

# *Blueridge Bulletin*

## *March 2025*



Hoar frost on a local trail. Photo by Antoinette Gussenhoven.

I don't know about you, but spring is arriving at a rather alarming rate. 2025 only just began, and it seems winter was a thing until moments ago.

And speaking of winter, Antoinette Gussenhoven submitted the photo above in response to last month's request. It felt topical when it arrived. Then we had snow and freezing temperatures, and it seemed winter might never leave. But as I write this, temperatures are mild, and we've gone back to the usual Vancouver weather pattern: rain, rain, cloudy, drizzle, rain, repeat. Considering the alternative is drought and LA-sized wildfires, your editor will gladly take the rain, but it's the rate of change that is the surprise.

In any case, despite the rate of change, the *Bulletin* must come out! And this issue is packed with BCA news, among other things. We hope you enjoy it. Please share it with a friend or neighbour, and ask them to [subscribe!](#)

Again, many thanks to Antoinette for the photo! Your photo could be next month's cover. Submit your Blueridge-related images to

[bulletin@blueridgeca.org](mailto:bulletin@blueridgeca.org) for consideration, and include your full name so we can credit you properly!

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## Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Search Resumes

Jeff Powell

For those new to Blueridge, or perhaps those who've just been really busy, it may be interesting to know that Blueridge sits right next to the grounds of the former Blair Rifle Range, a site used to train Canadian troops beginning in 1927. Blueridge resident Donna Sacuta did extensive research into the range and wrote a detailed history titled [Building Andy's Range](#). The former range is located on the CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) lands just west and north of the golf course, so trails leaving on the northeast and east sides of Blueridge go into that area. Those trails are heavily used by hikers, mountain bikers, and dog walkers.

But back in 2018, an unexploded 3" mortar was found on one of the trails, and the Department of National Defence began a survey looking for additional UXOs. That effort has continued, off and on, ever since.

The latest news is that the UXO survey restarted on February 4th and is expected to continue through November 28th, 2025. During that time, trails may be closed, and DND asks everyone to respect posted signs for their own safety.

In fact, a potential UXO was identified and removed on February 11th.

Those wanting more information about the project, including maps showing the areas being surveyed in the current effort, along with where past surveys have covered, should visit the [Blair Range UXO Removal page](#) on the BCA website and watch our [homepage](#) for updates when UXOs are found.

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**SUNDAY  
MAY 25  
2025**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



# **Blueridge Good Neighbour Day**

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THIS  
MUCH LOVED EVENT**

**Save the date!**

Nicole Parfitt

Blueridge Good Neighbour Day - our annual, volunteer-organized, outdoor community event bringing together local residents to celebrate everything that makes our unique neighbourhood so special - is back for another year. We have moved the date up to Sunday, May 25, 2025 - a bit earlier than you may be used to. We took on board feedback about the event overlapping with many

of the year-end activities taking place in June, but also chose this date as a symbolic way to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this much loved, community-focused event.

Many of your favourite activities will be returning: the parade, bouncy castles, the train, community tables, live band, silent auction, chess tournament, youth activities, and food trucks.

BGND is a success because of you and everyone in our community. We couldn't host this event without our many, important volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this event, please reach out at [volunteer@blueridegaca.org](mailto:volunteer@blueridegaca.org).

Stay tuned for more information over the coming months, but most importantly, **SAVE THE DATE**. We look forward to celebrating 25 years of Blueridge Good Neighbour Day with you on 05/25/2025.

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**SUSIE CHANT**

NORTH VANCOUVER-  
SEYMOUR

## **Provincial Government Seeks Input on Tariff Impacts**

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

Last month, I wrote about our provincial government's approach to the American government's tariff threats. Despite a brief reprieve from the tariffs themselves, the last few weeks have not lessened the urgency of this issue, and I'm sure few were surprised to see that this was a central theme in last week's speech from the throne (which can be read [here](#) or viewed [here](#)).

