

Blueridge Bulletin

January 2025



Happy New Year!

2024 is over, and 2025 is upon us. And surprising absolutely no one, Blueridge continues to be a great place to live, with a vibrant community and lots going on. While news from the rest of the world may sometimes be difficult or worrying, we seem to have things well handled here at home. That's a big bonus these days.

Something you'll notice in this issue is that things have slowed down a bit. We're still in the holiday lull, and many are either busy with family and friends, out of town, or in a food coma. There are a couple fewer articles in this issue, and the January calendar is a lot simpler than December's, but we hope the content still resonates.

One quick note: The [BCA website](#) may look a bit odd in the coming weeks. With luck, we will be making a number of technical changes that will make it simpler to maintain. While that is happening, the site might not look particularly great, and bits might not work at all. Years of change in the WordPress system have accumulated, and we need to make some significant changes to adjust. We'll do our best to keep it operational, and there will be a banner on the home page from when the work starts until it's done. So if you visit the site and see a message about this, you'll know what's going on. Of course, real life might overwhelm your webmaster, and the project might be delayed again.

Regardless, thank you for your patience and understanding!

And now, on with the January issue!

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Blueridge Cares 2024

Carolann & Cris Fraenkel

What a wonderful place we live. The generosity and kindness of our neighbourhood makes us smile. We purchased, wrapped, tagged, and delivered over 50 gifts to Blueridge families, along with grocery gift cards and other little goodies to help make the holidays bright. The Blueridge elves came through with flying colours. Those who couldn't buy or donate offered to wrap, deliver, and shop.

There is a team of people who make this possible, and as your head elves, we would like to thank each and every one of you. You make us proud to live where we do. There are also a lot of people who specifically asked not to have their names mentioned, who get special invisible hugs from us as well.

Here are the 2024 Blueridge Cares Elves, in no particular order:

- Stephanie and Deryl Griffith
- Larry and Shirley Kancs
- Erica Liu
- Lynn Blair
- Bonnie Richter
- Jennifer Brun
- Debbie Milne
- Colby Renschler
- Jane Tom
- Patti Davis
- Lian Anson
- Toby Barazzoul
- Diane Koch
- Mahnaz Fardghassemi
- Eric Andersen
- Cathi Wetsch and Berry Family
Child Care Society
- Ruth Hanson
- Linda Dong
- Raphaelle Albert
- Ronald Baker
- Janet Stringer
- Eddie Chong
- Maureen Dawe
- Judith Spencer
- Marnie Armstrong
- Barrie Fenton
- Matthew Clogh
- Jeff Powell
- Fariba Leilaby

- Elizabeth Stokes
- Elsbeth Turner

- Stefan Aubron

Thanks again, and Happy New Year!



Christmas Tree Chipping Event Supports Blueridge PAC

The Blueridge Elementary PAC is once again hosting a tree chipping event to benefit their organization and the students at the school. There isn't a lot of time to get there. It's happening **TODAY**. Yes, January 1st, the same day this issue comes out!

- Date: January 1, 2025
- Time: 10 am - 3 pm
- Blueridge Elementary parking lot
- Cost: By cash donation

Sponsored by Silverback Treeworks. Thanks for supporting your local school!

Tonight's December thirty-first,
Something is about to burst.
The clock is crouching, dark and small,
Like a time bomb in the hall.
Hark, it's midnight, children dear.
Duck! Here comes another year!

-- Ogden Nash



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What is the North Vancouver Policing Committee?

Jim Hanson, Councillor District of North Vancouver

I was appointed as North Vancouver District Council representative to the North Vancouver Policing Committee (“the committee”) in 2018 and have sat on this committee since. What is this committee? How does it operate? What lessons have I learned during my tenure on the committee?

The committee consists of the mayors of the City and District of North Vancouver, a council representative from each community, and the chief administrative officers of both communities. Finance officials from the City and District also attend, given that “protective services” (police and fire combined) are the local governments’ largest budget item. The committee sits four times per year, alternating between City and District Halls. The mayors of the City and District rotate as committee chairs.

Most of the committee’s business is conducted in private sessions. In some meetings, there is a public portion to permit public input. The mandate of the committee is to serve as a bridge between police services and the community.

In practice, the mandate of the committee is confusing. Police services are paid for by District and City taxpayers but are provided on a contract basis by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (“RCMP”) from the federal government. This arrangement limits the authority of the local governments over the operational details of the police services.

