

Blueridge Bulletin

October 2024



So many things are happening right now that it's basically impossible to keep them all straight. An election, school is back in session, and there are numerous events and ways to participate in our community. And of course fall has arrived in earnest so the leaves are coming down, requiring regular raking to keep things tidy. Then there's Thanksgiving and Halloween. All the ghouls and goblins are already working out the details of their costumes and figuring out where to hide their candy. Are you ready?

And that's just for starters.

This was written in the midst of a major kerfuffle. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) is planning to change the way Main Street connects to the Ironworker's Bridge heading south. Specifically, they want to allow vehicles to enter the bridge from the two right lanes of Main Street, making it much more difficult to get to anywhere east of that intersection whenever traffic is backed up southbound over the bridge. If you're west of the overpass, getting home in the evenings via Main Street may take substantially longer if that happens. But the good news is that - at least for now - they have agreed to hold off on that change until the Spring of 2025. That gives everyone time to make their cases more clearly, and also lets our MLA weigh in on the issue after the election. See the *Newsworthy* section below for articles about this event, and keep an eye on the [News We're Following](#) page on the BCA website for more updates in the future.

At least we can't say it's boring!

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ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

All Candidates Meeting October 8, 7pm

Are you wondering who to vote for in the upcoming Provincial election? You can learn more by attending the All Candidates Meeting on October 8 at 7pm. It's being held at the [Mount Seymour United Church, 1200 Parkgate Ave](#) and is sponsored by the Blueridge Community Association and other groups.

This is a chance to hear about the issues directly from the candidates before voting.

And if you want to learn more about the election itself, see the article below titled *Voting in the Provincial Election*, which covers a lot of the specifics around voting this time.

Thank you for being an informed voter!



Voting in the Provincial Election

North Vancouver-Seymour Constituency Office

If you follow provincial politics at all, chances are that you've encountered the phrase "dropping the writ" in connection with an election call. It's a peculiar phrase, and according to a CBC news article from 2019, its origin is unknown. One possibility is that it results from shortening the phrase "drawing up the writ" (the article calls this a contraction, although perhaps it is more aptly described as an [eggcorn](#)).

In either form, the phrase is misleading; there is not just one writ (whether dropped or drawn up), but one for each riding - 93 in total for the provincial election currently underway in BC. Each writ of election takes the form of a command from the King to the local district electoral officer, ordering them to hold an election for a member to serve in the Legislative Assembly, and a certificate that the district electoral officer returns to the chief electoral officer after the result of the election has been determined. The writs of election for every riding can be viewed on this page: <https://elections.bc.ca/2024-provincial-election/writs-of-election/>

Over the next month, voters across the province will collectively decide on the composition of the next Legislative Assembly. There are many opportunities to be a part of this decision. Comprehensive information can be found by checking [Elections BC's website](#) or phoning them at 1-800-661-8683 (or, for TTY users, 1-888-456-5448), but here are a few key facts and dates that are particularly notable and perhaps not widely known.

Final election day is Saturday, October 19th, and there will also be six days of advance voting (from October 10-13th and 15th-16th). "Advance voting" is, however, not the only way to vote in advance! As of September 21st, you can also vote at any Elections BC district electoral office (DEO). The DEO for North Vancouver-Seymour - the riding containing Blueridge - is at [2-1225 East Keith Road](#). All DEOs are open Monday-Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturdays from 10am-4pm. Their hours will be extended to 8am-8pm on advance voting days. The full list of DEOs can be found in this document: <https://elections.bc.ca/docs/2024-district-electoral-offices.pdf>

Voting by mail is also an option. If you have not already requested a vote by mail package, you should do so immediately to ensure that your ballot can be returned in time to be counted; vote by mail packages must be received by Elections BC before polls close on October 19th. The deadline to apply for a vote by mail package online or by phone is October 13th.

Assisted telephone voting is also available to registered voters under certain circumstances from October 10th to October 13th and October 15th to 18th from 8am to 8pm, and on October 19th from 8am to 7pm. Information about voting by mail and assisted telephone voting, including the eligibility criteria and important information about registration deadlines, can be found here: <https://elections.bc.ca/2024-provincial-election/ways-to-vote/out-of-province-and-remote-voters/>

For those who wish to vote in person on advance voting days or the final voting day, note that you can vote at any polling station anywhere in the province. You do not need to vote at your assigned polling station or even in your own riding if it is more convenient for you to vote elsewhere.

