

Blueridge Bulletin
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Smoky Skies Over Capilano Reservoir - Photo by Jeff Powell

That's one of Metro Vancouver's primary drinking water reservoirs and the water level is well below normal. Water - or the lack of it - is a big thing in this issue of the *Blueridge Bulletin*. But even as this is written there has been some rain, and there is more in the forecast, which brings hope.

This is a full issue, and we believe it is worth reading. Even in the summer, things are always happening.

And finally, a warm welcome to our new subscribers! Quite a few people joined the mailing list in the past week or two. Thank you!

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The Last Mount Seymour Fire Update

Jeff Powell

As promised last month, here is what we have learned about the Mount Seymour fire. This information comes from a recent [North Shore News article](#).

The final cause of the Mt Seymour fire is still technically “undetermined” but investigators believe it was started by humans, and that is what is shown on the official incident page. No specific cause of the fire was identified, though there is evidence that humans were using the hut in the area of the fire. Critically, there is no evidence of natural causes (like lightning) so it was almost certainly started by people.

Apparently there are 50 – 100 other cabins in the area. It seems these were created many years ago. There are plans to remove them, but no timeline for that work yet.

Unless something changes, this is the last update on the Mt. Seymour fire. If you want to read the full story, the article above and [our own website](#) document the fire more fully.

If another fire like the one on Mt. Seymour happens and poses a threat, how will you find out about it? The North Shore uses the Alertable app to send messages about major events in our area. It's free, and we have [more information on our website](#), including links to the app in the App Store and Google Play.



NSEM



Strengthening Emergency Response on the North Shore

The Office Of MLA Susie Chant

With wildfires across BC and internationally, there have been many concerns raised about the North Shore's ability to handle emergencies. These concerns are exacerbated by the limiting geography of the North Shore, which leads to choke points that could cause worry in the event of an evacuation. Residents of Blueridge have been reaching out to our office discussing these worries, with only two roads crossing the Seymour River, not to mention the already strained bottlenecks of the Ironworkers and Lions Gate bridges. These are issues the province has been aware of, and we are taking action on solutions.

In 2017, we created the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF), with an initial \$164 million investment. This money went to over 1500 projects for local government to strengthen emergency services and responses. In 2023, another \$180 million was added and will be distributed across BC. The North Shore received a significant share of the funding for multiple projects over the years. Some of the recent projects that have been funded for the North Shore through the CEPF include:

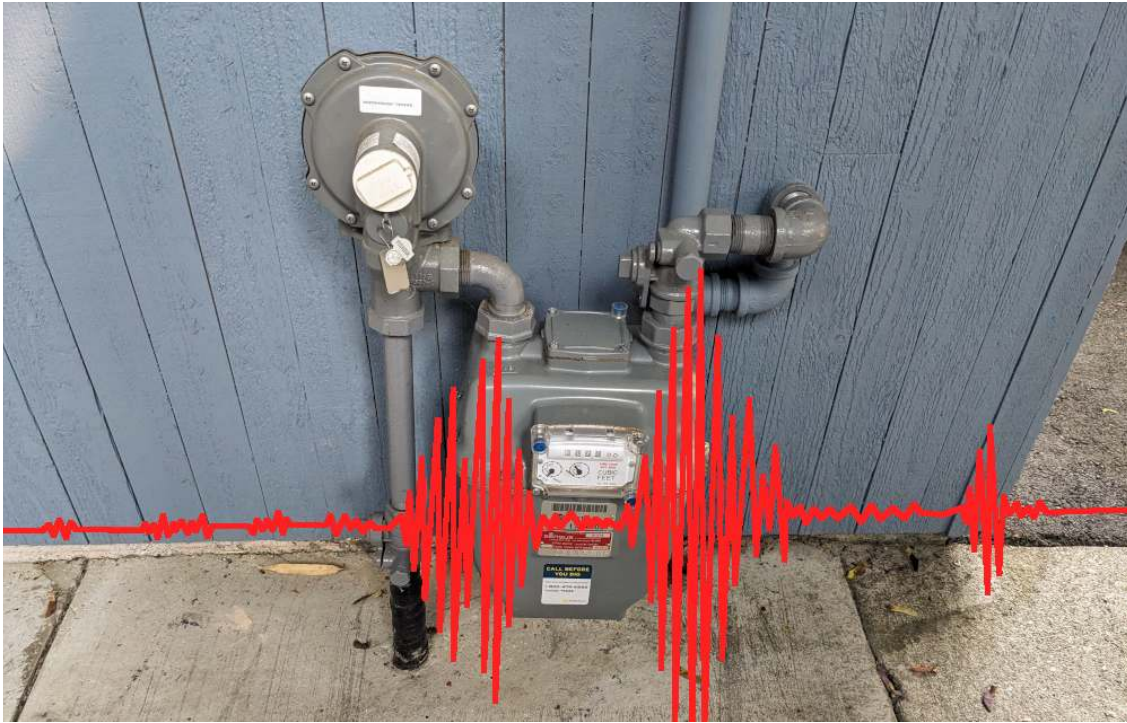
- \$73,681 to enhance the North Shore Emergency Operations Centre. The North Shore EOC coordinates response to any emergency needs locally, and has accounted for the potential of traffic gridlock by creating 7 zones with local supply caches for damage assessment, evacuations, public safety, and group lodging. North Shore Emergency Management handles this work and regularly submits projects to the CEPF to ensure their response is updated and as efficient as possible.
 - \$90,000 towards evacuation route planning on the North Shore involving all three Municipalities and both First Nations Governments. In 2010, North Shore Emergency Management completed an evacuation plan, which is updated with changing demographics, routes, and practices. This
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funding went towards drills and practices, as well as updated plans.