What have I learned in my role? First, that North Vancouver has a very low crime rate (amongst the lowest anywhere in Canada), primarily as the result of our geography and demography. Secondly, there is limited scope for local governments (who pay the federal government for policing) to have much in the way of a meaningful say in the operations of the force. Our local RCMP take

directions from administrators in Ottawa.

Overall, I believe the time has come to consider alternatives to the RCMP contract policing for local communities. Would we benefit (in terms of both services and cost) from a local or regional force, ensuring that those who pay the cost (taxpayers) have a say in the operations and priorities of the force? This is a question that I believe needs to be debated at the provincial level.

In the meantime, I will continue to advocate on the committee for our community's policing priorities. If you have thoughts or concerns regarding policing in North Vancouver, please bring these to my attention. I will ensure that the local RCMP leadership is listening.



Power Surge Protection

Jeff Powell

A December storm left most of Blueridge without power for about seven hours, and other recent storms have caused our lights to flicker with some regularity. When tree limbs fall across power lines, they may cause a power surge that can severely damage electrical equipment. Surges can also happen when power is restored. Regardless, such an event was widely reported [after an October 2024 storm](#). Anything plugged in can be damaged under the right conditions.

If you experience damage due to a power surge, it might be wise to contact both your home insurance carrier and BC Hydro. Both of those organizations may cover some of the repair or replacement costs.

Of course, the best protection is prevention, and damage from power surges can be avoided in several ways.

- During a storm you can unplug items that are not in use. Things that aren't connected to the grid will be safe. But this isn't a particularly effective answer if you're not home, and some things like refrigerators and furnaces can't be unplugged or easily switched off.
- Some [power strips come with surge protection](#), which can protect small appliances like home computers, but they can't protect anything that isn't plugged into them. In addition, they cannot be used for anything hardwired or large appliances that must be directly plugged into an outlet. And care must be taken not to overload any circuits by plugging too many things into a power strip. Also note that inexpensive surge suppressors get "used up" over time. If you have old power strips with surge suppression, they may no longer provide the level of protection you desire.
- A [whole home surge suppressor](#) can be installed by an electrician in your main breaker box (assuming there is space available). These devices will protect everything in your home. They're worth considering as climate change makes local storms stronger while our trees are simultaneously drought-stressed. The good news is that whole home surge suppressors are relatively inexpensive - in the range of \$150 to \$250 for the device - but that doesn't include installation costs.

A step beyond simple surge protection is to keep your electrical gadgets running safely even when the power is out.

- The first option is an [uninterruptible power supply](#) (UPS). These devices contain batteries that are kept fully charged at all times. They plug into the wall, and you plug other things into them, like computers, TVs, and other small electrical appliances. They provide surge protection, and they automatically switch to their batteries, generating 120 volt AC current if there is a brownout (where the voltage drops) or the power fails. Your devices keep running for anything from a few minutes to a few hours, depending on how much electricity they need. UPSs come in many sizes, so be sure to research them carefully and get something big enough to support whatever you are going to plug into it. The cost varies depending on the size of the batteries and the amount of load they can support, as well as the quality of the output power they provide. It can range from less than \$100 for a small unit up to many hundreds of dollars. Their batteries need to be replaced every few years as well.
- On a larger scale, you can consider installing a generator or [home battery backup](#). These are very expensive systems that must be installed by an electrician, but they provide much more power, perhaps enough for your

whole home. Like a UPS, they provide surge protection and switch to battery backup automatically. Tesla's Powerwall is the most famous, but there are many competing models available. An electrician can advise you on the best system for your needs, but these are costly, starting in the tens of thousands of dollars.

- Some electric vehicles have ways to use their battery as a power source. The specifics vary with the vehicle, so check your owner's manual to see if this might apply to you.

It's important to know that there are ways to protect your electronic devices from power surges and to consider your options carefully. Simple, inexpensive solutions are readily available for home computers and small electronics, and more expensive options can make even long power outages more comfortable.

I can't wait to control-alt-delete 2024 and start anew.

-- Unknown



Of Sidewalks and Snow

Jeff Powell

Despite the lack of snow so far this season, it will arrive. And this is the second winter since the bylaws around shovelling sidewalks were changed. The DNV [requires residents to have the sidewalks bordering their property clear of snow by 10am](#). This matches the rules in the City of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver. Specifically:

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. Remember, some residents are dependent upon sidewalks to get around.