And finally, most important of all: wherever, whenever, and however you choose to vote, please be sure to do so!

Important update: As noted in the September issue, the North Vancouver-Seymour Constituency Office remains open with reduced services while the legislature is dissolved, but the hours of operation have been shortened to better match expected demand. The office will now be open from 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays only.



District to Complete Official Community Plan Update

Jim Hanson, Councillor District of North Vancouver

How are we to manage 20 years of growth in the District? The Province's recent legislative changes (Bills #44 and #47) require all Local Governments, including the District of North Vancouver, to update their Official Community Plans ("OCPs") by December 31, 2025, to accommodate 20 years of housing needs within the District. The legislation requires local governments to have a plan for zoning that will accommodate this growth. The legislation further requires local governments to provide the community with opportunities for consultation regarding this updated OCP. For District residents, this consultation will be their opportunity to weigh in on what kind of housing will accommodate growth and where this increased population will be located.

At the September 23, 2024 meeting, Council discussed the framework for the public engagement required to inform this OCP amendment. The purpose of this public engagement will be to learn more about the community's priorities.

Put simply, when we develop a plan to increase population, we are to seek the community's input as to the land use scenarios that could sustain this additional population (high rises, low rises, duplexes, triplexes), and identify potential locations for growth (town centres, transit hubs, transit corridors, within single-family zones).

The upcoming engagement will seek to receive the views of a broad range of individuals and interest groups. To engage local residents, the District will seek to embrace a variety of communication venues, including one-to-one meetings, workshops, focus groups, virtual meetings, digital input, and finally public hearings on the OCP amendment. The engagement is scheduled for three phases, with the current phase, from now until the end of 2024, being described as the "build awareness phase."

I encourage all residents to get involved and have their say in the future of our OCP. Your voice will make a difference. While the Province has required communities to have a plan to increase their population, we retain authority over how this growth will be managed. Your voice is important and we hope the upcoming public engagement will ensure that the pending OCP revisions will best reflect the needs of our community.

Of course, we are in the midst of a Provincial election in which repeal of Bill #44 is an election issue. If a new government is elected, we may face further changes in Provincial legislation with different mandates for local governments.

Never jump in a pile of leaves with a wet sucker.

-- Linus, *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*



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Hyperphagia

Holly Reisner, North Shore Black Bear Society

40 hamburgers followed by 40 ice cream sundaes: who could possibly eat that much food? That would be about 20,000 calories and the answer is a black bear can – in one day! In the fall, our local black bears enter a state called hyperphagia, which means excessive eating. This will last until they enter their dens in late November or early December. They need to eat up to 20,000 calories per day to put on enough body fat to last through the hibernation period, and for a female bear, this means sustaining a pregnancy, giving birth and nursing her cubs until the end of April, all without food or water.

Of course, we don't want them to eat hamburgers, anything out of our garbage or organics bins, seed, suet or nectar from our bird feeders, or fruit from our trees. We want them to eat natural foods found in the forests and streams. The good news is that if human-provided foods are made unavailable, bears go back to natural food sources.

So what are those natural foods? Over 80% of a bear's natural diet is plant matter – they love grass, dandelions, clover, the new shoots on bushes, and of course, berries of all types.

Bears need protein, too. A very important natural source are insect larvae. They will dig up ground wasp nests, tear apart rotting logs on the forest floor, attack ant colonies – all for the larvae, which are a better source of protein than meat. Black bears in BC also love seafood: they will turn over rocks on the shore for the crabs underneath, and sometimes will snack on barnacles. They are also very lucky to be able to eat salmon from our rivers and streams.

During this season of hyperphagia, bears are active for up to 20 hours per day. So it's normal to see them at any hour of the day or night. To avoid a surprise encounter with a bear, just use your voice to call out, talk or sing when you are in your yard, exiting your house or car, and walking on the trails.

Let's enjoy seeing our local bears get fat enough for hibernation by eating natural foods, and make sure they aren't able to access our human provided ones.



Not Everyone is a Fan of the North Shore News Boxes

Local resident Barbara Rennie came home from a vacation "to find Blueridge flooded with very ugly North Shore News boxes." She contacted the North Shore News to express her displeasure, asking: "I understand you can't get carriers and want to make your paper available, but a couple of boxes located

by the Canada post boxes would be plenty - there are way too many. Please take most of them away! Why should your paper get special treatment?"

