

# *Blueridge Bulletin*

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Happy (almost) summer!

Blueridge Good Neighbour Day has come and gone, and it's feeling a lot like summer, at least at times. But things don't come to a complete stop in the summer. In fact, for some of us it's quite the opposite. Travel and entertaining happen more, along with all the outdoor activities. And of course, the kids will be out of school soon.

What plans do you have? Are you going to Europe or seeing scenic parts of Canada by train? Perhaps you're heading north to see the aurora? Or maybe, like your editor, you are staying home and hiding from all the ruckus.

Whatever your plans, we hope your summer brings you joy!

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BGND Co-Chair Elmira Nazar and Chair In-Ah Mellor. Photo by Missy Shana.

## **25th Blueridge Good Neighbour Day a Big Success, But New Volunteers Are Needed**

In-Ah Mellor

May 25th was the big day for our much-loved event: Blueridge Good Neighbour Day! The weather was perfect for the 25th silver anniversary, as the sun started coming through while the parade made its way to Blueridge Elementary.

As always, you could tour the many fantastic community tables, grab a delicious bite to eat, massage your brain at the chess tournament, jump yourself silly on the bouncy castles, and sugar up your tummies and even your whole face at the pie-eating contest. If that's not enough, the cakewalk provided beautiful baked goodness, and you could grab jars of sweets and goodies at the BPAC's tombola wheel. To wash it all down, you could opt for beer in the garden, coffee, or plain water while enjoying live music. Felt the need to be active without bouncing on the field? Pickleball had you covered!

Our Whitecaps mascot, Spike, came by again and gave many fun photo opportunities. If you wanted to see some real animals, our small but hugely cute petting zoo was there for you at the end of the field. From there, the mini train provided a fun way to get around and see everything your blurry sugar eyes might have missed. Venturing back to the school, you couldn't miss the youth activities on offer for everyone to enjoy: face painting, tie-dye T-shirts,

science, and more kept you busy until that blood sugar dropped enough to allow for more cotton candy or our beautiful 25th anniversary cupcakes with enough blue icing to drown all your sorrows!

Sorrows. This brings me to an announcement that might not surprise everyone, as the rumour mill has been churning away furiously over the last few weeks.

Our small but mighty planning committee has fought many battles to bring you this fantastic day of joy, but the steam is running out. Every year, we run into walls of bureaucracy that knock the wind out of the sails when the entities involved should be providing wings!

Even with political key players coming to our aid in the moment of need, the initial roadblocks, combined with a growing lack of sponsorship, dwindling donors, and fewer and fewer volunteers, left us with an Everest of work that sometimes seemed insurmountable.

It has been my honour and absolute pleasure to serve as chair for this fantastic event, but the time has come to pass on the baton. If Blueridge Good Neighbour Day is to live on, we need fresh people and energy to take over. Not without help, of course. We will be there to support and guide you. If this calls to you, please do not hesitate to step forward! Send an email to [bgnd@blueridgeca.org](mailto:bgnd@blueridgeca.org) and get in touch. Even if it's just to hear more about it, no immediate commitment is needed.

I cannot emphasize enough how fantastic the people in our community who go above and beyond to make things like this happen are. We always mention our generous sponsors and donors, of course, but I want to take the opportunity to thank the planning committee members for their HUGE efforts and free time spent to make BGND a reality:

Eric, Elmira, Fariba, Jodene, Cyndie, Stacie, Nicci, Mahtab, Zuzana, Karen, Grover, Mary, Tristan, Vesta, Kim C, Diane, Shannon, Kris, Martina, Claudia, Sydnee, David

Indeed, we could not even start thinking about doing such an event without all the wonderful volunteers who came out and committed their time to help make this special day a brilliant success. Thank you from everyone on the committee for your generous help, enthusiasm, and stamina!

And a big thank you to our donors, many of whom support us annually!

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Also, many thanks to the donors to our silent auction. Once again, many of these organizations and people support us every year!

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In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.

-- John Steinbeck



**SUSIE CHANT**

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## **BC Legislative Update**

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

By the time this column goes to print, the spring sitting of the legislature will have concluded. The last three and a half months have been very busy on the legislative front, and while some of the bills that have come before the assembly have received a great deal of coverage in the news, I thought it would be useful to mention a few highlights that may have flown under the radar.

The complete listing and current status of bills introduced in this session can be found on this page: [Progress of Bills | Legislative Assembly of BC](#)

The lack of progress in the first item on the list – An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament – may raise a few eyebrows, especially given its important-sounding title! As in many Commonwealth jurisdictions, however, Bill 1 is always the same, and it never proceeds to the next stage beyond first reading. Its introduction prior to debate on the speech from the throne is a symbolic assertion of the legislature’s right to set its own agenda, rather than having it imposed by the monarch.

Bill 3, the Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, adds a combined 143 hectares to the [Naikoon](#), [Wells Grey](#), and [Cinnemousun Narrows](#) provincial parks. The added areas further increase opportunities for outdoor recreation afforded by these parks in addition to protecting precious ecosystems and wildlife habitats. Bill 3 also renames 2 provincial parks with traditional Indigenous names and includes a number of administrative amendments.

Bill 4, the Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act, introduces a range of measures to guard British Columbians against

exploitation and promote fairness in the marketplace. This includes a ban on offering credit as part of direct sales (a practice associated with predatory sales tactics), giving consumers recourse to the [Civil Resolution Tribunal](#) for disputes, notification requirements for automatic subscription renewals, restrictions on significant contract changes without the customer's consent, and requirements for important contract terms to be given up front.