And don't forget that Canada Post also has rules about clearing the way to your mailbox. [Their website asks that we please:](#)

Clear snow and ice from your driveways, walkways, stairs and around your mailbox.

We want to deliver your parcels and letters, but can only do so if we have a clear and safe path to the mailbox.

As a Blueridge resident, I have escorted my elderly mother on winter walks around the neighbourhood, and we were regularly thwarted by icy, unshovelled sidewalks. They can be a real hazard to anyone with even minor mobility challenges.

But of course, not everyone can shovel their own sidewalks. Sometimes the snow falls after we leave the house, and not everyone is physically able to do the job. So what are the alternatives?

- You can use salt or ice-melter to help keep your sidewalks clear. It's not always enough, but it will do some of the job.
- Check with your neighbours. If you can't shovel, perhaps a neighbour can help you. And correspondingly, if you can shovel and know a neighbour who cannot, please consider doing the job for them. You'll be helping more people than you know.
- Finally, if you can't find help, or you are just looking to do a good deed, log in to <http://snowangelscanada.ca/>. There you can request shovelling help if you need it, and you can find nearby residents who have asked for help. It's a simple and free system to help connect people in need with those who have the time and ability to do the work.

Thanks for helping keep our sidewalks clear this winter!



**SEYMOUR
HEIGHTS**
ELEMENTARY

Seymour Heights Elementary

North Vancouver School District

Happy New Year From Seymour Heights Elementary!

Erin Bulycz, SHPAC Chair

In December, our holiday-themed school days flew by! Teachers organized field trips to The Nutcracker by Seymour Dance Academy and skating at Canlan, in-class gingerbread house building, many beautiful art projects, and our school-wide Camp Read on the last day of school. And throughout the month, our students learned about various December holiday celebrations around the world. Our PAC organized and ran our annual Christmas Market and photos with Santa, as well as holiday-themed retail fundraising opportunities. We planned and played and then had two weeks to refuel for the New Year.

January will bring a few new opportunities: our trial of four new after-school programs, student-led initiatives that allow students to apply for new club funding, and community outreach to support North Shore residents dealing with homelessness. We will also run [online fundraisers](#) for coffee beans and garden seeds.

We're ready for 2025!



Outstanding Neighbour Award Nominations Extended

Last month we opened nominations for the Outstanding Neighbour Award.

There has been some interest, but we want to extend the nomination deadline to see if there are any other worthy nominations out there. If you have a neighbour who goes above and beyond, you can show them your appreciation by sharing their good deeds with the BCA. The Outstanding Neighbour Award is given to someone who really helps the neighbourhood, and we need you to help us find the worthy recipient.

You can nominate someone using this form: <https://blueridgeca.org/blueridge-awards-nomination/>, and submissions will be accepted through January 31, 2025.

Thank you!

Humour Break

A brief diversion about a speeding infraction in New Zealand. Enjoy!



Spring Issue of the Blueridge (Paper) Newsletter

Michael Bernard

The copy deadline for the next issue of the hand-distributed Blueridge Newsletter is Feb. 15. You can send any contributions to newsletter@blueridgeca.org. Any queries or suggestions can also be sent to that email. Alternatively, you can contact Michael Bernard, the newsletter's editor, at 604-506-5742.



Disaster Preparedness on the North Shore

Do you have an emergency plan? What would you do in the event of a wildfire or an earthquake? How long can you go on your own without aid in the event of a disaster? Recently, North Shore Emergency Management (NSEM) gave a presentation on personal disaster preparedness that was designed to help North Shore residents answer those questions. [Their documentation](#) (PDF) is a great place to start getting ready for any emergency.

In addition, NSEM is spreading the word on a few related items:

- Their website (nsem.ca) now has translations to several languages available. See the upper right of each page to select your preferred language.
- The Province has [a series of emergency preparedness guides](#) available on their website. These have information related to specific emergencies so you can focus on the particular risks you face.
- [Disaster Financial Assistance](#) is available to those who were impacted by the October 18-20, 2024 atmospheric river event.

Blueridge is a great neighbourhood, and it is clear that we'd assist each other in the event of a disaster. But the better prepared we are as individuals and families, the more likely we will be able to help others rather than need help ourselves.