- \$2 million to the Tsleil-Waututh Nation for shoreline adaptation projects which include creating hazard maps, risk assessments, and completing small structural projects to ensure routes along the shoreline are in good condition, safe from erosion, floods, and landslides.
- \$369,066 to North Vancouver District for the creation of the North Shore Resilience Framework, which includes risk assessment, capacity analysis and workshops to improve resilience to climate disasters like fires, floods, and landslides.

There have been many other projects, such as an ongoing study into the capacity and long-term plans for our two bridges, but these are the most recent ones. North Vancouver District Firefighters have also purchased a couple of pumps to improve coastal fire response, especially up Indian Arm. Finally, one assurance we want to leave residents of Blueridge with is the advantage of living near such a large urban area. There are eyes everywhere - fires here have been spotted very quickly, before there are able to grow too out of control. The recent fire on Seymour was a great demonstration of that, with water bombers quickly deployed to keep the fire from spreading.

There is much more that can be said on this subject, so for any questions or further information, please reach out to the [MLA community office](#), and check out [North Shore Emergency Management](#) for information and guides.



Automatic Gas Shut-Off Valve – Group Purchasing Opportunity Update

Jennifer Draper

An enthusiastic response to the August *Blueridge Bulletin* article on automatic gas shut-off valves was received and I'm happy to share an update with our community.

Based on the number of people that sent an email to

valvepurchase@blueridgeca.org

I am confident that we will secure enough participants to encourage discounted supply and installation rates. If you haven't yet responded, don't worry as it's not too late! I am still gathering information and hoping to find financial supports for our program to make it accessible to as many residents as possible.

As part of my research into this topic, I sent a list of questions to the DNV building department. The response I received confirms the following:

1. The current BC building code does not require installation of an automatic gas shut-off valve for new builds, nor does the DNV expect the anticipated 'retrofit code' for existing buildings to contemplate these valves. This is surprising to me and may be related to the focus on electrification; however, we should be mitigating current risks!
 2. The DNV is not aware of any provincial upcoming programs or policies that would require installation of these valves through property transfer as
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in other seismic hot spots, such as Los Angeles.

3. DNV requested further information on our potential group purchasing program in order to assess whether they could come to the table with grants or other incentives to increase participation. Blueridge could make for an interesting pilot program that gives the DNV valuable data and insights into motivations, cost tolerance etc. before expanding a proactive program such as this!

I've started making enquiries with local plumbing / gas contractors to gauge interest in discounting the supply and installation of these valves. I hope to hear back shortly, once we are through summer vacations, in order to share firmer pricing. FortisBC is also on my list, recognizing that they may be interested in promoting the use of these valves.

Thank you to those who shared their ideas and suggestions in their emails, such as reaching out to our local Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, who I am certain would be interested in hearing about this program.

Your patience is appreciated and I look forward to sharing even more information in the next bulletin. In the meantime, feel free to use the email above for expressing interest or sharing ideas and feedback on this program.



Image extracted from video shared by DNV Fire & Rescue

How Fast Can A Fire Spread?

