

Blueridge Bulletin

September 2024



Summertime hike by Lesley Brooks.

Well, August is over and the schools start up again shortly. The nights are getting longer and the weather is starting to turn. Of course not everyone wants to let summer go, and technically it continues until September 22nd.

I (your editor) am not a fan of summer heat, but then again I briefly considered turning on the boiler during the storms in August. Clearly my opinion is not to be trusted.

In any case, those who want more time with summer still have it. May it be glorious.

But regardless of the season and the weather, time goes by and a lot has happened since our last issue. We've captured as much as we could in these pages. Enjoy them, and [please let us know how we're doing!](#)

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Features



Tours of the Chemtrade Chlorine Plant Available

Jeff Powell

During the month of September, Chemtrade is offering public tours of their chlorine production plant at 100 Amherst Ave, which is just south of Blueridge. These are part of their public relations efforts as they look to extend their lease to allow long term production of chlorine at the site. Those wanting to learn more about the plant and the people that work there are encouraged to book a tour to help get a sense of what they do, how it is done, and to get any questions you may have answered.

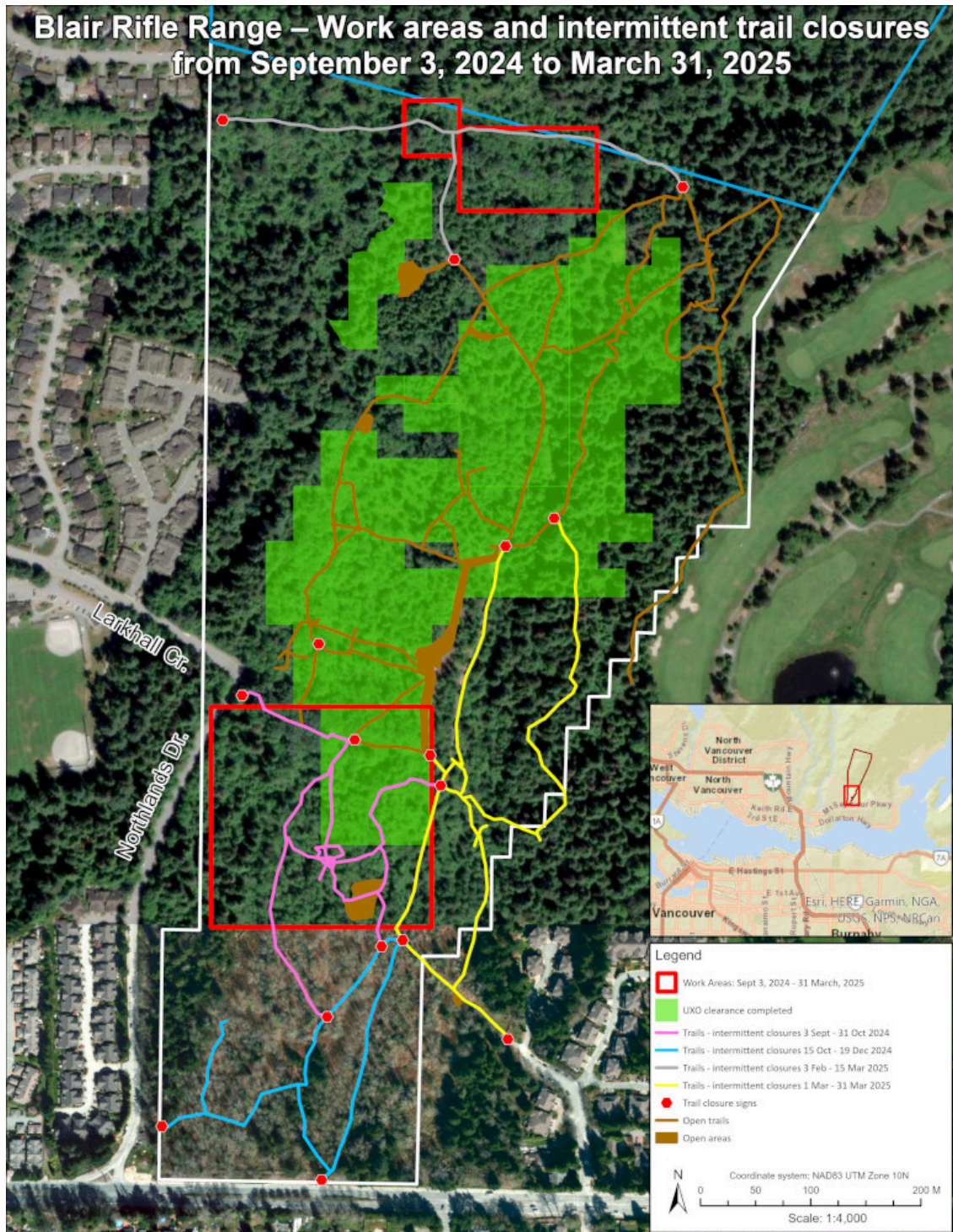
Tours are offered on Thursday mornings, and registration is required. They run from 9:30 am to 11 am, and include a safety briefing and a walking tour of the plant. Those leading the tour will answer questions and provide insight into the way the plant works. If you are interested in booking a tour, contact Amy Jonsson at ajonsson@chemtradelogistics.com to reserve a slot. Participants are asked to wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and closed toed shoes. PPE (personal protective equipment) will be provided by Chemtrade.

