

# *Blueridge Bulletin*

## *August 2025*



Ah, summer. That's the summer sun through the trees out front. Just the way I like it... well hidden behind lots of leaves!

Whatever you're up to this August, be prepared for the heat and the crowds. And bring your sunscreen!

But while summer may mean time off and vacations, things are always happening. As usual, we've done our best to bring you all the news we can in one place. Please let us know how we're doing by emailing us at [bulletin@blueridgeca.org](mailto:bulletin@blueridgeca.org). Thank you!

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## Features



### **Should We Use District-Owned Green Space to Build Townhouses?**

Jim Hanson, Councillor, District of North Vancouver

At the July 21, 2025, District Council meeting, we considered when we should use District-owned green space for townhouse development. At issue are two District-owned lots (pictured below) on Mount Seymour Parkway near Gaspé Place. A development company wishes to consolidate five single-family lots (privately held) with two adjoining District-owned green-space lots and a closed road allowance to build 46 townhouses.

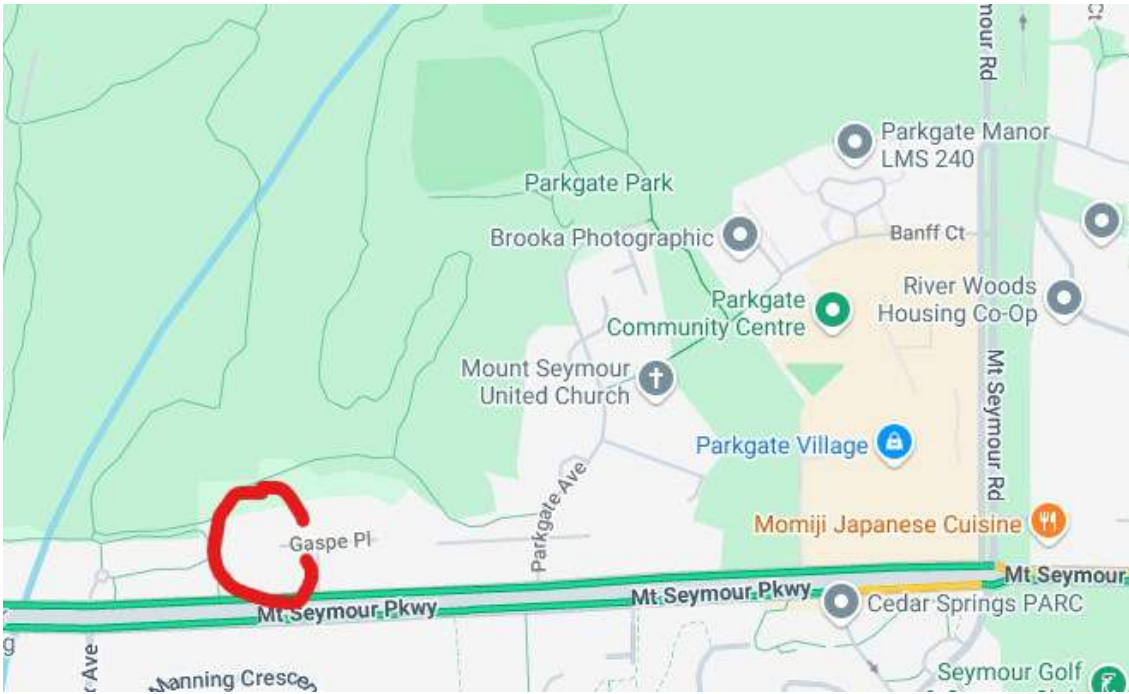
The development company is offering to pay \$4,760,000 for the two District lots and closed road allowance, along with a \$1,050,000 Community Amenity contribution.

In a 4-3 vote, Council voted to allow the proposal to proceed. It was agreed that the \$4,760,000 will be used to support social housing. Mayor Little and Councillors Back, Pope, and Mah voted in favour. Myself and Councillors Muri and Forbes voted against.

At issue was the balancing of the community benefits from the developments (46 townhouses and \$4,760,000 for social housing) against the long-term benefit of preserving public green space in the District.

For my part, I believe that we set a dangerous precedent in converting District-owned green space into townhomes. These green spaces belong to all of us, and our descendants will thank us for preserving this irreplaceable community asset. While there may be cases where the benefits of converting green spaces into housing are justified by the need for affordable housing, this is not such a case, in my view.

