

# *Blueridge Bulletin*

## *November 2023*



I've noticed an interesting difference between Canada and the US in how November "feels".

In the US, Thanksgiving looms in November like a shark swimming just offshore looking for an easy meal. American Thanksgiving is yet another big, commercial holiday between Halloween and the holiday jumble at the end of the year. On the other hand, here in BC November is quieter, with no holiday full of unreasonable expectations. Thanksgiving has already happened, letting us take the time to appreciate the fall, the changing of the leaves, and the cooler temperatures, all with fewer distractions. Remembrance Day and its poppies fit nicely into that state of mind.

Of course we've already seen some of those cooler temperatures. I've had to shut off and drain my exterior hose bibs just to be safe.

The flower shown above is the last hydrangea bloom we have this year. It's held on quite well, but it will succumb soon. Until it does we will enjoy its quiet beauty, as we enjoy all of November and the long, slow slide into winter.

Happy fall!

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## Blueridge Cares 2023

Carolann Fraenkel

Blueridge Cares is a neighbourhood program that started in the spring of 2020. It is designed to help Blueridge families who may need a little extra help at the holidays or during a difficult time.

Yes, it's early to think about the holidays... but the elves are already busy thinking about the coming months, and how to help those in our neighbourhood who might need a little extra boost this holiday season.

This year, we are going to approach our program a little differently. Families who request help will be asked to provide us with specific holiday requests. Our elves will transfer the information to a gift tag, which will be emailed and printed or can be picked up. Once the gift is purchased, the giver will wrap the gift and attach the tag and drop it off at a central location. Our elves will sort the gifts by family and arrange for them to be delivered.

You can support this effort by:

- Joining our team of elves, and/or being a gift purchaser. Please fill out [this form on our website](#) or email [blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org](mailto:blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org).
- Donating. E-transfers can be sent to the BCA Treasurer Ted Bancroft at [tedb85@gmail.com](mailto:tedb85@gmail.com). For cheques, email [blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org](mailto:blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org) and we'll arrange the details.
- Purchasing holiday candies through our Purdys campaign. See below.

More information will be in the December issue of the *Blueridge Bulletin*, on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, and on [the BCA website](#) as we get closer to the holidays.

If you are a family in our neighbourhood who might need help, there is also a [form for you to fill in posted on our website](#), or you can request a phone call from one of our elves by contacting us at [blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org](mailto:blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org). If your need for help is more immediate, we have a [list of resources](#) on our website. Check the "For Those In Need" tab.

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## **Support the Blueridge Cares 2023 Purdys Fundraiser!**

Ruth Hanson

We are pleased to present our Purdys Christmas Chocolates Fundraiser for 2023!

The proceeds (up to 25% of retail dollars spent) return to support the Blueridge Cares Christmas program and help those families in our neighbourhood who could use a little help this Christmas.

We have enjoyed the maximum return over the past two campaigns due to the number of our community members who have purchased their Christmas chocolates and chocolate gifts for their own families and friends through this Purdys fundraising program. Thank you for your loyalty!

It is easy to view the online catalogue by clicking the link below, use customer number **61844**, enter your email address and then you will have access to the lovely catalogue of gifts and treats, pull out your credit card and place the order online. The items get delivered to my house in Blueridge and are easy to arrange pickup after December 1st and avoid the busy shopping malls.

Here is the link to access the program for this upcoming Holiday Season. Thank you in advance for your participation!

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1419547-111064>

And remember to use customer number **61844**.

Purchases must be made by November 26th.

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The thinnest yellow light of November is more warming and exhilarating than any wine they tell of. The mite which November contributes becomes equal in value to the bounty of July.

-- Henry David Thoreau



### What do the Housing Targets Mean for Blueridge?

The Office Of MLA Susie Chant

At the end of September, Minister Ravi Kahlon announced the 5-year housing targets for 10 municipalities across the province, including the District of North Vancouver. So how did these targets come about and what do they mean for residents of Blueridge, and the District of North Vancouver?

