

Blueridge Bulletin

November 2024



Hidden in a Blueridge backyard, fuchsias were still blooming in late October. Despite torrential rains and falling temperatures, this little spot of colour was thriving. But such displays will become less common in the coming months. If you know of a similar pocket of beauty here in Blueridge, please consider sharing it with us. Photos can be sent to bulletin@blueridgeca.org, and photo credit is given when requested.

It feels like October dragged on forever, but the calendar assures me it was only the usual 31 days long. Maybe it was the number of things going on? In any case, now that Halloween is over we're thinking about the holidays and snow, as you'll see in the articles below.

But perhaps we should all enjoy the fall a bit before winter arrives. Kids (and dogs!) need to jump into piles of leaves while giggling (and barking), and plenty of pumpkin pie needs eating. And we can all appreciate the last bits of colour Mother Nature gives to us as the year winds to a close. Those seem like good things to do this month.

Happy fall!

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Blueridge Cares 2024

The Blueridge Cares Team

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. Over the coming weeks we'll be sharing more information about this program on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, in the printed Newsletter (watch your mailbox in early November), and [on the BCA website](#). With luck you won't miss it! Most importantly:

If you need help this holiday season and live in Blueridge, please fill out [this form](#) and we'll be in touch. Alternatively, you can request a phone call from one of our elves by contacting us at blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org.

Of course, it takes a neighbourhood to make this possible.

If you want to help, we have a number of options. You can:

- Purchase and wrap a gift (or several)
- Make a monetary donation
- Help with organizing and delivery

For any of those options, please fill out the [this form](#) on the BCA website, or email blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org.

You can also contribute by purchasing holiday chocolates from Purdys using our fundraising campaign. See the article below for more details on that.

Families who request help will be asked to provide us with specific holiday requests. Our elves will transfer the information to gift tags, which will be emailed to and printed by the gift buyer. Once the gift is purchased, the giver will wrap the gift, 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.

We are also going to offer a grocery gift card to our families who ask for help. We hope to deliver those in early December to ease the burden of the holidays.

Again, details will be in our social media feeds [on our website](#). Please help us make the holidays a little bit brighter for those in need!



Purdys Campaign

It's that time once again: Time to start thinking about the Holidays! And as we all know, what goes best with the Holidays is ***chocolate!***

Every year the BCA runs a fundraising campaign with Purdys Chocolatier. The proceeds help those in need right here in Blueridge through our [Blueridge Cares program](#).

You can help by purchasing some Holiday Chocolates from Purdys using this link:

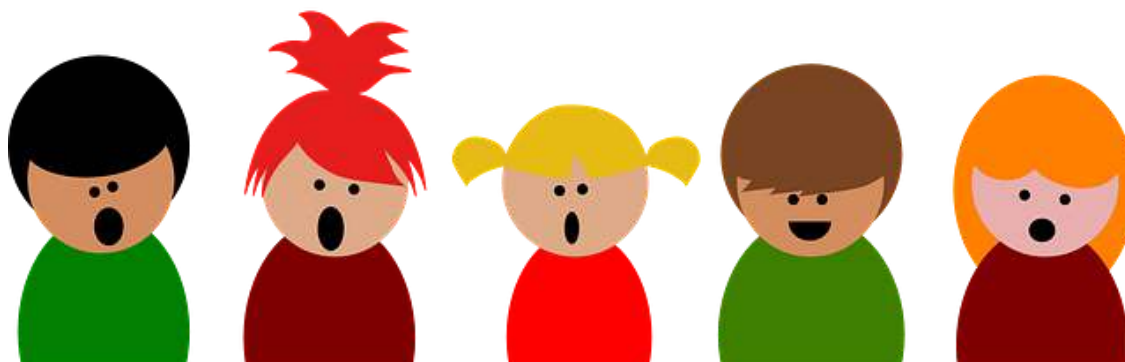
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1419547-120559>

If you've never purchased from Purdys for a fundraising campaign, you'll have to create an account before you can order. If you have an account already, click on the "SIGN IN" link in the menu to login. Either way, once signed in click on "SHOP ONLINE" to view the candies available.

Every purchase helps, and the BCA will receive up to 25% of your order total. But only if you order by **November 23rd!**

Your order will be shipped right to Blueridge, and you'll be able to pick them up from Ruth Hanson on December 1st.

Please click the link above and help out today!



Carolling for a Cause!