The reply she received read: "Home delivery has been replaced with newspaper boxes. We have tried to make it as convenient as possible for residents to pickup the North Shore News."

With no real response there, Barbara contacted the DNV asking the same question. DNV staff responded, saying that boxes are permitted at certain locations, but there are specified limits on where they may be placed. They can't block traffic or sidewalks, for example, and the Municipal Engineer may require boxes to be relocated at any time for safety related reasons. In addition, the DNV is working directly with the North Shore News to be sure they comply with the related bylaws.

The upshot here appears to be that the boxes are legal, but generally can't be placed in the way or cause a safety issue. If you have concerns about the location of a newspaper box, contact infoweb@dnv.org with the details so they can review it and potentially get it corrected.



**SEYMOUR
HEIGHTS**
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**Seymour Heights
Elementary**

North Vancouver School District

Seymour Heights Elementary Update

Erin Bulycz, SHPAC Chair

We've had a full September at Seymour Heights: not only did we get a new principal - Welcome, Cindy Hudson! - we also welcomed Bear Aware speakers for staff and students. Great timing, because we had a bear visit our school grounds during our Meet the Teacher AND outdoor PAC sponsored Welcome Back BBQ. This event was both successful and bear-UNeventful, thank goodness! The following day our students ran and raised over \$400 for the Terry Fox Run and now we have students gearing up for cross country running.

As a school community, we had the opportunity to reflect on the fourth annual Truth & Reconciliation Day on the 27th and booked the Indigenous-led Green

Thumb Theatre Group to perform their show [The Mixolydian](#) for students coming up in October. The Group has also offered a virtual Q&A session for parents for the following night!

Beyond our school, we are grateful for our neighbours who slow down for our walking families. You are helping to keep our students safe and we appreciate you! We also welcome our community to check out our [fundraising page](#) for deals on Mitchell's Soup Company, Neufeld Farms and Growing Smiles for holiday plants!



Blueridge Elementary

Blueridge Elementary Update

Cheryl Sauve

September brought a lot of back-to-school excitement at Blueridge Elementary. School returned to life with new paving and driveway paint and a garden in full bloom!

Great fun was had by families of the Blueridge school community at the annual Back to School BBQ held September 19. Popcorn was in high demand at the fundraising table and a big thank you goes out to our local grocery store, Stongs, for sponsoring hot dogs & salad for the event!

Led by the grade 7s, students ran the annual Terry Fox Run on September 20. Thanks to everyone who remembered to send "toonies for Terry" or "Fives for Fox" in support of cancer research. The students raised \$400.

The Blueridge staff hosted a school Open House on September 25. This was a great opportunity for families to see where the magic happens all day with our children!

[Lights up Musical Theatre](#) (Mondays) and [Farsi dar BC](#) (Fridays) are both hosting after school programs at Blueridge this year. You can contact those organizations directly for more information.

Blueridge is hosting a gently used Halloween Costume sale October 4, 2024 from 3 - 7:30 pm in the Blueridge School Gym (side door directly from the playground) and it's open to the entire community!

The hot lunch program organized by the BPAC is up and running again for the school year! Benefits include one less day packing lunches and big smiles from the kids enjoying something special on Fridays.

BPAC's upcoming fundraisers include Neufeld's farm fresh freezer food, card project (art by our kids on cards!) and the ever-present, local favourite, Purdys. Talk to a Blueridge parent about getting in on the shopping for a good cause!

Please keep your eyes open for our kids out in the world as the evenings and mornings get darker and rainier. Reminder to all the families, care givers and school visitors that all school drop offs & pickups should be via the lower roundabout on Byron (pull forward), or via any of the designated street parking near the awesome walking paths! The employee parking lot on Bronte is for school staff and people with a designated pass.

Hot tip of the month: You can sync your personal device's calendar to the Blueridge school calendar automatically by going to the [school calendar website](#) and clicking on "Subscribe".



Blueridge Artists Participate in North Shore Art Crawl Oct 4-6

Local painters Diana Marr and Kurt Connell are participating in this year's North Shore Art Crawl this coming Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6.