Your editor took such a tour in August and enjoyed it. The guides discussed both the processes involved in the creation of chlorine and the safety systems in place. They were happy to answer questions - honestly - and discuss the risks and benefits of their operation. If you are interested in the outcome of the Chemtrade lease extension discussion, this is a chance to get information straight from the source.

Again, registration is required, so if you are interested contact Amy Jonsson at the email address above to reserve a tour.

Also note that the BCA website has an [archive of information about the Chemtrade lease situation](#) that is updated whenever needed. It has links to

news articles, information from Chemtrade, and any other sources that we learn about.



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Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Clearing to Restart in Blair Rifle Range

Jeff Powell

The Department of National Defence (DND) will restart the clearing UXOs (Unexploded Ordnance) from the old Blair Rifle Range lands on September 3, 2024. The work will continue through the end of March 2025. The map above shows the area to be cleared (red box) and the impacted trails. For those not familiar with it, the Blair Rifle Range is just east and north of Blueridge, and gets used extensively for recreation these days.

Hikers, bikers, and dog walkers in the area may see trail closures while work happens. Other trails will be unaffected, and DND typically puts up detour signs when an area is being worked. Please follow all signage and keep out of work areas for your own safety.

We have more detail on the [BCA website](#) and we do our best to notify the community when UXOs are found and disposed of.



SUSIE CHANT

NORTH VANCOUVER-
SEYMOUR

My Final Article as MLA for the 42nd BC Parliament

The Office of Susie Chant, MLA for North Vancouver – Seymour

On September 21st, the writ will be dropped for the 2024 BC Provincial Election. This means the election is called, and I will no longer be the MLA, but only a candidate for re-election. Of course, our government does not shut down completely, and for matters of an urgent or administrative issue, the constituency office will be available to help you. The office cannot help on policy advocacy or development work during the election, or anything else that would be best brought up with the candidates running in the election. It will be operating on a smaller crew, with limited capacity, so I highly recommend reaching out in advance to confirm a staff member can assist you. The phone number will remain the same at 604-983-9859. The email address will also be the same at Susie.Chant.MLA@leg.bc.ca. During the election period from September 21st until October 19th the hours will be Monday to Thursday, 10am to 4pm. Fridays will also be available for people by appointment only.

Once the election is over, the operation of the office will be dependant on the results. Should I be re-elected, we will go back to regular staffing levels and hours immediately. Should we get a new MLA elected, they will have to hire their staff and set what office hours work for them. Legislative services will help any and all new MLAs transition as quickly as possible so there should be very little interruption to constituency office services.

A reminder before we get too close to the election period, mail-in ballots can now be requested. Mail-in ballots are great to have in case anything comes up closer to election day, and can guarantee your voice is heard at the ballot box. They can be mailed in, but they can also be brought to any polling station in the advanced voting days, or on election day. In other words, they let you skip the line! You can request a mail-in ballot in person at ElectionBC offices starting September 21st . You can request a mail-in ballot online today at elections.bc.ca/2024-provincial-election/ways-to-vote/vote-by-mail.

Wake up! Wake up! C'mon, first day of school!

-- Nemo, "Finding Nemo"



All Candidates Meeting

As mentioned in the article above, a Provincial election is coming. For those wanting more information about the candidates and parties, the BCA is co-hosting an All Candidates Meeting on Tuesday, October 8, from 7 - 9 pm, at the Mount Seymour United Church, 1200 Parkgate Avenue.