Cathi Wetsch

For the third year in a row the Berry Family Child Care Society - Huckleberries - and friends will be carolling for a great cause. On Tuesday, December 3rd, when you hear little voices singing outside, open your door and heart for ***Blueridge Cares***. We will carol on Violet and Emerson.

Merry Christmas!



What is the Right Pace of Population Growth for Our Community?

Jim Hanson, Councillor District of North Vancouver

How much growth is too much? At the October 21, 2024 meeting of North Vancouver District Council, we received and discussed the Provincially mandated 2024 Interim Housing Needs Report. This report is the first Housing

Needs Report undertaken since the passing of Bill #44 in the fall of 2023 which requires Local Governments to adopt a Provincially-prescribed methodology to set housing needs over the upcoming five and twenty year periods.

The methodology prescribed by the Province seeks to establish a standardized way of determining housing need, taking into account measures of existing shortage of housing (for example, rates of homelessness and rental vacancy) and measures of anticipated population growth. Using this method, the District's Housing Needs are 7,425 net new units in the five year period ending in 2025, and 22,369 net new units in the 20 year period ending 2041.

For context, this represents a doubling of our current rate of growth. In the 44 months between January 2021 and August, 2024, the District has delivered 2,240 net new housing units, just over 50 per month. For the period 2021 to 2026, the Provincially prescribed Housing Need is 6,408, approximately 100 units per month of newly constructed units, and for the twenty years ending in 2041 the Provincially prescribed number is 22,269, again close to 100 units per month over these 20 years.

Using the Provincially prescribed formula, we can expect over all growth across the North Shore in the range 55,000 to 70,000 new residential units by 2041, representing an increase in population of approximately 100,000 to 125,000 persons, on top of the existing North Shore population of approximately 200,000.

At the moment, the Province has mandated a Housing Order for the District which requires 2,838 net new units between 2023 and 2028 (47.3 units per month) just less than our historical rate of growth. However, given the Housing Need as established by the Provincial methodology, we could expect Housing Orders to require zoning to accommodate a significantly greater pace of growth.

For my part, I question the sustainability of increased rates of growth at this magnitude. Should we be doubling the rate of residential development in the District? Given the capacity of our roads, buses, schools and hospitals, I believe we must be careful about significantly expanding our rate of growth without a clear and financed plan to support the growth with necessary infrastructure.

As we work our way forward through an amended Official Community Plan and

a strategy for accommodating Provincially mandated growth, I encourage all residents to make their voices heard by communicating with elected officials in Provincial and Local governments, and providing public input in our upcoming Official Community Plan review.

BLUERIDGE



**Blueridge
Elementary**

Blueridge Elementary Update

Cheryl Sauve

October brings cross country running fun for students across the north shore. You may have seen Blueridge elementary runners out in the neighbourhood before school on Tuesdays – rain or shine! Our grade 7 basketball teams have been playing against other neighbouring elementary schools. Big thanks to all the volunteers!

The Blueridge library recently transformed for a week of bookfair fun – raising funds for extra books for Blueridge classrooms and our library.

Speaking of books... it's apparently never too late to return a library book! Rumour has it that in June 2024, a parent of a former Blueridge Elementary student returned a Blueridge elementary library book. The former student is now in their mid-40's! This year's kindergarteners and their new book bags are in training to return their books every week.

On September 27, students participated in a school-wide buddy activity where students wrote what Orange Shirt Day means to them on orange pieces of paper. The paper strips were connected to create a chain, which is currently on display in the hallway by the main office.

BPAC upcoming fundraisers include the card project (custom kid art!), [growing smiles nursery](#) (wreaths and poinsettias! - order by Nov 12, delivery Nov 27, details at the link) and the ever-present, local favourite Purdys. Talk to a

Blueridge parent about getting in on the shopping for a good cause!

There was a lot of spooky excitement after the costume sale in October (raising funds for the BPAC), all in preparation for the annual Halloween parade at school on October 31!

IMPORTANT!!! Please keep your eyes open for our kids when driving as the evenings and mornings get darker and rainier. Reminder to all the families, care givers and school visitors to slow down in school zones and obey all posted signs for the safety of our community!