Jeff Powell

After the fire on Mount Seymour, many people have been wondering about our fire risk. This [article from the North Shore News](#) includes video of a fire erupting *in a Blueridge back yard!* Yes, this happened right here. Everything was caught on a security camera, from the cigarette being put out six hours before, to the appearance of flame and its very quick growth. Apparently the video made the national news.

This was a scary incident. Clearly wildfire is not to be ignored. Fire danger in our area is significant, and we all need to be cautious. As this event shows, even a single cigarette could cause a major incident.

You can always find the current fire danger level and links on how to reduce your risk at home on the [BCA website](#).



School Starts Soon

Summer is almost over, at least according to our local students. For all the local District 44 schools (Blueridge Elementary, Seymour Heights Elementary, and Windsor Secondary), as well as Lions Gate Christian Academy, the first day of school is September 5th.

Each school's calendar varies slightly - particularly for certain professional development days - so you'll need to review the calendar for your specific school to get details on holidays, shortened days, and related items. The 2023/24 calendars available online include:

- [Blueridge Elementary](#)
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- [Seymour Heights Elementary](#)
- [Windsor Secondary](#)
- [Lions Gate Christian Academy](#)

If your school isn't mentioned, email webmaster@blueridgeca.org so we can add it to the list of schools that local students can attend on the [resources page](#) of our website, and we'll include it next time.

Keep an eye out for students going to and from classes, and use extra care when driving.



Blueridge Creek Clean Up

Susanne Mueller

For the past five years, Blueridge has come together to participate in World River Day. On Sunday September 24th people all over the world head to rivers and creeks to clean up garbage to support fish, wildlife and the community. We will focus on our small creek that flows from Derbyshire Way to Carnation St. 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 30-45min. In return you get all the good feelings for doing something helpful for our environment. Feel free to meet afterwards at 2620 Bronte Dr. for coffee/tea and snacks. Gloves and bags for the clean up can be provided.

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

sus.mueller@gmail.com



Photo by Emilie Currie

Savoring Late Summer with a Burst of Flavor: The Burrata Salad

Emilie Currie

August slipped away, leaving us at September's doorstep—the gateway to a busy harvest season. With farmers markets overflowing with summer's treasures—vibrant squashes, cucumbers, salad greens, sweet carrots, and my personal favourite, colourful tomatoes—the essence of the season is beautifully captured in one dish: the Burrata Salad.

To celebrate the season of harvest, I thought I'd share a simple recipe that I use

to mark this season of freshness and abundance.

Burrata Salad with Balsamic Glaze and Fresh Basil

Ingredients:

For the Salad:

- 1 large or 2 small Burrata cheese balls
- 2 cups mixed salad greens (e.g., arugula, spinach, or mixed baby greens)
- Tomatoes, halved... the more the merrier
- 1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves
- Salt and black pepper to taste

For the Balsamic Glaze:

- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup (adjust to taste)

Instructions:

Prepare the Balsamic Glaze:

- In a small saucepan, combine the balsamic vinegar and honey or maple syrup.
- Bring the mixture to a gentle simmer over medium heat.
- Reduce the heat to low and let it simmer for about 10-15 minutes, or until the mixture has thickened to a syrup-like consistency. Keep a close eye on it to prevent burning.

Assemble the Salad:

- Arrange mixed salad greens on a serving platter or individual salad plates.
 - Place the Burrata cheese ball(s) in the center or on one side of the greens.
 - Scatter your tomatoes and thinly sliced red onion over the salad greens.
 - Tear the Burrata cheese open gently to reveal the creamy interior, and arrange the creamy part and torn pieces over the salad.
 - Tear the fresh basil leaves and scatter them over the salad.
 - Season the salad with a pinch of salt and a sprinkle of freshly ground black pepper to enhance the flavors.
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Serve and Enjoy:

- Serve the Burrata salad immediately as an appetizer or light main course.
- Make sure to provide some crusty bread on the side!
- If you're feeling adventurous, add some balled or diced watermelon to the mix to add a burst of sweetness to the salad.

A Tribute to Harvest and Community

As we step into September's bustling days, meals made from freshly harvested fruit and veggies pay homage to the labour and love invested by farmers and gardeners. It's a celebration of their dedication and nature's artistry.

Beyond its taste, this salad encapsulates the essence of the season —abundance, community, and the joy of reaping what's been sown.