The actual election will be on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Voting places will be open 8 am - 8 pm.

Vote-by-mail packages are available now at <https://elections.bc.ca/2024-provincial-election/ways-to-vote/vote-by-mail/>. These packages can be returned by mail, dropped off at the district electoral office, or at an advance or final voting place.

If needed, you can register to vote or update your registration here: <https://elections.bc.ca/2024-provincial-election/register-to-vote/>.



Bear News

Holly Reisner, North Shore Black Bear Society

Since my last article, a lot has happened.

Deep Cove Bear Killed

In mid-July, the BC Conservation Officer Service made the decision to kill a bear in Deep Cove. The North Shore Black Bear Society reluctantly supports this decision. This was a large, male bear that showed very unusual behaviour by biting a resident while they were gardening. Thankfully the bite was not a major one. We don't know why the bear did this (it's possible that the bear was investigating what he thought was a potential meal of carrion, if the person was bending down low). The BCCOS made the determination that the bear was a risk to public safety. We will remind residents that this was very rare behaviour, and that the best way to avoid an encounter with a bear or other species of wildlife is to use your voice while using trails or when out after dark. A radio tuned to a talk radio station, or a podcast played on speaker are also good ways of announcing a human presence to wildlife and avoiding encounters.

Coquitlam Bear Killed

In a very different set of circumstances, a bear in Coquitlam had been seen in neighbourhoods limping. It seems that residents were bothered by the injury and in a misguided attempt to help, were feeding the bear. The BCCOS again made the decision to kill this bear. Since it happened outside of our area, the North Shore Black Bear Society doesn't have an official position on this choice. But again, some reminders are in order.

Firstly, we must never feed any wildlife (even inadvertently). It is illegal, and as we have seen, feeding wildlife puts their lives at risk from authorities. Research shows that if human provided foods are made unavailable, bears go back to natural ones. A bear's natural behaviour is to roam around their area looking (and smelling) for anything edible and so if a particular food is not available, they will keep looking until they find something else. They do not stick solely to one food source.

Secondly, bears are incredibly resilient animals. They heal very well from all manner of injuries, even broken limbs. A bear that is able to move around well and find enough food to eat will most likely emerge from their den in the spring completely healed. This is good for North Shore residents to know, as we do occasionally see limping bears and wish desperately to help them. Also, keep in mind that only bears under one year of age are permitted to be trapped for veterinary attention and rehabilitation.

North Shore Fruit Tree Project

In happier news, we are excited to share that the North Shore Fruit Tree Project is back operating this summer after a hiatus of a few years. This is a wonderful, volunteer-run organization that will harvest unwanted fruit from your tree and distribute it to those in need of fresh produce. If you want part of your harvest, you can arrange to keep up to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the fruit. This helps people and it helps bears too! Please contact them at nsfruittreeproject@gmail.com or visit their website at www.nsfruittreeproject.ca to arrange to have your fruit picked. And in the meantime please gather all fallen fruit each day and store it indoors so it does not attract wildlife.



Congratulations Mount Seymour Little League!

What a fantastic season! Mount Seymour Little League represented Canada in the Junior Little League World Series where they did very well, finishing among the top six teams. In the process they defeated the Australian and Mexican teams before finally losing to the Asia-Pacific and Latin American teams in the in semi-finals.

And we know at least one player on the team lives in Blueridge, so we're cheering for the home team!

What to know a bit more? See this [North Shore News article](#) for more details.

We wish the entire team all the best, and hope they have an even better season next year!

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

-- Mark Twain



BRITISH COLUMBIA
FireSmart

Wildfire Home Safety Inspections Available

Jeff Powell

Despite the August rains, we're still in the middle of fire season. If you doubt it,

have a look at the [Provincial Wildfire Map](#). Fortunately we haven't had any local fires so far and the risk has dropped, but it will come back. The forest is our back yard, after all.

Should a wildfire start in our area, do you know how much risk your home faces? Would you appreciate professional advice on how to make it more likely your home will survive a wildfire? If so, the DNV and FireSmart have a way to help.

You can get a free, no obligation inspection from wildfire mitigation specialists. They can come to your home, inspect it, and provide advice on how to reduce the risks of a fire jumping from the forest to your home.

There are no guarantees in this world, but reducing wildfire risk is always a good thing to do.

You can get more information on the [DNV website](#), and you can sign up for an assessment at the [FireSmart website](#).