**SEYMOUR
HEIGHTS**
ELEMENTARY

**Seymour Heights
Elementary**

North Vancouver School District

Seymour Heights Elementary

Erin Bulycz, SHPAC Chair

At the end of September, Seymour Heights students and staff sang the Coast Salish anthem together to acknowledge Orange Shirt Day. Later that week they made classroom commitments to Reconciliation in a group art piece with their fingerprints to show the ways they will learn about the traditional territory we live on, Indigenous Ways of Knowing, and more about the Nations we closely work with.

Our students also participated in cross country meets with North Shore schools (approximately 30 students in our intermediate grades), they enjoyed their Halloween costume parade on the morning of October 31st, and our Division 8 class organized and collected Scare Hunger food donations for the [North Shore Women's Centre](#).

As for fundraisers, the school is running Purdys (Oct 21st - Dec 2nd) for funds to enhance inclusive and accessible playground infrastructures and regulation supports over the course of the next few years. Community members are welcome to order through a Seymour Heights family, through the school via sroumeliotis@sd44.ca or 604.903.3760.

Our PAC is also fundraising to support our technology improvement program, making devices more accessible for our students. We will be running Neufeld Farms and Growing Smiles in November. These fundraisers are open to our community and links can be found on [our website](#). Our PAC is also busy planning our holiday market. We are happy to accept your lightly used donations of toys and books, small household items and decor, jewelry, purses and holiday gift wrap. Thank you so much!

Is it all too much? Sometimes your editor looks at the world - the chaos, craziness, and worse - and falls into despair. It's at such times that [this short little video](#) hits the spot. I hope you like it. You're welcome.



FireSmart Inspection

Jeff Powell

One of the nice things about Blueridge is that we basically live in the woods. Three boundaries of our community are trees and forest. In addition, since the community is old enough, many trees that were planted here in the 1960's have grown quite substantial. And of course, those left standing during the original construction are now huge. It's lovely, but all this greenery comes with increased risk of wildfire.

Actually, firefighting professionals will tell you that the risk goes two ways: heavy growth around homes may put those houses at more risk of damage if a wildfire comes through the area, but it is also the case that a house fire is more likely to spread and become a wildfire due to the surrounding vegetation.

We all want to avoid these risks, and there are various ways to approach such things. One way to get a handle on your own personal risk is to request a FireSmart assessment. These inspections are free, and present you with a detailed report listing things you can do to improve the fire safety of your home.

We signed up for such an inspection and the results arrived recently. The report breaks the review into several sections:

- Roof and eaves
- Siding, vents, and openings
- Decks, porches, and structure attachments
- The immediate zone: 0 - 1.5m from the building
- The intermediate zone: 1.5 - 10m from the building
- The extended zone: 10 - 30m from the building
- Accessory structures & personal property

In addition, it discusses insurance, emergency preparedness, community involvement, provides general comments, and includes a checklist of items you can consider as part of making your home safer from wildfire. These reports are extensive (ours is 45 pages long!) and full of photos showing both things that work and things that could be improved.

While there is no obligation to perform any of the mitigations listed in your report, they can be a guide to reducing your risk over time. Note that some suggestions might be very expensive to implement (for example, if you have a shake roof, you can be pretty sure one recommendation is going to be to replace it with a new, class A roof) while others might simply change the way you garden. Some recommendations might not even be practical for various reasons. The removal of large trees that require permits is one such possibility. But simply having the report and going through it to look for ways to improve your fire safety is definitely a good thing.

We were told that FireSmart can be backlogged with these requests. If you're interested in getting an inspection, submit your request early. It may be a while before the inspection takes place and longer still for the results to be sent to you.

You can request a FireSmart Assessment using this form:

<https://www.firesmartapp.ca/application/4A984>.

There's no wrong time to start improving your fire safety!

As always, the Blueridge Bulletin needs your stories. Please send them in.

Short, long, photos, story ideas, everything is welcome!

bulletin@blueridgeca.org



Blueridge Good Neighbour Day 2024 - A Recap

In-Ah Mellor

We were all worried about the weather, but after a heart-attack-inducing hailstorm early in the morning, just when the first trucks arrived, it cleared up and became a miraculously rain-free day! Small bursts of sunshine highlighted the successful day, during which many Blueridge and other North Shore residents, friends, and families came to enjoy the free activities, community tables, and food trucks at the event.

The bouncy castles were a definite highlight, with newer additions this year that kept many kids and youth happy for hours. The mini train chugged around the field tirelessly while the large kids' activities area offered arts and crafts, face painting, games and more. Adults could enjoy the silent auction, which was brimming with beautiful deals, have a beer in the gym, and try a bit of pickleball on the courts. There was also skateboarding this year, the cakewalk and the very popular tombola, which the BPAC ran. And if you needed a little furry cuddle, our small petting zoo was able to provide it!