On that note, the Blueridge Sharing Garden invites you to join us in the garden (on Carnation St, just across from Seymour Heights Elementary School) on Saturday September 16th from 9:30ish - 11ish (*with a strong emphasis on the "ish"*) for our next market date. We will have fresh vegetables and cut flowers, as well as lemonade, music, and lots of passionate gardeners to chat with.

We hope to see you there!

Happy Harvesting!

Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.

Albert Einstein



Yes, Crossing Guards *Are Still* Needed. Really!

Sarah Manvell

Editor's Note: Remember this article from last month? They're still looking! But this is the last time you'll see this, at least for a while.

Seymour Heights Elementary PAC is looking for people who would like to generously volunteer to be a crossing guard for the crosswalk at Carnation street and Blueridge Sharing Garden. If you're looking for a way to support our community, this would be incredibly beneficial to our school children! At the moment we have only two crossing guards, but we are slowly seeing the shift in driver behaviour. It's a very addictive and rewarding role!

Update: we've had one volunteer come forward! That's great! Thank you! But a couple more would make life easier for everyone. Please consider volunteering!

Training will be provided, the commitment is flexible and the shifts are about 20-30 minutes in the morning and/or afternoon. Email sarahmanvell@gmail.com for more information.



Come Say Hi!

Eric Andersen

The Blueridge Community Association will have a table at the Parkgate Society's Community Day.

This event aims to bring together our vibrant community, fostering connections and promoting local businesses and organizations.

Community Day takes place on September 9th at Parkgate Community Centre from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and we warmly welcome you to come over and say hi at the BCA's community table.



The DNV is Giving Away Trees and Shrubs

The DNV is enhancing the urban tree canopy by giving free trees and plants or shrubs to district residents who have space to plant them. This is part of the Urban Tree Canopy Project. Learn about the types of trees and shrubs available and how to choose the correct plant for your home. A more diverse and healthy urban tree canopy will help us take action against climate change and increase biodiversity and wildlife habitat.

More information is available in these videos:

- [Welcome to the Urban Tree Canopy Project](#)
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- [How to Choose a Plant](#)

Register today and help us take action against climate change and increase biodiversity:

<https://www.dnv.org/community-environment/urban-tree-canopy-project>

To get your free plants, fill out the online linked above **before Sept. 15, 2023**. All plants are available while supplies last.

How the program works

If you own or rent a home in the District, you can apply to receive three trees and/or three shrubs for free, depending on your available space.

To request your free plants, fill out the online form linked above before September 15, 2023.

All plants are available while supplies last. We'll be providing substitutions if any plant species run out.

After you submit your request

You'll receive a confirmation email after submitting the online form. We'll also email you approximately two weeks before the plant pick up days (Oct. 21 and 22) with more information about pickup times and parking, etc.

Picking up your trees or shrubs

You can pick up your plants at the Maplewood Flats Conservation Area (2649 Dollarton Hwy) on October 21 or 22, 2023.

If you're unavailable on the days above, and are unable to have someone else pick up your plants, email iwantatree@dnv.org to arrange a different time

If you are not yet a subscriber and you're finding this issue of the *Blueridge Bulletin* useful or enjoyable, please subscribe by [joining our mailing list](#)! It's free, and it's only one email a month.

Also, please feel free to share the *Bulletin* with a neighbour or friend and ask them to subscribe. Thanks!



Lawn Watering Still Prohibited

A quick reminder: All of Metro Vancouver is still in **Stage 2 Water Restrictions**. [All lawn watering is prohibited](#) until things change, and fines for violating these rules are potentially large.

To avoid any problems, simply let your grass go dormant. It will come back in the fall with the rains, and there will be more water for other uses in the meantime.

In a normal year, lawn watering is limited until Oct 15 - though that can be extended if needed - so plan on keeping your sprinklers put away until at least that date. When things change, we'll let you know here and on the [BCA website](#).



Speaking Of Water

Jeff Powell

All of BC is experiencing some level of drought. This has worsened our wildfire season and strained every local ecosystem. Metro Vancouver is in Drought Level 5 - "Adverse Impacts Almost Certain" - at the time of writing. And that's after the rains in early August.

The [BC Drought Information Portal](#) has a map of current conditions which is updated regularly, along with other information about stream and watershed conditions. But even without digging into the details, drought is clearly a worsening problem, as you can [read on any news site](#).