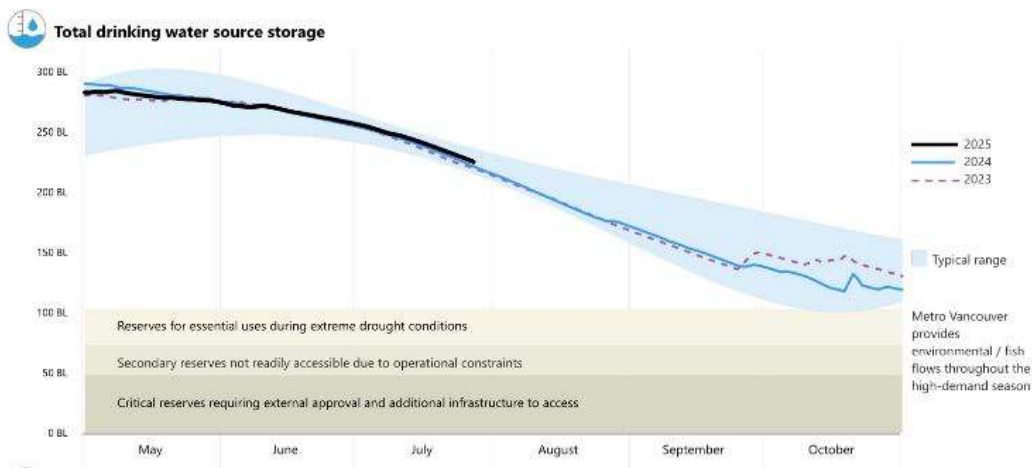
I say let us keep our District-owned green spaces green for all times and all peoples. As our population grows, we will discover more the need for public green and open space.



But tomorrow may rain, so I'll follow the sun.

-- The Beatles

## Supply indicators



## Follow Sprinkling Regulations and Turn Off the Tap If You Can!

Brian Gardiner

While our drinking water reservoirs are pretty much at normal levels, it's still important to follow watering regulations and save water where you can.

North Vancouver District residents get their water from the Seymour and Capilano reservoirs (Coquitlam Lake is the other reservoir providing water to Metro Vancouver). Water is supplied to the District by the Greater Vancouver Water District. In 2024, 18.2 million cubic metres of water were delivered to the District.

It's important to be vigilant about water use even while it looks like the reservoirs are in good condition. For example, while the snowpack was reported to be above average in the spring, warm weather in May and June melted it away.

While water usage per person has gone down in Metro Vancouver over the last while (conservation efforts and population changes have helped), more hotter days are expected in the future, making conservation an ongoing concern.

Water metering is seen as a way to reduce water consumption, with the indication in some communities that it has worked.

In May of this year, the District Council, following a report by Councillor Back, asked staff to look into water metering. Currently new construction of multi-family, industrial, and other buildings are required to have meters. Opinion on the council was mixed, with Mayor Little citing problems with distribution and Councillor Hanson expressing concern over the cost to households. That said,

Hanson thought there could be a charge for people with pools, and he asked staff to report on the use of rain barrels.

With regard to water quality, the District is required to report to Vancouver Coastal Health on an annual basis. The 2024 report showed that our water "met or exceeded regulatory requirements."

Regardless of everything, follow the sprinkling regulations and turn the tap off if you can!

You can monitor reservoir levels and water usage on Metro Vancouver's updated website: <https://metrovancover.org/services/water/reservoir-levels-water-use>

Water conservation tips: <https://www.dnv.org/your-home-property/tips-help-you-conserve-water>

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**metrovancover**

**Stage 1** **Water Restrictions**  
MAY 1 TO OCTOBER 15

 **LAWN WATERING**  
Even addresses | Saturday mornings  
Odd addresses | Sunday mornings

 **TREES, SHRUBS, AND FLOWERS**  
Hand water any time

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**Current fire danger rating**





## All About Carts

Jeff Powell

Let's talk about carts here in Blueridge. We must use the garbage and organics (greenwaste - yard trimmings and food waste) carts provided by the District. How much you pay for your carts (as part of your annual property tax bill) depends on the carts you use.

### Garbage:

- A typical, single residential home gets one 240-litre cart for garbage.
- You can downsize to a 140-litre cart and save \$48.80 per year.
- Homes with a secondary suite can get a second cart for an additional charge.

### Organics (green waste):

- A single home gets up to two 240-litre organics carts for the basic charge.
- Additional organics carts are available for \$51.80 each per year.

This page has details from the DNV: <https://www.dnv.org/your-home-property/order-more-carts-or-request-larger-or-smaller-carts>.