Special guest Whitecaps mascot Spike enjoyed the pie-eating contest as much as the contestants, one of whom went home with a beautiful BGND Pie Eating trophy! Speaking of trophies and awards: the popular chess tournament offered prizes this year, including a trophy, and for the first time, a Volunteer of the Year award went out to our most dedicated helper.

One thing is certain: we need the help and effort of our planning committee and volunteers to have such a huge event that brings happiness to so many.

Unfortunately, ongoing difficulties with the school board have soured the aftertaste of this beautiful neighbourhood celebration, which a small, dedicated, and very hardworking committee put together and made happen. It went as far as to shake the very foundation of BGND. Despite this, the committee will come together again this fall to start planning BGND 2025 since this will be a very special one: the 25th anniversary!!

Our mighty committee is missing members to help organize this special event. Please email us at bgnd@blueridgeca.org if you can help! We will need more people to pull this together. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have.

For the 25th time, let's all get together for a huge happy hurrah and enjoy this beautiful neighbourhood event!

We are excited to see you there.



Winter Is Coming

Jeff Powell

We may not want to think about it, but it's November once again and snow will be here sooner or later. And this is a good time to remind everyone that shovelling your sidewalks is now a requirement. This changed a few years ago,

when the District updated the bylaws to match those of other North Shore communities. Now we are required to clear sidewalks bordering our properties by 10am each morning if there has been a snowfall. And for the District, "Clear sidewalks means that walking is safe and accessible for everyone in the community, but especially for kids walking to school, parents with strollers, or for people who use devices like wheelchairs or scooters."

In addition, Canada Post may have opinions about delivering mail to houses where sidewalks aren't cleared to the mailbox.

All that said, there are a number of community residents who simply cannot clear their own sidewalks for various reasons. The first thing to do is talk with your neighbours and find out who needs help. In fact, the DNV website specifically recommends this: "Check in on your neighbours and lend a helping hand for those who need assistance clearing their sidewalks." If you're lucky enough to have time and ability, please consider shovelling for a neighbour who cannot do it themselves. This is the best plan where it works, and it helps build community besides.

But if that doesn't work for some reason, there is a website - <https://snowangelscanada.ca/> - where you can ask for help shovelling, and where those with the inclination can have a look to see if anyone nearby needs help. This website hasn't yet been widely used here in North Vancouver, but it is the best resource we've found so far.



Products



Services

Shopping and Supporting Local Right Here in Blueridge

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Did you know that the BCA website has a wonderful [directory of locally owned and/or operating businesses](#) that are right here in Blueridge?

We have over 50 businesses listed that provide a myriad of products and services. Listing with the BCA is at no cost to the business. We just help to spread the word. So the next time you are in need of home repairs or perhaps a gift, please check out our [Blueridge Business Directory](#) to see if you can shop and support local right here in Blueridge. And if you're a business owner living in Blueridge or have your business based in or near the community, visit the business directory to get listed! Can't get any more local than our very own neighborhood!

Now more than ever it is important to shop and support local, and to support this the BCA has a listing of businesses locally owned and/or operated by our local residents.

Some of the days in November carry the whole memory of summer as a fire opal carries the color of moon rise.

-- Gladys Taber



Sarah Manvell is the Latest Blueridge Spirit Award Winner

The Blueridge Spirit Award is given to residents who show enthusiasm and passion for the community. Every three months this award is passed on to a new recipient. Melissa Brotz, the past award holder, has chosen Sarah Manvell to be the latest recipient.

Melissa has this to say about Sarah:

There are so many people in our community who deserve this award for all that they do to make Blueridge a safe and amazing place to live, and Sarah Manvell is definitely one of them. Sarah is a local resident whose two children attend Seymour Heights Elementary School. Sarah signs up for many parent volunteer jobs at the school, and is a member of the Seymour Heights Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Sarah also represents the Seymour Heights PAC in the Windsor Family of Schools which includes Seymour Heights, Blueridge, Lynnmour and Windsor.