I have applied for this program and hope to provide more information about it in a future issue of the *Bulletin*, once our inspection is complete.



Newspaper Boxes in Blueridge

Jeff Powell

In mid-August, newspaper boxes like the one shown above appeared around Blueridge, at bus stops, on street corners, and in various other locations. Curious about these, I contacted the North Shore News and was pointed to an [article published last March](#) which discusses their newspaper boxes. The North Shore News has been introducing these boxes over time - about 200 of them at the time the article was published - and have been expanding their use ever since. These new boxes supplement their paid delivery service, which costs \$18 per month.

If you're a North Shore News reader and would rather get your copy from a local box than pay for delivery, new issues come out on Wednesdays and are delivered to the boxes early in the morning.

But remember, everyone reacts differently to the news...



Eighteen very relevant seconds from the film *Roxanne*



Blueridge Creek Clean Up

Susanne Mueller

For the past six years, Blueridge has come together to participate in [World Rivers Day](#). On Sunday September 22nd people all over the world head to rivers and creeks to clean up garbage to help 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.

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

sus.mueller@gmail.com



SEYMOUR
HEIGHTS
ELEMENTARY

Seymour Heights Elementary

North Vancouver School District

Welcome back!

Erin Bulycz, SHPAC Chair

We're shaking off the summer sloths and turning to fresh calendar pages of activity at Seymour Heights!

Our fundraising and safety teams are already gearing up for the new school year. Next month we will have a list of amazing fundraising initiatives that may fulfill many of our neighbours' holiday shopping needs. In the meantime, we will also post them on our [fundraising page](#) as they go live. Watch for Neufeld Farms for holiday entertaining and Growing Smiles plants for poinsettias, wreaths, and so much more!

You may have seen more newspaper boxes recently showing up around the neighbourhood. Our safety team has already noticed that one was placed directly beside our Seymour Heights crosswalk and has contacted North Shore News to relocate it to be less obstructing, especially for children! Our safety team continues to work with district safety teams to help drivers on Carnation be more mindful of their speed and we are always looking for caring community members to help us support safe driving between 8:40 - 9am and/or 2:55 - 3:15pm each weekday. Do you have time to stylize with fancy neon yellow and wave to school zone traffic for 20 minutes? Please connect with Safety Sarah at sarahmanvell@gmail.com. We appreciate all our community volunteers from last school year and hope to meet more of you this year!

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

-- Albert Einstein



Kurt Connell and Diana Marr will participate in the North Shore Art Crawl

North Shore Art Crawl in Blueridge

Jeff Powell

For the fourteenth year in a row, the North Shore Art Crawl returns. This year it occurs in early October:

- October 4: 7pm - 9pm
- October 5 & 6: 11am - 5pm

The event gives artists all over the North Shore the chance to show off their work, and the rest of us get the opportunity to view and purchase it. There will be participating artists at various shared venues, and many will be showing from their homes and studios.

A complete list of participating artists, including a map showing all the locations, will be available sometime in September. You can visit the [North Shore Art Crawl website](#) or the [BCA homepage](#) for links to the guide when it is published. Paper copies will be available at community hubs as well.

In the meantime, we already know of two Blueridge based painters who are participating: Diana Marr and Kurt Connell.

Diana - called "Lady Di" on the pickleball courts - is a long-time Blueridge resident who started painting later in life. Her works express her love of the human spirit and her affinity for nature and beauty. She paints in a range of traditional to abstract styles in oil, acrylic, watercolour and ink. Many of her

smaller paintings are humorous, whimsical, and suitable for gifts.

Kurt is another long-term resident of Blueridge with artistic talent. He's an expressive surrealist, who's been painting since the 1970s. He was inspired by the likes of Dali, Miro, Magritte and Duchamp, and he tends to work large canvases in oil and acrylic. His works are in publications and collections throughout the world.

Diana and Kurt will be exhibiting at 2386 Carman Place here in Blueridge during the Art Crawl in October. Be sure to stop by.

And keep an eye on the BCA website and the October *Bulletin* for news about any other artists participating in our area.