Bill 11, the Employment Standards Amendment Act, provides for removing the ability of employers to require employees to provide sick notes for short-term illness-related absences. Widely supported by medical and nursing professionals in BC, this move will conserve critical health care resources, help reduce spread of disease, and let workers focus on getting better instead of worrying about unnecessary paperwork.

The most eye-catching provisions of Bill 12, the Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, will modernize BC's Graduated Licensing Program with the first significant changes in a quarter century. As part of this modernization, the requirement for a second road test before moving to a Class 5 licence will be removed. Instead, those who are eligible for a Class 5 licence will be subject to a 12-month restriction period during which they must continue to demonstrate safe driving habits. This restriction period will help build skills that are proven to improve road safety, while removing the second road test requirement – already abandoned by almost every other province – will help remove barriers to licensing with no reduction in safety.

It's also worth noting that in addition to these bills introduced by the government, both sides of the house joined in support of a private member's bill, M-204 (the Perinatal and Postnatal Mental Health Strategy Act). This kind of cooperation is unusual in BC politics, but as the premier made clear after the last election, this government is more than ready to work across the aisle on shared priorities.

If you have questions or comments about these or any other bills considered by the house during the spring sitting, or any other provincial matters, please get in touch. My office can be reached by email at [susie.chant.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:susie.chant.mla@leg.bc.ca) and by phone at 604-983-9859, or you can call or text me on my cell at 236-412-0432. I look forward to hearing from you!

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## **Did You Attend Our Annual General Meeting?**

Jeff Powell

Every year we hold one meeting to elect new board members and introduce residents to our various programs. We also have a guest speaker. This year's AGM was held at Canlan Sports on May 20th at 7 pm. There was a good-sized audience, and we thank everyone for coming out.

The first order of business was to elect a new board. Previous director Nima Sahebi has stepped down, and we thank him for his contribution! New board members elected were Michael Bernard and In-Ah Mellor, who have both been active in the BCA. The newly elected board includes: Eric Andersen, Ted Bancroft, Toby Barazzuol, Michael Bernard, Lesley Brooks, Anni Danielson, Mahnaz Fardghassemi, Barry Fenton, Lauren Gorgounis, Fariba Leilaby, In-Ah Mellor, and Elmira Nazar.

Next, Eric asked various board members to discuss programs run by the BCA. This was a long list including the scholarship, the FUNdation, new neighbour welcoming, the Blueridge Awards, Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, Blueridge Cares, and many more. You can find a full list in the [annual Chair's report](#), and details about all our programs are available on [our website](#).

The annual scholarship was awarded next, and this year the recipient was Shivani Verma, who has assisted with the BCA's social media presence for quite a while now.

Then the [Outstanding Neighbour Award](#) was given to John Blakeley and Annette Goliath for being wonderful neighbours on Browning Place.

And the Blueridge Spirit Award was presented to In-Ah Mellor. (See the article elsewhere in this issue for more information.)

Finally, DNV Mayor Mike Little was our guest speaker. He discussed a number of topics briefly, including local developments, the new DNV fire hall, the proposed Chemtrade expansion, transit changes, our low crime rate, and the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant. Then he took questions from the audience until the meeting ended at 9pm.

Again, we thank everyone that attended and hope you will join us at next year's AGM!

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### **Dispersal Season – Keep Your Eyes Out for Young Bears**

Holly Reisner, Executive Director, North Shore Black Bear Society

Right now we are in dispersal season for black bears.

What does this mean? This is the time of year when mother bears send their 1.5-year-old cubs out into the world to be bears on their own. The mother bears do this to keep their cubs safe from dominant male bears that will be coming around now to mate, and are often a danger to cubs.

For the bear cubs, this is a confusing time. They are forced to fend for themselves by finding food and water. They may be unfamiliar with their surroundings: the male cubs are usually pushed out of their mother's home range, while the mother will sometimes tolerate female cubs sticking around.

These young bears are a bit like our teenagers: they are curious, hungry, and they don't have the wisdom that comes from much life experience. These are the bears that will sometimes approach people with curiosity (trying to figure out what this strange two-legged beast is). And they may very quickly dart into open garages or open cars as they follow their nose to something delicious.

As members of their community, we have the chance to teach these little bears some proper manners and some rules of coexistence.

You can recognize these yearling cubs by their size and proportions. They are about the size of a large dog, and their legs look a little too long for their smallish bodies. Their ears will seem to stick up far on their heads – this is because their heads haven't grown into their ears yet! They may be scruffy from moulting, but this doesn't indicate poor health.

If you see a yearling on the trails, start as usual: stop, speak calmly, and slowly back away. If the bear moves towards you, rather than leaving or going along their way, it's time to set a boundary and communicate to the bear that they aren't allowed to approach people:

- Stop.
- Make yourself look large (group together, open your jacket, raise your arms), and make eye contact.
- Yell at the bear with a deep, strong voice to tell him or her to back off.
- If you have bear spray, remove it from the holster and remove the safety.
- You can also take one quick, heavy step towards the bear while yelling (i.e., you can bluff charge the bear).
- If the bear still does not stop, a quick release of bear spray in their face will be extremely effective.