What I find most impressive about Sarah is her dedication and passion for

traffic safety in our community, in particular, on Carnation Street in front of Seymour Heights. Sarah has spearheaded a traffic safety committee, within the parent community, to improve safety for children and other pedestrians on the street. This has earned her the nickname "Safety Sarah". Currently, there are 3 parent volunteers (Sarah included), and on occasion their children, who wear the bright yellow vest before and after school (or when their schedules permit). Not only are they crosswalk guards, but they try to encourage no parking in "drop-off zones," and reminding drivers to slow down. All things that make the street safer for our children.

Sarah is so passionate about traffic safety that she has become a director at large on the North Shore Safety Council. This year the safety council aims to create a forum focused on some of the traffic issues that currently impact school zones. She does this not only to improve traffic safety at Seymour Heights, but also for Blueridge, Windsor, Lynnmour and other schools within North Vancouver.

What Sarah does for our community requires a lot of hard work and many volunteer hours. As residents of Blueridge, we can make her job easier by being more cognizant of traffic rules in all of our school zones. They are there for the safety of our kids.

If you are a concerned member of the community with some extra time to spare in the morning or afternoon, please reach out to Sarah to see how you can help. If you have a high school student at Windsor, ask them if they would like to volunteer with traffic safety on Carnation Street. This volunteer work WILL be counted towards their volunteer hours that are required to graduate from high school.

Thank you, Sarah, for all that you do! We appreciate you.

If you have questions, or would like to help out, Sarah can be reached at: sarahmanvell@gmail.com

Eric Andersen, the BCA Board Chair, also thanks Sarah:

On behalf of the Blueridge Community Association's board I would like to congratulate you on being the latest recipient of the Blueridge Spirit Award, deservedly picked by the previous winner, Melissa Brotz.

You definitely deserve it with the amount of community work that you are doing! It's a real pleasure for all of us to have neighbours like you living in our own community.

Thanks, again, for all you have done and continue to do for the community in Blueridge and Seymour Heights!

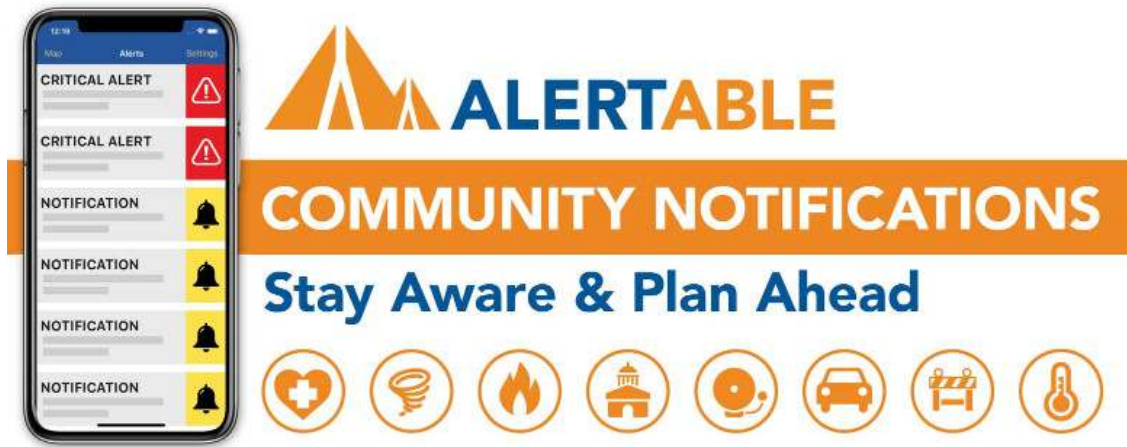


Outstanding Neighbour Award Nominations Open

Eric Andersen

It's been a while since we last handed out the Outstanding Neighbour Award (in fact, 2022), so we thought it would be a good idea to bring this back now. This award recognizes a resident who goes above and beyond in supporting their neighbours. Residents nominate their neighbours, and the BCA board selects the winner. So if you find that you have a fantastic neighbour(s) on your street, please feel free to [nominate him/her/them](#) (by clicking on that link) and let us know why you think they are so awesome! Once the winner has been selected, we would love to have a picture of you and the party you nominated, which we will post on our website and include in our next newsletter.

Deadline: December 31.



Alertable App

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Nowadays there are so many different ways to hear the news. But sometimes it is very hard to find out exactly what information is related directly to you and where you live. North Shore Emergency Management (NSEM) has an amazing app that sends out alerts for emergencies (e.g., severe weather, natural disasters, industrial hazards, transportation accidents or marine spills), evacuation or shelter-in-place notices, and Amber Alerts.