Diana works in various styles, concentrating on showing her love of the human spirit and her interest in nature and beauty. Her works vary in size and media. Some are humorous or whimsical, and if you're looking for a unique gift you might find it here. Kurt tends to create larger surrealist paintings, often in vibrant colours. They are showing together at [2386 Carman Place](#) here in Blueridge. Both are long time residents of Blueridge, and you might know them from local pickleball courts too.

The Art Crawl itself is a chance to meet and see the work of many North Shore artists - often in their studios. The crawl itself takes place:

- October 4: 7pm - 9pm (some sites only, see the brochure linked below)
- October 5 & 6: 11am - 5pm

You can find a full list of participating artists and a map to their locations in [the brochure](#) (17 MB PDF). The event goes on rain or shine!

If art interests you, or maybe if you have an empty spot on your wall, stop by and see Diana and Kurt on Saturday or Sunday. You might become a collector, or find an early holiday gift.



Blueridge Sharing Garden News

Emilie Currie

The Blueridge Sharing Garden would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to Boris at Impact Tree Service for the generous donation of wood chips. If you're in the vicinity of the garden, take a moment to appreciate the wonderful smell of the new cedar chips.

We're also thankful for Brad Royce's assistance. Brad is a Windsor graduate and neighbour to the Blueridge Garden. We welcomed his debut, his positive attitude and speedy ability in spreading the wood chips during the recent work party. A dedicated team of volunteers tackled the task despite the dark and gloomy weather that evening.

Upcoming Events:

- Harvest Sharing Day: Stay tuned to the [Blueridge Neighbours Facebook group](#) and the [Blueridge Sharing Garden Facebook page](#) for details on our upcoming harvest share.
- Final Work Party: Join us on October 26th at 9 a.m. as we prepare the garden for winter and celebrate the season!

We look forward to seeing you at the garden!



Shred It For A Cause - Oct 5, 10 am - 2 pm

Do you have piles of paper around that need to be shredded? Did your shredder die after last tax season? Here's an easy fix.

Bring your papers to be shredded to Shred It For A Cause on October 5th at [Parkgate Centre](#). A shredding truck will be there between 10 am and 2 pm, or until the truck is full. Your donation will get your documents shredded and support [Parkgate Society](#) programs.

Get rid of those old documents and support your community! See you there!

As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas, and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see.

-- Vincent Van Gogh



Photo by Shivani Verma

Windsor Grad Class Fundraiser

The graduating class of Windsor Secondary is hosting a fundraiser for graduation events. It's a partnership with Tru Earth - a maker of environmentally sustainable laundry and cleaning supplies - and every purchase results in a donation of 20% of the total to reach their fundraising goals.

If you'd like to help, visit the [Tru Earth fundraising page](#).

The campaign runs through the end of May, 2025.



Blueridge Creek Cleanup 2024

Many thanks to everyone who came out to clean up our local creek on Sunday, September 22, 2024. And many thanks to Susanne Mueller for organizing this event for several years now!

Susan says that parts of the creek were actually pretty clean, while others did have lots of garbage present. One of the participants says that back in the 1980s the creek was full of garbage, so things have improved overall.

There are a few more photos on the [BCA website](#).

We look forward to seeing this event happen again in 2025, and for many years to come!



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Planning for Trash

While our local garbage collection comes from the District of North Vancouver, it turns out that Metro Vancouver is responsible for managing solid waste and recycling. They operate the facilities that manage and deal with the things we throw away or recycle. And now they are looking for input from the public as they update their solid waste management plan.

Trash isn't sexy, but we create a lot of it, and it has to go somewhere. Whether that is into a landfill, recycled into a new product, composted into fertilizer, or converted into energy, we can't just let it pile up.

Our part of the world does pretty well on this front, but you can't improve what you don't think about. As a result, Metro Vancouver is soliciting input from the public about these efforts, trying to learn what works, what doesn't, and what should be changed. You can learn more and make your voice heard here:

<https://metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/solid-waste-management-plan-update>

It may not be pretty, but anything we can do to reduce waste is a good thing. Take a few minutes and tell those in charge what isn't working for you.



A Brief Diversion

Your editor was saddened to learn of the death of James Earl Jones, the voice of Darth Vader among many other roles. The video above is from 2018, when he read a letter from Kurt Vonnegut to some New York students and their teacher. As usual for Vonnegut, the message is profound. And hearing James Earl Jones is always wonderful.