The targets were created using data from the Census, Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and the DNV's own Housing Needs Report. During the creation of these housing targets, Ministry of Housing staff met with officials and staff from the DNV to discuss goals, obstacles, and supports needed. As a result, the current housing targets should be seen as a compromise between the total expected need, and what the municipality can deliver on. The District's 2021 Housing Needs Report set an expected need of 3,965 units by 2026. As our provincial targets are set until 2028, we had to create some estimates of population growth and housing needs beyond the current DNV targets. Even

so, these targets are 75% of our highest estimate – again, to create a compromise and set achievable targets. That is why our 5-year target is a lower number than what the DNV set as their last 5-year target.

To track, support, and enforce these targets, the DNV will be expected to submit annual reports to the Ministry. These reports will include opportunities and obstacles, which the Ministry of Housing will use to better support decision making in North Van. The constant feedback loop, I hope, provides some reassurances to residents that you will be supported the whole time by the province in achieving these targets.

What this all actually means for Blueridge will likely be very minimal. As the MLA for North Vancouver – Seymour, I have made it understood that the Seymour area does not have capacity to handle much more density without significant infrastructure updates. Blueridge specifically does not have the characteristics that the province is looking for when creating housing, as there is very little transit, and almost no commercial spaces for groceries, healthcare, or other amenities. There will likely be some small increases in density in Blueridge, with more secondary suites and maybe some duplexes, as we are also creating legislation to encourage those “missing middle” developments. We may also see an increase in density around Maplewood, but all these decisions are still within the DNV Council’s authority and zoning choices. While these targets are being enforced by the Province, we do not see many scenarios in which we are actually going to have to step in and overrule a municipal decision. Considering the compromise in setting these targets, they should be seen as housing that would be built anyways, and our provincial legislation is just there to provide additional supports for the District to achieve them.

I should note that this article is very high level, without all the details, so if you have any questions or require further information, please reach out to my office.

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# Blueridge Elementary

## **Blueridge Elementary Update**

Rachel Harper, BPAC Chair

Hello from the Blueridge Elementary Parent Advisory Council!

The school year is in full swing, and we are busy, busy, busy.

First off, THANK YOU to our parent volunteers who run Popcorn Mondays, Hot lunch Fridays, and our grade allocated fundraisers and events! We could not run these programs without you.

In October, students in grades 4 to 7 were invited to participate in cross country running. There were two race meets for the local elementary schools. Ms Madill's grade 4 class took a field trip to Granville Island for a 'Marmalade the cat scavenger hunt'. The BPAC strongly supports these opportunities to learn outside the classroom. You may be surprised to learn that the bus for that trip cost over \$500!

Once again, the school hosted the fall Scholastic book fair. All proceeds from this important fundraiser went toward acquiring new books and resources for our library and classrooms. Most importantly, the kids had a blast! Halloween

was an opportunity to wear costumes to school and march around the gym in the 'costume parade'.

In November, the BPAC is sponsoring Saleema Noon's body science workshops. We're so grateful to have access to such knowledgeable and approachable educators. We're also running a winter clothing drive for the Family Services of the North Shore Christmas Bureau from November 6th to November 17th . If you have warm jackets, raincoats, toques, or gloves to donate, please drop them off inside the school entrance between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

We're looking forward to our new Growing Smiles plant fundraiser. We will have wreaths, poinsettias, and floral arrangements for the holiday season. Back by popular demand, we will also be running our Purdys chocolates fundraiser. Having the orders delivered to my house is the closest I can get to my childhood dream of visiting Willy Wonka's chocolate factory!

Finally, I know that many of our community members attended Blueridge elementary, or their children attended Blueridge, or both! You may be interested to know that our little school in the woods finally got a brand-new boiler! It's been a chilly transition with lots of space heaters, but the winter promises to be warm and toasty for our kids.

Do you have questions or comments for the PAC? We can be reached at [bpacblueridge@gmail.com](mailto:bpacblueridge@gmail.com).

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Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

-- Albert Camus

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## **A Risky Street Corner**

Jeff Powell

In mid September, a local Blueridge resident (who wishes to remain anonymous) and her children got quite a scare. As they waited to cross the street at Mount Seymour Parkway and Lytton Street, a double dump truck turned in front of them and came up onto the sidewalk. It was literally steps away, and the risk was substantial.

