and cyclists into our road network, is the speed of vehicles on our roads. At the moment, many vehicles drive at speeds that are dangerous to everyone who uses the roadway. Both the existing speed limits and lack of enforcement of those limits play a role in the high speed of vehicles in many parts of the District.

As a community, we must make a significant decision in regards to vehicle speed. If we slow vehicles across the District, we will have a safer community, with easier integration of pedestrians and cyclists with our existing road network. The recently imposed 30 KPH speed limit in Edgemont Village is an example of how speeds can be reduced to improve the liveability of communities.

For my part, I advocate for generally reduced speed limits in many areas of the

District, and greater enforcement. I believe that the time has come to prioritize safety and liveability over driving convenience.



Blueridge Parent Social Fiesta

Friday, June 2nd from 6-10 pm

SAVE THE DATE (and book your babysitters)!

On Friday, June 2nd from 6-10 pm, the Spring Parent Social is being held for the first time at Blueridge Elementary Gym!!!

This fun and laid-back evening is for parents from every grade and includes dinner, bar, music, silent auction, alcohol Tombola wheel and a 50/50 draw. Spread the word!! Bring your friends, invite family members and past Blueridge parents (this is a 19+ event). Tickets are on sale on the Blueridge hot lunch website: <https://blueridge.fundraiserorders.com/>

Don't miss the Shameless Buns Food Truck!

This is a school fundraiser. Please bring cash for the bar, games, and auction. Cards accepted!



The same garden box on April 20 and May 16.

May Garden Update

Emilie Currie

We are delighted to bring you the latest updates from our thriving community garden. As we embrace the beginning of summer weather, our garden haven has been bustling with activity.

Our annual seed and seedling sale was a great success, thanks to the support of our community and dedicated volunteers. Gardening enthusiasts from the community came to explore our carefully chosen variety of seeds and seedlings.

Despite the first hot spell of the summer, our diligent gardeners ensured our plants survived through regular watering and attentive care. As summer arrives, our garden transforms into a vibrant display of blooming vegetables and flowers.

Additionally, we're excited to announce the arrival of a massive delivery of wood chips to our community garden. These wood chips have been spread along the

pathways, enhancing both the aesthetics and functionality of our space. Thank you to our wonderful gardeners who came out to help spread! The garden looks and smells fantastic.

We look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of our shared garden and invite our Blueridge community members to stop by and visit the garden anytime!



A Bit Of Blueridge History

Jeff Powell

Look closely at the photo above. You might recognize the neighbourhood streets it shows. This photo was recently shared with us, and comes with this information:

The photo (inventory number: NVMA: 106-2-75.) was taken in September 1955, and the information, that is provided, is just “Unidentified people associated with construction of housing development”.

The picture is from the North Vancouver Archives at the Museum of North Vancouver and was provided by realtor Mel Montgomery, who grew up on Hyannis Drive in Blueridge.

Given Blueridge residents' interest in history, there are probably more things like this photo tucked into boxes and buried in closets. Your editor is interested in getting copies of such documents for inclusion on the BCA website. Like all projects it will take time, but we have a few other documents already, and the more history we can save and share the better.

If you have something that might be interesting to Blueridge and Seymour Heights residents, please [drop us an email](#) so we can work out how to get copies of it from you. We're happy to provide credit as needed. Thanks!



We Are Hitting Pause On The BCA Twitter Account

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Here at the Blueridge Community Association, we see how important it is to communicate with our community members and that is why we have

maintained numerous channels and modes of communication. However, we find managing all these methods is challenging at times. So have decided that for the time being we will take a break from Twitter so that we can focus our efforts on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) platforms. So please ensure that you follow up on both or at least one of those social media platforms to stay up to date on what is happening right here in Blueridge!



Everybody loves saving money! Project Community helps Blueridge residents by finding discounts on products and services and passing them on to you. Here are this month's offers!

A green rectangular graphic with rounded corners containing a white rounded rectangle. On the left is a circular logo of a bear holding a hammer and a wrench. To the right, the text "Blueridge Residents Discount" is written in bold black font, underlined. Below this, the discounts "10% Off Interior Package" and "15% Off Interior Package on 3 Vehicles or More" are listed. The "Deluxe Detailing" logo and contact information are centered, followed by the offer dates and booking code.

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In A Nutshell

- **The June *Blueridge Community News* is out!** Did you find it in your mailbox yet? If not, it should be there very soon. The next issue will come out this fall. In the meantime, the *Blueridge Bulletin* will keep you up to date. Thanks for [subscribing](#)!
- **Why does Dracula always read the *Blueridge Community News*?** It has great circulation!
- **June 29 - see Gift Shop**, a tribute to The Tragically Hip, presented by Deep Cove Stage Society. Tickets \$25. Full information [available here](#).
- **My dad said he's going in for a hip replacement.** Does that mean he's having surgery, or am I getting a cool new dad?
- **Still Looking For Writers.** Who are we kidding? We're *always* looking for articles for the *Bulletin*. And photographs. And if you're really bored, proofreaders. We have a few proofreaders now, but deadlines are always tight and people are busy. Another proofreader or two who can report typos back to your editor would be greatly welcome. Plus you can give in to [everyone's deepest desire](#). See the [Submit an Article](#) section below or send an email to bulletin@blueridgeca.org if you want to help out!
- **Why don't escaped convicts make good writers?** Because they never finish their sentences!
- **Bears and Garbage** - Yes, I sound like the infamous broken record (and yes, there are plenty of Blueridge residents young enough to ask "What's a record?") but bears and garbage are a bad mix. Please see the [garbage and recycling page](#) on our website for ways to keep them apart.
- **Why did the Panda get fired?** Because he only did the bear minimum.
- **Stage 1 Water Conservation Is In Place.** I've walked around the neighbourhood on weekday mornings and seen sprinklers running. That could get you in trouble if the bylaw inspector drives by. The information you need is on our [water conservation page](#). There you can learn which

day you can water, and find links to other water conservation information from the DNV and Metro Vancouver.