Spirit Trail Eastern Extension Survey

Attention hikers, walkers, and bikers! The DNV wants to hear your opinions about the planned eastern extension of the Spirit Trail. Visit the link below to learn more about the trail, possible routes, and answer a survey to share your

opinions with decision makers. Survey available through October 6, 2024.

<https://www.dnv.org/news/spirit-trail-eastern-expansion-have-your-say>



Notes from the Sausage Factory

These are highlights from DNV council meetings, intended to help Blueridge residents keep up with local government happenings that may impact our neighbourhood. Not every item before the council is mentioned.

September 2, 2024: No meeting: Labour Day

September 9, 2024: No meeting: cancelled due to internet outage (which prevents remote speakers and attendees); rescheduled for Sept 23

September 16, 2024: No meeting: conflict with Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) meeting

September 23, 2024 Regular DNV Council Meeting:

This meeting went for the full 3.5 hours allotted, and covered a lot of ground. Many of the public comments were in support of the District's efforts to find transitional housing for the homeless. Other comments were related to the North Shore wastewater treatment plant project. (Note: an agenda item calling for a public inquiry into that project was removed at the last moment and rescheduled for a later meeting.) Several other speakers commented on DCCs (Development Cost Charges) which were addressed in the meeting.

The first Blueridge related agenda item was to give a second and third reading to bylaws that change Development Cost Charges (DCCs) and Amenity Cost Charges (ACCs). These are new funding mechanisms that allow municipalities to put charges onto new developments to pay for needed infrastructure. They replace older mechanisms that were removed or altered by Provincial housing bills 44, 46, and 47. The previous mechanisms were substantially different and some Councillors and the Mayor feel the new ones reduce the ability of the District and other municipalities to properly fund things like affordable housing. There was quite a bit of discussion, and some Councillors expressed confusion and frustration at how the DCCs and ACCs were being implemented. Costs to developers could be very high in some cases, and they apply when constructing a new building, like a coach house. In addition, the ACCs could have significant impacts on certain projects that might happen within the District but haven't yet been started. There were also questions about whether these new charges would apply to projects already in the permit application process. In the end, the DCC related changes were given their second and third reading (vote was 5-2 with Councillors Pope and Back opposed). The ACC related changes were referred to a workshop so the Councillors could get more information about some specific cases (the vote on this was unanimous). These charges are relevant to Blueridge because those engaging in new construction (like building a new house on a vacant parcel or building a coach house) will pay these new fees.

Another item relevant to everyone in Blueridge is the update to the Official Community Plan (OCP). This document defines the currently envisioned ways in which the District will grow and change in the coming years. The recent Provincial housing bills require this document to be updated to reflect the way in which the District is responding to the new rules, as well as to track progress against housing requirements, with further updates scheduled every five years. The agenda item was included to discuss with Council the nature of the public engagement plan that will bring in public comment on the OCP as part of the update process. The plan includes the usual things needed: (1) build awareness of the OCP update process, (2) gather public feedback on related items like land use scenarios as well as policy and regulatory changes, and (3) publicize and promote the results of these efforts as well as the updated OCP itself.

The ensuing discussion was surprisingly rancorous and political in nature. Some councillors felt that the nature of this OCP update was largely forced by the Province, and that their hands were tied, making much of this effort

performative. Others objected strongly to that characterization. In the end the item passed, apparently unanimously.

Other items presented included a report from District staff on options for developing transitional housing for the homeless (which didn't seem to suggest a lot of options are readily available) and a recommendation that staff look to make moving existing homes to new locations easier as an alternative to demolition when redevelopment is occurring.

September 30, 2024: No meeting: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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Those wanting more information can attend council meetings in person or online, or watch the recording of a meeting after the fact. You can comment about issues before the council via email or by attending a meeting. Information about all these options is available at <https://app.dnv.org/councilsearchnew/>.



A Night on the Town

Looking for a local night out? Here are some options:

[Deep Cove Stage Society](#) presents:

The Play That Goes Wrong - Part Monty Python, part Sherlock Holmes, this Olivier Award–winning comedy is a global phenomenon that’s guaranteed to leave you aching with laughter!

- October 11 - 25, 2024 (Th, Fri, Sat @ 7:30 pm)
- Matinees October 13, 20 and 26, 2024 (@ 2:00 pm)
- In the Shaw Theatre in downtown Deep Cove. Tickets and more information available at the link above.