If you want to find these items later, just remember the BCA's website - blueridgeca.org - where the resources page is full of information, including all of the above.



North Shore Accessibility Advisory Committee Needs Volunteers

The North Shore Accessibility Advisory Committee (NSAAC) is recruiting volunteers. They're specifically looking for those with lived experience and/or who have disabilities to help remove barriers to accessibility for everyone. This committee advises all three North Shore municipalities. Volunteers serve a three-year term and meet bimonthly in a hybrid meeting format.

You can learn more about the NSAAC [on the DNV website](#), and you can also [volunteer to serve](#) there as well. This might be your chance to make a difference!

Here's to remembering to write "2025" instead of "2024" by April.



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.

Dec 2, 2024: Regular Council Meeting:

In this meeting, the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Amendment and the Annual Review of Fees and Charges were passed unanimously. There was no discussion as they were up for adoption only.

Next came a long discussion about 2025 Utility Rates and New Billing Collections in March. Major discussion here centred around the impacts of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant cost increases and the inability of some District residents to defer payment of utility bills in the same way they can currently defer payment of property taxes until they sell their home. In addition to everything else, Metro Vancouver is starting to charge "[wet weather pricing](#)" for sewage to municipalities. This new billing charges cities that allow rainwater into the sewage system more money, as a result of the increased capacity needed to process it. The DNV is one of the cities with a large problem in this regard, and wet weather pricing will impact the District more over the next 10 years as Metro Vancouver phases in the pricing structure. The District is also splitting the annual tax bill into two parts to separate the taxes from the utility fees. The latter are not controlled by the District, and it is hoped that separating them out will help people understand that Metro Vancouver controls those fees. In the end, the motion passed 6-1, with Councillor Pope casting a protest vote on the topic of getting the Province to allow deferral of utility payments. The

North Shore News has [an article about this rate increase](#).

A follow-up motion asking the Province to consider allowing the deferral of utility payments passed unanimously.

Next came a discussion of some relatively minor changes to rules around coach houses. These are the first phase of rule changes for coach houses, with the second phase coming in 2025. These changes are intended to simplify some of the regulations, improve the approval process, and add flexibility to driveway access regulations. In addition, these rule changes allow staff to approve minor variances without going to Council for approval. Concerns were raised about height rules (which are not being changed at this time) and some specific issues around siting. A motion was made by Mayor Little to remove siting variances from the things staff can approve to avoid putting staff in a bad position with regards to certain edge cases, but it was defeated. The main motion carried unanimously, though. Note that there are only 43 coach houses already built or in development in the entire District at this time. Phase 2 of the rule changes may address things like size limits and other issues that could make coach houses a more viable form of development in the District.

Dec 9, 2024: Regular Council Meeting:

This was the last meeting of the DNV Council in 2024, and none of the issues discussed directly affect Blueridge.

Proposed changes to development charges (discussed at a previous meeting, up for approval only) passed unanimously. Similarly, updated user charges & fees (also discussed at a previous meeting and up for approval only) passed unanimously. An EV charging bylaw requiring charging infrastructure in new construction was given first, second, and third readings and carried unanimously. A large (and tall) development at 1634 and 1748 Capilano Rd was approved 4-3, with Councillors Forbes & Muri and Mayor Little opposed. Finally, Council approved the DNV joining the Living Donor Circle of Excellence, which will provide 80% wage support for DNV employees that become living organ donors.

Next Council meeting scheduled for January 13, 2025.

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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:

Pump Boys and Dinettes - The “Pump Boys” sell high-octane on Highway 57 in Grand Ole Opry country, and the “Dinettes,” Prudie and Rhetta Cupp, run the Double Cupp Diner next door. Together they fashion an evening of country western songs that received unanimous raves on and off Broadway. With heartbreak and hilarity, they perform on guitars, piano, bass, and, yes, kitchen utensils.