That corner is close to the community centre, two preschools, and a high school. Pedestrians are common there, including children.

In response, our neighbour got in touch with Anthem Properties and described the situation to them in an email. While a bit of time did pass, she eventually spoke with a representative of Anthem Properties who assured her that some safety changes have already been put in place at the corner, and others are coming soon. We should see:

- Flag person on corner of Lytton and Mount Seymour Parkway
- Permanent dividers on Lytton Street will be put in
- Permanent barrier on Lytton and Mount Seymour Parkway will be put in

It appears the interaction with Anthem was good and they were responsive. Safety improvements at that corner are very welcome, as the construction will be going on for some time.

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*One of these things is not like the others.*

## **How to Avoid a Black Bear Encounter**

Holly Reisner, North Shore Black Bear Society

When walking or biking in our neighbourhoods and on trails, use your voice by talking, singing or calling out “Hey bear!” Be louder near a creek or stream. This lets bears in the area know that a non-threatening human is present, and they will generally avoid you.

Be aware of your surroundings. Listen for any noises such as branches breaking (Hint: you can’t do this with headphones on). Look for bear sign such as scat, torn apart logs, scratches on trees or berry bushes with missing berries. If you come across an animal carcass, you should slowly back away and leave the area.

Even with these precautions, it is possible to have a surprise encounter with a bear.

We recommend carrying bear spray in an easily accessible harness or holster if you are a regular trail user. It should not be inside your backpack. Watch this video [Bear Spray – WildsafeBC](#) and practice removing your bear spray from its holster.

## **I just saw a black bear, what should I do?**

1. Stop. Dismount your bicycle.
2. Leash and control your dog.
3. Take a deep, calming breath.
4. Speak to the bear in a calm tone of voice.
5. Slowly back away from the bear. Do NOT run.
6. Once you are no longer near the bear, leave the area and let other trail users know to leash their dogs and leave the area.

Leave your phone alone and be present in the moment. Usually, the bear will ignore you and continue on its way. This could mean it continues walking down the trail towards you, because that's what it was doing before. Continue backing away. You may have to step off the trail to allow the bear to pass you by.

Very rarely, the bear will walk towards you with intent. This is often the curiosity of a young, male bear (yearling) that has recently been dispersed from his mother. In this case you should:

1. Stop backing away.
2. Ready your bear spray (remove from the holster and remove the safety clip).
3. Raise your arms to make yourself appear larger.
4. Use a strong, deep voice to tell the bear to back off.
5. If necessary, you can throw rocks near (not directly at) the bear.

Usually, the bear will stop and leave. It will have learned a lesson about not approaching humans too closely.

**Even more rarely**, the bear will continue approaching you. In this case you should:

1. Hold the base of the bear spray canister in your non-dominant hand, with your arms outstretched in front of you.
2. Your dominant index finger goes through the loop below the trigger (two hands ensure you do not drop the spray).
3. Be aware of which direction the wind is blowing.
4. Build a wall of bear spray by pointing and deploying the spray at the bear from the ground up.

Bear spray is a non-lethal bear deterrent that works by irritating the eyes and nose of the bear. It will temporarily incapacitate the bear, giving you time to back away from the area. It also teaches the bear to not approach humans.

Black bears are calm animals that are very tolerant of the presence of humans. At most we can expect bears to be wary of people, and more experienced bears have a tendency to ignore us. They are sensitive to the human voice, which identifies us to bears as being human. Our tone of voice tells the bear when we are being calm, or when we are asserting our dominance. Bears do not like humans to be too close to them and will show signs of stress if we are.

They are extremely intelligent and have excellent memories. Encounters with humans will influence a bear's future behaviour around us. So, it is our responsibility to never approach bears to photograph, never to feed bears (even by accident), and to teach young bears to keep their distance from us.

These are all things that we can do to keep ourselves and our beautiful bears safe.

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The month of November makes me feel that life is passing more quickly. In an effort to slow it down, I try to fill the hours more meaningfully.