[First Impressions Theatre](#) presents:

The 39 Steps - Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 spy film is given a comedic twist in this adaptation by Patrick Barlow.

- November 14 - 30, 2024 (Th, Fri, Sat @ 7:30 pm)
- Matinee November 16, 2024 (@ 2:00 pm)
- In the Shaw Theatre in downtown Deep Cove. Tickets and more information available at the link above.

Are there other local events that should go on this list next month? [Let us know!](#)



In A Nutshell

- **What is a vampire's favorite Halloween candy?** A sucker!
- **Election Coming!** - If you somehow missed the news and found this section first, there's a Provincial election happening on October 19th. Please vote! And if you need more information, there are articles in this issue about an All Candidates Meeting and about voting itself. Seriously, please do your civic duty and vote.
- **Why didn't the skeleton go to prom?** He had no body to go with.
- **What's That Siren?** - If you use the [Alertable App](#), you may already know this, but Chemtrade - the local chlorine producer just south of Blueridge - has started conducting an emergency siren test on the first Tuesday of

each month at 10 am. It will be listed on the [events calendar](#) and in the Important Dates section of future *Blueridge Bulletin* issues as a reminder.

- **How do vampires get around on Halloween?** On blood vessels.
 - **The Bears are Feasting!** - See the article above titled *Hyperphagia* for the details. And see our [garbage and recycling page](#) for rules and tips on how to keep the bears away from your trash.
 - **What do skeleton dogs eat?** Milk bones!
 - **Water Conservation** - Despite recent rains, **Stage 1 water conservation** rules continue at this time, and lawn watering is still limited to just once a week. ([Click here](#) to learn which day you can water). With luck these restrictions will be lifted on Oct 15th, but that isn't a sure thing yet. Recent years have seen stage 1 restrictions extended past October 15, and stage 2 restrictions could still be put into place any time. Everything depends on how much rain we get and when. You can always find the current water restriction status on the [BCA website's homepage](#).
 - **What did the zombie order at the deli?** A knuckle sandwich.
 - **Fire Danger** - One thing that recent rains have helped is our fire danger, but we cannot get complacent. Drier weather is always possible, and as we approach Halloween (and fireworks) the risks could go back up. As with the water conservation status, you can always visit the [BCA website's homepage](#) to see the current fire danger level.
 - **Why are there fences around cemeteries?** Because people are dying to get in!
 - **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 are mummies good employees?** They get wrapped up in their work, of course.
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Newsworthy

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

- [Earthquake Wakes Up the Neighbourhood on Sept 26](#)
- [Seasonal Pay Parking has Started in Some DNV Parks](#) – DNV residents can apply for a pass
- [Local Bears Enter Hyperphagia](#) – they're eating everything they can before hibernation – keep your garbage secure! [The DNV has information as well](#). Also see the article above.
- [UXO \(Unexploded Ordnance\) Clearing Continues](#)
- [COVID Surge Continues](#) – and the impacts are severe
- **Provincial Election**
 - [List of North Shore All Candidate Meetings](#) – if you can't get to ours on Oct 8 (see our the article above) this list has at least two North Shore-Wide meetings to attend instead
 - [How to Vote in the Provincial Election](#) - also see the Voting article above
- **Main Street Access to Ironworkers Bridge**
 - [CBC Picks Up The Story](#)
 - Good news! This change appears to have been delayed until at least the spring of 2025. This information was announced by Councillor Muri on her Facebook page and in the [change.org petition mentioned in the article below](#).
 - [Petition Created to Oppose Main St Changes](#)
 - [Concern Over MOTI Planned Change to SB Ironworkers Bridge Access](#) – if implemented, this could make it very difficult to get to Blueridge at times
- **TransLink Funding**