In dealing with a crisis, democratic governments have the advantage of being able to draw on the experiences and insights of a diverse population. This allows for better, more informed, and more responsive policy, and quicker course corrections when needed. Now that the legislature is in session, I will be in the riding less often, so I want to take this opportunity to let you know about a few ways to stay in touch over the next little while so that we can maintain this

crucially important flow of communication.

Together with North Vancouver-Lonsdale MLA Bowinn Ma and North Vancouver MPs Jonathan Wilkinson and Terry Beech, I'm conducting a survey about tariff impacts for both residents and businesses. The survey for residents can be found [here](#), and the survey for businesses can be found [here](#). Both surveys will close on March 19th, so please share with fellow community members and contribute your own responses before then.

I've also scheduled several drop-in meetings hosted by the North Vancouver District Public Library. The dates for the months ahead are:

- Wednesday, Mar 19, 10:30 am – 11:30 am, DNV Public Library, [Lynn Valley branch](#)
- Wednesday, May 21, 10:30 am – 11:30 am, DNV Public Library, [Parkgate branch](#)
- Wednesday, May 21, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, DNV Public Library, [Lynn Valley branch](#)
- Wednesday, June 25, 10:30 am – 11:30 am, DNV Public Library, [Lynn Valley branch](#)
- Wednesday, June 25, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, DNV Public Library, [Parkgate branch](#)

Meetings or calls at other times can, of course, still be scheduled through my office by phone (604-983-9859), email ([susie.chant.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:susie.chant.mla@leg.bc.ca)), or stopping by my community office at 217-1233 Lynn Valley Road. If you have any provincial issues on your mind, please don't hesitate to reach out! My staff and I look forward to hearing from you.

*Editor's Note: The surveys mentioned and linked above are also linked on the BCA's [homepage](#), and the meetings listed are on the BCA's [events calendar](#) and the [Meet Your Local Politician](#) page.*



**Chemtrade Tours Available Again**

Jeff Powell

Last year, Chemtrade - a local chlorine manufacturing company - began discussions about extending their lease to produce chlorine at their facility on Amherst Ave, just south of Blueridge. Given that the production of chlorine can come with risk, there has been quite a bit of discussion on this topic. The BCA has [a page dedicated to the issue on our website](#), with news links, original articles, and more. If you are interested in learning about the issue, that page is a good place to start.

Another way to learn more is to visit the Chemtrade plant and get a tour of their facilities. Tours were offered last year, and now they are happening once again. Your editor took a tour in 2024 and found it very informative. Tours are currently available on a first-come, first-served basis and generally happen between 9:30 and 11 am. If you are interested, contact Amy Jonsson at [ajonsson@chemtradelogistics.com](mailto:ajonsson@chemtradelogistics.com) to schedule a tour.



## **Nowruz Mubarak! (Happy New Year!)**

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

It's the month of March and that means spring is finally going to show its glorious face! The spring equinox this year is on the 20th of March. This is also the day of the Persian New Year known as Nowruz (New Day). Nowruz is a celebration that marks the end of the old year and the beginning of a new one and is celebrated on the day and moment the spring equinox begins (March 20th at 2:01 am this year).

This ancient celebration is rooted in Zoroastrianism, a religion practiced in ancient Persia that predates Christianity and Islam. It is celebrated by millions all around the world and is officially recognized by the United Nations. Nowruz is also a time for spring cleaning, buying new clothes, visiting friends and relatives, and renewing bonds.

In every home, you will see a beautifully decorated table called the Haftseen. It must have the following items, each of which begins with the letter س (the letter 's' in Persian), and each item is a symbol of spring and renewal, including:

- Seeb (apple), representing beauty
- Seer (garlic), representing good health
- Serkeh (vinegar), representing patience
- Sonbol (hyacinth), representing spring
- Samanu (sweet pudding), representing fertility
- Sabzeh (sprouts), representing rebirth
- Sekeh (coins), representing prosperity

So if you bump into your neighbor or walk into a store and you see the Haftseen table is set up, you can wish them a happy new year by saying 'Nowruz Mubarak' or 'Happy New Year'.