### Setting Carts Out:

- Carts cannot be too heavy. 140-litre carts must be less than 55 kg, and 240-litre carts must be less than 100 kg.
- All garbage and organics must be inside the carts. Yard trimmings in paper bags must be in a cart. Bundles of twigs also must be inside the carts. Bags outside the carts will not be collected. Nor will unofficial carts.
- Carts must be unlocked and unmodified.
- Put carts out with handles facing the street. Keep them at least 1 metre from parked cars.
- Only put carts out after 5:30 am on collection morning. **Do NOT set carts out early or the night before.** Early carts encourage animals to use the carts as a food source. Fines are \$100 for the first offence and \$500 for repeat offenders.
- Keep carts clean and odour-free to discourage animals.
- Keep carts inside garages or otherwise protected from animals if possible. The locks on your carts are definitely NOT bear-proof. A determined bear will get into any available cart easily, even a locked one.
- Keep smelly organic waste in your freezer until collection morning. Organic waste can be kept in a paper bag and then added to the cart. **Do NOT put any plastic in the organics cart. Not even plastic labelled as biodegradable.**

### **Broken, Lost, or Stolen Carts:**

When carts break, they can often be repaired. However, there is a backlog of repair requests, and it may be some time before the District can repair your cart. In the meantime, the DNV wants people to use their carts if at all possible while waiting for repairs. You can request repairs by filling out the form on this page: <https://www.dnv.org/your-home-property/request-repairs-your-carts-or-report-lost-or-stolen-cart>. The same form can also be used to report lost or stolen carts.

### **Curbside Recycling:**

Curbside recycling goes into the blue and grey boxes, as well as the yellow bags. Grey boxes are for glass, blue boxes are for mixed containers, and the yellow bags are for paper and cardboard. The District collects many things curbside, but not everything recyclable is handled this way. Many additional items can be recycled for free at the North Shore Recycling and Waste Centre at [30 Riverside Drive](#). For a list of what can be recycled there, visit their website: <https://metrovancover.org/services/solid-waste/north-shore-recycling-and-waste-centre>. (The list of things that can be recycled there is far too long to

include in this article.) If you need new blue or grey boxes or new yellow bags, contact Emterra, the recycling vendor, at 778-589-3221 or [NV.CSR@emterra.ca](mailto:NV.CSR@emterra.ca).

### **Curbside Recycling Notes:**

- Plastic wrappers and bags do not go in the blue boxes. Those go to the recycling centre.
- Styrofoam also doesn't go in the blue boxes. It also goes to the recycling centre.
- Window glass contains lead and is not recyclable. It goes in the garbage.
- If you're not sure if something is recyclable, check the Waste Wizard on this webpage: <https://www.dnv.org/your-home-property/items-we-dont-collect>.
- Put shredded paper into a paper bag before putting it in your yellow bag. Loose shredded paper blows all over the streets.
- Thoroughly rinse all food waste off your recyclable items to avoid attracting animals. Crows have a particular habit of raiding blue boxes for any food they can find, and they scatter everything else in the process.

All of the information above, and more, came from the DNV website. Here's the starting place: <https://www.dnv.org/your-home-property/garbage-recycling-organic-waste>

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### **Wildfire Mitigation Work**

Jeff Powell

In mid-July you might have noted people measuring and flagging trees in the highlighted area in the map below:



This is part of an ongoing effort to reduce wildland fire risk in the District. In this case, the area involved is just north of Blueridge. An additional area was examined near Deep Cove. In both cases, a detailed plan for managing the vegetation in the areas was being prepared, with funding from the Union of BC Municipalities. Crews measured and flagged trees as part of evaluating what will reduce fire danger effectively.

At some point, crews will return to perform the needed fuel reduction efforts, which will reduce overall fire danger in these higher-risk areas.

You can learn more about this effort from the [DNV announcement](#) and from the [DNV's Community Wildfire Protection Plan page](#). We'll also put a note up on the BCA website, on our social media, and in a future issue of the *Blueridge Bulletin* when we learn the date the fuel reduction work will begin.

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Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## **FUNdation!**

The BCA FUNdation Team

Do you like organizing fun events? Do you have a great idea and don't know how to get started? Maybe a community picnic, ball games in the park, a musical event, an inclusive "sports day," chess or card games, or some other get-together in our beautiful Blueridge?

Our FUNdation is here to provide financial support to neighbourhood events that promote inclusivity and neighbourliness. Your event can limit the number of participants but should be open to everyone.

Application forms and details about the FUNdation and financial support are all available on the [Blueridge Community Association website](#).

If you are wanting to host an event in 2025, your application is needed on or before September 1, 2025.

We look forward to hearing from you and helping you with your event!