Yearling cubs in our neighbourhoods need to learn that it's not okay to access human-provided foods. Be extra careful at this time of year to keep your garbage, organics, and recycling bins clean, odour-free, and as empty during the week as possible. Remove all types of bird feeders. And be extra careful to keep cars empty of food (or perfumed items such as air fresheners), doors locked, and windows up. Keep ground-level doors, windows, and garage doors shut unless you are right there to monitor them.

Use a deep, strong voice to give the bears a negative experience. You can also do this while throwing small stones or water balloons towards, not at, the bear, or while banging pots and pans. We want the bear to make a negative

association with the human voice.

Bears are extremely intelligent and have excellent memories. A few lessons taught at a young age will really help these bears live long, healthy lives on the North Shore.

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**SEYMOUR  
HEIGHTS**  
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**Seymour Heights  
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*North Vancouver School District*

### **Seymour Heights Update**

Erin Bulycz, SHPAC Chair

In May we took our students outside! They attended two track and field qualifying events, our Jump Rope for Heart event and fundraiser, our grade 4s went to Cheakamus Outdoor School, and many classes saw an increase in walking field trips. We also enjoyed our annual grade 6 and 7 Entrepreneur Fair, Kindie Orientations for our incoming families, and our Primary Spring Concert.

June will see the fruits of our labours with the North Shore Track and Field Meet at Swangard, our annual Multicultural Potluck event, and our year-end Heights Night fundraising (kidless!) night out. The countdown to these big events and to summer break is on!

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It's a cruel season that makes you get ready for bed while it's light out.

-- Bill Watterson

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# Blueridge Elementary

## **BPAC Update - May 2025**

Cheryl Sauve

May was a month filled with exciting events and opportunities for the students at Blueridge Elementary to shine!

This year for the “Salmon in the Classroom” initiative, Blueridge Elementary received 51 Coho eggs in January and released 51 Coho fry into the Seymour River on May 15! In other creature news, the ducklings in the grade 6/7 class hatched! Obi, Waddles, Dawn, and LJ got to spend a week with the students of Blueridge before returning home. The students showed great kindness and responsibility caring for the eggs and chicks over a number of weeks.

Eco-kids club has returned, and the students have been hard at work planting, weeding, and maintaining the front gardens. Detour your evening walk to the front doors of the school to see them!

Blueridge students secured 3rd and 8th place spots in the recent NVSD Chess Championships! Big thanks to the volunteer organizers and chess wizards of our school community. Chess Club starts up again in October!

The Lion King performance by students at Blueridge was a great success. Thanks to all the staff and students who dedicated their time before and after school to help out behind and in front of the curtains!

The scholastic book fair took place in May. Thanks to all the book buyers for your support of our library’s shelves and volunteers who ran it! This month our library also hosted two BC authors who treated the grade 5s to a drawing workshop and other students to an interactive book talk on the interactions of science, art, and kindness. Also on the book front, 14 avid readers joined our Blueridge librarian at the 2nd annual NVSD “Battle of the Books” trivia competition, demonstrating their outstanding knowledge of the 12 books they challenged themselves to read this year.

Big congratulations to all the students who participated in the track and field qualification events at Sutherland and Blueridge in May. They were running and jumping and throwing their hearts out. Next up is the final district event at Swanguard Stadium.

Coming up June 11 is “Free to Be Me” Day where classes will come together for a school-wide parade to highlight what makes them special, and honour diversity, inclusion and the freedom to share their authentic selves. It’s bound to be a fun and colourful day!

Spirit Day takes place on June 13 and includes a variety of stations with fun activities hosted by the grade 7s as one last opportunity to give back to their school community before moving on to high school next year. It’s always an eagerly anticipated day.

Blueridge Elementary’s Parent Advisory Council (BPAC) is still looking for new volunteers for next year, particularly parents with kids in younger grades (K-3). You can give time as you have it, and many roles don’t require daytime availability. Email [bpacblueridge@gmail.com](mailto:bpacblueridge@gmail.com) to put your hand up or come out to the first BPAC meeting of the year in September.

The grade 7s of Blueridge have their “grad” celebration on Wednesday, June 25. Keep your eye out for some shined-up sneakers and snazzy outfits around that day. Congratulations to the grade 7s! Blueridge will miss you and your parents really do feel like kindergarten was yesterday...

Enjoy your summer, everyone!

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Lesley Brooks, Anni Danielson, Shivani Verma, and DNV Mayor Mike Little

## **Shivani Verma Awarded BCA Scholarship**

Anni Danielson

Shivani Verma, an amazing and talented Windsor Secondary School graduate student, has been awarded the Eric Andersen Scholarship award for 2025.

In grade 9 she became a valuable member of the Blueridge Community Association Social Media Committee and volunteered for four years as the social media coordinator, helping amplify community initiatives online. She worked endlessly even in summertime.

She is the Co-President of Windsor's Interact, Green Team, and Model UN clubs and has been involved in meaningful youth-led initiatives focused on community, sustainability, and empowerment. She led several events ranging from food drives to talent shows, raising thousands of dollars for charities like BC Children's Hospital and the Action Against Hunger cause.

Shivani, as part of the Interact team, partnered with organizations such as the Harvest Project and the Firehall to host food and toy drives.

She spent many hours volunteering with the Parkgate, Capilano University, and Lynn Valley Ecology Centre youth summer camps, leading kids through crafts, technology, and forest trails. These experiences taught her that leadership isn't just about taking charge but about uplifting others and creating trust through action.