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Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'

-- Robin Williams

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## **First Blueridge Spirit Award for 2025**

Sarah Manvell

It's an absolute pleasure to share the incredible contributions of two remarkable members of our Blueridge community: Tristan Patterson and his mom, Mary Stern. When I thought about who I would nominate for the Blueridge Spirit award, there was no hesitation—Tristan and Mary were at the top of my mind! And how exciting to be giving this award to our first young adult AND a mom and son duo. Tristan and Mary have been living in Blueridge for the past few years, and together they've created a welcoming and vibrant community by introducing a community of chess playing to people of all ages. Before diving into that, let me share a little more about Tristan's journey with chess.

Tristan (now in grade 9 at Windsor) started playing chess at the age of five, learning from his dad. By the time he was nine, he was competing at a provincial level. These intense tournaments, held at UBC, bring together around 100 players, all vying for top spots. "The atmosphere is incredibly focused," Tristan explains. "It's fun outside the game, but when you're in that room, you need to be laser-focused." Tristan shares that the hours of practice, online games, and competition can be emotional, but he's learned not to get discouraged. "You really get to represent yourself," he says, and his advice to slow down and remain positive is something we can all take to heart. Tristan

shares that after tournaments he spends time reflecting on his games with his family, his biggest supporters!

In Grade 7, Tristan, with a friend, started the Chess Club at Braemar Elementary, which they ran independently every Wednesday at lunch for all grades. When the Blueridge Good Neighbour Day was reinstated in 2023, Mary volunteered for the Youth Committee and asked Tristan for his advice on the best way to get youth involved. He replied confidently, “A competition!” and didn’t hesitate to lead the planning of the first-ever chess tournament at BGND, applying for and receiving a youth community grant from the North Shore Neighbourhood House to fund clocks and chess boards. As they prepared to transition to high school, Tristan, with the support of his mom Mary, launched the Blueridge Chess Club. They began with a small tournament, which my son had the pleasure of attending and enjoyed. It was heartwarming to see the joy chess brought to people of all ages. Fast forward to 2024, when Tristan took things up a notch during Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, expanding the age group with the tournament attracting a wide range of players, from 8 years old to 81 years old (shout out to Ernest McMurray from Parkgate Chess Club, who took second place!).

Beyond chess, Tristan is also a dedicated athlete, participating in hockey, soccer, cross country, and track and field. He truly has a packed schedule and even helps out his parents with coaching his sister’s soccer team! When I asked what advice they had for those looking to improve their chess skills, both Tristan and Mary had some excellent suggestions. First and foremost, “find friends who also play chess,” they recommend. Online platforms like Chess.com are also fantastic for learning and practicing, and Tristan uses this platform to help prepare for those competitive provincial tournaments. Mary also recalled a memorable chess tournament Tristan participated in through the North Vancouver School District in 2023. The friendly and welcoming atmosphere of the event, with plenty of local players, made it a wonderful opportunity to build friendships while honing in on your chess skills. If you’re interested, the same tournament will take place this year on May 5th at Sutherland Secondary (check the NVSD website for details).

Perhaps what Tristan and Mary are most excited about is the upcoming 25th Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, which will be celebrated on May 25th (the 25th celebration on the 25th in ‘25—very cool, planning committee). They’re planning another fantastic chess tournament, and we can’t wait to see how the community comes together once again. Keep an eye out for the email and feel

free to contact [blueridgechessclub@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgechessclub@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Tristan and Mary truly embody the (BLUERIDGE) SPIRIT of community, and their efforts are an inspiration. Thank you both for everything you do!