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**Calling all North Vancouver neighbours!**

*Get ready for a day of fun, learning, and community connection at*

# Chemtrade's North Vancouver facility Community Day

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**100 Amherst Avenue**



## ACTIVITIES

- Family activities and food
- Facility shuttle bus tour
- Learn about Chemtrade's vital role in providing safe drinking water for millions of Canadians
- Meet our team, including senior leadership available to answer questions

***No RSVP needed! Just show up and join the fun!***

For more information, email

Amy Jonsson at

[ajonsson@chemtradelogistics.com](mailto:ajonsson@chemtradelogistics.com)

Learn more at [www.AskChemtrade.ca](http://www.AskChemtrade.ca)



## **DNV Recruiting New Committee Members**

Are you passionate about your community? If so, this is for you.

The District of North Vancouver has started its annual recruitment process to fill upcoming committee vacancies with terms starting January 1, 2026.

You can make a difference by joining one of our advisory committees and helping to shape the future of the DNV.

Community committees provide information and advice to Council and staff on issues of interest to the public and the District, such as community heritage, accessibility issues, environment, planning, public art and more. Now accepting applications for upcoming vacancies.

Learn about more and apply at: [DNV.org/committees](https://www.dnv.org/committees)

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For extra points, send in a story or a photo to share with your neighbours. To learn how, see our [submission guidelines](#).

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**Seymour Salmonid Society  
2025 Annual Open House**

When: Sunday, September 14th, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: Seymour River Hatchery  
From Rice Lake Gate (4900 Lillooet Rd.)  
No registration required

Free shuttle transport starts at 10:00 AM  
~ Hatchery Tours ~ Games ~ Info Booths ~ Live Band ~ Food ~  
Find out what's been going on at the hatchery and learn

more about the Seymour Salmonid Society

For more information visit: [www.seymoursalmon.com](http://www.seymoursalmon.com)

or email: [volunteering@seymoursalmon.com](mailto:volunteering@seymoursalmon.com)

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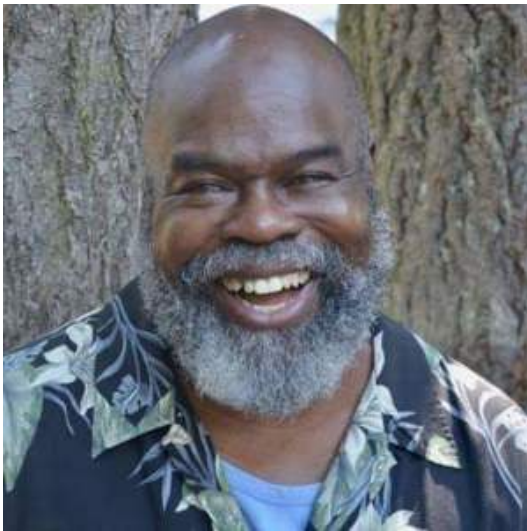
Summertime and the living is easy.

-- DuBose Heyward and Ira Gershwin

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The final 2025 Music in the Garden Concert is on September 6th, featuring...



**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 ticket is \$40.
- 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



## 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.

### **July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting:**

Those running Short-Term Rental units (STRs) will be happy to know that the DNV passed a modification to the STR bylaw at this meeting that lengthens the maximum stay to 89 days, in line with the Provincial rules, and with those of the City of North Vancouver.

Council approved \$411,611 in Community Service Grants and separately approved \$69,550 in Child Care Grants.

A motion asking staff for ways to promote the use of e-bills for property taxes and other online payments for DNV services passed unanimously. If you don't

already get your property tax bill electronically, you might consider it. It's very convenient, and you can also get a paper copy as well if desired. In addition, it is possible to pay your DNV bills online through your bank's bill pay service, and that needs more utilization as well, as it helps reduce DNV's cheque processing fees.

Councillor Pope's motion asking council to support an anti-hate pledge passed unanimously.

### **July 8, 2025 Public Meeting:**

This meeting was a "redo" of the June 24th public meeting regarding the potential expansion of Wise Beans Childcare Centre on Berton Place in Seymour Heights. The previous meeting suffered from inadequate noticing due to an error by staff. All input provided at that meeting will be included with the input from this meeting. This meeting was an opportunity for Council to hear input from the public about the proposed daycare expansion. It was not a place where Council responded to concerns raised by those in favour or those opposed.

In general, this debate broke down into two sides:

- The "pro" side argued that childcare is desperately needed, that this facility provides excellent childcare, and that the traffic and safety related concerns of the "con" side are overstated. More specifically, they claim that the concerns about additional traffic on Berton Place won't be significant because pickup & drop-offs are all done on Berkley Road, as requested by the operators of the facility.
- The "con" side argued that there will be significant traffic and safety concerns on Berton Place as a result of the proposed daycare expansion and that even additional traffic on Berkley Rd. presents new safety risks. In addition, there was concern over the notice for both the meetings and an earlier open house held by the daycare facility.