Shivani will be attending UBC, where she will be taking general science courses. We wish her success in all her endeavours.

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### **Newest Blueridge Spirit Award Winner Announced**

The Blueridge Spirit Award recognizes residents who show enthusiasm and passion for the community. This “pay it forward” award is passed on when the current holder of the award selects a new winner within three months. And the latest winner is In-Ah Mellor. Past winner Mary Stern tells us why:

We are honoured to pass the Blueridge Spirit Award on to In-Ah Mellor for her awesome contribution to the resurrection and ongoing success of Blueridge Good Neighbour Day.

Over the past three years, she has brought enormous energy and leadership to the committee, especially as Chair. As newcomers to this committee, we recognized the enormity of the task she undertook in following in the large footsteps of Eric Godot Andersen—Chair of an event with such a long legacy and special place in our community. In-Ah embraced the role with energy, grace, grit, and no shortage of flair.

Not only is she an organized and effective communicator, she also leads with creativity and a strong vision. For the past three years, she has designed the event’s theme—from Rainbow Explosion, to Phoenix Rising, to this year’s Fierce Bear. You can see her wonderful designs on the BGND t-shirts, each one capturing the spirit of the moment.

It's no surprise to learn that, along with her family and community, art and culture are very important to her. Having grown up in Germany near the Alps, surrounded by nature, she's grateful that her two children can now experience something similar here in Blueridge, through the beauty and nature that surrounds us.

When asked how to inspire others to volunteer and get involved, she shared her thoughtful insights: more young families are moving into Blueridge, which makes it so important for younger people to join planning committees and volunteer. This way, neighbours get to know each other, and these events can continue to thrive. The torch is being passed, but there must be people willing to pick it up. Committees aren't closed groups—they're very open to new people and new ideas. There's no pressure to take on more than you can handle or to stay involved if it's not the right fit. It's awesome if you can—and perfectly okay if you can't.

So what's next for In-Ah? She was recently honoured with an invitation to join the BCA Board, and we're sure she'll be a wonderful addition. Alongside this and her professional animation and illustration work for children's books, logos, and more, she intends to return to painting and exhibits. Her artwork, inspired by nature, connection, and thoughtful reflection, can be seen at [in-ah.com](http://in-ah.com).

Her impact on the community is undeniable—and we can't wait to see what the next "installation" brings. Thank you, In-Ah, for all that you do!

Eric Andersen, BCA's chair, adds:

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, deservingly picked by the previous winners, Mary Stern and Tristan Patterson.

You most definitely deserve it with the amount of BGND work that you are and have been doing over the last couple of years! Personally, I have had the pleasure of getting to know you well thanks to your amazing work through the BGND planning team, and I was totally thrilled that Mary and Tristan decided to pick you as the next recipient of the Blueridge Spirit Award. I am convinced that Elmira and Fariba will agree with me.

It's a real privilege for all of us to have neighbours like you living right here in our community.

Congratulations, In-Ah!

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### **Go Fund Me Created for Seniors Displaced by the Silverlynn Fire**

The May 10 fire at the Silverlynn Senior's Complex displaced more than 40 people, and help is needed. If you have the ability, a donation to help these people in their time of need would be very appreciated. A GoFundMe has been created by Gillian Konst and the Lynn Valley Community Association. You can donate here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/silverlynn-seniors-complex-gutted-by-fire>

More information about the fire is available in [this CBC story](#), and other ways the community is working to aid the victims are described in [this story from the North Shore News](#).

Again, any donation is welcome. Thank you!

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In summer, my favorite outdoor activity is going back inside.

-- Unknown, but maybe Snackeroo?

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## **Summer in the Garden**

Emilie Currie

Welcome to June in the garden. By now, plants have found their footing, the bees are busy, and the daylight hours are blissfully long. Here are some tips to help make the most of the month:

### **1. Planting: It's Not Too Late**

Think you missed the boat? Not even close. June is prime time for planting heat-loving veggies and annuals. Tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, and beans all thrive when the soil has warmed up. Direct-sow quick-growing crops like radishes, lettuce, and spinach for staggered harvests throughout the summer.

For flower beds and containers, fill in any gaps with annuals like marigolds, zinnias, cosmos, or nasturtiums — they'll bloom right through fall if deadheaded regularly.

### **2. Watering: Deep, Not Daily**

The sun is strong now, and while it's tempting to water daily, resist the urge. Shallow watering leads to shallow roots. Instead, water deeply once or twice a week to encourage roots to grow downward where the soil stays moist. Early morning is best — less evaporation, less mildew.

### **3. Deadhead, Prune & Pinch**

Keep your garden tidy and blooming longer by deadheading spent flowers, especially on annuals and repeat-blooming perennials like roses. June is also a great time to pinch back herbs like basil and mint — it keeps them bushy and

flavourful.

Got spring bloomers like lilacs, forsythia, or rhododendrons? Now's the time to prune them, before next year's buds start forming.

#### **4. Watch for Pests (and Invite the Good Guys)**

June often marks the arrival of aphids, slugs, and other garden nuisances. Keep an eye out and act early — a quick blast of water or a squirt of insecticidal soap often does the trick. Encourage natural predators like ladybugs and birds by avoiding harsh chemicals and adding diversity to your garden.