- Feb 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 at 7:30 pm
- March 5, 6, 7 at 7:30 pm
- Feb 22, Mar 1, and Mar 8 @ 2 pm
- In the Shaw Theatre in downtown Deep Cove
- Tickets and more information are 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 did one eye say to the other?** Just between you and me, something smells.
 - **Tree Chipping on January 1.** See the article above if you want to chip up your Christmas tree on New Year's Day and support Blueridge Elementary PAC.
 - **How can you spot a nosy pepper?** It gets Jalapeño business!
 - **January 25th is Blueridge Night at the North Van Wolfpack Junior A Game.** Half of ticket sales go to the BPAC. Everyone welcome.
<https://www.showpass.com/jan-25th-2025-north-vancouver-wolf-pack-vs-delta-ice-hawks/>
 - **I went to a dog show the other day.** A Yorkie took Best in Show, a Jack Russell took second, and a Scotty took third. I'm starting to think the judges had some sort of All-Terrier motive.
 - **Bears. Bears? Bears!** The lack of snow and relatively warm temperatures means our local bears are still out and about. And they will stay out so long as they can find food of any kind. Please keep your garbage and recycling secure to keep them from looking for (and finding!) an easy meal.
 - **I refuse to work with compost.** It's degrading.
 - **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.
 - **A guy walks into the doctor's office.** There's a banana stuck in one of his ears, a cucumber in the other ear, and a carrot stuck in one nostril. The man says, "Doc, this is terrible. What's wrong with me?" The doctor says, "Well, first of all, you need to eat more sensibly."
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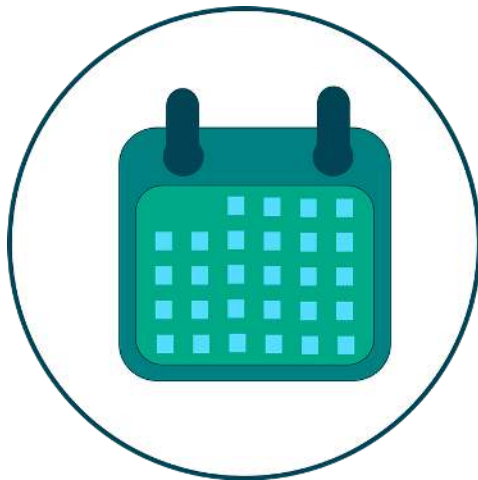
Newsworthy

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

- [Utility Rates Going Up in 2025](#) - DNV is passing on increases from Metro Vancouver, and separating the utility bill from the property tax bill
- [There's a New Winter Tire Rating Symbol](#) - on tires with better ice & snow braking
- [Natural Gas Bills Going Up](#) - average Fortis bill to rise \$14.25
- [Pass Needed for Mt. Seymour Provincial Park](#) - starting December 14th
- [Garbage Pickup Calendar Delayed](#) - due to postal strike - but you can [find your collection dates online](#) or use the [DNV Collect App](#) instead
- [North Vancouver Shipyards Christmas Market a Hit](#)
- [Windsor Wolves Win Provincial Football Title!](#)
- [Shipyards Skating Rink is Open](#)
- **North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant and Metro Vancouver Budget**
 - [Metro Vancouver Hiring Media Monitor Staff](#) - not happy with the NSWWTP and budget stories in the media
 - [Metro Vancouver Looking for Budget Reductions and Cost Efficiencies](#) - [Metro Vancouver Press Release](#)
 - [NSWWTP Leads List of Concerns from Surrey Directors over Metro Vancouver Governance](#)
 - [North Shore News Calls for Public Inquiry](#)
 - [Acciona Discusses Issues with Wastewater Plant](#)
 - [DNV Sewer Rates Could Go Up Substantially in 2025](#) - Metro Vancouver cost increases are the driver; water & garbage costs going up too, but substantially less

This Month In Cheese

- [Study Finds Camembert Cheese Compounds Improve Memory and Learning](#)
 - [Behind the Cheese Course at The Inn at Little Washington](#)
 - [Slice of Cheese Stuck to Storefront Window in Chicago Becomes Viral Sensation](#) - [Another Article](#) - [the Reddit Thread](#) - [seen on Google Maps Street View](#)
 - [Why the Black American Origins of Mac and Cheese Are So Hotly Debated](#)
 - [The Wines You Should Be Drinking With Stinky Cheeses](#)
 - [Eating Cheese Can Improve Alcohol Metabolism, According to Scientific Study](#)
 - [Price of UK Cheese Could Jump 245 Percent in Canada](#)
 - [Your Ultimate Cheese Guide - How to Know Exactly What Type to Use](#)
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Important January Dates