**Blueridge
Sharing
Garden**



Stretching Summer's Beauty: Tips for Extending Your Perennial Garden into September

Emilie Currie

It's only August and already the pumpkin spice lattes are back! But don't let the premature arrival of fall flavors fool you - your garden still has plenty of life left! With a few simple tips, you can keep your garden looking vibrant and beautiful well into September

1. **Deadheading** - Continue deadheading spent blooms to encourage more flowering and extend the season.
2. **Water Wisely** - Keep the soil consistently moist, but not waterlogged, to help plants thrive in late summer.
3. **Fertilize** - Give your perennials a boost with a balanced fertilizer to promote healthy growth and extended blooming.
4. **Prune Strategically** - Prune back leggy stems or overgrown plants to maintain shape and encourage new growth.

5. **Mulch and Compost** - Mulch around plants to retain moisture and suppress weeds. Add compost to improve soil health and fertility.
6. **Enjoy the Late Bloomers** - Appreciate the late-summer bloomers like asters, sedum, and goldenrod, which shine in August and September.

By following these easy tips, you can stretch the beauty of your garden into September and savor the last weeks of summer.



St. John Ambulance

First Aid Courses

If you want to be ready for an emergency, first aid training is a big help. Here in BC, [St. John Ambulance](#) provides training in First Aid, CPR, AEDs and related fields, along with selling first aid kits and supplies.

Recently, St John Ambulance began updating their courses to meet new requirements from WorkSafeBC. If you need first aid training for your job or work environment, the new Standard, Intermediate, and Advanced first aid classes may be exactly what you are looking for. And of course other courses are available for personal interest and other cases.

Many of their classes are available at their North Shore office at 223 Mountain Highway, and there are additional teaching locations across Metro Vancouver. Some classes are taught online or in a blended format (online and in-person portions). Classes are taught year round, so you can find one that works with your schedule.

Costs vary with the specific subject. Here are some examples:

Updated CSA Program Courses	Duration	Cost
Basic First Aid	1 Day	\$120.00
Intermediate First Aid	2 Days	\$180.00
Advanced First Aid	10 Days	\$900.00

Other Courses	Duration	Cost
Marine Basic First Aid	2 Days	\$200.00
CPR Level - C	1 Day	\$100.00
Emergency First Aid	1 Day	\$120.00
Emergency First Aid - Community Care	1 Day	\$120.00
Transportation Endorsement	1 Day	\$139.00

For more information, visit St. John Ambulance online or contact Nabila Javed, nabila.javed@sj.ca, 604-990-1290 Ext 3410



Join a DNV Committee - Make a Difference

Jeff Powell

For at least two months the Bulletin has mentioned openings on several DNV committees, and encouraged people to consider joining. Now the DNV has made more information available about the committees that need volunteers. Those openings are listed below.

- **Advisory Design Panel:** Accessibility representative
- **Board of Variance:** Board member
- **Community Heritage Advisory Committee:** One registered landscape architect and one Member-at-large
- **Community Services Advisory Committee:** Member-at-large
- **Major Infrastructure Projects Advisory committee:** Members-at-large, experience with major infrastructure projects and community representation is preferred
- **North Vancouver District Public Library Board:** Board member
- **North Vancouver Museum and Archives Commission:** Member

Committee terms are usually two years, and most committees meet once a month. You can learn more about committees on the DNV website's [committees page](#). Those interested in volunteering can fill out the [committee](#)

[volunteer form](#). You can usually learn more by searching for [DNV <committee name>] on the internet. All of these committees have documents available online describing what they do, past meeting minutes, etc.

While it is true that committees in general can have a bad reputation, it turns out that groups of people working together are the best way of changing just about anything. There's a recent Tedx talk on this topic, linked below. To paraphrase the speaker's main point: *people don't change the world, committees do.*



Committees change the world.



How About a Port Authority Committee Instead?

Jeff Powell

If the list of DNV committees with openings didn't include something that excited your volunteer spirit, perhaps the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee (working under the auspices of the Port of Vancouver) is your thing. This group meets four times a year to liaise between different groups, share information, and address local, port-related issues.

They are currently recruiting for a volunteer resident from the DNV to take on a two year term. You can learn more and apply for the position if you're interested [on their website](#). Apply by September 19th if this is a match.



Kids After School Chess Club

Tristan Patterson

We are starting an after school chess club this September, for kids in elementary school from grades 3 and up; ages 8 to 13.

- **Dates:** It will take place weekly on Tuesdays between Sep 17th and Oct 29th
- **Time:** 3:15 to 4:45 (drop off is any time from 3:15 to 3:30 and pick up time from 4:30 to 4:45) games will take place between 3:30 and 4:30.
- **Location:** 2467 Lampman Place
- **Other:** I will be analyzing the games and will give tips to help improve gameplay, as well there will be adult supervision and a tournament on the final day.