- [Report Claims Transit Cuts Would Cost \\$1000 per Household](#)
 - [Mayors to Get Report on TransLink Funding Issues](#)
 - [Are TransLink Riders Willing to Pay More?](#)
 - [Metro Van Mayors Say TransLink faces \\$600 Million Structural Deficit](#)
 - **North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant**
 - [West Vancouver Finds Way for Residents to Defer Wastewater Plant Charges](#)
 - [Maybe a Positive Development in the NSWWTP Saga](#) (Kirk LaPointe Opinion)
 - [Metro Vancouver Rethinking Approach to Iona Wastewater Plant in Light of North Shore Plant Debacle](#)
 - [Over 100 Mayors and Councillors Meet to Discuss NSWWTP](#) – This article provides links to additional information from Metro Vancouver. See [our page about this project](#) for our link collection.
 - [Questions About the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant at Metro Vancouver Meeting](#) (video)
 - [Retired Judge Hired to Drive Wastewater Plant Review](#)
 - [Overview of Sewer and Water Projects Coming to Metro Vancouver](#) – the North Shore Wastewater Plant is far from the most expensive item facing the region
 - [DNV Councillor Catherine Pope Again Calls for Provincial Public Inquiry into the Wastewater Plant Project](#)
 - **Chemtrade Chlorine Plant**
 - [Chemtrade Competitor Apologizes for Anonymous Campaign Against Chlorine Plant](#)
 - [Website and Ads Opposing Chemtrade Lease Extension Were Created by a Chemtrade Competitor](#)
 - **HandyDART Strike**
 - [HandyDART Strike Ends](#)
 - [Talks Resume on Thursday, Sept 12](#)
 - [HandyDART Workers ask TransLink to Intervene](#)
 - [Talks Stall Until Sept 12](#)
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 - [HandyDART Strike Begins](#) – service still available for certain medical appointments
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Important October Dates

- **October 1, 2024** - Winter tires are now [required by the Province on certain roads](#)
- **October 1, 2024** - Chemtrade tests their emergency siren at 10 am (first Tuesday of each month)
- **October 4, 2024** - North Shore Art Crawl, 7 pm - 9 pm; [Brochure with locations & artist information](#) (see article above)
- **October 5, 2024** - [World Teacher's Day](#)
- **October 5, 2024** - Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, Lynn Valley Library, 11 am - noon
- **October 5, 2024** - Shred It For A Cause, 10 am - 2 pm, [Parkgate Community Centre](#) (see article above)
- **October 5, 2024** - North Shore Art Crawl, 11 am - 5 pm; [Brochure with locations & artist information](#) (see article above)
- **October 6, 2024** - North Shore Art Crawl, 11 am - 5 pm; [Brochure with locations & artist information](#) (see article above)
- **October 8, 2024** - All Candidates Meeting, [Mount Seymour United Church, 1200 Parkgate Ave](#), 7 pm - 9 pm
- **October 14, 2024** - Thanksgiving Day - schools closed
- **October 15, 2024** - Windsor Secondary Parent Information Night, 7 pm - 8 pm, MP Room
- **October 15, 2024** - Stage 1 Water Use Restrictions usually end
- **October 16, 2024** - Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, Capilano Library, 6 - 7 pm
- **October 17, 2024** - SHPAC meeting, 7 pm - 8 pm, hybrid (online and in the staff room)
- **October 18, 2024** - Deadline for submissions to the fall *Blueridge Community Newsletter*, the printed publication delivered three times a year; submissions to newsletter@blueridgeca.org

- **October 19, 2024** - BC Provincial Election
- **October 22, 2024** - Blueridge Elementary early dismissal (2 pm)
- **October 23, 2024** - Windsor Secondary early dismissal (1 pm) for Parent Teacher Interviews
- **October 24, 2024** - Blueridge Elementary early dismissal (2 pm)
- **October 24, 2024** - Windsor Secondary early dismissal (1 pm) for Parent Teacher Interviews
- **October 25, 2024** - Province Wide Professional Development Day - no school
- **October 26, 2024** - Blueridge Sharing Garden Work Party - 9 am - help prepare the garden for winter
- **October 27, 2024** - Deadline for submissions for the November issue of the *Blueridge Bulletin* (this email); see [submission guidelines](#) for more information
- **October 28, 2024** - Windsor Secondary BC Post Secondary Institute (Gr. 11/12), 7 pm - 8:45 pm
- **October 30, 2024** - Seymour Heights Staff Collaboration day, early dismissal (2 pm)
- **October 31, 2024** - Halloween

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](#).



Top 10 Links from the September *Blueridge Bulletin*

Jeff Powell

Maybe this list of the most clicked links from last month will be interesting to someone other than your editor.