- **Jan 1:** New Year's Day
- **Jan 1:** Last day to see the Blueridge Christmas Train at [2377 Berkley Ave.](#) 6 to 9 pm
- **Jan 1:** Tree Chipping to benefit BPAC, by donation, Blueridge Elementary, 10 am - 3 pm (see article above)
- **Jan 1 - 5:** [Polygon Gallery Holiday Shop](#)
- **Jan 1 - 19:** [Canyon Lights](#) at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park
- **Jan 2:** [Property Assessment Notices](#) mailed out
- **Jan 4:** [National Ribbon Skirt Day](#)
- **Jan 6:** School reopens

- **Jan 7:** Chemtrade Emergency Siren Test, 10 am
- **Jan 15:** [Black Excellence Day](#)
- **Jan 16:** SHPAC meeting, 7 - 8:30 pm, online and in the staff room
- **Jan 20:** Seymour Heights Elementary Professional Development Day, no school
- **Jan 24:** Blueridge Elementary & Windsor Secondary: Professional Development Day, no school
- **Jan 25:** Blueridge Night at the [North Van Wolfpack Junior A Game](#) (see Nutshell Section for more details)
- **Jan 27:** [International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)
- **Jan 29:** Grade 7 Parent Information Night, 7 - 8 pm, Windsor Secondary Multipurpose Room; optional tour at 6:30 for those interested
- **Jan 30:** BPAC meeting, 6 - 7 pm, library
- **Jan 31:** Last day to [appeal your property assessment](#)
- **Jan 31:** Last day to purchase or renew [DNV dog licenses](#) at the lower rate

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](#).



Top 10 Links from the December *Blueridge Bulletin*

1. [Blueridge Christmas Train video](#) - 37 clicks
2. [Windsor Wolves Win Soccer Title](#) - 21 clicks
3. [News Article About Radon in Your Home](#) - 11 clicks
4. [TV News Video About the Blueridge Christmas Train](#) - 11 clicks

5. [Windsor PAC Holiday Ornament](#) - 10 clicks
6. [DNV Council Rejects Mountain Highway Safety Improvements](#) - 9 clicks
7. [Ambleside Orchestra Concert Schedule](#) - 7 clicks
8. [Who is Krampus](#) video - 6 clicks
9. [Parkgate Society Winter Lights](#) video - 6 clicks
10. [Santa's Christmas Ships](#) - 6 clicks

Overall, 66 out of 117 different links were clicked on at least once each, and there were 248 clicks total.

Thanks for being wonderful readers!

Stay Connected

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

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

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

[Blueridge Neighbours Facebook Group](#)

[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

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

Subscribe to the *Blueridge Bulletin*

The *Blueridge Bulletin* is emailed to subscribers once a month. If that's how you got this edition, you're already a subscriber. But if you got this copy from the BCA website or were forwarded it by a friend or neighbour, you can [subscribe](#) to get it sent directly to your inbox every month.

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 February 2025 edition is January 27, 2025.

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

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

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\$30 per month, or \$250 for 12 consecutive issues. This revenue is used to defray some of our costs (such as signage, website, etc.). If you or your company are interested in advertising in the *Blueridge Bulletin*, please contact us at: info@blueridgeca.org

These ads all contain links. Give 'em a click if they are interesting!
These people and organizations support the *Blueridge Bulletin*. Thank you!

A professional advertisement for Brian Rybchinsky. It features a portrait of a smiling man in a dark suit and white shirt. To the left of the portrait is the Virani Real Estate Advisors logo, which consists of a blue square with a white 'V' and the text 'VIRANI REAL ESTATE ADVISORS' below it. Below the portrait, the name 'BRIAN RYBCHINSKY' is written in large, bold, black capital letters, followed by 'PERSONAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION' in smaller black capital letters, and the phone number '604-985-1111' in large, bold, black capital letters. The entire advertisement is enclosed in a double-line border.



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Host Families Needed in North Vancouver

MLI HOMESTAY is seeking young and active, enthusiastic and caring families to host international students arriving for the current school year to study in North Vancouver.

Requirements

- Provide a nurturing and supportive home environment
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780-619-7552 or cwichers@mlihomestay.com

Host Families Needed in North Vancouver for High School International Students. Hosting an International student provides an incredible experience for families to explore new cultures, learn about global issues and travel the world without leaving the comforts of your home. We are welcoming students for short and longer term studies. To learn more, please contact MLI Homestay at 1-855-946-4701 or visit www.mlihomestay.com

Check Out My 4th Quarter 2024 Blueridge Housing Update Video

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Keely Smith, award-winning interior designer here. Space is everything. My

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