How to Register:

To sign up and pay, click this URL: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/blueridge-chess-club-tickets-995659603677?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=1



Music in the Garden 2024

Roxie Giles

This is the last concert this year!

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN - an Arroyo Affair
Roxie & Don Giles' home: 1969 Arroyo Court

September 7th: 4-6 pm: The Wahs (Cam Wilson, Andy Hillhouse, Brent Gubbels) Folk, pop, acoustic trio

TICKETS \$35 each

Information and e-transfers to roxiemusic2017@gmail.com

Questions: email or call 604-929-7864

Just bring yourselves (along with some libation and snacks; everything else is provided.) The garden can accommodate 60 and last year we were to capacity.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS THEATRE

Need a Night on the Town?

First Impressions Theatre is performing:

Ol' Blue Eyes - [YouTube trailer](#)

Sept 5 – 21, 2024

Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30pm except Sat., Sept 7 at 2pm only.

Note: the Wednesday, September 4 show supports the Deep Cove Heritage Society. They're hosting an event starting at 6:30pm at the Deep Cove Cultural Centre, 4360 Gallant Avenue, North Vancouver. Tickets are \$40 for a silent auction, the musical and mingling. To join this specific event, leave a message at the Deep Cove Heritage office at 604-929-5744 or email deepcoveheritage@gmail.com.

The 39 Steps, by Alfred Hitchcock, adapted by Patrick Barlow
Nov 14 - 30, 2024

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit firstimpressionstheatre.com.
Season passes still available!

As always, we're very interested in your stories, photos, and suggestions. The *Bulletin* is only possible because people contribute to it. Please send us things for inclusion any time. bulletin@blueridgeca.org



In A Nutshell

- **Why do chemistry teachers tell the worst jokes?** The good ones argon.
- **Mount Seymour Parkway Speed Limit** - By now everyone has probably seen that the parkway has been narrowed and dedicated bike lanes have been added to it. In combination with that, the speed limit has been reduced from 60 KPH to 50 KPH. However, that change only happens between Berkley and Seymour Road. Between Seymour Blvd (at the Real Canadian Superstore) and Berkley, the speed limit remains unchanged, at 60 KPH despite it being narrowed. That's by design, according to the

DNV. Those wanting more information can visit the [relevant DNV page](#).

Drive safely!

- **What's the English teacher's favourite dinosaur?** Thesaurus Rex.
- **Notes from the Sausage Factory** - is missing this month. That's because the DNV council doesn't meet in August. The next scheduled meeting is September 9th. Look for notes from the September meetings in the October *Bulletin*.
- **Did you hear about the school mascot who won a lot of awards?** He was well suited for his job.
- **The [DNV Reminds Everyone to Properly Recycle Batteries](#)** - Batteries can cause fires if not properly recycled and the trash is definitely not the right place for them. The most convenient place that accepts batteries (including single use, rechargeable, and e-bike batteries) is the [North Shore Recycling & Waste Centre](#). More details and other recycling locations available at [recycleyourbatteries.ca](#).
- **Why did the computer teacher retire early?** He lost his drive.
- **Bears!** - If you didn't read the article above, please do. Bears have been in the news for the wrong reasons lately, and they are definitely wandering around our neighbourhood. But if we don't feed them and don't let them get at our garbage or recycling, they will be just fine. Thanks for your help!
- **Did you hear about the college professor who was in a car accident?** He was grading papers on a curve.
- **Watering Restrictions Remain In Effect** - Lawn watering is still limited to just once a week. [Click here](#) to learn which day you can water from Metro Vancouver, and here are all the [other water use restrictions](#) (we're in stage 1 now). The DNV also has [a page about restrictions and permits available](#) to water more under specific circumstances. Also, the current water restrictions are always listed on the [BCA website's homepage](#).
- **Why was the blanket so confident before the test?** Because it had the material covered.
- **Fire Danger** - Yes there was a fair bit of rain in August, but summer isn't over yet. Hot weather could still come back and raise the fire danger again. If you're ever curious, the [BCA website's homepage](#) also has the current fire danger level and link to the [DNV's forest fire prevention page](#). Those are great places to start looking for more information.
- **Where do students keep their homework in circus class?** Three-ring binders.
- **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.