In your editor's view, the two sides essentially repeated - nearly verbatim - the arguments made at last month's meeting, and neither side provided specific evidence to prove the other side wrong. There was some nuance to the arguments on both sides, but this brief summary touches on the key points each side presented.

This will come back to council for consideration, probably on July 21st.

## **July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting:**

This was a whopper of a meeting, running nearly four hours long. As usual, only the items related to Blueridge in some way are discussed.

First, the expansion of Wise Beans Childcare Centre on Berton Place was approved. The vote was 5-2, with Mayor Little and Councillor Muri opposed. This was the subject of two previous public meetings with extensive public comment on both sides of the issue. Mayor Little was concerned about the relations between the business owners and the community, while Councillor Muri was concerned about using Berkley Road as the drop-off point and the traffic impacts that might come with it. Everyone recognized that the daycare is desperately needed, and no one criticized the daycare provided at the facility.

Those operating multiple rental properties may soon be required to obtain a business license. The bylaws requiring licenses from such businesses were given first, second, and third readings at this meeting.

One of the more contentious issues of the evening was a proposed development at the west end of Gaspe Place, a cul-de-sac on the north side of Mt. Seymour Parkway, between the golf course and Parkgate Village Shopping Mall. The proposal bundles three lots containing single-family homes and combines them with two vacant lots owned by the DNV to create space for 46 townhouses. Residents of Gaspe Place were present in large numbers to oppose the development. A primary concern was the loss of district-owned greenspace. The intent is to sell the lots to the developer and use them to purchase existing homes that can be rented out at well below market rates to people in need. This would happen in partnership with a nonprofit or other organization that would run the operation. The vote was close, but the development was given first, second, and third readings by a 4-3 margin, with Councillors Forbes, Muri, and Hanson opposed. A subsequent technical bylaw relating to the closure of part of Gaspe Place passed with the same vote count.

A report on the district's Outdoor Sports Court Optimization Strategy was received. This report was developed by North Vancouver Recreation & Culture and focused only on tennis, pickleball, lacrosse, basketball, and multi-use courts. In general, it found that while tennis court use is growing modestly, the District has adequate tennis courts. Pickleball, however, is more problematic. While the DNV has more courts than average per capita in the region, it still falls below the needed number of courts suggested by various metrics. In addition, pickleball is growing rapidly in popularity, which will add to the court

requirements. Lacrosse boxes are showing declines in use, so the existing courts are adequate to the need. The number of basketball courts is adequate if courts at local schools are included. Finally, multi-use courts aren't particularly well liked by users for any sport. The report calls for several actions, including continued maintenance of all courts and exploring the possibility of new pickleball courts in various locations. Councillors raised concerns about the time it took to get this report (which the DNV staff explicitly discounted, as they were not responsible for the production of the report) and the lack of information about other sports facility needs (like skateboard parks and disc golf facilities). There were requests to discuss facility needs with West Vancouver as well as the City of North Vancouver, and to look into covered outdoor courts to make them more usable. Discussion ended early as it was almost 11pm. The report was accepted unanimously.

**Note:**

The July 21 meeting was the last Council meeting before the summer break. As Mayor Little pointed out, councillors continue working over the summer, but there aren't any more public meetings until September 8th. As a result, there will be no *Notes from the Sausage Factory* column in the September issue of the Blueridge Bulletin. It will return in the October issue, with summaries of Blueridge related items from all the meetings in September.

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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>.

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## A Night on the Town

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

[North Vancouver Recreation & Culture](#) presents:

**Live & Local** - a series of free concerts at various venues throughout North Vancouver. There are 11 concerts in August, and you can find the details about all of them on the [NVRC website](#).

[First Impressions Theatre](#) presents:

**Jake's Gift** - Jake's Gift is a multi-award winning Canadian play about a World War II veteran's reluctant return to Normandy, France, for the 60th anniversary of the D-Day landings. While revisiting the shores of Juno Beach, Jake encounters Isabelle, a precocious 10-year-old from the local village. Isabelle's inquisitive nature and charm challenge the old soldier to confront some long-ignored ghosts – most notably the wartime death of his eldest brother, Chester, a once promising young musician. At its heart, Jake's Gift is about the legacy of remembrance and makes personal the story behind one soldier's grave.