#### **5. Harvest What You Can**

Herbs, strawberries, peas, and greens may already be ready for picking — and the more you harvest, the more you encourage new growth. Don't wait too long to pick ripe produce; overripe fruits can attract pests and sap the plant's energy.

Welcome summer, and we hope to see you in the garden soon!



### **Camp Creative at Maplewood House**

North Van Arts Staff

Summer Camps 2025 | Registration is open now

North Van Arts is offering 6 weeks of camps for 6-11 year olds. Campers will delve into visual arts, drama, music, textile arts, nature-based projects, outdoor play, and more.

The camps run Monday - Friday | 8:30am - 3:30pm | \$395

All camps are located at Maplewood House | 399 Seymour River Place, North Vancouver

Learn more about [Camp Creative](#):  
[northvanarts.ca](http://northvanarts.ca) | 604 988 6844

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## Blueridge Trivia

Jeff Powell

If you visited the BCA's booth at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, you might have taken a chance to win \$100 by answering a question about Blueridge. We thought it might be interesting to list all the questions and their answers here. You never know. Maybe these will help you win next year!

Q: Who is president of the Blueridge Community Association?

A: Eric Andersen, who has led the BCA board for many years now.

Q: What was the issue that started the BCA?

A: A plan to build a road from the top of Berkley to Lynn Valley.

Q: What are the names of the 2 elementary schools in Blueridge?

A: Blueridge and Seymour Heights

Q: How many years have we celebrated Blueridge Good Neighbour Day?

A: 25 (in 2025)

Q: Name 4 activities of the BCA.

A: Any of them will do, and the list is long. Some are: The newsletter, Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, Newcomer's Welcome, Scholarship, Blueridge Awards, etc. See [our website](#) if you want to find out just how much the BCA does!

Q: How often does our newsletter come out each year?

A: 3 times. Bonus points if you know the difference between the Newsletter and the Bulletin, and that the Bulletin comes out monthly!

Q: Which DNV councillor lives in Blueridge?

A: Jim Hanson

Q: Why should cat owners keep their pets indoors?

A: Because coyotes eat cats!

Q: Name 2 animals that can be seen ransacking garbage cans in Blueridge.

A: Bears and raccoons. (We also accepted crows and coyotes.)

Q: On what road did a slide occur in Blueridge? It killed a woman living there.

A: Berkley

Q: Which high school do most Blueridge students go on to attend?

A: Windsor Secondary

Q: Which bus route serves Blueridge?

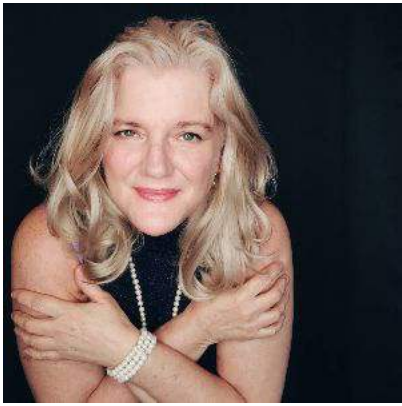
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If you have other Blueridge trivia, please [share it with the BCA's webmaster](#), who will find a place for it on the BCA's website.



### **Music in the Garden Returns!**

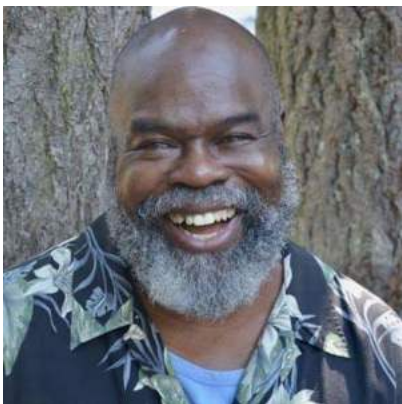
The annual concert series right here in Blueridge is back.



The first show is **Cayla Brook on July 6th, 4-6pm**. Cayla is an award-winning singer-songwriter. She has a passion for the sophistication of jazz and the energy of rock music, accompanied by her superb band, Bill Sample (piano), Miles Foxx-Hill (bass), and Buff Allen (percussion).



The second concert is **The Marc Atkinson Trio on Saturday, July 19th, 4-6 pm**. They've been performing internationally for 20 years, playing everything from the Montreal Jazz Fest 5 times to a private party for the Queen of England. The music is focused around the compositions of Marc Atkinson but has the backbone of the Gypsy swing rhythm and elegant reflections of Django Reinhardt. An evening of instrumental guitar and violin music that will knock your socks off! Marc Atkinson (guitar), Cameron Wilson (violin), Scott White (bass), and Jody Rutherford (guitar).



And finally, it's **Marcus Mosely & Friends on September 6th from 4-6 pm**. Marcus is renowned for his musical performances and has had a profound impact on the cultural landscape of BC, as recognized in 2024 when he received the BC Achievement Foundation Award. This year he will be accompanied by Diane Lines (piano) and Tim Porter (guitar).

#### **About the Garden Concerts:**

- Each concert \$40. Save yourself \$10 and buy all 3 concerts for \$110!
- Limit of 60 people in the garden, so you'll want to get your tickets early. All tickets are sold in advance by emailing Roxie Giles:

[roxiemusic2017@gmail.com](mailto:roxiemusic2017@gmail.com).

- Tickets on sale now!
- Location: 1969 Arroyo Court

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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.