-- Henry Rollins

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### **Volunteer with the BCA**

BCA Committee Members

The Blueridge Community Association needs YOUR help!

As the news spreads rapidly using social media, we are looking for 2 volunteers (ideally) to help out with communicating news that happens in the community. A Communications Coordinator is greatly appreciated and valued within the community and especially in the BCA. The main duties for this very important role would include:

- Using the BCA's Instagram and Facebook page to distribute information and sharing posts
- Keeping the Instagram and Facebook page up to date with events and relevant news

The Communications Coordinator role does not require a lot of commitment and will only require your time for maximum one hour a week.

If you are interested, please send an email to [volunteer@blueridgeca.org](mailto:volunteer@blueridgeca.org) and we will be eager to speak to you!

Thank you for making this such a great community to live in!

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## **Water Use Restrictions Lifted**

Jeff Powell

On October 15th, things went back to normal, at least as far as using our water is concerned. Metro Vancouver [lifted the Stage 2 water use restrictions](#) that had been in place since August 4th.

Recent rains have started to refill our local reservoirs while also reducing demand for water. This happy event means that while you can now water your lawn again, you probably don't have to.

In a normal year, Stage 1 restrictions come into place on May 1 and last until October 15. Those rules only allow watering lawns once a week. Stage 2 (and even stricter regimes) only happen when required. Those stronger rules eliminate all lawn watering, among other things.

The BCA website always has the current water use restrictions on our [home page](#), and we publish announcements (like this one) as needed, so keep watching the *Bulletin* and our social media feeds.

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### **Blueridge Good Neighbour Day 2024**

2024? Yes, really. In-Ah (right) and Elmira (left), both residents of Tompkins Crescent, are excited to start planning for BGND again! As next year's chair and co-chair, they will be up to date on all the information and able to answer any questions you might have. You can reach In-Ah at [bgnd@blueridgeca.org](mailto:bgnd@blueridgeca.org) - Suggestions and ideas for themes are encouraged. Volunteers are always needed - please reach out to Elmira at [volunteer@blueridgeca.org](mailto:volunteer@blueridgeca.org). Our first meeting will be on Thursday, November 30th. Do not hesitate to email us to find out more! Let's get together and make our community's special day another success!

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**Thank You To Our Generous  
Blueridge Good Neighbour Day 2023  
Silent Auction Donors and Event Sponsors!**

- 32 Books & Gallery
- Altitude FC
- Arc'teryx Equipment Inc.
- Arms Reach Bistro
- Aspire Naturopathic Health Center
- Barb Wilks
- Bean Around the World
- Belentina's Workshop
- Blueridge Community Association
- Blueshore Financial
- Bosley's Pet Food - Dollarton
- Canlan Ice Sports - North Shore
- Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Central City Brewers and Distillers
- Chemtrade Logistics
- Christine Tunnoch Art & Illustration
- City Soda
- Code Ninjas
- Cove Paddleboards
- Danny Filippone, The Penthouse Nightclub & Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours
- Dave Maquignaz, realtor
- David Moucks
- Dollarton Liquore store
- Dominion Securities
- Dykhof Nurseries
- Everything Wine
- Kobe Japanese Steakhouse
- Kore Salon
- Laura Caballero Photography
- Little Pink Door Boutique
- Lonsdale Place Veterinary Clinic
- Lordco North Van
- Maa Yoga
- Maplewood Farms
- Mel Montgomery Real Estate
- Melnyk Financial Planning and Investments Ltd.
- Moja Coffee
- Monika Art Studio
- Morning Moon Nature Jewelry
- Mount Seymour Optometry
- Neptune Terminals
- North Shore Marine
- North Shore Sports Medicine
- North Van Rec Centre - Ron Andrews
- North Vancouver Child Development Center
- Northlands Golf Club
- Odlum Brown Limited
- Osteria Savio Volpe
- Panago
- Penfolds Roofing & Solar
- Pepinos Spaghetti House
- Pigott Properties Group
- Professional Photography
- Pups on the Pier
- RBC Financial Consultant  
Nazreen Ishak