- September 11, 12, 18, 19, 7:30 pm
- September 13, 20, 2:00 pm
- In the [Shaw Theatre](#) in downtown Deep Cove.
- Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

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*Editor's Note: This column collects information about local shows that Blueridge residents might want to attend. Each month we review a number of venues,*

including the Ambleside Symphony Orchestra, Deep Cove Stage Society, the Deep Cove Coffee House, and First Impressions Theatre. As it is summertime, many of our usual venues are off. So we ask once again, are there other local events that should go on this list next month? Please [let us know!](#)

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### In A Nutshell

- **If a Wizard uses magic to hold up a camera and take a picture of himself**, is that a Spellfie?
- **Bike Bells** - In the July 2025 issue of the *Blueridge Bulletin*, the Notes from the Sausage Factory column discussed Councillor Hanson's motion at the June 23 meeting of the DNV Council. That motion asked DNV staff to look into requiring bike bells or similar things on all bikes in the District. However, there was confusion over whether or not bells are already required by the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA). While the item has not yet come back to Council, it has been confirmed that the MVA does not require bike bells. The City of Vancouver requires them, but most municipalities do not. What happens next remains to be seen when this comes back before Council at a future meeting.
- **Straws** are for suckers.
- **Community Connect** - Remember to [sign up for Community Connect](#), a service from DNV Fire & Rescue, which lets you provide information about your home, residents, and pets, among other things, so that when DNVFRS responds to your address for an emergency they are better able to assist you.
- **Did you hear about the World War I soldier who survived both pepper spray and mustard gas?** He was a seasoned veteran.
- **Main Street Paving** - The July *Blueridge Bulletin* had an article from MLA Susie Chant's office indicating that the existing lane layout at the intersection of Main Street, Mountain Highway, and the entrance to southbound Highway 1 was not going to change. The permanent lane that

lets traffic continue under the highway and to points east - including Blueridge - will not be turned into an additional freeway entrance lane. The repaving at that intersection has begun and will continue until August 24th, according to DriveBC. Paving will happen between 7 pm and 5 am daily. Expect closures of additional streets and the eastbound on-ramp at times as well. See the [DriveBC website for more information](#).

- **Why do Buddhist monks avoid sending Word documents?** They're supposed to avoid attachments.
- **Old Growth Forests & Groves of the North Shore** - a free talk by Biologist David Cook. You'll learn where to find old-growth forests, how to identify them, and what makes them so unique and important. We'll also discuss threats to these forests, including disease, climate change, and logging. Hosted by the Parkgate Library on Thursday, August 7, at 6:30 pm. [Registration required](#).
- **This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club**, but I'd never met herbivore.
- **Register your wood-burning fireplace** - All Metro Vancouver residents who use a wood-burning fireplace or similar devices are required to register them as well as a declaration of compliance with best burning practices. You can learn more and create an account to file your registration and declaration at <https://service.metrovancouver.org/RIWB/>.
- **I stayed up all night to see where the sun went**. Then it dawned on me.
- **Don't Feed the Bears** - See the All About Carts article above.
- **I changed my phone's name to Titanic**. It's syncing now.
- **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.
- **Did you hear about the actuary who wouldn't make whipped cream?** She was whisk-averse.

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Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August.

-- Jenny Han

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## Newsworthy

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

- [Tsunami advisory for B.C. cancelled after major Russian earthquake](#) – the quake measured 8.8 and was off the Russian coast on Jul 29, 6:27 pm.
- [Grouse Mountain offers free day admission for locals next week](#) – Wednesday, August 6th
- [Remember to register your wood-burning fireplace](#)
- [60 traffic tickets dished out in 5 hours at busy North Vancouver intersection](#) - this was nearby
- [Safety reminder: cliff jumping at Lynn Canyon Park](#)
- [Free summer concert series brings good vibes to locations across North Vancouver](#)
- [Free app exploring local culture and history launches on North Shore](#)
- [You're probably not wearing enough sunscreen](#)
- [No tsunami threat to B.C. after 7.3 earthquake off Alaska's panhandle](#)
- [The bakery that built a following at a top local café is going solo in North Vancouver](#) - opened Friday, July 18th, at 650 Mountain Highway
- [Police warn of illegal e-dirt bikes on the North Shore](#) - your editor has seen at least one of these on the streets here in Blueridge, after dark, with no lights on. Be careful out there!
- [North Vancouver's Maplewood Farm celebrates 50 years of life](#)
- [Fraud experts warn of smishing scams made easier by artificial intelligence, new tech](#) - it seems that every day someone is trying to take your money
- [Bears are active on the North Shore](#)
- [North Vancouver District plans for 20K new homes](#) - this was covered earlier in the [July Blueridge Bulletin](#)