Download the free Alertable app and stay informed on the information that directly affects you and where you live. This app can be downloaded through the [Google Play store](#) or the [Apple app store](#).

Editor's Note: We also have a page about the Alertable App on the BCA website: <https://blueridgeca.org/north-shore-emergency-alerts/>



"Decorations" on the Trails

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

My pet peeve!

It's a wonderful time of the year. The season is changing and it's so wonderful to walk through the amazing trails that are our backyard right here in Blueridge. However since September I have not gone on one walk with my dog without encountering poop on or by the trails. We all enjoy walking through the trails with our fur babies but as they are our babies we should also be responsible for cleaning up after them.

I do understand that there are times that we are caught off guard and have forgotten to fill up our poop bags but please do remember that the District of North Vancouver does provide free bags at the parks which you can use. I often find myself cleaning up after other people's dogs because I feel it's the neighborly thing to do but these days it seems the chances in encountering dog poop is much higher than bumping into a bear.

I guess my ask is to please pay greater attention to your dogs as you walk through the trails and to keep in mind our community can be so great if we all take pride and care for it.

Thank you and happy trails!

Editor's Note: Mahnaz submitted a photo to accompany this article, but the image above seemed a better choice. Also, I've seen a lot of full poop bags along our streets and trails, as if someone picked up after their dog but then didn't want to carry the bag back to a garbage can. So instead they just dropped it somewhere?!? Please don't do that. Remember the backpacker's motto: Leave nothing behind but footprints.



Notes from the Sausage Factory

Jeff Powell

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.

October 7, 2024: Regular DNV Council Meeting

Most issues at this meeting had little or no direct impact on Blueridge. The ones that might are:

Councillors Muri and Hanson brought forward a motion to have DNV staff prioritize the protection of the urban tree canopy in the District by updating policy to include an urban forest management plan, and that staff update requirements to ensure successful tree planting in areas of redevelopment. As this is only direction to staff at this time, what these new rules will require is not yet clear and won't be until staff comes back with the results of their research with suggested bylaw revisions. It passed unanimously, though Mayor Little did express some reservation about the potential conflict of this and wildfire safety.

Another motion asked for the DNV to report on facilities in the District for playing disc golf as part of an upcoming recreation needs assessment. Earlier in the meeting, a delegation specifically asked the Council to prioritize creating an 18 hole course somewhere in the District if possible. What might happen here depends on the results of the recreation assessment and the conflicting budget requirements.

October 14, 2024: No meeting: Thanksgiving

October 21, 2024: Regular DNV Council Meeting

Once again, most issues presented at this meeting had little or no direct impact on Blueridge. Various items have been left out of this summary as a result.

The meeting opened with the ceremonial presentation of the first poppy, part of the opening of the annual poppy campaign from the Royal Canadian Legion. This organization does many charitable works for veterans, their families, and youth in our community. Their goal this year is to raise \$100,000.

There followed a short presentation by DNV staff about the status of storm related issues and the DNV response efforts. The recent storm apparently dropped 344mm of rain at Hastings Creek, and was a 1 in 100+ year event. However, given climate change, such events are becoming more common. The event resulted in a limited state of emergency being declared for six homes in Deep Cove, at least one road washout, park closures, and numerous other issues. Response is ongoing, and the DNV engineering staff has been working 24x7 trying to deal with everything.

The interim Housing Needs Report (HNR) was discussed. Provincial Bill 44 requires the HNR to be updated and includes new rules to follow in doing so. It also requires it be updated every five years. Using the new rules, the District is required to zone capacity for 7,425 more residential units above our 2021 total by the end of 2025, and for 22,369 additional units by the end of 2041. These large increases go with expected population growth for the region. Note that these are zoning changes, not requirements for actual construction; the market will determine what gets built and when. There was extensive discussion of this issue, with concerns about provincial overreach, an antagonistic relationship between the province and municipalities, a lack of people in skilled trades, and overall costs all being mentioned. The council still hopes to steer most of the growth in the District into the planned town centres where the infrastructure already exists to support it, or where that infrastructure can be enhanced at reasonable cost. But the amount of growth - if it actually happens - may require the town centres to be enlarged from previous plans. In the end the report was accepted unanimously.