But what can we do? The obvious answer is to use less water, and there are simple ways that can be accomplished as explained on the [BC Drought Information page](#):

- Not watering lawns
 - Take shorter showers
 - Fill the sink instead of letting the water run while washing dishes
 - Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving
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- Run full loads of laundry and in the dishwasher
- Collect and reuse water for outdoor plants
- Plant drought tolerant vegetation
- Regularly check for and fix leaks inside and out

But individual actions can only go so far. As climate change kicks in even more, we're all going to learn new things, like which crops require more water, and which products use the most water when they are made. We'll probably be changing our consumption habits in time, to take such things into account. The alternative is adding more reservoir capacity, which is a complicated and enormously costly undertaking.

Remember what they say in California: Whiskey's for drinking and water's for fighting over. That quote's been attributed to Mark Twain, but it appears [that's not true](#).



Bears and Bins!

Holly Reisner, North Shore Black Bear Society

At the North Shore Black Bear Society, we continue to receive reports from all over the North Shore of bears getting into garbage bins.

“Garbage bins?”, you say. “Why would that be? There shouldn’t be anything in a garbage bin that a bear would want to eat!”

Right! That’s what we say! So, we thought maybe it’s time for a quiz. (Bear with

us, we're trying to make garbage fun). The name of this quiz is:

WHICH BIN?

Possible answers are:

- **G** (garbage)
- **R** (recycling, which for our purposes includes blue bin, grey bin (glass) and yellow bag (paper), and also soft plastics which should be taken to the Recycling Depot)
- **O** (organics, i.e. food waste and yard trimmings)
- **SS** – this stands for Simply Scrub, which is what we want you to do to your bins after garbage day. (Actually, this isn't one of the answers, but look what I did with the letters there.)

Let's play **Which Bin!** Select the answer that applies to each of these items:

1. Chicken Bones
2. Empty take out container
3. Grease from the BBQ grease trap
4. Empty pickle jar
5. Chip bag
6. Carrot and banana peels
7. Old broken tent poles
8. Empty cat food can
9. Plate scrapings
10. Grass clippings
11. Bonus question: Soiled diapers

Write your answers down, and tally up your score.

Answers:

1. O - freeze first along with any other meat or fish scraps
 2. R – wash with hot, soapy water first
 3. O – freeze first
 4. R - wash with hot, soapy water first
 5. R – rinse and take to recycle depot with other soft plastics
 6. O – wrap fruit and veggie scraps in newspaper and layer in the bin with yard trimmings
 7. G – just toss 'em! It's a great time to clean out the camping shed
 8. R - wash with hot, soapy water first
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9. O –freeze meat, fish or chicken bits first
10. O – great for layering with fruit and vegetable scraps
11. Bonus Answer: G – these are a surprisingly strong bear attractant. Please flush the solids, wrap the diapers thoroughly and store indoors until garbage day. GROSS!

Scores:

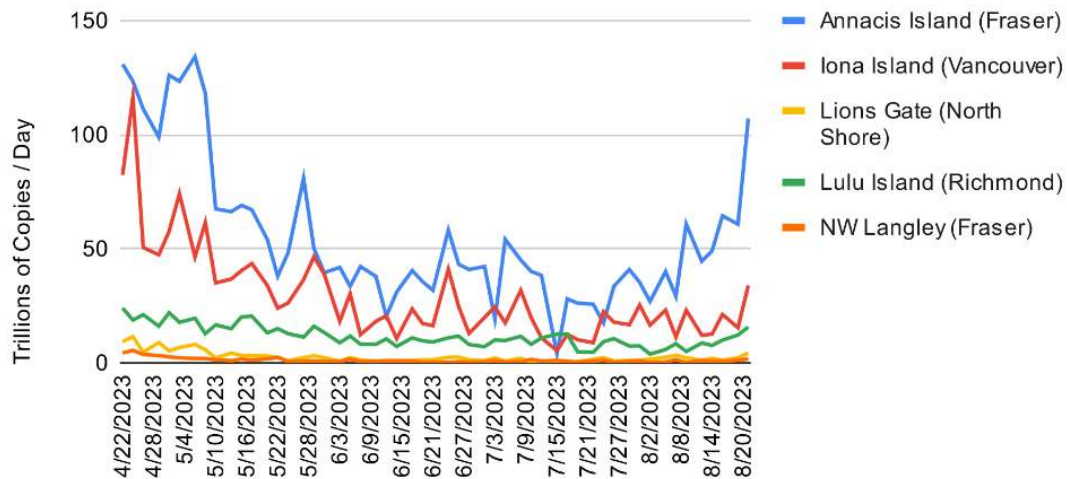
- 1-3 – Hmm, have you had a lot of ursine visits lately?
- 4-6 – Better, but remember a bear can smell 2000 times better than we can.
- 7-10 – Good job! You’ve “bear”ly got any attractants in your garbage bin.
- 11 - WOW! You’re an amazing ally for our bears and you probably never have to clean up spilled waste!