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### **Outstanding Neighbour Award Winners**

We have new winners of the Outstanding Neighbour Award, as nominated by Lesley Brooks, who says:

The neighbours that I would like to nominate for the Outstanding Neighbour award are Annette and John Goliath, who live on Browning Place. I nominate them for the following reasons:

- Every Christmas time for about 8 years they have invited all the neighbours on Browning Place to their home for a Christmas gathering. It is the start of the Christmas season for Browning Place, and we all have a wonderful evening thanks to them!
- Earlier this year, our beloved dog, Lucy, died, and Annette arrived at our door with flowers and an empathetic condolence card. Another family of neighbours lost their beautiful dog, Birch, this last week, and Annette did the same thing for that family.

Annette and John are very kind and thoughtful folk and deserve to be recognized.

Congratulations, Annet and John, and thanks for making Blueridge a better place!

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In March the soft rains continued, and each storm waited courteously until its predecessor sunk beneath the ground.

-- John Steinbeck

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### **Dîner en Bleu - Looking for Volunteers**

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

This fabulous event was held twice before the start of the pandemic. It was a dinner for about 120 participants held at a secret location in Blueridge with all the participants dressed in... blue! Like Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, we needed a (smaller) planning committee for this event. The good news is that there are organizing materials from the last planning committee that can serve as a template for an event next year. If you are interested in planning Dîner en Bleu for June 2025, please drop us a line at [volunteer@blueridgeca.org](mailto:volunteer@blueridgeca.org).

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# Blueridge Elementary

## **BPAC March Update**

Cheryl Sauve

The Blueridge elementary school community enjoyed the wonderful snow we had to play in during February – it even included a snow day!

Triple Ball (a modified version of volleyball) season is wrapping up at Blueridge for grades 6 & 7. The teams have had fun competing after school against other schools in the area. Thanks to the staff and parent volunteers for coaching!

Some Blueridge students participated in the annual district-wide Band and Strings Festival in February. Blueridge kids joined with Seymour Heights and Lynnmour as one big Family of Schools Band on the stage at Centennial Theatre, with some high school students from Windsor helping out. They were fabulous! Band registration for next year is currently open.

If you're interested in some new Blueridge Spirit Wear, check out [this link](#) for custom Blueridge logo hoodies, track pants, t-shirts, and more before March 9 for delivery after Spring Break.

Blueridge celebrated Pink Shirt Day on February 26 to raise awareness of all forms of bullying and remind each other to let kindness grow.

For those families looking for after-school fun during spring, there are on-site, after-school sessions of Lights Up Musical Theatre and 3D Basketball open for registration. And don't forget about the Blueridge Buddies program that runs Wednesdays 2-4:30pm by NVRC, where the students are walked from Blueridge school to Ron Andrews for fun and an optional swim lesson (registration opens March 5 at 7:00am for the swim part).

Stay dry and warm out there as we make it through these last few weeks of winter! For any students who might be missing something, don't forget to check

the lost and found at school for a myriad of hoodies, jackets, and hats! For the drivers out there, please slow down and obey the traffic signs, especially in school zones and near schools. Our newest generation is out there walking.

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SEYMOUR  
HEIGHTS  
ELEMENTARY

# Seymour Heights Elementary

*North Vancouver School District*

## **Seymour Heights Elementary Update**

Erin Bulycz, SHPAC Chair

For our shortest month, Seymour Heights staff, students, and families crammed a lot in! Not only did we celebrate the latter half of [Lunar New Year](#), students learned about [Black History Month](#) by celebrating Black artists with art projects, door art, and a History of Motown group presentation. The students celebrated Valentine's Day with class parties and exchanges of cards, and the last day of February started [Ramadan](#) for those who observe it. Learn more about these holidays with the links!

Our intermediate students started their Triple Ball / Volleyball matches with neighbouring schools, and all our staff and students were invited to wear a [pink shirt on February 26th](#) in an act of solidarity to bring awareness to the harm of bullying. The SHPAC has been very busy fundraising with movie nights and a raffle for our Technology Upgrade Project, getting several new devices into each classroom so the teachers can use them for reliable and impromptu teaching opportunities.