- eXp Realty - Diane Chen & Kelly Muirhead
- Family donation - Carmichael family
- Family donation - Hanson family
- Family donation - Richter family
- Family donation - Wilks family
- Fawcett Insurance
- Fresh Skin Lab
- Fuse & Sip
- grit meditation
- Grounded Path Yoga
- Harris & Brun Law Corporation
- Helicon Books
- Herschel Supply Co.
- In-Ah and Michael (BGND Team Members)
- InGrain Pastificio
- Isobel's Card Company
- Judy Killeen Real Estate
- Kim Cairns Beauty Consultant - Mary Kay
- Riverfront Bed & Breakfast
- S8088 Auto Detail
- Safeway
- Savio Volpe Caffè e Alimentari
- Shoppers Drug Mart - Parkgate
- Signature Mazda
- Smallprint Vancouver
- Special Times Out of School Care
- Steamoji
- Stong's Market
- The Co-Operators (Park & Tilford)
- The Hive
- Time Out Source For Sports
- Toby's Liquor Store
- TOCA North Vancouver
- United Strangers Coffee
- Waterline Plumbing Ltd. (now Pink Plumbing)
- Well Fed
- Western Stevedoring
- White Spot, Park & Tilford

Thank you all!

If we've inadvertently left anyone out, please [email us](#) and let us know!

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**<http://blueridgeca.org/>**

**The BCA Website - Check It out!**

Jeff Powell

It just so happens that the editor of the *Blueridge Bulletin* is also the webmaster of the [BCA website](#). There's a fair bit in common, so it works out well and I am happy to do both. But what really matters to me is that people actually use the website. Each month we include links to it in articles in the *Bulletin* as

appropriate, but those only scratch the surface. How many of these things did you know about?

- The [Sitter Directory](#) - to help you find baby, home, and pet sitters
- The [Local Business Directory](#) - so you can deal with locals, and advertise your business to locals for free
- Our [Resources Page](#) - lots of information useful to Blueridge residents
- A [Community Brochure](#) - developed by the BCA, it's a great introduction for new arrivals
- The [FAQ](#) - lots of common questions about Blueridge answered in one place
- Archives of the [Blueridge Bulletin](#) and the [Blueridge Community News](#) - yes, those are different publications
- Our handy [home page](#) - with quick news about local events and many links
- The [Blueridge Map](#) - ever wonder where are the trails between the streets go? Find out here!

And much, much more. The BCA runs many programs; each one has a description. There is documentation of past events, and about the BCA itself as well as the volunteers that make it work.

Please bookmark the [BCA website](#) and give it a click when you need to know about something local.

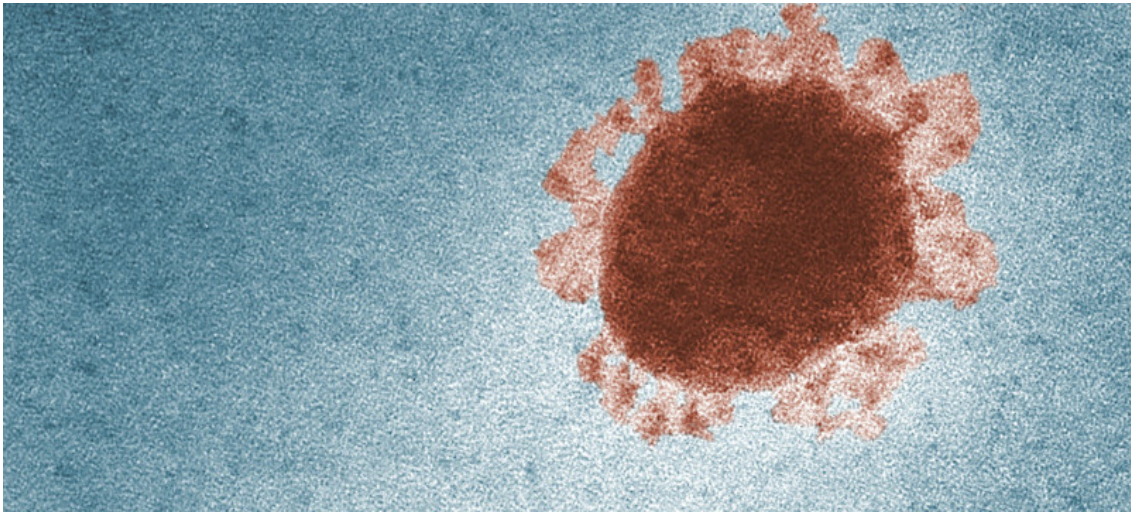
And if something is missing, send an email to [webmaster@blueridgeca.org](mailto:webmaster@blueridgeca.org) so we can figure that out and include it.