**May 5, 2025 Regular Meeting:**

This meeting had 12 items on the agenda, which is quite substantial, but thankfully several were just votes without debate. Public comment mostly concerned a proposed development on Mt. Seymour Parkway, near the golf course. Several speakers opposed the development, and only the developer supported it in this venue. Other speakers from the BGND invited the council to come to Blueridge Good Neighbour Day.

Before the regular items, there was a delegation from the [North Shore Neighbourhood House](#), which supports people at risk of poverty. This organization has been added to the BCA website's [Resources page](#) under "For Those in Need."

The first item related to Blueridge was 8.2, the rezoning of several lots near the golf course on Mt. Seymour Parkway to allow the creation of townhouses. There was extensive discussion on this item, and a number of concerns were raised, from displacing current residents to the fact that it was higher-end townhouses rather than middle-income rental properties. Another concern was selling two DNV-owned greenspace lots to the developer. This development was almost voted down entirely, but Mayor Little asked that it be referred back to staff for modification to better suit the neighbourhood and the District's needs. That motion passed 4 to 3, with councillors Muri, Forbes, and Hanson voting against it. As a result of that referral, the developer can rework the proposal and come back to the district any time. Had it been voted down completely, it would have been off the table for a full year.

A number of annual financial votes were taken. These were all standard, annual things to meet with legal obligations to the province. In all cases, no debate was allowed, as they were either being approved or all debate had been previously completed. In particular, the tax rate bylaws were voted on.

A motion from Councillor Back was discussed to look into ways to save water in the District and to have staff report back on the options and costs to implement water metering in the District. Discussion here was interesting. Everyone present supported the idea of getting more information, but Council and the Mayor were divided on the effectiveness and utility of water metering. In the end the motion passed unanimously, but it was noted that this is only information gathering and that no metering is starting - or has even been approved - at this time.

In addition, a motion from Councillor Hanson asked staff to look into ways to

encourage the use of rain barrels by District residents. This also passed unanimously.

**May 12, 2025 Special Meeting:**

The only agenda item at this meeting was approving the new tax rates bylaw. There was no debate, only a vote, and the result was unanimous approval.

**May 26, 2025 Regular Meeting:**

The first item on the agenda at this meeting was the approval of a development permit [allowing HTEC to begin detailed design on a hydrogen liquification plant located at 100 Forester Street](#), which is just south of Blueridge, near the Chemtrade chlorine production facility. Councillors were very receptive of this project, with the only major concern being the amount of traffic that will occur with so many new developments going on in the Maplewood area.

Next was a discussion of a business license framework for rental properties in the district. The proposal would require business licenses for those operating long-term rental properties in the DNV, with exceptions for a number of cases, mostly dealing with individuals renting out suites or coach houses on their own properties. The next step for this is a public input stage, so keep an eye out for that if this might apply to you. Some councillors weren't quite sure if this license requirement would achieve the goal of keeping rental tenants safer in their homes, and they are definitely interested in public feedback on the issue.

Then council discussed an item that we knew was coming: extending the maximum short-term rental stay from 28 days to the provincial maximum of 89 days. Council recently approved short-term rental rules, and at the time they knew they wanted to make this change. As a result, they have waived the public hearing for this item in order to push it through more quickly. I expect it will be passed in a coming meeting.

Councillor Back then presented a motion to have the District research what it takes to be designated a Bird Friendly City via Nature Canada. This wasn't particularly controversial except that some cities that have received this designation have attempted to ban outdoor cats. As there are arguments on both sides of that particular issue, and the motion only asks staff to report back what it would take to get the designation, not to take those steps at this time, the motion passed unanimously. But should it come back and the council decide to take it on, there may be challenging discussions ahead.

Finally, during the reports section of the meeting, several council members discussed Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, how much they enjoy the event, that they appreciate how much work it is, and how well the BCA does at organizing and communicating its activities. At least four councillors and the mayor attended BGND this year. Also mentioned was the BCA's Annual General Meeting, and once again the BCA was lauded for its work and efforts. In other reports, Councillor Muri brought up the Deloitte report on governance at Metro Vancouver. She thinks media coverage has been unfair. (You'll find a few of those media articles linked in the Newsworthy section in this issue.) She noted that the [entire report is available on the Metro Vancouver website](#) (it begins on page 31 of that document) so that everyone can review it and come to their own conclusions.

Other items were discussed, but they didn't directly impact Blueridge.

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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](#):

Symphony concert performance:

- Grainger, *Shepherd's Hey*
- Chopin, *Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor*, Op. 11
- Grieg, *Piano Concerto in A Minor*, Op. 16
- Vivaldi, *Concerto in D Major for Guitar*
- Saint-Saëns, *Dance Bacchanale from Samson and Delilah*, Op. 47

Featuring pianists **Jerry Zheng** and **Joseph Goulding** and guitarist **Golnar Riahi**

- Friday, June 6, 8 pm
- Admission by donation. Suggested \$25 per adult or \$15 per youth. Children up to 12 are free.
- [Highlands United Church](#)
- 8 pm

[Deep Cove Coffee House](#) presents:

Feature: **The Leora Cashe Trio**

Openers: **The Unmentionables** / **Linda Szentes** solo piano

Leora Cashe is a jazz vocalist whose rich, velvety tone and emotionally resonant delivery have captivated audiences across Europe and North America.