The District is embarking on a rewrite of the zoning bylaws. These are old (dating back to the 1960's in many cases) and are very complex. The goal is to make them easier to review and understand, and perhaps even more flexible in how they are applied. The effort will take up to two years, but all Councillors

want this done. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Back proposed creating a large item pickup program to supplement the District's trash collection service. However this did not pass due to concerns over cost and competing with local businesses already fulfilling this function.

October 29, 2024: DNV Council Workshop

Due to our publication schedule, this will be covered in the December issue.

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Those wanting more information can attend council meetings in person or online, read the meeting minutes, 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://www.dnv.org/government-administration/meeting-agendas-and-minutes>.



A Night on the Town

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

[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

[Deep Cove Stage Society](#) presents:

Cinderella - a magical pantomime by Tom Whalley

- December 19-29, 2024 (times vary by date, matinees available)
- 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 do you call an alligator in a vest?** An investigator.
- **Election Results** - As of this writing (late October) the overall results of the Provincial election are still uncertain, but it is clear that [Susie Chant](#) won re-election as the MLA for the North Vancouver - Seymour riding. The staff member that regularly wrote for the *Bulletin* in the past has moved away, but we hope to again publish articles from her staff in the future, once her office fully reopens.
- **I can't stand Russian dolls.** They're so full of themselves.
- **Bulletin or Newsletter?** - This is a common confusion. The *Blueridge Bulletin* is the email you are reading right now. It's sent to subscribers on the first of each month. Back issues are archived [on the BCA website](#) and you can [subscribe](#) there as well. The *Blueridge Community News* is the BCA's printed newsletter. It is hand delivered by BCA volunteers to every mailbox in Blueridge and Seymour Heights three times a year. The latest edition should be in your mailbox soon. If you can't wait or it got lost in the shuffle, these are also archived [in a different spot on the BCA website](#).

While both publications cover Blueridge related issues and there is some overlap in content, they are not the same. The *Bulletin* covers more of the local events that are time critical because of its more regular publication schedule. We hope residents read both the *Bulletin* and the *Newsletter* and strive to make them both interesting and useful.

- **Did you know that dropping an ant into a glass of water will tell you its gender?** If it sinks, girl ant. If it floats, boy ant.
 - **Bears** - Our local bears are still gorging themselves on a zillion calories per day as they get ready to hibernate for the winter. And our garbage cans are often full of things that bears think of as easy food, which is not good. Please keep your cans in a garage or similar enclosure if possible to keep the bears moving on to natural foods.
 - **Did you hear about the glass blower who accidentally inhaled?** He got stomach pain.
 - **Need a Babysitter or Tutor?** Check the [Sitter and Tutor Directory](#) on the BCA website. Many locals are available to take care of your kids, your pets, watch your house, and help with schoolwork!
 - **Did you hear about the woman who loved making archery supplies?** She spent eight hours a day quivering with joy!
 - **Water Conservation** - The passing of October 15th means that stage 1 water restrictions have been lifted. The limits will return on May 1, 2025, and you can always find the current water restrictions listed on the [BCA website's homepage](#).
 - **Rumors of a food shortage at this year's spoonerism conference** turned out to be a complete lack of pies.
 - **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. Yes, we accept clean puns!
 - **I was was going to tell a joke about a dead parrot**, but it was way too Macawbre.
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Newsworthy

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

- [Provincially Mandated Zoning Changes to Add Lots of Housing in DNV](#)
- [Please Don't Put Fats and Oils Down the Drain](#) – they go in the green bin; Metro Vancouver has been removing tons (literally) of “fatburgs” from sewers in Richmond and we do not need that issue here!
- [Register Your Wood Burning Fireplace](#) – and follow clean burning practices
- [Susie Chant Wins Re-Election](#) – while the overall outcome of the election is still uncertain as of this writing, the MLA representing Blueridge and Seymour Heights will once again be Susie Chant
- [DNV Council Wants to Expand Tree Protections](#)
- [Disc Golfers Ask DNV Council for New Course](#)
- [Seymour Dance Celebrates 60 Years](#)
- [3" Mortar Found and Detonated as Part of UXO Clearing](#)
- [North Shore Neighbourhoods Alliance Pushes Candidates on Wastewater Plant](#)
- [Province Pauses Main Street Lane Changes](#) – drainage work will go ahead, but “Further consultation will occur before the project proceeds with paving and line marking changes, which are scheduled for spring 2025.”
- [Another Reminder: Winter Tires Now Required on Most BC Highways](#)
- [North Vancouver Man Builds “Bear Door” in his Fence](#) – includes video
- **Weather**
 - [New State of Emergency Declared for Three Deep Cove Homes](#)
 - [Another State of Emergency Declared](#) – this time for Indian River Road and Panorama Drive - not Blueridge, but these are our