In March, we will be exploring the Walking School Bus Program and looking forward to the District's approved Crossing Guard Program. Safety is always a priority. Really though, we have far less planned for the first two weeks of March before Spring Break. Many of us are looking forward to the break!

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## **BCA Student Award Scholarship**

Lesley Brooks

Every year the BCA chooses a student who lives in Blueridge and is graduating from a North Vancouver high school to receive a \$750 scholarship. He or she has been involved in volunteer community work and is planning to attend postsecondary studies at a Canadian college or university.

Over the past eleven years, we have recognized many incredible young people who live in this area. Are you one of these amazing folk, or do you know anyone who fits the description? If so, talk to your school councillor, who will have the information about how to apply. More information and the application form can also be found on the [BCA website](#) as well. Applications are due by April 30.

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## ***Blueridge Sharing Garden***



## **Blueridge Sharing Garden Ramps Up for Spring!**

Jeff Powell

Gardeners, are you ready? Are your seed catalogues all dogeared and/or full of sticky notes marking what to order? Are all your tools cleaned and ready to go?

If that's you, perhaps you're also interested in renting a box in the Blueridge Sharing Garden. The garden is one of Blueridge's little gems, a shared space where gardeners can enjoy time with like-minded folks, grow their own produce, and even donate some to a worthy cause. If that sounds interesting, here are the forms you need:

- [Blueridge Sharing Garden Rules and Guidelines](#)
- [Blueridge Sharing Garden Rental Application](#)

In addition, gardeners and garden volunteers need to know that the dates of the Great Box Rebuild of 2025 have been selected to happen in April. This work will happen over two days, including Sunday, April 6, and Saturday, April 26. Any and all volunteers are welcome to assist our team of gardeners. Those of the community interested in lending us a hand can email [garden@blueridgeca.org](mailto:garden@blueridgeca.org) to express their interest and get more information.

As we mentioned last month, we want to thank the District of North Vancouver for awarding the garden another Community Sustainability Grant to purchase the materials for the Great Box Rebuild. This is the third year running they have supported our garden, and we are very grateful for their support, without which we would not be able to rebuild the boxes. This year they are also supporting the rebuild of the little free library at the garden! Again, many thanks to the DNV for their help!

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Daffodils,  
That come before the swallow dares, and take  
The winds of March with beauty.

-- William Shakespeare

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## **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.

### **Feb 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:**

Cancelled due to snow. Items from the agenda will be moved to future meetings.

### **Feb 10, 2025 Council Workshop:**

This workshop was a chance for the council to get input from staff on part of the eastern extension of the Spirit Trail, from Windridge Park to Parkgate Village. Councillor Hanson was acting mayor this evening in the absence of Mayor Little. The meeting began with a presentation from staff, indicating that after considering at least 50 possible routes from the existing end of the Spirit Trail in Windridge Park to Parkgate (at the intersection of Mt. Seymour Parkway and Seymour Rd.), staff had whittled them down to two options. Both routes follow various trails to a new bridge over McCartney Creek on the south side of the parkway and from there to the intersection of the parkway and Plymouth Dr. At that point, the two routes diverge.

The northern route recommended by staff crosses the Parkway and follows mostly existing trails, coming out on Seymour Rd. at Banff Ct. The southern route avoids crossing the Parkway and proceeds mostly along Strathaven Ln. and Garibaldi Dr.

The bridge over McCartney Creek proved to be the first major issue of the night. Partly because Council had received an email from the Wild Bird Trust just that evening stating that staff had not adequately consulted with WBT about protection for the wildlife corridor at McCartney Creek, and partly because the bridge's cost was about \$6 million. As discussion continued among the councillors, other issues came up as well, including how accessible the options are, whether other options were possible, the lack of consultation with the Tsleil-Waututh nation, the need to get on with the project, the reduction in funds proposed in the recent budget, and other issues.