- June 20th
- Mount Seymour United Church, [1200 Parkgate Ave., North Vancouver](#)
- \$20 each, cash only, at the door - includes delicious baked goodies, dark roast decaf coffee, teas and cold lemon water (Youth: \$5 / children & musicians: free)
- Doors open at 7 pm
- Opener: 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- Refreshment break: 8:30 pm
- Feature: 9 pm

[Deep Cove Stage Society](#) presents:

**Five Alarm** - A fairground in Killaloe, Ontario, is home to the annual Wayne Rose Memorial Chili Cook-Off, where Killaloe residents come each year to compete for the honour and the cash prize. The most determined of these is Ava Rose, who has tried (and failed) to win for sixteen years. This year, with the help of a new assistant, Ava returns to battle her former childhood friend and rival. If she can piece together her late father's missing Five Alarm Chili recipe, she might just piece together the mysteries of her past.

- June 6th to 20th, 2025 (Th, Fri, Sat @ 7:30 pm)
- Matinees June 8th, 15th and 21st (@ 2:00 pm)
- \$12 Preview June 5th @ 7:30 pm
- In the Shaw Theatre in downtown Deep Cove.
- Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

[Presentation House Theatre](#) presents:

**Movie singalong: The Sound of Music** - Climb every mountain with PHT's first-ever Movie Singalong! Delight in The Sound of Music and join us for a special screening of the 1965 classic movie musical adapted from the stage version of the same name by Rodgers and Hammerstein, starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer. Follow Maria as she's sent to the house of a retired naval captain to care for his children, who have run off countless governesses. Maria teaches the children to sing, and through her, music is brought back into the hearts and home of the Von Trapp family. Sing along to popular tunes such as "Do-Re-Mi", "My Favorite Things", "Edelweiss", and more!

- Saturday, June 14, 2025, 2 pm and 8 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

- **I'm glad I know sign language.** It's pretty handy!
  - **School's Out Soon** - Keep an eye out for kids on our streets any hour of the day. See the Important Dates section for the day your school ends.
  - **I did a theatrical performance about puns.** It was really just a play on words.
  - **Bears and Garbage** - Next month there will be an article titled Trash Talk, about different issues seen in the neighbourhood around trash bins, collection, and the like. Some of that will matter to bears. In the meantime, see the [garbage and recycling page](#) on the BCA website for any information you need.
  - **Becoming vegetarian** was a huge missed steak.
  - **Water Conservation** - Metro Vancouver is in Stage 1 water conservation rules at this time. Lawn watering is limited to just once a week now. [Click here](#) to learn which day you can water, and here are all the [other water use restrictions](#). The current water restrictions are always listed on the [BCA website's homepage](#).
  - **Why is Peter Pan always flying?** He Neverlands. (Sorry, but that joke never grows old).
  - **Fire Danger** - Yes, it has rained, and that has kept our fire danger low, but that will change. If you are ever in doubt, the [BCA website's homepage](#) also has the current fire danger level and a link to the [DNV's forest fire prevention page](#).
  - **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.
  - **If a kid won't take a nap and the RCMP is called,** is the crime "resisting a rest"?
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## Newsworthy

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

- [Seniors One Stop Provides North Shore Seniors With All the Information They Need](#)
- [District of North Vancouver Grants Permits for Hydrogen Liquification Plant](#) – located on the inlet just south of Blueridge
- [DNVFRS Launches Community Connect Service](#) – this service lets you tell DNV Fire & Rescue about your home and circumstances to aid them in the event of an emergency at your residence
- [Maplewood Fire and Rescue Centre Community Celebration](#) – Jun 7, 2025, 10 am – 2 pm
- [Charcoal BBQs Banned in DNV Parks](#) – effective June 1, 2025
- [Panel to Address Affordable North Shore Housing Needs](#) - you can attend and participate
- [A UXO Was Detonated this Morning](#) – [North Shore News story](#)
- [DNV to Extend Maximum Short Term Rental Stays to 90 Days](#)
- [DNV Staff Recommend Approval for Hydrogen Plant in Maplewood](#)
- [Microchipped Pets More Likely to be Returned](#) - though the article isn't local, it's a good reminder for Blueridge pet owners
- [Jim Hanson's Ports Property Tax Article](#) - originally published in the [May Blueridge Bulletin](#), has appeared in the North Shore News
- [Letter: Many Dog Owners Are Crappy at Disposing of Poop Bags](#) - your webmaster has seen this too, regularly. Please take those poop bags to a suitable trash can!
- [Mock Car Crash at Windsor High Shows Dangerous Driving Risks](#)
- [North Shore Receives \\$1.3 Million in Disaster Mitigation Funds](#)