1. [YouTube clip from Roxanne about the newspaper box](#) - 84 clicks
2. [Mt. Seymour Parkway bike lanes Get mixed reviews](#) - 36 clicks
3. [The image of the Blare Rifle Range Showing where UXO removal is happening](#) - 16 clicks
4. [BC Elections Vote By Mail Page](#) - 15 clicks
5. [Mt Seymour Little League does well at the Little League World Series](#) - 12 clicks
6. Your summer cold is probably COVID (story removed by the NS News) - 11 clicks
7. [North Shore Art Crawl information](#) - 10 clicks
8. [FireSmart Property Assessment application form](#) - 10 clicks
9. [Ol' Blue Eyes Teaser Trailer](#) from First Impressions Theatre - 9 clicks
10. [North Shore News article from March 2024 discussing newspaper boxes](#) - 9 clicks

If you missed any of these, or want to know more, you can always find last month's issue of the *Bulletin* [online](#).



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The best way to reach us is text: 604-210-8180,
but we also answer calls as well.

About the *Blueridge Bulletin*

The *Blueridge Bulletin* is a free, monthly email created for residents of Blueridge, Seymour Heights, and surrounding areas of North Vancouver represented by the [Blueridge Community Association](#). See [this map](#) for the specific area included. The *Bulletin* is edited by Jeff Powell. and submissions from the community are encouraged.

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/>

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Got questions? Send us an email: info@blueridgeca.org

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

Submit an Article to the *Blueridge Bulletin*

Do you have something for the *Bulletin*? We welcome articles, photos, short items, and even bad jokes from the community!

We have [publication guidelines](#) that we recommend you review.

The submission deadline for the November 2024 edition is October 27, 2024.

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

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

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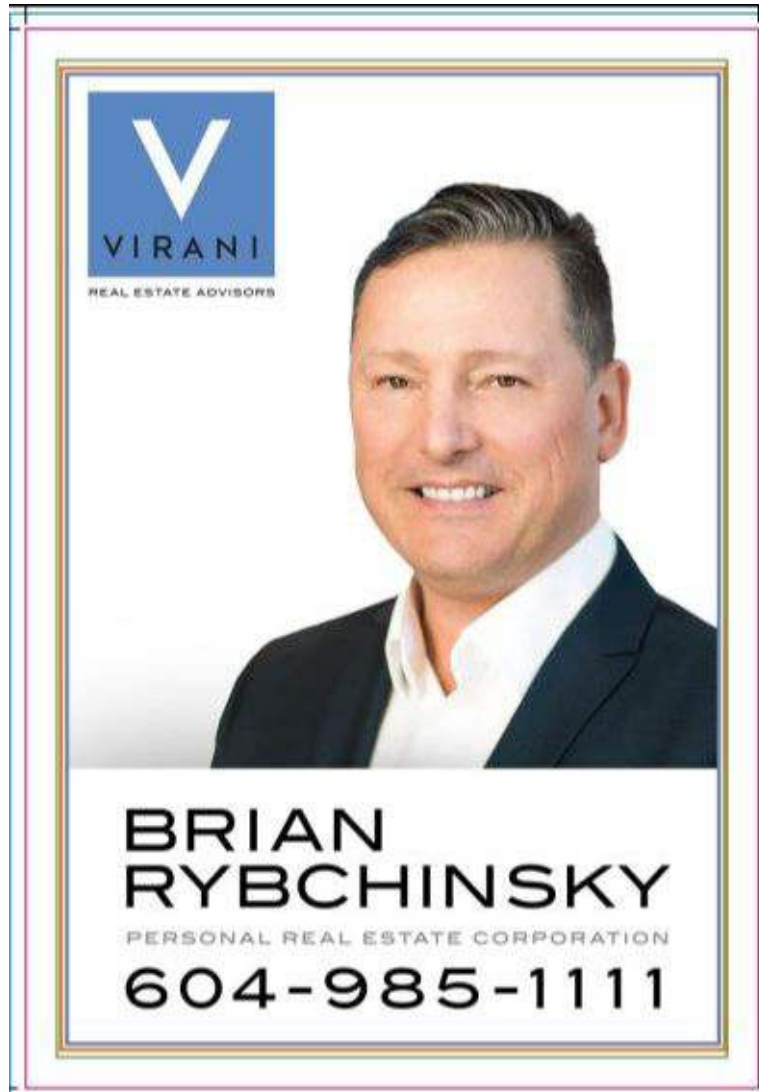
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