On a more serious note, we ask everyone to scrub all their bins out with vinegar after they have been emptied. Using a 50/50 solution of a pine scented cleaner in a spray bottle to spritz around your bins can also help deter black bears. Pop those frozen bits of food waste and grease (and any wrapping from meat, fish or chicken) into the appropriate bin the morning of collection. You can get a fine for setting your bins or recycling out before 5:30 am of collection day! If your bins have been damaged, please contact DNV.org/repairs for free cart repairs. They are very busy right now, so it may take a few weeks.

Thanks for playing **Which Bin!** Remember, there should be no bear attractant in your garbage bin, as it is emptied later in the day than the organics bin. Please follow our tips to prevent messes and to keep our bears safe, and report any wildlife sightings or attractants to us at www.northshorebears.com.

SARS-COV-2 Virus in Wastewater - Adjusted for Wastewater Flow

Covers: All Plants - Last 120 Days



The Return of COVID

Jeff Powell

Your editor clearly has way too much time on his hands. The chart above is made from the regularly published data about the COVID virus levels in wastewater for the five Metro Vancouver water treatment plants. (The charts available from Metro Vancouver are... ah... I'll just call them "less than ideal." Sadly, the same is true for similar charts published by the Province, so I made my own.)

What the chart shows is that COVID is getting more common since about the middle of July. It's particularly obvious in the blue Annacis Island plant data, but when you look at the running average of each plant individually, they are all increasing again. Some are just barely starting to go up, but mid-July was the bottom of the most recent COVID cycle, and Annacis Island tends to lead the other plants and show the strongest signal.

There are at least two reasons for the increase. First, immunity from past vaccination or booster shots may be waning. Unfortunately it doesn't last forever and many people didn't get even one booster shot. And second, the newest virus variants are getting better at avoiding what immunity we have as a population, whether that immunity comes from a vaccine, a previous COVID infection, or both.

Thankfully a new batch of vaccines is coming out soon that are tailored to more recent COVID variants, and they show efficacy against even the latest strains that are making headlines. Once the new shots are available It will be time to get boosted again if you are eligible. Your editor will be getting his next booster as soon as possible. I hope you'll consider doing the same thing.

If you are curious, a larger set of charts - including virus levels going back to May of 2020, and separate data for each water treatment plant - are available in [this google spreadsheet](#). It gets updated whenever new data is made available, typically each Friday.

No one can predict how this new COVID wave will go. It could fizzle out in a month or two, or it could hang around and get much worse. As with flu, prevention - in the form of an updated vaccination - is highly recommended by the medical community.



Housing Solutions Lab Open House – September 28, 2-7pm

Rebekah Parker

Curious about housing solutions like home sharing, secondary suites and laneway houses? We're eager to hear from homeowners and renters on the North Shore, especially those over age 55!

Drop by our Housing Solutions Lab open house to explore potential housing solutions, learn more about the North Shore context and join the conversation about addressing the housing crisis, social isolation and finding climate

solutions.

Whether you're a homeowner, renter, North Shore resident or an older adult, we'd love to hear your perspectives! Join us to share your thoughts on housing options and your hopes for living on the North Shore.

Event Details

Thursday September 28, 2023

Drop by any time between 2-7 PM

Delbrook Community Centre

Arbutus room (first floor)

851 W Queens Rd, North Vancouver

Join the conversation, enjoy a refreshment and connect with your community! Bring your friends and family who may be interested, or drop by solo.

Want a guided conversation through the open house? Book a time slot (approx. 1 hour) with a facilitator. Alternatively, feel free to drop by at your convenience and explore the open house at your own pace.