- [BMW crashes into sports clinic storefront in North Vancouver](#) - if this sounds familiar, that's because something very similar happened in the same shopping centre in 2023
- [New e-bike share company Evolve launches in North Vancouver](#) - they outbid the previous provider, Lime
- [Letter: North Vancouver's Poo Bag Fairy must exist](#) - a letter about the trails in Blueridge
- [North Vancouver councillor calls for mandatory bike bells](#) - and we have confirmation that bells are not currently required by the BC Motor Vehicle Act
- [Where to stay cool during extreme heat](#) - in the DNV
- [Here's how much TransLink went up on July 1](#)
- **Main Street Paving**
  - [Main Street eastbound on-ramp to Ironworkers Memorial Bridge closed overnight July 23 to 25](#) - paving work goes on through August
  - [Main Street paving: current conditions](#) - from DriveBC
  - [Traffic alert: Main Street paving work](#) - DNV alert
  - [Main Street and Mountain Highway Intersection Improvements](#) - from BC website
- **Maplewood Development**
  - [550 units proposed for 340 Seymour River Place](#)
  - [83 market rental units proposed for 2012 Old Dollarton Road](#)
- **DNV Fire & Rescue Services and Local Wildfire Issues**
  - ['B.C. has been fortunate': It's been a slow wildfire season this year](#)
  - [North Vancouver firefighters respond to 5 rescue calls in single day](#)
  - [Update: Squamish wildfire declared out](#) - also, a campfire ban went into effect in the [Coastal Fire Centre](#) starting at noon on July 17. The ban encompasses all of North Shore, the lower mainland, Vancouver Island, Sea to Sky, and the Sunshine Coast.
  - [Wildfire mitigation work continues in mid-July](#) - DNV is developing plans to reduce fire risk in a number of areas, including a large area around Hyannis Point
  - [DNVFRS Annual Report 2024](#) - for those wanting to learn more about our local fire service
  - [DNVFRS boosts wildfire readiness with new truck](#)
- **Metro Vancouver and the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant**
  - **Review of NSWWTP Paused**
    - [North Shore sewage plant fee should pause until release of independent review, councillor says](#)

- [Editorial: Transparency suffers another hit from Metro Vancouver](#)
- [Kirk LaPointe: Metro Vancouver skirts transparency by pausing probe into sewage plant](#) – North Shore News
- [Metro Vancouver pauses independent review of North Shore wastewater treatment plant](#) – CBC
- [Calls for B.C. premier to reverse Metro Vancouver’s pause on wastewater review](#) – CTV News
- [David Eby threatens to step in if Metro Vancouver ducks external probe of huge sewage plant cost overrun](#) – Vancouver Sun
- [Metro Vancouver blasted for shelving review of sewage treatment plant debacle](#) – Global News
- [‘Completely tone-deaf’: Metro board pauses review of North Shore wastewater budget overruns](#) - Vancouver Sun
- [Review of North Shore wastewater treatment plant not coming until after lawsuit with contractor: Metro Vancouver](#) - City News Vancouver
- [Independent review of North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant overruns on hold](#) - CTV News
- [Metro Vancouver halts review into wastewater plant boondoggle](#) - North Shore News
- [North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program Independent Review on Hold](#) - announcement from Metro Vancouver
- [Metro loses legal bid in feud over millions of documents in North Shore poo plant trial](#)
- [Metro Vancouver Statement on Compensation for Elected Officials](#)

### **This Month In Cheese**

- [Can cheese turn your dreams into nightmares?](#) - maybe, it seems
- [‘Coffee cheese’ from North Sweden gets EU protection](#)
- [Warning: BC and Ontario Cheese Recalled Over Listeria Contamination](#) - Natural Pastures Cheese Company’s Mount Becher Buffalo Medium Cheese may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes
- [World's most expensive cheese sells for \\$42,232](#)
- [7 vegan mac and cheese recipes that made this National Mac & Cheese Day unforgettable \(even for the skeptics\)](#)
- [Vegan cheese could be about to get a lot closer to the real thing](#)
- [The Secret To A Spiced Up Grilled Cheese Lies In The Star Ingredient](#)

- [The 6 Best High-Protein Cheeses, According to a Dietitian](#)
- [You'll Never Believe What Alton Brown Uses To Make A Grilled Cheese](#)
- [Stop Letting Your Cheese Spoil — 6 Methods to Keep Your Bulk Costco Buys Fresh for Longer](#)

Editor's Note: I didn't include any of the stories about the Chuck E. Cheese mascot arrested in Florida for using a stolen credit card. You're welcome!