Staff pointed out that they had consulted with the Wild Bird Trust and will do so again, but that they had spent recent months evaluating routes and weren't yet in a position to consult more deeply until things were more settled. On the cost of the bridge, staff expressed hope that grants would handle a lot of the cost of the bridge and pointed out that the bridge in question is an 85-meter clear span and thus will not come cheap.

In the end, the report was accepted, but your editor feels that councillors spent a lot of time talking past each other rather than listening. As a result, a fair bit of time in this meeting was poorly spent. It wasn't entirely clear what the council or staff got from this effort, but as documented in the *Newsworthy* section below, the North Shore News reported that the grant applications are going ahead.

### **Feb 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:**

This regular council meeting covered a variety of topics, as they usually do. First on the agenda was a motion from Councillor Back to create a pilot program to put a paid crossing guard at one DNV school and to have a report back from staff on how it worked out. While everyone agreed that the idea behind the program was good, there was some disagreement over the motion. One objection was that the cost to put such a position at each school would be fairly high, and these are lean times. Others wondered if anyone without the power to write tickets would actually make a difference in the behaviour of drivers. Still others thought this was the responsibility of the provincial government, not the DNV. In the end, it passed, and a pilot project will be run.

The Draft Financial Plan workbook was presented to Council for review. They got it at the same time as the public and will be reviewing it in depth in the coming weeks, and there is public comment at various times as well. Of particular concern to some council members is a statement from staff saying that a 5.5% tax increase will be needed next year (the 2025-26 plan) to keep

the budget balanced going forward. The workbook was received unanimously.

There was also a presentation from the Heritage Advisory Committee about their status and future plans.

**Feb 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:**

Your editor was under the weather and did not attend this meeting. It will be summarized next month once the video is released.

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Those wanting more information should 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:

[Ambleside Symphony Orchestra](#) presents:

*Fauré, Elegy for Cello and Orchestra*

And chorales by Mozart, Verdi, Rameau, Cyrillus, and Tin

Featuring cellist Joseph Elworthy and the St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School Choir, directed by Siiri Rebane

- Sunday, March 30
- 3 pm
- Admission by donation. Suggested \$25 per adult or \$15 per youth. Children up to 12 are free.
- [Highlands United Church](#)

[Deep Cove Coffee House](#) presents:

Feature: [Doc Fingers](#) & [Tom Keenlyside](#)

Openers: Suki Saggu, Blackfish Sound

- March 21
- Doors open at 7 pm, opener: 7:30 pm, feature: 9 pm
- \$20 each, cash only, at the door
- More information at the DCCH link above

[Deep Cove Stage Society](#) presents:

One for the Pot - A highly successful evening's entertainment, this hilarious farce revolves around a young man, Hickory Wood, who has to prove he is the only child of a former business associate of a rich mill owner in order to receive £10,000. Unfortunately, his efforts are thwarted and complicated by the arrival of the other claimants, creating some first class and uproariously funny situations.

- March 28th to April 11th, 2025 (Th, Fri, Sat @ 7:30 pm)
- Matinees March 30th, April 6th and 12th, 2025 (@ 2:00 pm)
- In the Shaw Theatre in downtown Deep Cove.
- Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

[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.

- March 5, 6, 7 at 7:30 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!](#)