- **What did one ocean say to another?** Nothing, it just waved.
- **Fire Danger Is On The Rise.** We're at **HIGH** now, and it may increase as it things get warmer and drier. You can always find the current fire danger on our [home page](#), and there are several links related to fire danger and reducing your risk on the [Resources page](#).
- **What do you call a woman who puts her credit card statements straight into the fire?** Bernadette.
- **I'm still not sorry for any of this.** Save yourself! Submit an item for the Nutshell section! bulletin@blueridgeca.org
- **Parkgate Society Annual General Meeting** is on Thursday, June 8, 6-8 pm in Mary Hunter Hall at Parkgate Community Centre. Parkgate invites everyone to connect with their neighbours, learn what the Parkgate Society has been doing, hear about their programs and services, and enjoy a talk by Dan Macqueen, speaking on resilience. To attend fill out the form at [this link](#).

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

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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 July 2023 edition is June 27, 2023.

Submission deadlines for later editions can be found [here](#).

Questions? Send us an email at bulletin@blueridgeca.org.

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These ads all contain links. Give 'em a click if they are interesting!
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An advertisement for Susie Chant, MLA for North Vancouver-Seymour. The background is a scenic view of a forested valley with mountains in the distance. On the left, there is a photo of Susie Chant, a woman with a braid, wearing a blue blazer. The text reads: 'Working for You in North Vancouver-Seymour'. Below that, it says 'Our office can assist you with provincial issues and concerns Reach out to us anytime!'. At the bottom, the contact information is listed: '217-1233 Lynn Valley Rd', 'Susie.Chant.MLA@leg.bc.ca', and '604-983-9859'. On the right side, there is a logo for Susie Chant, featuring a white dome icon above the name 'SUSIE CHANT' and 'MLA - NORTH VANCOUVER SEYMOUR' below it.



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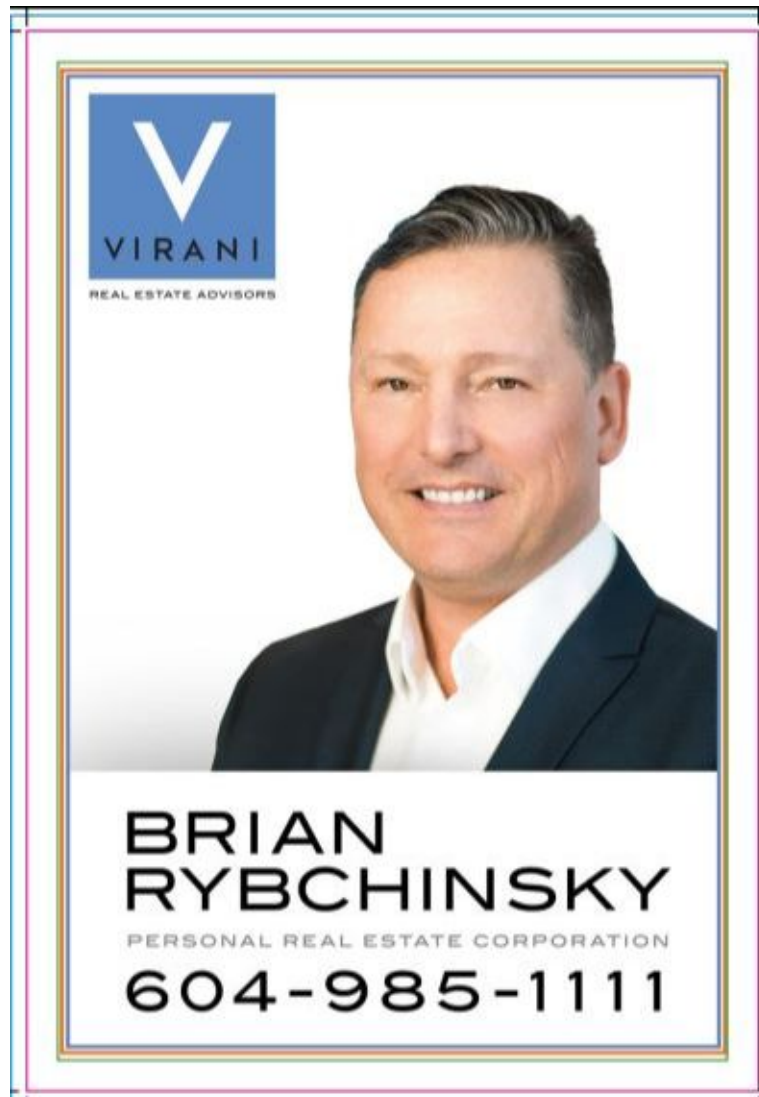
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