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### Important August Dates

- Aug 4: [BC Day](#)
- Aug 7: Old Growth Forests Talk, 6:30pm, [Parkgate Library](#), see item in the Nutshell section above
- Aug 8: Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 10:30 pm - 11:30 pm, DNV Public Library, [Lynn Valley branch](#)
- Aug 11: Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, [Parkgate Community Centre](#)
- Aug 19: Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, DNV Public Library, [Capilano branch](#)

### Save the date:

- Sep 2: First day of school

### Notes:

- Our local schools are on break for the summer. Inquiries about registering children for school or other questions can be directed to the [North Vancouver School District](#).

- If you're looking for these dates later, they are all on the [BCA Events Calendar](#).



### Top 10 Links from the July Blueridge Bulletin

1. [North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Live & Local Concerts](#) - 21 clicks
2. [North Van RCMP arrest distraught person with weapon in Blueridge](#) - 21 clicks (this is a story from March 2025)
3. [Moose Encounter](#) - 17 clicks
4. [The bakery that built a following at a top local café is going solo in North Vancouver](#) - 15 clicks
5. [DNVFRS launches Community Connect service](#) - 13 clicks
6. [Introducing Community Connect to the District](#) (video) - 11 clicks
7. [More money for SkyTrain, SeaBus, bus trips: Vancouver transit fares increase July 1](#) - 8 clicks
8. [BC Highway Patrol debunks online misinformation about school zones](#) - 6 clicks
9. [46 townhomes proposed on Mount Seymour Parkway](#) - 6 clicks (this proposal passed in July - see the Sausage Factory section above for details)
10. [The BCA Website homepage](#) - 6 clicks

Overall, 43 out of 122 different links were clicked on at least once each, and there were 213 clicks total.

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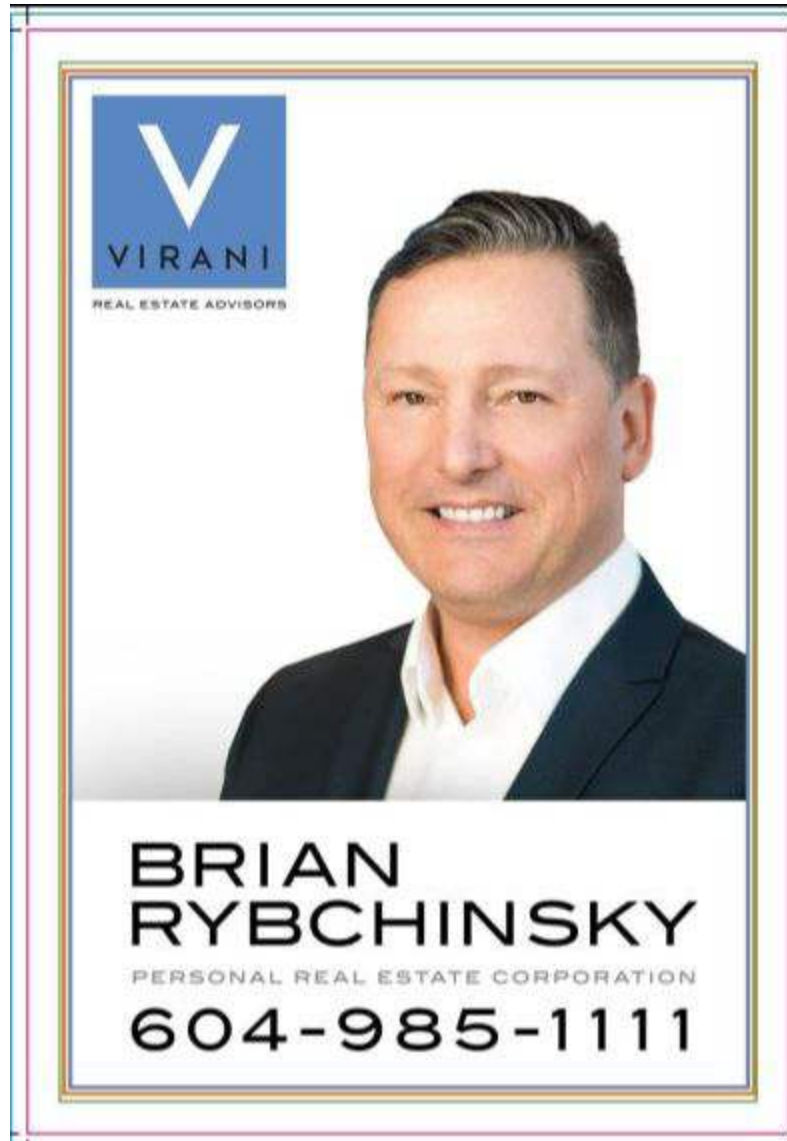
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