neighbours

- [Evacuation Order on Panorama Drive Lifted](#) - again, this isn't Blueridge, but it's still significant
 - [DNV Parks Re-Open After Storm](#)
 - [DNV Continues Storm Recovery](#)
 - [Please Keep Safe in Flooded Areas](#)
 - [North Shore Emergency Management Alert](#) – they strongly encourage people to stay away from all trails, forested areas, steep slopes, and waterways due to safety concerns – this also went out on the [Alertable App](#)
 - [More Heavy Rain Coming Monday, Oct 20](#) – we could see 40 to 60 mm more
 - [Extensive Flooding All Over Metro Vancouver](#)
 - [Creeks Flooding In North Van on Election Day](#)
 - [Flood Watch Issued Due to Atmospheric River on Oct 18/19](#)
 - [Strong Storm Arriving Friday Afternoon, Oct 18](#)
 - [First Significant Atmospheric River Headed our Way](#) – around Oct 19
 - [Double Rainbow Photos Taken in Richmond](#) – this happened during a severe downpour over parts of Blueridge on Wednesday evening, October 9
 - **Earthquakes**
 - [Is the Big One on the Way?](#)
 - [Friday Morning Earthquake Rattles Homes](#)
 - **TransLink Funding**
 - [Metro Vancouver Bus Ridership 3rd Highest in Canada and USA](#)
 - [TransLink Service Cuts Could Cost Local Economy \\$1 Billion per Year](#)
 - [North Shore Mayors Call for Increased Transit Spending](#)
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Important November Dates

- **November 3, 2024** - Daylight Savings Time ends, turn your clocks back 1 hour
- **November 4, 2024** - Windsor Secondary winter coaches & sponsors athletics meeting (6pm, foods room 218)
- **November 4, 2024** - Windsor Secondary winter parent and student athletics meeting (7pm, MP room)
- **November 4, 2024** - Windsor Secondary PAC meeting (7:30pm, library)
- **November 4-6, 2024** - Seymour Heights Elementary early dismissal (2pm) for parent teacher interviews
- **November 5, 2024** - Chemtrade emergency siren test (10am)
- **November 6, 2024** - Take Your Kid To Work Day
- **November 7, 2024** - Blueridge Elementary early dismissal (2pm)
- **November 8, 2024** - Seymour Heights Elementary Professional Day (school closed)
- **November 8, 2024** - Windsor Secondary fall choir concert (7:30pm, MP room)
- **November 11, 2024** - Remembrance Day (schools closed)
- **November 12, 2024** - Blueridge Elementary Professional Day (schools closed)
- **November 13, 2024** - [World Kindness Day](#)
- **November 14, 2024** - Seymour Heights Elementary PAC meeting (7pm, staff room)
- **November 23, 2024** - Last day to [order your holiday chocolates](#) and support Blueridge Cares
- **November 28, 2024** - Blueridge Elementary PAC meeting (6pm, library)

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 weekdays 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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Top 10 Links from the October Blueridge Bulletin

1. [DNV Looks for Input on Eastern Extension of the Spirit Trail](#) - 22 clicks
2. [James Earl Jones reads a Letter from Kurt Vonnegut](#) - 17 clicks
3. [Seymour Heights PAC Fundraising Page](#) - 13 clicks
4. [DNV Notice About Pay Parking in Some Parks](#) - 13 clicks
5. [Earthquake Shakes Victoria](#) - 12 clicks
6. [Windsor Graduating Class Fundraiser](#) - 11 clicks
7. North Shore Art Crawl Brochure - 11 clicks
8. [COVID Continues to Surge Across Canada](#) - 10 clicks
9. [News We're Following](#) (from the BCA website) - 8 clicks
10. [The Newspaper Scene from Roxanne](#) (again!) - 7 clicks

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Here are this month's offers!

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

[Blueridge Neighbours Facebook Group](#)

[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

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

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

Submit an Article to the *Blueridge Bulletin*

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

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

The submission deadline for the December 2024 edition is November 26, 2024.

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

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

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Argyle, Seycove, Carson and Handsworth Secondary Schools
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