To book a free guided conversation and for more details about the open house, email Rebekah Parker at rebekah_parker@sfu.ca or call (778) 652-4077 ext.3

For more information on the Housing Solutions Lab, visit renewablecities.ca/housing-solutions-lab-details

About the Housing Solutions Lab

Renewable Cities is partnering with Hollyburn Community Services Society to explore housing opportunities for homeowners (older adults 55+) living on the North Shore who may be interested in options such as secondary suites, coach houses and home sharing. These solutions can help address urgent and critical challenges like housing supply, affordability, older adults' health and social isolation.



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. On the left side, there is a circular logo of a brown bear wearing blue overalls, holding a hammer and a screwdriver. To the right of the logo, the text "Blueridge Residents Discount" is written in bold black font, underlined. Below this, the text "20% Off for Regular Priced Service" is written in black. Underneath, "Eaton's Heating" is written in a larger, bold black font. Below the company name, the website "www.eatonshomecare.com", phone number "604-535-8434", and email "eatonscare@gmail.com" are listed. At the bottom left, the Eaton's Heating Ltd. logo is displayed, consisting of the text "EATON'S HEATING LTD." above four horizontal stripes (red, white, blue, white). To the right of the logo, the text "Fortis Rebates:" is followed by a list of rebates: "\$25 per Fireplace (2 per home)", "\$25 Furnace/Boiler", and "\$50 Tankless Water Heater". At the bottom of the graphic, the text "Discount offer from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023" is written in black.



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Please use code Blueridge when booking.



In A Nutshell

- **Why is Cyclops a great teacher?** He has only one pupil!
- **Fire Danger** - It's been an interesting time since the Mt. Seymour fire. Warm - hot - weather has been a staple, but we also had some cooler temperatures and even some rain. If you're not sure what the current fire danger is, the [BCA website](#) always has the current fire danger level and link to the [DNV's forest fire prevention page](#). We update it every morning.
- **Who is the king of school supplies?** The ruler.
- **News Sources Update** - Last month we published our [list of Canadian](#)

[News sources](#) that might go missing from your internet feeds thanks to passage of the Online News Act. We mentioned RSS readers as an alternative, and a few days later *The Tyee* published an excellent [article about RSS readers](#) and pointed out their own RSS and email options. It's worth a read. And we're still looking for your suggested additions to our list. Send them to webmaster@blueridgeca.org. Thanks!

- **What did you learn in school today?** Not enough. They said I have to go back tomorrow.
 - **Newsworthy** - Links to news articles and other items that Blueridge residents might find interesting.
 - [\\$90K Funding for North Shore Evacuation Preparedness](#)
 - [North Shore Emergency Management Evacuation Guide](#) (PDF)
 - [Riverside Drive To Get Affordable Housing](#)
 - [\\$400K to Train Firefighters to Work in the Wildland Urban Interface](#)
 - [Exploring Lynn Canyon Park](#)
 - **Word problem:** A man from Montreal drives toward Vancouver at 250 kilometres per hour and a man from Vancouver drives toward Montreal at 150 kph. Where do they meet? In jail!
 - **Bears** - Twice in the last month a bear knocked over our *empty* garbage can. We never saw the culprit, but we keep the cans in our garage whenever they have anything in them. We can't have bears eating trash, as that leads to *bad things*. Please read the article above titled **Bears and Bins**, and see [this page](#) on our website for tips on how to keep bears out of your garbage.
 - **Why did the student cross the playground?** To get to the other slide.
 - **Water Conservation** - Due to the drought, Metro Vancouver is in *Stage 2 Water Conservation* rules at this time. Lawn watering is prohibited. Here are all the [other water use restrictions](#). The current water conservation status is always listed on the [BCA's website](#).
 - **What did the buffalo say as her child went off to school?** Bison!
 - **Blueridge Good Neighbour Day Photos Are Up!** [See them here](#). Thanks to everyone who shared photos from the day, and to everyone who came to the event! We look forward to seeing you again next year!
 - **What is a snake's favourite subject?** Hiss tory.
 - **Your Item Here** - Do you have a short item - or a long item - for next month's Blueridge Bulletin? If so, see the *Submit an Article* section below for details on how to send it in.
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- **Why did the student stop studying accounting?** It was too taxing.
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Stay Connected

There are many ways to keep up with the neighbourhood and the BCA.

We're on: [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)

Our Website: <http://blueridgeca.org/>

[Blueridge Neighbours Facebook Group](#)

[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

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