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Remember, remember, the fifth of November, the Gunpowder Treason and plot.  
I know of no reason the Gunpowder Treason should ever be forgot!

-- Traditional

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## **North Shore COVID Update**

Jeff Powell

There's some good news on the COVID front. The latest COVID vaccines have arrived at local pharmacies. Moderna's new vaccine was the first one available when the latest vaccination campaign began in early October, but now Pfizer's has arrived as well. There was a brief period when it was difficult to get a vaccine, but that seems to have been resolved.

My personal experience shows that. I first attempted to get a vaccine as a walk in at a local pharmacy, but they only had enough doses of Moderna left to cover the appointments they had already booked. I got my flu shot and was advised to check back with them towards the end of October for the COVID vaccine. Rather than wait I used the province's online booking system to get an appointment at a different local pharmacy soon thereafter, but when I arrived they were out of vaccine. After a few days had passed I booked a new appointment at a different North Van pharmacy. This time it worked. They had Pfizer vaccine in stock and there wasn't even a line when I arrived.

If you find yourself looking for readily available vaccine, my experience suggests the pharmacies closer to downtown North Van are better bets. Our closest pharmacies serve the most local customers and - according to one pharmacist - they have a large population of at risk patients, so the demand for vaccine has been high.

In other COVID news, the North Shore's wastewater treatment plant continues to show some of the lowest levels of COVID virus present in the Metro Vancouver area, occasionally reporting no virus detected at all. It is even possible that the current spike in COVID infections may have peaked. Many

indicators - hospitalizations, deaths, etc. - are going back down as of this writing, but wastewater numbers are difficult to read accurately as the data is so noisy. With luck, this spike is coming to an end but it is too soon to be certain.

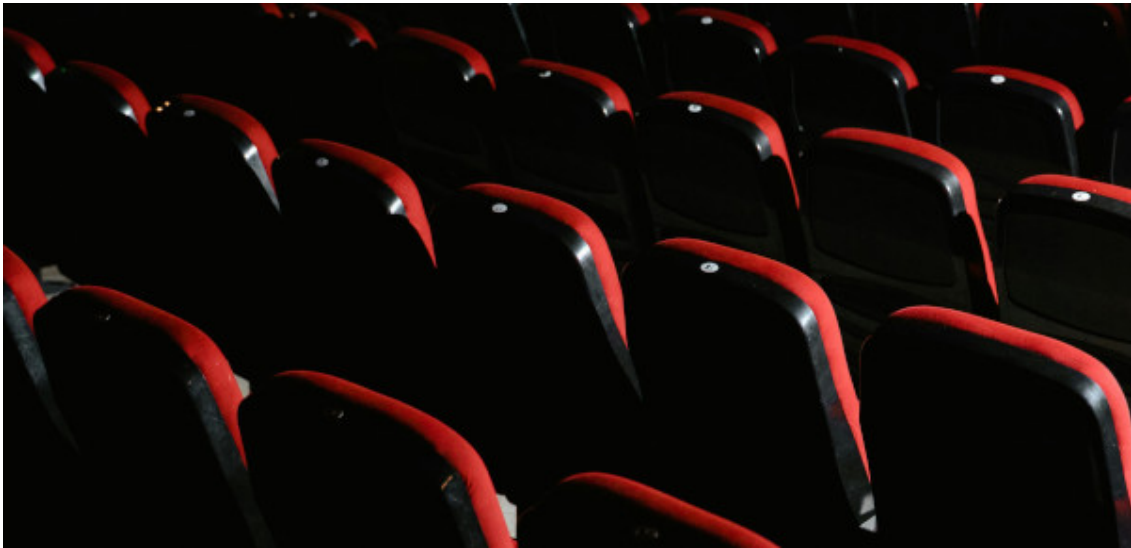
Importantly, COVID is now endemic and it seems we'll be living with it indefinitely. Also, despite what some say COVID doesn't seem to be seasonal, unlike flu and RSV. New COVID infection peaks arrive at seemingly random times. Our most recent spike began in July while the weather was good and before school started. No one can say when the next spike will start, or if the current infection rate will go back up. For that reason keeping your COVID vaccine up to date is a good idea. Note that even if you've had COVID, a vaccine is recommended. The immunity you get from having COVID wanes over time, just like immunity from a vaccine. In addition, new mutations in the virus [change how effectively it can infect humans](#). A vaccine can boost your immunity and help keep you from getting it again. Though relatively rare, long term complications of COVID can be severe, and it is best to avoid getting the disease if possible.