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### In A Nutshell

- **What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?**  
A rash of good luck!
- **Thank you for shovelling!** Your editor saw a big improvement in nearby sidewalk conditions after the February snows compared with last year. It wasn't perfect, but it was a lot better in my corner of Blueridge. Many thanks to those who got out and shovelled so that others would have an easier time getting around!
- **Where can you always find gold on St. Patrick's Day?** In the dictionary.
- **Do you need a sitter?** For your child, pet, or home? The BCA's [sitter directory](#) has you covered, with many locals listed who can do the job. Our site lets you email them directly to start the conversation. And now we've added tutoring services as well. Check it out!
- **What did the Irish potato say to his sweetheart?** I only have eyes for you!
- **Travelling in Blueridge?** Consider walking or biking instead of driving. Our neighbourhood is a lovely place, and it's not that big. Take a walk and leave the car!
- **Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?** Real rocks are too heavy!
- **Even in the winter, bears can be out!** Please secure your garbage, green waste, and recycling bins so the only things they can find to eat are natural food sources. Remember: bears that get acclimated to human food wind up destroyed far too often. Don't let that happen! We have [tips on our website](#) for how to help!
- **What's the leprechaun community's answer to Comic-Con?** Lepre-Con.

- **Did you know the BCA has a [Local Business Directory](#)?** It lists many local businesses and service providers that you might need. Take a look and see if it can help you. And if you have a local business that's not on the list, fill out [this form](#). Listings are free!
- **What do you call a leprechaun who goes to jail?** A lepre-con.
- **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 did St. Patrick drive the snakes out of Ireland?** He couldn't afford a plane ticket.



## Newsworthy

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

- [DNV Seeking Input on Where to Densify](#)
- [Why DNV is Separating Utility and Property Tax Bills](#)
- [DNV to Address School Crossing Guard Needs at Elementary Schools](#)
- [DNV Council Approaches Grant Request Deadline for Spirit Trail Extension](#) - update: DNV will apply for needed grants to build the bridge
- [DNV Seeks Input on 2025 Draft Budget](#) – input accepted through Feb 24
- [BC Snowpack at 72% of Normal](#) – large drop in January
- [UXO Clearance Work Continues](#)
- [BC at Risk of Extensive Wildfire and Flooding Costs](#)
- [Please Clear the Snow Off Your Car Before Driving](#) – or the RCMP may fine you

- [2025 Youth Awards Nominations Now Open](#) – nominate a young person who has made our community better, open through March 7
- [DNV Separating Utility Bill from Property Tax Bill](#) – Metro Vancouver imposes the utility charges, not the District, and this will make that clear, particularly in light of the wastewater treatment plant cost increase
- [DNV Capital Plan Impacts Spirit Trail](#)
- **Earthquake**
  - [Why You May Not Have Received an Alert Before the Quake](#)
  - [Earthquake Canada reports it as magnitude 4.7](#)
  - [Earthquake Hits Our Area](#) - a reminder that "the big one" is possible any time
- **Metro Vancouver and the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant**
  - [Langley Supports Surry's Move to Leave Metro Van Long-Term Regional Planning](#)
  - [Metro Van Eyes More \(Tiny\) Spending Cuts](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver Board to Discuss Cutting Meeting Fees](#)
  - [Surrey Pulling Out of Metro Van Long-Term Regional Planning](#) - more backlash against Metro Vancouver
  - [Metro Van Board Member Says Cost Savings are Tiny](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver Press Release on "Cost Efficiencies Review"](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver Cuts Some Services to Save Money](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver Considers Cutting Funds to 7 Programs to Save Money](#) - but the savings is miniscule compared with the NSWWTP expenses
  - [Metro Vancouver Asks Province to Participate in Regional Governance Review](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver Confident NSWWTP Costs Won't Rise Any More](#)
  - [PoCo Mayor Wants to Slash Metro Vancouver Director Pay](#)

### **This Month In Cheese**

- [The 5 Biggest Cheese Heists of All Time](#)
- ['Made with 0% American cheese': Cheestrings rides 'buy Canadian' wave](#)
- [Google AI Super Bowl Commercial has Cheese Error](#) - never trust an AI about cheese!
- [Spoiled Dog Requires Cheese Topping Before Eating](#) - and who can blame her?
- [World's Largest Cheese Fondue Cooked Up in France](#)
- [Brie and Mango Chutney Grilled Cheese](#)
- [Harrison Ford's Grilled Cheese](#)