- [“Flushable” Wipes Aren’t Actually Flushable](#) - no matter what the packaging says
- [46 Townhomes Proposed for Mt. Seymour Parkway](#) - near Parkgate; this was [referred back to staff](#) for changes at the May 5th DNV Council meeting
- [Fire Risk Rising in Southern BC](#)
- [The Benefits of Volunteering](#)
- [Federal Election Turnout Was 71.9% in the Burnaby North-Seymour Riding](#)
- **Metro Vancouver**
  - [DNV Councillor Catherine Pope Thinks Metro Vancouver’s Reforms Pledge Not Sufficient](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver’s Official Response to the Governance Review Report](#)
  - [Another View of the Deloitte Report](#)
  - [Deloitte Report Calls for Major Changes in Metro Vancouver](#) - full report available starting on page 30 of [this PDF file](#) (363 pages)
  - [Debunking Misinformation and Disinformation About Metro Vancouver](#) - this page has Metro’s POV on a number of issues, including the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant
- **New Restaurants**
  - [King Taps to Open in Lonsdale Quay on May 27th](#)
  - [Liberty Kitchen Opened on May 13th](#) - in the old Toby’s location on Main St.
- **Water**
  - [Drought and Wildfire Forecast is Bleak](#) - but don’t panic yet
  - [DNV Councillor Jim Hanson Proposes Rain Barrel Program](#)
  - [DNV Council to Investigate Water Metering](#)
  - [Snowpack Below Average Once Again](#) - we’re at about 76% of normal
  - [Stage 1 Water Restriction Information](#) - from the DNV
  - [All Roadside Catch Basins Flow to Our Waterways](#) - help protect our habitat
- **Burrard Inlet Dredging**
  - [A More Nuanced Article About Dredging the Inlet](#)
  - [Port Says Dredging of Vancouver’s Burrard Inlet Underway](#) - the headline is alarmist; initial work includes consultation and field studies. No dredging has actually started yet.
  - [Questions and Considerations About Potential Dredging](#)

- [BC Government Shows Support for Dredging Burrard Inlet to Let Larger Tankers Refill from the Trans Mountain Pipeline](#)
- **TransLink**
  - [More on the R2 Extension to Metrotown](#)
  - [Property Tax, Fare Hikes to Fund TransLink Service Expansion](#)
  - [Phibbs Exchange to Metrotown Rapid Bus Coming by 2027](#)

## This Month In Cheese

- [Two Cheese-Rolling Contestants Taken to Hospital](#)
- [Wrap Cheese in Parchment Paper to Avoid Mold](#) - I don't know if I believe that
- [The Top 100 Cheeses in the World](#) - according to Taste Atlas
- [Pitbull gets Swim Therapy While Being Fed Cheese](#)
- [Despite Popular Belief, Eating Cheese Before Bed Does Not Cause Nightmares](#) - who on earth would think that?!?
- [Cheese Market Exceeding Expectations](#)
- [4 Simple Rules for Pairing Wine and Cheese](#) - that work every time
- [You Can Eat a Different UK Cheese 365 Days a Year](#)
- [Wendy's Canada Debuts New Grilled Cheese Cheeseburger](#)
- [The Physics of Frilly Swiss Cheese "Flowers"](#)
- [Perfect Swiss Cheese Fondue at Home](#)



## Important June Dates

June is [National Indigenous History Month](#) and [Pride Month](#). Throughout June, [Stage 1 Water Restrictions](#) are in place.

- **Jun 2:** Windsor Secondary PAC meeting, library, 7:30 pm
- **Jun 4:** Windsor Secondary final band & strings concert, [Kay Meek Theatre](#), West Vancouver, 7-9:30 pm
- **Jun 4:** [National Cheese Day](#)
- **Jun 6:** Windsor Secondary final choir concert, MP Room, 7:30-9:30 pm
- **Jun 6-9:** [Eid al-Adha](#)
- **Jun 7:** Maplewood Fire and Rescue Centre community celebration, 10 am - 2pm
- **Jun 9:** DNV Council meeting, [DNV Municipal Hall](#), 7 - 10 pm
- **Jun 11:** Blueridge, Seymour Heights and Lynnmour band concert, Windsor Secondary, large gym, 7-8 pm
- **Jun 12:** Seymour Heights PAC Multicultural Potluck, upper playground area, back of school, 3:30-4:30 pm
- **Jun 12:** Seymour Heights PAC Meeting, staff room, 7-8:30 pm
- **Jun 15:** Father's Day
- **Jun 15:** Federal taxes due for self-employed Canadians
- **Jun 16:** DNV Council workshop, [DNV Municipal Hall](#), 7 - 10 pm
- **Jun 19:** [Juneteenth](#)
- **Jun 20:** [Summer Solstice](#)
- **Jun 20:** Windsor Secondary last day of school
- **Jun 20:** Windsor Secondary graduation ceremony, Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver, 7 - 9:30 pm
- **Jun 21:** [National Indigenous People's Day](#)
- **Jun 23:** DNV Special Council meeting, [DNV Municipal Hall](#), 5 - 6 pm (confirm time on the DNV website)
- **Jun 23:** DNV Council meeting, [DNV Municipal Hall](#), 7 - 10 pm (confirm time on the DNV website)
- **Jun 25:** Meet DNV MLA Susie Chant, DNV Public Library, [Lynn Valley branch](#), 10:30 - 11:30 am
- **Jun 25:** Meet DNV MLA Susie Chant, DNV Public Library, [Parkgate branch](#), 6 - 7 pm
- **Jun 26:** Blueridge and Seymour Heights Elementary last day of school
- **Jun 27:** [Canadian Multiculturalism 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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1. [Amazing new dishwasher](#) - 35 clicks
2. BGND silent auction bidding site - 27 clicks
3. [BCA Sitter and Tutor Directory](#) - 22 clicks
4. [Arrest in Blueridge](#) - 9 clicks
5. [Blueridge Good Neighbour Day](#) - 8 clicks
6. [The Blueridge Awards](#) - 7 clicks
7. [Project Community](#) - 7 clicks
8. [Seymour Heights Elementary Playground Update Gets Funding](#) - 6 clicks
9. [Blueridge Local Business Directory](#) - 5 clicks
10. [DNV Volunteer Opportunities](#) - 5 clicks

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