There is also concern about a "triple-demic" - the combined impact of influenza, RSV, and COVID - on our healthcare system. Flu and COVID vaccines help reduce that. There is also a new RSV vaccine, but the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has not yet published recommendations on the use of RSV vaccines in Canada. It may be available for free next fall to those age 60 and over, and it is available for purchase in some pharmacies now.

COVID Vaccine notifications are being sent by the provincial system regularly. If you're registered you should get your notice soon, if you haven't seen it already. If you are new to BC or never registered you can do so at <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/>. If you'd rather not wait, some pharmacies will take walk in requests for the COVID vaccine. As my experience shows, call first to confirm availability. While there, consider getting your flu vaccine too.

COVID and flu vaccines are free to the public here in BC, and are available to everyone from from age six months on up. For more information, visit this [COVID vaccine information page](#) on the BC website.

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## **Two Concerts!**

Music lovers rejoice! Roxie Giles tells us about two concerts that Blueridge residents might enjoy:

### **Little Mountain Brass Band performs "Autumn Colours" Sunday November 26th, 3pm.**

Many people love Autumn for the changing colors of leaves - trees that were once green explode into beautiful hues of gold, red, and orange. Our next concert "Autumn Colours" promises to explode with glorious melodies and rich harmonies.

Musically speaking, Little Mountain Band Director, Jim Littleford, has returned to his British roots - a country renowned for its brass band music. The concert includes works by Alan Fernie, William Rimmer, Edrich Siebert and a new "kid on the Brass Band block", Christopher Bond. You may not be familiar with the compositions, but you will be charmed by the selected repertoire.

Sunday, November 26th , 3 pm at Mt. Seymour United (1220 Parkgate, N. Vancouver). Admission by donation with refreshments to follow.

For further information, contact Jim Littleford ([jimslittleford@gmail.com](mailto:jimslittleford@gmail.com)) or visit [lmbb.ca](http://lmbb.ca).

### **Come Feel the Joy, Marcus Mosely Holiday Concert With Marcus Mosely and his Ensemble**

**Friday, December 8, 7:30 pm**

Join us for a festive evening which will include some holiday favourites, some songs in the good old Gospel tradition that Marcus does so well, and some Christmas-inspired music. Accompanied by Bill Sample (piano), Randall Stoll (drums), Norm Fisher (bass).

A great way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Friday, December 8

Highlands United Church

3255 Edgemont Blvd, North Vancouver,

Tickets: \$35 (+GST)

Available at [marcusmoselymusic.com/events](http://marcusmoselymusic.com/events)



### **In A Nutshell**

- **Daylight Savings Time Ends** - Everyone Fall Back! That's right, on Saturday night, November 4th, turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed. Or, if you prefer, turn them back on Sunday morning. Every year your editor hopes this is the last time we'll do this, but it keeps happening.
- **What do lawyers wear in November?** Lawsuits.
- **Gas Valve Update** - For everyone who expressed interest in the automatic gas shutoff valve and/or the automatic water leak detection device: your information has been forwarded to Pink Plumbing. So far there are no additional updates from the DNV or other government entities on this topic. Should things change, we'll tell you about it next month.
- **Speaking of Earthquakes** - In the last month there have been at least two events that made local news. The first was on October 8th. It was

magnitude 4.5 and [centred just south of the border](#). The second was a magnitude 3.9 quake [off the BC Coast](#) on October 23rd. We definitely live in a geologically active area, and a major quake is possible at any time.