- **Why didn't the dinosaur want to go back to school?** He was a nervous rex.



Newsworthy

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

- [Cell Phones Banned in All BC Schools](#) – starting this fall
- [Maplewood Complex Approved](#) – more details from the North Shore News; the Blueridge Bulletin covered this in the [July 2024 issue](#)
- [Some Unhappy With New Bike Lanes on Parkway](#)
- [Metro Vancouver Board Approves Audit of Wastewater Plant](#)
- [Get Some “Shady” Advice](#) – about plants!
- **Translink**
 - [Canada's Public Transit Needs Help](#) – the funding issues go way beyond TransLink
 - [Possible TransLink Cuts an “Existential Crisis”](#) – while the article is prompted by Delta’s reaction, Blueridge and the DNV would be similarly impacted
- **Junior League Baseball**
 - [Mount Seymour Little League to Represent Canada at Junior World Series!](#) – locals score big
 - Game schedule: <https://www.littleleague.org/world-series/2024/jlbws/tournaments/world-series/#schedule>
 - Bracket: <https://www.littleleague.org/world-series/2024/jlbws/bracket/>

- Game History:
 - On August 4 they defeated Australia 6 – 2
 - On August 5 they defeated Mexico 3 – 2
 - On August 8 they lost to the Asia-Pacific team 0-13
 - On August 9 they lost to the Latin America region team 0-15
 - This was a fantastic effort, and though they didn't make it all the way to the top, they are among the top six teams in the world this year! Congratulations!
 - [North Shore News article](#) tells the story
 - **COVID**
 - [COVID Remains a Crisis](#) – 1 in 52 British Columbians currently infected with COVID in early August
 - [Got a “Summer Cold”? It May be COVID](#)
 - **Wildfire Season**
 - [Campfire Ban Lifted in Our Area on Aug 28](#) – but larger fires, fireworks, and sky lanterns remain banned
 - [August Rains Reduce Wildfire Count](#) – but “we're still in the core of our wildfire season”
 - [August Rains Help, but the Dangers Change](#) – firefighters at risk from damaged trees
 - [Pemberton Fire Continues to Grow](#) – about 700 hectares on Aug 15
 - [DNV Fire Warns of Fire Risk in our Forests](#)
 - [More Lightning Started Fires Near Whistler](#)
 - [Birkenhead Lake Park Near Whistler Closed Due To Fire](#)
 - [Lightning Starts Multiple Fires Near Pemberton and Whistler](#)
 - [Watch Those Cigarette Butts](#) – fines are possible if you carelessly dispose of them
 - [More Dry Lightning Expected in Early August](#)
 - [Wildfire Risk Rises with the Return of Hot, Dry Weather](#)
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Important September Dates

- **September 2, 2024** - Labour Day
- **September 3, 2024** - First day back at school (short day at Blueridge Elementary: 10 - noon; partial day at Windsor Secondary)
- **September 6, 2024** - Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 1-2 pm, Lynn Valley Library
- **September 7, 2024** - Music in the Garden - last concert of the season (see article above)
- **September 10, 2024** - Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 1-2 pm, Capilano Library
- **September 12, 2024** - Seymour Heights PAC meeting, 7 pm, library
- **September 14, 2024** - Blueridge Sharing Garden work party - 9 - 11:30 am
- **September 19, 2024** - Blueridge Elementary Welcome Back BBQ, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, courtyard
- **September 22, 2024** - Blueridge Creek Cleanup, 9 - 10 am, (see article above)
- **September 23, 2024** - Windsor Secondary Professional development day - no classes
- **September 25, 2024** - Seymour Heights staff collaboration day - 2pm class dismissal
- **September 25, 2024** - Windsor Secondary staff collaboration day - 9:50am class start
- **September 25, 2024** - Blueridge Sharing Garden work party - 6:30 - 8 pm
- **September 26, 2024** - BPAC meeting, 7-8 pm, library
- **September 30, 2024** - National Day of Truth & Reconciliation - schools closed, BC holiday

Notes:

- Our local schools - even the two elementary schools, Blueridge and Seymour Heights - have differing schedules and do not always have the same short days or days off. If in doubt, check the official calendar for your specific school.
 - Blueridge Elementary ends school at 2 pm on Wednesdays while the rest of the week days end at 3 pm. This is not the case for Seymour Heights Elementary.
 - If you're looking for these dates later, they are all on the [BCA Events Calendar](#).
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