- [Cormack Cheese Company](#) - Newfoundland based artisanal cheese producer
  - [E. Coli Prompts Recall of Morbier de Scey and Raclette de Scey cheeses](#)
  - [Secret Ingredient in Grilled Cheese](#) - turns out Harrison Ford was onto something!
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### Important March Dates

- **Mar 1:** Applications are accepted for the [Eric Andersen BCA Scholarship](#) (application deadline: April 30)
- **Mar 1:** Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 11 am - noon, DNV Public Library, [Capilano Branch](#)
- **Mar 1:** Get your [Blueridge Sharing Garden](#) box applications on ASAP
- **Mar 3:** Windsor Secondary PAC meeting, 7:30 pm, Library
- **Mar 3:** DNV Regular Council Meeting, 7 - 10 pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#)
- **Mar 4:** Windsor Secondary review and completion (no classes)
- **Mar 5:** Parkgate Society [Social Prescribing](#) Gathering, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, North Shore Legion [123 15th St W, North Vancouver](#), registration required at 778-928-1492 or [asealy@parkgatesociety.ca](mailto:asealy@parkgatesociety.ca)
- **Mar 6:** Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 6 pm - 7 pm, DNV Public Library, [Lynn Valley Branch](#)
- **Mar 7:** Windsor Secondary Spring Choir Concert, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm, MP Room
- **Mar 8:** [International Womens Day](#)
- **Mar 9:** Daylight Savings Time Begins; move clocks forward 1 hour at 2:00 am
- **Mar 10:** DNV Council Workshop, 7 - 10 pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#)
- **Mar 10:** [Commonwealth Day](#)



- **Mar 11:** Seymour Heights Elementary student-led conferences, 2 pm dismissal
- **Mar 14:** Seniors Saint Patrick's Day High Tea, 4 - 6 pm, Parkgate Community Centre in the Mary Hunter Hall, \$21
- **Mar 15 - 30:** Spring break
- **Mar 17:** DNV Regular Council Meeting, 7 - 10 pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#)
- **Mar 17:** [St. Patrick's Day](#)
- **Mar 19:** Meet MLA Susie Chant, 10:30 am – 11:30 am, DNV Public Library, [Lynn Valley branch](#)
- **Mar 20:** [Nowruz - Persian New Year](#)
- **Mar 20:** Spring Equinox; first day of spring
- **Mar 20:** [Two-Spirit, Indigenous 2SLGBTQIA+ Celebration and Awareness Day](#)
- **Mar 29:** [Ramadan](#) ends (it began on Feb 28th)
- **Mar 29/30:** [Eid al-Fitr](#) (marks the end of Ramadan)
- **Mar 31:** School re-opens
- **Mar 31:** [International Transgender Day of Visibility](#)
- **Mar 31:** Last day to file BC Speculation Tax declarations
- **Mar 31:** Province stops requiring snow-rated tires on some roads

**Save the date:**

- **May 13:** BCA Annual General Meeting (AGM), time and location TBA
- **May 25:** Blueridge Good Neighbour Day

**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!

## Top 10 Links from the February *Blueridge Bulletin*

1. [Cougar visits Berkley Ave home](#) - 131 clicks
2. [Benedict Cumberbatch Reads a Letter](#) - 33 clicks
3. [Proposed Translink Bus Route Changes](#) - 17 clicks
4. [Squamish Nation Plans for North Shore](#) - 16 clicks
5. [New Steamworks Taproom in North Vancouver](#) - 13 clicks
6. [Deep Cove Coffee House concert information](#) - 6 clicks
7. [US Tariffs Would Raise Cost of Electricity](#) - 6 clicks
8. [Tesla Supercharger Opens in North Van](#) - 5 clicks
9. [Could a Wildfire Like Those in LA hit Metro Vancouver?](#) - 5 clicks
10. [Don't Wrap Cheese in Plastic](#) - 5 clicks

Overall, 46 out of 90 different links were clicked on at least once each, and there were 309 clicks total.

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