- **What comes at the end of November?** The letter R.
- **Bears and Garbage** - The bears are out! As the article last month mentioned, they are now feeling hyperphagia - loosely, the desire to eat as much as possible before hibernating - and as a result they are looking at unsecured garbage cans and fruit trees. A neighbour had a bear go *through* her back fence in multiple places as part of getting to a fruit tree in a neighbouring yard. To keep the bears - and humans! - safe, keep your garbage, recycling, and greenwaste bins secured (ideally in a garage), and harvest your fruit trees to remove attractants. See [this page](#) for more tips on bears and garbage.
- **UXO Status** - As mentioned in our [last issue](#), a team is looking for Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) in part of the old Blair Rifle Range. Thus far, we have seen no reports of items found or removed. Should those start to come in, [the BCA website](#) will cover them, as will the next issue of the *Bulletin*.
- **What's the opposite of November?** Yesvember!
- **Water Conservation** - All water use restrictions were lifted on October 15th. See the article above for details, and you can always visit our [home page](#) to check current water use rules.
- **Bulletin or Newsletter?** - This is a common confusion, and this month it's even less clear because both publications released issues at about the same time. The *Blueridge Bulletin* is the email you are reading right now. It's sent to subscribers on about the first of each month. The *Newsletter* is printed and hand delivered by BCA volunteers to every mailbox in Blueridge and Seymour Heights three times a year. The latest *Newsletter* is at the printers as this is being written, and it will be in your mailbox soon. If you can't wait - or you miss it somehow - it's archived on [the BCA website](#) (PDF).
- **Fire Danger** - Recent rains have kept our fire danger low for several weeks now. This is great news, but it will come back next spring. Our [home page](#) always has the current fire danger for Blueridge indicated, so check it out if you are ever curious.
- **Where does November come after December?** In the dictionary.
- **Snow** - It might not be likely in November, but it is possible. Remember that the DNV has changed the bylaws about removing snow from your sidewalks. The new [bylaw](#) (PDF) now reads: "*The Owner or occupier of real property zoned for residential uses under the Zoning Bylaw No. 3210,*

*other than multifamily, must remove any accumulation of snow or ice from the sidewalks and footpaths bordering such property by not later than 10:00 a.m. each day.*" And if you happen to be in a multifamily unit, essentially the same rule applied even before the recent change. Also note that your mail carrier will appreciate a cleared path to your mailbox or mail slot. Canada Post can stop delivering to your home if they think it isn't safe to do so. If you can't clear your own sidewalks - for whatever reason - now is the time to talk with your neighbours and find help with that task. On the other hand, if you have the time, perhaps you can clear the sidewalks for someone you know can't do it?

- **People just love November.** They fall for it every year!
- **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.



## **Newsworthy**

News articles and other items that Blueridge residents might find interesting or useful.

- [North Vancouver Man Charged with Feeding Dangerous Wildlife](#) - Please don't feed the bears!
- [Help is Available for Caregivers](#)
- [Bear vs. Dog](#) - Local expert Holly Reisner comments on a video from Squamish.
- Sort term rentals have been a big thing this past month:
  - [DNV Council Hears from Residents About Short Term Rentals](#) - Jim Hanson - our resident DNV councillor - wrote an article for the [latest](#)

[Blueridge Community News](#) on this topic. If you missed it, click the link to catch up. It adds context to this North Shore News article.

- [BC Government Getting Into Short Term Rental Rules Too](#)
- [DNV Revisiting Short Term Rental Rules](#) - After the province joined in
- [North Shore Search and Rescue](#) - This local group of heroes is getting a second documentary.
- [First Snow on the Local Mountains](#) - October 25th.
- [Proposed Affordable Housing on Lillooet Rd Stirs Controversy](#)



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Got questions? Send us an email: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto: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 December 2023 edition is November 26, 2023.

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